

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**  
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM  
Meeting Date: June 7, 2023

The June meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:00 PM with 17 Base members present, plus 4 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 June.
- Members introduced themselves and stated their qual boat and year
- Reading of the Treasurer's report – net Base assets \$14,912.45

### **Old Business**

- Jim Irwin spoke about a topic previously discussed about a way to thank the employees of CBM for their support of our group (rehabbing of the model). He suggested a pizza and wings donation to them for an onsite luncheon. Motion made, seconded and passed. Jim will make the arrangements.
- Base Commander Whitehead thanked everyone who showed up and participated in the events so far – Malta parade – 9 members, Ballston Spa parade – 16 members, Glens Falls parade – 10 plus 1 family member, Tolling the Boats – 14 members.

### **Correspondence**

### **New Business**

- Parade and Events Season coming up – Saratoga Flag Day parade 6/10, Clifton Park parade 7/4, Turning Point parade 8/6, Base picnic – 9/6 11:30-3:00 at the Legion – Al Singleman agreed to be the grill master. (all 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. Please contact the Base Commander.
- After attending the Naval ROTC commissioning ceremony, Base member Jim Irwin discussed with the CO of the group and discussed the possibility of the Base presenting an award to the group during their awards ceremony. It was well received so we will form a committee to work on it.
- 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. He will talk with the owners to determine how we can support them and bring the information to the next meeting.
- Nominations and elections for Base Officers for 2024-2025 will be held beginning this coming September. Please consider running for one of the positions.
- We are still expecting a namesake visit from the USS Albany (SSN-753) sometime in June

It was brought up that since the Tolling the Boats is a solemn and reverent ceremony that there should be a designated uniform of the day. After discussion a motion was made, seconded, and passed that Base members attending should be wearing khaki pants (slacks), Base shirt, vest if you have one so the group looks more uniform.

50/50 drawing was held and won by Don Kline – \$30.00.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday **July 5<sup>th</sup> and begin at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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