

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 425 East Campbell Rd. Ext., Schenectady, NY 12303

Meeting Date: August 15, 2009

The August meeting/picnic was held at the home of Base CDR Singleman with 16 members and guests present.

CDR Singleman spoke briefly about the NY State Memorial and the meeting with the leadership of American Legion Post 1450 and how they were agreeable to the possibility of us placing our Memorial on their property.

Jim Irwin then followed up on the meeting explaining that they are requiring us to provide more detailed plans; we need to show fiscal stability for the construction and maintenance of the Memorial, and to provide a plan of action in the event our Base dissolves.

Jim then talked about the trip to Buffalo Base that he and Janet took in the beginning of the month. On August 1st they visited the USS Croaker (SSK-246) and met with the caretaker Bob Dromerhauser and showed him the binder containing a printout of all seven war patrol reports of the Croaker. He was extremely grateful.

On August 2nd at the Buffalo Base meeting/picnic Jim officially presented the binder to Bob and presented the donation check for the Croaker Restoration Fund in the amount of \$500.00 to Buffalo Base Commander John Sherman. The entire Buffalo Base and the Grenadier Chapter of Sub Vets WWII were very appreciative and asked Jim to send their thanks to the Albany-Saratoga Base membership.

Jim then advised everyone that on September 25th the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors is sponsoring their annual Concert at SPAC. The US Army Field Band will play. Gates open at 5:00pm and the concert begins at 7:00pm. The concert is open to the public and is free of charge. Saratoga County veterans receive their tickets in the mail, others can get their tickets at any Saratoga County Stewarts store or ask Jim and he will send them to you.

Jim then handed out copies of the written history forms and asked all veterans (Sub Vets and non Sub Vets included) to complete the form as completely as possible and return it to either him or Janet. (Not all the questions will apply to everyone who completes the form) You can return it at a meeting, mail it to Jim at the address shown at the end of the minutes, or you can enclose it when you send your dues in to the Base Treasurer (presently Fred Carlson) when you pay for 2010. (You can send them in any time beginning the second week in September- after the convention)

This form was emailed to the membership and will be included with the August minutes for those who do not have email. Also, if you were not able to print out a copy of the form let me know and I will mail you a copy.

Jim also mentioned that beginning in April of 2010, New York State will begin to issue new license plates and that everyone will be paying some additional fees.

Finally (I was long winded that day) I proposed a bus trip to the Sub Base in Groton. The bus would leave the area at about 0600 hours, we would stop at the Groton Sub Vets club for brunch, visit the USS Nautilus and the museum, get a tour of an in port submarine, return to the club for sandwiches, then return to the Capital district at about 1900 hours. It seemed to be well received by the members present. I will get prices for the transportation and for the meals and get back to the membership. A preliminary date of April 18th 2010 has been set for the trip.

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Remember, the more people that make the trip the lower the cost. Family members and friends are also invited to take the trip. (Hudson Valley Base did a trip a couple of years back and it was about \$55.00 per person)

Base CDR Singleman announced that the Base would be doing a Kaps 4 Kids visit to Albany Med on September 17th at 10:00am. More details will follow.

CDR Singleman then reminded everyone that the Base will be holding some of the winter meetings on Saturdays at American Legion Post 1450 in Halfmoon. More details will follow on that also.

The December meeting will be our annual Christmas party so we would like suggestions as to what we want to do – pot luck, catering by Tom Ondek, or possibly some other choices. Please let us know what you would like.

The next regular meeting will begin at 7:00 pm on September 16, 2009. The meeting will be held at the **American Legion Adirondack Post 70 in Saratoga Springs, NY.**

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Pride Runs Deep

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