

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 18 November 2009



USS Corvina (SS 226)

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Chaplain – Vacant

This month's meeting was held in an informal manner. The only base officers present were the Secretary and the Treasurer. Meeting was started at 1904 Hrs.

Let us pause and remember those who gave their lives while defending their country by having a moment of silence for 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: Mike Smith, Bill Klose, Bob Smith, Rich Holmes, Dave Padora and Ivan Meixell.

Meeting Minutes: The Secretary provided the minutes from the October Meeting for the members that were present. There were no corrections or additions.

Treasurers Report: The base treasurer reported a balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 31 Oct. 2009. The Treasurer reported that there was no change in the ending balance from September 2009.

Committees:

Parades: None

Correspondence:

Membership: This is a reminder to all members that the 2010 National and Base dues are due in by the end of December. On January 1st, members that have not paid will be considered delinquent and subject to being dropped from the roster.

Normal National/Base dues are \$20/\$15 respectively.

Life members only pay the \$15 Base dues.

Holland Club members are exempt from paying dues.

Old Business:

The new float built by Ken Smith was officially used in its first parade on Sunday 25 Oct 2009 at the Barrett Township Halloween Parade. Bob Smith added a platform to the trailer to stand on and installed the diving alarm on the trailer. The parade route ended up being longer than we had thought. Bob Smith stated that the float fared well at highway speeds while transporting it to the parade. We had a good turnout for the parade. The members present were Tom Crosby, Frank McDevitt, Mike Smith, Bill Klose, Rich Holmes, Bob Smith, Ken Smith, Tom Shields and Gerald Zeman.

After the parade, we transferred the float to Mount Airy Casino and placed it in the hotel lobby to be used for promotional status for the "Salute to America's Veterans" weekend. The float was then placed in the conference room by the hotel staff to be part of a memorabilia display from different organizations. The base secretary printed up brochures to be handed out while our display was not manned. The actual ceremonies occurred on 7 Nov 2009. The base secretary took the opportunity to create a PowerPoint presentation for the display as well as bringing the video created at Penn's Landing titled "Students, Stories and the Silent Service".

The display was well attended by our members. The following members were in attendance: Mike Smith, Bill Klose, Rich Holmes, Tom Shields, Frank McDevitt, Gerald Zeman, Bob Smith, Ken Smith, Tom Crosby. Two special members that were in attendance were Grover Kiick and Bob Vaughan. They were both honored during a parade and were presented challenge coins from Tobyhanna Army Depot by Col. Gibson.

Bob Smith did a little research and came up with a couple of possibilities about this year's Christmas Dinner. The two restaurants that Bob came up with were the Edelweiss on Route 940 in Pocono Lake and the Village Squire Restaurant in Blakeslee on Route 115 just off of Rte. 940. Bob stated that the prices for both restaurants were about \$25 per person, but Village Squire has a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres included. After some discussion, the members present

agreed to have the Christmas Dinner at the Village Squire Restaurant. Bob stated that he would post the menu on the website. The date for the dinner is Friday, 18 December 2009. Cocktails will begin at 1830 hrs and dinner will start at 1930 hrs. Bob also stated that since the dinner was to be held on a Friday, that we might get a better turnout than having it during the week.

New Business:

The commissioning for the newest Virginia Class sub (USS Missouri) will be on December 5th. For those who would like to attend, please contact Gumba at the Groton Base by 22 November.

Bob Smith stated that he was charged by GoDaddy.com for the setup of the mailboxes for our website.

Rich Holmes made a motion to reimburse Bob Smith for the charges. Those present at the meeting so moved the motion.

The members present also so moved a motion to donate \$100 to the Wilson-Fischer Post for the Angel Tree program.

Good of the Order:

Binnacle List: Ken Smith was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to illness. Ken was in the Pocono Medical Center and was due to be released today.

Calendar of Events:

21 Nov 2009: Eagle Scout Court of Honor Presentation for Eagle Scout Silverman. Tom Crosby will present the Certificate and Patch.

26 Nov 2009: Happy Thanksgiving.

16 Dec 2009: Monthly meeting at American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

18 Dec 2009: Annual Base Christmas Dinner. Dinner will be held at the Village Squire Restaurant with cocktails starting at 1830 Hrs. Dinner will start at 1900 Hrs. The cost will be \$15 per person with the base picking up the rest. Please contact Bob Smith with number of people attending prior to 11 Dec 2009.

25 Dec 2009: Merry Christmas.

01 Jan 2010: Happy New Year.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16 December 2009 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post in Pocono Pines, PA.

“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.”

Meeting was adjourned at 1955 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith
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