

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa
Meeting Date: May 6th, 2026

The May meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander (BC) Jim Cree at 1900 with 23 Base Members present.

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

Secretary's report

- National Officer elections are starting soon and will open June 19th and run through September 4th. Voting will be available online at ussubvets.org or there is a ballot in the American Submariner that can be mailed in.

Treasurer's report

- Was read.

Business

- Jim Cree has received three automated emails from USSVI triggered by interested people filling out a form for info on the website. Jim sent them a follow-up email with information on the Base but hasn't heard anything back. He'll follow up again.
- Jim Cree mentioned the RPI Awards ceremony and NPTU graduation in April went well.
- Jim Irwin mentioned that Dave Latta left his position as CO of RPI NROTC. He is now in the Chicago area and is the head of all the NROTC Units across the country.
- Jim Irwin updated us on the American Legion event after the Ballston Spa Memorial Day Parade. The Legion will host an open house and the gift baskets, including the one we are donating with scratch-offs, will be available to bid on. Tickets will be collected for each basket, up until the drawing on June 6th. The Legion is hosting a Belmont watch party that day starting at 1400, and the winners will be drawn at the watch party.
 - If you still desire to send in scratch-offs to Jim Irwin, get them to him by June 1st so he can get them in the basket before the drawing.
 - 1557 Crescent Road
Clifton Park, NY 12065
- Logistics for the Tolling of the Boats on June 6th were discussed.
 - Boat readers will be Rocky Smith and Kurt Daniels
 - Jim Irwin will be the MC
 - Jerry Whitehead will read the preamble
 - Jim Cree will toll the bell
 - Bill Preece/Ron Barrett will bring the sound setup

- We will be able to pick up chairs at 1030 from the Legion
- Logistics for pulling the float for the May parades was discussed. Kurt Daniels will pull the float on 9 May. Fuzzy Marshal will pull the float on 23 May and 25 May.
- The order of Base Coins was received, and they are available for purchase.
- Fuzzy Marshall discussed the “Repose of the Fallen” project that will reinter the remains of 44 Revolutionary War veterans found during a construction project in 2019. The remains will be moved from the State Museum on Madison Ave to Lake George Battlefield Park via Route 9 on 5/20/2026. The Patriot Guard Riders will be taking part in the procession. 40 of the veterans will be reinterred on 5/20/2026 with the remaining 4 being interred following a ceremony on 5/22/2026. For more information go to reposeofthefallenlg.org.
- Jim Irwin made a motion for the Base to donate \$50 to buy additional scratch-offs for the Legion gift basket to be raffled off. Adam Mainville seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The 50/50 drawing was held and the drawing was won by Tom Krauser. This is Tom’s second win in a row!

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

The meeting adjourned at 1950.

Upcoming Events:

- 15 May at 0930 - RPI Commissioning Ceremony at The Hangar at 743, Building 202, 743 Albany Shaker Road, NY 12110
- 23 May - Ballston Spa Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. Lineup at 0800 at Ocean State Job Lots, step off at 0900
- 25 May - Glens Falls Memorial Day Parade. Lineup at 0900 on Maple St near the Queensbury Hote, step off at 1000.
- 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
- 26 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.