

# United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

## Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, 18 August 2010



**USS Harder**

**SS-257**

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**Chaplain – Vacant**

**Meeting called to order** at 1900 by Acting Base Commander Tom Shields at the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post in Pocono Pines, PA. The Purpose of the Organization was read. James Kelly tolled the Base Bell once for each of the following US Submarine Force Losses during the Month of August:

17 Aug 1942	USS Bass I	SS 164	25 Men
29 Aug 1943	USS Pompano	SS 181	76 Men
13 Aug 1944	USS Flier	SS 250	80 Men
24 Aug 1944	USS Harder	SS 257	84 Men
06 Aug 1945	USS Bullhead	SS 332	84 Men

26 Aug 1949	USS Cochino	SS 345	1 Man
26 Aug 1949	USS Tusk	SS 426	6 Men (assisting Cochino)

The Base Commander led the members present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Members present were: Tom Shields, Michael Smith, Bill Klose, James Kelly, Skip Gallagher, Gerald Zeman, Ivan Meixell, Dave Padora, and Ken Smith.

**Meeting Minutes:** The secretary provided the minutes from the July 2010 Meeting.

Ivan Meixell made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to accept the minutes as provided. Gerald Zeman made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:** The Base Treasurer reported an ending balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 31 July 2009.

Dave Padora made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to accept the treasurers' report. Skip Gallagher made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All in favor, motion passed.

The remainder of the meeting was held in an informal manner.

#### **Committees:**

**Membership: No report**

**Correspondence: None**

**Publicity:** The Base Secretary posted an add in the "Times News" newspaper online regarding the August meeting as well as our participation in the West End Fair in Gilbert, Pa., from August 22<sup>nd</sup> – August 28<sup>th</sup>. Noted in the ad that our base float will be there.

#### **New Business:**

Ken Smith talked about the Belvidere Victorian Days Festival in Belvidere, NJ. Ken discussed at how much traffic the event draws for the two days it is held. The dates for the festival are the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of September. Ken Smith is looking for volunteers to help man the table/tent and looking to sell any remaining raffle tickets.

Ken Smith made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion that we attend this event. Skip Gallagher made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

#### **Old Business:**

Tom Shields talked about the upcoming West End Fair. Tom stated that we are still looking for help with the booth during the week. Tom requested that all tickets that were left over as of this meeting be turned over to the Base Secretary, who will get them to Bob Smith before the fair. Tom also requested that all money collected be given to the Base Treasurer.

Tom Shields stated that he turnout for this years Base Picnic was very low, most likely due to the conflict with the West End Fair starting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the same day as the picnic. Jack Ensminger was invited to our picnic.

Ivan Meixell made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to postpone the Base Picnic till next year due to poor turnout. Ken Smith made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Base Secretary will contact Jack Ensminger regarding our decision and will extend the invitation for Jack to join us at the West End Fair.

### **Good of the Order:**

Tom Shields stated that Bob Smith was taken to the hospital due to an infection from Bob's recent foot surgery and would be unable to attend tonight's meeting. Tom stated that Bob should be out by the time the fair opens and be there for the setup on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Calendar of Events:**

22-28 Aug 10: West End Fair in Gilbert, Pa. We will be selling raffle tickets and have our base float present. Still looking for help to man the booth/tent area this week.

06 Sept 2010: Labor Day Holiday

11-12 Sep 10: Belvidere Victorian Days in Belvidere, NJ. Ken Smith is looking for volunteers to help man a tent at this show. Ken is also looking to sell any remaining raffle tickets prior to the September meeting.

15 Sept 2010: Monthly Meeting at Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs. Winner of base raffle to be picked this meeting.

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

**Next meeting** will be held on Wednesday 15 Sept 2010 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Ivan Meixell to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Ken Smith.

All in favor, motion carried.

The members present joined the Base 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.”

Tom Shields declared the meeting of the Pocono Base adjourned at 1935 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith  
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary