

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 20 August 2008



USS Pompano (SS 181)

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Chaplain – Vacant

Meeting called to order at 1908 by Base Commander Tom Crosby at the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post in Pocono Pines, PA. The Purpose of the Organization was read. The Chief of the Boat tolled the Base Bell once for each of the following US Submarine Force Losses during the Month of August:

17 Aug 1942	USS Bass I	SS 164	25 Men
29 Aug 1943	USS Pompano	SS 181	76 Men
13 Aug 1944	USS Flier	SS 250	80 Men
24 Aug 1944	USS Harder	SS 257	84 Men
06 Aug 1945	USS Bullhead	SS 332	84 Men
26 Aug 1949	USS Cochino	SS 345	1 Man
26 Aug 1949	USS Tusk	SS 426	6 Men (assisting Cochino)

Roll Call: Members present were: Tom Crosby, Mike Smith, Tom Shields, Rich Holmes and Bill Klose. Our guests tonight were Bob Vaughan and Tom Earl. Bob and Ruth were in the area for a couple of days and he joined us for our meeting. Tom Earl was asked to join us tonight by Mike Smith. Tom served in the US Navy onboard the USS Independence, and is currently

working at Tobyhanna Army Depot as a contractor in the same shop as Mike Smith. The members present introduced themselves and their qual boats for our guests tonight.

The Chief of the Boat led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob Vaughan led us in an opening prayer.

The meeting was held in an informal matter after the pledge and the Tolling of the Boats.

Meeting Minutes: The base secretary provided copies of the minutes from July to the members.

Treasurers Report: The base treasurer reported a balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 31 July 2008.

Committees:

Parades: None

Correspondence: Frank McDevitt sent us a letter about presenting a plaque to Al Lutz, Owner of Rainbow Automotive, and having the plaque inscribed thanking him for his work on our trailer.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The members present agreed to invite Al Lutz to the September meeting to thank him personally and to present him with the plaque.

Good of the Order:

This years Annual Base Picnic will be held on Sunday 31 August 2008 at the Mountain View Park. We will be in Pavilion #4 again this year. Tom Shields will provide the Chicken, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. For those who are going to attend, please bring a side dish or a desert. Picnic will start around 1200 to 1300 hrs.

Rich Holmes and Bob Smith went to Orefield, PA for another Eagle Court of Honor presentation.

Tom Crosby and Frank McDevitt also attended an Eagle Court of Honor last Friday.

We feel that we are getting a better reception by actually attending the presentations and talking about comparisons between an Eagle Scout and the Dolphin traditions. We also have included the story of Adm. Fluckey, as well as various figures from our history.

Bob Smith was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to the passing of his friend in NY.

Tom Shields provided tonight's dinner for our informal meeting. Next month is a regular meeting.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17 September 2008 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith
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