

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM
Meeting Date: April 6, 2022

The April meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Secretary Jim Irwin at 7:00 PM with 14 Base members present plus 5 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 April. The meeting was then turned over to Jerry Whitehead via Zoom
- Treasurer's report was read

Old Business

- Nominations for USSVI National Officers due by 4/30, USSVI Award nominations due by 4/30
- Discussion on Roadside cleanup – Base will cover 2.5 miles of Route 9 from Bayberry Rd. to Malta Ave. First clean up late April or early May – details to follow
- 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.
- Base Coins – no action

Correspondence – Jim Irwin reported that the American Legion Post Commander – Dave McDonald has been diagnosed with stage 3 pancreatic cancer. Base voted to donate it's share of 50/50 to him

New Business

- New CMC at NPTU Ballston Spa – Gerrit Assink
- 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
- National Convention in Buffalo – August 24–27, nearest It's been since 2004

50/50 drawing was held and won by Al Singleman – \$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 May 4, 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