

Perch Base Minutes - October 9, 2021

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ, at 1200 hours, October 9, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Base Commander George Woods.

Chaplain Governor Joy gave the invocation and George Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was followed by George Woods reciting the Tolling of the Boats lost in October.

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

John Beckett	Governor Joy	Don Petty
Jim Denzien	Jim Koning	Glenn Posniack
W. H. Doyle Jr.	Doug LaRock	Don Robertson
Chuck Emmett	Dan Marks	Charles Tobias
Chris Gahan	David A. Metje	Joe Trotter
Georgianne Gahan	Carl Miner	George Woods
Edward Gonsowski	Joan Miner	

Terry Haid introduced himself as a visitor, having recently moved to the Phoenix area. Terry had been Commanding Officer of the USS William H. Bates (SSN-680) from 1994-1996 and earlier Executive Officer of the USS Pintado (SSN-672). He also served as a junior officer on the USS John C. Calhoun (SSBN-630).

The first item of business was a call for approval of the August, 2021, meeting minutes. (There were no September meeting minutes due to the Williams Patriot Day parade.) There were no corrections and the minutes stand approved as posted on the website.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Membership – Joan Miner

Joan reported that the annual membership drive has started.

Vice Commander – Carl Miner

Carl had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Joe Trotter

Joe gave the Treasurer report for September and had nothing more to report.

Chief Of the Boat – Don Robertson

Don reported that he will be canvassing for volunteers to pull the USS Phoenix float and the people trailer. Don will issue the communication after the float has been moved to the new location in North Phoenix. Governor Joy questioned if storage at Luke AFB had been evaluated and Don acknowledged that it had been evaluated and explained the difficulties with the registration not matching the names of the individuals who may pick up the trailers, as well as not all people are retired with access to the base.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Major activity with the website since the last meeting has been posting the Eternal Patrol Ceremonies for Dale Leor Skeivik and Jim Nelson, 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 October, there were 1,436 page views on the Perch Base website during 694 sessions by 448 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are typical. Approximately 74% of the sessions originated in the US, 6% from the United Kingdom, 5% from China, 3% from Indonesia, 2% from Australia, and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 31% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership. 38% of the traffic was to the home page, 18% to the Glossary, and 6% each to the Convention page and the Sailing Orders page.

During October, the Facebook PAGE had 31 Page Views (number of times a PAGE's profile has been viewed,) 1 Page Like (the number of new people who liked our page,) 66 Post Reach (number of people who saw any post at least once,) 61 Post Engagement (number of times people engaged with posts thru reactions, comments, shares and clicks,) and 1 Page Follower. This appears typical.

Base Historian – Chuck Emmett

Chuck reported that he installed a lock in the Perch Base cabinet at the back of the Dillon's meeting room. He and George Woods have keys.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Don was not present, but George Woods reported the following:

1. Navy Birthday Ball, 10/9/21, Hilton Scottsdale Resort, 6333 N Scottsdale Rd.
2. Phoenix Veterans Day Parade – Thursday (11/11/21)
3. Annual Awards Dinner Pebble Creek, Goodyear, AZ (1/15/22)
4. Perch Base Picnic, White Tanks Regional Park, (4/9/22)

Past Commander – Howard Doyle

Howard reported Pebble Creek is on schedule for 1/15/22 at \$50 per ticket. He noted that the cost of beef has risen 40% over the last few months.

Howard encouraged members to donate to the Perch Base Foundation.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Governor had nothing to report.

Western Regional Director– Vic Van Horn

Vic was not in attendance.

Communications Officer/MidWatch – Chuck Luna

Chuck was not in attendance.

Storekeeper – Marcus Hensley

Marcus was not in attendance.

Secretary – Marcia Unser

Marcia was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Since the Veterans Day parade will be on a Thursday, there will be a regular base meeting on the 2nd Saturday of November 13th.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Governor Joy his appreciation for Jim Denzien's conducting the Jim Newman Eternal Patrol ceremony. Dan Marks added that the Skeivik family had expressed their appreciation for the Perch Base participation in the Dale Skeivik Eternal Patrol ceremony.

This month's Noisy Can collection was donated to the USSVI National Charitable Fund.

BINNACLE LIST

Warner Howard Doyle Jr
Wayne C. Hembree
DeWayne Lober

50/50

The raffle amount came to \$105. Joe Trotter won the raffle, which came to \$52.50 for his share. Joe donated his winnings to the Perch Base treasury.

ADJOURMENT

The Benediction was led by Chaplain Governor Joy and the meeting adjourned at 12:36 hrs.

Submitted:
Dan Marks
Filling in for Secretary Perch Base, Marcia Unser