

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 **21 July 2010** meeting

1905 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. All hands saluted the colors and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Base Chaplain (Bill Preece acting) opened the meeting with a prayer; Tolloed the Boats for the month of June.

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 June were previously distributed by email or US mail. A motion was made (Walt Forney), seconded (Tim Fredericksen) and carried to accept the minutes as distributed.

Base Treasurer Randy Stein presented his report (copy appended to these minutes). A motion was made (Mike Lynette), seconded (John Christopher) and carried to accept the report as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Base Picnic – Al Singleman reported that, to date, only six people have signed up for a proposed 21 August 2010 base picnic at the American Legion Post 234 in Ballston Spa. Upon further consideration, the 3rd Saturday in September (18th) was judged to be a better date for the picnic. Member Bruce Talbot suggested we look into choosing an alternate location: the U.S. Navy MWR (Morale Welfare & Recreation) field on Galway Road in the Town of Milton - excellent playground and picnic facilities. A motion was so made (John Christopher), seconded (Tim Fredericksen) and carried. We will get the word out and revisit this at the next base meeting (August).

Albany Saratoga Memorial Foundation - update – Board Chairman Al Singleman reported the following:

- Foundation members voted to select Humphrey Memorials (Herkimer) to do our memorial. The stone will be Gem Mist; a dark gray granite. The list of names is now finalized at 446.
- "subvetmemorial.org" is our registered website address. We hope to have a prototype website to look at by the end of July.
- NYS Assembly has indeed issued the promised proclamation (dated 21 Jun 2010) recognizing the NYS Submariners Memorial.
- Thanks to base member Chris Duryea, we now have a pro bono lawyer on our team. Other pro bono members are the surveyor and the architect.
- Site land plot – ownership issue. The tax map shows the land belongs to the US Post Office, not the village. If so, this could delay the project.

Veterans History project - Base Chaplain – (Base Historian) – we continue to solicit new life histories. Do we have yours?

Binnacle List: Fred Miller – drop him a line – he'd like to hear from you. Do you know of anyone else who should be on the Binnacle List? If so, send an email to Jim Irwin.

District 5 Conference - Southern Tier NY Base will host a 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 and see how they are doing – extend an invitation to attend the next base meeting – we'll arrange transportation if needed!

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming parades to plan for:

- **Schuylerville Turning Point Parade** – on 1 August.
- **Troy - Uncle Sam Parade** – on 12 September. Starts at 1p.m., RAIN or shine. Step off from 125th Street and Fifth Avenue; ends at 106th street.

Base Banner - The base still needs a new banner with the USSVI logo and the Albany-Saratoga base name. The base storekeeper now two sets of magnetic plaques with the USSVI base logo for use on vehicles in parades.

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. Hey! Use the Facebook – good advertising for the base!

Storekeeper – let Diane know when you would like to order caps, shirts, vests, etc. *Diane is now taking orders for the 2011 USSVI Calendar.*

Base website – coming soon! Our new website will even 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 – Their summer meeting is scheduled for 1 Aug 2010. Consider planning a trip to Buffalo. The trip would be an overnigher.

50/50 raffle – and the winner was – Harry Terzian! Half to Kapps4Kids, of course.

VA Hospital in Albany – Keep in mind the large cardboard box used to ferry ditty bag stuff and other useful toiletry and clothing donations to veterans in need at the VA hospital. Need to fill it up!

USSVI National Election – Al Singleman, speaking as USSVI National Secretary, spelled out the particulars for on line voting, including the five bylaw changes. The closing date is midnight, 24 August 2010.

Base float – skirt banner: the plan is for each member to contribute one ship's patch for the boat(s) he served on. The patches would be sized the same as used on ship's jackets. These 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.

Smoking Lamp is OUT – a recent news item announced the imminent end of smoking on submarines: by year's end, the smoking lamp will be out permanently! At 2050 hours, following a motion to adjourn - All hands recited the creed. CDR Bailey then adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday 18 August 2010

Submitted:

Fritz Feldhaus - Base Secretary