

PERI-SCOOP



Albany-Saratoga Base

April—June 2017

“Perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.”



Jim Irwin—Albany-Saratoga Base Commander



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Parade season is underway and so far after two parades, one with and one without our float, the attendance has been above average. I thank those of you who participated and I encourage the rest of you to try to attend parades in the future. The communities are very supportive, very patriotic and really do appreciate us.

Speaking of the float, we picked it up on May 25th, just in time for the Ballston Spa parade. We will return it to BOCES in the fall so they can put the finishing touches on it and they are considering building a torpedo to place on the trailer.

For the information of all hands, I will not be seeking another term as Base Commander. If you are interested in that position or that of any other Base Officer, please let Al Singleman know. Nominations will be held in September and October with the election held in November. Remember that Albany-Saratoga Base is your Base and your participation makes the Base what it has become. Anyone who has suggestions on how to improve any of the things we do or how to make changes for the better please let us know.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Monthly Meeting every first
Wednesday of the month
August 2nd and
September 9th (Picnic)**

**PICNIC:
SEPTEMBER 9th @1100**

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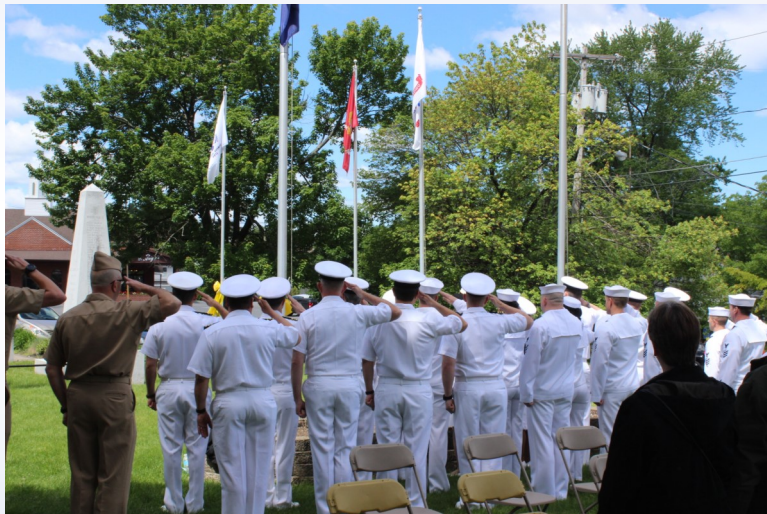


TOLLING OF THE BOATS CEREMONY June 3, 2017

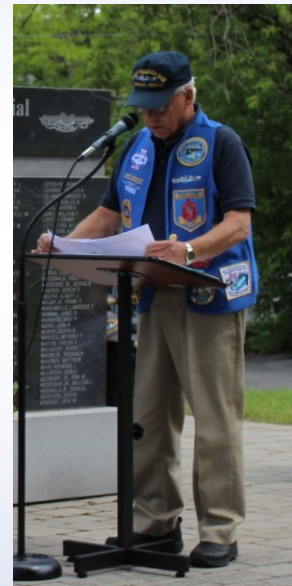


It was a beautiful Spring Day in Ballston Spa, NY for the annual Tolling of the Boats Ceremony. Master of Ceremonies was Albany-Saratoga Base Commander, Jim Irwin who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Base Chaplin, Janet Irwin provided the Invocation and Benediction asking the Supreme Commander to bless our Shipmates on Eternal Patrol.



Bill Preece educates us on the History of the ceremony



Sailors from the Naval Operation Support Center Schenectady & the Nuclear Power Training Facility



The most solemn part of the ceremony— the reading of each boat, the number of sailors lost and the area and circumstances that caused the loss. Then the tolling of the bell, once for the men, once for the families left behind.



TOLLING OF THE BOATS CEREMONY June 3, 2017



The Bell was Tolloed for the lost submarines by family members present at the ceremony.

(Left) - Mary Ann Kerls tollod for her brother Joseph Patrick Gilheany, Jr. Radioman, Third Class from Troy, NY. At the age of 19, he was lost on the USS Bullhead (SS-332) on August 6, 1945 at the West end of Lombok Strait by enemy air attack. The Bullhead was a Balao-class submarine and the very last US Navy Ship sunk in WWII.



The USS Scorpion (SSN-589) was the last US Submarine ever lost. On May 22, 1968 while on patrol during the Cold War 300 miles near the Azores, the submarine was lost to unknown causes. Tolling the bell together are Dawn Saville, daughter of Chief Hospital Corpsman Lynn Thompson Saville from Fort Edward, NY and CAPT MaryEtta Nolan, USN, NC, daughter of Chief Torpedoman and Chief of the Boat, Walter William Bishop from Pittsfield, NH.

Janet Irwin tollod the bell for Carolyn Wells, the 96 year old widow of Executive Officer LCDR Frank Howard Springer who was born in Brooklyn, NY. At the age of 24, he was lost on October 25, 1944 on the highly decorated Balao-class submarine USS Tang (SS-306) when it was struck by its own torpedo in the North end of the Formosa Strait.



Keynote speaker and friend to the Albany-Saratoga Base was NY Senator Kathy Machione.

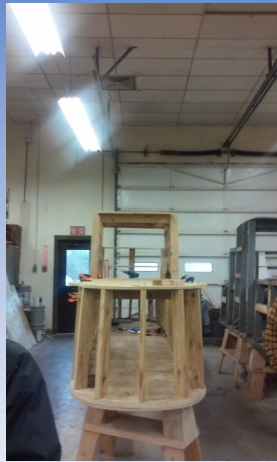
Also present was NY State Assembly Woman Carrie Woerner.

Navy Reserve Members of Naval Operational Support Center, Schenectady in Glenville, NY attended. Pictured: Operational Health Support Unit Portsmouth DET Y and the Undersea Warfare Unit



THE FLOAT

FROM THIS



CAPITAL REGION BOCES CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER — From the Saratogian Newspaper

The shell of the former submarine float used by the Albany Saratoga chapter of the United States Submarine Veterans, right, sits next to the new frame being built by students at the Capital Region BOCES Career and Technical Education Center in Albany.

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Photos from the TIMES UNION newspaper

PARADES



MALTA PARADE



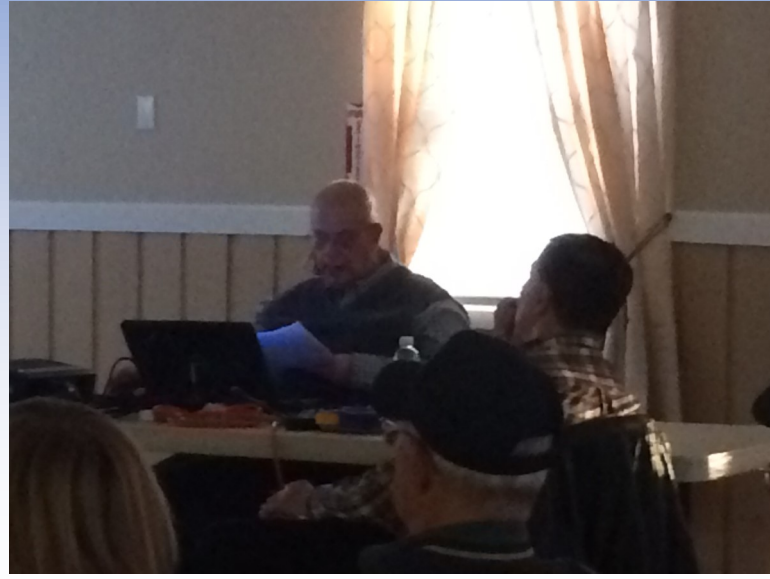
BALLSTON SPA PARADE



**SARATOGA SPRINGS 50TH
FLAG DAY PARADE**



RAY MISIEWICZ PRESENTS: OVER 160 MILLION MILES ON NUCLEAR POWER



Ray Misiewicz worked at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory his entire working career. He has been at every Naval Reactors site in the United States and most of the private shipyards and vendors. He worked at all of the KAPL sites including Niskayuna NY, West Milton NY and Windsor CT. His education included New Jersey Institute of Technology, Lehigh University and Union College with a Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master Degree in Engineering Science.

NEW PAVERS



ALBANY-SARATOGA
SUB VETS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION



Memorial Pavers were engraved prior to June 3rd's Tolling of the Boats Ceremony on a beautiful May Day. Base members are encouraged to promote the sale of the pavers for the SUB VET Memorial Foundation

TENACITY AWARD



NPTU graduation Class 1604 - EM3 Benjamin Johnson received the Sub Vets Tenacity Award for the most improved student in the class. Award presented by Base Commander, Jim Irwin. In the background is Jeff Hughes, Base member and Prototype Operations Manager at NPTU.

INCIDENTALS

Remember to use **AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM** when ordering items from AMAZON. The base collects 0.5% for every dollar spent.

Green Mountain Base Picnic will be July 22 at Silver Lake Park in Vermont at 1200.

CELEBRATE THE LAUNCHING DAY

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 5 John J. Cook MM1(SS)
- 6 Dick Harding SK2(SS)
- 7 James Athearn EM1(SS)
- 8 John Mendenhall LT (SS)
- 9 Robert Morisseau MT1(SS)
- 12 Craig Parvu E5 (SS)
- 16 Roy Purtell TM3(SS)
- 30 George Derway MMC(SS)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Ronald "Mud" Barrett RM3(SS)
- 9 Hank Kenley MMCM(SS)
- 12 Michael Marko FTCS(SS)
- 23 Christopher Duryea MM2(SS)

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Charles Wojton EN2(SS)
- 7 Clark Shafer LT (SS)
- 8 Anthony Santiago TM3(SS)
- 10 John Cornell TM3(SS)
- 12 Thomas Kirbey EM1(SS)
- 16 Shawn Patrick MM1(SS)
- 18 Bruce Mitchell MM2(SS)
- 20 Tim Fredericksen EMC(SS)
- 25 Harvey Nissley MM1(SS)



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