

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

Meeting Date: October 1, 2014

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR Irwin at 7:05 p.m. with 16 members and guests present.
- The Base muster list for attendance was passed around for all to sign.
- The crew saluted the colors and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chaplain read an opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of October.

All members present stood and introduced themselves and the boats they served on.

Neither the Base Secretary nor the Base Treasurer was present so the reading of the minutes and the reading of the financial report were waived.

Old Business

- Newly elected National Officers
 1. Al Singleman – National Commander
 2. John Markiewicz – National Sr. Vice Commander
 3. William Andrea – National Jr. Vice Commander
 4. Ray Wewers – National Secretary
 5. Paul Hiser – National Treasurer
- Albany-Saratoga Base wins Base Merit Award presented at the National Convention
- Base Commander Jim Irwin who also serves as Northeastern District 5 Commander is voted District Commander of the Year.
- USS Albany (SSN-753) 15 members of the crew including Wade Landis, the Commanding Officer were in the area for training. The USS Albany is undergoing a major engineering overhaul and the boat received new reactor controls. The crew was at KAPL to become familiar with the new system.
Base members Singleman, Stein, Glenn, and Irwin met the crewmembers at the Memorial late one afternoon for a meet and greet along with some photos and then went to dinner at the Brickyard Tavern. Commander Landis reported that he is hoping for an official namesake visit sometime next spring.

New Business

- Correspondences
 1. Mary Ann Negus – thank you letter along with a \$100.00 donation in Gus's name
 2. Veterans Law Day – free legal assistance to Vets, Oct 18th at Albany Law
 3. Invitation to participate in New York City Veterans Day Parade
- December meeting – will be held on December 3rd and will be a Pot Luck dinner. Members are asked to bring a hot dish or dessert to share. Also, the Base will be collecting for the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program at the November and December meetings. Please bring in an unwrapped toy and we will deliver it.

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- Al Singleman mentioned that it is never too early to think about the issues we will face to secure the sail of the USS Albany (SSN-753) when the time comes. The USS Albany is still in service and expected to remain in service for another 10-15 years so this was food for thought for the distant future.
- The Navy Ball is being held on October 11th at the Saratoga Hilton. Base members Jim Irwin and Mike Lynett and their spouses have been invited to attend. Admiral John Richardson, Director of Naval Reactors is scheduled to be the keynote speaker.

Binnacle List

- Base Secretary Fritz Feldhaus has been diagnosed with lung cancer and will be undergoing surgery.

During the break some hot dogs were served and the 50/50 drawing was held and was won by MaryEtta Nolan

The Chaplain read the closing prayer and the members recited the SubVets Creed

The next regular meeting will begin at 7:00 on November 5th. This meeting will be held at the **Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234 Ballston Spa, NY.**

Submitted by: Jim Irwin, Base Commander
Albany-Saratoga Base
Pride Runs Deep