



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

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

Minutes from **04 Dec 2013** meeting

1800 hours: Base Christmas Party, brief meeting called to order by CDR Irwin. 19 members present, along with spouses and guests.

- Chief of the Boat Al Singleman led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer, gave the invocation and tolled the bell for ***boats lost during the month of December.***

USS F-1 (SS-220) 17 Dec 1917 – 19 killed. Off San Diego, California, F-3 collided with F-1 on the port side near the bulkhead between the control and engine rooms. F-3 punched a three-foot wide by ten-foot high hole in the upper hull of F-1. When F-3 pulled out of the hole with screws reversed, F-1 rolled back to port and flooded fast. Nineteen men went down with the ship.

USS S4 (SS-109) 17 Dec 1927 – 39 died. On 17 December 1927, while surfacing from a submerged run over the measured-mile off Cape Cod near Provincetown, Massachusetts, she was accidentally rammed and sunk by the Coast Guard destroyer *Paulding*.

USS Seadragon (SS-194) 10 Dec 1941 1 killed. Two days after starting her yard period at the Cavite Navy Yard, she and sister ship *Sealion*, moored together, were caught in an enemy air raid. *Sealion* took a direct hit which demolished her and damaged *Seadragon*.

USS Sealion (SS-195) 10 Dec 1941 – 4 killed. Severely damaged by two bombs during Japanese air attack (Takao and 1st Kokutais on Cavite Navy Yard, Philippine Islands; scuttled on 25 December.

Minutes from the October meeting have been previously distributed to members. Correction to those minutes: George Gasser not present for the Holland Club presentation; however, Dave Thierling was present. Motion to accept the minutes: approved and seconded.

Treasurer's Report - Base Treasurer Randy Stein presented his report. Motion to accept the report: approved and seconded.

Dues - Base: \$10.00; National: \$20.00/1 year or \$55.00/3 years, \$90.00/5 years.

Consider adding \$5.00 to support USS Croaker restoration fund.

As of 1/7/2014 - 66 base members paid 2014 and beyond; leaves 55 members owing Base or Base & National dues. Some LIFE members are one or more years behind in Base dues; - they become Members At Large (MAL) if not caught up. Base Membership chair will be calling them.

Base information notes:

- Silent Service video – now available on line at www.olgoat.com . Plan on 75-76 episodes.
- Toys for Tots – bring an unwrapped toy to the December meeting! Will be distributed locally.
- **Base Christmas Party** – pot luck dinner held here at American Legion Post 234. ...gourmets delight! Great gathering, great party!

Base Correspondence:

Obituary: Admiral Kinnaird R. McKee passed away on 30 December 2013 in Annapolis, MD at the age of eighty four. Those of you that served on nuke boats may recall (as I do) that his career included taking the helm of the US Navy's Nuclear Power program after the retirement of Admiral H.G. Rickover. He was awarded his 4th star at that time.

Binnacle List Update: Consider dropping a note to the following members:

- **John Cook** chemo (email: jcook001@nycap.rr.com)
- Mike Lynett recovering from neck surgery
- George Gasser home recovering from back surgery

Foundation Report – sold a total of 7 pavers since the last group was engraved last spring – pavers are currently source of income for the Foundation. Keep promoting!

Subvet member William Klose (Pocono PA Base) will be donating some submarine memorabilia to the Foundation.

50/50 Raffle – and the winner : Base Member Art Nolan Dave promptly donated his winnings to the Albany VA dittybag fund! (Thanks, Art!) Note that the proceeds of the 50/50 raffle are now used to support the foundation.

Chief of the Boat's corner:

Base officers confirmed: CDR Jim Irwin, Sr Vice CDR – Tom Glenn, Jr. Vice CDR- Al McGuire, Sec'y – Fritz Feldhaus, Treasurer – Randy Stein.

Sub Vet History Reports! – Just go directly to the base website:

<http://www.albanysaratogasubvets.com/> and click on “Sub Vet History Report” – and fill in the blanks!!! As easy as that...and then print it!

Storekeeper's Corner – Diane has 2014 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!

Next meeting – American Legion Post 234, 1900 hours Wednesday 08 January 2014,

Submitted by:

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

Base Officers –

CDR – Jim Irwin 383-2481

Base Chaplain – Janet Irwin – 383-2481

Sr Vice CDR – Tom Glenn –

Base Storekeeper – Diane Singleman – 355-2119

Jr Vice CDR – Al McGuire – 752-5389

Chief of the Boat – Al Singleman, Jr. – 355-2119

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.”