

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM
Meeting Date: April 5, 2023

The April meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:00 PM with 19 Base members present plus 2 members 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 April. The Base Chaplain also remembered Base member Fred Miller who passed away recently and Joan Nolan, wife of Base member Tom Nolan. Also, this being Gold Star mother's week, Carolyn Wells, the 102-year-old widow of Frank Howard Springer, XO of the USS Tang (SS-306) and friend of Albany-Saratoga Base was recognized although not present.
- Members introduced themselves and stated their qual boat and year
- Reading of the Treasurer's report.

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.
- Copies of the information concerning Saratoga National Cemetery and Veterans Benefits are available from the Base Commander
- The Croaker working party dates changed slightly. Now runs from Monday to Thursday. So far only one volunteer. If you wish to participate, contact the Base Commander (jwhitehe@nycap.rr.com) (518-409-4217). Very limited tools will be provided, recommended you bring your own.

Correspondence

- Paper copies of the registration form for the 2023 USSVI Convention are available at the meetings

New Business

- 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 Flag Day 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
- Nominations and elections for Base Officers for 2024-2025 will be held beginning this coming September. Please consider running for one of the positions.
- All nominations for the National Awards program are due by April 30th, with the exception of the Newsletter of the Year award. Any member in good standing can nominate another member for an award.
- We are still expecting a namesake visit from the USS Albany (SSN-753) sometime in June
- The submarine model is still with CBM Industries but will be back in place by Memorial Day

50/50 drawing was held and won by Jerry Whitehead – \$35.00. He donated his winnings to the Kaps4Kids fund.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday **May 3rd and begin at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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