

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

Meeting Date: February 16, 2011

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR Bailey at 7:10 p.m. with 16 members and guests 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 February.

All members present stood and introduced themselves and the boats they served on. Bruce Talbot's sister Nicole Talbot, who was visiting from Texas, joined our meeting.

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 reports for the months of January and February. The current balance of the account was \$8871.69. A motion and a second to accepted the report was made. Voted on and passed. The Base Treasurer also notified the Base that Citizens Bank was now charging a monthly fee for paper statements. The Treasurer will notify the Bank that the Base will now receive online statements for which there are no charges.

The Base Treasurer also reported that the Albany-Saratoga Base year end financial report has been submitted.

- The Base membership agreed to renew the Boat Sponsorship for 2011 for the USS Albany and the West Milton Site.
- The end cap for the PVC tube that holds the flags on the Base Float is missing. If anyone knows its whereabouts, please let CDR Bailey know.
- NJVC AI Singleman reported that National Chaplain Carl Schmidt is rewriting the Chaplains Manual and he thanks Albany-Saratoga Base Chaplain Janet Irwin for her input.
- NJVC AI Singleman reported that National has repealed the recently passed amendment concerning the eligibility of candidates for District Commanders. This was done as it was determined that the amendment was not in the best interest of the Organization.
- He also reported that National was very close to reaching there goal of being granted "War Veteran Status" which would make our entire Organization a Tax Deductible entity.
- Base Storekeeper Diane Singleman reported that longevity pins would be available for various years of membership in the Organization.
- Base COB Jim Irwin reported that Saratoga County was planning a program that would offer veterans living in the county a discount at various businesses throughout the county. More information will be available once the program begins.
- After much discussion it was determined (I think) that both Home Depot and Lowe's Home Improvement stores offer a discount on a store by store basis.
- CDR Bailey reported that the USSVI Anniversary would be held in Groton on May 5-8. He has registration forms if anyone is interested. The forms are also available on the Groton Base web page.

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Binnacle List

- Former Holland Club Commander Bill Britt (member of Requin Base) is recovering from a broken hip
- Base member Fred Miller is off the binnacle list
- Base member Richard Craft is also off the binnacle list

If anyone has any photos of Base activities, please send them to Randy Stein by email or by snail mail. He will post them on the Base web site. Also, if anyone would like to be added to the yahoo group list, let Randy know. (You do not have to have a "Yahoo" email account to join)

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NJVC Al Singleman said he will have a short video on the USS Croaker to show at the next meeting. It is time to start thinking about getting a working party together to assist with the restoration of the Croaker. The tentative time frame is sometime over the summer. If you are interested, please let CDR Bailey know.

Memorial Update

Tom Glenn has been in contact with the Post Office and the Ballston Spa mayor and is doing his best to keep the parties focused on getting the sale of the property completed. It is just a matter of time. We are not able to establish a timeline for the completion until the sale is final.

Al Singleman reported that the Memorial web site should be up and running by the middle of March.

The Base lost five members this year as the following members have not renewed their membership.

Paul Hartnagel
Craig Terry
William Powers III
Rich Hoak
Chris Duryea

The 50/50 drawing was held and was won by Bob Bailey. Bob donated his share to the USS Croaker Restoration Fund.

The next regular meeting will begin at 7:00 on March 16, 2011. 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
Pride Runs Deep