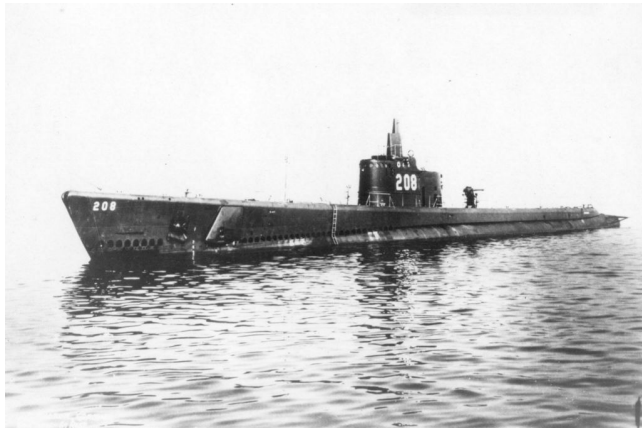


# United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

## Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, 17 February 2021



## USS Grayback (SS-208)

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**Meeting** was cancelled by Base Commander Bob Smith out of caution for the unpredictable winter weather for the night of the February meeting.

In remembrance of the following US Submarine Force Losses during the Month of February:

11 Feb 1942	USS Shark I	SS-174	58 Men
16 Feb 1943	USS Amberjack	SS-219	74 Men
27 Feb 1944	USS Grayback	SS-208	80 Men
29 Feb 1944	USS Trout	SS-202	81 Men
4 Feb 1945	USS Barbel	SS-316	81 Men

This month marks the 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the loss of the USS Grayback in WWII. Grayback was lost after being attacked by Japanese aircraft and subsequent depth charging. Due to a translation error in the historical documents, there was an error in the Longitude in which she was sunk. On June 5<sup>th</sup> 2019, she was located off the coast of Okinawa, about 100 miles from her original location of being lost. Sailors, rest your oars.

**Meeting Minutes:** The Base Secretary reports that the January Minutes were posted to the base website.

**Treasurers Report:** The Base Treasurer reported the following ending balance for the month of January. There was an actual ending balance of \$x as of 31 Jan 2021. The report was sent to the Base Commander and the Base Secretary.

**Good of the Order:**

It is with sadness, that we found out after the January meeting, that Dave Jones had gone on Eternal Patrol. This information was provided to us by fellow member, Brett Moyer. Dave was also a member of the American Legion Post in Gilbert, PA and was reported to them that he passed on. Sailor, rest your oars.

**Calendar of Events:**

14 Mar 2021: Daylight Savings Time begins.

17 Mar 2021: Regular membership meeting at 1900 hrs at the Wilson-Fischer Post.

21 Apr 2021: Regular membership meeting at 1900 hrs at the Wilson-Fischer Post.

**Next meeting** will be held on Wednesday, 17 Mar 2021 at 1900 hrs. at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

“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.”

Respectfully submitted  
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