

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

Meeting Date: 06 JUNE 2018

The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Robert Bailey at 1900 with 15 members present.

- The Base muster list for attendance was passed around. A quorum was established by MaryEtta Nolan, substituting for Base Secretary Art Nolan who will return as Secretary when feeling better.
- Base COB, Mark Maiellaro led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Invocation by Base Chaplin, Janet Irwin followed by the reading and tolling of the LOST BOATS for the month of June. Death announcement for Associate Member and World War II Veteran Salvatore Franze, the wake will be June 7, 2018 from 1500-1900 at the WJ Lyons Jr, Funeral Home in Rensselaer, NY. The funeral, June 8, 2018 at 0930 at St. Pius X Church with burial to follow at the Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, East Greenbush, NY.
- Robert Bailey read the Treasurer's report for absent Randy Stein.
- Base members introduced themselves, the boat on which they qualified.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Senior Vice Commander is Bill Preece
- Need a Junior Vice Commander to step up or one will be assigned.
- Would like a Membership Officer and a Public Relations Officer to get more exposure. An ad was put in the paper about the meeting and the float was pictured in the Glens Fall's newspaper *The Post Star* covering the Memorial Day Parade.
- Event pictures can be sent to Randy Stein for the website and MaryEtta Nolan for the newsletter. National website should be completed soon.
- Good showing at the three parades: Malta, Ballston Spa and Glens Falls.
- The float's banner was found at BOCES, but the scope was not found.
- Saratoga Flag Day Parade is Saturday, June 9, 2018 with Line up at 1030, Assemble at 1130 and step off at 1200. Division 3 by Sea Cadets - East side of Broadway at 2nd Avenue.
- Tolling of the Boat Ceremony went really well with both Bob Bailey and Bill Preece alternating reading the names.
- Schuylerville parade is Sunday, August 5th with Step off at 1300 if anyone is interested in participating.

POCs

- Thresher Group is trying to raise \$50,000.00 by July 15th for a monument at Arlington National Cemetery. There is a website where you can donate.
- June 11th is an online meeting with the E-Board that all can sign on and watch. Bob will send the link.

- May 26, 2018 recognized the 50th Anniversary of the loss of the USS Scorpion SSN-589. May they Rest in Peace and never be forgotten.
- Arizona Silent Service Memorial Project is asking for donations for building a monument, you can win a model submarine.
- The Editor of the National Magazine, Chuck Emmitt has stepped down but has been replaced by Michael Bircumshaw has stepped up as editor.
- Jim Irwin is a new Holland Club Member and he spoke of his experience during the induction ceremony in Groton.
- MaryEtta Nolan and Jim Irwin spoke of the USS Scorpion Memorial Service held at pier side in Norfolk, VA on May 26th, 2018.
- Suggestion by a member to send a thank you letter to Eagle Matt Lee Fire Company for the use of their chairs for the Tolling of the Boat Ceremony with set up and tear down.

BREAK

NEW BUSINESS:

- Next meeting is 2nd Wednesday, July 11th at 1900 due to Independence Day, July 4th is 1st Wednesday.
- Bob Bailey will get an account at "Restaurant Supply" to buy at wholesale prices for food and items for picnic and events with tax exempt status.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- USS Albany (SSN-753) wanted sporting equipment. Jim Irwin went to different area sports teams. The Tri-City Valley Cats sent hats, balls and bats, items were sent from the University of Albany, the Roller Derby Team and the Empire Football team.
- June 28th at 1900 at the Valley Cats vs Hudson valley Renegades is Military Appreciation Night. Tickets are \$9.00 but if they get 20 people, the price goes down to \$7.70 per ticket. Jim Irwin will send out an email and pick up the tickets. Meet at the parking lot at 1800.
- The Base picnic is scheduled for September 8th.
- Inverter for the float will have to be replaced, a new one will be purchased and member reimbursed.
- Winner of the 50/50 Tom Nolan for \$25.00
- Members recited the USSVI Creed. Chaplain Janet Irwin gave a closing prayer.
- Meeting adjourned at 2009.

PRIDE RUNS DEEP

Respectfully submitted by MaryEtta Nolan