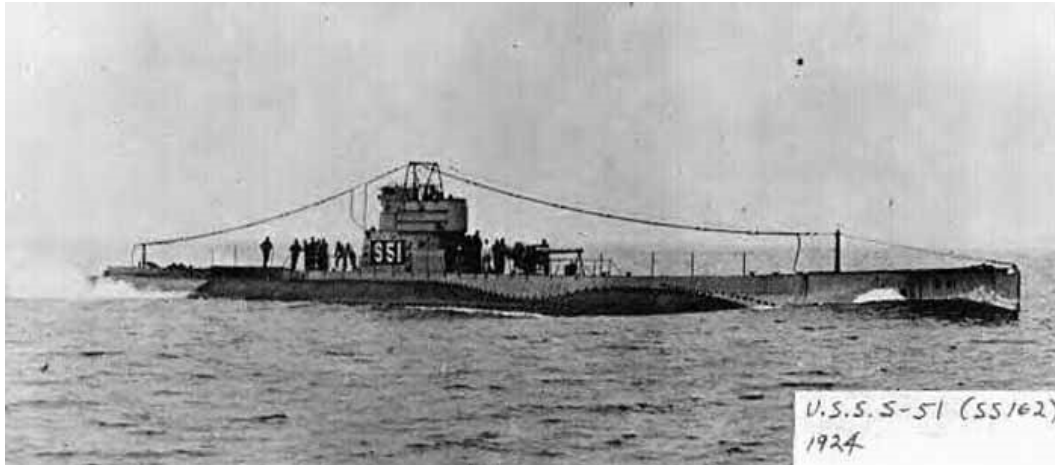


# United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes Wednesday, 16 September 2020



**USS S-51 SS-162**

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**Meeting called to order at 19:00** 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 September:

25 Sept 1925	USS S-51	SS 162	32 Men
09 Sept 1943	USS Grayling	SS 209	76 Men
28 Sept 1943	USS Cisco	SS 290	76 Men

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

**Roll Call:** The following members were present: Alan Dempsey, Bob Smith, Don Ransel, Darryl Betz, Skip Donohue, Bob Obrecht, Gene Peppe, Tom Crosby, Frank McDevitt, and John Kelly.

Guests, S. Smith, I. Obrecht, Weston Betz.

The Acting Secretary verified that a quorum was present.

**Meeting Minutes:** The August Minutes were posted to the website and the Acting Base Secretary provided minutes at the meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** The Base Treasurer reported an ending balance of \$x as of 31 Aug 2020. This includes the \$200 refund from Martz Bus Lines for our postponed bus trip. Ordered new checks.

**Committees:**

**Membership:** We currently have a total membership of 52 members, including 30 Holland Club, and 17 Life members. B. Smith sent offers to a half dozen prospective members.

**Correspondence:** None

**Flag Boxes:** Al Dempsey reported 4 bags from Shop-Rite, Bob Smith reported 2 bags from the Flag Store.

**Charity / Donation:** We will make our usual donation of \$400 to the Legion, and additionally \$100 for their Angel Tree. Tom Dempsey will coordinate.

**Publicity:** None this month

**Christmas Party:** Will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, at 1 PM.

**Parades:** Haven't heard yet, but the Stroudsburg Veterans' Day Parade is supposedly still scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Eagle Scout:** Please see New business and the Calendar of Events.

**Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss):** Not active.

**Budget/ Donation:** No raffle, no funds to disperse. No report.

This month's Lost Boat is the USS S-51, SS-162. The S-51 was lost due to a collision with the MV City of Rome. The cause was determined to be the fault of both vessels, as the S-51 did not have the proper running light configuration per International Law, as with all S-Class Submarines. The submarine was deemed not repairable. There were 32 men lost.

**Old Business:**

Honorary Membership plaque presentations will be made this coming week for Representative Jack Rader, and Vena Ackerman (Flag Store). Senator Mario Scavello was presented his last week. Chris Eckert has moved out of the area, and his will be mailed.

**New Business:** There is an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jacob William Glavich at the Hughes Eastern Monroe Public Library, 1002 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Stroudsburg on Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of September. At 11AM. Bob Obrecht will do the presentation for our base.

Don Ransel has a complete set of *Victory at Sea* that he would lend to any member interested. Contact him.

### **Good of the Order:**

#### **Binnacle List:**

Ken Smith is doing remarkably well, expects to move with his daughter & family to Mexico.

### **Calendar of Events:**

20 Sep 2020: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jacob William Glavich

21 Oct 2020: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hours.

3 Nov 2020: Election Day, please get out and vote.

8 Nov 2020: Stroudsburg Vets' Parade (not yet confirmed as of this time).

18 Nov 2020: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hours.

26 Nov 2020: Thanksgiving.

**Next meeting** will be held on Wednesday, 21 October 2020 at 1900 Hrs. at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

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

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 19:32 hrs.

Respectfully submitted  
A. Donohue for M. Smith.