

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Friday, 14 December 2018



USS Seadragon (SS-194)

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A **brief meeting** was held before the dinner at 1850 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:

Charles Butler, Edgar Coumes, George Eckert, Harold Franklin, Grover Kiick, Joseph Kolb, Don Malkames, George McCutcheon, Oliver Nordmark, Eugen Rees, Harold Schedin, Tom Shields, David Spence, James Staub and Ezra Swartz.

Sailor's, rest your oars.

Chaplain Tom Crosby our group with an opening prayer.

The following members were present: Alan Dempsey, Tom Kaluzny, Mike Smith, John Kelly, Bill Klose, Stan Merker, Frank McDevitt, Tom Crosby, Bob Obrecht, Bret Moyer, Skip Donohue, Bob Smith, Gene Peppe, Darryl Betz and Ken Kull.

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 2018

Treasurer's Report: It was agreed to table the treasurer's report for November 2018.

Committees: No reports.

Old Business: No business was held for this meeting.

New Business: Gene Peppe has been inducted into the Holland Club for having been Qualified in Submarines for 50 Years. Bob Smith presented Gene with his Holland Club Certificate, Card and Patch. Gene is the fourth member inducted for 2018 along with Alan Dempsey, Donald Smith and Thomas Dahl.

2019 will see the following members eligible for the Holland Club: Ivan Meixell, Skip Baker, John Kelly and Bob Dell'Accio.

Good of the Order:

Bob Smith stated that Bob and Ruth Vaughan are now living in an assisted living facility and due to the distance, they were unable to come to the dinner.

Just a reminder that base and national dues are due by Dec 31, 2018, 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 2018: Merry Christmas

1 Jan 2019: Happy New Year.

16 Jan 2019: Monthly Meeting at the Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

19 Feb 2019: Monthly Meeting at the Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16 Jan 2019 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 1858 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