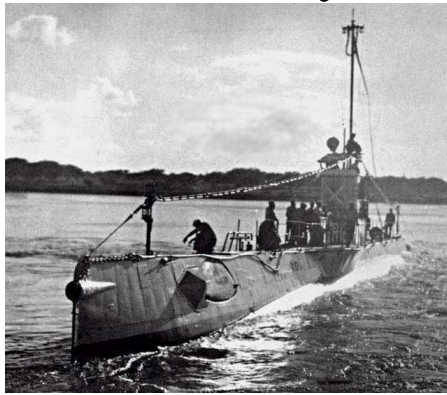


# United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

## Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

### Tuesday, 14 June 2016



**USS R-12                      SS-89**

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**Meeting called to order** at 1717 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 June:

20 Jun 1941	USS O-9	SS 70	34 Men
12 Jun 1943	USS R-12	SS 89	42 Men
30 Jun 1943	USS Runner	SS 275	78 Men
01 Jun 1944	USS Herring	SS 233	80 Men
14 Jun 1944	USS Golet	SS 361	82 Men
18 Jun 1945	USS Bonefish I	SS 223	85 Men

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

**Roll Call:** Members present were: Bob Smith, Ken Smith, Gerald Zeman, Bill Klose, Alan Dempsey, Frank McDevitt, John Kelly & Mike Smith

Also present were the wives of some of our members.

The Secretary verified that a quorum was present.

**Meeting Minutes:** The secretary provided minutes for the members present at the meeting. The minutes have also been posted on the base website.

Bill Klose made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to accept the minutes as presented. John Kelly made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:** The Base Treasurer an expense of \$xx.xx for the month of May, with an ending balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 30 May 2015.

Bill Klose made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to accept the treasurers' report. Gerald Zeman made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to accept the report. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Committees:**

**Membership:** Ken Smith reported that our base has 34 members in good standing. Please let Ken know if any information on the sailing roster is incorrect.

**Correspondence:** There is an invitation for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. There was also a letter from Chris Eckert from Chestnuthill Township. The letter is to ask us if we would like to attend the Community Day Festival at the Chestnuthill Township Building on Rte 715 on September 25th. The base had already agreed to attend again this year.

**Publicity:** Bob Smith stated that he was not able to place the usual ads in both the Pocono Plateau and the Focus papers.

**Flag Drop Boxes:** Frank McDevitt reports that the flag boxes are still busy, especially the Shop Rite and the Blakeslee boxes.

**Parades:** The base attended the Memorial Day Parade last month. Next tentative parade would be the Barrett Township Halloween Parade in October.

**Budget & Donation:** No report.

**Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss):** No report.

**Eagle Scouts:** There are two Eagle Scout Courts of Honor coming up. Listing is in the Calendar of Events. Looking for members to do the presentations.

Frank McDevitt read from the Submarine Operations of WWII on the loss of the USS R-12 (SS-89). The R-12 experienced an uncontrolled flooding event in her forward battery room of undetermined origin. The boat was lost within 15 seconds. 42 men were lost with the only survivors being the few officers and men on the bridge at the time.

**Old Business:** Mike Smith stated that there are two Eagle Scout Courts of Honor this month. First one is on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June for a Nicholas Daniel Schmidt at the St. Paul Lutheran church in Tannersville, PA at 1PM. Due to the short notice, his certificate and patch will be mailed.

The second Court of Honor is for Alex Brown at the Heritage Barn at Memorytown USA in Mount Pocono on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June at 1PM. Frank McDevitt was to be the tentative presenter, but will be unable to do it. Mike Smith will now do the presentation instead.

Mike Smith also reported that he mailed that last couple of Eagle Scout Certificates due to no presenter available.

Frank McDevitt talked about the trailer and the fact that the tires need to be replaced. Frank stated that Al Lutz of Rainbow Automotive has the tires we need and would do the work for us with no labor cost, just the cost of the tires themselves. Bob verified this information and stated that Al would need to order the correct tires, as he does not have any right now.

The West End Fair is almost upon us. Bob said that the fair will run from the 21<sup>st</sup> of August to the 27<sup>th</sup> of August. Setup is on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> at noon and teardown will be on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Bob also has sign-up sheets for those wishing to man the booth during the week. The fair opens at noon all week this time.

**New Business:** USSVI National Elections are upon us. You can cast your vote online at the USSVI Website, or by mailing in the ballot from the newest edition of the American Submariner.

Bob stated that he received the insurance rider for the float and the trailer and submitted it to the treasurer for payment. The float will be covered from July 2016 to July 2017.

**Good of the Order:** Bob said that Skip Baker will soon be moving south, but will remain a member at large with our base.

There is also food available for the members and the legion at the end of the Flag Day Ceremony.

### **Calendar of Events:**

14 June 2016: Combined monthly meeting and Flag Day ceremony at Wilson-Fischer Post. Meeting is at 1700 Hrs, ceremony to begin at 1800 Hrs.

18 Jun 2016: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Nicholas Daniel Schmidt in Tannersville, PA at 1PM.

26 Jun 2016: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Alex M. Brown at the Heritage Barn at Memorytown USA in Mt. Pocono at 1PM.

4 July 2016: Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

20 July 2016: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hrs

17 Aug 2016: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hrs.

21 Aug – 27 Aug 2016: West End Fair in Gilbert, PA. Will need volunteers to help set up, run the booth and tear down.

5 Sept 2016: Labor Day

10 – 11 Sept 2016: Belvidere Victorian Days.

**Next meeting** will be held on Wednesday 20 July 2016 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Gerald Zeman to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Bill Klose.

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 1744 hrs.

The members present joined with the members of the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post at 1800 for the Flag Day Ceremonies. Dinner was provided by the Base and salads were made by Sheila Smith after the ceremony.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith  
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary

Ps. the members and wives of the Pocono Base were invited to the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post Dinner / Dance to be held on Saturday, 18 June 2016.