

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

Meeting Date: June 18, 2003

The June meeting for the **2004 USSVI Convention Committee** was called to order at 6:40 pm by George Gasser. There were 13 members present. (These minutes also include items that were discussed at the Saturday meeting on June 21, 2003 at the Half Moon Diner)

Frank Hardick went over the pricing on the all day and the half day trips. The buses carry 52 persons and the break even point was computed for each trip at 35 persons. If some trips are more popular than others, buses can be taken from less popular trips and moved to more popular trips. Also, if we use the buses for half day trips during the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm we get a special rate of \$295.00. Frank also passed out a survey sheet to base members to determine preferences for trips and prices base members would be willing to pay. We decided to combine two of the half day trips into one. The trip to the Saratoga Battlefield and the trip to the Saratoga National Cemetery will be combined and we will hold a small memorial service at the cemetery during the trip.

George Gasser reported the ad for the Reno Convention Book (full page) has been sent in as well as the ad for the next issue of the American Submariner(1/3 page).

The contract for the City Center has been signed and a \$500.00 deposit has been paid. We still need to get an insurance (Hold Harmless) liability contract for the convention. We will ask for a quote from Phil Klein.

The next Saratoga County Committee on Veterans Affairs is July 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. The meeting will be at 40 McMaster Street, the County Office Complex in Ballston Spa. We would like as many members as possible to attend, especially members who reside in Saratoga County.

We still need lots of help in many areas:

Drafting letters to supporters

Listing information from area hotels, motels, and restaurants (Walt Bydairk and John Cook are starting on this)

Gathering names, titles, and addresses of Submarine Vendor companies (Bob Ondek will help)

We need to ask the city of Saratoga Springs for a grant in the amount of \$5000.00. This grant will be used for the following: To offset the cost of the Canfield Casino and Congress Park, to offset the City Center rental fee, for a flower design logo at the Park, and to offset the facilities cost at the Prime Hotel.

We need to ask the County of Saratoga for a grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. This grant will be used for the following: To offset the cost of the Trolley (3 Trolley Cars from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm for 4 days). To offset the cost of transporting guests to and from the airport. To offset the cost of the Parade including the transportation and lodging fees for the US Navy Concert and Marching Band. To offset the printing and mailing costs associated with the convention. To offset the cost of the Canvas Bags and ball caps from NYRA. To offset the cost of the Welcome Party.

The Saratoga Tourist Board will cover the cost of up to 30 shirts for those attending the Reno Convention.

The next Convention 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, which is docked at the Albany Snow Dock at the foot of Madison Ave. under the Dunn Memorial Bridge.

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