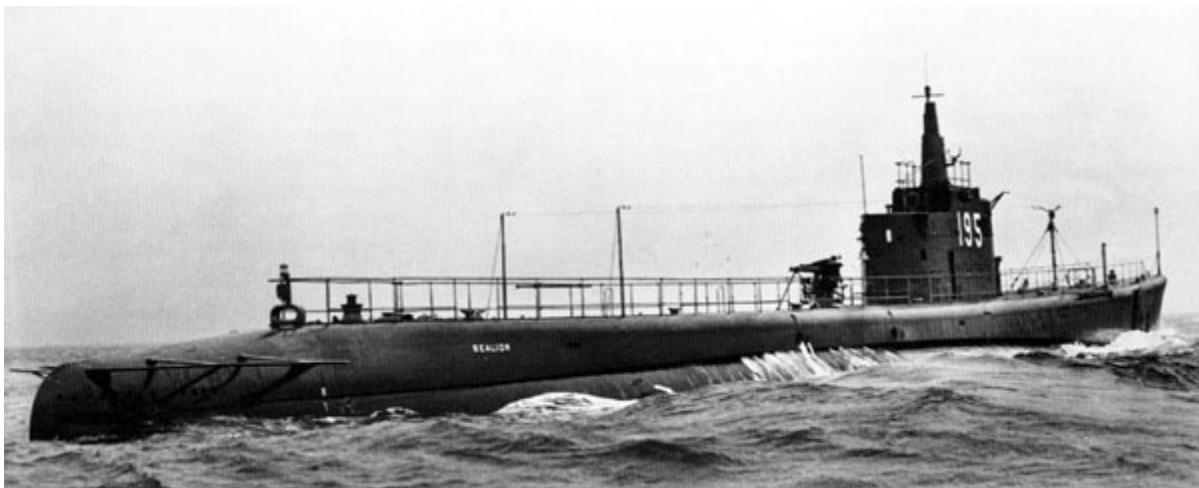


United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

21 December 2025



USS Sealion I SS-195

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A brief meeting was held before the dinner at 1400 by Base Commander Bob Smith at Murph's Hideaway in Blakeslee, PA (former Robert Christian's). Bob Smith was the master of ceremonies. The Acting Chief of the Boat tolled the Base Bell once for each of the following submarine force losses for the month of December and for our departed shipmates

16 Dec 1917	USS F-1 (Carp I)	SS 20	19 Men
17 Dec 1927	USS S-4 (Snapper I)	SS 109	34 Men
10 Dec 1941	USS Sealion I	SS 195	5 Men
10 Dec 1941	USS Seadragon	SS 194	1 Man

Shipmates on Eternal Patrol:

Charles Butler, Edgar Coumes, George Eckert, Harold Franklin, Grover Kiick, Joseph Kolb, Don Malkames, George McCutcheon, Oliver Nordmark, Eugen Rees, Harold Schedin, Tom Shields, David

Spence, James Staub, Ezra Swartz, Robert Vaughan, Richard Holmes, Donald Smith, Dave Jones, George Schimpf, Charles Parke, Michael Hnatowicz, Skip Baker, Ken Smith, Stanley Merker, Frank McDevitt, Bill Klose, and Bonaventure Turri

Sailor's, rest your oars, we have the watch.

Members present at the dinner were: Mr & Mrs Bob Smith, Mr & Mrs Gene Peppe, Mr & Mrs Bob Obrecht, Mr & Mrs Bob Sweeney, Mr & Mrs Tom Crosby and family, Mr & Mrs David Wright, Alan Dempsey, Scott Gerber, Ken Kull, Darryl Betz and family, Scott Jackson, and Daryl Handley.

Chaplain Crosby led everyone with an invocation.

All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes: The November 2025 minutes have been posted to the base website.

Treasurer's Report: No Report.

Committees: No reports,

Correspondence: No report.

Since there is usually a short meeting before the meal, we do not have a reading of a lost boat for December. This month, let us remember the USS Sealion I (SS-195). She was scuttled on Dec 25th after being bombed by the Japanese while in drydock at Cavite. Due to the extreme damage to the shipyard, the decision was made to destroy her as to be rendered unusable to the enemy. 4 men were lost who were working inside the boat.

Old Business: No Report.

New Business: No Report.

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Just a reminder that base and national dues are due by Dec 31, 2025, or you will be listed as DINQ.

Calendar of Events:

25 Dec 2025: Christmas

1 Jan 2026: New Years.

21 Jan 2026: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hours.

18 Feb 2026: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hours.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 Jan 2026 at 1900 Hrs. at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

Chaplain Crosby delivered the benediction after the dinner.

“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

Ps. The hors d'oeuvres were splendid and plentiful, and guests were invited to take remainders home. Murph's provided, on them, individual jumbo shrimp platters for each guest.

Guests cleared out pretty much by 4:00 Sunday afternoon looked like a winner for continued future parties.

That is all, another success.