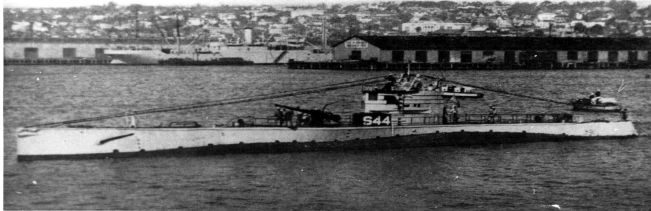


# United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

## Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, 19 October 2016



**USS S-44 (SS 155)**

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**Meeting called to order** at 1912 by Base Commander Bob Smith at the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post in Pocono Pines, PA. The Purpose of the Organization was read. The Acting Chief of the Boat tolled the Base Bell once for each of the following US Submarine Force Losses during the Month of October:

28 Oct 1923	USS O-5	SS 66	3 Men
07 Oct 1943	USS S-44	SS 155	56 Men
11 Oct 1943	USS Wahoo	SS 238	79 Men
12 Oct 1943	USS Dorado	SS 248	78 Men
03 Oct 1944	USS Seawolf II	SS 197	102 Men
17 Oct 1944	USS Escolar	SS 294	82 Men
24 Oct 1944	USS Tang	SS 306	80 Men
24 Oct 1944	USS Shark II	SS 314	90 Men

Tom Crosby delivered the invocation after a moment of silence.

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

The Secretary verified that a quorum was present.

**Roll Call:** Members present were: Mike Smith, Tom Crosby, Ken Smith, Bob Smith, Gerald Zeman, Bill Klose and Don Ransel

**Meeting Minutes:** The Base Secretary provided minutes for the members at the meeting. Also, minutes were e-mailed to all members. There is one correction to be made to the September Minutes. The removal of a line regarding how our budget is funded.

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

**Treasurers Report:** No Report. Treasurer was out of town.

The members present approved to defer the Treasurers report until the November Meeting.

### **Committees:**

**Membership:** Ken Smith reported no changes from last month. We have 47 members on our roster.

**Budget / Donation:** Bob Smith stated that he would have all of the fundraising information ready for the November Meeting.

**Correspondence:** No Correspondence.

**Flag Box Program:** No Report

**Publicity:** Bob Smith stated that he placed the usual ads in the local papers.

**Speakers Bureau:** No invitations for the upcoming Veterans Day Holiday.

**Dinner/Dance:** Christmas Dinner to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at Robert Christians in Blakeslee, PA.

**Parades:** Barrett Township Halloween Parade in Mountainhome / Cresco, PA on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October. Parade steps off at 2PM.

Veterans Day Parade in Stroudsburg, PA on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. Line-up will be at the Stroudsburg High School, like the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

**Eagle Scout:** Mike Smith reported that there are two Eagle Scout Courts of Honor coming up. One of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October and the other on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November. Names and locations are in the calendar of events.

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

**Old Business:** The Annual Base Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday, 16 Dec 2016 at Robert Christians Restaurant in Blakeslee, PA. There is further information on the base website. Bob stated that there is a link to the menu, so pick what you would like and note how many are attending.

**New Business:** The Barrett Township Halloween Parade will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October. Line-up is at 12:30 at the old Barrett Township Elementary School with step-off at 2PM.

Bob Smith stated that he would have a full report on the raffle sales at the November Meeting. Bob stated that we have taken in \$xxxx at the West End Fair, \$xxxx at the Victorian Days in Belvidere, NJ and a little over \$xxx at the Chestnuthill Township Community Day.

The Christmas Party / Dinner will be held at Robert Christians Restaurant in Blakeslee, PA on Friday, 16 Dec 2016. The menu will be the same as last year as well as the times. The Annual Base Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday, 16 Dec 2016 at Robert Christians Restaurant in Blakeslee, PA. There is further information on the base website. Bob stated that there is a link to the menu, so pick what you would like and note how many are attending.

Bob talked about our participation in the Chestnuthill Township Community Day event last month. The weather was clear, sunny and warm. The event was well attended and we are looking forward to attending next year.

There have been no invitations to either the Pleasant Valley High School or Tobyhanna Elementary for any speaking engagements for Veterans Day.

There is the Veterans Day Parade in Stroudsburg, PA on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. Line-up will be at the Stroudsburg High School, like the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Line-up is around Noon with the parade stepping off at 1PM. Bob Smith said he would pick up those who wish to park at the end of the parade route and bring them to the school.

Annual Base and National Dues are to be turned in by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. If you get your dues in this year, National Dues are \$25. Base dues remain at \$10.

**Good of the Order:** We had a guest show up toward the end of our meeting. Our guest was a former Marine from Bethlehem and also resides in Florida. He came up to our meeting after reading about it in the local papers due to being fascinated by submarines. He said he likes to tour various subs including the USS Requin when it used to be moored in Tampa, FL.

New base membership cards were handed out those present at the meeting. The remaining cards will be mailed.

Tom Crosby stated that the American Legion will be hosting a Dinner / Dance on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Oct. Price is \$10 per person. There will also be a retreat to be held at the American Legion Flag Pole on the 12<sup>th</sup> of Nov at 6PM with an open bar afterwards with hors d'oeuvres and food until they run out. Cost is \$20 per person.

### **Calendar of Events:**

22 Oct 2016: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Christopher Govus at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in East Stroudsburg from Noon to 3 PM. Certificate will be mailed.

30 Oct 2016: Barrett Township Halloween Parade. Line up by 1PM. Parade starts at 2PM.

6 Nov 2016: Veterans Day Parade in Stroudsburg, PA. Line-up is at Noon, step off is at 1PM

11 Nov 2016: Veterans Day.

16 Nov 2015: Monthly meeting at the Wilson-Fischer Post.

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.

21 Dec 2016: Monthly meeting at the Wilson-Fischer Post.

25 Dec 2016: Merry Christmas

1 Jan 2017: Happy New Year.

**Next meeting** will be held on Wednesday, 16 November 2016 at 1900 Hrs. at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Don Ransel to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Tom Crosby.

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 1943 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith  
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Ps. the winning raffle ticket was drawn at the conclusion of the meeting. The winner was contacted and the gentleman opted for the cash equivalent of the prize.