

# United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes Wednesday, 18 February 2009



**USS Amberjack SS-219**

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**Chaplain – Vacant**

There was no formal meeting this evening due to inclement weather.

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

|             |               |        |        |
|-------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| 11 Feb 1942 | USS Shark I   | SS 174 | 58 Men |
| 16 Feb 1943 | USS Amberjack | SS 219 | 74 Men |
| 27 Feb 1944 | USS Grayback  | SS 208 | 80 Men |
| 29 Feb 1944 | USS Trout     | SS 202 | 81 Men |
| 04 Feb 1945 | USS Barbel    | SS 316 | 81 Men |

**Roll Call:** Members present were: Rich Holmes, Mike Smith, Frank McDevitt, Ken Smith and Tom Crosby.

**Meeting Minutes:** The January 2009 minutes were available at the meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** There was no report.

**Committees:**

**Membership:** Rich stated that the sailing list is up to date.

The following members have not paid their dues for 2009:  
Adam Abrams and Bruce Jacob.

**Correspondence:** None.

**New Business:**

Frank McDevitt stated that there is an Eagle Scout Court of Honor presentation coming up on Saturday, 14 March 2009. The presentation will be at the Shawnee Fire Station at 1400 hrs. Rich Holmes has stated that he would possibly be able to attend the ceremony.

Frank McDevitt stated that he has the registration renewal for the trailer. The cost for the year is \$6.00.

**Old Business:**

Rich Holmes stated that Grover was doing well. Rich also stated that the best days to see Grover are Wednesday and Friday. Rich stated that he would give Grover a call when we decided to go see him.

Frank McDevitt stated that we should try to go see George as well. Frank stated that we might try to do it the same day we see Grover.

The members present stated that we would like to go to NYC as suggested by Tom Shields and none of us has any problem with going there on a Sunday. Tom Shields recommended Sunday's, since the Staten Island Ferry and the parking are free that day. Our only costs would be the subway fare to 53<sup>rd</sup> Street and back as well as ticket costs for the USS Intrepid and any food costs. Frank stated that he would get in touch with Tom Shields to have a date lined up. All members are welcome to join us.

**Base dues still need to be paid for those who are on the Dinq list.**

**Any member who has not paid his dues will be dropped at the National Level.**

**Good of the Order:**

None.

**Calendar of Events:**

28 Feb 2009: Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the fire hall in Reeder's PA. Presentation will begin at 1200 hrs. Mike Smith will be presenting the Patch and Certificate.

14 Mar 2009: Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the Shawnee Fire Company in Shawnee, PA. Presentation will begin at 1400 hrs. Rich Holmes will tentatively be the presenter at this ceremony.

18 Mar 2009: Regular membership meeting at 1900 hrs at the Wilson-Fischer Post.

**Next meeting** will be held on Wednesday, 18 Mar 2008 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

Respectfully submitted

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