

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**  
**Location: Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, Ballston Spa, NY**

**Meeting Date: May 4, 2016**

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jim Irwin at 1900 with 19 members present.
- The Base muster list was passed around.
- There was a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- 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 April.
- Each submarine veteran introduced themselves with the name of their qual boat and other boats served on. Associate members and Guests also introduced themselves.

**Secretary's Report**

Base Secretary Art Nolan indicated there was a quorum present. There was one correction to the April minutes. The correct date for the "Tolling of the Boats" is June 4, 2016 at 1100. The April minutes were voted on with no further corrections.

**Treasurer's Report**

Base Treasurer Randy Stein was not present at this meeting. Kurt Von Maucher read the Treasurer's Report. It was voted upon and accepted without correction.

**Base Commander's Report**

Volunteers are needed for the set-up and take-down of the "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony. This will include moving chairs to and from the ceremony site to helping with preparing the meeting room for refreshments and clean-up. Mr. Phil Barrett, Clifton Park Town Supervisor and Chair of the Saratoga County Veterans Committee, has agreed to be the guest speaker.

There is a design change with New York State SUBVETS license plates. The change is minimal, dealing mostly with color changes. There is no change in requirements or the application process. You do not have to turn in your old plates. This change only applies to new issues. If you desire a new set of plates, there will be a charge. Further details to follow.

The installer is still on schedule to add the new pavers to the New York State Submarine Memorial site in mid-May.

The Base has been notified that Saratoga Racecourse will hold their "Military Appreciation Day" on Wednesday, August 3, 2016. They will honor the different branches of the military and organizations in the Winner's Circle after each race. Base Commander Irwin will make the necessary contact for further information.

The play, "Cry Havoc", will be performed by military veteran Steven Wolford on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at Universal Preservation Hall located at 25 Washington St., Saratoga Springs, NY at 1930. The play is about the actor's wartime experience and post-military integration back into society. A discussion on veteran's problems with life after a wartime experience will follow the play. Contact the Saratoga Veterans Service Agency for free tickets. There is a pre-performance discussion and free catered dinner from 1600-1900.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Under the sponsorship of Senator Kathy Marchione and Senator Hugh Farley, the SUBVETS highway naming bill breezed through the New York State Senate and was passed. It then went to the Assembly's Transportation Committee for consideration. There the bill was amended due to a committee member's disagreement with the proposed highway name. He felt it conflicted with a highway in Long Island with the same name. It was brought to his attention with a letter from the New York State Department of Transportation that there was no conflict. However, the Assemblyman could not be dissuaded and he refused to let the bill pass until the name was changed to the following: "The United States Submarine Veterans Highway – **Saratoga County**" Since both Houses have to agree, the bill now has to be resubmitted.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

"Cry Havoc" play – Thursday, May 19, 2016, 1930, Universal Preservation Hall, 25 Washington St., Saratoga Springs, NY.

Malta Parade – Saturday, May 21, 2016. Parade begins at 1000. Assemble at 1 Bayberry Common, (just off RT. 9 north of the Malta Traffic Circle.)

Ballston Spa Parade – Saturday, May 28, 2016. Parade begins at 0900. Assemble at Ocean State Job Lot at 0830.

Saratoga Flag Day Parade – Saturday, June 11, 2016. Parade begins at 1200. Assemble in the area across from Burke's Funeral Home on North Broadway at 1130.

Tolling of the Boats – Saturday, June 4, 2016. Ceremony begins in the Ballston Spa Veterans Memorial Park at 1100.

Military Appreciation Day/Saratoga Racecourse – Wednesday, August 3, 2016.

Change of Command/USC Albany – Friday, August 26, 2016 in Norfolk, Virginia

## **LONG TERM PLANNING**

Looking towards September 10<sup>th</sup> or September 17<sup>th</sup> for our annual Base Picnic and Holland Club installations.

## **GENERAL BASE INFORMATION**

Base Commander Jim Irwin will be inducted into the New York State Veterans Hall of Fame on May 24, 2016 in the Legislative Office Building. Congratulations to Jim for his past and continued service to our nation.

Please consider completing a Base History form available on [AlbanySaratogasubvets.com](http://AlbanySaratogasubvets.com). We have received approximately 30 so far.

2016 Submarine Calendars are still available for purchase. See Diane Singleman if interested.

### **Break**

Kurt Von Maucher won the 50/50. \$25.00.

### **Binnacle List**

No Report

### **Closing Remarks**

The Base Chaplain read the closing prayer and the SUBVETS Creed was recited.

The next base meeting will be held at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa, NY, on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at 1900.  
The meeting was concluded at 2005.

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