

Perch Base Minutes June 13, 2020

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at the Salvation Army Sun Cities Valley Corps., in Surprise, AZ. at 1200 hours, 13 June 2020. The meeting was called to order by Commander Howard Doyle.

Mike Olson gave the invocation and Howard Doyle Jr., gave the Pledge of Allegiance, Don Unser read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in June.

Howard had the members introduce themselves, as it was a small group.

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

Jack Messersmith	Davy Jones	Bill Monk
Don Petty	Don Unser	Marcia Unser
Carl Miner	Joan Miner	Mike Olsen
George Woods	Glenn Posniack	Doug LaRock
Charles Tobias	W. H. Doyle, Jr.	Vic Van Horn
Jan Van Horn	John Engelmann	John Beckett
Chuck Luna	Jim Denzien	Dan Marks
Bob Gilmore	Joe Trotter	

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

Joe Trotter gave the Treasurer report for April and May.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian/MidWatch – Chuck Luna

Chuck reported that the deadline for the MidWatch is June 19, 2020.

Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard mentioned the Spam Emails that were going around and how he had been getting calls from members wanting to know where to send the monies. He encouraged the members to check the email addresses to ensure it is actually coming from the right email address for that member.

Howard reported that the 4th of July Parade in Prescott is still to be determined. He spoke with the Gudgeon Base Commander and they both decided not to participate at this time. If, at the last minute, they do have the parade, Howard said he and Carl Miner would take the float to Prescott, but not the people trailer.

Vice Commander – George Woods

George had nothing to report.

Chief of The Boat – Carl Miner

Carl had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Joe Trotter

Joe had nothing to report.

Storekeeper – Marcus Hensley

Marcus was not in attendance.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Major activity with the website during the since the last BOD meeting has been the ASSM engineering and code approval, Eternal Patrol Notices for Eldon Hartman and James W. Newman, "Tolling of the Boats" video, COVID Healthcare Worker Flyover photos, promotion of the ASSM Coins, the Submarine birthday, posting of the photos of the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River Fields, Admiral Clemins Eternal Patrol notice, photos of the installation of our Vice Commander and Treasurer, and the "Rattle the Can promotion. A request has been posted for volunteers to man the National Convention tables in Tucson to collect admission tickets for the events or sell raffle tickets during the events, although the Convention has since been cancelled. The 2nd quarter MidWatch was added to the website and snail mailed to 8 members who do not have ability or equipment to read the issue electronically. With the assistance of the Treasurer, the archive of Treasurer Reports has been brought up-to-date. 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, and the "Tolling of the Boats" was uploaded to our YouTube page, which can also be viewed by the public. Although the membership seldom posts on the Facebook Group, the most recent posts show that about 40 members read the posts.

During March, there were 1,064 page views on the Perch Base website during 487 sessions by 292 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are typical. Approximately 84% of the sessions originated in the US, 2% from China, and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 42% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership. 43% of the traffic was to the home page, 13% to the Glossary, 9% to the Sailing Orders page, 4% to the Rogers Ranch page, 3% to the Base Officers page, 3% to the ASSM Construction page, and 2% to the Eternal Patrol page.

During April, there were 1,354 page views on the Perch Base website during 720 sessions by 521 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are higher than typical, perhaps to people being sheltered in place. Approximately 63% of the sessions originated in the US, 4% from Spain, and 3% each from the United Kingdom, Germany, France and the Netherlands, and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 24% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is

assumed to come from our membership. 52% of the traffic was to the home page, 14% to the ASSM Construction page, 8% to the Glossary, 7% to the "Silent Service" videos page, and 3% to the Eternal Patrol page.

During May, there were 1,088 page views on the Perch Base website during 530 sessions by 335 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are typical. Approximately 87% of the sessions originated in the US and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 39% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership. 40% of the traffic was to the home page, 12% to the Glossary, 8% to the ASSM Construction page, 4% to the Sailing Orders page, and 2% to the Eternal Patrol page. The Tolling of the Boats video on YouTube had 124 views.

On 04/27/20, the Webmaster submitted a nomination of Capt. Noreika for the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. The nomination was submitted by me as an individual, but with the awareness of the Base Commander.

Dan Marks reported that he has some Challenge Coins for sale, at \$20.00 each.

Membership – Joan Miner

Joan reported that we now have 186 members. Two members went on Eternal Patrol and one new member was added.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Don reported that the Western Regional Roundup in Laughlin has been rescheduled. The new dates are Nov. 1 – Nov. 6, 2020.

Past Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck was not in attendance.

Secretary – Marcia Unser

Marcia had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Governor Joy was not at the meeting.

Western Regional District 1 Commander – Vic Van Horn

Vic encouraged the members to vote for him in the coming election. After the election, he mentioned that they would need a new District 1 Commander. Vic also mentioned the 'spam' issue that has gotten into USSVI Database. They are investigating the issue.

Western Region Director – Jim Denzien

Jim reported that the USSVI National Elections are being held from June 18, 2020 through August 17, 2020. He also encouraged everyone to cast their vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Howard reported that the Western Regional Roundup has been rescheduled to Nov. 1 – 6. 2020.

Vic Van Horn and Howard Doyle suggested that the committee for the National Convention being held in Tucson, in 2023, should include all six bases in AZ., to assist.

NEW BUSINESS

Howard reminded members of the USSVI National Election, which Vic Van Horn is on the ballot for Western Region Director.

Howard also mentioned that due to the COVID-19 virus, he asked members to please be careful and that Perch Base is taking all the precautions necessary. At this time, he doesn't know where we will have the next meeting, but would let members know before via a FashTraffic.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mike Olsen reported that the Salvation Army facility would be available for the next meeting if needed, and that any donation the group would like to make, would be accepted.

Howard Doyle reported that we need a call for scholarships, as the deadline is July 31, 2020.

Howard also mentioned that Perch Base turns 25 years old next week.

Vic Van Horn suggested that instead of donating to the USSVI Charitable fund (Change Fund), that these donations be made to the Salvation Army, to thank them for allowing us to hold our meeting at their facility.

Davy Jones mentioned that his email address has also been scammed.

Davy also reported that he got a complete physical for free, from Harmony Medical Corp., which is covered by Medicare, and that he has more information about this group, for those interested.

Glenn Posniack reported that Lifetime Member Ray Marshall will be turning 100 years old. He doesn't want anything, but Glenn asked that maybe the base could buy a paver in his honor.

Jack Messersmith reported that the ISA Conference in Sweden, has been rescheduled to May, 2021.

BINNACLE LIST

Tim Moore

Rick Simmons

Brad Veek

50/50

The raffle amount totaled \$102.00. Jack Messersmith won the raffle, which his half was \$51.00. Jack gave his share to the Salvation Army.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Mike Olson and adjourned at 1254 hrs.

Submitted:

Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base