

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

Meeting Date: May 19, 2010

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Sr. Vice CDR Christopher at 7:00 p.m. with 17 members present.
- The Base muster list for attendance was passed around for all to sign.
- The crew saluted the colors and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chaplain read an opening prayer, a moment of silence was observed, and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of May.

All members present stood and introduced themselves and the boats they served on.

The Base Secretary was not present so the Base Treasurer reported there was a quorum present. The minutes of the previous months meeting had been mailed out or emailed out to the membership. There was a motion and a second to accept the minutes. Voted on and passed.

The Base Treasurer gave his report. The current balance of the account was \$9284.10. A motion and a second to accepted the report was made. Voted on and passed.

Old Business

Jim Irwin gave an update on the Foundation and the progress on the Memorial Monument:

Bids for the stone are being sought from LaBrake Memorials in Saratoga and Humphrey Memorials in Herkimer. We are waiting for some feedback from Keith Buff the architect on the actual design of the stone.

We have a pro bono surveyor from Clough Harbor Associates who will do the land survey. He will do it as his schedule allows so please be patient. He also needs clearance from the Post Office to work on Post Office property. It would be necessary as the Post Office property is adjacent to Veterans Park.

There was also a question about the ownership of the property. The tax rolls still show Veterans Park as being owned by the Post Office. A verbal check with Mayor Romano of Ballston Spa indicated that was due to paperwork not being updated. A consensus showed the Base membership would like something in writing showing that the property does in fact belong to the Village.

Base member Walt Forney why the names of New Yorkers who died due to accidents such as electrocution were not being included. Although I (Jim Irwin) wasn't 100% positive I answered that it was my understanding that the names that we included were the names of New Yorkers that were lost on the 65 lost boats that are recognized by the Navy. This has since been confirmed to me. It was suggested that if Walt or anyone else has information about New Yorkers that have died as the result as an accident or other reason that their name could possibly be included in a separate category once the Foundation website up and running.

Order blanks for the brick pavers were available and given out to members present and will be sent out with the minutes. The cost for the pavers is \$75.00 for one or \$70.00 each for two or more. Jim Irwin will send out order forms to all the New York Bases and request their support and assistance in soliciting

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brick paver sales. He will also bring order forms to the District Five Meeting this fall in Binghamton and to the National Convention in Cincinnati in September.

New Business

The dates of the upcoming parades were given: Saratoga Memorial Day Parade – 5/26 at 6:00pm, Ballston Spa Memorial Day Parade – 5/29 at 9:00am, and the Lansingburgh Memorial Day Parade – 5/31 at 11:00am. Let's try to have a good turnout at these parades.

The Base received its new "Honor and Remember" flag. We will carry it in the upcoming parades.

An update on the District Five Meeting was given. It will be held in Binghamton, NY this coming October 15-17 and hosted by Southern Tier New York Base. Registration forms will be available at the June meeting.

The 50/50 drawing was held and was won by Tom Kelley.

The next regular meeting will begin at 7:00 on June 16, 2010. This meeting will be held at the **American Legion Adirondack Post 70 on West Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY.**

Submitted by: Jim Irwin, COB
Albany-Saratoga Base
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