

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**  
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM  
Meeting Date: October 5, 2022

The October meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:00 PM with 20 Base members, 1 guest (Morris J. "Butch" McCabe who joined the Base) plus 3 via ZOOM

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

#### **Old Business**

- CBM will pick up the model and bring it to the shop for repairs
- Jim Irwin checked with Rust Insurance to see if they would cover Worker's Compensation Insurance so we could revisit roadside cleanups. It was listed as an item that they DO NOT cover.
- Still waiting on CBM to rehab the USS Albany model
- Humphrey Memorials has been shut down for several weeks with Covid illness. Will be doing the engraving shortly

#### **Correspondence**

- Received an email from John Cook suggesting possible participation at Saratoga National Cemetery on Veterans Day. Some interest shown. Al Singleman to follow up.
- A request from National to support the USSV Charitable Foundation for the Hurricane relief – the Base voted to send a donation of \$100.00 to the Foundation

#### **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
- Heard from CMC at the site, no Navy Birthday Ball this year
- Shafer Gaston has requested that any former CPO's contact him for possible participation in charging the newest Chief selects from NPTU ([shafergaston@gmail.com](mailto:shafergaston@gmail.com))
- 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
- The USS Albany (SSN-753) is in the very early stages of planning a namesake visit to the area. We will work with them, the USS Slater Museum ship, and the city of Albany as it develops
- 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)

- Base Commander Jerry Whitehead will be unavailable for most of October due to travel commitments. Base Secretary will send out any announcements from National

50/50 drawing was held and won by Butch McCabe – \$50.00

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> and begin at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234

The meeting was concluded at 8:20 PM.

Submitted by: Jim Irwin  
Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary  
Pride Runs Deep

Please consider purchasing a brick paver for our Memorial – we do have the minimum at this time for a fall engraving, hopefully by the end of October.

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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