

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Friday, 20 December 2013



USS Sealion I (SS-195)

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Chaplain – Vacant

A **brief meeting** was held before the dinner at 1933 by Base Commander Bob Smith at Robert Christian Restaurant in Pocono Lakes, PA. Rich Holmes was our master of ceremonies. The base bell was tolled once for each of the following submarine force losses for the month of December.

16 Dec 1917	USS F-1 (Carp I)	SS 20	19 Men
17 Dec 1927	USS S-4 (Snapper I)	SS 109	34 Men
10 Dec 1941	USS Sealion I	SS 195	5 Men
10 Dec 1941	USS Seadragon	SS 194	1 Man
29 Dec 2006	USS Minneapolis-St. Paul	SSN 708	2 Men

The following members were present: Alan Dempsey, Dave Padora, Ivan Meixell, Ken Smith, Rich Holmes, Stan Merker, Skip Gallagher, John Kelly, Tom Shields, Bill Klose, Frank McDevitt, Bob Smith, Mike Smith, Skip Baker, Skip Donohue and Gerald Zeman.

We also want to welcome the wives, friends and families of our members present.

The Chief of the Boat led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Correspondence: The base received a thank you letter from Fisher House for our donation this year.

Just a reminder that base and national dues are due no later than 31 Jan 2014, or members will be considered delinquent. There is also a paper to be returned to ensure that we have up to date contact information for our members.

It was decided and agreed upon by the members present to table any business until the January meeting.

Calendar of Events:

20 Dec 2013: Pocono Base Annual Christmas Dinner at Robert Christian Restaurant in Pocono Lake, PA. Reception starts at 6:30 PM, Dinner will be at 7:30 PM.

25 Dec 2013: Merry Christmas.

1 Jan 2014: Happy New Year.

15 Jan 2014: Monthly Base Meeting at American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

19 Feb 2014: Monthly Base Meeting at American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 15 Jan 2014 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.”

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Smith
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