

**MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**

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

Meeting Date: September 9, 2017

The Annual Picnic/Holland Club induction of the Albany-Saratoga Base began at 12:00 noon with about 35 members and guests present

Base COB Al Singleman manned the grill and as usual did an outstanding job. There was an excellent variety of food, salads, and desserts brought in by those attending

We were so very lucky to have three very special guests – Alice Hassell, widow of Marv Hassell, Jo Feldhaus, widow of Fritz Feldhaus, and Pat Luther, widow of Ed Luther.

After everyone ate their fill the formal part of the gathering began. Base Commander Jim Irwin asked for a moment of silent prayer and then led the group in a pledge to the Flag. Base Chaplain Janet Irwin then read an opening prayer. CDR Irwin then gave a brief explanation of the significance of the Holland Club and asked all current members of the Holland Club to stand and be recognized. (I think there were more Holland Club members than non-members) The 2017 Holland Club inductees included Roy Purtell, Rick Rocco, and Charles Wojten who were in attendance along with Ed Gradwell, Craig Parvu, Ron Diodati, and David Aldrich all of whom were unable to attend.

After the Holland Club packages were presented to the new members, Past National Commander and Base COB Al Singleman presented Base Commander Jim Irwin the Meritorious Award he received at the National Convention.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 4, 2017, at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa, NY. And begin at 7:00 PM

Jim Irwin – Albany-Saratoga Base Commander
Pride Runs Deep

DUES – dues for 2018 are due. The current dues are \$10.00 per year. Any dues not paid by December may be assessed at a higher rate depending on a proposed increase of \$5.00 per year. If passed the annual Base dues will become \$15.00 per year. National dues will remain at \$25.00 per year.

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