

USSVI – Pocono Base Meeting Minutes 1/18/2023.

Meeting started at 1908

Members Present: Tom Crosby, Bob Smith, Bob Obrecht, Alan Dempsey
David Wright, Frank McDevitt, Bob Sweeney, Gerber, Anthony Sturla

Chaplain led prayer

Pledge of allegiance

Meeting minutes: December minutes posted on the website

Treasurers report: Dec 1-Dec 31 – \$x, Deposits \$x Total \$x – Outstanding checks (missed amount, get from Alan) - Actual \$x – Treasurer sent financial report to national, have not heard from them. Biggest year for donations \$x (get list from Alan for detailed amounts). Alan passed out Pocono Base expenditures for 2022. (get copy from Alan). Bob asked for total of all donations to date (year over year).

Navy Blue Angels May 26 and 27th will be at Pocono raceway. Get \$100 for each person that shows up. 16 years old and up.

Committees:

Correspondence: Do not have details about Boy Scouts or any other correspondence.

Couple of thank you notes from donations (Fischer house, quilters guild, salvation army)

Membership: Lost a couple of members this year. Gained a couple of new members. At 51 members. Dues are all paid (with few exceptions), with national. 1 member has not paid us, we paid national.

Flag Boxes: Alan, Picked up Blakeslee. Pocono Pines flag box is missing. Frank will check with post office.

Having issues with national website. Trying to shift over, haven't been able to.

Publicity – no ads this month

Parades – Will deal with them this as they come out

Memorial services – send email to Bob, he will list on website.

Eagle Scout – Mike will catch us up and Bob will notify everyone

Barb float – Try to do some fix up in spring

Christmas party – Hope everyone had a good time. Treated us well. Ask Mike to send thank you. Kept price the same as last year and took 10% off bill.

Ideas for betterment of base and community let Bob know. Legion is doing gun show in March. Subvets may be able to join.

Gerber will post meeting info to BRCTV to maybe get more members (8 lines/50 characters?)

Old Business:

Dave brought up banners for memorial day and veteran's day, it would include something about the deceased members. Would need to get total numbers for eternal patrol for all submarine force. Discussion followed. Any suggestions, bring to meeting so we can approve and get it printed.

New Business:

Report for meal donation. Largest donation. Mission BBQ delivered 50 individual meals to VA medical center. Pulled pork with mac n cheese and more. Have pictures of delivery, can't have pictures of residents. Went to all who live there full time. Facility is still in covid lockdown. Maybe send to national for magazine. Dave will work on it. They added the \$50 to complete the cost.

Business cards, patches, decals – See bob, he has some

What happened with Scranton memorabilia from Belvidere– Person said he spoke with members, no other info. Maybe offer to Scranton Base. Bob will work to see what he has.

Who visits website? – Vote to Re-imburse Bob for website. Bob likes to update website. Photo gallery needs to be updated.

Good of the order: none

Binnacle list:

Lawrence Flowers passed away last Thursday – WWII veteran, not submarine. Send sympathy card to family.

Skip Donahue – Knee replacement on valentine's day

Bill Close – doing OK

Calendar of events:

Next meeting: Feb 15th @ 1900

Superbowl Party Feb 12th at the legion

Chaplain led prayer

Meeting ended @1954