

**MINUTES OF MEETING ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**  
**Location: Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, Ballston Spa, NY**  
**Meeting Date: 06 December 2017**

The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jim Irwin at 7:00 p.m. with 25 members and their guests present

- The Base muster list for attendance was passed around
- Base COB led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Base members introduced themselves, the boat on which they qualified and their guest.
- The Base Chaplain offered an opening prayer. The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of December and the 44 sailors on the Argentine Submarine San Juan lost in November.
- Acting Base Secretary MaryEtta Nolan indicated there was a quorum present.
- Randy Stein gave the Base Treasurers report.
- Binnacle List – Fred Miller has a major life-threatening blood infection and is home getting antibiotics and visiting nursing services. Fred was instrumental in getting the highway renamed.
- Base float delivered to BOCES for the template of the railings.
- Submarine model is back in the park. Gifts given to CBM Fabrications for their work on refurbishing the model - \$100.00 in gift cards and framed picture of the USS Albany along with a letter from the Chaplain on behalf of the base. (see attached letter). In April decals will be reapplied.
- Saturday 09 December 2017, meet at gatehouse at 1200 for placing wreaths at National Cemetery. Wreaths Across America will be 16 December 2017 with a ceremony at 1200 and placing of wreaths.
- Raffle for Poinsettia's, scarfs and other door prizes. 50/50 Raffle won by Steve Cipperly who donated his winnings back to the Base
- Next Meeting Wednesday 03 January 2018 at 1900
- Closing prayer by the Chaplain and reciting the USSVI Creed by the members.
- Meeting adjourned at 1916 and the start of the Holiday Dinner.

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