

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 16 April 2008



USS Thresher (SSN-593)

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Chaplain – Vacant

Meeting called to order at 1905 by Base Commander Tom Crosby at the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post in Pocono Pines, PA. The Purpose of the Organization was read. The Secretary tolled the Base Bell once for each of the following US Submarine Force Losses during the Month of April:

20 Apr 1920	USS S-49	SS 160	4 Men
03 Apr 1943	USS Pickerel	SS 177	74 Men
22 Apr 1943	USS Grenadier	SS 210	4 Men
18 Apr 1944	USS Gudgeon	SS 211	78 Men
09 Apr 1945	USS Snook	SS 279	84 Men
10 Apr 1963	USS Thresher	SSN 593	129 Men
24 Apr 1988	USS Bonefish	SS 582	3 Men

Roll Call: Members present were: Tom Crosby, Mike Smith, Bob Smith, George Eckert and Tom Shields. The members present introduced themselves for prospective associate member, Ken Calemno. Ken was sponsored by Tom Shields.

The Base Commander led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was held in an informal matter after the pledge.

Meeting Minutes: The base secretary read the meeting minutes from March. The following correction to be made. Bob Smith stated that his intent with the letter to Monroe County Department of Veterans Affairs was not to have them solicit the American Legion Posts in Monroe County for us.

1st motion to accept the minutes as corrected made by Bob Smith, 2nd motion made by Adam Abrams.

All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer reported an ending balance of \$xxxx.xx on 31 March 2008.

1st motion to accept the treasurers' report made by Adam Abrams. 2nd motion made by Bob Smith.

All in favor, motion passed.

Committees:

Parades: We have been invited to participate in the Memorial Day Parade in Stroudsburg on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th at 10 AM. This conflicts with our participation in the Pocono Pines Parade on the same day and also at 10 AM.

Correspondence: The Wilson-Fischer Post sent us a thank you card regarding our \$100 donation to the American Legion Angel Tree program.

Bob Vaughan sent an e-mail regarding the Thresher Memorial service the he and his wife Ruth attended at the Hudson Valley Base.

Tom Crosby stated that he received an e-mail from Vince, regarding a House Bill to honor the USS Nautilus' achievement of 90 North. The bill is H.Res.1067 and is asking each of us to contact our Congressman to cosponsor the bill. The Base Secretary has the information. Also, Tom stated that he printed out extra copies for those who want it. It is basically a link to the PA. House.

Old Business:

We are looking forward to starting the work on the float. Bob Smith stated that he is concerned about our use of the trailer that was given to us, that it is too small and would have a high center of gravity when the float will be placed on top of it. Bob stated that he would like to see us use a tandem style trailer for the float. The other concern is that the float would not be tow able without having a long trailer hitch just to clear the tow vehicle.

New Business: None

Good of the Order:

Tom Shields would like to see us take Grover Kiick out for lunch sometime this year. Since he is not able to attend our meetings, Tom feels that we should go see him, just to let him know that he is still a member of our base.

Tom Shields brought up the point about having a field trip down to see the USS Becuna in Philly, and then having lunch at the Restaurant there at Penn's Landing.

Tom Shields is passing around a petition regarding the I-80 Tolls issue.

Bob Smith stated that he received the picture from Jim McFarland and that it was not framed as once thought. The name on the picture was for K. R. Hauze and the artist name was J.R. Lloyd.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 May 2008 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

George Eckert made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Tom Shields

All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Tom Crosby led the recitation of the Creed of USSVI.

“To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States Government.”

Tom Crosby declared the meeting of the Pocono Base adjourned at 1959 hrs.

Food and drinks followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary