



## U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Albany-Saratoga Base  
American Legion Post 234  
23 Pleasant Street  
Ballston Spa, NY

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of every Month  
Minutes from **19 Oct 2011** meeting

1900 hours: meeting called to order by CDR Bob Bailey.

- Base muster (17 members & spouses present).
- Members stood and saluted for the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer.
- The Bell was tolled for boats lost during the month of October. A total of 10 submarines were lost during the month of October through Enemy Action, and through Accidents and Perils of the Sea.

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

Base Secretary Fritz Feldhaus confirmed a quorum was present.

The reading of the minutes for the September meeting was waived. Randy Stein motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Tom Glenn; motion carried.

Base Treasurer Randy Stein gave his report; net base assets: \$6407.29; report is available on line (issued 04 Oct 2011). Base Secretary Fritz Feldhaus motioned to

accept the report; motion seconded by Gus Negus; motion carried.

### **F**oundation report:

Al Singleman updated the Memorial status:

As of today, memorial site prep work is complete and ready for the stone. The stone is polished and awaiting hand engraving.

### **Post meeting update – momentous news!**

**The stone arrived on site bright and early (0700 hours!) Thursday morning – by the end of the day, the stone was in place and permanently mounted. By midday Friday, all the name & text engraving was complete! The finished New York State Submariner Memorial is awesome! Come and see it!**

**Eight pallets of pavers were delivered to the site on Friday – the plan is to start this phase on Monday (30 Oct).**

The 5-year extension of the Memorial Foundation charter is to be executed sometime in December.

**Future Foundation Museum** – exploratory planning indicates it may be possible to obtain a room for our museum in the old church building located at the southwest corner of West High Street in Ballston Spa. Stay tuned!

**Binnacle List Update:** Base member Tom Kelley continues to hang in there.

**VA Hospital “ditty bag”** – (current balance: \$219.50). Please remember to bring in your donations. In case you hadn’t heard, the Stratton VA Medical Center sent a sincere letter of appreciation to us that reads in part: “Thank you for your generous support to help us in our mission to “serve those who have served”.

**50/50 Raffle** – and the winner is - Mike Lynett!

**District Meeting** – going to an alternate

year schedule; accordingly, the next meeting is deferred until 2012.

*Update on timing* –the district meeting must be held prior to the next National Convention (Sep 2012), therefore the date has been moved up to the latter part of May (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend).

### **New Members –**

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- **Jeffrey Nowc, ICCS (SS/SW), retired 1996, qualified in 1972 on USS Sam Rayburn SSBN-635.**
  - **John Rhodes, qualified in 1988 on USS Sea Devil SSN-664**
  - **Floyd A. Whitney, Qualified in 1979 on USS Seadragon (SSN-584)**
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**Welcome aboard, shipmates!**

**War Beneath the Waves** – base member Frank Hardick hand-delivered the autographed copies of this book. Frank had the following words to say about his former CO...“First class gent’.” Frank quotes Captain Rush: “The Queenfish is the only reunion I ever go to – Best crew I ever had – in 2 years, only one Captain’s mast!” As CO, he washed out five officers...When asked about that, (since we all go through the sub school sorting process before ever reporting on board)...turns out, officers did not go through that psychological pre-screening.

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

**USS Croaker Memorial** - *Update*: District CDR Jim Irwin tells us that USSVI National has matched our base donation of \$500 to the Croaker Memorial, making available \$1000 to fund the replacement of all the original Plexiglas panels with the superior material Lexan. Following the end of tours this November, this restoration work will begin in the first week of December.

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At 2055 hours, the motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting. The USSVI Creed was recited by all, and the meeting was adjourned.

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**Now Hear This!** The day of the next regular base meeting has been moved to the **first** Wednesday of the month!

**Wednesday 02 November at 1900 hours!**

**At Ballston Spa American Legion Post 234 at 23 Pleasant Street, Ballston Spa.**

**Pleasant Street, located off Route 50, is the only street between the Route 50 traffic lights at West High Street and Front Street.**

**See you there!**

Submitted by:

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

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### **Base Officers –**

**CDR – Robert Bailey  
272-5253**

**Sr Vice CDR – John Christopher –  
399-4810**

**Jr Vice CDR – Alfred McGuire –  
752-5389**

**Treasurer – Randall Stein –**

**Chaplain – Janet Irwin –  
383-2481**

**Secretary – Fritz Feldhaus  
885-3546**