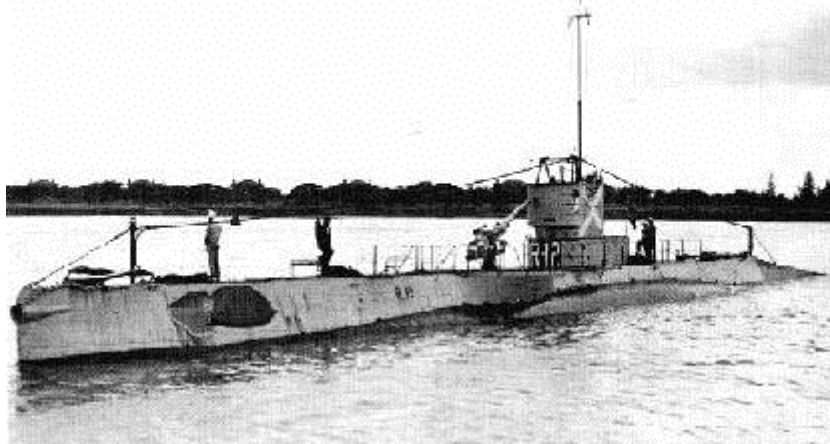


**United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.
Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes
Saturday, 14 June 2008**



USS R-12 (SS 89)

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Chaplain – Vacant

Meeting called to order at 1512 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 June:

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| 20 Jun 1941 | USS O-9 | SS 70 | 34 Men |
| 12 Jun 1943 | USS R-12 | SS 89 | 42 Men |
| 30 Jun 1943 | USS Runner | SS 275 | 78 Men |
| 1 Jun 1944 | USS Herring | SS 233 | 80 Men |
| 14 Jun 1944 | USS Golet | SS 361 | 82 Men |
| 18 Jun 1945 | USS Bonfish | SS 223 | 85 Men |

Roll Call: Members present were: Tom Crosby, Mike Smith, Bob Smith, George Eckert, Tom Shields, Stan Merker, Bill Klose, Frank McDevitt and Rich Holmes. Jennifer Crosby was our special guest.

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

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

Rich Holmes read from Submarine Operations of WWII about the loss of the USS Golet.

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

Treasurers Report: None.

Committees:

Parades:

Correspondence:

Old Business:

Frank stated that there will be more Eagle Scout Presentations later this year. We also need more patches for the ceremonies.

New Business:

Rich and Janet Holmes were looking into material to be used to cover the locker that we have.

Frank McDevitt passed around a business card that his son is having made for him and what it will look like. Frank stated that he will have the information for anyone who wants some made up.

Rich Holmes stated that there is word that the Long Island Base wants to be named the Original Submarine Base and New London is not happy with it.

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.

Bill Klose was inducted into the "Holland Club" on June 7th at a ceremony in New London, CT.

We received a very nice thank you from the Legion Post for helping out as Honor Guard at David Does viewing.

The rest of the meeting continued in an informal matter while we ate lunch courtesy of Tom Shields.

We attended and participated in the Flag Day Ceremony at 1600 hrs. with the members of the Wilson-Fischer Post.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16 July 2008 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

Respectfully submitted

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