

Perch Base Minutes January 11,2025

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, January 11,2025. The meeting was called to order by Commander George Woods.

Governor Joy gave the invocation. George Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance and Carl Miner read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in January read by George Woods.

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

Sam Mecham	George Woods	Bob Gilmore
Alice Woods	David Heighway	John Brown
Chris Gahan	Jim Denzien	Bob Saenz
Carol Saenz	Don Robertson	W H Doyle Jr.
Joe Trotter	Governor Joy	Paul Miller
John Beckett	Dan Marks	Kevin Sheehan
Carl Miner	C C Clarke	Ken Kennedy
Klaus Perkins	George Williams	John Richard Smith
Chuck Emmett	Mark McCleary	Carol Culbertson
J. Denzien – Guest		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the December 2024 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, which was seconded and approved by voice vote.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer-Kevin Sheehan

- Kevin gave the treasurer's report. Perch Base Foundation Balance: \$ 8,096.42
- Perch Base Operations: \$ 20,569.79
- The BOD approved the 2025 budget at the January Board meeting on 9 January, 2025.
- Tickets are on sale for the Jan 25,2025 awards dinner for \$65 each.

Communications Officer– Chris Gahan

Chris reported on the latest UAV meeting he attended:

- There are many VSO organizations in the area who can help veterans if contacted. The National Cemetery needs volunteers in their PAO office.
- The National Cemetery will hold their annual maintenance cleanup soon and will remove all graveside plants and decorations for weed control.
- The UAV officer in charge of events & services will speak at the February meeting.
- The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame event is coming up. Contact Chris if interested in attending.

Commander – George Woods

- George reported that the position of Secretary is vacant and still needs to be filled.
- Governor Joy has volunteered to resume Chaplain duties.
- A new Base Commander is necessary due to term limits applying to George. Nominations are due now through 15 February. Election will be held in March.

Vice Commander – David Heighway

- He noted that the election for the next Base Commander is in March 2025. Nominations are due now. The term is for two years..

Chief of The Boat – Don Robertson

- Don reported that he will resign as COB on the election of the next Commander and require a replacement then.
- He reported that we have reserved a site at Paloma Park for the Base picnic on April 12, 2025.

Storekeeper – John Beckett

- John has various items that anonymous members requested and are now available for sale.
- He has Submarine Teddy Bears for sale.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Dan reminded all that they can review upcoming events on the website. He noted there are lots of new pictures on the site from recent events and the donations made to the PCU unit for USS Arizona some from the Hembree Eternal Patrol event.

Membership – Paul Miller

- Currently there are 173 members for Perch Base.
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Events Coordinator – CC Clarke

- Banquet reminder- 1/25/25 at 1800. Details are printed on the tickets and on the website.
- New event – Laveen parade is upcoming in Feb 2025.. See website for details.

Past Commander – W. Howard Doyle, Jr

- Howard reported that a local shop in Goodyear has donated 3 cases of Hot Sauces to the crew of the USS Arizona SSN 803 for Christmas. Which were received by the PCU unit.

Historian- Chuck Emmett

- Chuck had nothing to report

Secretary – VACANT. Acting Secretary – Kevin Sheehan

- Kevin had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Governor Joy has resumed duties as Chaplain.

OLD BUSINESS February base meeting will be held 02/8/2025 at Dillions at Noon

- The Secretary position is a mandatory BOD spot in our policy and procedures documents.

NEW BUSINESS

- There is still a great need to fill the vacant Secretary position
- Base scholarship applications are due by 15 January 2025

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Noisy Can proceeds to USSVCF. (\$57.05)
2. Paul Miller was presented a set of travelling dolphins when he attended a base meeting on the East Coast and presented them at the meeting. We can retain them as long as we like.

BINNACLE LIST

Warner Howard Doyle, JR	Mary Denzien.	James Denzien
Chuck Emmett	DeWayne Lober	Chuck Luna
Curtis Morgan	Richard Simmons	Davy Jones

50/50

Jim Denzien won the drawing (\$52.00 to Jim and \$53.00 to Perch Base).

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. The meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Submitted:

Kevin Sheehan

Acting Secretary Perch Base