

## Albany-Saratoga Base, USSVI

### Meeting Minutes 9/14/19

- The Fall Picnic of the Albany-Saratoga Base (ASB), commenced at 1100, with 20 members present, and 40 total, with friends and family included. Hamburgers and hot dogs were cooked to perfection by the Grillmaster Al Singleman, and there were plenty of side dishes, including salads, casseroles, etc., not to mention desserts a plenty! (including the Tomatoes!)
- The meeting part got underway at 1240
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer.
- The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of September.
- New Business:
- All National Officer posts are available for election. In addition, all local offices are available for election also. The Base commander is stepping down, as well as the Treasurer. Two nominations were announced, one for Base Commander, and one for Secretary. Nominations will be accepted through the November meeting, at which time elections will occur. If you have some spare time, and are willing to serve, you might consider running for office. It's a 2-year billet, but as most original members have served in multiple offices, there will be plenty of assistance on hand if you would like to try your hand at helping out! Thanks in advance for your continued support!
- The **Base** won the Golden Anchor Award for Class III! Also, Jim Irwin won the Robert Link award! Bravo Zulu one and all!
- Kaps(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program Update: 3 Base members went down to Albany Med and did a presentation for children, and parents/caregivers alike. It seemed very well received, certificates were given out to the "Honorary Submariners", as well as a challenge coin, which was a big hit! We have been asked to come back at least every other month, when the next date is locked down, it will be promulgated for Albany Med. Steve Cipperly is in contact with Double H Hole in the Woods, as soon as they give us the date, that will also be put out.
- On October 2nd, the Director of Saratoga National Cemetery, Scott Lamb, will attend our Monthly meeting for what he calls as a "meet and greet session". He said that he would

bring along info regarding benefits and requirements for interment, as well as general information about the cemetery and the forth coming expansion. Let's have a good turnout for this one!

- It was proposed that the Christmas party be a catered event this year, with 3 meal choices: Eggplant Parmesan, Chicken Parmesan, and Tortellini Broccoli Alfredo. Meeting day will be changed to a Saturday in December, to accommodate meal and camaraderie time! Date will be promulgated.
- The Holland Club Inductees, Walt Forney and Byron Lennox, were unfortunately unable to attend, so their awards will be given later to them. The award comes with a patch, certificate, and a commemorative Holland Club coin. Also, a letter from the National Commander, which gets mounted on a plaque for presentation. BZ to Walt and Byron!
- HM1(SS) Brown was available for Navy Ball tickets to be purchased, quite a few people took the opportunity to support our local Navy base, and to have a good time!
- The Base Chaplain put out the reminder, the 7<sup>th</sup> of December is our wreath laying for our vets at the National Cemetery. Each year, our contingent of wreath layers/memory keepers has grown, with graveside remembrances shared and enjoyed. This is part of our creed, let's continue to uphold and keep the faith with our departed shipmates, friends and families. Please keep the date open. Muster time 1100 at the gate.
- The Base Storekeeper, Diane Singleman, states next year's Sub calendar is available for purchase now. Bring your \$10.00 to the next meeting, so you can support Subvets, and be the envy of the Office with the coolest calendar around!
- The USSVI creed was recited, led by Base COB Mark Maiellaro.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1320.

Jerome K. Whitehead

Secretary for the Albany-Saratoga Base, USSVI

- (P.S. I will not be at the next base meeting. I will be attending my last boat's reunion, and celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her commissioning, and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WW II of the same name's commissioning. Over 150 people attending!)