

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**  
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa  
Meeting Date: June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The June meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander (BC) Al Singleman at 1857 with 23 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 Chief of the Boat, Mike Lynett.
- The Base Chaplain read the opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of June.
- The Base Chaplain remembered those lost during D-Day on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944.

**Treasurers report was read.**

**Old Business**

- The Tolling of the Boats logistics was discussed. Setup will start at 1000-1015. If weather is bad then the ceremony will be held at the American Legion.
- Jim Irwin discussed how well the RPI awards ceremony went. All involved were impressed with the plaque and he thanked Al Singleman for doing such a great job on it.
- Jim Irwin discussed the idea of conducting a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner for the Base next year in May. He had inquired at Augie's in Ballston Spa about the possibility of hosting it there and figures we could do it for about 30\$ a person. They have a private room that can fit between 55-60 people.
- BC Al Singleman discussed the charitable foundation funds and gave an overview of each, as an extension of the discussion from last month. Go to <https://www.ussvcf.org/funds.html> and click on the Funds dropdown at the top of the page for more information on each fund. Jim Irwin recapped the discussion from May regarding the suggested donations of 150\$ or 1000\$ and recommended an alternative. The Hudson Valley Base has done a dinner and auction in the past with proceeds going to the USSVI Charitable Foundation. He suggested we could consider doing something similar, perhaps in conjunction with the Holland Club ceremony. BC Al Singleman agreed this could be a good idea and we would discuss it more in the coming months.

## New Business

- Base member Dan Corrigan stopped by before the meeting and donated his United States Submarine Veteran flag to the base as it was too heavy for the flag stand on his show truck.
- Jim Irwin mentioned that National Officer positions are up for voting. There is a way to vote online and a page in the most recent American Submariner magazine that can be sent in. Base Secretary Kurt Daniels will bring print outs of the ballots to the July meeting for people to vote with if desired and the base will mail them in. Paper ballots need to be received by 8/27/2024. Voting can be done online at <https://www.ussubvets.org/home.asp> but will not open until 6/19/2024.
- Janet Irwin mentioned the USSVI magnets used on her car for the parades are deteriorating and in need of replacement. Jerry Whitehead made a motion to authorize replacement magnets to be purchased. Butch McCabe seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.
- Mike Lynett discussed that Base Member John Cook's health has been deteriorating and suggested the Base send a card. Base Chaplain Janet Irwin will bring a card to the Tolling of the Boats to sign and send to John.
- Carl Jump brought in a piston from the diesel engine on USS BLENNY (SS-324) to show the group.
- Jim Irwin reminded the group that Thomas Ondek, son of former base charter member Robert Ondek, will be laid to rest at the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery on 21 June 2024 at 1000. Tommy's sister Terrie requested a Subvets presence at the ceremony.
- The September picnic was scheduled for Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The picnic will be at the American Legion.
- 50/50 drawing was held and won by Rocky Smith.
- The USSVI Creed was recited.
- The next meeting will be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and will begin at 1900. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2007.

### **Upcoming Base events:**

- 21 June: Thomas Ondek burial at Saratoga National Cemetery. Subvet presence and ceremony requested by the family
- 4 July: Clifton Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Line up at the Shenendehowa High School campus by 1130. The parade will start at 1200.
- 4 August: Schuylerville Turning Point Parade. Lineup will be on Pearl Street, across from the High School. Parking for participants is available at the Schyler 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  
<https://subvetconvention.org/>
- 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





# VOTE



## 2024 NATIONAL ELECTION

### VOTING INFORMATION

Voting online on the USSVI website [ussubvets.org](http://ussubvets.org) is preferred.

Online voting will begin at 0001 on June 19, 2024 and end at 2359 on August 27, 2024.

Whether voting online or by paper ballot, each member must complete their own ballot.

Proxy voting (members casting ballots for other members) is not allowed. While members may assist other members in preparing their ballots, the member must complete their paper ballot in their own hand. Proxy ballots will be rejected.

#### Mail completed ballots to:

Tom Conlon, PNC  
USSVI Election Master  
8 Davis Avenue  
Harrison, NJ 07029

Paper ballots must be received by the Election Master no later than August 27, 2024 to be counted. Ballots received after this date will not be counted.

The duties of the various officers are outlined in the USSVI bylaws and can be found on the USSVI website.

As specified in the USSVI Constitution:

- The term of office for all National officers will be two years or until a successor is elected.
- No individual shall serve more than two consecutive terms as National Commander.
- The term of office for a National elected officer will begin immediately after the annual business meeting.

# 2024 ☆ USSVI OFFICIAL BALLOT ☆ 2024

## VOTE FOR ONLY ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE

### National Officer Candidates

#### National Commander

Jon Jaques, Volunteer Base  
Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

#### National Senior Vice Commander

Tim Carlisle, Mare Island Base  
Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

#### National Junior Vice Commander

Tom Williams, Cowtown Base  
Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

#### National Secretary

David Farrugia, Tang Base  
Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

#### National Treasurer

John Sidlovsky, Hampton Roads Base  
Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

### Regional Director Candidates

*Vote for a Director in your region only.  
Any other vote will be rejected.*

#### Northeast Region Director

Charles Martin, Northern Virginia Base  
 Jeff Walsh, Groton Base  
Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

#### Southeast Region Director

Ken Nichols, Nautilus Base  
Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

#### Central Region Director

Fred Kinzel, Wolverine Base  
 Rick Mitchell, Central Texas Base  
Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

#### Western Region Director

Pete Juhos, Gold Country Base  
Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE USSVI CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Vote either "for" or "against" the proposed change

### PA 2024-1

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIII — BIENNIAL ELECTIONS

**Green** = proposed wording • **Red** = current wording

#### Section 3. NATIONAL BALLOT

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A. The National Commander shall appoint an Election Master to count and tabulate the results of the Nation Election Ballots.

1. **The Election Master shall be a member in good standing, selected by the National Commander and approved by the Voting Board of Directors.**

**Submitted by:** William Andrea

**Intent of the Author:** The current requirements are too restrictive and limits the number of possible candidates for the position of Election Master.

**Cost to the Organization:** Negligible to none.

FOR                       AGAINST

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BASE:** \_\_\_\_\_