

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, Ballston Spa, NY
Meeting Date: March 4, 2020

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead with 17 members and 1 guest present.
 - The Base muster list was passed around
 - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Base Cob
 - Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer
 - The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of March
 - Each Base member introduced themselves along with their “qual” boat and year
 - Base Treasurer Ken Kohl gave the Treasurer’s report

New Business

Only 2 members have still yet to pay their Base dues.

Everyone was reminded of the upcoming National Elections, the USSVI National Awards program, and the USSVI Scholarship program. Information for all of those are available on the USSVI National website.

The National Convention is being held in Tucson Arizona this year. Again, more information is available on the website.

There are two local groups that conduct “Honor Flights” to Washington DC. For more information you can check out their websites or call the numbers shown.

USSVI Awards program runs from 2/1/2020 to 4/30/2020. Details on the website. Any member in good standing can nominate a Base or an individual for an award.

USSVI Scholarship program runs from 10/30/2019 to 5/15/2020 details and applications available on the website.

Base member Mark Maiellaro’s daughter (Helen Gowan) was present at the meeting and spoke about her time on the USS Iwo Jima (LHD-7). She discussed her present duties, issues and concerns that are currently ongoing aboard, and she answered questions from the group.

A date for the annual Tolling the Boats was chosen and will be held on May 30th at 11:00 AM.

Dale Breault reported that the new “guns” for the float are now installed.

Diane Singleman reported that she has longevity pins available for those who need them – pins available are 1 year, 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, etc. Please recycle your old pins.

Poopie Suits and Cowboy Boots Books are available on the internet via Amazon. All profits go to the USSVI Charitable Foundation.

Jim Irwin reported that USSVI has an upcoming initiative to raise funds for the Charitable Fund in the works. More details will be provided as they become available.

Al Singleman and Jim Irwin discussed bringing in items that had been donated to the Foundation to be made available to the members.

The Malta "First Responders" parade will be held on Saturday May 16th.

Jack Cornell's wife reported that on February 28th he had a full knee replacement and he is doing well.

The 50/50 drawing was held and won by Ken Kohl - \$28.00 with \$27.00 going to the Base

The Base Chaplain read the closing prayer.
The SUBVETS Creed was recited.

The next regular meeting will begin at 1900 on April 1, 2020. The meeting will be held at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa, NY.

The meeting was concluded at 2025.

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

Note:

The Leatherstocking Honor Flight and the Patriot Flight Inc. Capital District Region flights have been placed on hold until further notice.

All USSVI activities including meetings, parades, memorials, etc., have been cancelled until further notice.

American Legion Post 234 and VFW Post 358 are closed until further notice