

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**  
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa  
Meeting Date: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The February meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Senior Vice Commander Bill Preece at 1900 with 22 Base Members present

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

### **Old Business**

- Base Commander Al Singlemen completed the purchase of a new projector. It tested sat on his Windows 10 PC.

### **New Business**

- Welcome to our new Base Member, Patrick Woomer. Patrick is a National Life Member and was a member-at-large. We are glad to have him at the Albany-Saratoga Base.
- Base Activities for the year will be discussed at the March meeting when Base Commander Al Singleman has returned from his cruise.
- Jim Stevens will be towing the float at parades this year. Jim discussed the float does not have a spare tire and will research the cost for a spare tire.
- An RPI NROTC Midshipmen 3/C was chosen for the Subvets Tenacity Award. The Unit's annual awards ceremony will be on April 24th at 1400. Location will be in the Armory Gym on 15th Street in Troy.
- Janet Irwin urged base members to complete the Subvets History Report. She shared the story of Tom Kelley who is now on eternal patrol. Tom was on USS Barb (SSN-596) while preparing for sea trials with Admiral Rickover aboard, there was a fire drill and Rickover was standing in front of an electrical panel that had to be secured. Tom Kelley was the roving electrician who attempted to get to the panel and stated "by your leave" to the Admiral and when the Admiral did not move, Kelley picked him up and physically moved him out of the way. Janet has heard others sharing this story but they did not know who the person was. Because of Tom's history report she has been able to confirm the story and put a name it.

- There was a question about Kaps4Kids. Jerry Whitehead reported there was still no movement. Jerry gave a summary of how Kaps4Kids works when we are able to start again.
- 50/50 drawing was held and won by Jerry Whitehead – \$35.00. Jerry donated his winnings to Kaps4Kids.
- USSVI Creed was recited
- The next meeting will be held on March 6th and will begin at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1940.

#### **Correspondence – Convention and other updates**

- 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).
- 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.

Submitted by: Kurt Daniels  
Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary  
Pride Runs Deep - Shoot First!!!