

MINUTES OF MEETING ALBANY- SARATOGA BASE, USSVI

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

Meeting Date: November 7, 2018

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base (ASB) was called to order by Base Commander Bob Bailey at 1902 with 18 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 November.
- The Base muster list was passed around with the pot luck sheet for the Christmas Party.

Base COB Mark Maiellaro substituted for Base Secretary Art Nolan.

Binnacle List:

Randy Stein admitted to VA Hospital, Shafer Gaston, Kurt Von Maucher – wake for DAV member, Art Nolan is in Glens Falls Hospital Rm T212, Chuck Wojton

Base Commander Bob Bailey gave the Base Treasurer's Report. Copies will be forwarded to each member via email. Annual Base membership dues deadline is December 31. The Base dues are \$15. Non-life members are reminded to also pay National dues. Please check with the Base Treasurer Randy Stein if you owe last year's dues as well.

Each Base member introduced themselves and mentioned something memorable about their career.

Base Commander's Report:

October Minutes correction – the cruise was late October, not late December. Get on the Base groups.io email group to receive the Minutes via email. Minutes are also posted online at: <http://www.albanysaratogasubvets.com>

OLD BUSINESS

A Base Secretary is needed to replace Art Nolan while he recuperates. Jerry Whitehead volunteered.

National election candidates passed as well as the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws.

The Way We Were Car Show on October 8 – we got some exposure.

Admiral Richover Seminar was held in October.

The Veteran's Parade in Glens Falls scheduled for November 10th was cancelled.

There are many Veteran's Day discounts and free meals available on Sunday and Monday November 11th and 12th. Please take advantage.

Hunter Killer was a good movie with casualty drills and some accurate Navy speak.

ASB business cards – please pass out to promote membership. Jim Irwin has ASB business cards if you need more. Give out your information on one card and take their information on another card so you may follow-up.

Al Singleman described the Convention Cruise, red tide, and sea grass patches. Then discussed the National position changes, Charitable Foundation, Scholarship Fund (application is now paperless and online), National web site progress, and tinnitus medical benefits at the VA for submariners (because of snorkeling).

Memorial Cleanup on November 3rd was cancelled due to the weather.

Run for Vets on November 3rd – no participation this year due to weather.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5 – Base meeting and Christmas Party Pot Luck. Please arrive by 1830 to help set up.

December 8 – memorial wreath placement at the Saratoga National Cemetery at 1100. Meet at the gate because we start in Section 1. 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Storekeeper – the calendars are available. Apparel orders should be in next month.

BREAK

50/50 Raffle

Jerry Whitehead won the 50/50 Raffle - \$35, which he donated to Kaps 4 Kids.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party pot-luck sign-up for Wednesday, December 5 meeting. A short meeting will be held during the party.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

CLOSING REMARKS

- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin led the closing prayer.
- The SUBVETS Creed was recited.
- The next regular meeting will be a pot-luck Christmas party to begin at 1900 on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Please arrive by 1830 to assist setting up. 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