

NEW YORK STATE SUBMARINERS MEMORIAL

HISTORY

5/31/2012

Al Singleman, and Tom Glenn were retired, available and willing to continue to move the New York State Submariners Memorial forward picking up the work started earlier by Bob Ondek. Also involved with key aspects was Jim Irwin when time and his job allowed. Others, because of their contacts and experience in certain areas of need stepped forward to help. All the members of the Albany Saratoga Base of the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. are the beneficiaries of the end product. We thank all.

The Convention

After three years of planning by a group of 10--15 dedicated members of the Albany Saratoga Base, a national convention of the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. was held from September 15--19, 2004 in Saratoga Springs, NY. Between 2000 and 3000 submarine veterans gathered for meetings, presentations, banquets, tours, and entertainment. That convention was and is considered the best national convention ever. One of the positive results of the convention was a profit of approximately \$40,000 which became seed money for our planned memorial to lost submariners from New York State. The planning group included Walt Bydairk, Fred Carlson, John Cook, Fritz Feldhaus, George Gasser, Frank Hardick, Jim Irwin, Bob Ondek, Al Singleman, and Mike Stoneback. They did themselves proud.

Plans for a Memorial

Following the 2004 convention, planning for the memorial began in earnest. Original plans called for a full-scale cement replica of a US fast attack submarine to be constructed above ground with a museum and meeting rooms underneath. A sail and rudder were to be obtained from a decommissioned nuclear submarine and mounted on the replica. Frank Hardick, a licensed civil engineer from our group, spent much time and effort in developing engineering drawings. Bob Ondek (USS Queenfish) spent days and months that stretched into years in developing the list of names of NYS submariners lost at sea while serving on board US submarines. Dating back to the founding of the Submarine Service in 1900, the list grew to 437 names - and continues to grow as we discover more home towns of those lost. Finding and verifying this information was and will continue to be difficult because social security numbers are protected by privacy laws. Sad to say, Bob Ondek did not live to see his project completed; he passed away in 2006. Other base members stepped up and continued to define the list of names to be placed on the memorial.

The Foundation

As plans were being made, applications were processed through the federal and state governments to obtain the status of a 501(C) 3 tax exempt foundation for the purpose of establishing a submarine research and historical reference center, museum, a memorial, to preserve artifacts, and promote a forum for educating students, the public, veterans and other organizations about the Submarine Service. Applications began in May of 2005. State approval came in February 2007. When federal approval followed in July 2007, we had our tax exempt status. Our initial foundation organization consisted of a seven-member board chaired by base member Al Singleman.

Original Design

After Frank Hardick completed the drawings, we were looking at an estimated project cost of several million dollars. Do we move forward? We moved aggressively to find a location for our memorial in Saratoga Springs, NY. Over the course of several years, letters were sent, key people were approached, and local officials were contacted in hopes of obtaining a site for our memorial. Several promising and desirable locations were pursued, including land along NY State Route 50 (northern Saratoga Springs) and state land south of Saratoga Springs near the Saratoga County tree farm. When a promising site was offered to us at American Legion Post 1450 near Exit 8a of the Northway, we thought we had a location. The offer was withdrawn after a short time, for no apparent reason. The huge estimated cost of the plan and the inherent difficulties in raising large amounts of money sent us back to the drawing board.

Scale Down

Reality set in, i.e., the necessity to lower our sights to do a project within our means. Meetings were held and ideas discussed. We eventually settled on a memorial stone to be engraved with the names of all sailors from NYS who were lost in submarines, most from WWII. Engraved paver bricks would surround the stone; the individual bricks could be sold to raise needed funds. We still needed land to place it. One of our members, Marv Hassell, told Mayor John Romano of the Village of Ballston Spa of our project and the difficulty in finding a location. The mayor liked the idea and stated that he had a place in the village where we could place it. We were excited but cautious due to our earlier experiences.

The Meeting--Mayor, VFW, American Legion, USSVI Alb-Sar Base

On 24 March 2010, Mayor Romano chaired a meeting in his office with the following attendees:

- Mayor John Romano, Village of Ballston Spa
- Cmdr. Everett Manning, American Legion Post 234

- Cmdr. Earl “Doc” Manning, VFW Post 358
- Cmdr. Bob Bailey, Al Singleman--Jim Irwin--Tom Glenn, Albany-Saratoga Base, USSVI

The site the mayor had in mind was the Veterans Park located in the center of the village. The American Legion and VFW had installed a monument and memorial there many years ago to commemorate those lost in service to their country. The mayor brought all parties together to gauge acceptance of our proposed addition in the rear of Veterans Park. After the mayor explained the proposal, Al Singleman showed sketches and representative photos of what the memorial would generally look like. With all questions answered to their satisfaction, the proposal was enthusiastically accepted by all. Our phased plan was discussed and would proceed as finances allowed. Our memorial would be a black granite stone surrounded by a patio of pavers. The pavers would be engraved with the names of loved ones that people might like to remember who were veterans, relatives or just friends. The pavers would be sold as a means to help with project costs. A short paver footpath would lead to the monument off a long walkway of pavers extending from Low Street to Milton Ave. The names of those lost from NYS would be engraved on the front and back of the granite stone. A scale model submarine would be permanently installed alongside the walkway. Both Cmdr. Manning (Legion) and Cmdr. Manning (VFW) asked to be included in the planning and decision making as needed in an advisory and suggestive capacity. We were glad to have them on board. On April 12, 2010, after Al Singleman’s presentation to the village board, the mayor and village board approved our memorial location in Veterans Park. We were on our way?

Site Ownership-Deed, Survey Map, Archives

Early in July 2010, in an effort to determine the dimensions of the offered site in order to place our monument, I went to the Saratoga County Clerk’s Office to search for any maps or deeds. The latest deed on file showed the US Post Office owned the property. In 1987, the village had sold the parcel to the US Post Office for the purpose of enlarging the existing adjoining US Post Office building. An integral part of the deed cited a land survey, #85-162 (map U-18) by CT Male Associates dated May 1, 1985 that showed the dimensions of the property. A copy of the map was obtained from the County Real Property Office. The map also showed the VFW/American Legion monument placed there years earlier. As part of the sale, the monument was to be moved from the site. Neither the move nor the Post Office expansion ever took place. However, the owner of the property was the US Post office and not the village. Copies of the deed were given to an incredulous Mayor Romano – he couldn’t believe the village didn’t own the land – nor could the VFW or the American Legion. This sale happened several mayors and 23 years ago. Since 1987, the village had covered the liability and performed the maintenance and upkeep on the property. In 2003, the village paid for and installed permanent lighting fixtures in the park; new flag poles were also added. A search of local newspaper archives turned up a dozen articles, mostly from the Schenectady Gazette, concerning the sale to the US Post Office. Copies of these articles were given to all parties. In a letter to the US Post Office dated August 12, 2010, Mayor Romano requested permission for us to place our memorial in what was thought to be the village’s

Veterans Park.

Colonie Memorial Info

The Town of Colonie had recently finished a memorial to all veterans from their town. Bob Laduke, the VFW Post Cmdr., was the project manager. Laduke became a prime source of information for us regarding sourcing of material and suppliers of services. We were fortunate to learn from their experiences and mistakes so as not to repeat them. He provided key names: the supplier of good quality paver blocks (they had looked at many), the pavers' engraver, the pavers' installer and their architect. Noting that the pavers' engraver, Humphrey Memorials of Herkimer, NY, also supplied large memorial stones, he recommended we touch base with them.

The Architect-Keith Buff, EYP

Keith Buff of Einhorn ,Yaffee, & Prescott Architecture and Engineering was the architect who designed the Colonie Veterans Memorial. I asked Mr. Buff if he would be interested in helping us with our project, i.e., concept sketches, drawings and other materials. He enthusiastically agreed to do so, pro-bono. After a visit to the proposed site, he met with us to discuss the details of our plan. We now had our architect! After several meetings, Keith presented us with a 4' X 8' X 10" monument design with a layout of 7 columns, front & back. Spaced for about 500 names, with 5/8" high lettering, common gothic style. He also provided a properly engineered foundation drawing for the 6-ton monument. The monument and walkway were positioned on the survey map.

Granite Stone Search

We had initially dealt with a local memorial stone supplier (LaBrake) in Saratoga Springs, NY. LaBrake was concerned about finding a reasonably priced stone that would fit our budget, along with engraving over 437 names and spacing them to fit. LaBrake finally proposed a 9' long 5' high stone at a cost of over \$38,000. This cost was prohibitive. In March 2010, Jim Irwin contacted Humphrey Memorials and requested a quote on our memorial stone. CJ Karker responded with a price of \$32,450 for a 4' by 8' Gem Mist black granite stone, delivered, installed and engraved with the 437 names in about 6 months. The stone would be mounted on a 10' by 1' by 18" high, light grey granite base. This seemed good to us. The granite would be mined in Pennsylvania, shipped to a Vermont quarry where it would be polished and artwork applied. The stone would then be shipped to the site and installed. All lettering and names would be engraved on site by Humphrey. On May 7-8, 2011, Jim Irwin traveled to Herkimer, NY to discuss the additional engraving of the paver blocks with CJ and to review their work. The price to engrave each block with three lines of characters was \$30 per block. The engraving would be done after installation by us. Our job: sell the pavers. CJ had worked with our architect on the Colonie project and would work closely with him in reviewing the foundation for our stone and the paver blocks.

Paver Blocks

We visited Colonie Block & Supply to inquire if the paver blocks that Colonie used were still available. After discussions over several visits and availability was assured from Canada, a price of \$1.90 each based on a quantity of 2600 pavers was accepted. They were immediately available and would be stored there until needed and then delivered to the site. Two colors were ordered, the second color to highlight the walkway border and the lost boat rectangle.

US Post Office Negotiations

After receipt of the letter from the mayor asking for permission for the sub vets to place their monument on the post office owned land, postal officials traveled from Windsor CT to Ballston Spa and met with Mayor Romano on 7 September 2010 to discuss the situation. We had asked the US Post Office to establish a lease which would allow us in the park. Rich Russo, Real Estate Specialist for the US Post Office and another individual met with Mayor Romano; they both agreed that the land could be sold back to the village. The price was not established but what was talked about did not raise any eyebrows. Although the mayor had to get the approval of the village board for the parcel purchase, he did not think that would be a problem. The discussion stopped any lease talk in favor of the village reacquiring the land. It was later determined that leasing would be impossible anyway. Both the mayor and the postal officials said they would work to expedite the sale so we would not lose the price quotations for the granite and the pavers. Speed is not a known word in the US Post Office! Postal contacts were established as Rich Russo and Bill Moncrief of the Northeast Facilities Service Office in Windsor CT. The village board approved the purchase on September 27, 2010.

Quotes for Foundation, Paver Installation

We proceeded to search for contractors to help us with our installation, feeling secure that the village would soon own the land again and we already had permission from them to be in the park. Using the drawings for the monument, the monument foundation, and paver layout for the site provided by architect Keith Buff, we held meetings with the mayor, VFW, and American Legion to keep them informed as we proceeded. The mayor said the village would dig the foundation. The VFW said they had a carpenter (Denny Laque) who would frame the foundation for us.

The site and drawings for the entire paver layout was reviewed by the same company that did the Colonie paver installation, but they did not submit a bid for the work. At the same time, the American Legion indicated they knew of a local contractor who could construct the foundation and also install the pavers according to the drawings. The VFW offered, with our thanks, to pay for the installation of the foundation along with the offer of the carpenter to frame it. The pavers would be on hand at Colonie Block & Supply. We contracted with Mike Hofman to do the work for us after reviewing work he had done at the Ballston Spa Legion post. We still had to wait for the land issue resolution between the village and the post office before work could start.

Names of NYS Lost Submariners

Al Singleman and Tom Glenn pored over the multiple lists of names that Bob Ondek had compiled over years of research. Pages of detailed data showed where the lost men came from and when and where they were lost. All lists had to be reconciled to eliminate duplications. Web sites, boat organizations, crew lists, eternal patrol lists, and other researcher's information were reviewed to develop accurate lists. Each name had to be screened for correct spelling and verification of New York residence. Many weeks were spent on these tasks. Every time we went through the list, we would find a spelling error or some other minor mistake. Eventually, one list of 437 names was finalized. Accuracy was essential as these names would be engraved on the granite stone to last forever.

Top of Stone Design

The top of the front side of the granite stone would be etched with dolphins on the left side and a WWII war patrol symbol on the right side. Between them would be two lines with the words "NEW YORK STATE SUBMARINER'S MEMORIAL - SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL". Engravings of three submarines: a pre-war submarine, a WWII fleet submarine, and a nuclear powered submarine (USS Thresher) would be etched on the back of the stone. Beneath the columns of names on the back would be the words "SAILOR REST YOUR OAR". All letters would be 2"-2 1/2" high.

Land Sale Follow Up With Post Office

This is where frustration takes hold and government bureaucracy shows its ugly head. From September 2010 to March 1, 2011, I contacted the Northeast Facilities Service Office of the US Post Office located in Windsor, CT no less than once a week (by count 17 times) and sometimes more. These contacts were made to follow up and push the sale of the land to the village agreed to during the September 7, 2010 meeting with Mayor Romano. Bill Moncrief and sometimes Rich Russo (post office contacts) continued to insist the sale was moving forward even though we had no sign of this. I got Mayor Romano involved several times to try to move it forward. I gave the post office the name of a local assessor, a local title co., and sent them copies of the survey map and the 1987 deed for property dimensions, and other data we had. I felt I was doing their work. We tried to remember we were an interested third party trying to move a land sale forward. We had no clout.

On March 1, 2011, I received a call from Greg Lackey, Realty Asset Manager, Northeast Area USPS Facility HQ in New Jersey. He indicated he had been copied on email exchanges between Moncrief and me where I had complained about how long the sale process was taking and the impact it was having on our price quotes. He asked me to give him the history, which I did in detail, including the frustrating delays. Lackey stated that he was the contracting officer for the northeast region; accordingly, the Windsor, CT people had no authority to buy or sell land. He picked up the transaction and became my point of contact regarding any further questions. He said he would obtain the complete file from CT and handle the sale to the village. He wanted to be informed of any further

price increases and apologized that it had taken so long. At last something would be done.

To reinforce the importance to us and the need to move the sale forward with the new post office contact, I asked Mayor Romano to contact Greg Lackey. He was glad to do it! (he asked Lackey where he had been for the last year). Greg processed the sale over the next three months. A price of \$30,000 was discussed. The final sale asked for \$28,500 from the village; the additional \$1500 was to be forwarded from the village to the Albany-Saratoga Sub Vets Foundation to cover the cost increases incurred due to the delays. The mayor cleared that cost with the village board. The land sale was finally completed on May 26, 2011, just before the 2012 Memorial Day parade. The Village of Ballston Spa once again owned the Veterans Park. Mayor Romano and I both thanked Greg Lackey for his help.

Granite Stone Contract--Memorial Day parade--USS Albany crew--ground breaking

During the early part of May, 2011(May 4), after the land sale was assured, we contracted with Humphrey Memorials to purchase the granite stone to be delivered in about six months. Also for \$30 each, Humphrey agreed to engrave any pavers we would sell.

The commanding officer of the fast attack submarine USS Albany(SSN753) and ten members of his crew planned to visit their namesake city and march in their May 30th Memorial Day parade. As part of that weekend visit, we also invited them to march in the Ballston Spa parade two days earlier. After that parade, the groundbreaking ceremony for our memorial was held in the village-owned Veterans Park with the USS Albany skipper and his crew participating. Indeed, Cmdr. T. R. Buchanan was the featured speaker.

Contract for Pavers Set

We contracted with Colonie Block & Supply for 2600 paver blocks @ \$1.90 each. The transportation charge from Canada was waived by Colonie Block with our thanks. They would be available in a week or so and would be housed in their storage yard until needed. Our task now would be to sell the engraved pavers to organizations, the public and our own members for \$70-\$75 each to raise needed funds for installation and other expenses. Jim Irwin would take on this task.

Concept Sketch from Keith Buff

We asked for and received an architectural concept sketch that we could use on ordering forms for the pavers and install on our newly-designed website - subvetmemorial.com. This would help show what the memorial would look like and aid in selling pavers.

VFW/ American Legion Paver Sales

The wonderful support from the Village of Ballston Spa community was capped when both the VFW and American Legion signaled their intension to purchase paver blocks to be engraved with the names of the past commanders of each organization. Between the two organizations over a hundred and twenty pavers were to be purchased. This action along with individual purchases gave a tremendous lift to our financial position as we moved forward. Jim Irwin designed an application form to be used to purchase the pavers, gathering the information to be engraved, handling the receipts and coordinating the engraving with Humphrey. We planned to continue engraved paver brick sales after the memorial was installed to help with maintenance costs. Applications for the paver engraving are available on the website (Albany Saratoga Sub Vets Foundation).

Construct Foundation--Install Granite Stone

Now that the village owned the land, we could proceed with the construction. We had the worker arrangements in place so we went to work. The hole was dug, the foundation framed and the concrete poured in preparation for the memorial stone. This was completed June 30, 2011. We were ready for the granite stone. The stone was not yet complete and delivery was later delayed due to hurricane Irene which washed out many roads in Vermont. We waited patiently. The stone and base arrived on October 20, 2011 and was installed by Humphrey immediately. Over the next two days Humphrey engraved the 437 names of lost submariners from NYS on the front and back. We were elated that we had physical progress. We proudly showed the finished stone to Mayor Romano--he was very pleased.

Installing the Pavers

With the monument work finished, we turned our attention to installing the paver blocks. As it was late in the year, we thought the weather and frost would delay the effort; however, the weather remained warm. Mike Hofman and his crew worked hard over the next month. The site was dug out; crushed stone and stone dust were trucked in and spread. The crew laid over 2500 pavers in the desired pattern. A 450 square-foot patio was placed around the monument. The 180-foot long memorial walkway was installed from Low Street to Milton Ave. Their work and the finished product were a sight to behold - what a great job - and all done before winter! Paver work was completed on December 2, 2011. The pavers would be engraved by Humphrey in the spring.

Model Sub Plans--CBM Fabrications Inc.

We struggled to come up with a method to build the model submarine as the final item for the memorial site. A plan to make a 20 foot scale replica of the USS Albany (SSN753) was our goal. Discussed was the use of a 24" sonotube to be used as the main body with descending diameters of foam disks glued together for the front and back of the sub to be attached to the tube. The assembly would then be covered with fiberglass creating a hardened shell for the model. Al Singleman was experienced with model making and we were confident we could make this work.

One of our members contacted the Troy Boilermakers with the possibility of them making the model for us. Response was not positive.

John Christopher, of our base had spoken to Charlie McCormack, President of CBM Fabrications Inc. CBM is a large machine shop in Ballston Lake, NY. John, Al Singleman and Tom Glenn met with Mr. McCormack on January 3, 2012 at CBM. We discussed our plans, ideas and the possibility of help. We gave Mr. McCormack pictures, sketches, thoughts and ideas that we had. The company was willing to help us with their vast facility and metalworking equipment and we were thrilled to accept their offer. Plans to make the main body of the sub from rolled and welded 1/8 thickness steel were discussed and seemed the way to go. Help was on the way.

In February 2012, Al Singleman and Tom Glenn proceeded to spend several weeks processing 1" thick donated foam material into over 40 disks with descending diameters that would be sanded and fused together with epoxy resin to form the nose of the to-scale model submarine of the USS Albany SSN753. Coats of the resin would be applied to the finished sanded foam nose to harden it. Simultaneously, Charles McCormack and his CBM Fabrications Inc. machine shop obtained the 1/8" steel plate stock and formed and welded it into the circular 10' main body of the model. He also would form and weld the tail section to the main body. After mating the foam nose to the welded center section, the sail, rudder, and bow planes were assembled to the model. CBM would paint the final assembly. The model is over 20' long.

Meanwhile, a full sized 20' plywood mockup of the model sub was made and brought to the memorial site 18 February 2012, and with the approval of the American Legion and VFW was spot located to determine the best acceptable installed position for the full model.

On April 11, 2012 the first National Submarine Day Tolling of the Boats ceremony was conducted at the memorial stone site. This was also the 112th birthday of the US Submarine Service.

March through early April was a busy time both at CBM (model sub manufacture and assembly); the memorial site, (Mike Hofman laid pavers around where the the model would be placed, installed the saddle supports in the ground and prepared the site to receive the finished model of the USS Albany); Al Singleman and Tom Glenn continued to work on the fiberglass bow which would mate to the CBM fabricated body of the model. This assembly occurred on 4 May with final sanding and preparation for paint occurring during the following week. CBM did the final finishing, painting, transport to the memorial site and mounting of the model on the installed pedestals by 18 May 2012--two days before the dedication ceremony. We are indebted to CBM, its president Charles McCormack, and his employees for our model of the USS Albany. Our project schedule was on time, within budget.

During April, Humphrey Memorials spent about four days engraving over 300 of the installed paver blocks with the names of the 65 lost boats in addition to the names of veterans, relatives, friends and others that people wanted to be remembered here. They

planned to return during May to engrave approximately 87 more pavers including the names of all commanding officers of the USS Albany since it's commissioning. A dedication engraving would also be applied to the base of the monument.

20 May 2012---D Day

Dedication day finally arrived. Two days before, Humphrey Memorials engraved some 88 additional paver bricks, bringing the total to 417. The scale model of the USS Albany had been brought to the memorial site and installed by Charles McCormack's CBM employees, assisted by many "lifters"-- the model weighs over 600 pounds.

The dedication was attended by an estimated 250 - 300 people. Representatives and submariners from New Jersey, Massachusetts, and seven New York State bases were on hand. Speakers praised our efforts and emotionally remembered the lost NYS submariners whose names are engraved on the memorial stone.

Robert (Steamboat) Fulton, a WWII submarine veteran who made all seven war patrols with the USS Batfish, SS 310 in 1944-1945, laid a wreath at the base of the eight foot long memorial stone. Cmdr. Earl "Doc" Manning of VFW Post 358 and Cmdr. Everett Manning of Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234 also laid wreaths.

The Speakers Were Eloquent--

"They say a man dies twice: first when he physically dies and then when he is forgotten. We are gathered in Ballston Spa's Veterans Park to ensure the second death doesn't happen to hundreds of submarine veterans from New York State."

----Cmdr. Jim Irwin, Cmdr. District 5, NYS, USSVI; Commander Albany-Saratoga Base

This granite memorial stone lists the fallen New York State submariners and is engraved with the phrases 'Shipmates On Eternal Patrol' and 'Sailor Rest Your Oar'. A World War II patrol pin and twin dolphins are etched into the stone. The dolphins represent the badge of honor that submariners receive and wear after they are qualified on their vessels. The submarine dolphins badge means that you know every section and system of the boat so your shipmates can count on you when they are sleeping. You are then accepted as a member of the submarine community."

---- Al Singleman, board chairman, Albany Saratoga Sub-Vets Memorial Foundation.

"We highlight the memorial foundation's purpose: to remember all the fallen submariners and to provide an opportunity for camaraderie among living veterans. Looking at this, I'd have to say "mission accomplished."

---- Capt. Jeffrey Hughes, keynote speaker; formerly US Navy submarine commander and base commander of the Kesselring Site Nuclear Power Training Unit, West Milton.

"I can't believe your submarine veteran's organization physically completed this beautiful memorial on this site in one year's time. The village board and I enthusiastically support what you have done and thank you for placing the memorial here. As people come to

Ballston Spa from all over, this will be a constant reminder that the best things in life aren't free."

---- Mayor John Romano, Village of Ballston Spa.

"I could see myself firing a musket, but I couldn't see myself stuffed in a tube under water for six months as submariners are. New York State submarine veterans have suffered a long, hard road to find a place to put this monument; it's a testament to their silent service."

---- Cmdr. Everett Manning, Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, Ballston Spa, NY.

"These submariners gave so much to serve their country. This model is the least we could do to help them with their project. We worked on it on and off for 3-4 months; we wanted to do our part; it was a fun project - the guys enjoyed it."

---- Charles McCormack, President, CBM Fabrications Inc. (manufacturer of the USS Albany scale model.)

Those submariners listed here gave our country their lives. They silently serve on Eternal Patrol with the dolphins of the deep. They were the forerunners of today's Silent Service. We are humbled by what they did. We are all part of the undersea cadre of American Submariners. We honor them today and forever.

THE SUN SHINED BRIGHTLY ALL DAY!

Pictorial History

Photos of the progress of the construction at the memorial site documenting each step of the work are available on the Sub Vets Albany-Saratoga Base website.

This history of our New York State Submariners Memorial project was compiled by Tom Glenn, USS Cutlass SS478, Albany-Saratoga Base, USSVI.

Watching Funds --Financials

The financial position of the foundation was fluid. It changed as income and donations were received and bills were paid. As of 31 May 2012, the following can be stated: Most bills have been paid.

Starting budget

Seed money (convention)	\$38248
Checking account (convention)	<u>\$1800</u>
	\$40048.00
Receipts	
Base donation	\$1000
USSVI National matching	\$1000
Village of Ballston Spa	\$1500
GE paver match	\$285
Paver sales	\$23364.34
Albacore Base	\$1619.57
Citizen's Bank / Price Chopper	\$150
Base - Dedication/Alb Skipper engraving	\$525
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	<u>\$29443.91</u>
	\$69491.91
Expenses incurred & paid out	
Granite stone (Humphrey)	\$32450.00
Paver cost (Colonie Block)	\$4630.88
Paver installation (Hofman)	\$12000.00
Model bed (Hofman)	\$2800.00
Misc. (postage, printing, filing fee NYS, Website, taxes)	\$793.43
Engrave 417 pavers (Includes 65 lost boats & dedication caption)	\$12635.00
Sub stress balls	\$368.00
Dedication expense (food)	<u>\$125.00</u>
	<u>\$65802.31</u>
	+\$3689.60

Outstanding costs:

Engrave 26 add'nl names (big stone)

-\$390.

+\$3299.60

Donations

We have asked for and received donations from many sources. With much gratitude we heartily thank them all:

Keith Buff (EYP-Architect)
Jodi Lounsbury(Surveyor, Clough Harbor Assoc.)
Mayor John Romano & Ballston Spa Village Board
Greg Lackey (US Postal Service)
VFW Post 358 & Cdr. Earl "Doc" Manning
American Legion Post 234 & Cdr. Everett Manning
Denny Laque,VFW (for the memorial foundation)
Hanson Hardscape Products, Canada (pavers)
Colonie Block(free shipping, transport, pavers, polymeric sand f/ pavers)
Pallette Stone Corp. (discount concrete, crushed stone, stone dust)
Terri McKenna(website)
Mike Hofman, Kyle Hofman, Pete Defillippo(great paver installation work)
Home Depot(material)
A H Harris (sonotubes)
Scarano Boat Building Inc.(epoxy resin)
Sabic Corp (rigid foam)
Dennis Cordi (fiber glass cloth)
CBM Fabrications Inc.(Manufacture of the USS Albany model)
The Schoolhouse Rd. Branch of Citizens Bank (donation)
Price Chopper's Golub Foundation (donation)