

## Perch Base Minutes May 8, 2021

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ. at 1200 hours, 08 May 2021. The meeting was called to order by Commander George Woods.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation and George Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed Gonsowski read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in May.

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

Carl Miner	Joan Miner	Dan Marks
Chuck Emmett	Joe Trotter	Mike Olsen
Chuck Luna	William Tippet	Don Robertson
Chris Gahan	Georgianne Gahan	George Woods
Don Petty	Steven Stanger	Don Unser
Marcia Unser	Edward Gonsowski	David Metje
Jessie Tayler	Jim Andrews	Sam Mecham
Chris Urness	Vic Van Horn	Glenn Posniack
Douglas LaRock	David Heighway	Jerry Auston
W. H. Doyle Jr.	Bob Gilmore	Richard Hicks
Don Schafer	Brad Seidel	Jim Wall
Tallen Komorous	Rosemary Komorous	Colton Komorous

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

We did have a couple new members: Chris Gahan, along with his wife Georgianne and Jesse Taylor.

Joe Trotter gave the Treasurer report for April.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

#### **Commander – George Woods**

George encouraged members if they know of someone who might be interested in joining Perch Base, to bring them to one of our meetings.

#### **Communications Officer/Historian/MidWatch – Chuck Luna**

Chuck had nothing to report.

#### **Vice Commander – Carl Miner**

Carl 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 since the last BOD meeting has been posting the USSVI National Chaplain's Passover and Easter message, an update to the Glossary entry for "Sherwood Forest" based on reader input, posting of walk-in vaccinations at the Phoenix VA Hospital for all Veterans, their spouses and caregivers, including Veterans who are not eligible to enroll in VA health care, a request for an alternate for Jim Denzien's role on the UAV, photos of George Woods' installation as our new Base Commander and announcing the opening of nominations for the Western District 1 (AZ,NM) Commander position. Routine updates during the past month included updating the Sailing Orders page, Flash Traffics, base correspondence 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 Page.

During March, there were 1,695 page views on the Perch Base website during 889 sessions by 724 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers seem to be significantly higher than a typical month. Approximately 44% of the sessions originated in the US, 7% from China, 3% from India, 2% each from Brazil and Japan, and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 31% of the U.S. based sessions were from New York, which is also unusual and 22% were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership. 64% of the traffic was to the home page only, which seems to account for the large number of page views, 9% to the Glossary, 7% to the Links page, 3% to the Sailing Orders page, and 3% to the Newsletter Archive page.

During the March, the Facebook PAGE had 45 Page Views (number of times a PAGE's profile has been viewed,) 3 Page Likes (the number of new people who liked our page,) 290 Post Reach (number of people who saw any post at least once) and 117 Post Engagement (number of times people engaged with posts thru reactions, comments, shares and clicks).

## **Membership – Joan Miner**

Joan had nothing to report.

## **Events Coordinator – Don Unser**

Don reported the following:

Memorial Day – May 31, 2021 - This is virtual again.

Patriotic Awards Luncheon, Double Tree Resort in Paradise Valley – June 18, 2021.

Prescott 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade - July 3, 2021.

National Convention in Orlando - August 30 - Sept. 4, 2021

Williams Patriot Day Parade, Williams, AZ - 9/11/21.

Western Region Roundup in Reno - October 17-22, 2021.

Annual Awards dinner Pebble Creek, Goodyear, AZ - January 15, 2022.

Perch Base Picnic, White Tanks Regional Park - April 9, 2022.

## **Past Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.**

Howard reported that the Submarine Veteran's Perch Base Foundation, is running low on funds and encouraged members to donate to the foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) tax deductible charity.

Howard also encouraged members to get their PSA checkup.

## **Secretary – Marcia Unser**

Marcia had nothing to report.

## **Chaplain – Governor Joy**

Governor was not in attendance.

## **Western Regional Director– Vic Van Horn**

Vic presented Chris Urness with a Letter of Commendation for his support of the ASSM. He also has a Letter of Commendation for Marcus Hensley who was not in attendance.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jim Denzien asked members for a volunteer to take over his position at the UAV. He indicated that they are now doing Zoom meetings.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

George Woods reported that the base still needs a new COB and Historian.

Joe Trotter is on the ballot for Western District 1 Commander.

George announced that there will be a Holland Club induction at the meeting in June.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Chris Urness reported that the ASSM Dedication was well attended and thanked everyone for their support.

Joe Trotter had the bucket for the 'Noisy Change Contribution' donations for the USSVI Charitable Foundation, which was passed around.

George Woods reported that the base had received a thank you letter from Clista McPherson thanking the base for all their support. She included a check for \$500.00.

Ed Gonkowski reported that the USS Sunfish will be having their reunion in Branson, MO on June 23 – 27, 2021. He has more information for those that are interested.

Brad Seidel reported that the USS Pintado is having their reunion at the National Convention.

### **BINNACLE LIST**

Howard Doyle Jr.

Joan Miner

Wayne C. Hembree

### **50/50**

The raffle amount came to \$140.00. George Woods won the raffle and donated his share (\$70.00) to the Perch Base Foundation.

### **ADJOURMENT**

Benediction was led by Mike Olsen and adjourned at 1255 hrs.

Submitted:

Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base