

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Friday, 13 December 2019



USS F-1(Carp I) (SS-20)

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A **brief meeting** was held before the dinner at 1900 by Base Commander Bob Smith at Woody's Country House, Blakeslee, 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.

It is also with sad regrets that we say goodbye to our Robert E Vaughan. He was the Pocono Base Founding Member. He was also the former USSVI National Chaplain and is our chaplain emeritus. Bob departed on Eternal Patrol on December 7th. A donation of \$100 was made to the Salvation Army in Bob's name.

Sailor's, rest your oars.

Chaplain Tom Crosby led our group with an opening prayer.

The following members were present: Alan Dempsey, Tom Kaluzny, Mike Smith, Bill Klose, Frank McDevitt, Tom Crosby, Bob Obrecht, Bret Moyer, Skip Donohue, Bob Smith, Gene Peppe, Darryl Betz, Ken Kull Bob Sweeney, Marvin Bard, Arthur Anwander and Tony Sturla.

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 2019

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer gave the secretary a copy of the financial report for 1 – 29 Nov 2019. There is an actual ending balance of \$x as of the 29th of November.

Correspondence: The base secretary was given thank you letters from Operation Chillout, Warwick Valley Quilters' Guild and Valor Clinic for our donations this year.

Committees: We received an invitation for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for an Antonio J Clemente to be held at 7PM of Friday the 20th of December. The location is at the Trexler Scout Reservation, Settlers Camp Dining Hall, 288 Camp Trexler Rd in Kunkletown, PA. Bob Smith said he would do the presentation.

Old Business: No business was held for this meeting.

New Business: No Report.

Good of the Order:

Just a reminder that base and national dues are due by Dec 31, 2019, or you will be listed as DINQ.

The base supply officer has 2020 calendars for the members and they are \$8 apiece.

Calendar of Events:

20 Dec 2019: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Antonio J Clemente at 7PM. Bob Smith will do the presentation.

25 Dec 2019: Merry Christmas

1 Jan 2020: Happy New Year.

15 Jan 2020: Monthly Meeting at the Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

19 Feb 2020: Monthly Meeting at the Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 15 Jan 2020 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 1905 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, Chaplain Tom Crosby offered a benediction to the members, friends and families present.

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