

MINUTES OF MEETING ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI

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

Meeting Date: November 4, 2015

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jim Irwin at 1900 with 20 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 October.

Acting Base Secretary MaryEtta Nolan indicated there was a quorum present.

In Randy Stein's absence, Base Commander Irwin gave the Base Treasurer's report. Current membership: 118

Base Commander's Report

Prior to giving his report, Base Commander Irwin conducted the Base Officer Election. After requesting nominations from the floor and receiving none, he requested Acting Base Secretary MaryEtta Nolan cast a single ballot for all the unopposed candidates. She complied and the following were elected Base Officers for the next year:

Commander:	Jim Irwin
Senior Vice Commander:	Bob Bailey
Junior Vice Commander:	Al McGuire
Secretary:	Art Nolan
Treasurer:	Randy Stein

The newly elected Officers will be installed at the January meeting.

Reminder that dues will be going up after January 1st. Renewal rates for next year at the current rates will be honored until December 31, 2015. Dues are \$20.00 for 1 year, \$55.00 for 3 years, and \$90.00 for 5 years. Base dues remain the same at \$10.00. The National dues will be going up \$5.00 in all

categories after January 1st. The new rates will be \$25.00 for 1 year, \$70.00 for 3 years, and \$115.00 for 5 years. Checks should be made payable to Albany-Saratoga Base, USSVI and can be mailed to Base Treasurer Randy Stein or they can be submitted to him at the December Base meeting.

The donated items given by Base members for the Ballston Spa Men's and Women's Veterans home were delivered. All the residents of both residences were very grateful and signed a thank you letter to the Albany-Saratoga SUBVETS Base. Contact information was given them to contact the Base if specific needs or items were required,

Base Commander Irwin and COB Singleman recently attended the nuclear power school graduation and awarded our Base's "Tenacity Award". The staff and students continue to be appreciative of this distinctive award. They both also attended the Navy Ball and presented the "Youngest Sailor Award".

The Albany-Saratoga SUBVETS Base and USSVI were given ovations for their presence, service, and award presentations.

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Lynett was not present to give a report on the “Ring the Bell for Cancer” Project.

Progress continues to be made on the project to name a portion of Route 9 in Saratoga County in honor of all submarine veterans. Meetings are being held in preparation for the next Legislative session

NEW BUSINESS

Scholarship applications for 2016-2017 are now available on the USSVI website. Last year USSVI distributed 30 scholarships totaling in the area of \$40,000.00.

After a suggestion being made by Base Chaplain Janet Irwin, a motion was made by COB Al Singleman that the 50/50 raffle earnings be placed in a fund to purchase wreaths. This motion was seconded by Tom Glenn. A vote was taken and the motion was passed unanimously.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Base Christmas Party will be held at our regular meeting space at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234 on December 2, 2015 at 1830. There will be a 10 minute regular business meeting. As has been for the past few years, this will be a “potluck” dinner. The base will provide the tableware, beer, and sodas from the bar. Attendees are requested to bring a toy for the “Toys for Tots” program, and if possible, bring something “Navy related” to be raffled off during the course of the party.

Meet at Noon on December 5th for their annual wreath laying for our deceased members at Saratoga National Cemetery. Meet by the Gatehouse at the entrance.

LONG TERM PLANNING

None

GENERAL BASE INFORMATION

Ray Misiewicz will have a new talk prepared beginning in February entitled, “USS Virginia, From Sail to Nuclear Power”. As soon as a presentation schedule becomes available, it will be shared with the Base members.

USSVI will not be marching in the New York City Veterans Day Parade due to lack of participation.

We were informed that according to the Boy Scouts of America policy on badges and certificates, they cannot wear any military items on their uniforms. We are awaiting a new design from National for our presentation certificates.

Please consider completing a Base History form available on AlbanySaratogasubvets.com. We have received approximately 30 so far.

Break

Binnacle List

John Cook recently finished another round of chemo – hopefully his last

Closing Remarks

The 50/50 raffle was conducted.

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

The next regular meeting will begin at 1830 on December 2, 2015. The meeting will be held at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa, NY, with the Base Christmas Party to follow.

The meeting was concluded at 2020

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