

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

**Meeting Date: August 20, 2003**

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR Singleman at 6:45 p.m. with 18 members and two guests present.
- 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 August.

WWII Sub Vets were asked to stand. Walt Bydairk, Ralph Folger, and Lou Drapalski 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 meeting was waived and motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as published.

The Base Treasurer gave his report and the bank balance for the Base at this time as \$681.22

The Base Storekeeper reported she was taking orders for the 2004 USSVI Calendars. Also, that she had the orange convention shirts to pass out.

CDR Singleman reported that we have 300 of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary patches on consignment from Grogan's Patches with an additional 200 available. He also reminded everyone that this was the last call for ballots for National elections.

### **Old Business**

CDR Singleman reported the display at the Altamont Fair was a great success. There were a large number of visitors and we may have picked up a few new members.

Walt and Chickie Barden passed around examples of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary patch and also several renderings for a submarine wives patch for all to see. We will decide on the wives patch at a later date.

### **New Business**

The National Officers will be in town on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> to preview the area for the 2004 Convention. George Gasser and Al Singleman will co-ordinate their visit.

There being no further business, the CDR led the base in the Creed of the USSVI and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The 2004 Regular meeting will start at 7:00 PM, which will be followed immediately by our convention meeting at the American Legion Post #1450, Grooms Road, Clifton Park, NY. The National Officers will be attending our meeting with their wives. Members are encouraged to bring their wives to this meeting.

Submitted by: Jim Irwin, Secretary  
Albany-Saratoga Base  
Pride Runs Deep