## MINUTES OF MEETING ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI Location: Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, Ballston Spa, NY

## Meeting Date: September 19, 2015

There was no Regular meeting for the month of September. In lieu of a meeting the Albany-Saratoga Base held its annual Holland Club/Picnic outing.

We had an excellent turnout with approximately 40 folks attending including 4 widows of former Base members. We had Jo Feldhaus, Maureen Cleveland, Pat Luther, and Alice Hassell. Also, we had visiting from Groton Base John and Dee Carcioppolo.

Present for induction into the Holland Club were Dale Breault and Robert Walsh. Also eligible were Ed Heuther and Dan Corrigan who were not able to attend.

Also Albany-Saratoga Base member Tom Glenn was awarded the prestigious Robert Link Award which was presented to him by National Commander Al Singleman.

Al Singleman also mentioned that Base Commander Jim Irwin who is also North East District 5 Commander did an excellent job while serving as District Commander of the Year and while serving as a voting member of the National E-Board.

Taking turns manning the grill and doing a fine job as always were Al Singleman and Walt Forney. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and a wide variety of fruits, salads, and desserts rounded out the goodies that were served up.

Door prizes were won by Maureen Cleveland, Al Singleman, and Walt Forney. The 50/50 raffle was won by Mike Marko and a good time was had by all.

The next regular meeting of the Base will take place on Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> at American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant Street, Ballston Spa and will begin at 7:00 PM.

If you are planning to attend we will be collecting Coffee, laundry detergent, and dish washing liquid for the Saratoga men's veterans' homeless shelter. Please consider making a donation.

Also remember that you can now send in your dues for 2016. Base dues remain at \$10.00 per year. National dues are \$20.00 for one year, \$55.00 for three years, and \$90.00 for five years if paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Any National dues paid on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> will be \$25.00 for one year, \$70.00 for three years, or \$115.00 for five years.

Anyone whose National dues lapse after January 31<sup>st</sup> will be dropped from USSVI so I encourage everyone to get their dues in ASAP

I hope to see you at the meeting

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