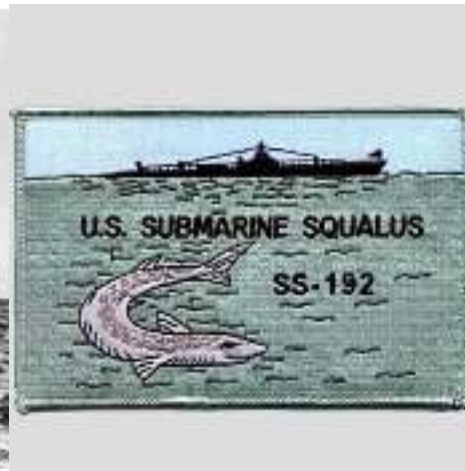


United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 19 May 2010



USS Squalus

SS-192

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Chaplain – Vacant

Meeting called to order at 1910 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 May:

23 May 1939	USS Squalus	SS 192	26 Men
03 May 1945	USS Legarto	SS 371	88 Men
22 May 1968	USS Scorpion	SSN 589	99 Men

Bob Smith also requested a moment of silence for the loss of our shipmate Don Malkames. Don Malkames went on Eternal Patrol on 8 March 2010.

The Chief of the Boat led the members present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Members present were: Michael Smith, Bill Klose, Rich Holmes, Tom Shields, Gerald Zeman, Bob Smith, Frank McDevitt, Ken Smith and John Kelly

Meeting Minutes: The secretary read the minutes from the April 2010 Meeting.

Rich Holmes made the 1st motion to accept the minutes as read. Ken Smith made the 2nd motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: The Base Treasurer reported an ending balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 30 Apr 2010.

Rich Holmes made the 1st motion to accept the treasurers' report. John Kelly made the 2nd motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Committees:

Membership: Rich Holmes stated that he sent an updated sailing list to the members. Rich stated that some members might have a problem opening it due to him using Office 2010 and not being compatible with older Office programs.

Rich Holmes also stated that he has been in touch with a Daniel Van Soest about joining our base. Rich stated that he lives in Hemlock Farms in Lords Valley and is a member of the Cyberspace Base. Rich stated that he sent Daniel a membership form and told him to send a check for \$15 for our base. Daniel is a Life Member with USSVI.

Bob Smith stated that he contacted two prospective members about joining, a Mr. Kelly and a Mr. Baker.

Ways and Means: Last month Tom Shields came up with a way for us to make some money for our treasury by suggesting a raffle. Tom stated that he did some legwork on it and came up with an idea for a 3 night / 2 day stay in Mystic, Ct. The trip would include a stay at the Old Mystic Inn, a pass for the Mystic Seaport, a pass for the Mystic Aquarium, lunch at Mystic Pizza and a tour at the US Submarine Museum in Groton.

Correspondence: Frank McDevitt restated the letter from a scout in the Norristown area, regarding an Eagle Scout Court of Honor to be held on June 27th. We will decline this invitation since it outside of our normal area. Frank stated that he would get the certificate from Vic Paterno and just mail it to the individual.

Publicity: Bob Smith stated that he has an ad from the Focus and the Pocono Plateau if anyone would like to look at them.

Tom Shields stated that he is working on Mt. Airy and the Halloween parade and stated that there was a chance that Stroudsburg would like us in next years St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Tom Shields also stated that he received a phone call before the meeting that we have been given a spot at this year's West End Fair in Gilbert, Pa. The fair will be held from Aug 22-28. Tom also stated that we would not be charged for the location.

Parade: We will be in the Memorial Day Parade in Pocono Pines on Monday, 31 May 2010. Line up will be at 0930 Hrs with step off at 1000 hrs. After the parade and ceremony at the cemetery across from the elementary school we will be going over to Lake Naomi for the official christening and launch of our base float.

New Business:

There was discussion about next months meeting. We usually hold our meeting on Flag Day in June to coincide with the Flag Day ceremony by the Wilson-Fischer American Legion post. The ceremony is normally held at 1800 hrs. After some discussion, it was decided that we would hold our meeting at 1700 hours, after which we would then participate in the ceremony. We have also invited the District Commander Region EN3, Jack Ensminger to our meeting. Jack had stated in e-mails that he would like to attend a meeting with each of the bases under his command.

Michael Smith, the Pocono Base Secretary read the following regarding our base by-laws in accordance with an e-mail sent by Jack Ensminger.

AMENDMENT No. 4 as voted upon and accepted at the meeting on 19 May 2010

Amendment No. 4

Submitted by Michael D. Smith

In keeping with the changes made to the National By-Laws noting the change in the Submarine Veterans Creed from Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States Government to Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution and grace period for paying dues until 31 January from 31 March.

This reading constituted the 1st motion by Michael Smith to change the by-laws as read. Tom Shields made the 2nd motion to approve the changes as read. All in favor, Motion passed.

Bob Smith stated that the only other thing from National was to poll our members and get their dates of service. This is in regards to USSVI being a charitable deduction for tax purposes, by having enough members who served during specific periods, USSVI can be classed as a War Veterans Organization, it will change the tax status for National.

Old Business:

Tom Shield talked about his idea for a base raffle as mentioned in above in the Ways and Means section. Tom stated that the overall price of the prize would be around \$600 or so and he would try to finalize the prices when he goes up to Connecticut. Tom Shields also stated that this raffle cannot be accomplished by one or two people, it needs to be an all hands effort.

Rich Holmes stated that he contacted a company online called Rafflesforless.com about getting the tickets. He stated that the site has plenty of information as to pricing, design, cost of tickets, etc.

After much discussion, Frank McDevitt stated that he would head the Raffle Committee. We also agreed that we would sell a total of 3500 tickets. Rich Holmes stated that he would get the tickets and Tom Shields would work on the overall prize. Tom Shields also stated that he

would be the contact for the fair, parades, etc., this year. The tickets will be in books of 6. We will sell the tickets as \$1 per ticket or the book of 6 for \$5. Each member will need to buy at least one book. All members will be given 10 books to start with to sell, if the member is unable to sell his quota, please return them to the base for re-use. We plan on selling the majority of these tickets at the West End Fair, with the drawing to be held in late September or early October. We need to have this project started before the June meeting. Rich Holmes was tasked with the design of the tickets and to have a proof sent to the members for final approval.

John Kelly made the 1st motion for the Pocono Base to proceed with the raffle program. Tom Shields made the 2nd motion to proceed. All in favor, Motion passed.

Good of the Order:

Frank McDevitt would like us to send some form of letter or card to the family of Don Malkames. Frank stated that he would also like to have some kind of remembrance for him at the Veterans Service on the 30th of May. Don Malkames was a charter member of the base. Tom Shields stated that we could send the son a simple mass card from our base. Rich Holmes stated that he has received confirmation from National that Don Malkames has been placed on Eternal Patrol.

Bob Smith called Tom Shields up to the front of the group for the presentation of the Holland Club Certificate and patch. Tom Shields has been Qualified in Submarines for over 50 years.



Three cheers to Tom Shields for this milestone.

Calendar of Events:

30 May 2010: Veteran's Memorial Service at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Swiftwater, PA at 1000 hrs.

31 May 2010: Memorial Day Parade at Pocono Pines. Line up by 0930 Hrs at the Tobyhanna Elementary School. Step off will be at 1000 Hrs. There will be a ceremony and wreath laying at the memorial across from the school after the parade.

31 May 2010: The official christening and launch of our base float to be held at Lake Naomi swimming area after the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. All hands are invited to attend.

14 June 2010: Combined Flag Day Ceremony and Base Meeting with invite for Jack Ensminger to attend.

04 July 2010: Happy 4th of July.

21 July 2010: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hrs

Next meeting will be held on Monday, 14 June 2010 at 1700 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post, followed by Flag Day Ceremony at 1800 Hrs.

1st motion made by Tom Shields to adjourn the meeting, 2nd motion made by Rich Holmes.

All in favor, motion carried.

“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 2026 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary