

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM
Meeting Date: February 2, 2022

The February meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:05 PM with 16 Base members present plus 6 via ZOOM

- The Base muster list was filled out by the Base Secretary
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Mike Lynett
- The Base Chaplain read the opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the months of February. The Chaplain also remembered Base member Drew Millier who departed on his eternal patrol on December 13, 2021.
- Treasurer's report was read.

Old Business

- 2022 Dues are past due – those not paid will be dropped
- Jim Irwin mentioned he is trying to reconnect with family members of Patricia Rinaldi who recently passed away. Patricia is the sister of Joseph Gilheany from Mechanicville who was lost on the USS Bullhead (SS-332) on 6 August 1945

Correspondence – letter from Saratoga County Bar Association offering no charge legal services to Saratoga County veterans - copy included

New Business

- Shafer Gaston and Ken Kohl spoke of the need to attract new members. Please think of ideas to initiate some Community outreach programs and submit your ideas.
- For next meeting have a brief sea story to share when you introduce yourself
- Albany-Saratoga Base Charter draped in honor of Drew Millier
- Paver donated to the family of Drew Millier
- Jim Irwin will meet with Drew's widow to present his Eternal Patrol certificate
- Upcoming parades – Malta (Military appreciation and first responders), Ballston Spa (Memorial Day), Saratoga, (Flag Day?), Clifton Park (July 4), Schuylerville (Turning Point), Glens Falls (Memorial Day) More information on dates and times as it becomes available

50/50 drawing was held and won by Janet Irwin - \$35.00

The Base Chaplain read the closing prayer and the USSVI Creed was recited

The next regular meeting will begin at **7:00 PM on March 2, 2022**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234. ZOOM will be available.

The meeting was concluded at 8:15 PM.

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

Please consider purchasing a brick paver for our Memorial – due by March 31, 2022

Please fill out a Sub Vet history report – available on the Base website