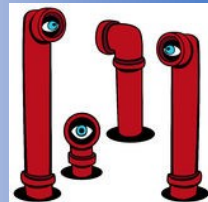


PERI-SCOOP



Albany-Saratoga Base

January—March 2017

“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.”



Jim Irwin—Albany-Saratoga Base Commander



COMMANDER'S CORNER

I had a last minute notification that several crew members including the Commanding Officer of the USS Albany (SSN-753) were in the area for training and for a namesake visit. I contacted Commander Roy Wilson who is the CO and arranged to meet with him. We discussed ways in which Albany-Saratoga Base can support the USS Albany including Boat Sponsorship with the American Submariner magazine and the First Dolphins program. We also discussed the possibility of another namesake visit. The captain stated that he will schedule (if possible) himself, the COB, and a few additional crew members to be in town for the Tolling the Boats ceremony on June 3rd where he has agreed to participate.

Remember that Albany-Saratoga Base is your Base and your participation makes the Base what it has become. Anyone who has suggestions on how to improve any of the things we do or how to make changes for the better please let us know.



Jim Irwin, Albany-Saratoga Base CO & Roy Wilson, Commanding Officer of the USS Albany (SSN-753)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Monthly Meeting every first
Wednesday of the month
April 5th, May 3rd
June meeting will be the 2nd
Wednesday, June 14th**

**PARADES:
MAY 20 — MALTA
MAY 24 @ 1800 — SCOTIA
MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE 10 @ 1200 —
SARATOGA FLAG DAY**

**TOLLING OF THE BOATS:
JUNE 3 @1100**

**PICNIC:
SEPTEMBER 9**

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PHOTO BY TOM GLENN

DEDICATION OF ROUTE 9

Route 9 in Saratoga Springs, NY is officially renamed
United States Submarine Veterans Memorial Highway.

Signs are up at both ends of Route 9 in the County of Saratoga, New York. USSVI would like to have at least one highway in each state renamed to honor our brave shipmates who served in submarines.

Frederick E. Miller worked diligently with our New York State Senator **Kathy Marchione** and New York Assembly-woman **Carrie Woerner** in this **SubVet Highway Project**. His goal to “make the organization more visible and educate the public to the grand sacrifices and work that the submarine service does and has done for 100 years.” He would like to see this base “carry the message to local governments, schools, and public institutions, etc. (where who we are and what we do is generally not even known).”



Fred Miller qualified in Submarines in 1958 on the USS Conger SS477

INCIDENTALS

The **BONEFISH Restaurant** on Wolf Road in Latham, NY closed. Hopefully, our donated picture of the USS Bonefish (SS-582) was transferred to another BONEFISH Restaurant.

PAVERS for the memorial will be done in May. So far we have eleven to be done.

Remember to use **AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM** when ordering items from AMAZON. The base collects 0.5% for every dollar spent.

Ray Misiewicz will present at the May Meeting

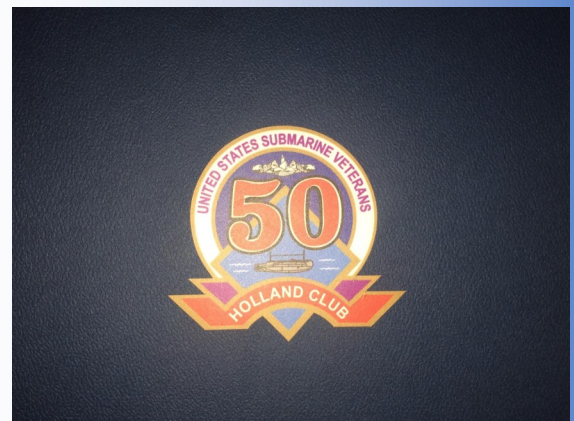
Green Mountain Base Picnic will be July 22 at Silver Lake Park in Vermont at 1200.

HIGHWAY PROJECT

The Albany-Saratoga Base was presented with the Bill and Pen Governor Cuomo used to sign Bill Number 6497-B by Senators Marchione and Farley and Assembly Members Woerner, Stec, McDonald, Tedisco & DenDekker.



Albany-Saratoga Base received a Certificate of Appreciation for supporting the Holland Club



THANK YOU VETERANS



Photographer Cherie Smith-Mangini wanted to thank our Submarine Veterans for their service and donated this picture at the Submarine Memorial in Ballston Spa, NY during the Tolling of the Boat Ceremony.

Members present in the picture posed with the picture during the Jan. meeting.

It was presented to the base by Base Commander Jim Irwin.



BOCES - FLOAT RECONSTRUCTION

In 2007 Albany-Saratoga Base started the construction on the parade float in John Cook's garage. After almost 10 years, it needed refurbishing and is in the capable hands of BOCES students.

They promise to have it completed by the May 20th Malta Parade.



Base shipmates hard at work:

John Cook

Frank Hardick

Mike Lynett

Construction Crew:

Ray Koch

John Cook

Jim Irwin

Tom Glenn

Frank Hardick



BOXES FOR TROOPS_{update}

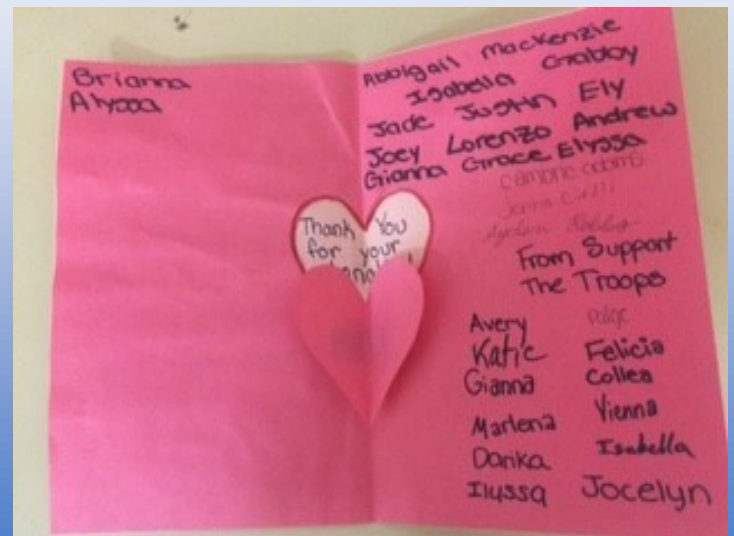
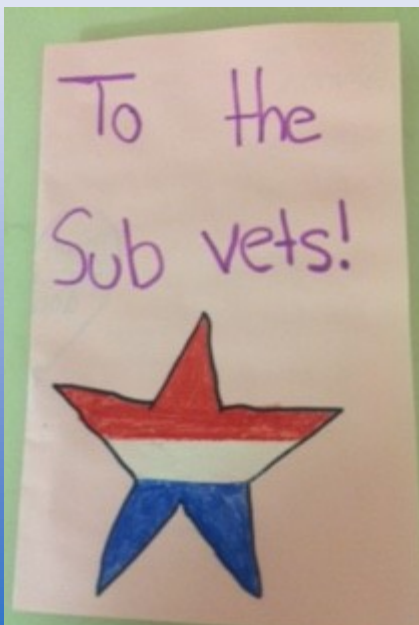
Mrs. Ladu and Shenendehow Middle School Students were able to buy lots of items with \$158.00. Students mailed 21 boxes for the troops. Enclosed in each box was an artistically made holiday card. Packages were sent to Qatar, Iraq, Afghanistan, South Korea & Italy reaching all Branches of the Military. However, the cost to mail starts at \$18.00. The students, under 7th grade teacher, Hannah Keehan, plan to send more in the Spring.



To raise additional money, Base Chaplain, Janet Irwin has made two attractive Navy pillows for \$1.00 per raffle ticket. The drawing will be during the April meeting.



With great sadness, teacher Erica Lynn Ladu died on January 26, 2017. She was only 31 and battled Melanoma. She felt strongly about supporting the troops and started the club “Boxes for Troops” with her Koda Middle School Students. An Erica Lynn Ladu Memorial Scholarship Fund has been set up in her memory.



Student's thank the USSVI Albany-Saratoga Based for the monetary contributions that made the Boxes for Troops a huge success.

CELEBRATE THE LAUNCHING DAY

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Nicholas Shellenberger PO1(SS)
5 Dave Aldrich IC2(SS)
7 Frank Hardick FT2(SS)
12 Will Asher MMCM(SS)
14 Art Nolan CWO2
23 Edward Heuther PO2(SS)
28 Jeffrey Hughes, CAPT

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 Robert Bailey MM1(SS)
9 Bill Preece MM2(SS)
15 Bruce Talbot ETCM(SS)
18 Jerome Whitehead PO1(SS)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 MaryEtta Nolan, CAPT, NC
8 Joe Cardinal STS2(SS)
11 John Christopher
11 John McCarthy, LCDR, MC
11 Andrew Alvarado, LT
13 Margaret Koch
19 Ray Mislewicz
29 Kurt Semon EM1(SS)
29 Michael Foster, CDR

