

MINUTES OF MEETING ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI

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

Meeting Date: August 3, 2016

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jim Irwin at 1900 with 21 members present
- The Base muster list was passed around.
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.
- Moment of Silence for Shipmates on Eternal Patrol
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer.
- The bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of August.
- Members introduced themselves and named their qual boat and other boats served. Associate members also introduced themselves.

Base Secretary Art Nolan was not present, MaryEtta Nolan took the minutes. A quorum was present.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by Base Treasurer Randy Stein.

Base Commander's Report

Old Business: USS Albany posters are available at the meeting and at the picnic for anyone who wants one. The Change of Command for the USS Albany is set for August 26, 2016 in Norfolk, VA.

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondences: Congratulations to Art Nolan and Bob Morriseau – they are members of the New York State Naval Militia, Military Emergency Boat Service. That Unit was selected as the Naval Militia Unit of the Year by Rear Admiral Powell and received the 2016 Josephthal Award. Bob Morriseau elaborated on what the New York Navy Militia is about and the mission it serves at the discretion of the Governor of New York.

Friends Helping Friends at Boscov's – will give certificates for 25% off entire purchase on October 18, 2016. Coupons sold for \$5.00 to anyone, can even set up a table outside the store prior to that date. All money collected goes to Base. Can even win a \$100.00 or \$500.00 gift card.

Base Website Host Change – Randy Stein noticed the Memorial Website wasn't available due to a lapse in renewal. He was able to move the hosting to a new site in Texas. The Base's host is through a local site that stores our data for \$180.00 per year. Moving it to Texas will cost us \$60.00 per year. Domain registrations will be moved to "Go Daddy" for a 5-year contract for \$100.00 and will auto renew. **Motion: To move the Base Web Hosting to Texas and Name Registration to "Go Daddy"** Motion made by Mike Lynett, seconded by Tom Glenn, no discussion, all members were in favor.

Voting: On line or paper ballots must be received by August 10, 2016. The base has 94 members eligible to vote. On line ballots by 14 members, don't know how many members voted by paper ballots.

Picnic: Base Picnic will be Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 1200 at the pavilion. That will also be the September meeting instead of Wednesday. A sign-up sheet for attendance and dish to share. The Base will provide the meat, condiments and drinks. Five new Holland Club Members will be inducted during the meeting.

Northeast Regional Meeting – October 7,8,9, 2016. Friday is a meet and greet, Saturday is the meeting for the Five District Directors and the Regional Director at the Hyatt Place Hotel in Malta at Exit 12. Catered Lunch from Brickhouse. Base Members may attend. Registration is \$5.00 plus the cost of the lunch. Forms will be e-mailed to members. The base usually makes \$250.00 on this event.

SPAC Veterans Concert: Monday, September 5, 2016 (Labor Day) Free concert with the Naval Northeast Band, tickets are available at local Stewart Shops or with Jim Irwin. Doors open at 1200 and the concert starts at 1400.

National Convention – Reno Nevada August 14-20, 2016. Diane will pick up the 2017 Calendars, if you are interested in purchasing one, sign up.

Break

Press Conference on Highway Project: Scheduled for this Friday has been postponed because the Governor has not signed the bill. They will reschedule after he signs it. Maybe towards the end of August. The members of the Assembly and Senate will receive a plaque made by Al Singleman thanking them for their help on the Highway Project.

Plaque: Any member interested in a plaque of a half boat on black walnut with their service information, Al Singleman will make them one for \$100.00.

GENERAL BASE INFORMATION

"Hell Below" A TV documentary about Submarines on Sunday nights.

Dolphins: On August 2, 2016 the first female Enlisted Submariner received her dolphins qualifying on the USS Michigan.

Memorial Paving Bricks: Engraver will be back next Spring. Thank you Steve for dealing with the weeds. No ropes or chains will be added to the memorial.

Binnacle List: Walt Barden is doing much better, plans to sell his house in Watertown.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Green Mountain Base will have their picnic on Saturday. Dolphin Decals are available free of charge.

Kurt Von Maucher took video and pictures of the Tolling of the Boat Ceremony. He made DVDs that he is giving away for a \$5.00 donation to the Foundation.

50/50 Raffle: won by Bob Morriseau.

USSVI Update: Al Singleman updated on membership. The USSVI is in excellent shape that has no debt. Currently has 168 Bases. Need to keep membership up, losing 700 members a year due to non-renewal and death. Average age is 66 years old.

Closing Remarks

The Base Chaplain read the closing prayer and the SUBVETS Creed was recited by all.

The next base meeting will be at the picnic on Saturday September 10, 2016 at 1200 at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant St. Ballston Spa, NY.

The meeting was concluded at 2015.

Submitted by MaryEtta Nolan for Art Nolan, Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary

Pride Runs Deep