

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

**Meeting Date: June 18, 2003**

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR Singleman at 8:25 p.m. with 17 members 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 June.

WWII Sub Vets were asked to stand. Walt Bydairk and Lou Drapalski were recognized and applauded.

Base members stood and introduced themselves and the boats they served on. One new member, Philip Beals was introduced and recognized.

The Base Secretary reported there was a quorum present. The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived and motion was made by Walt Barden, seconded by Mike Ryan, and carried to approve the minutes as published.

The Base Treasurer gave his report indicating the bank balances for the Base at this time are: checking \$892.74 and savings \$548.03. A motion was made by Mike Ryan, seconded by Ed Luther, and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

It was suggested that the Base purchase a Raffle ticket from Mechanicville American Legion Post 91 for \$50.00 as a show of thanks for all the support they've shown us. A motion was made by Bruce Mitchell, seconded by Gus Negus, and carried to purchase the ticket.

Ed Luther suggested that we invite Michael Lynette to become an associate member. He was Admiral Fluckey's aid and has indicated a desire to join our base. The Base Secretary will contact him and invite him to join our base.

CDR Singleman reported the Flag Day parade went well as did the NYS Military Museum Display & Cocktail party.

The Base will be marching in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Pittsfield, MA. Bob VonAllmen has made the arrangement and will be hosting a picnic at his house after. Directions and meeting instructions are available for those attending.

**Old Business**

John Cook stated that John Fox still wasn't listed on the USSVI National web site as being on eternal patrol. CDR Singleman will look into this.

There will be a brunch meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Half Moon Diner at 10:00 a.m. The 2004 Convention will be discussed.

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**New Business**

USSVI National officers will be visiting Saratoga in September so our regular meeting will be moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Walt Bydairk will check the availability of our regular meeting room.

The next meeting will be on July, 16 2003. The 2004 Convention meeting will start at 6:30 PM, which will be followed by our regular meeting at 7:00 PM on board the USS Slater located at the foot of Madison Ave. at the Albany Snow Dock, under the Dunn Memorial Bridge.

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