

Albany-Saratoga Base, USSVI

Meeting Minutes 5/1/19

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base (ASB), was called to order at 1900, with 22 members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Base COB Mark Maiellaro.
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer.
- The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of May, with the new Base Bell being used for the first time. The bell was shown around, and all present agreed it's a beautiful bell, with a wonderful tone!
- Treasurer's report was given for April.
- Old Business:
- A Sea Daddy update was given, some of the phone numbers were no longer in service. Along a similar line, I noted that some of the last month's Meeting Minutes were rejected, as a few of the E-mail addresses on our local USSVI site are incorrect. When you get the chance, go on our local USSVI and update your info, please!
- **Updated** Parade report: town of Malta May 18th. Muster spot is the Malta Community center, off route 9, at 0930. Ballston Spa May 25th, stepping off at **0900**. Mustering spot is Ocean State Job Lot parking lot, off of Rt. 50 at **0830**. The Glens Falls parade is Monday, 27 May, with a muster on Maple Ave. at 1000. The Hartford parade will be the evening of the 27th, commencing at 1800. The Saratoga Flag day parade is June 8th, mustering point is on North Broadway lineup area (near 2nd Ave.) at 1100. The Turning Point Parade, for Schuylerville, is August 4th. Time/muster point put out later.
- The Memorial Brick Paving guy is coming to do the 9 bricks before the tolling of the Bells ceremony (which is on 1 June at 1100.) The time has passed to add any more bricks on this round but as this is our major source of income for the base, if you haven't bought a paver yet, consider doing so, please. To get more info click on the following: <http://www.subvetmemorial.org/>, then click buy a brick.
- Tolling of the Bells ceremony is 1 June, at 1100, muster at memorial at 1030. Carrie Woerner is the guest speaker. Refreshments will be provided. News organizations are being contacted to help promulgate the info, and help generate more public awareness of our mission.
- New Business:
- Kaps for Kids update: Looking to do Albany Med in September, date/time to be determined. Also looking to do Hole-in-the-Woods sometime in the late Spring, early Fall.
- The Base store keeper Diane Singleman, had the shirts/hats available for delivery to those who ordered them.
- Subvet scholarships are still available, we had a base member's granddaughter avail herself of one in the past.
- Reminder: The National USSVI convention is in Austin TX in August.
- Reminder: A ceremony for former base member Paul W. Hartnagle (Stache), who passed away 1/15/19, is set for 5/23. Services will be held in East Greenbush United Methodist Church. More info can be found here: <https://www.everhere.com/us/obituary-east-greenbush-paul-w-hartnagel-8647945>.

Sailor, rest your oars!

- July 12th, the graduation of class 1805 from NPTU Ballston Spa will take place at the Hall of Springs at 0900. Arrive at 0800, parking is limited. This is the final class out of NPTU for ~ the next 3 years, as MARF is decommissioning, and the other site is re-fueling. Admiral Caldwell, head of Naval Reactors, is the featured speaker.
- May 17th RPI is holding a commissioning ceremony for those who are graduating from there.
- May 16th is the 19th anniversary of the Albany-Saratoga Base USSVI founding. Happy Anniversary!
- After the break, Al Singleman gave a short presentation on model building, including tips on what paint/glue to use, proper use of Bondo/sand paper grit etc., and other tips on how to make it look professionally done, and as Al is a professional model builder, this was very helpful!
- Steve Cipperly won the 50/50 raffle, \$30 to the winner!
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered closing prayer.
- The USSVI creed was recited, led by Base COB Mark Maiellaro.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2027.

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