



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 **02 May 2012** meeting

1905 hours: meeting called to order by Cmdr. Jim Irwin.

A Memorial Foundation meeting was convened briefly in order to vote the slate for the nominees:

Board Chairman: Al Singleman, Jr.
Vice Chairman: Tom Glenn
Secretary: Fritz Feldhaus
Treasurer: Randy Stein
Financial Secretary: Jim Irwin

Trustee: Bob Bailey
Trustee: Fred Carlson
Trustee: John Christopher
Trustee: Tim Fredericksen
Trustee: John Mishoe

Two trustees have resigned for health reasons: John Cook and Fred Miller
The slate of candidates was approved as submitted. The base meeting resumed at 1907 hours.

- Base muster (19 members present).
Members stood and saluted for the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

We Have Two New Members! Welcome Aboard, shipmates!

- **Roger Lerch** **qual boat: SSN 588 USS Scamp** **qual year: 1977**
- **Matt Atwood** **qual boat: SSN 700 USS Dallas** **qual year: 1989**

- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer.
- The Bell was tolled for boats lost during the month of May:
USS Squalus (SS-192) 23 Mar 1939
USS Lagarto (SS-371) 03 May 1945
USS Scorpion (SSN-589) 27 May 1968

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

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 presented the base financial report. John Christopher motioned to accept the report; seconded by base member Bob Bailey. Motion carried.

Base information notes:– We recently authorized a **Memorial paver donation to family in Mike Frasl's honor**. The base recently received a Thank You card from his daughter; the family was most appreciative.

April 11th Tolling The Boats ceremony – we had 19 members present, a quite respectable showing! Under the headline “**100 years of submarine service**”, the Albany Times Union newspaper (Thursday, April 12, 2012) featured the event in the AROUND THE REGION section along with several photos of the ceremony.

USS Croaker Memorial - our base is pledged to donate \$500 per year towards the upkeep of this memorial which is located in the naval and military park in Buffalo. USSVI National charitable foundation provided matching funds in this case.

A motion was made from the floor to switch the base share of our monthly 50/50 raffle to the USS Croaker at the Buffalo base. Motion carried.

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.

Foundation Report:

·Memorial Dedication date: Sunday 20 May 2012 at 10:30 am.

- **Upcoming Parades**
- **Memorial Day – Village of Ballston Spa –Saturday – 26 May 2012, step off at 9:00 am, lineup at Ocean State Job Lot parking lot on Route 50 at 8:30 am.**
- **Memorial Day – Lansingburg – Monday, 28 May 2012, 11:00 am (lineup at 10:15 at 5th and 123rd. Bill Preece volunteered to tow the base float.**
- **Elks Flag Day – Saratoga Springs – Saturday – 09 June 2012, 11:00 am, lineup on North Broadway at 10:15 am. Walt Forney volunteered to tow the base float for this parade.**
- **Uniform of the day: khaki pants, blue base shirt, black shoes, base hat, vest (optional)**

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: If you would, drop Base member Tom Kelley a line (email: wkelly7@nycap.rr.com) - I'm sure he would appreciate a note or two.

VA Hospital “ditty bag” – Think: ***donations!***

50/50 Raffle – and the winner was – new base member Roger Lerch!

District Meeting – the district meeting was held 18-19 May at the Best Western in Clifton Park. Attendees included Base Cmdrs. from Buffalo, Southern Tier, Hudson Valley and New York City, Long Island. Dinner after the meeting was held at the Ravenswood Pub in Clifton Park.

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!

Annual base picnic – considering 2nd or 3rd week in September. Location: either her at American Legion Post 234 or at Ballston Spa VFW Post 358. We will nail this down at our next meeting.

At 2030 hours, the motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting. 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

**Sr Vice Cmdr. – John *Christopher* –
399-4810**

Jr Vice Cmdr. – Al McGuire – 752-5389

Treasurer – Randall Stein –

Chaplain – Janet Irwin – 383-2481

**Base Storekeeper – Diane Singleman –
885-2119**

Secretary – Fritz Feldhaus 885-3546