

**MINUTES OF MEETING ALBANY-SARATOGA  
BASE, USSVI Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa  
& via ZOOM Meeting Date: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The September meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 12:02 PM with 32 Base members and guests.

- The Base muster list was made available by the Base Secretary
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Steve Cipperly
- The Base Chaplain read the opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of September.
- Reading of the Treasurer's report waived

**Old Business**

- There was a call for nominations for Base Officer positions to include – Base Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, and Secretary.

**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)
- The December meeting will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Think about if you would like to do a pot luck for the meeting or not.

50/50 drawing was held and won by Steve Cipperly – \$80.00. Steve donated his winnings to Randy. The Base donated its portion to the bartender.

USSVI Creed was recited

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday October 4<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 12:20 PM.

After the meeting, burgers and hotdogs were available along with many delicious pot luck items.

During the dessert period, Base members Tom Krauser, Morris McKay, and Steve Cipperly were inducted into the Holland Club. Also, National awards were presented to Bill Preece – the Robert Link Award and to Jim Irwin – the Individual Meritorious Award. Congratulations to all.

Not mentioned at the meeting – sites for upcoming USSVI National Conventions: 2024 – Cleveland OH (August 19-24), 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