

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa
Meeting Date: April 1st, 2026

The April meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander (BC) Jim Cree at 1900 with 20 Base Members present.

- The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chief of the Boat Mike Lynett.
- The Base Chaplain Janet Irwin read the opening prayer, and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of April.
- Base members introduced themselves.

Secretary's report

- The NPTU Class 2504 Graduation is on 4/3/26 at the Fieldhouse on NSA Saratoga Springs at 1000.
- The RPI NROTC Awards ceremony is on 4/22/26 at 1400. The ceremony will be at the Mueller Center (What we refer to as the Armory). Address is 1643 15th St. Troy, NY 12180

Treasurer's report

- Will send out as soon as it is available.

Business

- Jim Cree discussed a letter received from the Groton Base soliciting donations for the clubhouse fund. There was some discussion that the Base does not typically make a donation but individuals are free to donate. Jim Cree made a motion to not make a donation on behalf of the Base, Adam Mainville seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- The National Website needed a few more days to get finished. Check it out at ussvi.org or ussubvets.org
- Saratoga Flag Day parade update. The parade is back on and will be on 6/13/26 with step off at 1200.
- RPI update: The RPI awards ceremony will be on 4/22 at 1400 in the Armory. The RPI commissioning ceremony will be on 5/15 at 0900.
- Tolling of boats will be held on 6/6. Jim Irwin mentioned Mary Beth Walsh and Jim Tedsico will be putting forth a motion again to declare April 11th Submarine Day in New York, expect the certificate to be presented at the tolling of the boats.
- The Turning Point parade will be on 8/2
- Wreath laying at the National cemetery will be on 12/5.
- Trip to Groton discussion: Jim Irwin will reach out to ALBANY now that the boat is out of drydock. He will see when a good weekend for us to come would be and we'll go from there. Jim thinks they are still planning a namesake city visit but doesn't have any details.

- Base picnic date needs moved. This is due to the pavilion being booked the weekend chosen at the March meeting. The picnic will now be held on 9/24.
- Andy Bodien mentioned the window is still open for scholarship applications through USSVCF. The deadline to apply is 18 May, 2026.
- Fuzzy Marshall updated the group on placing the order for coins. He will let the Bae Secretary know when they are in and an email will be sent out so members will know coins are available for purchase at the next meeting.
- After the Ballston Spa Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, the American Legion will be hosting the picnic instead of having it at the park downtown. All will be welcome to attend.

The 50/50 drawing was held, the drawing was won by Tom Krauser.

The next meeting will be on May 6th and will begin at 1900.

The meeting adjourned at 1945.

Upcoming Events:

- 03 April - NPTU Class 2504 graduation
- 22 April at 1400 - RPI NROTC Awards Ceremony at the Armory
- 04-08 May - CROAKER working party
- 09 May - Malta Military Veterans & First Responders Parade. Lineup start at 0900, step off at 1005.
- 15 May at 0930 - RPI Commissioning Ceremony
- 23 May - Ballston Spa Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony
- 25 May - Glens Falls Memorial Day Parade
- 29 May – NPTU Class 2505 graduation
- 06 June - Tolling of the Boats
- 13 June – Saratoga Flag Day Parade
- 04 July - Clifton Park 4th of July Parade
- 27 July – NPTU Class 2506 graduation
- 02 August - Schuylerville Turning Point Parade
- 06-11 September - USSVI National Convention
- 12 September – Hudson Falls/Fort Edward Military Parade
- 24 Sept - Base Picnic
- 02 December - Base Holiday Potluck
- 05 December - National Cemetery Wreath Laying

Correspondence – Convention and other updates

- 2026 National Convention:
 - Corpus Christi, TX at the Omni Hotel
 - September 6-11, 2026
 - <https://subvetconvention.org/>
- USSVI Charitable Foundation 125th Submarine Anniversary Commemorative Coin
<https://www.ussvcf.org/commemorative-coin>
- USSVI Charitable Foundation's service to provide free wills for USSVI members.
<https://www.mylegacywill.com/ussvcf>
- Please consider purchasing a brick paver for our Memorial.
<https://www.subvetmemorial.com/buy-a-brick.htm>
- Please fill out a Sub Vet history report – see the Base Chaplain. Forms are also available on the Base website.
<https://www.albanysaratogasubvets.com/pdfs/Subvet%20History%20Report.pdf>

Submitted by: Kurt Daniels
Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary
Pride Runs Deep - Shoot First!!!
End Report.