

## **MINUTES OF MEETING ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**

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

**Meeting Date: August 1, 2018**

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Bob Bailey at 1900 with 17 members present.
- The Base muster list was passed around.
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Base Commander Bob Bailey.
- A Moment of Silence for Shipmates on Eternal Patrol
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin was absent. Base Newsletter Editor MaryEtta Nolan substituted and offered an opening prayer.
- The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of August.
- Each Base member introduced themselves.

Base Secretary Art Nolan indicated there was a quorum present.

Randy Stein gave the Base Treasurer's Report. (Copies to be forwarded to each member.) The Treasurer's Report was voted on and accepted without correction. He stated after pending receipt of Base dues from a person who paid their National dues first, our total Base membership will be 109.

The Treasurer reported we have one new Base member. Byron Lennox, of Granville, NY. He qualified in 1964 on the USS SEA POACHER, SS 506.

### **Base Commander's Report**

There was a problem producing and distributing the Base minutes last month due to non-compatibility of computer programs between the Base Commander and the acting Base Secretary. After many hours of trying to resolve the conflict and finally coming to a resolution, the minutes were ready for distribution, but it was very late in the month. Unfortunately, the Base Commander does not yet have the Base email distribution list, and due to scheduling conflicts, it was not possible to have the past Base Commander or COB distribute them. With this month's minutes, it is hoped all will be resolved and the minutes will be distributed to all members in a timely manner. The Base Commander thanked everyone for their patience and understanding. The Base Commander read the minutes from the July, 2018 meeting. They were approved with no corrections.

If anyone needs to reach the Base Commander by email, his email address is:  
[enfoman49@yahoo.com](mailto:enfoman49@yahoo.com)

A great deal of support is immediately needed to organize and present the Base Picnic scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2018. Sign-up sheets for food, picnic utensils, and other items need to be addressed as soon as possible. The Base Commander is seeking a Chair for this event and would appreciate any member stepping forward to coordinate the effort. This is a much enjoyed event every year, and is especially significant, as we honor our Base Holland Club members. Please contact the Base Commander immediately if you are willing to help in any way.

Reminded everyone of the USSVI Scholarship Program. Please take advantage.

The documentary, "Hell Below" is now being aired on the Smithsonian Channel. Well worth watching.

A new movie entitled, "Hunter Killer", based on the book, will be released on October 28, 2018. More information will be forwarded in the future.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Elks picnic – Several members of the Base attended. There was a great turnout and the entire event was very well run. Recommended for anyone to attend future events,

No new information on obtaining Base business cards.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Schuylerville Turning Point Parade – Sunday, August 5, 2018. Assemble at Noon at Schuylerville High School.

Base Picnic – September 8, 2018. Base Commander needs help with this organizing this event. Please volunteer to help in any way you can. Sign up sheets are forthcoming. Need someone to volunteer to Chair this event.

### **LONG TERM PLANNING**

None

### **BINNACLE LIST**

Base Secretary Art Nolan thanked everyone for their total support and assistance they provided to him and his wife, MaryEtta, over the past 8 months as he dealt with the effects of chemo therapy. As of now, things seem to be stabilized and he hopes to no

longer miss any meetings and continue to serve the Base. To all those who filled in as Base Secretary during his absence, he gave a special thank you.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Storekeeper – No report.

SUBVETS History Reports – see the Base Chaplain for the forms or download them from the website.

Kaps4Kids – No report

## **GENERAL BASE INFORMATION**

USS LING memorabilia is being given away at its New Jersey home. If we want anything, we have to act fast. Must be removed from the LING and transported on our own expense. We have to acquire the necessary permissions for display. If anyone wants to head this effort, please contact the Base Commander. Perhaps a committee can be formed if there is any interest.

Reminder there are many veteran discount and driver's license and tags benefits available through State and Local agencies. Check the websites.

## **BREAK**

None

50/50 Raffle was not conducted.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

The Acting Base Chaplain led the closing prayer.

The SUBVETS Creed was recited.

The next regular meeting will begin at 1200 on Saturday, September 8, 2018. The meeting will be held at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa, NY. There will be a short business meeting with the Base picnic to follow.

The meeting was concluded at 1945.

Submitted by: Art Nolan  
Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary  
Pride Runs Deep