

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI

Location: Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa, NY

Meeting Date: April 4, 2012

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR Irwin at 1900 hours with 21 members present.
- The Base COB led the Base in the Pledge to the Flag
- The Base Chaplain offered an opening prayer
- The bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of April.

The Base members introduced themselves and the Boats they served on.

The Base Treasurer indicated there was a quorum present

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as written as was the Base Treasurer's report for the month of March.

Good and Welfare

- Tom Kelley remains on the Binnacle list. He is at home and has good days and not so good days. The Chaplain read a note from Tom and passed around some pictures showing some of his handiwork.

Old Business

- Nominations for National Officers are due no later than April 30th
- Nominations for National Awards are also due no later than April 30th
- Make your reservations for the National Convention – host hotel mostly full
- If you haven't filled out your SubVet history report and would like to do so, see the Base Chaplain
- The District 5 Annual Business meeting is being held in Clifton Park this year on May 19th. This will give the attendees from other New York State Bases to attend the dedication ceremony on May 20th. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting. The meeting will begin on Saturday morning and conclude in the early afternoon. There will be a dinner at Ravenswood Restaurant/Pub later Saturday evening which all are welcome to attend.
- The April 11 Tolling the Boats Ceremony is next Wednesday – all are invited and encouraged to attend. Refreshments to follow.

Frank Dorchak gave an update on the upcoming Golf Tournament for the Wounded Warriors. The event will be held at the Brookhaven Golf Course on June 30th 2012. It will begin at 1:00 and is a "Scramble" format. The cost is \$65.00 and any Wounded Warrior will play for free. For additional information you can go to the website at www.smga-ny.org or contact Frank at 518-483-6272. After hearing Frank's report, a motion was made and seconded to donate \$100.00 to the tournament to become a sponsor.

New Business

- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin has donated a podium to the Base
- Possible trip to Buffalo for a work detail on USS Croaker if there is enough interest.
- Tom Glenn spoke about the additional names to be added to the monument, the ten pavers the Base is purchasing for the CO's of the USS Albany and about a dedication inscription to be placed on the monument. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried for the Base to donate \$525.00 to the Foundation to subsidize some of the cost for those items.

Upcoming Parades

- Ballston Spa Memorial Day parade – Saturday May 26th begins at 9:00am – line up at 8:30 in the Ocean State Job Lot parking lot.
- Lansingburgh Memorial Day parade – Monday May 28th begins at 11:00am – line up at 10:15 (5th Ave. and 123rd Street)
- Saratoga Flag Day parade – Saturday June 9th begins at 12:00 noon – line up at 11:15 on North Broadway

Foundation Report

- CDR Irwin reported that approximately 285 bricks had been sold to date. Please keep selling as we are still on a tight budget. Local VFW's, USSVI Bases, Boat Associations, along with cities, towns and village's throughout the Capital region as still good candidates for bricks. About 35% of Albany-Saratoga Base members have purchased bricks. If you haven't done so yet, this is your opportunity to support this project.
- Tom Glenn reported the model submarine is nearing completion – should be finished to 3-4 weeks. CBM Fabrications are doing a great job.
- Al Singleman reported that all documentation for the renewal of our Charter has been submitted and we are awaiting the approval. (*Late note – Approval has been received – we received a 5 year extension of our Charter)

The 50/50 raffle was worth \$35.00 and won by Base Chaplain Janet Irwin

The Creed of the USSVI was recited by all and the meeting adjourned at 2040 hours

The next regular meeting will begin at 1900 hours on May 2, 2012. The meeting will be held at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant Street, Ballston Spa, NY. There will also be a short Foundation meeting just prior to the Base meeting as required by the Foundation By-Laws.

Submitted by: Base Commander Irwin