

## Perch Base Minutes March 8, 2025

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, March 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 read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in March read by George Woods.

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

George Woods	Alice Woods	Hila Heighway
David Heighway	Steven Stanger	Carol Culbertson
John Brown	Marcia Unser	Don Unser
Jeff Brower	Randy Pirkle	Don Robertson
W H Doyle Jr.	Ed Henry	Governor Joy
Paul Miller	John Beckett	Dan Marks
Kevin Sheehan	Carl Miner	C C Clarke
Mark McCleary	Gerald Benham	Bob Gilmore
Don Petty	Tallen Komorous	Tom Goforth
Sam Mecham	Dick Raaz*	Kirby Anderson
Vic Van Horn	Stan Reinhold	Jane Reinhold
T J McCoy*	Chris Gahan	Goergianne Gahan
Doug Newland		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the February 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: \$ 8,861.42.
- Perch Base Operations: \$ 18,722.19 as of 2/28/25.
- Major transactions this month will be for the scholarship awards of \$2,000 each to Mia Doyle and Kate Woods who were approved by the Scholarship committee and the BOD to receive this year's awards. 50% provided by the Perch Base Foundation and 50% by the Base account.

**Communications** – Chris Gahan reported that MidWatch inputs are due NLT next week. Stories regarding Memorial Day and other key events are welcomed. Numerous Veterans services and related community events were mentioned and details can be viewed on the website.

#### Commander – George Woods

- This is George Woods last meeting as Base Commander. Ballots were distributed and the election held for the new Base Commander to serve a two year term. David Heighway was the only nominee and a write in option was available.

#### Vice Commander – David Heighway

This was David's last meeting as Vice Commander as he was elected as the new Base Commander. The nomination period for the next Vice Commander is open and the election is scheduled for the April meeting.

#### Chief of The Boat – Don Robertson

This was Don Robertson's last meeting as COB. His appointed replacement is Kirby Anderson, Don reported that the April meeting will be held on 12 April during the Base picnic. He request that members and guests RSVP to the COB email address and indicate the type of side dish they will be bringing. We have a beer license(Cans only, no glass containers) and will provide hot dogs and hamburgers.

#### Storekeeper – John Beckett

- John has various items for sale including items previously ordered and decals.

#### 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 Jack Hawkins

Eternal Patrol remembrance and the paver installations at the ASSM.

#### **Membership – Paul Miller**

- Currently there are 171 members for Perch Base.
- He awarded Longevity Pins to members Chris Gahan 5 yr, Caroline Culbertson 5yr and Howard Doyle 25 yr

#### **Events Coordinator – CC Clarke**

- Joe Trotter is attending the Western Regional Roundup..
- Noted the Picnic is scheduled on 12 April, 2025 at Paloma Community Park in Peoria and will include the April monthly meeting.

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

- Thanked the members for the Scholarship award to his granddaughter to continue her college education..

#### **Historian- Chuck Emmett**

- Chuck had nothing to report

#### **Secretary – VACANT. Acting Secretary – Kevin Sheehan**

- Reported on the results of the Base Commander election. David Heighway 28 votes, Bob da COB 1 write in vote. David Heighway duly elected as the new Base Commander.
- He will be added as a signator on the Base bank account in the next few weeks.

#### **Chaplain – Governor Joy**

Requested any updates to the Binnacle List so that it can be kept current.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

April meeting base meeting will be held 04/12/ 2025 at the Base Picnic ,

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A Holland Club induction for 7 members and any other eligible Bases' members who attend at the April meeting.

The new Base Commander, David Heighway, was sworn in by former Regional Director, Vic Van Horn.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Noisy Can proceeds to USSVCF. (\$68.77)
2. Army LTC(Ret) Dana Allmond, **Chief of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Office of Veteran & Military Family Affairs within the Arizona Department of Economic Security**, spoke about the importance of identifying and supporting veterans' causes and solutions with communication and follow up with local and state officials.
3. The Navy Ball celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the. Service will be held on 10/11/2025 at the Embassy Suites in Tempe.
4. Dick Raaz Capt,USN(Ret), a former CO of some members, and a Technical Rep on some films thanked the membership their service and contributions.

#### **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: T J McCoy won \$87.00 with \$87..00 to Perch Base.

#### **ADJOURMENT**

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

Submitted:

Kevin Sheehan

Acting Secretary Perch Base