

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**  
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM  
Meeting Date: August 2, 2023

The August meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:02 PM with 14 Base members present, plus 1 member via Zoom.

- The Base muster list was passed around by the Base Secretary
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Base COB
- The Base Chaplain read the opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of August and recently deceased Base member Mike Marko was remembered.
- Members introduced themselves and stated their qual boat and year
- Reading of the Treasurer's report .

### **Old Business**

- On July 18<sup>th</sup> Janet and Jim Irwin delivered two 24 cut pizzas, 100 chicken wings, two cases of soft drinks, and one case of water, along with a large batch of homemade cookies to CBM Fabrications as a thank you for all their support in maintaining the submarine model.
- Base Commander Whitehead thanked everyone who showed up at Mike Marko's wake, funeral, and internment

### **Correspondence**

### **New Business**

- Parade and Events Season coming up – Turning Point parade 8/6 (khaki shorts will be acceptable for this parade due to the expected high temperatures), Base picnic – 9/9 11:30-3:00 at the Legion – Al Singleman agreed to be the grill master. Please plan to bring a side dish or a dessert item if you are attending (dates and times are subject to change) Please contact the Base Commander to let him know about how many burgers and hot dogs your party will be eating so he can order appropriately
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to present Bill Preece a check in the amount of \$150.00 to compensate him for fuel used during this year's parade season for towing the float.
- It was brought up that at the July meeting Jim Irwin suggested the Tolling the Boats Ceremony be moved to the second Saturday after Memorial Day to avoid conflicting with the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of USSVI being held in Groton CT that weekend. There is a possibility that the second Saturday after Memorial Day may be the Flag Day parade in Saratoga. We will follow up on that.
- Jim Irwin presented the Base check in the amount of \$150.00 to the Route 50 Diner in support of their program to supply meals to the two "Vet Houses" for homeless veterans.
- Nominations and elections for Base Officers for 2024-2025 will be held beginning this coming September. Please consider running for one of the positions. Commander, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, and Secretary positions are available. Please let the Base Commander know if you are interested.
- Jim Irwin will head a committee to come up with an award for the Naval ROTC group at RPI beginning in September. If you are interested in being on the committee, let him know.
- The Base will place wreaths on the gravesites of deceased members interred at Saratoga National Cemetery on December 2, 2023 at 11:00 AM.

- The December meeting will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Think about if you would like to do a pot luck for the meeting or not.
- Jim Stevens offered to relieve Bill Preece of the towing duties for the Turning Point parade. Kellogg Humphries also agreed to share the towing duties going forward

50/50 drawing was held and won by Stan Westhoff – \$40.00.

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

The next meeting will be held on Saturday **September 9<sup>th</sup> and begin at 12:00 noon**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234 pavilion area

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Not mentioned – sites for upcoming USSVI National Conventions: 2023 – Tucson AZ, 2024 – Cleveland OH, 2025 – Orlando FL

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