

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**  
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM  
Meeting Date: December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The December meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 6:31 PM with 18 Base members present plus several guests.

- The Base muster list was made available by the Base Secretary
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Base CDR Whitehead
- The Base Chaplain read a tribute to the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. She then offered an opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of December.
- Treasurers report was read.

#### **Old Business**

- A total of 25 members of the Base including a few guests assembled at Saratoga National Cemetery this past Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> and placed wreaths on the gravesite along with sharing memories of each of our former members interred there. It was an excellent turnout and everything went well. Please remember to fill out a Sub Vet History report, available online or at a Base meeting.

#### **Correspondence**

- The Route 50 Diner to whom we donated money was briefly closed for a sales tax issue. It was quickly resolved and is again open for business as usual.

#### **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](mailto:tkirbey@nycap.rr.com)) As of meeting night there are 24 Base members who have not paid Base and National dues for 2024 along with another 8 who owe only Base dues as they are USSVI Life members. All other members have paid. See below for Tom's address
- Anyone who has not paid dues by December 31<sup>st</sup> will be considered "dink". Anyone who has not paid Base dues by January 31<sup>st</sup> will be dropped from the Base and no longer be eligible for Sub Vet license plates. Anyone who has not paid National dues by January 31<sup>st</sup> will be dropped from USSVI.
- Base member Al Singleman suggested the purchase of a new projector as the old one is now obsolete. He offered one at a reasonable price which was voted on and approved.
- 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)

USSVI Creed was recited

After the reciting of the Creed, the Base Officers for 2024 were installed and will assume their offices as of January 1, 2024. Randy Stein will update the Base website.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday February 7th and begin at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234 and there will be Zoom available.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

After the meeting those present enjoyed a wide variety of food and desserts. Raffles were held and scarves donated by Janet Irwin along with poinsettias donated by John Mishoe were raffled off.

50/50 drawing was held and won by Steve Cipperly – \$40.00. Steve donated his winnings back to the Base where it was decided to donate the total to the bartender as a Christmas gift

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