

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**  
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM  
Meeting Date: November 2, 2022

The November meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Secretary Jim Irwin at 7:05 PM with 17 Base members, 2 guests (Jack Stell and Kurt Daniels, both who joined the Base) Zoom was not available due to technical issues – apologies to those who were not able to participate.

- 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 November
- Members introduced themselves and stated their qual boat and year
- Treasurer’s report was read.

**Old Business**

- Base Commander Jerry Whitehead reported that he contacted Saratoga National Cemetery for information concerning their Veterans Day but received no response
- Jim Irwin attended the wake of Paul Harasomowicz (eternal patrol family member) and his family was extremely grateful for our presence. They will try to have another family member attend in the future
- American Legion past Commander Dave McDonald passed away on 10/24/2022
- Humphrey Memorials completed the engraving for this year

**Correspondence**

- Jim Irwin reported that he heard second and third hand complaints concerning the Base leadership and activities. If you have any complaints or concerns, please let us know how you think these things can be resolved. 2023 marks the final year in office for both the Base Commander and the Base Secretary so come September/October nominations for those positions and possibly other positions will be open. Please consider taking a leadership position in our/your Base.

**New Business**

- Dues for 2023 are due – please don’t wait until the last minute to pay. If you are mailing in your dues and want an updated sticker, you must enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope
- Base coins are here – passed out to all members present
- Sites for upcoming USSVI National Conventions – 2023 – Tucson AZ, 2024 – Cleveland OH, 2025 – Norfolk, VA, and 2026 – San Antonio and Corpus Christi TX are considering hosting
- The December 7th meeting will be a pot luck dinner beginning at 6:00 PM. It will be a very short meeting followed by the pot luck dinner. Family members are welcome to attend. Please let Base Commander Jerry Whitehead know if you plan to attend and what you will be bringing. ([jwhitehe@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jwhitehe@nycap.rr.com))
- Also, at the December meeting we will be collecting for Toys for Tots. If you would like to donate, you can bring an unwrapped toy to the meeting and we will deliver it to a collection point.
- The Base will visit Saratoga National Cemetery to place wreaths on the graves of deceased Base members on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet at the gatehouse at 11:00. Family members are welcome to attend.

- The January 2023 meeting will be held on the second Wednesday (January 11<sup>th</sup> due to a schedule conflict)

50/50 drawing was held and won by Tom Krauser – \$30.00. Tom donated his winnings back to the Base.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday **December 7<sup>th</sup> and begin at 6:00 PM**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234

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

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

Dues are due. National dues are \$25.00 and local Base dues are \$15.00. If you are not sure what you owe, check with Tom Kirbey ([tkirbey@nycap.rr.com](mailto:tkirbey@nycap.rr.com))

Send your checks made out to **Albany-Saratoga Base, USSVI** to:

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