

On October 4, 2017 the Albany-Saratoga USSVI met and the meeting was gaveled in @ 1900 hours.

The meeting was started with the pledge of allegiance, an appropriate prayer and tolling of the boats lost in the month of October.

A quorum was present and the Treasurer's report was reported by Randy Stein.

The September minutes were sent out and approved without further modifications. Of note from the September meeting, there were 7 members eligible for entrance in the Holland Club. Three members were entered and presented with certificates; other four members not present had the certificates sent out.

The USS Albany scale model at the NYS Submarine memorial has been repaired and the refit is complete, (As of October 21, the model is back on station and is awaiting decals to be affixed. Congratulations and many thanks to CBM Fabrications for a great job done on the model).

Amendment to the by-laws to increase base dues announcement was given per the by-laws for a vote in the November meeting and it will be then that base elections will be done also.

The base float will once again be returned to the BOCES to complete the tasks that were not fully accomplished prior to the parade season and end of the school year. Items such as the stanchions will be added.

After the break, an announcement of a BBQ chicken dinner was to be at the Ballston Spa American Legion on October 8 @ 1130. 1/2 chicken dinner cost \$10.00

Jim Irwin said that a trip was made to the home of a gent that had numerous items for donation to the foundation museum which consisted mainly of ship's plaques.

Robert Bailey reported that attempts receive an analog ships bubble from a former NNSY worker is underway and hopes that the gentleman will donate to the museum collection instead of handing it over to some interested friends as the family does not to have it.

Veterans Assistance night @ the Saratoga City Center was announced for October 11 @ 1800 hours. All were invited to attend. The Base will set up a table at the event.

On November 4th, Saratoga County Veterans Peer Connection will host the Revolutionary Run and are seeking veterans for volunteering work. Most work identified consists of car parking and crowd control. The event will be at Ft. Hardy Park.

Al Singleman made some discussions and news pertaining to the workings of the USSVI national charitable foundation and the improvements planned in that program.

Tom Glenn made a report on a new section at the Solomon National cemetery and also reported that now there are over 15000 plots at the grounds.

It was also mentioned that the base plaque along memorial row has weathered over time and will at some point need to be refinished.

An announcement was made that there are now new sign in protocols coming in with the launch of the new national USSVI website. Al Singleman said to be on the lookout for that soon.

Al Singleman made a motion to have every other month's 50/50 raffle go to the Charitable Foundation Fund as the money in that account is getting low. It was seconded by Dan Danielson and was moved without objections or dissents.

Jim announced that the contributions will start with the October 50/50 and continue with each of the even numbered months.

Mr. Bailey also let the membership know that Lowes stores will now only grant 10% discount to veterans if they have signed up with the MYLOWES card.

December 16, 2017 is the date for Wreaths Across America so as not to conflict with that the Base wreath laying will be done the week before on December 9th.

50/ 50 winner for the month was Mr. Bailey

The meeting was gaveled out @ 2020 hrs.

Entered by Robert Bailey Senior Vice Commander for Secretary, Art Nolan