

## **Albany-Saratoga Base, USSVI**

### **Meeting Minutes 1/2/19**

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base (ASB), was called to order at 1904, with 19 members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Base Senior Vice Commander Bill Preece.
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer.
- The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of January.
- The muster list was passed around.
- Each member introduced themselves.
- Old Business:
- Last meeting minutes were approved with no discussion.
- New Business:
- Treasurer's report was given by Base Treasurer Randy Stein.
- Reminder that the 2019 dues for National and Base are due., ~35 members have not paid (as well as some for 2018!). Reminder, if you have New York Subvets license plates, and you haven't paid both local and national, your license plates will not be renewed.
- Jim Irwin brought up for discussion the possibility of the bell used for the Tolling ceremony to be returned to the Navy Heritage Center in Washington D.C., and one purchased locally to be used in its place. The new guidelines for use have become overly restrictive for usage/display/security etc. There was discussion, the motion was tabled for more discussion next meeting.
- Also, discussion was had when the Tolling ceremony will be held, either week after Memorial Day, or 2 weeks after. Tabled to next meeting.
- The new Commanding Officer of the ROTC unit at RPI has agreed to come speak at a future meeting, either February or March time frame. Jim will put out info when it is confirmed.
- There are ~110 members in our local base. In a normal monthly meeting, ~20 members attend. A proposal was made to divide the base membership into groups of 10 members, and a "Sea Daddy" will be in charge of each group. He will call and remind members of

coming events, meetings/parades/picnics etc. and try to co-ordinate carpools if needed, in an attempt to get more participation, and to stay connected.

- Al Singleman did a small presentation on submarine model building, if anyone is interested in learning to make models in a professional manner, in either plastic or Resin, contact Al.
- After the break, the 50/50 raffle was won by Steve Cipperly, who donated the \$40 back to the Base general fund.
- Al Singleman did a small presentation on submarine history, starting with the “Turtle”, used by the Continental Army to try and sink a British ship guarding Manhattan harbor. Al will give an approximately half hour to 45-minute presentation each meeting showcasing submarine history.
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered closing prayer.
- Creed was recited.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2020.