

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 19 November 2008



USS Sculpin (SS 191)

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Chaplain – Vacant

Meeting called to order at 1907 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 November:

16 Nov 1943	USS Corvina	SS 226	82 Men
19 Nov 1943	USS Sculpin	SS 191	62 Men
23 Nov 1943	USS Capelin	SS 289	76 Men
07 Nov 1944	USS Albacore	SS 218	86 Men
08 Nov 1944	USS Growler	SS 215	84 Men
09 Nov 1944	USS Scamp	SS 277	83 Men

Roll Call: Members present were: Tom Crosby, Frank McDevitt, Mike Smith, Tom Shields, Bill Klose, Bob Smith, Rich Holmes, Gerald Zeman, associate member Ken Calememo

and prospective new member Harold Ebright. Harold stated that he qualified in Submarines onboard the USS Toro (SS 422). The members present introduced themselves for Harold.

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

Frank McDevitt read from the Submarine Operations of WWII about the loss of the USS Albacore

Meeting Minutes: The Secretary read the minutes from the October Meeting. There were no corrections or additions.

1st motion to accept the minutes as read made by Tom Shields. 2nd motion made by Frank McDevitt. Motion Carried.

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

1st motion to accept treasurers' report made by Tom Shields. 2nd motion made by Frank McDevitt. Motion carried.

Committees:

Parades: None

Correspondence:

Membership:

Old Business:

Christmas dinner will be held at the Pocono Brewing Company in Swiftwater, PA. Tom Shields made the motion to order our dinner form the menu and for having separate checks. All those present agreed to the motion. Each member will pay for dinner, with the base reimbursing \$10 to each member that shows up.

Bob Smith stated that he would e-mail the members about the dinner, and post the information about the dinner on the website. Tom Shields stated that he would call the others who do not have an e-mail address.

Frank stated that phase II of the float is completed and had passed around pictures of the trailer and float together. Frank stated that we got another freebie from Simplex Corp for the logos. Frank would like to send the owner a letter and plaque, thanking him for the Logos on the trailer. Frank stated that the owners' father was a submariner and Frank believes this is why we received the logos for free. Frank stated that he would need help checking the electrical systems on the trailer, this way we can tow it on the highway.

Frank stated that the casters are not installed on the locker yet and the locker has not been placed in the corner of the bingo hall yet.

New Business:

Frank mentioned the Angel Tree Program at the Wilson-Fischer Post. Tom Shields made a motion for the base to donate \$100 towards the Angel Tree Program. Frank McDevitt 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Frank also stated that the Lake Naomi Association would be sending care packages and phone cards overseas for our troops. Tom Shields made a motion to pass the hat for the Lake Naomi Association. Frank McDevitt made the 2nd motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Tom Shields would like to get a group of us together and go down and tour the USS Becuna at Penn's Landing in Philly. Tom would also like us to have lunch at the restaurant located at Penn's Landing as well. The members present agreed upon looking into this venture after the holiday's and possibly around spring when it starts to warm up.

Good of the Order:

Binnacle List: Bob Smith reported that George Eckert is now living at the Brookmont Health Care Center. The Address is; George Eckert, c/o Brookmont Health Care Center, P.O Box 50, Brookmont Dr. Effort. PA. 18330. PH (610) 681-4070

Calendar of Events:

07 Dec 2008: Eagle Scout Court of Honor Presentation. The location will be the intersection of 390/191 and Grace Avenue in Cresco. The presentation will be in the Evergreen Community Charter School. The presentation starts at 1PM.

17 Dec 2008: Annual Christmas Dinner/Party at Pocono Brewing Company, Rte 611 just south of Mount Pocono. Cocktail hour will be from 1800 to 1900 and dinner at 1900. (Please contact Tom Shields so he can get an idea of how many will be attending.)

25 Dec 2008: Merry Christmas.

01 Jan 2009: Happy New Year.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 January 2009 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post in Pocono Pines, PA.

Tom Crosby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Frank McDevitt.

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 of America and its Constitution.”

Tom Crosby declared the meeting of the Pocono Base adjourned at 2019 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary