

## Perch Base Minutes December 10, 2016

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 10 December, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chuck Emmett, Base Commander.

Don Unser gave the invocation. Chuck Emmett led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Wright read the USSVI Creed. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in December.

According to the sailing list, the following attended the base meeting:

Richard Kunze	Rick Simmons	Howard Doyle
Dan Marks	David Heighway	Glenn Posniack
Ray Marshall	Doug LaRock	John Carpentier
Dwayne Reed	Bill Woolcott	Bob Gilmore
Robert Wright	Herb Herman	Ken Meeks
Chuck Emmett	Pete Sattig	Don Schafer
Jim Edwards	Robie Robinson	Chuck Luna
Steven Stanger	Don Unser	Marcia Unser
George Gillette	Larry Speight	Jim Denzien
George Woods	John Mosher	Jim Nelson
Don DeMarte	Tim Moore	DeWayne Lober
Jim Andrews	Mike Dahl	Scott Strey
David Metje	Edward Gonsowski	Kelly Grissom
Dick Noreika	J W Neuman	Holly Walker
Dan Moss	Mark Thompson - Visitor	

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

The base welcomed a visitor, Mark Thompson, to the base.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

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

Chuck reported that the deadline for the MidWatch is December 16, 2016.

#### **COB – Richard Kunze**

Richard reported that our float received a Second Place, in our division, at the Veterans Day Parade.

#### **Treasurer – Dave Heighway**

Dave read the Treasurers report.

## **Storekeeper – Herb Herman**

Herb announced that he has one calendar left. He also had memorabilia photos and stickers that were donated to the base. Hats will be here at the next meeting.

## **Webmaster – Dan Marks**

The website was moved to a new hosting service (Namecheap) this past month due to repeated problems during a server upgrade with Verio that led initially to a loss of the BOD Login feature, followed by a complete loss of the website for two days. This move was already budgeted for March 2017, when the Verio contract was due for renewal, but was simply accomplished earlier than expected. The host change is totally transparent to the website visitors.

Otherwise, there have been updates, but no major changes to the website during the past month; simply updating pages such as the Event Photos for the interment of Pfc. Daniel Hunt, a repatriated MIA of the Korean War, Phoenix Veterans Day parade, the Gilbert Veterans Ceremony, Sailing Orders, uploading Flash Traffics and meeting minutes, Lost Boat notices, Half Staff notices, and an addition to the Forms/Docs section for actions to take in the event of a submariner's death. Similar updates have been maintained on the Perch Base Facebook Group.

During November, there were approximately 2,987 page views on the Perch Base website during 844 sessions by 456 users based on Google Analytics. That is a large increase in page views, but might be partly a result of his testing following the hosting change. Approximately 70% of the sessions originated in the US, 14% from Russia and 3% each from the United Kingdom and Germany. The remaining 10% were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 59% of the sessions were from locations within Arizona. The Homepage accounted for the largest (35%) percentage of the page views this month, exceeding the Photo Selection page (10%,) Glossary (9%,) the Sailing Orders page (5%,) the Veterans Day parade photos (5%,) Links page (2%,) and the Eternal Patrol page (2%).

## **Membership – Jim Andrews**

Jim reported that since his last report in November, our membership is still at 172 members. The annual dues renewal drive is well on its way. As of today, we have collected:

USSVI - \$2,260.00 - 83% of those required to pay, have paid.

Perch Base - \$870.00 – 81% of those required to pay, have paid.

Donations - \$3,485.00 – 67% have made donations. He reminded everyone that donations can be done throughout the year.

## **Events Coordinator – Don Unser**

Don reported that the base won First Place in the Congress “Prade”.

Awards Banquet – January 21, 2017

We're not doing the Laveen Parade this year as it conflicts with The Tale of Two Cities Parade.

Tale of Two Cities – February 4, 2017

Western Region Roundup – Last Week in April 2017, in Las Vegas

RV Park – March, 2017- More details to follow.

Convention – August 31 – September 5, 2017

**Past Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.**

Howard reported that the base received \$50.00 from Black Canyon City for participating in their parade. Reminded the members to be sure and sign up for the Awards Banquet in January 2017.

**Western District Commander – Jim Denzien**

We have renewed our membership to the Unified Arizona Veterans. Jim reported that the Western District Commander is in the hospital, with upper respiratory ailment. He also mentioned that the National website is still a work in progress. Groton base has a new commander, who hopes to solve some of the problems they're having.

**Chaplain – Mike Olsen**

Mike was not at the meeting.

**Base Commander – Chuck Emmett**

Chuck mentioned that one of the bases in Florida had wanted him to input into the American Submarine magazine, how they are receiving a lot of awards. Chuck emphasized that we're not participating in parades, to get awards, and that he didn't think it necessary to input in the magazine.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dan Moss reported that he and Tim Moore will be doing a presentation to APS on December 21, 2016. If all goes well, he's confident that their donation will help them meet their goal.

He also mentioned that they're still taking any item for the Silent Auction, at the Awards Banquet. The January meeting will be the last time to bring items in for this event.

He also mentioned that he and Tim Moore attended the Pearl Harbor 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Hawaii the previous week. The oldest survivor that attended, was 104 years old. They also attended a meeting of the Pearl Harbor Submarine Vets, who are interested in sponsoring a paver.

Richard Kunze reported that he still had one Dex Armstrong book for sale at \$25.00.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Richard Kunze reminded the members of the Perch Base Scholarship Program. We will be awarding a \$1,000.00 scholarship this year. All information is on our website, in the document section. He stated that July 31, 2017 is the deadline for all submissions. The awards will be

presented at the August, 2017 meeting. Last year we had three winners. These scholarships can be awarded to those attending college, trade schools or vocational schools.

Jim Andrews reminded the members that the deadline for reservations to the Awards Banquet is January 14, 2017. You can reserve now and pay at the door, on the day of the banquet. So far, he has 54 who have signed up. There will be a Holland Club Induction at the banquet. The Early Bird winner, will also be announced at the banquet, along with Sailor of the Year.

Dick Norieka encouraged members, especially diesel boat sailors, to take advantage of the Veterans Heritage Project. He also reminded members that if they had son/daughter who wanted to go to the Academy, that they can apply to all the academies, not just the Naval Academy.

DeWayne Lober is going to check into North Mountain Park, for our 2017 picnic. It's more centrally located, as this has been an issue with some members.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Chuck Emmett asked the members to check and see where we can bring our float, besides parades. Perhaps more schools, etc.

Chuck also mentioned how wearing his hat, had gotten the attention at the DMV. He had gone ahead of the line to 'see' where he had to be, once inside, and on his return, someone at the front of the line stopped him and said he saved this place just for him. When he got inside and went to the counter, the clerk looked at his hat and asked how long he was in the service. When Chuck responded, the clerk shook his hand and thanked him for his service. Another example of how wearing the hat brings attention to the base.

Steve Stanger, who rode with the Patriots Motorcycle group to the National Cemetery for the soldier, whose remains were finally identified from the Korean War earlier this month, mentioned that all along the roadway going to the cemetery, cars would pull over and stop. The emotion of seeing people along the route showing their respect by standing up and taking off their hats or saluting was very moving.

### **50/50**

Glenn Posniak won the raffle, which his share came to \$93.00.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Benediction was led by Don Unser. Meeting adjourned at 1310 hrs.

Submitted:  
Marcia Unser  
Secretary Perch Base