

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa
Meeting Date: June 4th, 2025

The June meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Jim Cree at 1900 with 16 Base Members present.

- The Base muster list was made available by the Base Secretary.
- 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 June.
- Base members introduced themselves.
- Dave Reed, formerly a member of the Groton Base, has moved to the area and joined the Albany-Saratoga Base. Dave introduced himself and gave us a little background info.

Secretary's report

- Went over upcoming Base events for the Month of June.
- Will send out a link to pictures gathered from May/June events.

Treasurers report – was read

Old Business

- Tolling the Boats is Saturday June 7th, we went over the plan. Jim Irwin was contacting the Legion leadership to see if we could use the meeting room, or the pavilion depending on the weather.
- The Saratoga Flag Day parade is next Saturday, June 14th.

New Business

- Butch McCabe submitted a write up on our organization to the Times Union for their Duty Calls weekly feature article. The person who runs publishing the article has received the submission but there was no report on when it might be in the paper.
 - Jim Irwin spoke about the importance of our Tolling the Boats ceremony and how important it is to the family members who lost their loved ones on SCORPION. We expect to have SCORPION family members and possibly BULLHEAD family members at the ceremony Saturday.
 - Jerry Whitehead discussed the great turnout at the Glens Falls Parade, and that the enthusiasm of the crowd restored his faith in patriotism.
- The 50/50 drawing was held, and the prize was won by Steve Cipperly who donated the winnings back to the Base.

- A few members told sea stories. Jim Irwin told a story about his never-ending final walkthrough with the Weapons Officer for his Submarine qualifications. Butch McCabe told us about his Honor Guard duty at the Reserve Center and how a “burial-at-sea” in Saratoga Lake went sideways when the wind kicked up while spreading the ashes. Jim Stevens told us how when he was Small Arms PO, a topside watch was spinning a sidearm and it went over the side, the CO made divers go in the water to find it, which they did, and the offending watchstander was at the green table the next day.
- The Base Chaplain delivered the Benediction
- The USSVI Creed was recited.
- The next meeting will be held on July 2nd and will begin at 1900.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1940

Upcoming Events

- 7/4 – Clifton Park Independence Day Parade
 - Line up at 1100 on the Shen Central Schools Campus. Parade starts at 1200.
- 8/2 – Schuylerville Turning Point Parade
- 8/31 to 9/6 – 2025 USSVI Convention in Orlando, FL
- 9/13 – Base Picnic at the American Legion
- 12/3 – Base Meeting and Holiday Potluck at the American Legion
- 12/6 – Wreath laying at Saratoga National Cemetery

Correspondence – Convention and other updates

- June USSVI VSO newsletter
<https://mailchi.mp/5b5d470d6089/june-2025-vso-update?e=887fe6e317>
- May Charitable Foundation newsletter
<https://mailchi.mp/b16e2682b9d8/ot67xhg167?e=887fe6e317>
- USSVI Charitable Foundation 125th Submarine Anniversary Commemorative Coin
<https://www.ussvcf.org/commemorative-coin.html>
- USSVI Charitable Foundation's service to provide free Wills for USSVI members.
<https://www.mylegacywill.com/ussvcf>
- 2025 Convention– Orlando Florida – 8/31/2025 to 9/6/2025. Room rate \$120.00
<https://subvetconvention.org/>
- 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 or forms are 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.