

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

Meeting Date: December 7, 2016

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jim Irwin at 1830 with 26 members and 12 guests present. This was an abbreviated meeting due to the Base Christmas Party to follow.
- The Base muster list was passed around.
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Base COB Al Singleman
- 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 December. Following this the Base Commander and Base Chaplain presented special Pearl Harbor Day remembrance tributes.

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

Update on the USSVI Albany-Saratoga Base Parade float. It has been moved to Colonie BOCES. The float will be completely refurbished with all the wooden material replaced and the pvc replaced with metal. The cost of material is \$800.00 with a \$5.00 shop charge.

Just prior to the meeting, information was received that one of the submarine veteran highway signs had been installed at the Glens Falls bridge on the southbound side. This information had not been communicated from the Highway Department to the Base Commander. He will follow-up and report back to the Base at the next meeting.

A thank you note was received from the Veterans House for food donated after the SUBVETS regional meeting.

Reminder that dues are due. Please see the Base Treasurer if you have not paid.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

UPCOMING EVENTS

“Wreath Across America” – Saturday, December 10, 2016. Participants will meet at the Gatehouse of Solomon National Cemetery

LONG TERM PLANNING

No report

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 Chaplain Janet Irwin reported a “Support the Troops” club was formed on the Shenendahowa Middle School campuses. Over 50 students joined at the very first meeting. An unheard of amount of participation for a brand new club. After researching what the club’s project should be, it was learned that the VA has trouble filling and collecting “care packages” for deployed troops. They always seem to fall short. Particularly for contents and postage. The cost is between \$13.00 and \$20.00 per package. The Base Chaplain stated she was donating a beautiful U.S. Navy blanket to be raffled off at the Base Christmas Party. Proceeds would be immediately donated to the new Support our Troops Club.

It was learned too late before the meeting that Toys for Tots will no longer accept stuffed animals. Any stuffed animal donated for tonight’s Base Christmas Party will be given to the New York State Police for use in their patrol cruisers or youth programs.

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None

CLOSING REMARKS

The Base Chaplain led the closing prayer.

The SUBVETS Creed was recited.

The next regular meeting will begin at 1900 on January 4, 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