

U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Albany-Saratoga Base

American Legion Post 234

23 Pleasant Street

Ballston Spa, NY

Meetings 1st Wed of every Month

Minutes from 07 Mar 2012 meeting

1920 hours: meeting called to order by Cmdr. Jim Irwin.

Base muster (21 members present).

Members stood and saluted for the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

We Have Two New Members! Welcome Aboard, shipmates!

Mark Baker - qual boat: SSN 607 USS Dace, qual year: 1987

Dean Bennett – qual boat: SSBN 618 USS Thomas Jefferson qual year:1967

Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer.

The Bell was tolled for boats lost during the month of March:

F 4 (SS-23) 25 Mar 1915

H 1 SS-28 12 Mar 1920

USS Perch (SS-176) 03 Mar 1942

USS Triton (SS-201) 15 Mar 1943

USS Tullibee (SS-284) 26 Mar 1944

USS Kete (SS-369) 20 Mar 1945

Base and associate members introduced themselves and the boats they served on. Notice! Master

Chief Engineman Jack Cornell was present and accounted for!

Base Secretary Fritz Feldhaus confirmed a quorum was present.

Reading of the minutes for the previous meeting was waived. Sr. Vice Cmdr. John Christopher

motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by base member Bob Bailey; motion carried.

Base Treasurer Randy Stein is currently in Washington, DC; his report was given by Cmdr. Irwin. John Christopher motioned to accept the report; seconded by Tom Glenn.

Motion carried.

Base information notes:– At our February meeting, we authorized a Memorial paver donation to family in Mike Frasl’s honor. We are considering a formal change to our bylaws to authorize similar donations in the future.

Next Action: submit change to bylaws.

Tolling the Boats Ceremony at the memorial - Wednesday April 11th - Master Chief Talbot will supervise an honor guard of about 20 Nuclear Power Training Unit sailors for the occasion.

Correspondence - Base Member Tom Kelley sent us a thank-you note (we remembered him on Valentine’s Day) along with some color photos of his handicraft leatherwork – the photos show first class work, Tom!

Foundation report: - Al Singleman updated Foundation status: Some details of the submarine model: the length will be about 20’x 8”. Steel parts; e.g., rudder and diving planes, will be powder coated for long term corrosion resistance. The hull could possibly be fabricated from carbon fiber. An April Installation date is doable. Go to USSVI-Albany-Saratoga Yahoo! Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/USSVI-Albany-Saratoga/> and check out progress to date!

Cmdr. Irwin updated Memorial status: 270 bricks have been sold. Keep selling; we still need funds for our submarine model.

Memorial Dedication date set: Sunday 20 May 2012 at 11:00 am (on station at 10:30 am). CAPT Jeff Hughes will be the guest speaker. We anticipate approximately 100-130 personnel present.

Upcoming Parades

Memorial Day – Lansingburg – Monday, 28 May 2012, 11:00 am

Memorial Day – Village of Ballston Spa – Friday, 01 June 2012, 9:00 am

Elks Flag Day – Saratoga Springs – Saturday – 09 June 2012, 12:00 pm, lineup on North Broadway at 11:30 am

Holland Club Induction - Some bases, e.g., Groton, plan for and schedule a formal ceremony and presentation. We will revisit this idea for our next Holland Club induction.

Binnacle List Update: Base member Tom Kelley (email: wkelly7@nycap.rr.com) will always appreciate a note or two.

Sub Vet History Reports – do we have yours yet?

VA Hospital “ditty bag” – Think: donations!

50/50 Raffle – prize: \$40.00 - and the winner is – Base Secretary Fritz Feldhaus!

District Meeting – the district meeting is now set for 18-19 May at the Best Western in Clifton Park. Attendees will include Base Cmdrs. from Buffalo, Southern Tier, Hudson Valley and New York City, Long Island. Dinner after the meeting will be at the Ravenswood Pub in Clifton Park. Interested in attending? Contact Cmdr. Jim Irwin. Would you like to design a District Patch?

Storekeeper’s Corner – Diane has 2012 USSVI Calendars on hand at \$10.00 each. Magnetic bumper stickers are also available. Anyone wishing to upgrade your base wardrobe; i.e., vests, jackets, shirts, ball caps, ship’s patches, etc., give Diane a call!

USS Croaker Memorial - We are considering a working party to give the caretaker a helping hand. An overnight stay could be arranged aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Little Rock.

At 2015 hours, John Christopher motioned to adjourn; John Mishoe seconded and motion carried. The USSVI Creed was recited by all, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Fritz Feldhaus – Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary

Base Officers –

Cmdr. – Jim Irwin 383-2481

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