

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Friday, 18 December 2015



USS F-1 (SS-20)

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COB – Vacant

Chaplain – Vacant

A brief meeting was held before the dinner at 1935 by Base Commander Bob Smith at Robert Christian Restaurant in Pocono Lakes, PA. Bob Smith was our master of ceremonies. The acting Chief of the Boat tolled the Base Bell 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

Shipmates on Eternal Patrol:

Tom Shields, Charles Butler, George Eckert, Harold Franklin, Grover Kiick, Joe Kolb, Don Malkames, George McCutcheon, Oliver Nordmark, Eugen Rees, Harold Schedin, James Staub and Ezra Swartz.

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, Mike Smith, Don Ransel and Dave Jones.

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: No report. Report to be made during the January 2016 Meeting.

Committees: No reports.

Old Business:

Just a reminder that base and national dues are due by the end of the year. Dues received after Dec 31, 2015 will be subject to the new National rate of \$25 plus our \$10 Base Dues.

The Treasurer reported that he has 2016 calendars for the members and they are \$8 apiece.

Most members have paid up for 2016. Bob stated he would get in contact with the few members who have not paid for the new year.

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

Good of the Order: Bob Smith introduced Amy as our guest for our dinner. Amy is from the Valor Clinic in Jonas, PA and the base had a special presentation for her. The members in attendance presented Amy and the Valor Clinic a check for the sum of \$xxxx as recommended by our Budget and Donation Committee.

Amy talked about what the Valor Clinic has done for our veterans and thanked us for our donation and support.

Bob Smith had a discussion with Alan Dempsey and Alan has agreed to become the new Chief of the Boat, effective this night.

Calendar of Events:

25 Dec 2015: Merry Christmas

1 Jan 2016: Happy New Year

20 Jan 2016: Monthly meeting at the Wilson-Fischer Post.

17 Feb 2016: Monthly meeting at the Wilson-Fischer Post.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20 Jan 2016 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 1945 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