

Albany-Saratoga Base, USSVI

Meeting Minutes 10/2/19

- The meeting part got underway at 1900
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer.
- The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of October.
- Treasure was not in attendance, Base dues reminder was given, Cdr Bailey will receive them for the treasurer.
- New Business:
- A get well card was up front for all to sign for Mike Lynett.
- Nominations needed for 2020 for Albany-Saratoga Base USSVI officers. The Base commander is stepping down, as well as the Treasurer. Two nominations were announced, one for Base Commander, and one for Secretary. Nominations will be accepted through the November meeting, at which time elections will occur. If you have some spare time, and are willing to serve, you might consider running for office. It's a 2-year billet, but as most original members have served in multiple offices, there will be plenty of assistance on hand if you would like to try your hand at helping out! Thanks in advance for your continued support! You can nominate yourself 😊
- Introductions were conducted including new member Russ Weeden.
- Treasurers' report submitted.
- Newest Holland club members were introduced and awards presented. Holland Club inductees: Byron Lenox, Walter Forney, and Thomas Kirby.
- Guest Speaker: Scott Lamb, Director of the Gerald B. H. Solomon National Cemetery. Scott spoke on eligibility, Application process for National cemetery and benefits for private cemeteries. Of specific note is the need for a DD214 for application, and that application may be made in advance at any time by filing a pre-need application VA form 40-10007 with DD214 at any time. This form can be found online or is available at the National Cemetery Office. He also presented pins and certificates to 14 Vietnam era members for the 50th anniversary of the war.

- Float Radar Mast update, a replacement has been made.
- News from National: Chiropractic Coverage now in allowed treatments, VA now totally smoke free, Senate in the process of eliminating the widows tax, TM rating is back in the Navy, Thresher Memorial at Arlington dedicated last month.
- Kaps(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program Update: 3 Base members went down to Albany Med and did a presentation for children, and parents/caregivers alike. It seemed very well received, certificates were given out to the “Honorary Submariners”, as well as a challenge coin, which was a big hit! We have been asked to come back at least every other month, when the next date is locked down, it will be promulgated for Albany Med. Steve Cipperly is in contact with Double H Hole in the Woods, as soon as they give us the date, that will also be put out.
- Dec 7th Wreath laying at Gerald B. H. Solomon National Cemetery, The Base Chaplain put out the reminder, the 7th of December is our wreath laying for our vets at the National Cemetery. Each year, our contingent of wreath layers/memory keepers has grown, with graveside remembrances shared and enjoyed. This is part of our creed, let’s continue to uphold and keep the faith with our departed shipmates, friends and families. Please keep the date open. Muster time 1100 at the gate.
- Christmas Party to be catered at Cornell Post 8 Dec at 1 PM. A \$10 charge is requested to reserve your spot payable at the November meeting.
- Al Singleman informed membership of U Tube availability of Silent Service TV Series and many documentaries
- The Base Storekeeper, Diane Singleman, states next year’s Sub calendar is available for purchase now. Bring your \$10.00 to the next meeting, so you can support Subvets, and be the envy of the Office with the coolest calendar around!
20 ordered, one left
- The USSVI creed was recited, led by Base COB Mark Maiellaro.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2040