

# United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

## Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, 21 April 2010



**USS Grenadier**

**SS-210**

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**Chaplain – Vacant**

**Meeting was held in an informal manner due to small member turnout.**

**The following are the Submarine Force losses for the Month of April**

20 Apr 1920	USS S-49	SS 160	4 Men
03 Apr 1943	USS Pickerel	SS 177	74 Men
22 Apr 1943	USS Grenadier	SS 210	4 Men
18 Apr 1944	USS Gudgeon	SS 211	80 Men
08 Apr 1945	USS Snook	SS 279	88 Men
10 Apr 1963	USS Thresher	SSN 593	129 Men
24 Apr 1988	USS Bonefish	SS 582	3 Men

**Roll Call:** Members present were: Michael Smith, Ken Smith, Tom Shields, Rich Holmes and Bill Klose.

**Meeting Minutes:** The secretary provided the members present with copies of the March Meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** The Base Treasurer reported an ending balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 31 Mar 2010.

**Committees:**

**Membership:** None

**Correspondence:** Rich Holmes received an e-mail from Bob & Ruth Vaughan regarding a Veteran's Memorial Service to be held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Swiftwater, Pa on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

Tom Shields presented the members present an idea for a raffle prize for a weekend in Mystic, CT.

Rich Holmes stated that we have an Eagle Scout Court of Honor request from Norristown, PA. We will discuss this at the next meeting and will most likely decline due to being within the area of the Philadelphia Base.

**Old Business:**

**Good of the Order:**

Our condolences go out to Tom Crosby on the loss of his grandmother.

**Calendar of Events:**

25 Apr 2010: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Gallante. Rich Holmes will be presenter.

19 May 2010: Monthly meeting at Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

30 May 2010: Veteran's Memorial Service at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Swiftwater, PA at 1000 hrs.

31 May 2010: Memorial Day Parade at Pocono Pines. Line up by 0930 Hrs at the Tobyhanna Elementary School. Step off will be at 1000 Hrs. There will be a ceremony and wreath laying at the memorial across from the school after the parade.

14 June 2010: Combined Flag Day Ceremony and Base Meeting with invite for Jack Ensminger to attend.

**Next meeting** will be held on Wednesday, 19 May 2010 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

“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 adjourned at 1930 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith  
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary