

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 **16 June 2010** meeting

1905 hours - CDR Bailey called the regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base to order; 18 members were present. The base muster list was routed around for all attendees to sign. All hands saluted the colors and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Base Chaplain (Janet Irwin) opened the meeting with a prayer, Tolloed the Boats for the month of June followed by a moment of silence.

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 May were previously distributed by email or US mail. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as distributed.

Base Treasurer Randy Stein presented his report; copy is appended to these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

- The memorial dimensions will be 4½' x 10' with 6 columns front and back to accommodate 495 names.
- "subvetmemorial.org" is now our registered website address. The website itself is due out by mid-July.
- LaBrake Memorial – we are waiting on his bid.
- Tim Fredericksen tells us that GE has a matching grant policy; this could give a significant boost to our project. More details to follow.
- NYS assemblyman Jim Tedisco is to arrange a formal proclamation recognizing our Memorial.
- A brochure for the Memorial is being developed: once issued, this will aid in selling the bricks.

• A lawyer (pro bono) is still needed. Base member Fred Miller may be able to help on this.

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

Binnacle List –Do you know of anyone who should be on the Binnacle List? If so, send an email to Jim Irwin.

District 5 Conference - Southern Tier NY Base is hosting 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!

Memorial Day Parades: Village of Ballston Spa, Lansingburg – well done! Our new Honor and Remember flag was on display for both parades.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming parades to plan for:

• **Saratoga Springs Flag Day** Saturday 19 June at noon; with our float, we will be in the 3rd Division.

• **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.

The base still needs a new banner with the USSVI logo and the Albany-Saratoga name; Al Singleman has this item for action.

Facebook – USSVI National is now on Facebook. Tim Fredericksen setup our Albany Saratoga Facebook page. Go to www.facebook.com, first 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 – the Base Secretary! 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!

Sparkling Press closeout:

And the Baker's Boy Went to Sea We were fortunate to obtain free copies of the novel. We now have 2 cases (36 books).

USSVI National Election – Al Singleman, as the USSVI National Secretary spelled out the particulars concerning on line voting (which is up and running). There are also five bylaw changes to vote on as well. The election forms and instructions are appended to these minutes.

Chaplain coverage for July meeting: Bill Preece volunteered to fill in.

Base picnic – will be held at American Legion Post in Ballston Spa. Date to be determined.

Base float – skirt banner: discussed the idea of each member contributing one ship's patch for the boat(s) he served on. These will be attached to the banner. We will explore the details at the July meeting.

USSVI Albany Saratoga Base vehicle magnetic stickers – the COB (Jim Irwin) made a motion to purchase two sets for the base; the motion was seconded (Singleman) and carried.

At 2050 hours, following a motion to adjourn - All hands recited the creed. CDR Bailey then adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday 21 July 2010

Submitted:

Fritz Feldhaus - Base Secretary