United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes Wednesday, 17 January 2024



USS Argonaut (VF-4 then SM-1/VPS-1/SS-166)

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Meeting was cancelled by Base Commander Bob Smith out of caution for the potentially hazardous travel conditions for the night of the January meeting.

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

15 Jan 1916	USS E-2	SS-25	4 Men
20 Jan 1942	USS S-34	SS-141	0 Loss of Life / Boat Lost
24 Jan 1942	USS S-26	SS-131	43 Men
10 Jan 1943	USS Argonaut	SS-166	105 Men
05 Jan 1944	USS Scorpion I	SS-278	76 Men
12 Jan 1945	USS Swordfish I	SS-193	89 Men

We also mourn the loss of fellow shipmates Founding Member: Frank McDevitt on December 22, 2023, and Associate Member: Ken Calemmo on January 3rd, 2024.

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

Treasurers Report: The Base Treasurer reported the following ending balance for the month of December 2023. There was an actual ending balance of \$x.xx as of 29 Dec 2023. The report was sent to the Base Commander and the Base Secretary.

Good of the Order:

Calendar of Events:

21 Feb 2024: Regular membership meeting at 1900 hrs at the Wilson-Fischer Post.

10 Mar 2024: Daylight Savings Time begins.

20 Mar 2024: Regular membership meeting at 1900 hrs at the Wilson-Fischer Post.

17 Apr 2024: Regular membership meeting at 1900 hrs at the Wilson-Fischer Post.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 Feb 2024 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 Michael D. Smith USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary

