

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 16 December 2009



USS S-4 (Snapper I) SS 109

Meeting called to order at 1918 by Base Vice Commander Frank McDevitt at the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post in Pocono Pines, PA. The Purpose of the Organization was read. Bill Klose tolled the Base Bell once for each of the following US Submarine Force Losses during the Month of December:

The following are the US Submarine Force Losses for the month of December:

16 Dec 1917	USS F-1 (Carp I)	SS 20	19 Men
17 Dec 1927	USS S-4 (Snapper I)	SS 109	34 Men
10 Dec 1941	USS Sealion I	SS 195	5 Men
10 Dec 1941	USS Seadragon	SS 194	1 Man
29 Dec 2006	USS Minneapolis-St. Paul	SSN 708	2 Men

Roll Call: Members present were: Frank McDevitt, Mike Smith, Bill Klose, Bob Smith, Rich Holmes, Skip Gallagher and new member John Kelly.

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

Meeting Minutes: The Secretary provided the minutes from the November meeting to the members present.

Treasurers Report: The base treasurer reported a balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 30 November, 2009.

Committees:

Dinner/Dance: Christmas Dinner at Village Squire Restaurant in Blakeslee, PA.

Parades: None

Correspondence: We received a letter from Grover Kiick, thanking us for the invitation to this years' Christmas Dinner. Grover stated that he would not be able to attend due to his health.

Membership: Rich Holmes mentioned that annual dues are due by the end of December. The cost for most members is \$35 with \$20 going to National. Holland Club members are exempt from paying and Life Members are only responsible for Base Dues of \$15. Rich Holmes will give out the 2010 stickers when dues are paid.

Rich Holmes made a motion that the Base pays the annual dues for George Eckert. Bill Klose made 2nd motion. All in favor, motion passed.

ANY MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR DUES BY DEC. 31 WILL BE CONSIDERED DINQ AND WILL BE DROPPED BY NATIONAL.

Old Business:

New Business:

Good of the Order: Frank McDevitt thanked us for our support for him while he undergoing surgery. Frank stated he is pretty much back to his old self.

Calendar of Events:

18 Dec 2009: Annual Christmas Dinner at The Village Squire Restaurant in Blakeslee, PA. Cocktails start at 1830 Hrs. Dinner begins at 1930 Hrs.

25 Dec 2009: Merry Christmas.

1 Jan 2010: Happy New Year

20 Jan 2010: Monthly Meeting at Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20 January 2010 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

The members present joined the Base Vice Commander in the reading of the Base Creed.

“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.”

Frank McDevitt declared the meeting of the Pocono Base adjourned at 1951 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith
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