

**MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: American Legion Post #1450, Halfmoon, NY**

Meeting Date: March 19, 2003

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR Singleman at 7:25 p.m. with 15 members and one guest present. Later in the meeting we were joined by several members of the Capital District Navy Chiefs Association.
- The Chaplain offered a prayer and the crew saluted the colors and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The Muster List was passed around for all present to sign and a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting was passed for all to read.
- The Base bell was tolled for each boat lost during the month of March. CDR Singleton spoke about the service for Base member Mike Ryan who passed away 3/7/2003.

All WWII Vets were asked to stand. All were recognized and applauded.

Base members and guests stood and introduced themselves and the boats they served on.

The Base Secretary reported there was a quorum present. The reading of the minutes of the previous was waived and motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as published.

The Base Treasurer gave his report and reminded members that dues for 2003 are due. He reported there were 10 – 12 members that still owed. They will be contacted by phone.

Old Business

Our Base Web Master, Terri McKenna spoke briefly about the Base Web site. She has the site up and running. Most links do have information available. She is waiting for the Base to provide information for the Convention link. It will be made available to her as soon as we get everything put together.

CDR Singleman gave a list of upcoming events:

April 11th – National Submarine Day, we will have a “Tolling of the Boats” in Ballston Spa at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Building at 1:00 pm. The Base Secretary will invite area dignitaries to attend. Base members are also encouraged to attend. We are expecting press coverage.

June 14th – Flag Day parade in Saratoga. This is being put on by the same folks we are going to be asking to help us with our parade in 2004. Let’s have a good showing.

July 15th – 20th Saratoga County Fairgrounds – we will have an informational booth set up.

CDR Singleman reminded Base members that scholarships are available to family members of Submarine Veterans through USSVI national.

We are hoping to have another “Brunch meeting”, perhaps sometime over the summer.

New Business

CDR Singleman addressed the visiting Navy Chiefs and explained to them about our organization and some of our projects. They suggested we hold a meeting on the USS Slater. It was agreed we would look into that possibility.

On May 24th there will be a one day display of US Navy and US Submarine memorabilia at the NYS Military Museum in Saratoga. Some of the items on display will be from Felicia Persico’s things from her late husband’s collection.

The next meeting will be on April 16, 2003. The 2004 Convention meeting will start at 6:30 PM, which will be followed by our regular meeting at 7:00 PM at the American Legion Post #1450, Grooms Road, Clifton Park, NY.

Submitted by: Jim Irwin, Secretary
Albany-Saratoga Base
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