



## U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Albany-Saratoga Base  
American Legion Post 234  
23 Pleasant Street  
Ballston Spa, NY

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of every Month  
Minutes from **07 Nov 2012** meeting

1900 hours: meeting called to order by Cmdr. Jim Irwin.

Chief of the Boat led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer and gave the invocation.

- Base muster: 17 members present.
- The bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of November:

**Albacore** (SS-218)            7 Nov 44            85 killed  
Possible Japanese mine off northern tip of Honshu, Japan.

**Growler** (SS-215)            8 Nov 44            86 killed  
Probably sunk by Japanese destroyer Shigure, escort vessel  
Chiburi, and Coast Defense Vessel No. 19 off Mindoro.

**Scamp** (SS-277)            11 Nov 44            83 killed  
Sunk by Japanese naval aircraft and Coast Defense Vessel No.4  
in Tokyo Bay area.

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**Corvina** (SS-226)            16 Nov 43            82 killed  
Torpedoed and sunk by Japanese submarine I 176 south of Truk.

**Capelin** (SS-289)                      Nov 43                      78 killed

Sunk by unknown causes, either Japanese aircraft (934 Kokutai) or minelayer *Wakataka*, Japanese mine in the northern Celebes, or perhaps a hull defect reported prior to her departure from Darwin.

**Sculpin** (SS-191)                      19 Nov 43                      12 killed, 51 POWs later died and 21 POWs survived.

Damaged by Japanese destroyer *Yamagumo* and later scuttled north of Truk.

Reading of the minutes for the previous meeting was waived. Motion to accept the minutes: base member Ed Gradwell; second: base member Bill Preece. Motion carried.

Base Treasurer Randy Stein had previously posted the base financial report for the month of November via email and on line.

## **B** ase information notes

### **Correspondence:**

- (1) a note of thanks from American Legion Post 234 for our donation made on the occasion of our base picnic last September.
  - (2) **Certificate of Appreciation from USS Croaker Restoration Committee** – Base member Walt Forney, John Mishoe and son were the 3-man working party that made the trip to Buffalo to install new decking on the bridge.
    - **New York State Auto License plate coordinator** - if you have a SUBVET plate, you **MUST** maintain your USSVI membership to keep your plate. The fee to apply for and obtain such a plate (if you don't already have one) is \$38.75. A custom plate (e.g., your boat's hull number) will cost you a one-time fee of \$70.00, plus an annual fee of \$31.25.
    - Wounded Warrior golf – base member Frank Dorchak report: 25 teams, 38 Wounded Warriors and an excellent meal. Great tournament!
    - **NYS District Patch** – re: new design for District 5. Base member Dean Bennett (and his wife) have presented us with three graphic designs – all three rendered in full color posters - from which to choose! Outstanding! Stay tuned for the final selection! Also a **new base patch** is being evaluated.
    - **Base Christmas Party** – Hold the date: Dec 8. The place: Recovery Sports Grill in the Hannaford Plaza on Wolf Road in Colonie. Great menu and wall to wall sports TV and décor. The game of the day: Army vs. Navy! Go Navy!
    - **New Bell** – note the dolphin bell we now use to toll the boats was donated to our base from the estate of Ed Decker.
    - **Dues** – Check with our Base Treasurer Randy Stein if you are unsure whether you're paid up!
    - **Navy Ball** – was held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Saratoga Hilton. The Lynett's, Griffith's, and the Irwin's attended. Mike Lynett was the oldest sailor there and thus got to cut the cake. The oldest active duty sailor there was "Rick" who is Admiral Kirk Donald's (Naval Reactors) Command Master Chief.
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### **Binnacle List Update:**

Base member Tom Nolan went into the hospital today to have a knee replaced.

Base member Tom Kelley is home these days – drop him a line! (Email: [wkelly7@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wkelly7@nycap.rr.com) ).

Base member Frank Dorchak – feeling under the weather.

**VA Hospital “ditty bag”** – Think: *donations!*

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**50/50 Raffle** – and the winner (\$\$?) was Harry Terzian!

**Storekeeper's Corner** – Diane has 2013 USSVI Calendars on hand at \$10.00 each. Magnetic bumper stickers are also available. Anyone wishing to upgrade your base wardrobe; i.e., vests, jackets, shirts, ball caps, ship's patches, etc., give Diane a call!

**Groton – Sub Base trip** – plan for April 21, 2013. Based on our previous trip, basic itinerary:

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Bus – departs at 0700 hours, with brunch/breakfast on the way  
Visit Nautilus Museum  
Visit Fast Attack submarine in port  
Club house for lunch  
Sub Base tour  
Back in Clifton Park by 1900 hours

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Need about 45 takers to break even. Approval from Sub Base Public Affairs Officer up in the air – tours are now normally limited to 25.

**Navy Memorial** - Washington DC – USSVI is looking to fund a memorial plate (cost \$10 K), \$5,000 of which to be raised from base membership. Our base has donated \$150.

**Next meeting – 08 December 2012. Recovery Sports Grill in the Hannaford Plaza on Wolf Road in Colonie.**

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### **Subvets Creed**

“To 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.”

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Submitted by:

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**Fritz Feldhaus –  
Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary**

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### **Base Officers –**

**Cmdr. – Jim Irwin 383-2481**

**Sr Vice Cmdr. – John Christopher – 399-4810**

**Jr Vice Cmdr. – Al McGuire – 752-5389**

**Treasurer – Randall Stein –**

**Chaplain – Janet Irwin – 383-2481**

**Base Storekeeper – Diane Singleman – 355-2119**

**Secretary – Fritz Feldhaus 885-3546**