

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

The July meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:05 PM with 14 Base members present, one visitor who will be joining our Base (welcome Jim Marshall, currently a member of Grayback Base), plus 3 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 July.
- Members introduced themselves and stated their qual boat and year and why they joined Sub Vets
- Reading of the Treasurer's report
- Apologies for the issues with Zoom. Difficulty getting it set up and then difficulty with the screens freezing. We'll keep trying to get better.

### **Old Business**

- Jim Irwin advised that he had contacted CBM and will be delivering pizza, wings, and soft drinks to them on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Base Commander Whitehead thanked everyone who showed up and participated in the Clifton Park July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, and thanked Bill Preece and Ron Barrett for manning a booth at the Veterans appreciation night at the Glens Falls Dragons baseball game.

### **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 – 9/6 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)
- Bill Preece has been towing the float for several years. We are looking for someone else with a truck who is willing to share the towing duties. Two volunteers have come forward – Jim Stevens and Kellogg Humphries.
- Jim Irwin mentioned that on the first Saturday after Memorial Day in 2024 (when we normally hold our Tolling the Boats) Groton Base will be holding the USSVI 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend. He suggested we move our ceremony to the following Saturday so anyone interested in attending the USSVI celebration can attend and not miss our ceremony.
- Jim Irwin also mentioned the fact that the Route 50 Diner in Ballston Spa often provides free meals to the men's and women's veterans shelters in town. After to speaking with them he found out they provide weekly meals to them at a cost of \$150 - \$175. Jim made a motion to donate \$150 annually and Rocky Smith suggested we do it twice annually. Jim amended his motion to \$150 twice a year, seconded by Mike Lynett and passed.
- Nominations and elections for Base Officers for 2024-2025 will be held beginning this coming September. Please consider running for one of the positions. Please let the Base Commander know if you are interested.

50/50 drawing was held and won by Stan Westfall – \$25.00.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday **August 2<sup>nd</sup> and begin at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234

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