

MINUTES OF MEETING ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI

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

Meeting Date: April 1, 2015

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR Irwin at 7:00 p.m. with 14 members present.
- The Base muster list was passed around.
- There was a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- The Base Chaplain offered an opening prayer.

The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of April.

Base Secretary Art Nolan indicated there was a quorum present.

CDR Irwin asked if there were any corrections to March's minutes that were sent out and distributed by email. There were no corrections.

Randy Stein gave the Base Treasurer's report.

The total base membership stands at 114.

Base Commander's Report

CDR Irwin just returned from a national leadership meeting in Pittsburgh. An expert on Roberts Rules of Order gave a seminar on how they can help keep National and Local Bases in compliance with each other's bylaws. Of interest was that regular business meeting items such as the previous month's meeting minutes and the Base Treasurer's report do not need to be brought up for discussion and a vote. All that is needed is a request for any corrections. This will now be the procedure for all future Base meetings.

It was announced that National dues will increase \$5.00 effective January, 2016.

The National USSVI website is outdated. Work is now being done to update its format and make it more user friendly. Target date for completion is February, 2016.

The USSVI National Convention will be held in Pittsburgh, PA in September. The USSVI website has complete details to include a "Plan of the Week".

USSVI is working with the Navy on growing SUBVETS membership. There will be a test upcoming with one or two submarines where a newly qualified sailor will receive a one year national membership and a one year local base membership of his or her choice. Albany-Saratoga base already recognizes newly qualified sailors by awarding them a certificate and a letter of commendation.

USS Albany is scheduled to be in the yard until April, 2016.

Sub school graduation and the anniversary weekend is April 30 – May 3, 2015 in Groton. See CDR Irwin if you interested in attending.

USSVI scholarship applications for SUBVET children are now available. They must be postmarked by April 15, 2015.

The "Tolling of the Boats" Ceremony dates have been in flux due to bad weather, guest speaker, and parade conflicts. It is now scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2015. Admiral

Richardson is unable to serve as guest speaker, so a new speaker is being sought. Bill Preece has volunteered to read the memorial to lost boats. We will need volunteers to assist with set up and breakdown of the event.

Old Business

The items to be donated to the Albany-Saratoga Base museum will be retrieved from the Pennsylvania retired subvet later this spring.

Nominations for District 5 Commander are open and will remain open until April 30, 2015 when the voting begins. If you are interested in running, please see Base CDR Jim Irwin for details. Two requirements are you must be a regular member in good standing and you must currently be serving or have previously served as a base officer

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16th – Malta Armed Forces Day Parade. 1000hrs step-off. Assembly point: Bayberry St. (next to Community Center parking lot). Base Float driver pending.

May 23rd – Ballston Spa Memorial Day Parade. 0900hrs step-off. Assembly point: Job Lots store on Route 50, at 0830hrs. Bill Preece will tow the Base Float.

June 13th – Saratoga Flag Day Parade. 1200hrs step-off. Assembly point: Across from Burke Funeral Home on Broadway, at 1130hrs. Bill Preece will tow the Base Float.

Good and welfare

After polling the members present, it was unanimous that Ray Misiewicz's presentation on the "Seawolf" boats was outstanding. As requested by several base members, Base Commander Irwin will send out the dates for Ray's upcoming presentations.

For future consideration, nominations for Base officers will be taken in September and October with the election being held in November. Anyone interested in running for one of the base offices can contact the Base Commander or any officer for more information on the positions.

MaryEtta Nolan reported the "Joint Services Spring Formal" will be held on Friday, April 17, 2015 at The Waters Edge Lighthouse. Cocktail hour begins at 1800hrs. Tickets are \$45.00 per person with proceeds benefit the Unified Military Council ShopRite Scholarship Fund. For more information, call (518) 372-5656.

Base Commander Jim Irwin, in his capacity as District Commander, presented Base Secretary Art Nolan with the "Pride Runs Deep, Northeast D-5 Commanders Award" for "his efforts and involvement in local affairs and activities including Base activities the promoted the concept of "Honor, Duty, and Pride" of the U.S. Navy Submarine Force to his shipmates and to the general public."

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Mike Lynett.

The next regular meeting will begin at 1900 hrs on May 6, 2015. The meeting will be held at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa, NY.

Submitted by: Art Nolan

Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary
Pride Runs Deep