

MINUTES OF MEETING ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI

Location: Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, Ballston Spa, NY

Meeting Date: October 3, 2018

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base (ASB) was called to order by Base Commander Bob Bailey at 1900 with 19 members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Base COB Mark Maiellaro.
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer.
- The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of October.
- The Base muster list was passed around.
- Each Base member introduced themselves.

Base Commander Bob Bailey gave the Base Treasurer's Report. Copies will be forwarded to each member via email.

Base COB Mark Maiellaro substituted for Base Secretary Art Nolan.

Base Commander's Report:

Base Secretary Art Nolan sent a letter to Base Commander Bob Bailey apologizing for absences and stating he will not run for office next year, but hopes to attend the remaining meetings of his term. He is appreciative of others filling in while he's been out. MaryEtta Nolan has been activated to the Portsmouth Navy Hospital until mid-December – backfilling for the hospital ship Comfort, which is headed to southern states affected by hurricane Florence. We wish the Nolan's all the best.

Jim Irwin was presented with a Holland Club plaque at the September picnic - 14 members were in attendance. Will Willis also became a Holland Club member and his plaque will be mailed to him.

National Election ballots were provided for members to cast their votes for new unopposed candidates and the new Constitution and Bylaws (CBL). Casting ballots also registers activity for the ASB at National. Al Singleman explained the new CBL, which is a document that combines the previous Constitution and Bylaws including updated language and housekeeping measures. The deadline for casting ballots is Wednesday, October 10 at 2359. Base Commander Bob Bailey will send in completed paper ballots as a group. Jim Irwin stated that 15 ASB members voted prior to this meeting and encouraged participation. National Commander Tom Conlin sent a message encouraging members to vote either online or via paper ballot.

Base Commander Bob Bailey attended a reunion for the George Washington Carver SSBN 656 in Bremerton, WA. Members of the Canadian Submarine League also attended. The Captain of the Kitsap Base discussed the Hood Canal status and its value as a testing area. The Kitsap Base veterinarian discussed Navy dolphin and sea lion training and activities. He toured the Boeing Air Museum and visited the Horse & Cow in Bangor, where he had a drink called "Reactor Waste" which glows in the dark. The Portsmouth Navy Yard is full of decommissioned subs awaiting scrap. The Director of the Yard explained the scrapping process and discussed the reactor core trench.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 8 – The Way We Were Car Show in Ballston Spa. Looking for members to set up vendor's table to promote USSVI and base membership.

October 12-13 – Admiral Richover seminar and 35th anniversary CEE Celebration in Cambridge, MA. USSVI members are invited to the Broad Institute on Main St. for tributes 1600-1730 Friday and discussions on Saturday.

November 10 – Tri-County Submarine Veterans Group is hosting a Veterans Parade in Glens Falls at 1000. Ron Barrett will send an email to Al Singleman, who will forward it to the members.

December 8 – memorial wreath placement at the Saratoga National Cemetery at 1100. Base Chaplain Janet Irwin will handle the wreath supply. Jim Irwin mentioned if anyone wants to place a wreath for a non-member, please place order with the Chaplain.

Late December – annual Convention & Cruise.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Irwin has ASB business cards for members to pass out to potential new members. Give out your information on one card and take their information on another card so you may follow-up.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party pot-luck sign-up for regular Wednesday, December 5 meeting. Volunteers needed to setup, breakdown, and cleanup. A short meeting will be held during the party.

Memorial cleanup tentatively Saturday, November 10 at 1100, depending on student's schedule. Student is participating for service hours. Cleanup should be completed prior to Veterans Day.

Mike Lynett discussed positive publicity provided by NYS Senate and Assembly members Kathy Marchione and Kerrie Woerner who sent fliers with a photo of her and Jim Irwin on them.

Base Commander Bailey mentioned that an acting Newsletter Editor is needed while MaryEtta Nolan is unavailable. Base COB Mark Maiellaro expressed an interest and others mentioned Base Secretary Art Nolan may be interested.

The Saratoga Veterans Service Agency is holding their 7th annual Revolutionary Run for Veterans 5K on Saturday, November 3 at Ft. Hardy Park in Schuylerville. They are looking for sponsorships or goods and volunteers for services to run the event. Please contact them if you are interested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Storekeeper – the calendars should be available at the November meeting. Apparel orders should be placed now because Diane will submit an order the week of October 15.

GENERAL BASE INFORMATION

Veterans Day is approaching where area vendors supply many free and discounted services in remembrance of our sacrifices.

BREAK

50/50 Raffle

GOOD OF THE ORDER

National Technical Director Al Singleman has access to the new ASB email distribution system. If you have a message that needs to be distributed to Base members, send it to al@awards4sailing.com and Al will distribute it. The new National web site could be online as early as the end of October. There will be 3 Base administrators that have access to the Tools system for emails for proper coverage.

Base Commander Bob Bailey received an email notification for a new member sign-up and sent an email to Todd Kehley of Gansevoort, MM2(SS) qualified in 1985 on USS Augusta - Gold crew. Senior Vice Commander Bill Preece will call Mr. Kehley.

Dale Breault won the 50/50 Raffle - \$30.

The USS Albany had a change of command in July and is currently undergoing sea trials after being in the shipyard for nearly 4 years.

CLOSING REMARKS

Base Commander Bob Bailey read a eulogy given by CAPT Draper of the George Washington Carver with an Admiral Richover Alpha trials story.

Base Senior Vice Commander Bill Preece mentioned that the Post Star still runs an advertisement for the USSVI ASB monthly and he is the contact person. No contacts made yet.

- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin led the closing prayer.
- The SUBVETS Creed was recited.
- The next regular meeting will begin at 1900 on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. The meeting will be held at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa, NY.
- The meeting was concluded at 2025.

Respectfully submitted by: Mark Maiellaro

Albany-Saratoga Base COB

Pride Runs Deep