

MINUTES OF MEETING ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: American Legion Henry Cornell Post 234, Ballston Spa, NY
Meeting Date: March 6, 2013

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR Irwin at 7:00 p.m. with 19 members 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, a moment of silence was observed, and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of March.

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

The Base Secretary was not present so CDR Irwin reported a quorum was present. The minutes of the previous month's meeting had been mailed out or emailed out to the membership. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Voted on and passed.

The Base Treasurer was not present so CDR Irwin read the Treasurer's report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Voted on and passed.

Old Business

The bus trip to the Sub Base is coming along. A few seats are left. The date is June 16, 2013 (that is Father's Day). The trip includes transportation, brunch at Groton Sub Vets, the Nautilus Museum, on board visit to an active duty submarine, afternoon sandwiches at Groton Sub Vets, and a donation to the Rec Fund of the Boat we visit. The cost is \$65.00. See CDR Irwin if you are interested.

John Christopher is making arrangements to have the ships bell from the USS Ray (SSR-271) mounted for display.

The Base made a donation to the USSVI Charitable Foundation towards the plaque in the Navy Memorial. We have received our complimentary copy of the plaque.

New Business

Upcoming Parades

Saturday May 25th – **Ballston Spa** Memorial Day (line up at 8:30 AM in Ocean State Job Lot parking lot). Parade starts at 9:00 AM

Monday May 27th – **Lansingburgh** Memorial Day (line up at 10:15 AM at 5th Ave and 123rd Street). Parade starts at 11:00 AM

Saturday June 8th – **Saratoga** Flag Day (line up at 11:30 AM on North Broadway). Parade starts at 12:00 noon.

Does anyone know what kind of condition the float is in? Does it need any repairs? John Mishoe said his truck would be available to tow the float but he may or may not be available. **We need a driver.**

Ray Misiewicz upcoming talk – March 9th at the Military Museum in Saratoga. The talk will be on the history of the NR-1 and will begin at 1:00 PM

Tolling the Boats Ceremony – will be held on Thursday April 11, 2013 at the Memorial and will begin at 11:00 AM. There will be light refreshments after at the American Legion. If the weather is bad, the ceremony will be held inside the Legion.

We need some volunteers for the following:

- Pick up folding chairs at the Legion and set them up at the Memorial (also return them after the ceremony)
- We may have to ask the Fire Department for some chairs also as we are expecting a lot of guests and family members this year.
- Set up tables and chairs inside the Legion for the refreshments
- Clean up after the refreshments are over (tables, chairs, etc.)
- Need a couple of folks to bring some cookies, brownies, or other dessert type item (ones that are not too messy!)

Committee Reports

Foundation – only about 10 new pavers have been sold since last fall. Paver sales are the only source of income for the Foundation. If every Base member could sell one additional paver the Foundation would be solvent for several years.

Sub Vet History Reports – see the Base Chaplain if you have not done one and need a form. They are also available on the Base website.

Kaps4Kids – we will put something on the calendar shortly. (Update since the meeting – the Base now has a connection with the Albany Ronald McDonald House where we will look to schedule a visit)

Binnacle List

Tom Kelly – at home, status quo

Tom Nolan – at home recovering from knee replacement

John Cook and his wife Pat, both undergoing chemotherapy

If anyone knows any other Base member that is laid up, please contact the Base Chaplain.

Good of the Order

- USS Thresher 50th Anniversary – April 6th – 7th, Portsmouth, NH
- USSVI 49th Anniversary weekend – May 2nd – 5th, (Golf, Sub School graduation, Boat tours, WWII Submarine Memorial Ceremony, Banquet, and maybe a sea story or two)

50/50 Drawing was won by Dave Van Wie

The Base Chaplain read the closing prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

The next regular meeting will begin at 7:00 on April 3, 2013. This meeting will be held at the American Legion Henry Cornell Post 234, 23 Pleasant Street, Ballston Spa, NY.

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