

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**  
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM  
Meeting Date: March 1, 2023

The March meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 6:45 PM with 26 Base members including 5 members via Zoom.

- The Base muster list was passed out by the Base Secretary
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Base Secretary
- The Base Chaplain read the opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of March.
- Members introduced themselves and stated their qual boat and year
- Reading of the Treasurer's report was waived – no bank statement available at meeting time

#### **Old Business**

- Base coins are here – passed out to all members present. Coins are available for sale at Base meetings - \$10.00 and available at all Base events.

#### **Correspondence**

#### **New Business**

- The Base Commander had a Zoom call with District Commander Fred, he has a proposal. He would like to know if we have any volunteers interested in going to Buffalo Naval Park to work on Croaker. Staying overnights on the Cruiser Little Rock, which has running water/showers! Looking for Electrical/Mechanical/Carpentry/Painting. Combine with the other District 5 bases, looking for total of 10-15 people. Dates are May 15-19. If you are interested you should contact the Base Commander ([jwhitehe@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jwhitehe@nycap.rr.com)) (518-409-4217) and let him know so he can pass it along to our District Commander.
- Scott Lamb and his assistant gave a presentation on Saratoga National Cemetery including Veteran's benefits for burial, what type of gravesites are available, "early" registration for burial at any National Cemetery. Also, what inscriptions are allowed on headstones.
- Parade and Events Season coming up – dates: 4/11 Base Luncheon, RPI NROTC Commissioning 5/19, Malta parade 5/20, Ballston Spa parade 5/27, Glens Falls parade 5/29, Tolling the Boats 6/3, Saratoga parade 6/10, Clifton Park parade 7/4, Turning Point parade 8/6 (all dates are subject to change) lineup times and location will follow as they become available

50/50 drawing was held and won by Diane Singleman – \$53.00.

The Base Chaplain read the closing prayer and the USSVI Creed was recited

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday **April 5<sup>th</sup> and begin at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234

The meeting was concluded at 8:15 PM.

Not mentioned at this meeting but, elections for Base Officers for 2024-2025 will be held at the end of this year. Please consider running for one of the positions.

A total of 19 "First Dolphins" certificates were signed and sent off to the USS Albany (SSN-753)

Also not mentioned – sites for upcoming USSVI National Conventions – 2023 – Tucson AZ, 2024 – Cleveland OH, 2025 – Norfolk, VA, and 2026 – San Antonio and Corpus Christi TX are considering hosting

Also, not mentioned at the meeting was the difficulty for Zoomers to see and hear comments from head table. Possibility to purchase a tripod and additional camera and microphone.

Submitted by: Jim Irwin  
Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary  
Pride Runs Deep

Please consider purchasing a brick paver for our Memorial

Please fill out a Sub Vet history report – see the Base Chaplain or forms are available on the Base website