

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

**Meeting Date: September 24, 2003**

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR Singleman at 7:10 p.m. with 42 members and guests present. Our guests included past National Commander Jack Ensminger and his wife Lori, National Office manager Fred Borgmann, and Eastern Regional Commander Pat Ulmen and his wife Shirley.
- 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 September.

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 by Fred Feldhaus and seconded by Ed Luther to approve the minutes as published.

The Base Treasurer gave his report and reminded members that dues for 2003 are due. The bank balance for the Base at this time is: checking \$1736.75. A motion to accept the report was made by Walt Bydairk and seconded by Bob Ondek.

The Storekeeper reported there are 2004 USSVI Calendars available for those who ordered them. There are 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary patches for sale for \$7.00 and Tolling of the Boats videos available for \$7.00. We sold 97 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary patches at the Reno Convention.

The Base Commander reported that we had a 48% participation of Base members in the National elections. He also requested that members pay their Base and National Dues for 2004 between now and the end of the year, the earlier the better.

### **Old Business**

Walt and Chickie Barden are in the process of designing a Wives Patch that we will sell on our Web site and at the 2004 Convention.

The nominating committee for the 2004 Base Officers is as follows: Bruce Mitchell, chairman, Frank Hardick, Tom Glenn, John Cook, and George Gasser. Nominations will be accepted from the floor will be accepted at the October and November meetings and the committee will make their recommendations at the November meeting. The elections will be held at the December meeting.

### **New Business**

There will be a District 2 Convention on October 24 – 25 in Reading PA. The Base Commander

MINUTES OF MEETING  
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI

**Location: American Legion Post #1450, Halfmoon, NY**

will be out of town at this time and if anyone is interested in attending you may contact the Base Commander for details.

The Base has been asked to give a submarine lecture on Oct 7<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00 pm at the Albany Public Library. Anyone wishing to participate please contact the Base Commander.

Additional Convention sites were voted on in Reno. 2005 will be held in Kansas City, MO; 2006 will be in Cleveland, OH; 2007 will be hosted by the Bremerton Base and is a Holland America Cruise to Alaska sailing out of Seattle WA; 2008 will be held in Ft. Worth, TX

We have been asked to put a Submarine display on the Saratoga Springs City Center on October 27<sup>th</sup>, anyone interested in helping out please let the Commander know.

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 October 15, 2003. The regular meeting will start at 6:30 PM, which will be followed immediately by the 2004 Convention meeting at the American Legion Post #1450, Grooms Road, Clifton Park, NY.

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