

## Perch Base Meeting Minutes - July 9, 2022

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 9 July 2022. Base Commander George Woods called the meeting to order.

Don Unser gave the invocation. George Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance, Don Schafer read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in July.

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

John Beckett	Jerry Benham	Carol Culbertson
Jim Denzien	W. H. Doyle, Jr.	Chuck Emmett
Chris Gahan	Georgianne Gahan (guest)	Jim Glass
Pat Habel (guest)	Dave Heighway	Davy Jones
Doug LaRock	DeWayne Lober	Dan Marks
Carl Miner	Joan Miner	Barbara Sue Petty (guest)
Don Petty	Glenn Posniack	Jane Reinhold (guest)
Stan Reinhold	Don Robertson	Larry Ruggles
Don Schafer	Joe Trotter	Don Unser
Jan Van Horn	Vic Van Horn	David Wickline (guest)
George William (guest)	George Woods	

Several of the guests introduced themselves: Dave Wickline is a former Perch Base member. Pat Habel rode the L Mendel Rivers (SSN-686) and the NR-1. Pat was a member of the USSVI Chicago Base and has relocated to Arizona. Jim Glass introduced himself, even though he is a current member, but it had been a long time (pre-covid) since he attended a meeting. Barbara Sue Petty introduced herself as Don's guest.

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

Joe gave the monthly Treasurer's report.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer-Joe Trotter**

Joe had nothing else to report as Treasurer.

#### **Commander – George Woods**

George reported that he is looking for volunteers to fill the appointed positions of Base Chaplain and Events Coordinator.

George passed out paper ballots for the USSVI election and discussed how to vote online.

#### **Vice Commander – Carl Miner**

Carl had nothing to report.

#### **Membership – Joan Miner**

Joan reported we have 169 members.

#### **Events Coordinator – Don Unser**

Don reminded the group that our USSVI purpose is "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country" and participation in our parades is a primary means to do that. The upcoming events include:

- Williams Patriot Day Parade 2022
- Gudgeon Base Potluck
- Phoenix Veterans Day Parade

#### **Chief Of the Boat – Don Robertson**

Don thanked Dan Marks for replacing the battery on the "People Trailer" breakaway brake system.

**Storekeeper – John Beckett**

John reported that he is out of ball caps but expects to have more in time for the next meeting.

**Webmaster – Dan Marks**

Major activity with the website since the last BOD meeting included posting the photos of Johnny Corbin's attendance at the USS Oregon (SSN-793) Commissioning ceremony and posting the new MidWatch newsletter and snail-mailing copies to the 6 members without email. I discovered a photo of a sailor, (Chief Torpedoman (SS) James Franklin Jordan) from the USS Drum (SS-218) which has been missing from the "On Eternal Patrol" website. Provided that photo to Charles Hinman, Curator, Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum, and the website has now been updated. All 303 Perch Base webpages were updated so the links to USSVI point to the new (interim) website <http://ussubvets.org/home.asp>. This was important so as not to interfere with the membership's ability to vote if they choose to vote online. 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. Unrelated to the Web responsibilities, I also replaced the battery on the "People Trailer" breakaway brake system.

During June, there were 2,366 page views on the Perch Base website during 1,194 sessions by 947 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are higher than typical, but when two hours on June 16 are excluded, the numbers are normal. I have no explanation for what was happening during that two-hour period when we had 1,560 page views on the Perch Base website from all over the world during 779 sessions by 746 users. During the month, approximately 30% of the sessions originated in the US, 4% from China, 3% each from Japan, Mexico and India, and 2% each Brazil, United Kingdom, India, and Bangladesh and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 17% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership. Most of the traffic (78%) was to the home page and 4% each to the Glossary and Sailing Orders page.

During June, the Facebook Page reach (The number of people who saw any content at least once) was 75. Facebook Post Reaches (The number of people who saw any content from our page) was 335. There were 8 New Facebook Page Likes during June for a total of 130. These numbers are typical. The posts with the most "Reaches" was the USS Oregon Commissioning Ceremony.

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

Howard had nothing to report.

**Base Historian-Chuck Emmett**

Chuck had nothing to report.

**Communications Officer– Chuck Luna**

Chuck was not present. The deadline for the next MidWatch is Friday, September 16, for the next MidWatch Newsletter to be published on September 30th.

**Secretary – Laura Luna**

Laura was not present.

**Chaplain – Governor Joy**

Governor was not present.

**Western Regional District Commander – Vic Van Horn**

Vic thanked Perch Base for their support during his tenure as Western Regional District Commander. He expects the best from Pete Juhos, Gold Country Base, who is running unopposed to replace Vic for the next term. Jim Denzien, a Past Western Regional District Commander thanked Vic, recognizing the effort that District Commanders put in.

Vic also thanked Dan Marks for volunteering to take over the role as Western Region Roundup webmaster from Gene Kellar of the Rocky Mountain Base.

Vic reported that there are 339 people registered for the USSVI National Convention. If anyone still plans to go, he recommended registration prior to August 1, when the price increases.

Vic noted that the actor Larry Storch, who passed away July 8 at age 99, the day prior to our meeting, was a WW2 veteran who served with Tony Curtis on the submarine tender USS Proteus.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- 1) The "Rattle Can" was passed around. This quarter's proceeds benefit the Perch Base Foundation.
- 2) Joe Trotter reported that he is working with the USS Arizona (SSN-803) Legacy Foundation with Nikki Stratton. Joe noted that there are several other boats that will be commissioned before the USS Arizona, so efforts will generally be "low key" until it is closer to avoid conflicts with the efforts of the other commissioning committees.
- 3) Joe Trotter discussed how pleased he is with a painting he ordered from Tom Denton. Joe encouraged members to check out Tom Denton's website, [www.submarineart.com](http://www.submarineart.com), which has a classified ad in our MidWatch.

### **BINNACLE LIST**

George Woods noted that Rick Simmons has been added to the Binnacle List. Rick is back home following an auto accident and is getting better.

- Warner Howard Doyle, Jr
- Chuck Emmett
- Wayne C. Hembree
- Governor Joy
- DeWayne Lober
- Richard Simmons

### **50/50**

Glenn Posniack won the 50/50 drawing. His share came to \$60.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Don Unser led the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 12:32 PM.

Submitted by:  
Dan Marks,  
Filling in for Laura Luna  
Secretary, Perch Base