

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa
Meeting Date: March 5th, 2025

The March meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Jim Cree at 1900 with 17 Base Members present.

- The Base muster list was made available by the Base Secretary.
- The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chief of the Boat Mike Lynett.
- The Base Chaplain Janet Irwin read the opening prayer, and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of March.
- Base members introduced themselves.

Treasurers report – was read

Old Business

- A motion was made to purchase 2 banners for the float. The motion passed.

New Business

- Mike Lynett discussed the need for another meeting to finalize the details for the 25th Anniversary Dinner. (A meeting was held on 3/23/25)
- The price for the dinner will be \$40 per person. Jim Irwin will start collecting payments at the next meeting.
- The survey of who planned to attend the dinner showed a planned attendance of 40 members/guests. The space reserved at Augie's can accommodate 54.
- 50/50 drawing was held, and the prize was won by Tom Kirbey.
- The Base Chaplain delivered the Benediction
- The USSVI Creed was recited.
- The next meeting will be held on April 2nd and will begin at 1900.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1957.

Upcoming Events

- 4/24 at 1400 – RPI NROTC Awards Ceremony at the Armory
- 5/9 at 0915 – RPI NROTC Spring Commissioning Ceremony at Hanger 743
- 5/16 at 1830 – 25th Base Anniversary Dinner at Augie's in Ballston Spa
- 5/17 – Malta Armed Forces Day Parade
- 5/24 – Ballston Spa Memorial Day Parade
- 5/26 – Glens Falls Memorial Day Parade
- 6/7 – Tolling of the Boats
- 6/14 – Saratoga Springs Flag Day Parade (tentative)
- 7/4 – Clifton Park Independence Day Parade
- 8/2 – Schuylerville Turning Point Parade
- 8/31 to 9/6 – 2025 USSVI Convention in Orlando, FL
- 9/13 – Base Picnic at the American Legion (Tentative Date)
- 12/3 – Base Meeting and Holiday Potluck at the American Legion
- 12/6 – Wreath laying at Saratoga National Cemetery

Correspondence – Convention and other updates

- Scholarship Information
 - USSVI Charitable Foundation Scholarship applications are open 10/31/24 thru 5/19/25
<https://www.ussvcf.org/scholarship-application.html>
- 2025 Calendars
 - \$14.00 from the Base Storekeeper Jim “Fuzzy” Marshall
 - \$18.38 plus shipping from National Storekeeper:
https://store.ussvnationalstorekeeper.com/merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=CTGY&Store_Code=USSVINSK&Category_Code=Calendars
 - \$13.01 with shipping if you chose to cover credit card processing fee, \$12.00 if you don't cover credit card processing fee from Charitable Foundation.
<https://www.ussvcf.org/> Then click on “PURCHASE A 2025 SUBMARINE CALENDAR” link
- 2025 Convention– Orlando Florida – 8/31/2025 to 9/6/2025. Room rate \$120.00
<https://subvetconvention.org/>
- Please consider purchasing a brick paver for our Memorial.
<https://www.subvetmemorial.com/buy-a-brick.htm>
- Please fill out a Sub Vet history report – see the Base Chaplain or forms are available on the Base website.
<https://www.albanysaratogasubvets.com/pdfs/Subvet%20History%20Report.pdf>

Submitted by: Kurt Daniels
Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary
Pride Runs Deep - Shoot First!!!
End Report.