

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

Meeting Date: March 9, 2016

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jim Irwin at 1900 with 21 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 was not present. Base Commander Jim Irwin offered an opening prayer.
- The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of March.

Base Secretary Art Nolan indicated there was a quorum present.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by Base Treasurer Randy Stein. It was voted upon and accepted without correction.

Base Commander's Report

This will be an abbreviated Base meeting due to Ray Misiewicz's USS Virginia presentation.

Parade invitations were received from Scotia and the town of Ballston. Due to lack of participant response, we will not be attending either parade.

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. The highway bill is

scheduled to be passed by the Assembly on April 6th. If anyone wishes to attend the session, let Commander Irwin know. Exact times and additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

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 several suggestions. A membership vote was held by ballot and resulted in the title, "PERISCOOP" being selected.

NEW BUSINESS

None

UPCOMING EVENTS

Malta Parade – Saturday, May 21, 2016. Parade begins at 0900. 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 parking area 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. We need a reader and someone to toll the bell.

LONG TERM PLANNING

There is the need to encourage the purchase of pavers for the New York State Submarine Memorial. New pavers need to be installed prior to the "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony. Engraver will be here in mid-May, forms must be in by April 15th.

GENERAL BASE INFORMATION

Albany-Saratoga Base welcomes new member Daniel Danielson. Dan qualified on USS SABALO (SS 302) in 1958 and also served aboard USS TRIGGER (SS 564)

If another group is interested in this talk or any of the other 12 nuclear submarine talks, Ray can be reached at: wicz2004@yahoo.com

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. Deadline for applicant submission is April 15, 2016.

Awards information is also available on-line. Help with the application is available through the Base Commander. Nominations are due by April 30th

Please consider completing a Base History form available on www.albanysaratogasubvets.com

We have received approximately 30 so far.

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

Break

Ray Misiewicz gave his presentation on the USS Virginia from the original ship to the present day Virginia Class submarine. It was well received by the membership and very informative. Several questions and answers took place with additional input provided by Ray and several Base members. Ray was thanked for honoring us with this group presentation.

If you weren't able to attend the meeting but would like to hear Ray Misiewicz's new talk his current schedule includes:

1230 March 31 @ Moreau Community Center
1030 May 13 @ Clifton Park Library

Binnacle List

No Report

Closing Remarks

Base Commander Irwin 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, April 6, 2016, at 1900.

The meeting was concluded at 2027

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