

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM
Meeting Date: May 4, 2022

The February meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:10 PM with 13 Base members, 1 guest present plus 8 via ZOOM

- The start of the meeting was delayed by about 10 minutes due to technical problems
- 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 May.
- Treasurer's report was read.
- Happy 22nd Anniversary Albany-Saratoga Base – chartered 16 May 2000
- Happy 10th Anniversary New York State Submariners Memorial – dedicated 12 May 2012

Old Business

- USSVI Award nominations due date extended until 5/15
- Discussion on Roadside cleanup – contract not signed as it stated workman's comp insurance required for all participants for entire 2-year contract. Base Commander to check further
- Field of Honor – Base to purchase one flag dedicated to all former Albany-Saratoga Base members on Eternal Patrol. Ken Kohl will retrieve Base flag after the ceremony and any other flags purchased by Base members. You **MUST** let him know in advance.

Correspondence – Thank you letter from Homeward Bound Adirondack for our donation
A total of seven donors have donated \$555.00 to the Base in memory of Ray Misiewicz

New Business

- Welcome new member Tim Tassinari – transferred from Green Mountain Base in Vermont
- Welcome Gary Henning – potential new member
- Tolling the Boats – Saturday June 4th @ 11:00 in Veterans Park. Contact Jerry Whitehead if you are willing to be part of Ceremony (reader, bell, set up and take down, etc.)
- Upcoming parades – Malta (Military appreciation and first responders May 21), Ballston Spa (Memorial Day May 28), Glens Falls (Memorial Day May 30), Saratoga, (Flag Day June 11), Clifton Park (July 4), Schuylerville (Turning Point August 7), See attached for more info
- 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 – please check your personal information and make any corrections
- Jerry Whitehead and Jim Irwin to attend Frank Dorchak's internment in Elizabethtown on 5/6
- Jim Irwin also requested that we contact Tom Nolan to have him request his Fire House to deliver 2-3 dozen chairs for the Tolling Ceremony. He also made a motion that was seconded and approved to send a \$50.00 donation to the Fire House for their continued support.

50/50 drawing was held and won by Janet Irwin – \$25.00

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

The next regular meeting will begin at **7:00 PM on June 1, 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