

PERI-SCOOP



Albany-Saratoga Base - Henry Cornell AL Post 234, Ballston Spa, NY

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 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

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Monthly Meeting every first
Wednesday of the month

Next Meeting is January 3,
2018

Base Dues will increase to
\$15.00 on January 1, 2018



As I'm writing this column for the final time I am reflecting on the past six years and the many things the Base has accomplished over that time. There are too many to cover but I would like to mention the major ones.

We have commissioned the New York State Submariners Memorial. We have a 40 mile stretch of historic Route 9 designated as the “United States Submarine Veterans Memorial Highway – Saratoga County”. We have hosted both Regional and District meetings of the USSVI. We honored the USS Bonefish (SS-223) – a USSVI National initiative. We have the First Dolphins program and the Tenacity Award program, both of which working with active duty personnel. We have programs in place for Kaps 4 Kids and Eagle Scout recognition. The Base float has been rehabbed as well as the USS Albany model. Two Base members have served and continue to serve as National Officers. Base members have received numerous National Awards including the “Joe Negri Award”, the “Ben Bastura Award”, the “Robert Link Award”, the “District Commander of the Year Award”, the “Merit Award – Base”, the “Silver Anchor Award”, the “Merit Award – individual”, and a Newsletter recognition award.

I don't believe there are many Bases, if any at all, that can measure up to those accomplishments. I am so proud of all that everyone has done and so very grateful for the support you all have given me over the years. From the bottom of my heart I thank you.

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2018 ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE OFFICERS

BASE COMMANDER - Al Singleman

SR. VICE COMMANDER - Robert Bailey

JR. VICE COMMANDER - Bill Preece

SECRETARY - Art Nolan

TREASURER - Randy Stein



"We were hoping you might build a boat we could all enjoy."

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Swearing in ceremony will be January 3, 2018

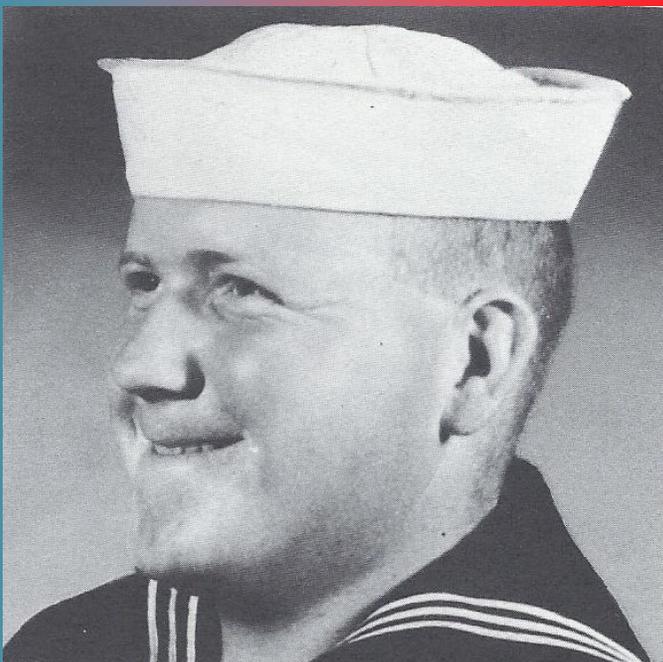
USS SCORPION SSN-589

50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL SERVICE

\$99 FOR 99 CAMPAIGN SPONSORSHIP

The USSVI National Commander, John E. Markiewicz has generously agreed to support the \$99 for 99 Campaign Fund-raiser for the USS Scorpion SSN-589 50th Anniversary Memorial Service that will be held on May 26, 2018 in Norfolk, Virginia. Base Secretary Art Nolan is the chair organizing the service along with his wife MaryEtta, the daughter of Scorpion's Chief of the Boat, Walter W. Bishop TMC(SS).

Albany-Saratoga Base sponsored John Phillip Sturgill, Electrician's Mate Second Class who was born September 3, 1944 at Nickelsville, Virginia. A graduate of Cocoa High School, Cocoa, Florida class of 1963. John entered the Navy in August 1965, at Jacksonville, Florida. Upon completion of recruit training at Great Lakes, Illinois, he attended electrician's mate school at Great Lakes. John reported aboard USS Scorpion in August 1967, following basic submarine school at Groton. He was authorized to wear the National Defense Service Metal. John is survived by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sturgill of Clinton, TN.



WREATH LAYING at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery



Base members lay wreaths at the graves of departed members



Wreaths by DEHN'S FLORIST

IN THE COMMUNITY

Commander Irwin attended the joint graduation ceremony of S8G Class 1606 and MARF Class 1701. He presented the Submarine Veterans Tenacity Award to the following students:

S8G Class 1606 MMN3 Ten Eyck

MARF Class 1701 ETN3 Long.

Photo is Commander Irwin presenting the Submarine Veterans Tenacity Award at the NTPU CLASS 1606 Graduation Ceremony to EMN3 Eric Denecker.



5 New Qualified Sailors from the USS Albany SSN-753 holding their First Dolphin Certificates with the CO CDR Roy Wilson and Senior Chief Dan Fannin, COB.

CBM FABRICATIONS is the company that refurbished the USS Albany in Memorial Park as a gift to the United States Submarine Veteran's Albany-Saratoga Base.

For their generosity, Commander Irwin and Base Chaplain Janet Irwin visited CBM Fabrications and presented Patty McCormack (Company President) with a framed picture of USS Albany (SSN-753) along with a framed letter of thanks and \$100.00 in gift cards.

Patty was very appreciative and said they would be proud to hang them on the walls of the office.



CELEBRATE THE LAUNCHING DAY



NOVEMBER

- 3 ETCM(SS) Ron Moore
- 4 ET1(SS) John Mishoe, Sr.
- 6 EMC(SS) James Bussen
- 7 EN3(SS) Robert Currier
- 11 RMCS Michae Lynett
- 14 LCDR Stephen Cipperly
- 15 QM2(SS) Bob Walsh
- 18 Janet Irwin
- 21 PO3(SS) Walter Morse
- 22 John Rhodes
- 24 LCDR Shafer Gaston
- 26 ETCS(SS) Walter Taylor

DECEMBER

- 1 MS2(SS) Don Savino
- 7 QM2(SS) Brian Pantola
- 9 FTCM(SS) Dave Thierling
- 11 EN2(SS) Tom Glenn, Jr.
- 11 MM2(SS) Donald Hopkins
- 18 ET1(SS) Andy Bodien
- 19 CTM2 Paul Hartnagel
- 20 LT Edward Gradwell
- 20 IC1(SS) Jefftey Nowc
- 27 MM1(SS) Drew Millier
- 31 ET3(SS) Daniel Corrigan

