



U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.
Albany-Saratoga Base

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

Minutes from **01 May 2013** meeting

1900 hours: regular meeting called to order by CDR Irwin with 26 members present.

- Chief of the Boat led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

Ten-Hut! As of 01 May 2013, Albany-Saratoga Base now has 118 members!

- **We have 1 new Member! Welcome Aboard mate!**

- **Dale L. Breault qual boat: SSN 591 USS Shark qual year: 1965**

- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer, gave the invocation and tolled the bell for ***boats lost during the month of May*** :

USS Lagarto (SS-371) 03 May 1945 - 86 killed. Sunk by Japanese minelayer Hatsutaka in Gulf of Siam; wreck discovered in May 2005.

USS Squalus (SS-192) 23 May 1939 – 26 died. Foundered off Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

USS Scorpion (SSN-589) 22 May 1968 – 99 died. *Scorpion* sank in the Atlantic Ocean on 22 May 1968 at approximately 1844Z (Zulu time) while in transit across the Atlantic Ocean from [Gibraltar](#) to her home port at [Norfolk, Virginia](#). An unexplained cataclysmic event occurred resulting in uncontrolled flooding (most likely the forward compartments).

Base and associate members each stood, introduced themselves and stated the name of his qual boat and any other boats served on. Base Secretary Fritz Feldhaus verified a quorum was present.

Minutes from the April meeting have been previously distributed to members. Base member Ed Gradwell motioned to accept the minutes; base member John Mishoe seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Base Treasurer Randy Stein presented his report (previously posted via email and on line). Motion to accept: base Sr Vice CDR John Christopher; second: base member Mike Lynett; Motion carried.

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- **April 11, 2013 National Submarine Day (113th) ceremony held at 1100 hours at Memorial.** Base CDR Jim Irwin thanked all hands for an outstanding turnout and for all the assistance provided by base members in setting up and breaking down, including the memorial site (chairs) and Legion Hall tables and chairs, food setup and cleanup – a great team effort! Not to forget the Village Fire Department for the loan of their chairs! Note that press coverage was outstanding!
 - **Trip to Sub Base** –Tour limited to 28 (set by Base Security). Date: 16 June 2013 (Father's Day). Departs Northway Exit 8 Park & Ride at 0630. Cost: \$65.00 per. 1 seat left.
 - **Memorial update:** informational plates are to be mounted on pedestals flanking the USS Albany submarine model; details to follow. Charlie McCormick will be doing the pedestals. Our memorial stone currently lists 476 names – 25 more are to be etched come this spring. Note that New York is the only state to memorialize all its sailors who were lost in submarines.
 - **New York State Auto License plate coordinator** informs us that if you have a SUBVET plate, you MUST maintain your USSVI membership to keep your plate. The fee to apply for and obtain such a plate (if you don't already have one) is \$38.75. A custom plate (e.g., your boat's hull number) will cost you a one-time fee of \$70.00, plus an annual fee of \$31.25. There is a new form to use; copies are available on NYS DMV site.
 - **Ship's Bell** from USS Ray (SSR-271), on indefinite loan from the Naval Historical Foundation. The bell is now properly mounted. Great job by CBM!
 - **USS Scorpion SSN 589 Memorial** – 45th anniversary – Norfolk on Saturday May 25th
 - **Binnacle List Update:** Consider dropping a note to the following members:

 - **Tom Kelley** at home (email: wkelly7@nycap.rr.com);
 - **John Cook** chemo (email: jcook001@nycap.rr.com) - Please note in your prayers the passing of Patricia Cook, wife of former Albany-Saratoga Base Commander John Cook on Wednesday May 15th. The funeral service was held on Monday May 20th at St. Mary's Church in Ballston Spa followed by burial in Saratoga National Cemetery.

 - **Foundation Report** – we have sold a total of 26 pavers since memorial dedication; keep promoting! The annual operating expense for the memorial runs about \$500 per annum.
 - **VA Hospital Fund** – Think: **donations!**
 - **Add April 11th to “fly the flag” code** - Motion by base member Andy Bodien, second: base member Ed Huether. Motion carried.
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50/50 Raffle – and the winner (to be supplied!!).

Sub Vet History Reports! – Just go directly to the base website: www.albanysaratogasubvets.com and click on “Sub Vet History Report” – and fill in the blanks!!! As easy as that...then print it!

Storekeeper's Corner – Diane has 2013 USSVI Calendars on hand at \$10.00 each. Magnetic bumper stickers are also available. Anyone wishing to upgrade your base wardrobe; i.e., vests, jackets, shirts, ball caps, ship's patches, etc., please give Diane a call!

New patches coming soon: Base and District 5. Motion to accept new designs: Base member Bill Preece; second: Jr Vice CDR John Christopher. Motion carried!

- **Upcoming parades:**

Memorial Day

Ballston Spa (Saturday 25 May 2013) line up at 0830, step off at 0900

Lansingburgh (Monday 27 May 2013) line up at 1015, step off at 1100

Flag Day

Saratoga Springs (Saturday 08 June 2013) line up at 1130, step off at noon

Next meeting – 1900 hours Wednesday 05 June 2013

At 2021 hours, the motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting. The USSVI Creed was recited by all, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

**Fritz Feldhaus –
Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary**

Base Officers –

CDR – Jim Irwin 383-2481

Chaplain – Janet Irwin – 383-2481

Sr Vice CDR – John Christopher – 399-4810

**Base Storekeeper – Diane Singleman –
355-2119**

Jr Vice CDR – Al McGuire – 752-5389

Chief of the Boat – Al Singleman, Jr.

Treasurer – Randall Stein –

Secretary – Fritz Feldhaus - 885-3546

Subvets Creed

“To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit 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.”