

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

Meeting Date: November 19, 2003

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR Singleman at 6:40 p.m. with 20 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 November.

WWII Sub Vets were asked to stand. Lou Drapalski was recognized and applauded.

Base members 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 and seconded to approve the minutes as published.

The Base Treasurer gave his report and reminded members that dues for 2004 are due. The bank balance for the Base at this time is: \$2297.97

Old Business

The Storekeeper reported that we have sold 105 of the USSVI 40th Anniversary patches and we need to sell only 35 more to cover the cost of the patches. All sales after that will be profit to the base. They are available to base members for \$7.00.

The Commander reported the display at the Saratoga City Center on Oct. 27th was a success. Also, he informed the base that he met with the Parade Organizer for the City of Albany's Veterans Day Parade and that we will be invited to participate next year.

New Business

The nominating committee presented their ticket for the 2004 Base Officers as follows: CDR – Al Singleman, Sr. Vice CDR – Walt Bydairk, Jr. Vice CDR – John Hadley, Secretary – Jim Irwin, Treasurer – Fred Carlson. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the December meeting.

CRD Singleman appointed Walt Barden to serve as COB and Bob Ondek to serve as Chaplain.

Base member Frank Dorchak showed base members some of the items he has available from his business.

Bob Ondek reported that the annual fee (\$25.00) for the base website was due and that he has paid that fee as a donation to the base.

CDR Singleman reported that there was an anonymous donation to the base for the purchase of

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a computer and necessary hardware, software, and supplies to be used for the upcoming convention. After the convention these items will be returned to the donor.

Fred Carlson requested that anyone who was interested could donate to the Toys for Tots program. Contact him for information.

We will hold a Holiday party at the December meeting. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or a dessert as we did last year. Please contact CDR Singleman to let him know what you are planning to bring so we have a wide selection of choices.

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 December 17, 2003. The regular meeting will start at 6:30 PM, which will be followed immediately by the convention meeting at the American Legion Post #1450, Grooms Road, Clifton Park, NY.

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