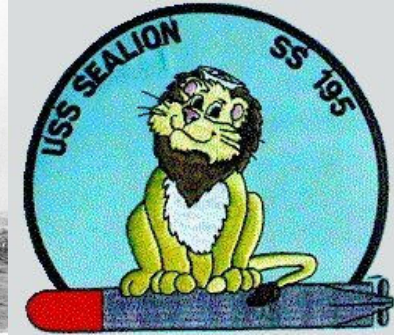
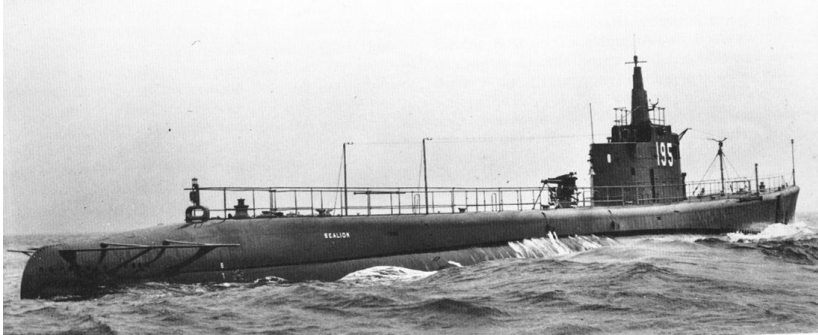


United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Friday, 15 December 2017



USS Sealion I (SS-195)

Base Officers

Base Commanding Officer – Robert Smith / P.O. Box 601, Kresgeville, PA. 18333-0601

Ph (610) 681-2606. E-mail address: rlincs@ptd.net

Base Executive Officer – Ken Smith

Base Yeoman – Michael D. Smith / 40 Stedman Avenue, Lehighton, PA. 18235-2638

Ph (610) 379-5187. E-mail address: klaital@ptd.net

Base Treasurer / COB – Alan Dempsey / 132 Scenic Drive, Albrightsville, PA. 18210

Ph (570) 355-5876 / alanalan9633@hotmail.com

Chaplain – Tom Crosby / 605 Gordon Lane, Tobyhanna, PA. 18466

Ph (570) 350-4657 / E-mail address: crosbytr@webcrosby.com

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 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:

Joe Kolb, Grover Kiick, Ezra Swartz, Harold Franklin, Eugen Rees, Harold Schedin, Henry Long, Don Malkames, George Eckert, Oliver Nordmark, Charles Butler, James Staub, Tom Shields, Ed Coumes, Dave Spence and Michael J Hnatowicz, who passed onto eternal patrol before becoming a member of our base.

Sailor's, rest your oars.

Tom Crosby led the member in an opening prayer.

The following members were present: Bob Smith, Frank McDevitt, Bill Klose, Tom Crosby, Bret Moyer, Ivan Meixell, Alan Dempsey, Mike Smith, Don Ransel, Daryl Betz, Tom Kaluzny and Stan Merker

We also want to welcome the wives, friends and families of our members present.

The Chief of the Boat led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Meeting Minutes: It was agreed to table the minutes for November 2017.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer gave the report of the base finances to the secretary for inclusion into the December Minutes. The actual ending balance for the base as of 30 Nov 2017 was \$x.

Committees: No reports.

Old Business: No business was held for this meeting.

Good of the Order:

Just a reminder that base and national dues are due by Dec 31, 2017, or you will be listed as DINQ.

The base supply officer has 2018 calendars for the members and they are \$8 apiece.

Calendar of Events:

25 Dec 2017: Merry Christmas

1 Jan 2018: Happy New Year.

17 Jan 2018 Monthly Meeting at the Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

21 Feb 2018: Monthly Meeting at the Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17 Jan 2018 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 1940 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.”

At the end of the dinner, Tom Crosby offered a benediction to the members, friends and families present.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Smith
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary