

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: American Legion Adirondack Post 70, Saratoga Springs, NY

Meeting Date: December 17, 2008

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR Singleman at 7:10 p.m. with 19 members and guests present.
- The Base muster list for attendance and a copy of the previous months' minutes were passed around for all to sign and view.
- There was a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- The Base Chaplin offered an opening prayer

The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of December.

The reading of the minutes of the November meeting was waived, a motion to accept them was made and seconded. The motion was approved

All WWII Veterans present were asked to stand and be recognized. Ray Koch stood and was applauded. Ray is feeling better and glad to be able to attend the meetings.

The Treasurer's report for November was given. The closing balance for the Base checking account for November was – \$8524

Memorial Foundation reported no activity since the previous report. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded. The motion was approved.

Old Business

CDR Singleman reminded everyone that the Kaps for Kids program is underway and that the Base is supporting the Double H Hole in the Woods Camp in Lake Luzerne and the Ronald McDonald House of Albany. He also reported that the Kaps for Kids program now falls under the Charitable Foundation of USSVI and is tax deductible.

With the money realized from the D2/D5 Conference and the November 50/50 drawing the Base was able to purchase an additional two dozen caps for the program.

CDR Singleman thanked the membership for a good year.

New Business

CDR Singleman reported that there will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Foundation to discuss alternatives for our Memorial.

A discussion was held to see about the possibility of a few Saturday Base meetings in the coming months. We will shoot for Saturday meetings in April and May. We will follow up on this at upcoming meetings.

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Good and Welfare

Base member Dave Moyer would otherwise be eligible for the Holland Club but has not yet maintained his annual membership for five years. The Base members present voted to have the Base subsidize the difference in cost to pay for a life membership for him and make him immediately eligible. Dave's health has been failing lately and the members felt it only right that he be inducted into the Holland Club

The Base 50/50 raffle was held.

The Creed of USSVI was recited by all and the meeting was adjourned.

At this time the Base members enjoyed a "Pot Luck" supper and celebrated the upcoming holiday season.

The next regular meeting will begin at 7:00 pm on January 21, 2009. This meeting will be held at the **American Legion Adirondack Post 70 in Saratoga Springs, NY.**

Submitted by: Jim Irwin
 Past Eastern North D5 Commander
 Albany-Saratoga Base
 Pride Runs Deep