

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM
Meeting Date: October 4th, 2023

The October meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:02 PM with 20 Base members present and 4 via Zoom.

- The Base muster list was made available by the Base Secretary
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Base COB, Mike Lynett
- The Base Chaplain read the opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of October.
- Treasurers report was read.

Old Business

- There was a call for nominations for Base Officer positions to include – Base Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, and Secretary.
- The Base will be placing wreaths on all former Base members interred at Saratoga National Cemetery on Saturday December 2nd. Meet at the main gate at 11:00 AM.
- Kurt Daniels and Jim Irwin met with CDR Dave Latta, the Commanding Officer of the Naval ROTC Unit and who is also an Albany-Saratoga Base member to work on developing the criteria for the Rensselaer Midshipmen Tenacity Award

Correspondence – Convention and other National updates

- National is continuing to update the new website, please be patient. Please continue to use the old website (ussubvets.com) to keep your personal information up to date.
- The National Office is moving from Silverdale WA to Groton CT on 1 January 2024. Charles Murray will be the new National Office manager.
- There is a new National Treasurer – John “Sid” Sidlovsky from Hampton Roads Base
- There is a new National Awards Chairman – Jeff Walsh from Groton Base
- The USSV Charitable Foundation requests that each Base have a Charitable Foundation Ambassador – Randy Stein will represent Albany-Saratoga.
- Watch your email for a “Skills Assessment form” – National looking for help in many areas

New Business

- Dues for 2024 are due. National dues are \$30.00 and Base dues are \$15.00. Please get them in ASAP. If you are not sure if or how much you owe, check with Tom Kirbey (tkirbey@nycap.rr.com)
- The December meeting will be held on December 6th. The meeting will be short followed by a pot luck event. Please plan on bringing a dish to share and also bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys 4 Tots program.
- There will be NO January meeting as the meeting room is being used by Post 234 to host a County meeting.

- The 2024 USSVI National Convention will be hosted by Cod Base on August 19-24 at the Embassy Suites Rockside in Independence, Ohio (Just south of Cleveland) (About a 7½ hour drive from the Capital District)
- The subject of a bus to transport attendees to and from the convention was brought up and discussed. The high cost would seem to make it prohibitive but Base members are welcome to research this further.
- A train was also the subject of discussion but the scheduled departure times were not convenient (0300 departure)

50/50 drawing was held and won by Jerry Whitehead – \$35.00. Jerry donated his winnings to Kaps 4 Kids.

USSVI Creed was recited

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday November 1st and begin at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234 and most likely there will be no Zoom available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Not mentioned at the meeting – sites for upcoming USSVI National Conventions: 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