

# United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

## Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, 14 November 2012



## USS Growler (SS-215)

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**Chaplain – Vacant**

There being no quorum, an informal meeting convened at 2000 Hrs. by Base Commander Bob Smith at the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post in Pocono Pines, PA. There was a reading of the following US Submarine Force Losses during the Month of October:

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

There was a moment of silence for each of the above, and for all submarine losses.

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

**Roll Call:** Members present were:

Skip Gallagher, Tom Shields, Rich Holmes, Jerry Zeman, Ivan Meixel, Dave Padora, Ken Smith, and Bob Smith.

There not being a quorum, it was decided to have an informal work meeting and concentrate on the Donation committee agenda.

**Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the October meeting were distributed, as well as having been posted on the website.

**Treasurers Report:** The report, having been sent ahead by the Treasurer was read .

**Committees:**

**Membership:** Nothing at this time.

**Budget:** The committee discussed budget items and donations (for now) to be made. A report will be made and given to the treasurer for disbursement.

**Correspondence:** No report.

**Flag Box Program:** No report.

**Speakers Bureau:** Filed under parades.

**Christmas Dinner:** Annual base Christmas Dinner to be held at the Village Squire Steak House Restaurant on 21 Dec 2012. Members present indicated their choices for meals at the event. Another follow up e-mail will sent to those not yet having made selections.

**Parades:** The Palmerton parade was a successful day, and the speakers at the Tobyhanna Elementary School reported a satisfying and rewarding presentation.

**Eagle Scout:** No report.

**Old Business:** None discussed.

**New Business:** None discussed.

**Good of the Order:** No report.

**Calendar of Events:**

22 Nov 2012: Thanksgiving Day.

19 Dec 2012: Monthly Base Meeting at the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

21 Dec 2012: Pocono Base Annual Christmas Dinner to be held at the Village Squire Restaurant in Blakeslee, PA. Reception starts at 6:30 PM, Dinner will be at 7:30 PM. Please contact Bob Smith by phone (610-681-2606) or e-mail if you are planning on attending, and for meal selections.

**Next meeting** will be held on Wednesday, 19 December 2012 at 1900 Hrs. at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

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.”

All being in favor, the Donation Committee having concluded its business, the informal meeting was declared ended.

Bob Smith declared the informal meeting of the Pocono Base completed about 20:30 hrs.

Following the “meeting” all present enjoyed chow that was prepared by our COB, Tom Shields.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Smith

USSVI – Acting Pocono Base Secretary