

## **MINUTES OF MEETING ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**

**Location: Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, Ballston Spa, NY**

**Meeting Date: January 4, 2017**

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jim Irwin at 1900 with 18 members present.
- The Base muster list was passed around.
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Base Commander Irwin.
- A Moment of Silence for Shipmates on Eternal Patrol
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer.
- The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of January.
- Each Base member introduced themselves.

Base Secretary Art Nolan indicated there was a quorum present.

Randy Stein gave the Base Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was voted on and accepted without correction.

### **Base Commander's Report**

Base Commander Irwin gave a tribute to recently deceased member Charles Carson. The family was very moved by our Base attendance. Especially, since the weather conditions were so bad. Thank you to all that attended the wake service.

Cherie Mangini donated a group photo of those members in attendance at last year's "Tolling of the Boats". That photo was taken in front of the Submarine Veterans Memorial. During the Break, a re-enactment photo was taken for our Base newsletter by those members who were present for the original.

Base Newsletter Editor MaryEtta Nolan was congratulated on another fine edition of the "Periscope". The Base Commander received several phone calls and emails about its quality content. MaryEtta's efforts are greatly appreciated.

Some serious issues have developed with SUBVETS National's efforts to create a new website. What was hoped to be accomplished has now turned into a long-term and costly project. Updates will be provided when information is received.

Base COB Al Singleman will be travelling to the Groton SUBVETS Base as part of a committee working on dealing with the base's IRS tax issues. The matter is extremely complicated due to differing opinions on tax liability. They are open.

Reminder that dues are due. Please see the Base Treasurer if you have not paid. Over 40 members still have not paid. All dues must be paid by February 1<sup>st</sup> in order to avoid being dropped from our rolls.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Update on the USSVI Albany-Saratoga Base Parade float. It is located at the Colonie BOCES. We have sent them the check to provide the funding for the cost of materials and progress reports are expected.

The money collected from the Christmas Party Raffle to be donated to the "Support Our Troops" Club at the Shenendehowa Middle School campuses was delivered by Base Chaplain Janet Irwin. The club was overwhelmed by the Base's generosity. At the time, it could not be determined how many gift boxes would be sent to the troops as they had not completed the project. Base Chaplain Irwin will report at a later meeting.

Thank you again to all those who participated in laying Christmas wreaths at the Saratoga National Cemetery. Thirteen Base members participated along with Mike Lynette's daughter. Wreaths were laid on fifteen graves.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made to send \$35.00 to National SUBVETS in support of our 35 Holland Club members. This is part of a request from National SUBVETS that each base provide one dollar for each Holland Club member as the Holland Club has no other financial income to assist with expenses such as patches and plaques. The motion was made by Dan Danielson and seconded by Tom Glenn. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **LONG TERM PLANNING**

Upcoming Parades – Awaiting invitations.

"Tolling of the Boats" – Saturday, June 3, 2017.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Brick pavers – If you have not purchased one, please consider it. Forms are available online. We need an order of 12 by Spring. There are only 4 presently on order. In the future, paver purchase forms will be included with the Base Minutes.

Storekeeper – 2017 submarine calendars are in. Please see Storekeeper Diane Singleman for purchase. Cost is \$10.00.

SUBVETS History Reports – see the Base Chaplain for the forms or download them from the website.

Kaps4Kids – No report.

## **GENERAL BASE INFORMATION**

Base member Andy Bodine was at "Wreaths Across America". He reported that 7,318 were placed on the gravesites at Saratoga National Cemetery.

The Doug Smay SUBVETS Base in California has disbanded due to lack of participation.

## **BREAK**

50/50 Raffle was conducted. Bob Bailey was the winner of \$28.00 with \$27.00 to the Base.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

The Base Chaplain led the closing prayer.

The SUBVETS Creed was recited.

The next regular meeting will begin at 1900 on February 1, 2017. The meeting will be held at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa, NY.

The meeting was concluded at 1854.

Submitted by: Art Nolan  
Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary  
Pride Runs Deep