



# NEWS\*

Albany-Saratoga Base

December 2015

"Perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution."

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

"I'm in Arizona and its pretty funny. The only Christmas trees you see are artificial. Folks decorate their homes and their cactus. I'll miss the January meeting but will be back in town January 13th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Jim Irwin—Albany-Saratoga Base Commander



### *\*Name the Newsletter*

*Shipmates I would like  
your great ideas for a  
name for the Albany-  
Saratoga Base newsletter.*

*Please contact me at  
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*Thanks  
MaryEtta Nolan*

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Phil Barrett, Jim Irwin, Matt Veitch, Fred Miller, Al Singleman, Ed Kinowski

## Highway Project

On November 17, 2015 our very own USSVI National Commander, Al Singleman and the Commander of the Albany-Saratoga Base, Jim Irwin met with the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. Clifton Park Supervisor Phil Barrett and Stillwater Supervisor Ed Kinowski are the co sponsors of the resolution. Matt Veitch, Saratoga Springs Supervisor and Fred Miller, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors presented the base with their resolution of support for our highway project.

# IT'S PARTY TIME

Members and family enjoyed the December Base meeting and Holiday Pot luck. We sure have good cooks at this base! Toys for Tots also benefited from the generosity of the base. A special thanks to shipmate John Mishoe and his family owned business DEHNS FLOWERS in Saratoga Springs, NY, for providing the beautiful poinsettias as door prizes.





## CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK

### Honoring our Shipmates on Eternal Patrol at the Gerald B.H. Soloman National Cemetery

On a beautiful December Saturday, base members gathered at the Soloman National Veteran's Cemetery in Schuylerville, NY and placed Christmas wreaths on the graves of members on Eternal Patrol. Unlike previous years, snow and freezing temperatures were not a factor. Pictured is Marv Hassell's Granddaughter placing a wreath on her Grandfather's grave.



**Wreaths Across America** had a formal wreath laying ceremony honoring all military branches the following Saturday, December 12, 2015. The young boys and girls of the Civil Air Patrol escorted to each monument, a representative of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine and POW/MIA. For nine years, shipmate Andy Bodine, his son Rob have participated in this ceremony placing a wreath at the Navy Monument. USSVI Associate member MaryEtta Nolan, Captain, Nurse Corps, USNR represented the Navy and Marine Corps.

Pictured left to right:  
Harry Terzian,  
Mike Marko,  
Randy Stein,  
Jim Irwin,  
Walt Forney,  
Mike Foster,  
Tom Kerby,  
Ron Barrett,  
Bill Preece and  
Mike Lynett

Not pictured:  
Janet Irwin,  
Jane Griffith and  
her son.



# COMMUNITY AWARENESS



Tom Glenn, Bob Hillman, Al Singleman, Alex Koniszewski, Jim Irwin (Janet Ir-

## USS BONEFISH PROJECT

The restaurant chain Bonefish in Colonie, NY has been chosen to promote the Submarine Service. Participating restaurants are displaying a picture of the first named Bonefish submarine USS Bonefish SS-223 and a brief history.

Managing partner Bob Hillman and Hostess Alex Koniszewski accepted the items at the Wolf Road location.

Afterwards, Tom, Al, Jim and Janet enjoyed a wonderful meal. Next time you are in the area, stop by and see it displayed proudly.

## AMAZON SMILE FUND RAISING

Treasurer Randy Stein has set up a way of fund raising for the Albany-Saratoga Sub Vets Memorial Foundation. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the total sale to the foundation. In order to sign up using your search engine, query **amazon smile** or type in **smile.amazon.com** Select **Get Started**. At the site you will be asked what charity to support. Type in **Albany Saratoga Sub Vets Memorial Foundation Inc.** Hit **Search**. When it pops up, select it. Whenever you make a purchase, be sure to go to the Amazon Smile site and donation is automatic.