

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM
Meeting Date: August 3, 2022

The August meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:00 PM with 16 Base members, two guests (one of whom joined the Base), plus 2 via ZOOM

- The Base muster list was filled out by the Base Secretary
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mike Lynett
- The Base Chaplain read the opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of August
- Members introduced themselves and stated their qual boat and year (Welcome new member Tom Krauser)
- Treasurer's report was read.

Old Business

- Kidder Coin is working on pricing for a Base coin
- CBM will pick up the model and bring it to the shop for repairs
- Neither the museum in Buffalo or Kings Bay has expressed an interest in Frank Dorchak's models. It was suggested that we announce it at the Convention
- National election voting – paper ballots must be received by the election master by 8/10, electronic votes by 8/15

Correspondence

- Base member Roy Purcell sent an email suggestion we purchase Silent Service coloring books for our Kaps4Kids program. At the cost of \$7.99 plus \$3.00 shipping per book the idea was rejected
- Received an email requesting support for the Wreaths Across America program. Since we do our own ceremony, no action was taken on the request
- The authors of Poopie Suits and Cowboy Boots (Charles & Frank Hood) requested information on our Memorial. It may be included in a future book

New Business

- Upcoming parades – Schuylerville (Turning Point August 7) parking at the Schuyler House, 4 Broad Street, Schuylerville (shuttle bus is available to take you to the parade start)
- 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
- Base meeting/picnic/Holland Club ceremony – September 10th at 11:30 AM at the Post. There will be no regular meeting in September on the first Wednesday
- If you are planning to attend the picnic, please let the Base Commander know how many are coming and what you plan to bring – email him at jwhitehe@nycap.rr.com
- Jim Cree offered to check on the possibility of having a booth at the Stratton VA Center in Albany the next time they have a job opening/info fair – still working on this
- Base member Andy Bodien reported that his son Robert received a \$2000.00 scholarship award from the USSVI Charitable Foundation. Additionally, he received a \$3500.00 award from the Dolphin Scholarship Fund. Andy encouraged everyone who has an eligible student to apply

- It was suggested that in appreciation for all the CMB Industries does for us we do a catered lunch for them. The Base voted and approved the idea. Jim Irwin will contact the business and set things up and get back with pricing and specifics

50/50 drawing was held and won by Jim Stevens – \$30.00

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

The next meeting will be the Base Picnic and begin at **11:30 AM on September 10, 2022**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234 in the pavilion behind the building

The meeting was concluded at 8:15 PM.

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

Please consider purchasing a brick paver for our Memorial – we do have the minimum at this time for a fall engraving, hopefully by the end of September.

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