

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234
Meeting Date: January 7, 2015

- The very short regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR Irwin at 7:05 p.m. with 10 members and 1 guest present
- The Base muster list for attendance and a copy of the previous months' minutes were passed around for all to sign and view.
- Sr. Vice CDR Glenn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- The Base Chaplain offered an opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of January. The Chaplain also remembered Base member Fritz Feldhaus who departed on Eternal Patrol last month

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

The minutes of the December meeting were approved and the Treasurer's report was read and approved

The Base Treasurer Randy Stein reported that approximately 30-35 Base members are dink on their dues. Those who have not paid their Base dues by January 31 will be dropped from the Base membership. Those who have not paid their National dues will be dropped from USSVI. Those who are Life members of USSVI but have not paid their Base dues will become Members at Large.

If you are not sure if you owe dues you can check with Randy at rstein02@gmail.com

Base CDR Irwin reported that about \$490.00 has been donated to the Foundation in memory of Fritz Feldhaus. He also thanked all who attended Fritz's wake, funeral, and internment.

Base CDR Irwin also thanked those who assisted with the placing of wreaths at Saratoga National Cemetery and thanks also to Base member John Mishoe and Dehn's for donating the wreaths that were placed at the Memorial.

We need someone to step up to volunteer to become the Base Secretary. This can be a regular member or an Associate member

New Business

We will need volunteers for the April 11th Tolling the Boats ceremony (Admiral John Richardson – Director of Naval Reactors is scheduled to be our keynote speaker)

- Readers
- Someone to toll the bell
- Set up chairs at the Memorial
- Set up and clean up the Legion Hall for the reception after the ceremony
- Someone to send out invitations to local dignitaries

The 2015 National Convention is in Pittsburgh and information is available on the USSVI website and in the American Submariner Magazine

50/50 drawing was held and won by Dave Thierling who donated his portion back to the Foundation

The next regular meeting will begin at 7:00 pm on February 4, 2015. This meeting will be held at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234 in Ballston Spa

Jim Irwin
Albany-Saratoga Base
Pride Runs Deep