

Perch Base Minutes February 8,2025

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, February 8, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Commander George Woods.

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

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

George Woods	Alice Woods	J. Denzien
David Heighway	Steven Stanger	Carol Culbertson
John Brown	Larry Ruggles	Marcia Unser
Don Unser	Jeff Brower	Randy Pirkle
Jim Cosgrove	Jack Thompson	Rose Thompson
Ron Perkins	Jim Denzien	John Richard Smith
Don Robertson	W H Doyle Jr.	Ed Henry
Joe Trotter	Governor Joy	Paul Miller
John Beckett	Dan Marks	Kevin Sheehan
Carl Miner	C C Clarke	Ken Kennedy
Mark McCreary		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the January 2025 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: \$ 8796.46
- Perch Base Operations: \$ 22,296.08 as of 1/31. Current balance is 18,364.77 after Banquet payment.
- The 2024 Annual Report has been submitted to the National Treasurer and the Western District Commander.
- Banquet results: Tickets sold: 60
 - Cost: \$3931
 - Revenue
 - Auction. \$491
 - 50-50. \$ 113
 - Donation \$138
 - **Net + \$516**

The Annual Treasurer Audit will be conducted in March. Two non-BOD volunteers are needed to conduct the audit with the Treasurer. Two volunteers have stepped up.

Communications – No Report.

Commander – George Woods

- 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. One candidate so far.

Vice Commander – David Heighway

- David showed a slide with the Secretary's official duties and explained the necessity for a formal Secretary. Kevin also explained that the duties are few and the additional necessity for the Secretary to be on the bank account.

Chief of The Boat – Don Robertson

- No report
- A new COB will be required when the new Commander is elected.

Storekeeper – John Beckett

- John has various items for sale including two new patches that he can order on request.

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 including the Banquet, parade, and many others.

The new membership application form is accessible from the website and includes the new USSVI national membership rates.

Membership – Paul Miller

- Currently there are 171 members for Perch Base.
- Two new members were introduced: Jack Thompson and his wife Rose,
- Paul noted the passing on Eternal Patrol of Mr. Jack Hawkins who served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam over his career.

Events Coordinator – CC Clarke

- Reported that the Laveen parade was good and encouraged all to participate in future parades.
- Noted the Picnic is scheduled for the monthly meeting on 12 April, 2025 at Lake Pleasant.

Past Commander – W. Howard Doyle, Jr

- Howard reported that the Banquet prices were held steady at \$65 for the past several years and that our current location remains more reasonable than any others. If anyone knows of another venue with reasonable pricing, let him know and he will explore another location for next year.

Historian- Chuck Emmett

- Chuck had nothing to report

Secretary – VACANT. Acting Secretary – Kevin Sheehan

- Kevin answered a couple of questions regarding the vacant position. It needs to be a Perch Base member, either regular or Associate.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

No report

OLD BUSINESS

March base meeting will be held 03/08/ 2025 at Dillions at Noon

NEW BUSINESS

John Beckett, Sr was awarded the 2024 Sailor of the Year for Perch Base.

Ron Perkins was inducted into the Holland Club

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Noisy Can proceeds to USSVCF. (\$63.41)
2. George reviewed the Honor Flight experience with everyone and highly recommended it for anyone who can go or participate in the Welcome Home greeting at the airport.

BINNACLE LIST

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

50/50

Drawing results: \$56.00 to the winner and \$56.00 to Perch Base.

ADJOURMENT

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

Submitted:

Kevin Sheehan

Acting Secretary Perch Base