

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

Meeting Date: September 24, 2004

The September meeting for the **2004 USSVI Convention Committee** was called to order at 7:30 pm by George Gasser. There were 42 members and guests present.

Chairman Gasser reported the following:

- Hotels – there are 1200 rooms on the trolley run, 400 at or near the Prime, 370 at or near Holiday Inn
- The trolley will run from 1200-2300 on Tuesday, 0700-2300 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and perhaps 0700-1200 on Sunday.
- We will add additional buses in town for the Banquet, Concert, Welcome Party, and as needed.

Welcome Party – Will be held in the park and Casino, will be hosted by Mary Lou Whitney, we will have an outdoor tent, the city will provide flowers, the American Legion will tend bar, local school jazz and marching bands will entertain, local BOCES students will take care of food service.

Parade – We have invited Admiral Eugene P. Wilkinson (1st CO of Nautilus) and William R. (Doc) Charette (Medal of Honor Winner in Korea and qualified in Submarines) to be Grand Marshals. (Admiral Fluckey and former President Carter have both declined)

The Elks Club will co-ordinate the parade.

Meals – will be as follows, we are still in the process of inviting speakers.

Grand Banquet – limited to 1600

A Men's and a Ladies luncheon. The ladies luncheon will include the Subvettes and will have entertainment.

50th Anniversary Nuclear Power Submarine luncheon

WWII Subvets luncheon

Holland Club breakfast

Farewell breakfast

Trips – The prices and dates of the trips are still being adjusted.

RV'ers – Suggested the RV site of choice be Adirondack Resort Campgrounds at exit 17. They have 200 full serve sites with 200 more water and electric only and a limited number of cabins. The price of a full serve site is \$24.00 per night. We will ask local hotels and businesses for a few on site spots for handicap sites. They will operate a shuttle every 2 hours to the Prime Hotel.

Meetings – The meetings will be as follows:

Annual Business Meeting

Subvettes Annual Business Meeting

RV'ers meeting

Base Treasurers meeting

Membership meeting

Chaplains meeting

Boat "Sign in Books" – we will have sign-in books for all boats. We will ask Hudson Valley Base to coordinate this. At the end of the convention we will forward these books to the USSVI archives for storage.

Marketing – we will market this Convention in many non traditional ways including mass mailing of the video, advertising in naval print media, and advertising in print media in naval vendor areas. We will attempt to grow the organizations membership as well as promote the Convention.

We still need help in all areas of fundraising, please volunteer to help in any way you can. Thanks.

The members were polled to see if there was anything else to discuss. Being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Jim Irwin, Secretary
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