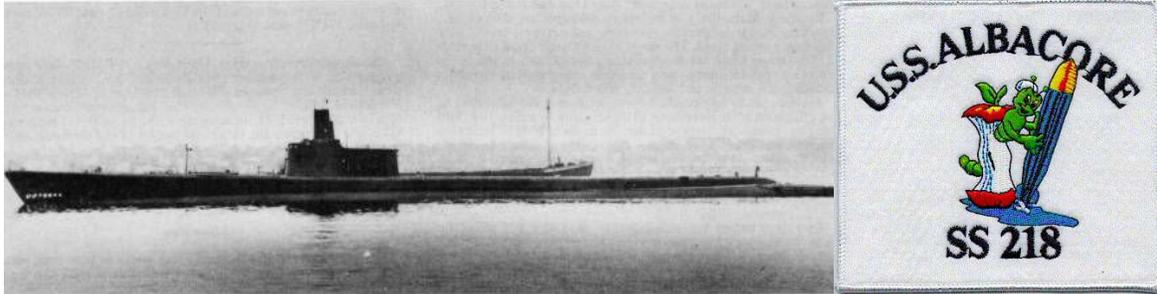


United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 16 November 2016



USS Albacore (SS 218)

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Meeting called to order at 1901 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 November:

16 Nov 1943	USS Corvina	SS 226	82 Men
19 Nov 1943	USS Sculpin	SS 191	62 Men
23 Nov 1943	USS Capelin	SS 289	76 Men
07 Nov 1944	USS Albacore	SS 218	86 Men
08 Nov 1944	USS Growler	SS 215	84 Men
09 Nov 1944	USS Scamp	SS 277	83 Men

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

Roll Call: Members present were: Alan Dempsey, Mike Smith, Ken Smith, Brett Moyer, Don Ransel, Bob Smith, Bill Klose, Gerald Zeman, Daryl Betz and Frank McDevitt.

The members present introduced themselves and the boats they served on-board.

The secretary verified that a quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes: The Base Secretary reported that the October minutes were posted to the base website and copies were provided at the meeting

Ken Smith made the 1st motion to accept the minutes as posted. Gerald Zeman made the 2nd motion to accept the minutes as posted. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: The Base Treasurer reported an actual ending balance of \$x as of 31 Oct 2016.

Bill Klose made the 1st motion to accept the treasurer's report. Don Ransel made the 2nd motion to accept the report. All in favor, motion passed.

Committees:

Membership: A reminder that base and National dues need to be in by the 31st of December.

Correspondence: No correspondence received by the secretary.

Flag Box Program: Frank McDevitt continues to report that the flag drop boxes are constantly full.

Publicity: Bob Smith stated that he placed the usual ads in the local papers as well as one in the Pocono Record.

Parades / Memorial Events: No parades in the foreseeable future

Budget / Donation: Gerald Zeman gave his recommendations as to the disbursement of the raffle proceeds as well as where our raffle expenses went.

Storekeeper: No Report.

Fundraising: No Report.

Dinner/Dance: Christmas Dinner to be held on the 16th of December at Robert Christians in Pocono Lake, PA.

Eagle Scout: Court of Honor for James Senholzi on the 26th of November. Information in the calendar of events.

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

Frank McDevitt read from the Submarine Operations of WWII about the loss of the USS Albacore. The Albacore may have been sunk by mines according to Japanese records after the war.

Old Business: Bob Smith stated that the Christmas Dinner / Party will be held at Robert Christians Restaurant in Pocono Lake this year. Cocktail hour will begin at 18:30 (6:30PM) and dinner will begin at 19:30 (7:30PM) Cost is \$15 per person with the base picking up the remaining tab. Bob is asking that money be sent to him for the dinner to minimize confusion the night of the dinner. Bob is also asking that members attending to either call him or e-mail him as to meal choice to obtain an accurate number for the restaurant.

There were only two members, Bob Smith and Mike Smith, for the Barret Township Halloween Parade and the parade was cut short due to inclement weather.

Bob Smith talked about the Veterans Day Parade in Stroudsburg back on the 8th of November. The weather was perfect. Also, at the end of the parade there was music and food at Dansbury Park. There were 4 members at the parade. Bob forwarded some pictures that were taken of us.

Frank McDevitt still has not heard from his friend about the possibility of storing our float at the Pocono Airport.

New Business: The Budget / Donation committee submitted a plan of donations from the money that was allocated to our donations pool from our raffle proceeds. The following is the list of donations and amounts:

Wounded Warrior Project	\$x
Fisher House Foundation, Inc.	\$x
American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post	\$x
American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post Angel Tree Program	\$x
VALOR Clinic Foundation	\$x
Warwick Valley Quilters Guild	\$x
Salvation Army USA	\$x
Operation Touch of Home	\$x

Bob Smith asked that the donation to Fisher House be raised up as they have a good reputation for veterans. Gerald made the adjustment to the donation list to send \$x to the Fisher House.

There was also some discussion about the treasury and our current, but we also have to think of operating expenses as well as items that do come up during the year with incidental expenses and other donation requests that also come in.

Ken Smith made the 1st motion to accept the donation recommendations from Gerald Zeman, Skip Baker made the second motion. All in favor, motion passed.

The treasurer reported that there is a possibility that the current Eagle Scout patches may be changed and the current patches would be unable to be used because of a possible patent infringement brought about by the Boy Scouts of America.

Bob Smith talked about our raffle income from the various events, West End Fair, Belvidere Victorian Days and the Chestnuthill Township Community Day as well as the individual ticket sales and our total of \$x

Frank talked about the Wreaths Across America campaign. Frank said that the local Lions Club has started the program locally. Last year they had about 180 people attend the ceremony at the cemetery across from the Elementary Center. All of us are invited to attend the ceremony on the 20th of November at 2PM.

A reminder, Base dues are open until the 31st of December. Please remit your payment to the base by then. If dues are not received by the end of December, the base will consider you DINQ at that time.

Good of the Order: There will be no meeting on the 21th of December. We will have a small meeting prior to dinner on the 16th of December.

Bob Smith asked Frank McDevitt to invite Bob and Amy from the Valor Clinic to our base Christmas Dinner.

Bob reported that Dave Jones had a stent put into his heart and is doing better. Dave is also getting a therapy dog in the near future.

Calendar of Events:

26 Nov 2016: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for James Jeffrey Senholzi at the Whispering Pines Banquet Hall at the Country Club of the Poconos Municipal Golf Course in East Stroudsburg at 2PM. Michael Smith will do the presentation.

16 Dec 2016: Annual Base Christmas Dinner at the Robert Christians Restaurant in Blakeslee, Pa. More information will be forthcoming in the next couple of months.

25 Dec 2016: Merry Christmas

1 Jan 2017: Happy New Year.

18 Jan 2017: Monthly Meeting at the Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

15 Feb 2017: Monthly Meeting at the Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

Next full meeting will be held on, 18 January 2017 at 1900 Hrs. at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post. A small meeting will be held prior to the dinner on the 16th of December.

1st motion made by Gerald Zeman to adjourn the meeting, 2nd motion made by Don Ransel.

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 1935 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary

Ps. As a reminder, Base dues are due by the end of December.