

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

Meeting Date: May 21, 2003

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR Singleman at 8:40 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 May.

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

Base members and guests stood and introduced themselves and the boats they served on. One newest member, Paul Hartnagel was present 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 and seconded to approve the minutes as published.

The Base Treasurer gave his report. The bank balances for the Base at this time are: checking - \$1028.25 and savings - \$200.80. A motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Report of Base Officers

We will attend the parade on Flag Day, 6/14 in Saratoga. We will also attend the parade in Pittsfield on July 4th.

There will be a display at the NYS Military Museum on 5/24, members are encouraged to attend. Also, there is a gathering/celebration on June 6th at the Museum to honor Korean War veterans. A motion was made and seconded that the base provides tickets for the Commander and his wife to attend.

The storekeeper reported new patches are available. They are East Region, District 2, base plank owner, and Rickover patches for 25 years qualified.

There will be a breakfast meeting on June 21st at the Half Moon Diner at 10:00am. The Diner is located on the same road as the American Legion where the meetings are held. It is about a half mile farther on the same side of the road. Albacore Base and Mid Hudson base members are invited to attend as Convention Business will be discussed.

Old Business

Our commitment of \$500.00 to Dan Persico's memorial was brought up and it was agreed that we should honor the commitment. We currently have \$380.00 dedicated towards that commitment. Several suggestions were made on how to meet the commitment. Some Base members made some donations and it will now be taken care of by the treasurer.

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A motion was made by Fred Carlson and seconded that a check for \$500.00 to cover the deposit for the City Center be issued given to George Gasser.

New Business

Jr. Vice Commander Bydairk at this time called Ralph Folger to the front of the room. Along with other Holland Club members, CDR Bydairk inducted Ralph into the Holland Club. He was presented with his patch and his certificate and received a round of applause from all the base members present.

Being no further business, the Submariners Creed was recited and the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be on June 18, 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
 Pride Runs Deep