

MINUTES OF MEETING

ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI

Location: Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, Ballston Spa, NY

Meeting Date: June 1, 2016

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jim Irwin at 1900 with 18 members present.
- The Base muster list was passed around.
- There was a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- A Moment of Silence for Shipmates on Eternal Patrol
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer.
- The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of June.
- Each submarine veteran introduced themselves with the name of their qual boat and other boats served on. Associate members and Guests also introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report

Base Secretary Art Nolan indicated there was a quorum present.

Treasurer's Report

Base Treasurer Randy Stein was not present at this meeting. Kurt Van Maucher read the Treasurer's Report. It was voted upon and accepted without correction.

Base Commander's Report

On May 24, 2016, Base Commander Jim Irwin was inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame.

The Vietnam War Moving Memorial Wall will be located in Halfmoon Town Park from June 2 – 6, 2016.

The engravers came and installed 19 new memorial bricks at the New York State Submarine Veterans Memorial site. We are pleased with the amount of bricks purchased both locally and by other submarine associations. We need to keep the sales effort going.

Base COB Singleman and Base Commander Irwin reported that they have been in contact with representatives from Newport News Shipbuilding. They wish to support our Base initiatives in some way. Further discussion will follow.

Thank you to all who participated in the Malta and Ballston Spa parades. Turnout for the parades has improved and is greatly appreciated.

RPI conducted their Commissioning Ceremony and there were only 3 graduates who signed up for submarine duty. Most graduates wanted flight school.

The Base Commander received several posters of the USS Albany. These posters are suitable for framing and are free. But, they will only be available at Base meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

No change in the status of the: "The United States Submarine Veterans Highway – **Saratoga County**" highway naming bill.

NEW BUSINESS

None

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tolling of the Boats – Saturday, June 4, 2016. Ceremony begins in the Ballston Spa Veterans Memorial Park at 1100. Volunteers are needed for the set-up and take-down. This will include moving chairs to and from the ceremony site to helping with preparing the meeting room for refreshments and clean-up. Mr. Phil Barrett, Clifton Park Town Supervisor and Chair of the Saratoga County Veterans Committee, has agreed to be the guest speaker.

Saratoga Flag Day Parade – Saturday, June 11, 2016. Parade begins at 1200. Assemble in the area across from Burke's Funeral Home on North Broadway at 1130.

Military Appreciation Day/Saratoga Racecourse – Wednesday, August 3, 2016.

Change of Command/USS Albany – Friday, August 26, 2016 in Norfolk, Virginia. If you wish to attend, contact Base Commander Irwin as he will attempt to get initiations.

LONG TERM PLANNING

Looking towards September 10th or September 17th for our annual Base Picnic and Holland Club installations.

GENERAL BASE INFORMATION

Please consider completing a Base History form available on AlbanySaratogasubvets.com. We have received approximately 30 so far.

2016 Submarine Calendars are still available for purchase. See Diane Singleman if interested.

Break

Janet Irwin won the 50/50: \$35.00

Binnacle List

Walt Barden has tumor on his liver and cancer has spread. Base will buy a brick paver for him

Closing Remarks

Base Chaplain Irwin read the closing prayer and the SUBVETS Creed was recited.

The next base meeting will be held at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa, NY, on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at 1900.

The meeting was concluded at 2008.

Submitted by: Art Nolan
Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary
Pride Runs Deep