

U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.
Albany-Saratoga Base
American Legion Post #70
Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 12866

Meetings every 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Minutes from March 2008

The muster list was passed around, twenty three members present. Meeting was called to order by CDR Singleman at 1907. Minutes from February were passed and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Senior Vice CDR Fritz Feldhaus, seconded by Bill Preece.

Invocation was given by Base Chaplin, Janet Irwin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of March. All members stool and introduced themselves.

Treasurer's report:	Base monthly end balance	\$ 2,084.25
	Memorial Marketing Account	\$36,029.58

Golf Tournament Chairman John Christopher reported that General Dynamics had declined the opportunity to support our Memorial Golf Tournament and since there had been no other offers had been received for sponsorship that we would cancel for 2008 and look forward to 2009.

CDR Singleman reported that we were going back to the drawing board in regards to our Memorial. Money and a parcel of land is the big obstacle that we are facing at this point. We have not been fortunate to receive a "gratis" piece of land we have to face up to the fact we may have to make a purchase, and we may have to forgo the museum and come back to that at a later stage. We also may have to put the sail in the ground rather than in a building. All in attendance were asked for input and the consensus was:

- a. We may have to look beyond Saratoga due to the cost of real estate, i.e., Albany north to Glens Falls.
- b. How can we raise additional funds for a possible real estate purchase.
- c. Have a media blitz about the Memorial and what we are trying to do and see if we get a land offer and possible monetary donations.

Members are requested to look to look at other memorial websites for ideas and submit a simple design. We are also looking for input from other members of our base who have not been able to make our monthly meetings.

Members Tom Nolan and Walt Taylor were inducted into the Holland Club.

Jim Irwin reported that the Eastern District meeting will be held on October 25. He also

reported that the Albany-Saratoga Base Picnic will be held on August 2nd. A motion was made for the base to kick in \$5.00 for each member planning on attending, motion was carried.

The National Submarine Day Remembrance Ceremony will take place on April 11 at 1330 at the Saratoga County Office Building, in the General Functions Room, 50 West High Street, Ballston Spa. Members who will be attending are asked to be on site at 1300.

Our next meeting will be held on:

April 16, 2008 at 1900

Submitted by Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary
Mike Lynett U.S. Navy (Ret)