

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa
Meeting Date: July 3rd, 2024

The July meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander (BC) Al Singleman at 1902 with 19 Base Members present.

- The Base muster list was made available by the Base Secretary.
- The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Base Secretary, Kurt Daniels.
- The Base Chaplain read the opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of July.

Secretary's Report - National Officer positions are up for voting. Print outs were made available for voting at the meeting and will also be made available at the August meeting and then will be mailed in. Paper ballots need to be received by National by 8/27/2024. Voting can be done online at <https://www.ussubvets.org/Login.asp?page=Election> .

Treasurers report – was read.

Old Business

- The Tolling of the Boats: Base Commander (BC) Al Singleman thanked Jim Irwin and everyone involved in the ceremony for making it a success.
- Jim Irwin brought in a few copies of the resolution presented by Senator Jim Tedisco at the Tolling of the Boats. A scan will be attached to the email with the minutes.
- New USSVI magnets were ordered for the side of Janet Irwin's car for use in the parades.
- Jim Irwin discussed that the Legion would like to utilize our TV, microphone, and camera for their Zoom meetings. BC Al Singleman had no objections.

New Business

- The Base picnic is coming up on September 14th and BC Al Singleman will have a sign up sheet for who will want hamburgers or hot dogs and how many.
- The Base picnic will serve as the meeting for the month of September, so there will be no meeting on September 4th.

- Steve Cipperly discussed the new exhibit at the New York State Military Museum titled “From New York to the Nuclear Navy”. The exhibit opened June 29th and will be open through 2025. The display emphasizes the role of General Electric in Schenectady, the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in Niskayuna, and the Kenneth A. Kesselring Site in West Milton in transforming the U.S. Navy into a nuclear submarine powerhouse. A flyer from the exhibit brought in by Bill Preece will be attached to the email with the minutes.
- Randy Stein requested to spend 50\$ to renew the extended warranty on the Base’s laptop. BC Al Singleman approved.
- Sea stories were shared between members with the extra time available after getting through the agenda.
- 50/50 drawing was held and won by Jerry Whitehead.
- The USSVI Creed was recited.
- The next meeting will be held on August 7th and will begin at 1900. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234.
- ****Note**** - There is a Pharell Williams with the Philadelphia Orchestra concert on the night of the August meeting, expect increased traffic on your way to the meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1950.

Upcoming Base events:

- 4 August: Schuylerville Turning Point Parade. Lineup will be on Pearl Street, across from the High School. Parking for participants is available at the Schuyler House, and a bus will drive you up to the start of the parade. Lineup by 1230, parade starts at 1300.
- 19-24 August: USSVI National Convention in Cleveland
- 27 August: National USSVI elections close
- 14 September: Base Picnic at the American Legion
- December: Wreath laying at National Cemetery

Correspondence – Convention and other updates

- The 2024 USSVI National Convention will be hosted by Cod Base on August 19-24 at the Embassy Suites Rockside in Independence, Ohio (Just south of Cleveland) (About a 7½ hour drive from the Capital District).
<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