

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 18 May 2016



USS Squalus



SS-192

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Meeting called to order at 1917 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 May:

23 May 1939	USS Squalus	SS 192	26 Men
03 May 1945	USS Lagarto	SS 371	88 Men
22 May 1968	USS Scorpion	SSN 589	99 Men

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

Roll Call: Members present were: Alan Dempsey, Mike Smith, Bill Klose, Bob Smith, Frank McDevitt, Don Ransell and Bill Gregor.

The Secretary verified that a quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes for April have been posted and the Secretary provided the April Minutes for the members present.

Frank McDevitt made the 1st motion to accept the minutes as posted. Don Ransel made the 2nd motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported an opening balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 1 April 2016, with expense of \$x.xx and an income of \$x.xx for the month of April. The treasurer reported an ending balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 30 April 2016.

Mike Smith made the 1st motion to accept the treasurers' report as read. Frank McDevitt made the 2nd motion to accept. All in favor, motion passed.

Committees:

Membership: No Report.

Ways and Means: No report.

Flag Box Program: Frank McDevitt reported that the flag drop boxes continue to be quite active and full of flags.

Correspondence: No report.

Budget / Donation: No report, Gerald Zeman was unable to attend the meeting.

Publicity: Bob Smith stated that he has placed the usual ads in the Focus and the Pocono Plateau, though Bob said that they don't always make the current edition.

Parade: We will be in the Memorial Day Parade in Pocono Pines on Monday, 30 May 2016. Line up will be at 0930 Hrs with step off at 1000 hrs.

Speakers Bureau: No report.

Eagle Scouts: There are a number of Eagle Scout Courts of Honor within the next couple of months. Mike Smith has taken over the duties as Eagle Scout Committee and has received the package of materials from Frank McDevitt.

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

Frank McDevitt read from the Submarine Operations of WWII about the loss of the USS Runner. The cause of her loss is unknown.

Old Business: The position of Base Vice-Commander is still vacant.

It is important to fill the remaining officer position. So please, someone step up and take the office of Vice Commander.

If no one submits or accepts the position as Base Vice-Commander, Bob Smith has the rights under Article XII Section 2 to fill the vacancy by appointment to complete the unfulfilled term

The Pocono Pines Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, 30 May 2016 at 1000 with line up at the Tobyhanna Elementary Center by 9:30.

Bob Smith stated that he would pick up people at the American Legion parking lot around 9:15 and take them to the elementary center. There will be food sponsored by the legion after the ceremony.

Bob Smith talked about the Scranton Base use of our float for a display at the library in Scranton. They were hosting an event for the current and past commanders of the USS Scranton for three days earlier in May. The Scranton Base picked up the float from Bob and returned it after being on display for a couple of weeks. Bob stated that it was a crowd pleaser.

Bob is looking at options for both of the bases to have an event together as many of their members came from the Pocono Base. If anyone has any ideas, please let Bob know. Bill Klose made mention of one of their first events, being the Armed Force Day Parade in Scranton on the 21st of May at 11AM. Lineup to be at 10AM, if anyone is interested in attending.

Bob Smith talked about the base raffle. Bob said he was able to get the same prize package form Camelback as in the previous years and has had the tickets printed and he has them available for distribution to the base members. Tickets are still \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5.

New Business: Mike Smith reported that there were a number of Eagle Scout Court of Honor requests since the April Meeting. The Court of Honor on 22 May 2016 was to be presented by Mike Smith. Mike stated he would be unable to attend due to going away for a couple of weeks. There is also a Court of Honor for a Brendan Martin Zambrano on the 28th of May. Brenden Zambrano's Eagle Certificate will also be mailed.

Mike Smith is still looking for someone to present Alex Brown with his certificate on the 26th of June. As well as a Court of Honor for a Brett Patterson on the 11th of June at the Our Lady of Victory Church in Tannersville, PA at 12PM.

Mike Smith thanked Bill Gregor for his presentation of an Eagle Scout Certificate on the 14th of May at the American Legion Post in Gilbert, PA for Eric C. Miller.

The Base Secretary presented a receipt to the base for reimbursement of a printer cartridge. The receipt was given to the treasurer.

Ken Smith said he was going to look into who to contact for the Barrett Township Halloween parade that will be in October. Tom Shields used to be our liaison with the township, but he passed away last year. Carol Shields has also moved out of the area, so we have no idea of who to get in touch with right now.

Good of the Order: No one is known to be on the Binnacle list as of this meeting.

Calendar of Events:

22 May 2016: Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Michael Smith will be tentative presenter.

28 May 2016: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Brendan Martin Zambrano at the Stroudsburg United Methodist Church in Stroudsburg, PA at 12PM.

30 May 2016: Memorial Day Parade at Pocono Pines. Line up by 0930 hrs. at Tobyhanna Elementary School. Step off will be at 1000 hrs. There will be a ceremony and wreath laying at the cemetery across from the school after the parade. Also after the ceremony, the Wilson-Fischer post will be serving lunch at noon.

11 June 2016: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Brett Patterson at the Our Lady of Victory Church in Tannersville, PA at noon.

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.

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 4th of July.

20 July 2016: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hrs

17 Aug 2016: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hrs.

28 Aug – 3 Sep 2016: West End Fair in Gilbert, PA. Will need volunteers to help set up, run the booth and tear down.

Next meeting will be held on Saturday, 14 June 2014 at 1700 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post, followed by Flag Day Ceremony at 1800 Hrs.

1st motion made by Mike Smith to adjourn the meeting, 2nd motion made by Bill Klose.

All in favor, motion carried.

The base members joined the Commander in reciting the USSVI – National 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 2001 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary