

Meeting minutes ALBANY -SARATOGA USSVI BASE 07/06/2016

Meeting was called to order @ 1900.

All stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States

All remained standing to honor the boat tolling for the month of July.

Members introduced citing boat served and qualification year if applicable.

Notice of June meeting minutes was cited and accepted with no changes.

Treasurer's report was cited and accepted.

Parade – 9 members showed up to the Saratoga NY Flag day parade while the skies opened up to shower all with downpours of heavy rain. The contingent was preceded by the West Milton NTPU sailors in dress whites with no rain gear worn. Needless to say they were soaked to the bone.

There will be a change in command ceremony of the USS ALBANY in Norfolk/Newport News Shipyard on August 26. Parties interested in attending contact Jim Irwin for more information.

Very nice Lithograph quality Prints of the USS ALBANY are available to any member that attends the base meetings at no charge. All you have to do is to show up.

Walt Barden's letter for the Foundation Brick donation was read aloud thanking the group for the brick.

The Boscov program of "Friends helping Friends" program was read.... coupons are sold for a specific day of shopping at Boscov's stores for \$ 5.00. The coupon entitles shoppers a storewide 25% discount on 10/18/2016. A table will be provided to promote the sale and distribution of the tickets at store entrances. Volunteers are requested to sign up as the date gets closer. Mark your calendars for this event. All proceeds will support the memorial foundation.

There will be an interment ceremony for member Robert Moore on 7/18 at the Solomon national cemetery. No time as of meeting has been set. Stay tuned via e-mail for an announcement if you are able to attend.

National Convention--

Reno Nevada. 136 rooms to date have been booked for the event. Interested parties should make reservations. Info is available inside the American Submariner magazine or through the USSVI website.

National Voting

Most candidates are running unopposed. There is constitutional by-law proposed amendment language issues to vote on. The best and easiest way to vote is through the USSVI website. If doing Paper Ballot, they must be received by August 10, 2016. Base commander will have ballots available at the August meeting to send in for count if one is so inclined at the last minute.

National USSVI website change--

Is in final stages to be completed by the 3rd week of July scheduled live on date will be in October.

Annual picnic will be at the base meeting location at the American Legion in Ballston Spa... Pleasant Street  
The date is scheduled for September 10, 2016. The usual hamburger/hotdog and beverage will be provided by the base. Attendees are encouraged to bring an accompanied dessert or salad/chip snack to the event. FIVE Base members are scheduled to be inducted into the HOLLAND CLUB during the picnic. There will be no

regular meeting in September. A very short informational meeting will be at the picnic in lieu of the regular meeting.

On October 7, 8, 9, 2016 the Northeast regional meeting will take place in Malta Hyatt Place Hotel where there will be good news and bad news to spread. Gathering will be Friday night the meeting will start at 9 AM on Saturday. The tentative keynote speaker will be the NTPU XO giving a submarine service talk.

On Labor Day, September 5, 2016 the Northeast Naval band will be performing at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC) for a free concert at 2 pm. Doors open at noon. Tickets will be available at all area Stewart's locations towards the end of July.

The bill to name RT 9 in Saratoga County has been passed in State Assembly and State Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature. Prior to the base meeting some members met at the Saratoga military Museum with the bill's sponsor for some PR publicity photo ops and a meet and greet.

Last month's annual bell tolling was recorded and a DVD of it has been accepted meeting along with photos which will be posted on the website.

The national Commander Singleman passed on a story about "Charlie" a stuffed monkey he brought aboard the FS KEY while serving which was "KIDNAPPED" and held for "RANSOM" at various times during the ensuing patrols. Charlie somehow showed up again during the recent reunion held and once again was kidnapped and held for ransom. Jokes were made and laughter ensued as the mention that eventually Charlie may soon be enlisted into the Holland Club because of time served.

The 50/50 was held and netted \$ 40.00 to Jerry Whitehead

A package of good will was again donated to the men's veteran's home in Ballston Spa. Janet Irwin (Chaplin) mentioned that the circle is complete as now the group home will now offer some of their volunteer services to us if needed in the future.

Dan Danielson mentioned that the parade in which Green Mountain Base participated in Rutland VT was well received and gained some new potential members. Members are also invited to a picnic that would be held in Woodstock VT on August 6.

Bill Preece mentioned that the base float will need some dry docking and rehabbing in the near future as the wooden spars and beam frames are beginning to show their age and would be better suited to be steel framed,

Next meeting will be August 3, 2016 @ 1900.

Respectfully submitted.....

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