

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**  
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa  
Meeting Date: May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The May meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Jim Cree at 1900 with 24 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 May.
- Base members introduced themselves.

**Secretary's report**

- Went over upcoming Base events for the Month of May.

**Treasurers report** – was read

**Old Business**

- Discussion of upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner
  - The event will start at 1800
  - 1800-1830 - social time.
  - 1830 – Welcome and invocation, dinner served
  - After dinner pass out longevity pins
  - 2100 wrap up
  - 35 people will be attending
  - Details and menu confirmed with Augie's
  - There is also a group of 50 having an event that evening as well, so parking at the restaurant will likely be sparse.
  - Complimentary commemorative glasses will be available to all guests

**New Business**

- An update was provided on Bill Preece's recovery by Ron Barrett. Bill is making progress with physical therapy and is good spirits. He's also been walking with a walker.
- The banners for the float arrived and they look great.

- Jim Irwin provided an update on pavers at the memorial.
  - The engravers came to engrave bricks at the memorial for the year.
  - Jim gave a short synopsis of the importance of the pavers to getting the memorial project completed. Link to the full story here :  
<https://www.subvetmemorial.com/final%20history.pdf>
- Dale Breault discussed that VA reimbursements for mileage are only available if the reason for the visit is service connected. Also, that if you make multiple appointments on the same day, you only are responsible for one co-payment.
- Andy Bodien reminded us that the deadline for the charitable foundation scholarship applications is 19 May.  
<https://www.ussvcf.org/scholarship-application.html>
- Kap(SS) for Kid(SS) was discussed and Jerry Whitehead provided the same update as last month, that our best opportunity is Hole in the Woods. Steve Cipperly has provided the contact info previously.
- Our Storekeeper, Jim “Fuzzy” Marshall asked for anyone needing specific items like shirts/jackets/hats to let him know so he can put an order together.  
[outbackjrm@gmail.com](mailto:outbackjrm@gmail.com)
- Janet Irwin discussed that members should consider getting a card from her for their “When I die” paperwork, with the base contact info so you can express your desire and pass along the information , to have the Subvets involved in your services, or so we can show up to pay respects.
- Tolling of Boats arrangements were discussed.
  - Chair setup will be by Kurt Daniels, Butch McCabe, and Jim Cree.
  - We will check if the PA system Bill Preece brought last year is available (I’ll bring a spare RJ-45 cable this year...)
  - Jerry Whitehead will do the preamble, Jim Irwin will do the Intro and MC, Dale Breault and Kurt Daniels will read the boats.
- The 50/50 drawing was held, and the prize was won by Dale Breault.
- The Base Chaplain delivered the Benediction
- The USSVI Creed was recited.
- The next meeting will be held on June 4th and will begin at 1900.

- The meeting was adjourned at 2010.

#### Upcoming Events

- 5/16 at **1800** – 25<sup>th</sup> Base Anniversary Dinner at Augie's in Ballston Spa
- 5/24 – Ballston Spa Memorial Day Parade
  - Lineup starts at 0800 in the Ocean State Job Lots parking lot, Parade Step off is at 0900.
- 5/26 – Glens Falls Memorial Day Parade
  - Lineup starts at 0900 on Maple Street near the Queensbury Hotel. Step off is at 1000.
- 6/7 – Tolling of the Boats at 1100 at the Subvets Memorial in Ballston Spa
- 6/14 – Saratoga Springs Flag Day Parade
  - Lineup starts at 1115 on North Broadway. Step off is at 1200.
- 7/4 – Clifton Park Independence Day Parade
- 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 (Tentative Date)
- 12/3 – Base Meeting and Holiday Potluck at the American Legion
- 12/6 – Wreath laying at Saratoga National Cemetery

## Correspondence – Convention and other updates

- USSVI Charitable Foundation 125<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**From:** bill p <subsailor62@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 5:21 PM  
**To:** Kurtis Daniel  
**Subject:** Fw: USSVI VSO March 2025 Newsletter

Would you pass this info on to our members.

----- Forwarded Message -----  
**From:** United States Submarine Veterans Inc. <info@ussvi.**Subject:** USSVI VSO March 2025 Newsletter



	 <b>Veterans Service Officer</b> <b>John Dudas</b>
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Shipmates,

Problems with Tricare Contract Transition 'Actively Harming' Military, Lawmaker Tells Pentagon  
[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/01/24/problems-tricare-contract-transition-actively-harming-military-lawmaker-tells-pentagon.html?ESRC=eb\\_250127.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eb&utm\\_campaign=20250127](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/01/24/problems-tricare-contract-transition-actively-harming-military-lawmaker-tells-pentagon.html?ESRC=eb_250127.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb&utm_campaign=20250127)

As Hegseth Takes Charge at the Pentagon, Here's What Changes Could Be in Store  
[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/01/26/hegseth-takes-charge-pentagon-heres-what-changes-could-be-store.html?ESRC=mr\\_250127.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=mr&utm\\_campaign=20250127](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/01/26/hegseth-takes-charge-pentagon-heres-what-changes-could-be-store.html?ESRC=mr_250127.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=mr&utm_campaign=20250127)

VA Declares 300,000 Health Care Jobs Exempt from Ordered Freeze on Federal Hiring  
[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/01/23/roughly-300000-v-a-jobs-exempted-federal-hiring-freeze-bid-protect-veteran-services.html?ESRC=mr\\_250127.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=mr&utm\\_campaign=20250127](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/01/23/roughly-300000-v-a-jobs-exempted-federal-hiring-freeze-bid-protect-veteran-services.html?ESRC=mr_250127.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=mr&utm_campaign=20250127)

Trump's Promises to Radically Change the Military  
[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/01/20/trumps-promises-radically-change-military.html?ESRC=mr\\_250127.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=mr&utm\\_campaign=20250127](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/01/20/trumps-promises-radically-change-military.html?ESRC=mr_250127.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=mr&utm_campaign=20250127)

Veterans: What's Taxed and What's Not on Your Federal and State Returns  
[https://www.military.com/money/personal-finance/veterans-whats-taxed-and-whats-not-your-federal-and-state-returns.html?ESRC=mr\\_250127.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=mr&utm\\_campaign=20250127](https://www.military.com/money/personal-finance/veterans-whats-taxed-and-whats-not-your-federal-and-state-returns.html?ESRC=mr_250127.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=mr&utm_campaign=20250127)

Free Lifetime National Parks Passes for Veterans and Gold Star Families: Do You Have Yours Yet?

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/11/09/free-lifetime-national-parks-passes-are-coming-veterans-and-gold-star-families.html?ESRC=mr\\_250127.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=mr&utm\\_campaign=20250127](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/11/09/free-lifetime-national-parks-passes-are-coming-veterans-and-gold-star-families.html?ESRC=mr_250127.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=mr&utm_campaign=20250127)

Costco Military Discount

[https://www.military.com/discounts/costco-military-discount?ESRC=mr\\_250127.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=mr&utm\\_campaign=20250127](https://www.military.com/discounts/costco-military-discount?ESRC=mr_250127.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=mr&utm_campaign=20250127)

Hearing Aids for Military Retirees

[https://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-benefits/hearing-aids-for-military-retirees.html?ESRC=navy\\_250128.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=navy&utm\\_campaign=20250128](https://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-benefits/hearing-aids-for-military-retirees.html?ESRC=navy_250128.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=navy&utm_campaign=20250128)

GOP Chairmen Launch Effort to Expand Veterans' Access to Private Doctors

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/01/28/gop-chairmen-launch-effort-expand-veterans-access-private-doctors.html?ESRC=eb\\_250129.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eb&utm\\_campaign=20250129](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/01/28/gop-chairmen-launch-effort-expand-veterans-access-private-doctors.html?ESRC=eb_250129.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb&utm_campaign=20250129)

HARD HAT Heroes – Stepping into the construction world through a Veterans Program

<https://app.box.com/s/5rxv6rfxsmgvcymy0r45t4aoexcsuunv>

Tricare Patients Fear Losing Preferred Health Care Providers Amid Contract Transition

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2024/12/23/tricare-patients-fear-losing-preferred-health-care-providers-amid-contract-transition.html>

The Next Deadline for Backdated PACT Act Payments Is Coming Soon. Here's What You Need to Know  
<https://www.military.com/benefits/next-deadline-backdated-pact-act-payments-coming-soon-heres-what-you-need-know.html>

Veterans Affairs Deems More Than 130 Occupations Ineligible for Trump's Deferred Resignation Plan  
<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/02/07/veterans-affairs-deems-more-130-occupations-ineligible-trumps-deferred-resignation-plan.html>

Easily track your VA claim, decision review, or appeal status online  
<https://www.va.gov/claim-or-appeal-status/>

No More Female 4-Stars: Franchetti Firing Leaves Top Ranks Filled by Men  
She is the CNO who I have been trying to work with on the Submarine Location issues for Agent Orange issues around Vietnam. We will have to wait and see for a replacement. I also included my request for help to the new DOD Secretary Pete Hegseth.  
<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/02/27/no-more-female-4-stars-franchetti-firing-leaves-top-ranks-filled-men.html>

Respectively,  
John Dudas  
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