

MINUTES OF MEETING ALBANY- SARATOGA BASE, USSVI

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

Meeting Date: February 5, 2020

• The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Bob Bailey with 25 member 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 February
- Each Base member introduced themselves along with their “qual” boat and year
- Base Treasurer Ken Kohl gave the Treasurer’s report

At this time outgoing Base Commander Bailey administered the oath of office to the incoming Base Officers. Incoming Base Commander Jerry Whitehead took over the meeting.

New Business

Approximately 18 members have still yet to pay their Base dues. Additionally, there are 2 members who have not paid both Base and National dues and most likely will be dropped from USSVI. 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.

Leatherstocking Honor Flight

<https://leatherstockinghonorflight.org>

Contact – Rhonda Cooper (518)878-2257 or rhondacooper214@gmail.com

Patriot Flight Inc. Capital District Region

<https://patriotflight.org>

Contact – Bruce Mendini (518)857-8881 or bdmendini@yahoo.com

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.

NTPU Ballston Spa will be holding Change of Command on Friday February 21 2020. Captain Judd Krier will be relieved by Commander Johnny R. Lykins. Captain Krier’s new command will be as the CO

of the amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima (LHD-7). Base member Mark Maiellaro remarked that his daughter had been previously assigned to that ship.

Base member Jim Irwin requested the Base take an ad in the VFW Post 358 program book as they are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of their Post. A half page ad in the amount of \$50.00 was voted and approved.

A date for the annual Tolling the Boats will be chosen and announced at an upcoming meeting.

The 50/50 drawing was held and won by Bob Bailey - \$35.00

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

The next regular meeting will begin at 1900 on March 4, 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
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