

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

The July meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:00 PM with 10 Base members, plus 5 via ZOOM (It was reported after the meeting that the camera at the meeting was not aimed properly and the ZOOM members had difficulty hearing the proceedings)

- The Base muster list was filled out by the Base Secretary
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Steve Cipperly
- The Base Chaplain read the opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of July
- Members introduced themselves and stated their qual boat and year
- Treasurer's report was read.

Old Business

- More discussion on Roadside cleanup – idea scrapped due to requirement of Workers Comp insurance by NY State and as of 1 January 2023 by Saratoga County
- Field of Honor flag belonging to the Base was picked up and will be brought to the August meeting

Correspondence – The Senate Proclamation from Jim Tedisco was presented to the Base and will go to the Base Historian

New Business

- Upcoming parades – Schuylerville (Turning Point August 7) details to follow
- We had good attendance at recent parades – Saratoga and Clifton Park
- 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 – interim version is available for reference only – changes and updates should be sent to the National Office
- Voting for National Officers is now open. Voting online is available or you can use the paper ballot that is attached
- 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**
- The Saratoga Elks are hosting a picnic on July 31 from 3:00 – 5:50 PM at 1 Elks Lane, Saratoga Springs – Vets Services Advocacy will be available. Anyone interested in setting up a booth?
- 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
- A new power inverter was purchased and is being used directly connected to a 12-volt battery and seems to work much better
- A request was made to have a spokesman from the VA to attend a meeting to talk about the benefits and requirements to be a part of the system
- Jim Irwin spoke about his "Honor Flight" and encourage everyone to sign up
- Janet Irwin requested and was granted authorization to purchase an artificial wreath to be used at Base ceremonies
- Steve Cipperly offered to work with Diane Singleman on the Longevity Pin program. Those eligible for longevity pins can pick them up at a meeting or event, none will be mailed
- Jim Irwin offered to look at design and pricing for a Base Coin

50/50 drawing was held and won by Tom Kirbey – \$15.00

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

The next regular meeting will begin at **7:00 PM on August 3, 2022**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234. ZOOM will be available.

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 – not enough bricks purchased at this time for a spring engraving, hopefully by September.

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