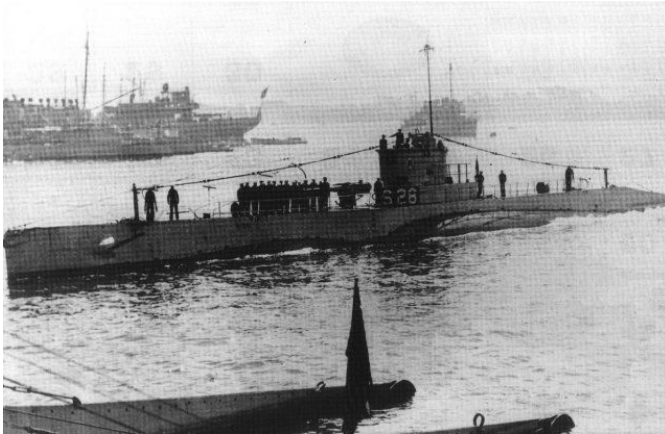


United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 20 July 2011



USS S-28

SS-133

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Chaplain – Vacant

Meeting called to order at 1909 by Base Commander Bob Smith at the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post in Pocono Pines, PA. The Purpose of the Organization was read. Acting Chief of the Boat Bob Smith tolled the Base Bell once for each of the following US Submarine Force Losses during the Month of July:

17 Jul 1911	USS A-7 (Shark)	SS-8	7 Men
30 Jul 1919	USS G-2 (Tuna I)	SS-27	3 Men
30 Jul 1942	USS Grunion	SS-216	70 Men
04 Jul 1944	USS S-28	SS-133	49 Men
26 Jul 1944	USS Robalo	SS-273	84 Men

The Chief of the Boat led the members present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Members present were: Bob Smith, Bill Klose, Mike Smith, Rich Holmes, Tom Crosby, Dave Padora, Ivan Meixell, Tom Shields, Gerald Zeman, John Kelly, Ken Smith, Skip Gallagher and Frank McDevitt.

The Secretary verified that a quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes: The secretary provided the minutes from the June 2011 Meeting.

Tom Shields made the 1st motion to accept the minutes as distributed at the meeting. John Kelly made the 2nd motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: The Base Treasurer reported an ending balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 30 June 2011. Bill Klose also updated the members about the status of transferring our account to PNC Bank.

Tom Shields made the 1st motion to accept the treasurers' report. Dave Padora made the 2nd motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Committees:

Membership: Rich Holmes stated that he received the two certificates for the Holland Club, that we will present at our Christmas Dinner this year.

Rich also stated that Tom Kaluzny has paid his dues for the next five years.

Correspondence: Rich Holmes had received a letter from the Conrad Weiser Society. It is a letter regarding sponsorship of a wreath for WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. The letter was given to the secretary.

Frank McDevitt presented a couple of thank you letters received from the recent Eagle Scout Courts of Honor.

Ways & Means: No Report.

Flag Memorial: The flag drop boxes still continue to be busy. Our last box is still in Ken Smith's possession. Ken stated that he would get it blasted when he can.

Publicity: Bob Smith stated that he put the usual three ads in the Pocono Plateau and The Focus. Bob stated that we good mileage out of them. Bob stated that he still has not contacted the Pocono Record. Bob would like us to donate our old Submariner magazines to places like doctors or dentist offices to help spread the word about us.

Eagle Scouts: Frank McDevitt stated that there are three Eagle Scout Courts of Honor coming up.

Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss): Frank McDevitt stated that he has a telephone appointment with Geisinger in Danville. Frank stated that this looks like the only pediatric oncology unit in this area.

Frank McDevitt read from the Submarine Operations of WWII on the loss of the USS S-28 (SS-133)

Old Business:

Rich Holmes stated that he went to the Veterans Center in Stroudsburg at the request of Frank McDevitt regarding Wounded Warriors. Rich stated that there is no chapter in the Pocono's. Rich stated that the headquarters is in Jacksonville, Fl. Rich talked about information regarding Operation Touch of Home while he was in Stroudsburg.

Ken Smith talked about the upcoming base picnic, including obtaining a porta-john. Ken stated that he would provide directions to the picnic. Ken stated that everything is pretty well set up. The picnic is scheduled for the 20th of August with a rain date of the 21st. Please RSVP if you are going to attend.

Bob Smith talked about the West End Fair. Bob stated that it is posted on the website and he has a link to the fair website. Bob stated that he would contribute his tent again. He is looking for volunteers to help setup, man the booth and teardown the display. Setup will be on Saturday 27 Aug 2011. Teardown will be on the 4th of September. Bob stated that we are set up in the same location as last year, but we will not have to contend with the log carver this year.

New Business:

Frank McDevitt discussed the upcoming Eagle Scout Courts of Honor.

Frank stated that he would do the one for David Planner on the 30th of July.

Frank stated that there is a court of honor on Sunday 21 August 2011 for Matthew Durham in Marshall's Creek and another for Christian Luck on the 7th of August in Stroudsburg. Frank is looking for volunteers for these two.

Mike Smith stated that he would do the Court of Honor on the 7th of August. Rich Holmes stated that he would do the one on the 21st of August.

Frank also mentioned that there are three other courts of honor, but we have not received any invitations to these.

The Base Secretary, Michael Smith requested that the base reimburse him for the certificate holders.

Rich Holmes made the 1st motion for the base to reimburse the secretary for the certificate holders. Frank McDevitt made the 2nd motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Good of the Order:

None.

Calendar of Events:

- 30 July 2011: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Daniel Planner. Frank McDevitt to be presenter.
- 07 Aug 2011: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Alex Christian Luck in Stroudsburg. Michael Smith to be presenter.
- 17 Aug 2011: Monthly meeting at Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.
- 20 Aug 2011: Annual base picnic at to be held at Ev's house in Belvedere, NJ, Ken Smith will provide directions. The rain date would be on the 21st of August.
- 21 Aug 2011: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Matthew Durham in Marshall's Creek. Rich Holmes to be presenter.
- 28 Aug –3 Sep 11: 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.
- 05 Sept 2011: Labor Day Holiday
- 21 Sept 2011: Monthly Meeting at Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 Aug 2011 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

1st motion made by Dave Padora to adjourn the meeting, 2nd motion made by Frank McDevitt.

All in favor, motion carried.

“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.”

Bob Smith declared the meeting of the Pocono Base adjourned at 1952 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary