

U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.
Albany-Saratoga Base
American Legion Post 70
34 West Ave.
Saratoga Springs, NY
Meetings every 3rd Wednesday of the Month
Minutes from **18 Aug 2010** meeting

1900 hours - CDR Bailey called the regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base to order; 15 members were present. The base muster list was routed for all attendees to sign in. All hands saluted the colors and then recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Base Chaplain (Janet Irwin) opened the meeting with a prayer and Tolloed the Boats for the month of August.

All members present stood and stated their names, qualification date and boat(s) served on.

Secretary verified quorum present. Meeting minutes for the month of July were previously distributed by email or US mail. Tom Glenn motioned (seconded by Gus Negus) to accept the minutes as distributed.

Base Treasurer Randy Stein presented his report. A motion was made (Walt Forney), seconded (Tom Glenn) and carried to accept the financial report as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Base Picnic Report –

Time: 1000-1800 hours;

Date: September 18 (3rd Saturday); **location:** US Navy MWR (Morale Welfare Recreation) field on Galway Road in the town of Milton. MAPQUEST directions to the picnic can be found on the base website.

Pavilions 1 & 2 will be reserved for our use. Base member Bruce Talbot is spearheading the arrangements, including reserving a gas grill, coolers, horseshoes, volleyball, etc. The base will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and buns. A short business meeting will be held at 1300 hours on the day of the picnic. So come prepared to have a great time!

Turning Point Parade report – our base had a token presence of four (Bob Bailey, Walt Forney, Bill Preece and Andy Bodien) in attendance for this 2-hour parade. Held on August 1st Sunday, there were lots of fire companies, veterans groups and marching bands, one of which came all the way from Springfield MA!

KAPS 4 KIDS Report –

Al Singleman reported the following:

- On Saturday, 31 July, base members met with 22 kids and 14 counselors, and spent hours answering questions on submarines. The supply of KAPS was limited but enough were on hand to give to the counselors present. USSVI is ordering more KAPS. We also handed out copies of the novel **And the Baker's Boy Went to Sea**. The novel has proven to be such a popular tie to KAPS 4 KIDS – that a motion was made (seconded and carried) to order ten more cases of the books (only cost is shipping!) for use during future events.

Veterans History project - Base Chaplain – (Base Historian) – we need more life histories. Now you can do yours on line at the base website!

The VA Hospital Ditty Bag locker is also in need of any useful toiletry and clothing donations.

Binnacle List: If you know of anyone who should be on the Binnacle List, email Jim Irwin.

District 5 Conference - Southern Tier NY Base is hosting the D5 conference on October 15-16 (Friday & Saturday) at the Comfort Inn, Front Street, Binghamton. Jim Irwin has the registration forms.

Sea Daddy program – If you have a list of base member names to contact, please find the time to get in touch... see how they are doing...extend an invite to the next base meeting – we'll arrange the transportation!

NEW BUSINESS

- **Troy - Uncle Sam Parade** – on Sunday, 12 September. Step off is at 12:45 from 125th Street and Fifth Avenue; ends at 106th street. For more information, visit the website – www.troyny.gov/visittroy/unclesamparade.html . The Friday 09/10/2010 issue of the Troy Record newspaper is to provide parking details.

Base Banner - The base still needs a new banner with the USSVI logo and the Albany-Saratoga base name. The base storekeeper now has two sets of magnetic plaques with the USSVI – Albany-Saratoga base logo.

Facebook – USSVI National is now on Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com and create a Facebook account. Then “search” for USSVI or USSVI Albany Saratoga.

- **Base website news** – Webmaster Randy Stein reports that the base website is now up to date! The website address is: www.albanysaratogasubvets.com Check it out!

• **Foundation update** – Al Singleman reported the memorial is on hold pending resolution of the site land plot ownership issue. The village is negotiating with the US Post Office. We hope to present a more substantive update at the next base meeting. The foundation website, originally due 31 July, is now being targeted for 30 September.

Storekeeper – let Diane know when you would like to order caps, shirts, vests, etc. *Diane is now taking orders for the 2011 USSVI Calendar.* One day soon, the base website will also include storekeeper access - so you can place your order on line!

New Submarine CD's – Check out our base library inventory on submarine DVD's. But take a look – the title list is really impressive.

USS Croaker Memorial – CDR Bailey made a motion (Walt Forney seconded) to table action on a Buffalo trip till next spring. We will start planning in January 2011.

50/50 raffle – and the winner was – Tom Glenn! (Sorry Harry...) Half to Kapps4Kids, of course.

Base float – skirt banner: proposal: each member contribute one ship's patch for the boat(s) he served on. The patches would be the same size as used on ship's jackets. Each will be attached to the banner. An email will be issued spelling out the details.

USSVI Albany Saratoga Base vehicle magnetic stickers – the base now has two sets.

At 2050 hours, CDR Bailey motioned to adjourn the meeting (seconded by Fritz Feldhaus). All hands recited the creed. CDR Bailey then adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting: 18 September 2010

1300 hours Saturday (at the base picnic!)

Post Script:

Shipmate Vito DeLeonardis went on eternal patrol last Friday 3 September.

Calling hours: Thursday 9 Sep 2010, 6-8 PM at DeMarco-Stone Funeral Home, 5216 Western Turnpike (Rt 20), Guilderland, NY

Submitted:

Fritz Feldhaus - Base Secretary