

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

**Meeting Date: January 6, 2016**

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Tom Glenn 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 January.

Base Secretary Art Nolan indicated there was a quorum present.

**Oath of Office**

Tom Glenn administered the USSVI Oath of Office to Senior Vice Commander Bob Bailey and Base Secretary Art Nolan.

**Treasurer's Report**

Base Treasurer Randy Stein was not present. The Treasurer's Report was read by presiding officer Bob Bailey. Current membership: 121  
The report was voted on and accepted without correction.

**Base Commander's Report**

Due to Base Commander Irwin's absence, the Base Commander's report was provided by Senior Vice Commander Bob Bailey.

Each member was asked to stand, introduce themselves, and state the name of their qual boat and any other boats on which they served.

A message was relayed from Base Commander Jim Irwin. He wished all members a very happy and prosperous New Year. He will return for the February meeting. Commander Irwin also wished to thank all those who volunteered at the Saratoga National Cemetery to place the Christmas wreaths and those who took the wreaths to other cemeteries. It was the best attendance our Base has ever had. Also, Jerry Solomon's widow was present and she personally thanked everyone for what they were doing.

Reminder to pay base membership dues. Base dues remain the same at \$10.00. The new National dues rates are \$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 February Base meeting.

On Friday, December 4, 2015, Base Commander Irwin presented a framed photograph of the USS Bonefish to the Manager of the Bonefish Restaurant in Colonie as part of USSVI's "Project Bonefish". Commander Irwin will report on the presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Tom Bartlett was introduced as a new Base member.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Progress continues to be made on the project to name a portion of Route 9 in Saratoga County in honor of all submarine veterans. We are now awaiting its introduction as a bill in the State Legislature. All indications are that it will receive a favorable response.

"Ring the Bell for Cancer" Project - Mike Lynette reported that this project has hit some stumbling blocks and must be discussed with Saratoga Hospital's Regional Director. Mike will require Al Singleman's assistance before he can proceed any further. He recommended this effort be put on hold for the time being.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Associate Member MaryEtta Nolan published the Base's first newsletter. She sent out a Base-wide request for ideas for a title for the newsletter and reported she had received 3 suggestions: "Periscope", "Peri-scoop", and "Green Board". A motion was made that we table the suggestions until the February meeting when more members would be in attendance and possibly come up with more suggested names. The motion was passed to defer the naming until the February meeting.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

## **LONG TERM PLANNING**

None

## **GENERAL BASE INFORMATION**

Ray Misiewicz is slated to present at our February meeting his new talk entitled, "USS Virginia, From Sail to Nuclear Power".

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.

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

### **Break**

### **Binnacle List**

Tom Glenn reported that USVII National Commander and Base COB Al Singleman had his surgery. He reported that all went well and Al was expected to be released from the hospital very soon.

### **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 1900 on February 3, 2016. The meeting will be held at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa, NY.

The meeting was concluded at 2003

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