# PERI-SCOOP



Albany-Saratoga Base January - March 2016

"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

Jim Irwin—Albany-Saratoga Base Commander

For those of you who experienced "rig control for red", sat endless hours on inboard and outboard station, spent cold nights standing topside watch, spent a year learning the boat, blew sanitary tanks as BDW, angles and dangles, emergency blows, bridge lookout, drills and more drills, field-day, mid rats, movie marathon, slept on a Mark 14, 37, or 48 torpedo, cribbage in mess decks, at sea for holidays, poopy suits, mess cooking, shadowing a VICTOR class, crossing 100 fathom curve, prepare to dive, firing solutions, conn-sonar contact bears 050 range 9000 yards, sir muzzle doors opening, open one and two, station the maneuvering watch, Orse inspections, shore power, EAB's, hi-pacs, and we could go on and on, I just wanted to say a huge thank you for your service, makes me proud to think of the quality of the brothers, you who served on subs, your specialty in the job you did amazed me for each job was so intricate. No matter your political side, your cynical or open ways, I am honored to be a part of this brotherhood and clearly understand why as submariners we have a right to be proud.

#### <u>UPCOMING</u> EVENTS:

April 6 Base Meeting
May 21 Malta Armed
Forces Parade
May 28 Ballston Spa
Memorial Day Parade
June 4 Tolling of the
Boats
June 11 Saratoga

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# **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**



USSVI NATIONAL COMMANDER, Al Singleman, Jr. installs USSVI Albany-Saratoga Base member James Irwin to the office of Base Commander and Randall C. Stein as Treasurer.



**BASE COMMANDER - James Irwin** 



TREASURER Randall Stein



USSVI Albany-Saratoga Base Member, Thomas C. Glenn, Jr. installs Robert J. Bailey to the office of Sr. Vice Commander and Arthur D. Nolan as Secretary.

### **COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

On 09 January 2016, USSVI Albany-Saratoga Base Holland Club member **Kurt Von Maucher STS2(SS)** awards the **USSVI Eagle Certificate** to Eagle Scout **Corey LG Mueller** during the Eagle Court of Honor. Eagle Scout Mueller belongs to **Scout Troop 501** in Esperance, NY at the Stamford United Methodist Church.

Shipmate Von Maucher qualified April 1966 on the USS Simon Bolivar SSBN-641.

He has been involved with the **Boy Scouts of America** for over 35 years. His longtime service includes Cub Den Leader, Scoutmaster, Unit Commissioner and his current position as a board member of the council.

He proudly has a son and two grandsons achieving the ranks of Eagle Scout.



# The U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters Chorus

April 11 at 7pm

Tickets for this performance are FREE

The "Sea Chanters", the official chorus of the United States Navy from Washington, D.C., will present a free concert at the Palace Theatre on April 11 at 7:00 PM. The twenty-voice chorus, accompanied by a three-piece rhythm section, will perform a variety of styles ranging from patriotic selections to Broadway show-stoppers.

The Navy Band Sea Chanters is the United States Navy's official chorus. The ensemble performs a variety of music ranging from traditional choral music, including sea chanteys and patriotic fare, to opera, Broadway, and contemporary music. Under the leadership of Chief Musician Adam Tyler, the Sea Chanters perform for the public throughout the United States. At home in Washington, they perform for the president, vice president and numerous congressional, military and foreign dignitaries.

Free general admission tickets are available in advance in person at the Palace Theatre Box Office – located at 19 Clinton Ave in Albany, NY. Tickets are also available at all Ballston Spa National Bank branch offices (while supplies last) - see <a href="www.bsnb.com">www.bsnb.com</a> for branch locations. Any unclaimed seats will be available to at the door on the day of the concert just prior to concert time.

If you represent a Group or Military Organization and would like information on how to attend, call the Palace Theatre

Group Sales Department at <u>518-465-3335 x. 110</u>

For more information, call the Palace Theatre at (518) 465-4663 during regular business hours.



## PRESENTATIONS BY RAY

#### **Ray Misiewicz**

Ray Misiewicz worked at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory his entire working career. He has been at every Naval Reactors site in the United States and most of the private shipyards and vendors. He worked at all of the KAPL sites including Niskayuna NY, West Milton NY and Windsor CT. His education included New Jersey Institute of Technology, Lehigh University and Union College with a Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master Degree in Engineering Science.

Ray spent most of his career in nuclear reactor design in Niskayuna but also had a number of operational jobs at the Windsor and Kesselring Sites. Some of the projects he's worked on include:

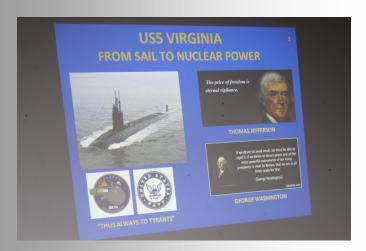
-S4G Reactor Cores, USS Triton SSRN-586, Reactor System Performance Engineer

-S3G Cores, used as the replacement core for all of those S5W Power

Plants, Reactor Performance Engineer

- -S1C Reactor Cores, USS Tullibee SSN-597 & S1C Prototype, Lead Engineer Reactor Performance
- -D1G Prototype, Project Engineer Operations
- -D1G Prototype, S3G Prototype & MARF (S7G) Prototype, Program Manager Refueling/Overhauls
- -AWBA Advanced Light Water Breeder Thorium Cycle Reactor (DOE), Lead Engineer Reactor Design
- -Advanced Fleet Core, USS Seawolf SSN-21, Manager Reactor Performance (Patent on the reactor hydraulic design)
- -Next Generation Reactor, USS Virginia SSN-774, Manager Reactor Thermal and Mechanical Design
- -A1B Reactor Cores, USS Gerald R. Ford CVN-78, Manager Reactor Thermal and Mechanical Design
- -SSBNX Reactor, Ohio Replacement Submarine, Consultant

Ray's 43 years of involvement in the Naval Reactors Program gave him great respect for the US Navy personnel that man our submarines. Of course the "Silent Service" talks a lot among themselves but not much in public. Ray thought it was about time to give the public a look at what the nuclear submarine program has done. He is in his 14<sup>th</sup> year of giving presentations about nuclear subs. He has developed 14 talks that last about 75 minutes each and introduces a new one every year. So far this year, Ray has 19 talks scheduled, including an 8 week symposium at Empire State College ALL. He also talks to the Mechanical Engineering Departments at RPI and Union College. The other venues include the Saratoga Military Museum, a number of libraries, community centers and organized groups. He does not accept any gratuity for displaying his hobby but has made hundreds of new acquaintances over the years. In fact he has a 300 name e-mail library of folks who want to know about the sub program.





In 2013 Ray received the USSVI'S BEN BASTURA HISTORICAL ACHIEVE-MENT AWARD!



# IT'S PARTY TIME

### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2nd Nicholas Shellenberger

5th Dave Aldrich

7th Frank Hardick

12th Will Asher

14th Art Nolan

23rd Edward Heuther

24th William Kolbe

28th Jeffrey Hughes





4th Robert Bailey
9th Bill Preece
10th Matthew Atwood
15th Bruce Talbot
18th Jerome Whitehead



## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

2nd MaryEtta Nolan

8th Joe Cardinal

11th John Christopher

John McCarthy

**Andrew Alvarado** 

13th Margaret Koch

19th Ray Mislewicz

26th Steve B. Burelson

29th Bill Whitney

**Kurt Semon** 

**Michael Foster** 

