



## U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Albany-Saratoga Base  
American Legion Post 70  
34 West Ave.  
Saratoga Springs, NY

Meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the Month  
Minutes from **20 July 2011** meeting

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- 7:00 pm: The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Sr Vice CDR John Christopher with 16 members present
- Base muster was taken
- Members stood and saluted for the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag

The Base Chaplain was a late arrival, so we missed tolling the Bell for Boats lost during the month of July. We will toll them at our next meeting.

Base members introduced themselves and the boats they served on.

Base Secretary Fritz Feldhaus confirmed a quorum was present.

The reading of the minutes for the July meeting was waived.

Base Treasurer Randy Stein was absent; (car trouble); his August report is available on line (issued 08/04/2011).

### **SMGA (Salute Military Golf Association)**

Base member Frank Dorchak reported that SMGA will be sponsoring a golf tournament at the Saratoga Lake Golf Club located just off Route 9P at the south end of Saratoga Lake. See Frank for details.

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**Memorial paver – Maurice D. Morley “Chris” (89) of Ballston Spa, WW II veteran and VFW Post 358 member for almost 70 years, passed 13 July 2011. Chris was honored as the Ballston Spa Rotary Club 2006-2007 Citizen of the Year, and served as grand marshal during the village's 2007 bicentennial.**

*Mike Lynett suggested that the base purchase a paver in his name. Al Singleman promptly converted the suggestion into a motion; base member Mike Lynett seconded. Motion carried. (Chris Morley's family was very appreciative.)*

**Binnacle List Update:** Base member Tom Kelley is back home recuperating and doing well. Tom has bought three bricks! Gus Negus is also doing well – we hope to see him at the August meeting.

**Foundation report:** Shipmates! We need to buy/sell bricks (pavers)! Unfortunately, we missed a prime opportunity to set up a booth at the Ballston Spa Fairgrounds during the Saratoga County Fair which started yesterday and runs for the rest of the week.

A lot of work has been done at the memorial site. The crushed stone and stone dust bed was donated by Hoffman. The siting of the memorial base turns out to be 15 feet closer to Route 50; the layout is asymmetrical: 7x7x9x9. We are still waiting on the stone (on 3<sup>rd</sup> stone!), now projected for the first two weeks in September.

If the weather holds good, we hope to have the monument up and pavers laid by the second week in October. The first hard frost will delay more work until next year. Base member Bruce Talbot reported that a generic letter request for paver support will be going out to the COB's of 95 boats.

**New member:** We extend a hearty welcome to the latest addition to our base roster:  
**Floyd Whitney - qual boat: USS Sea Dragon SSN 584**

**VA Hospital “ditty bag”** – (current balance: \$187.50). Please remember to bring in your donations.

**50/50 raffle** – (worth \$25) and the winner was - **Fred Carlson!**

**Base Picnic – Saturday 17 September** is the date for our annual base picnic at the Navy’s MWR Field on Galway Road. From 1000 – 1900 hours with Bar-B-Q grill provided. Bring /share your potluck dishes, salads and desserts. Our monthly meeting will also be held at the picnic.

**USS Croaker Memorial** – At the June meeting, we agreed to transfer the proceeds from the next two months 50/50 raffle to the USS Croaker Memorial fund. Today: \$25.

**Foundation Donations –**  
**Village of Ballston Spa - \$1500**  
**USSVI - \$1000**

**Patriot Day Parade** – Town of Malta - Base member Andy Bodien suggested that the base consider marching in the September 10<sup>th</sup> Parade in Malta. The main focus of this parade is to honor veterans. This item will be up for vote at the August meeting.

**USS Albany** - Our COB Jim Irwin reported that Commanding Officer of the USS Albany sent a handsome “THANK YOU” letter to the base for the courtesies received during and following the ground-breaking ceremonies at the memorial site. This correspondence will be added to the base archives.

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At 2022 hours, the motion was made (Walt Forney), seconded (Fred Carlson) and carried to close the meeting. The USSVI Creed was recited by all, following which the meeting was adjourned.  
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The next regular meeting is at the **American Legion Adirondack Post 70 in Saratoga Springs, NY** on **17 August at 1900 hours.**

Submitted by:

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**Fritz Feldhaus –**  
**Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary**