MINUTES OF MEETING ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI

Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM Meeting Date: May 5, 2021

Due to the ongoing pandemic the Hybrid meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:01 PM with 24 members present and/or online – Randy Stein was the host

- The Base muster list was filled out by the Base Secretary
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Base COB Mike Lynett
- The Base Chaplain read the opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of May. Also, we remembered the Indonesian submarine and crew that was lost.
- Base Treasurer Randy Stein read the Treasurer's report
- Base members introduced themselves

Old Business

- Anyone interested in becoming the Base Treasurer please contact the Base Commander
- There will be no Memorial Day Parade in Ballston Spa but there will be a ceremony. Date is Saturday May 29th, 0900 at Veterans Park

New Business

- Albany Saratoga Base will hold it's Tolling the Boats Ceremony on Saturday June 5th at 11:00 AM at Veterans Park. In the event of rain, it will be moved indoors to the American Legion meeting site.
- Harry Terzian was in the hospital for a few days with double pneumonia. He is now home and doing better. A get-well card was signed by the members present and will be sent to him.
- The Sons of the American Legion are hosting a takeout chicken BBQ on Saturday June 12, 2021 from 12-3. Tickets are \$10.00 and available from the Legion bartender.
- The September meeting will be held on Saturday September 11, 2021 beginning at 12:00 noon at the American Legion pavilion. Bring a dish to share and the Base will provide hot dogs and burgers. We will also do the Holland Club inductions at that time.
- The membership discussed and then voted and approved the purchase of a laptop computer, a 40" inch TV along with a rolling stand to be used for the meeting and for meeting activities. They also voted to purchase a ZOOM subscription once the present one (Randy's) expires.

There are still a few difficulties with holding a "Hybrid" meeting. The newly purchased web cam and microphone helped but still need some fine tuning.

50/50 drawing was held and won by Janet Irwin - \$20.00.

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

The next regular meeting will begin at **1900 on June 2, 2021**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234. ZOOM will also be available to those who are unable to attend.

The meeting was concluded at 8:10 PM.

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 – available on the Base website