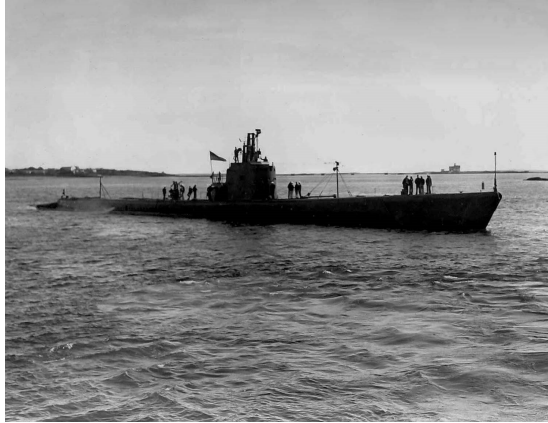


United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 14 June 2017



USS Runner

SS-275

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Meeting called to order at 1713 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.

Tom Crosby led the members in an opening prayer

Roll Call: Members present were: Alan Dempsey, Dave Padora, Bill Klose, Gerald Zeman, Mike Smith, Bob Smith, Bob Obrecht and Dave Spence.

The members present introduced themselves and the Boats they served / qualified on to our newest member, Dave Spence. Dave stated that he qualified on-board the USS Tirante (SS-420) in 1955 and served on-board other boats.

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.

Dave Padora made the 1st motion to accept the minutes as presented. Bob Obrecht made the 2nd motion to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: The Base Treasurer that there are outstanding checks for the sum of \$x for the month of May, with an ending balance of \$x as of 31 May 2017.

Tom Crosby made the 1st motion to accept the treasurers' report. Gerald Zeman made the 2nd motion to accept the report. All in favor, motion passed.

Committees:

Membership: We added one new member in Dave Spence. Dave is eligible for the Holland Club, as he qualified in 1955.

Correspondence: No new correspondence.

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: The flag boxes continue to be very busy, especially the one at the Flag Store in Sciota, Pa.

Parades: The base did not attend the Memorial Day Parade last month due to inclement weather. Next tentative parade would be the Barrett Township Halloween Parade in October 

Budget & Donation: No report until after the raffle.

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

Eagle Scouts: Eagle Scout Courts of Honor are listed in the Calendar of Events.

Old Business: Mike Smith talked about the upcoming Eagle Scout Courts of Honor, as well as a couple of courts that were before the June Meeting. Bob Smith did the presentation on the 10th of June for Mark Steven Bartolacci. Bill Gregor will do the presentation for Hunter T. Barabas tomorrow at the Reeder Fire Company in Reeder, PA. We also received an invitation for Eagle

Scout, Clark Elliot Strasser, but the court came and went on the 9th of June and the certificate will be mailed.

There is also an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Reuben Scott Graham at the Reformed Church of Bushkill, East Stroudsburg at 1PM. The secretary is still looking for someone to do the presentation.

The secretary also had the certificate for Matthew Ryan Zelewski ready to be mailed to Texas. We do have a member, Jim Kelly, who resides in Texas, but it is not clear as to distance between where he lives and South Lake, TX.

The West End Fair is almost upon us. The secretary stated that the fair will run from the 20th of August to the 26th of August. Setup is on Saturday the 19th at 10 and teardown will be on Sunday the 27th. Bob has sign-up sheets for those wishing to man the booth during the week. The fair opens at noon all week.

Tom Crosby mentioned that the refund program from the Monroe County Veterans Department is only good for Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

New Business: Bob Smith talked about an e-mail he received from CDR. (Ret.) Rick Campbell in regards to a new book that he has written, called Ice Station Nautilus. CDR Campbell has offered to donate a copy to our base.

Bob Smith distributed the Raffle Tickets to those members present at tonight's meeting. All others will be mailed. The raffle is from now until the October Meeting.

Bob asked about the Small Games of Chance and Alan Dempsey talked about what is required. The cost is \$25 per month, or \$125 for the entire year. This will also cover other raffles and the like. We must have good record keeping in case of an audit.

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: Binnacle List: Sam Gallagher, wife of Skip Gallagher is in the hospital in New Jersey, due to a serious infection. More information can be found on the base website.

Ken Smith is also on the Binnacle List for having cancer of the lip. Ken had this taken care of, but is also in a hospital in New Jersey. There is also more information on the base website as well.

Please keep Sam and Ken in your prayers.

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

Calendar of Events:

15 Jun 2017: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Hunter T. Barabas at the Reeders Fire Company in Reeders, Pa at 6PM. William Gregor will do the presentation.

4 July 2017: Happy 4th of July.

19 July 2017: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hrs

22 July 2017: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Reuben Scott Graham at the Reformed Church of Bushkill, East Stroudsburg at 1PM.

16 Aug 2017: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hrs.

20 – 26 Aug 2017: West End Fair in Gilbert, PA. Will need volunteers to help set up, run the booth and tear down.

9 – 10 Sep 2017: Victorian Day's in Belvidere, NJ.

20 Sep 2017: Monthly Meeting at 1900 Hrs.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 July 2017 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

1st motion made by Gerald Zeman to adjourn the meeting, 2nd motion made by Dave Padora.

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.”

At the end of the meeting, Tom Crosby offered a benediction to the members present.

Bob Smith declared the meeting of the Pocono Base adjourned at 1742 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