

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**  
**Location: Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, Ballston Spa, NY**

**Meeting Date: December 2, 2015**

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jim Irwin at 1830 with 41 members and guests present. This was an abbreviated business meeting with the annual Base Christmas Party to follow.
- The Base muster list was passed around.
- There was a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- A Moment of Silence for Shipmates on Eternal Patrol
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer.
- The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of December.

Base Secretary Art Nolan indicated there was a quorum present.

Base Treasurer Randy Stein submitted his Treasurer's Report. Current membership: 118

**Base Commander's Report**

Reminder to pay base membership dues. As of this date, 37 members have yet to pay. They are encouraged to do so in order to avoid the dues increase that takes effect in January. Renewal rates for next year at the current rates will be honored until December 31, 2015. Dues are \$20.00 for 1 year, \$55.00 for 3 years, and \$90.00 for 5 years. Base dues remain the same at \$10.00. The National dues will be going up \$5.00 in all categories after January 1<sup>st</sup>. The new rates will be \$25.00 for 1 year, \$70.00 for 3 years, and \$115.00 for 5 years. Checks should be made payable to **Albany-Saratoga Base, USSVI** and can be mailed to Base Treasurer Randy Stein or they can be submitted to him at the Base meeting.

On Friday, December 4, 2015 the Base Commander will be presenting a framed photograph of the USS Bonfish to the Manager of the Bonfish Restaurant in Colonie as part of USSVI's "Project Bonfish". Commander Irwin will report on the presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Base Commander Irwin will not be able to attend the January 6, 2016 Base meeting. On behalf of all the Base Officers and their families, he wished a happy holiday season to all.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Progress continues to be made on the project to name a portion of Route 9 in Saratoga County in honor of all submarine veterans. Meetings are being held in preparation for the next Legislative session. A letter of support was provided by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. Letters of support are also being requested from the local American Legion Posts, VFW Posts, and similar organizations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

The newly elected Officers will be installed at the January meeting.

## **LONG TERM PLANNING**

None

## **GENERAL BASE INFORMATION**

“Wreaths Across America” will take place at the Saratoga National Cemetery on Saturday, December 12, 2015.

Ray Misiewicz will have a new talk prepared beginning in February entitled, “USS Virginia, From Sail to Nuclear Power”. As soon as a presentation schedule becomes available, it will be shared with the Base members.

Bill Preece reported the Groton Base is selling books commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the submarine base.

Scholarship applications for 2016-2017 are now available on the USSVI website. Last year USSVI distributed 30 scholarships totaling in the area of \$40,000.00. .

Please consider completing a Base History form available at AlbanySaratogasubvets.com. We have received approximately 30 so far.

## **Break**

None

## **Binnacle List**

Dale Breault emailed the Base Commander that he had undergone unspecified surgery.

John Cook is continuing to do the same.

## **Closing Remarks**

The 50/50 raffle was conducted at the Base Christmas Party.

Base Chaplain Irwin read the closing prayer and the SUBVETS Creed was recited.

The next regular meeting will begin at 1900 on January 6, 2016. The meeting will be held at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa, NY.

The meeting was concluded at 1851 and all retired to the annual Base Christmas Party.

Submitted by: Art Nolan  
Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary  
Pride Runs Deep