

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Friday, 19 December 2014



USS Seadragon (SS-194)

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Chaplain – Vacant

A brief meeting was held before the dinner at 1925 by Base Commander Bob Smith at Robert Christian Restaurant in Pocono Lakes, PA. Bob Smith was our master of ceremonies. A bell was tolled once for each of the following submarine force losses for the month of December and for our departed shipmates.

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

Shipmates on Eternal Patrol:

James Staub, Harold Franklin, Grover Kiick, Don Malkames, George McCutcheon, Oliver Nordmark, Eugene Rees, Harold Schedin and Ezra Schwartz.

Sailor's, rest your oars.

The following members were present: Bob Smith, Frank McDevitt, Ken Smith, John Kelly, Skip Gallagher, Bill Klose, Stan Merker, Ivan Meixell, Dave Padora, Alan Dempsey and Mike Smith.

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

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

Meeting Minutes: The minutes for the November Meeting were posted on the base website.

The minutes were accepted as posted and so moved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report: The base treasurer passed out the report for the month of November. The base had an income of \$x.xx and an expense of \$xxxx.xx for an ending balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 30 Nov 2014.

The Treasurers report was accepted and so moved by the members present.

Committees:

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

The base received a Christmas card from Bob & Ruth Vaughan as well as a Thank you card from the American Legion Wilson Fischer Post 413, Auxiliary and the Reed & Fuller Families for the Angel Tree Program.

Old Business:

Just a reminder that base and national dues are due by the end of the year, but no later than 31 Jan 2015, or members will be considered delinquent.

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

Calendar of Events:

19 Dec 2014: Annual Base Christmas Dinner at the Robert Christians Restaurant in Blakeslee, Pa. Cocktails start at 1830, Dinner at 1930. Small base meeting prior to start of dinner.

25 Dec 2014: Merry Christmas

1 Jan 2015: Happy New Year

21 Jan 2015: Monthly meeting at the Wilson-Fischer Post.

18 Feb 2015: Monthly meeting at the Wilson-Fischer Post.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 Jan 2015 at 1900 Hrs. at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

The members present so moved for the adjournment of the meeting and recited the base creed.

Meeting adjourned at 1930 hours, dinner followed.

“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
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary