

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

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

**Meeting Date: July 1, 2015**

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Acting CDR Tom Glenn at 1906 with 15 members present.
- The Base muster list was passed around.
- There was a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- A Moment of Silence for Shipmates on Eternal Patrol
- Tom Glenn offered an opening prayer.
- The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of July.

Base Secretary Art Nolan indicated there was a quorum present.

Randy Stein gave the Base Treasurer's report.

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

CDR Irwin not present at the meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Note from CDR Irwin: Saratoga Flag Day was not well attended, only 8 members. Discussion to have at least 12 at the parades.

Bill Preece made some temporary repairs to the float flag holder.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 7<sup>th</sup> – 12th SUBVETS National Convention/Pittsburg, PA. Base COB and SUBVETS National Commander Al Singleton gave an overview of scheduled events at the convention and urged members to attend. The convention will kick off with a parade on Monday. On Tuesday, there will be a special preview of the Shanksville, PA 9/11 plane crash site memorial which opens on Friday. There will be a marine parade during the Tolling of the Boat Ceremony on Wednesday, a baseball game on Thursday where they will recognize the SUBVETS, and the Awards Banquet will be on Saturday. Room rates are \$104.00 per night. Go to the USSVI.org, click on Convention, fill out PDF registration sheet, print and send it in.

September 19th - Base Picnic - Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234 from 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM. The base will take care of the meat, hamburger, hotdogs, beer and soda, signup sheet for attendance and side dishes. Holland Club Induction of 3 members: Dale Breault, Daniel Corrigan, and Ed Heuther.

## **LONG TERM PLANNING**

Base Christmas Party

## **GENERAL BASE INFORMATION**

On January 1, 2016, dues will be increased by \$5.00. If you pay your 2016 dues in 2015, it will be \$20.00 but after January 1, 2016 it will be \$25.00. Multi-year discounts are still in effect but will go up accordingly. Life membership dues will remain the same. Base dues will be the same. Base Treasurer Randy Stein will start collecting dues for 2016 in October. This increase in dues is directly related to the higher production costs for the American Submariner Magazine printing and mailing.

Base Chaplain Janet Irwin has the history forms if you have not submitted one. These forms document your time on the boats, a historical record of things you did on the boats, etc.

The VA Administration has a new CEO that plans to make it better for Veterans to get the services in a timely manner. If your total household income is under \$47,000.00 / yr, you can register with the VA to obtain an identification card. Especially worth it for the prescription plan.

Mike Lynett is recovering normally from his procedure

John Cook having problems with his back

## **BREAK**

Mike Foster, XO of the Nuclear Power School, presented an Unclassified lecture on the Submarine Force. It was very informative and fostered a lot of discussion between the members in attendance. Mike was thanked for a job well done and we look forward to his future presentations.

COB Singleman replayed "The Silent Service" show that was not completed during the June meeting due to technical difficulties. It was enjoyed by all present.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Peter Baldwin. He was awarded \$28.00.

Acting CDR Glenn read the closing prayer and the SUBVETS Creed was recited. The next regular meeting will begin at 1900 on August 5, 2015. The meeting will be held at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa, NY. The meeting was concluded at 2058

Submitted by: Art Nolan  
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Pride Runs Deep