

U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Albany-Saratoga Base

American Legion Post 70

West Ave.

Saratoga Springs, NY

Minutes from June 17, 2009 meeting

CDR Singleman called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. Muster was taken and recorded. CDR Singleman reviewed recent events, including the laying of the wreath at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day, noting that the event was open to the public. The Tolling of the Boats was also a recent event conducted by Jim Irwin on Sunday, June 14, 2009 at the New York State Military Museum.

The Base Chaplain tolled the boats for the month of June. Special note was made for the recent passing of base members Dave Moyer and Charlie Cleveland. The family of Dave Moyer was especially appreciative of the SubVets Base ceremony conducted at the William J. Burke & Sons/Bussing & Cunniff Funeral Homes in Saratoga Springs. We extend our thanks to all who were able to attend. Of particular note by the family was Dave Moyer's recent and timely induction into the Holland Club during the base meeting last April.

The Base Treasurer Fred Carlson presented the Treasurer's report for April and May (the 20 May meeting was preempted by the Saratoga Springs Memorial Day parade).

CDR Singleman noted that we need a place for the base picnic – and promptly volunteered his back yard as THE place! He tentatively set Saturday August 15th as the date – the August base meeting will also be held at the picnic.

Kapps4kids – Jim Irwin spoke briefly about the summer program for cancer treatments. Jim and Janet received a tour of the facility from a cancer survivor who both attended the program as a camper and is now a staff member. Additionally they spoke with the program director and the Base has been invited to do the Kapps4Kids program sometime this summer. We will give a brief talk to a group of about 25-30 children about submarines, put on a demonstration with CDR Singleman's remote control submarine and present the children with caps and an Honorary Submariner certificate. The program director will contact us with available dates so watch for more information.

CDR Singleman spoke about the possibility of connecting with the Albany Medical Center and their outpatient program (Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings). AMC is receptive to KAPPS4KIDDS. With the current focus on swine flu, no visiting is

allowed, Best to call in the morning the day before. Note that parking for this is free at the Holland Avenue garage.

At 1925 hours, Roger Julian was inducted into the Holland Club. Janet Irwin gave the invocation; CDR Singleman made the presentation. Bob Bailey took digital photos of the event. Jim Irwin gave the invocation; CDR Singleman made the presentation.

The Base Chaplain – who is also the Base Historian – announced to everyone present: “We don’t have your stories! Charlie Cleveland is not here tonight – and we won’t be getting his story.” To follow up on this thought – we will be drafting a questionnaire for each of you to fill out. So, start thinking about it. And while you’re at it, we also need a photo of each member. Fred Carlson recommended attaching a copy of the questionnaire to a new member application – good idea. New accessions could also be captured on sound recorder – CDR Singleman has recorder – this can be done directly.

Base news member update: Ray Koch recently had his gall bladder removed; has also lost one kidney. He is currently in the Glens Falls Hospital.

Ray’s address:

61 Mohegan St. Apt. 11,

Lake George NY 12845 His phone is 668-3813

Jim Irwin reported news garnered during his recent visit out to the Buffalo base and their support of New York boats. Specifically the USS Croaker as an associate member of the NYS Parks Service. The base is working on replacing the linoleum in the Torpedo Room and the never-ending need for paint jobs topside. Of course, funds (donations) are always needed to get the job done. The Buffalo Base is located at the end of Pearl Street – more details will be provided at the July meeting (picnic).

Day trips can be considered to visit the Groton Sub Base – at about \$50 a head. Another option is a day trip to the museum at Providence, Rhode Island.

John Christopher is scheduled to meet on July 2nd with the officers of American Legion Post 1450 on Grooms Road in Clifton Park. The object is to pursue obtaining a site to lay a foundation for a submarine torpedo as part of a Sub Vets memorial. We are optimistic that we can work out a mutually agreeable accommodation. We’ll update you on the results of that meeting at the July meeting.

The Creed was recited and the meeting adjourned at 2100 hours.

The next meeting will be held at Post 70 on:

15 July 2009 at 1900

Summer Base Picnic info:

Base picnic will be held at Al & Diane's, 425 East Campbell Road Ext Schenectady. It will be held Sat August 15th (rain date Sun Aug 16th or the following weekend if necessary). The base will provide much of the food (hot dogs, hamburger, soda and water etc.) Those coming can provide the salads, deserts & other items. This will be discussed further at the monthly meeting on July 15th. At this time I would like to know how many plan to attend. You may bring your spouse or significant other and your children. We have an above ground pool, so if you desire, bring your bathing suits and towels. depending how many attend, you may also need to bring a chair. We had a few picnics here over the years and it as a nice time for all to get to know each other and the other half of the family. Hopefully those who can't attend the Wednesday nights meeting due to other commitments or cant drive at night will able to attend and get to meet the newer base members.

Al & Diane

7/9/2009

On Eternal Patrol: RMSN Raymond J. Koch U.S. Navy

October 7, 1925 - July 9, 2009

Late Entry from Jim Irwin regarding Summer picnic

Albany-Saratoga Base Summer Picnic

This year's picnic will be held on Saturday August 15th at the Singleman's home

425 E. Campbell Road Ext., Schenectady, NY

Hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, etc., along with beer and soda will be provided.

We are charging \$5.00 per person to help defray expenses. You should contact Diane Singleman as soon as possible at 355-2119 so we can get

an accurate count for food and give you directions if necessary. Those that attend are asked to bring a dish that will serve 10 to share. Diane will have a list of categories that you can sign up for including, cheese & crackers, hot and cold salads, chips, snacks, desserts, etc. If you have a specialty you want to bring be sure to let her know.

The picnic will run from 12:00 noon until ?

Please bring lawn chairs for everyone in your party. Base members along with family and friends are all invited.

Al and Diane have a swimming pool so bring your suits if you want to cool off.

Let's all get together and have some fun