

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM
Meeting Date: June 1, 2022

The June meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:02 PM with 15 Base members, plus 3 via ZOOM

- The Base muster list was passed around
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Mike Lynett
- 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
- Treasurer's report was read.

Old Business

- Discussion on Roadside cleanup – idea scrapped due to requirement of Workers Comp insurance for all participants
- Field of Honor – flag pickup did not work out as flags were sent to someone's garage.

Correspondence – Letter sent to Barbara Misiewicz with names of donors

New Business

- Tolling the Boats – Saturday June 4th @ 11:00 in Veterans Park – please attend
- Upcoming parades –Saratoga, (Flag Day June 11), Clifton Park (July 4), Schuylerville (Turning Point August 7)
- We had good attendance at recent parades. Malta – 14, Ballston Spa – 14½, and Glens Falls – 6½
- Uniform for parades will be khaki pants, Base shirt (or dark shirt), and ball cap
- National Convention in Buffalo – August 24 – 27, nearest It's been since 2004
- National website will be shut down from 6/15 thru sometime between 7/30 and 8/31
- Jim Irwin commented on his visit to the New York State Assembly to receive on behalf of the Base, a joint resolution from Senator Tedisco and Assemblywoman Walsh
- Jim Irwin commented on the Rensselaer Naval ROTC Commissioning program he attended
- Base meeting/picnic/Holland Club ceremony – September 10th at 11:30 AM at the Post
- Motion made to provide Bill Preece \$100.00 for fuel for towing float to parades
- Ron Barrett to check on new power inverter for klaxon as current one not operating properly
- Jim Irwin spoke about recently authorized headstone markings at VA Cemeteries – see attached

50/50 drawing was held and won by Shafer Gaston – \$35.00

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

The next regular meeting will begin at **7:00 PM on July 6, 2022**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234. ZOOM will be available.

The meeting was concluded at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by: Jim Irwin
Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary
Pride Runs Deep

Please consider purchasing a brick paver for our Memorial – not enough bricks purchased at this time for a spring engraving, hopefully by summer or fall.

Please fill out a Sub Vet history report – available on the Base website