

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**  
**Location: Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, Ballston Spa, NY**

**Meeting Date: March 11, 2015**

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR Irwin at 7:00 p.m. with 17 members and 3 guests present
- The Base muster list for attendance 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 March. The Chaplain also remembered Patricia Terzian and Sharon Von Maucher. Both, who recently passed away, were spouses of Albany-Saratoga Base members.

Base members introduced themselves and the boats they served on.

Acting Base Secretary Bill Preece indicated there was a quorum present.

The reading of the minutes of the January meeting (no meeting in February due to bad weather) was waived and a motion to accept them was made and seconded. The motion was passed.

Randy Stein gave the Base Treasurers report. A motion to approve the report was made and seconded. The motion was passed.

**Good and welfare**

The total Base membership now stands at 112 – a number of members failed to renew

A grand total of \$490.00 has been donated to the Memorial Foundation in memory of Fritz Feldhaus

MaryEtta Nolan reported that her husband, Art Nolan has offered to volunteer to be the Base Secretary – thanks Art.

Base Commander Jim Irwin in his capacity as District Commander presented Base member Steve Cipperly the Pride Runs Deep Award for all his behind the scenes effort over the past year.

**New Business**

The “Tolling the Boats” ceremony will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the New York State Submariners Memorial in Ballston Spa and will begin at 11:00 AM. Admiral John Richardson – Director of Naval Reactors has agreed to be our keynote speaker. (Depending on his schedule) We will have a backup speaker in place.

We will need volunteers to set up the Legion hall prior to the ceremony, to clean up after the ceremony, and to help with chairs. Also, looking for a reader to read off the lost boats.

Nominations for District 5 Commander are open and will remain open until April 30 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.

Parades – four parades are coming up:

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Malta Parade – May 16<sup>th</sup> (this parade conflicts with our Tolling the Boats Ceremony)

Ballston Spa Memorial Day Parade, Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9:00 AM step off (Bill Preece will tow the Base Float)

Lansingburgh Memorial Day Parade, Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 AM step off (this parade has been poorly attended over the past few years, do we still want to participate?)

Saratoga Flag Day Parade, Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 noon step off (Bill Preece will tow the Base Float)

After a short break Base member Ray Misiewicz gave a presentation on the 4 US Submarines that were named USS Seawolf. Ray offers this program at various locations throughout the Capital region and at the end Ray promotes the Memorial and promotes the sale of pavers. Bravo Zulu Ray!

Ray also gave the Base a digital copy of the program for the Base archives

The winner of the 50/50 raffle took home \$37.00

The next regular meeting will begin at 7:00 pm on April 1, 2015. The meeting will be held at the **Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234**, 23 Pleasant Street, Ballston Spa, NY.

Submitted by: Jim Irwin

Albany-Saratoga Base Commander  
Northeastern D5 Commander  
Pride Runs Deep