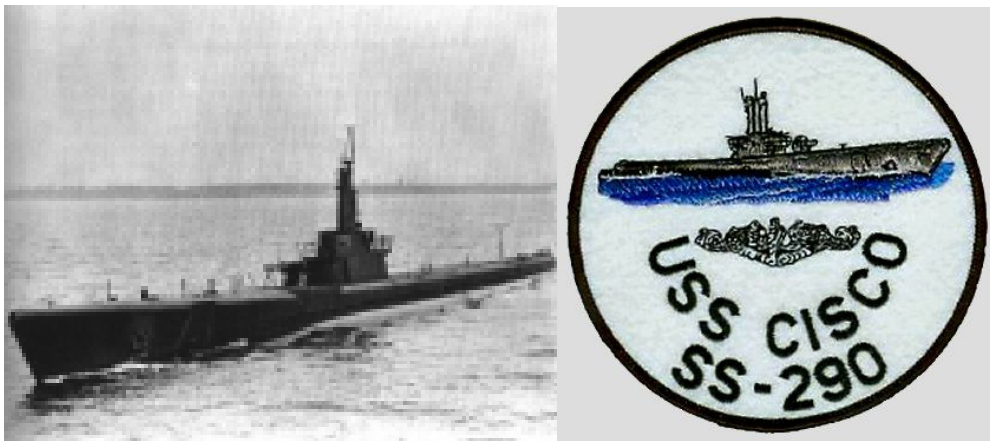


United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 19 September 2012



USS Cisco (SS 290)

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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. The Chief of the Boat tolled the Base Bell once for each of the following US Submarine Force Losses during the Month of September:

25 Sept 1925	USS S-51	SS 162	32 Men
09 Sept 1943	USS Grayling	SS 209	76 Men
28 Sept 1943	USS Cisco	SS 290	76 Men

Roll Call: The following members were present: Bob Smith, Frank McDevitt, Bill Klose, Mike Smith, Ken Smith, Rich Holmes, Skip Baker, Gerald Zeman, Tom Shields and John Kelly.

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

The base secretary verified that a quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes: The Base Secretary provided the August minutes for the members.

1st motion to accept the minutes as provided was made by Ken Smith. 2nd motion made by Rich Holmes. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: The base treasurer reported a balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 31 August 2012.

1st motion to accept Treasurers report made by Gerald Zeman. 2nd motion made by John Kelly. All in favor, motion passed.

Committees:

Membership: Rich Holmes stated the issue with John Corteses' membership has been resolved. Rich stated that he was accidentally dropped from our roster and was placed in the archives at the National Level. Rich stated he contacted Fred Borgmann at the national office and was told that if we send a check for \$25, John Cortese would be paid up through 2013. Rich Holmes stated he would get with Bill Klose to finally resolve the issue.

Rich stated that he has updated our sailing list and would like each member to verify that their information is correct.

Correspondence: No correspondence other than an e-mail received by the base secretary from a John Gumm. Mr. Gumm moved to the Nazareth area from Groton and was interested in obtaining the PA SubVet license plate. The secretary was directed to forward his e-mail to the Philadelphia Base.

Flag Boxes: Frank McDevitt stated that there are no changes in the flag drop boxes and that the one at the Shoprite in Stroudsburg continues to do very well. There was also discussion about removing the Flag Box from Country Junction and seeing about getting it placed at the new Shoprite in Gilbert, PA.

Publicity: Bob Smith stated that he has been putting the usual adds in the local papers each month for our meeting.

Dinner/Dance: The annual Base Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday, 21 December 2012 at the Village Squire Restaurant in Blakeslee, PA.

Parades: There are a couple of parades coming up in October and November. There is the Halloween Parade in Barrett Township and the Carbon County Veterans Day Parade in November.

Eagle Scout: Frank McDevitt thanked all of the members that have participated in the Eagle Scout Court of Honor presentations.

Frank stated that we have an invitation from a Gregory N. Krautkremer for his Court of Honor on Saturday, 29 September 2012 at 2PM at the VFW in East Stroudsburg, PA. Mike Smith stated that he would try to attend the Court of Honor. Frank stated that this was a bit on short notice and we may not receive the certificate in time.

Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss): Frank McDevitt stated that there is no further progress with the program for right now and is looking for help from a fellow 'Lion' to get back on track.

Frank McDevitt read from the Submarine Operations of WWII about the loss of the USS Cisco.

Old Business: Bob Smith talked about the raffle program. Bob talked about the Carbon County Fair and stated that he brought it up at last months' meeting. Bob stated that the float sustained some damage prior to the opening when a storm came through. Ken Smith was able to patch the damage to the submarine prior to the West End Fair. We set up the Barb so that the damaged port side was facing the back of the tent.

Bob Smith then talked about the Victorian Days event in Belvedere, NJ. Bob stated that he made the decision not to attend on Saturday, due to impending severe weather warnings. Bob stated that they did go down on Sunday. Bob said that they left the float on the trailer and set up the tables in front of the display.

Bob Smith stated that the sub sustained further damage on the way home from New Jersey, in that the Periscope Shears came off somewhere in transit. Bob said that the rest of the Conning Tower was intact. Ken Smith stated that he has the plans and that he and Bob Smith would get together to make the necessary repairs.

Bob Smith stated that this years' Christmas Dinner will be held on 21 December 2012. Bob Smith is waiting further word from the owner and expects the dinner and the cost to be similar to last year. Rich Holmes stated that there are two Holland Club inductees. Bob Smith asked Rich Holmes if he would like to be the Master of Ceremonies again this year and Rich said yes. There will be further information about the dinner in the coming months.

New Business: Bob Smith talked about the upcoming parades. Bob stated that we received an invitation to the Veterans Day Parade in Stroudsburg, PA., on the 10th of November. There was some discussion about attending this parade in that the Monroe County Veterans Association was asking for a \$25 entry fee as well as verifying that we have insurance. Rich Holmes talked about the 'Bad Taste' from the Memorial Day Parade that was cancelled the previous year and whether we would attend or not.

Bob Smith also talked about the Carbon County Veterans Day Parade in Palmerton, PA. The parade will be held on Nov 11th at 2PM. There is no entry fee and the parade will be shorter than the one a couple of years ago.

After some discussion amongst the members present, Ken Smith made a motion that we decline the invitation to the Monroe County Parade and that we accept the invitation to the Carbon County Parade. Skip Baker made the 2nd motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Bob Smith stated that we would talk about the Veterans Day Event at Pleasant Valley High School at the next meeting. Mike Smith stated that after some discussion with Mr. Tramontina, the format of the event would most likely be changed. There would be nine sessions to coincide with the school schedule, instead of three sessions.

Bob Smith stated that he was asked by Rosemary Brown, if we would like to attend the Veterans Expo at the Bushkill Elementary School in Dingmans Ferry, PA. The event would be held on Saturday, 13 October 2012. There were three members who stated that they would attend.

Bob Smith talked about the upcoming Halloween Parade in Barrett Township, PA. The Parade is on Sunday the 28th of October and that any members who want to attend, to gather at Tom Shields house. The Parade steps off at 2PM.

Good of the Order: Bob Smith stated that a Mr. Al Regis from the Lehigh Valley Base showed up at the West End Fair. With that the Travelling Dolphins were turned over to him during the fair. Bob stated that he would contact Huey Dietrich and let him know about the transaction.

Bob Smith stated that he posted the name of the new officers for National on the website.

Bob Smith stated that we added a submarine to our sponsorship list last September. Bob Smith asked the base about continuing the sponsorship. Ken Smith made the 1st motion to continue the boat sponsorship of the USS Pennsylvania and the USS Pittsburgh. Frank McDevitt made the 2nd motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Bob Smith asked Tom Shields if he would provide food at our next meeting.

Calendar of Events:

29 Sep 2012: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Gregory N Krautkremer at 1PM at the VFW in East Stroudsburg, PA.

17 Oct 2012: Monthly Meeting at Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs. The winner of the Base Raffle will be picked at the end of this meeting.

28 Oct 2012: Annual Halloween Parade in Mountainhome, PA. Step off is 1400 Hrs.

11 Nov 2012: Carbon County Veterans Day parade in Palmerton, PA.

12 Nov 2012: Veterans Day speaking engagements at Pleasant Valley High School and Tobyhanna Elementary School.

21 Nov 2012: Monthly meeting at the Wilson-Fischer Post.

21 Dec 2012: Annual Base Christmas Dinner at the Village Squire Restaurant in Blakeslee, Pa. More information will be forthcoming in the next couple of months.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2012 at 1900 Hrs. at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

1st motion made by Gerald Zeman to adjourn the meeting, 2nd motion made by Rich Holmes.

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.”

Bob Smith declared the meeting of the Pocono Base adjourned at 2026 hrs.
Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith
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