

Perch Base Minutes September 14, 2019

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 14 September 2019. The meeting was called to order by Vice Commander George Woods.

Governor Joy gave the invocation. George Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance, Howard Doyle Jr. read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in September.

The base welcomed guests Joseph Posniack, Marion Cartland and Joan Miner.

Per the sailing list, the following attended the base meeting:

Rick Simmons	Don Unser	Marcia Unser
Howard Doyle Jr.	Dick Noreika	Chuck Luna
Chuck Emmett	Dave LaRock	Glenn Posniack
Joseph Posniack	Wayne Clark	Jerry Allston
Michael Olsen	Jim Andrews	Jim Denzien
Don Schafer	David Heighway	Paul Miller
Marion Cartland	Davy Jones	Mike Weeks
Steve Snyder	Marcus Hensley	Jim Konig
Don Robertson	Sam Mecham	Carl Miner
Joan Miner	George Woods	Dan Marks
Edward Gonsowski	Joe Trotter	Don DeMarte
Governor Joy	Vic Van Horn	Jan Van Horn
Herb Herman	DeWayne Lober	Lou Reynolds

The first item of business was a call for approval of the August meeting minutes. There were no corrections and the minutes stand approved as posted on the website.

David Heighway gave the Treasurer report for September.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian/MidWatch – Chuck Luna

Chuck reported that the deadline for the MidWatch is Sept. 20, 2019.

Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard had nothing to report.

Chief of The Boat – Carl Miner

Carl had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave had nothing to report.

Storekeeper – Marcus Hensley

Marcus had nothing to report.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Major activity with the website during the past month has been the addition of a photo of Jim Andrews as a Sun City West Posse member, scholarship presentations, Dr. Tim Sekosky's diabetic foot care presentation, pictures from the USSVI National Convention in Austin, TX, Eternal Patrol notices for Karl Bergstrom and Harold Weber a photo of Captain Noreika doing a Hula Dance and Tim Moore at the Submariner Meeting in München (Munich), Germany. Routine updates during the past month included updating the Sailing Orders page, Flash Traffics and meeting minutes uploaded, Lost Boat notices and Half Staff notices posted and links updated. Similar updates have been maintained on the Perch Base Facebook Group.

During August, there were 1,139 page views on the Perch Base website during 406 sessions by 232 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are typical. Approximately 78% of the sessions originated in the US, 3% from the United Kingdom, and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 34% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership. 34% of the traffic was to the home page, 13% to the Glossary, 5% to the Sailing Orders page, 3% to the Convention photos page, and 2% to the Eternal Patrol page.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim reported that we now have 183 members. He also reported that letters will soon be sent for the due's renewals. Those paying their dues between Oct. 1 – Nov.1 will be eligible for the early bird winner. He advised the members that they can pay with credit cards at the meetings in October through December, using the card reader, which will be available.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Don reported the following events:

Sept. 21, 2019 – Gudgeon Base Picnic

Oct. 9, 2019 – Mesa Market Place Military Day Event -The board voted to attend this event. Don will give more information to Howard, as he will be bringing the float to this event.

Nov. 7, 2019 – Gilbert Static Display

Nov. 9, 2019 – Daisy Mountain Veterans Parade

Nov. 9, 2019 – Black Canyon Parade is still not firmed up as of this date.

Nov. 11, 2019 – Phoenix Veterans Day Parade

Dec. 7, 2019 – Pearl Harbor Day – Wesley Bolin Plaza

Past Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck had nothing to report.

Secretary – Marcia Unser

Marcia had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Governor Joy thanked Mike Olsen for making arrangements with the Salvation Army to be at the memorial service for shipmate Harold Weber.

Western Regional District 1 Commander – Vic Van Horn

Vic gave an update on the 2020 USSVI Convention being held in Tucson, August 23 – 30, 2019. He reported that there were several opportunities for volunteers from Perch Base to help with this event. He also reported that National would take care of any losses that might occur at the convention. The website for registration is up and running and encouraged members to register now. The hotel rate (Hilton El Conquistador) is \$96.00 a night for this event.

Western Region Director – Jim Denzien

Jim reported that there would be no financial burden on Perch Base regarding the 2020 Convention in Tucson. He hopes that the Board will reconsider being a co-host of the convention.

OLD BUSINESS

George Woods informed the members that the he and the storekeeper had more Perch Base business cards available to hand out to prospective members.

Marion Cartland reported that the Navy Ball will be held on Oct. 12, 2019. Tickets are \$55.00 per person

George Woods passed around the Thank You note from Jaid Urness, who was one of the Scholarship Award winners, and the Memorial Flyer from the service on Monday, for Harold Weber.

Vic Van Horn reported that Howard Doyle Jr., won the Robert Link Award at the National Convention.

Dick Noreika wanted to thank Perch Base, especially Dan Marks, for helping move his brother to his new facility.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jim Denzien reminded the members that National positions were up for nomination. If anyone was interested in any of the positions, to turn in their applications. He also noted that UAV is back in operation.

BINNACLE LIST

Ken Meeks

50/50

The raffle amount was \$136.00. Jim Konig won the raffle, which his share came to \$68.00.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. Meeting adjourned at 1245 hrs.

Submitted:
Marcia Unser
Secretary Perch Base