

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa
Meeting Date: October 1st, 2025

The October meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander (BC) Bill Preece at 1900 with 20 Base Members and 1 guest present.

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 October.
Base members introduced themselves.

There were two new Base Members at the meeting, Dan Page who qualified on USS ALBANY in 2001 and Adam Mainville who qualified on USS WILL ROGERS in 1991.

Secretary's report

The NPTU graduation is coming up next week on 10/10.

Treasurers report – was read

New Business

Jim Cree's highlights from the National Convention:

- He attended a discussion on ideas for attracting new members. Concepts discussed were the use of social media and websites, wearing hats/jackets when out and about. In NY the incentive of obtaining Subvets license plates can help.
- There was a KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) presentation about the impact of the program on the recipient children, there were many great stories. Jim mentioned it would be great if we could get the program going again in our area.
- National is working on a way to link the National bank accounts to the Base accounts to be able to transfer funds instead of waiting for checks to be mailed/cleared. Zelle was mentioned as a possibility for the future.

Jim Irwin's highlights from the National Convention:

- Jim clarified more about Zelle and that it would allow payments to be made without processing fees and simplify payments.
- The Base activity report can now be submitted online, making the process more efficient for the Bases.
- National encourages Base Commanders, Vice Commanders, and others to complete the Base Commander qualification card to assist in developing current and future Base Commanders.
- National is starting a membership incentive program. If we increase our Base

membership by 10% from where we start at the beginning of the year, we can earn around 30\$ per new member.

- The Submarine Advocacy Group is doing a study of likely atmospheric contaminants in the submarine environment that may cause adverse health effects. (Dan Page mentioned he is a part of the group and can keep us updated on progress in the future.)
- The Charitable Foundation is now listed on the Combined Federal Campaign for anyone in active duty or in Federal Service who may desire to donate through the program.
- National is looking to recruit more Associate Members and Lifetime dues would be available. This will require a vote to change the National By-laws and will likely be voted on in the Spring timeframe.
- Upcoming National Convention Locations:
 - 2026 Corpus Christi, TX
 - 2027 Reno, NV
 - 2028 Norfolk, VA
- There was a female Supply Officer who spoke at one of the Q&A sessions, and a question came up about just how many women were serving on USS MICHIGAN with her. In the Wardroom 12 of 18 officers were women, and there were 55 enlisted women on the crew. Women are contributing more to the force than we may realize.
- National mentioned if you are attending a partisan event, you should not wear your Subvets attire as we are a non-partisan organization.

Jim Irwin mentioned that the Navy Band was due to play at SPAC on October 12th, but the status of the Gov't Shutdown at the time may cancel or postpone the event.

It's that time of the year to pay dues. Bring payments to the next meeting or send them to the Treasurer.

- Annual National Dues: 40\$ (3 Yr term \$113, 5 Yr term \$185)
- Annual Base Dues: 15\$
- Treasurer's Address:

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NPTU Graduation is coming up on Friday, October 10th, at 1000 and will take place at the Field House at the Naval Support Activity Saratoga Springs.

Update on the storage location for the Float. John Mishoe reported his property is not under contract and any sale will likely take months to complete. We can keep the float where it is for now, but we should be looking for an alternate location when his property is no longer available.

Regarding Base Officer nominations:

- Bill Preece will not be staying on as Base Commander. Jim Cree stated he would be willing to run for Base Commander. Elections will be held at the November meeting, so you still have time to throw your hat in the ring.

The 50/50 drawing was held, and the prize was won by John Mishoe.

The next meeting will be on October 1st and will begin at 1900.

The meeting adjourned around 2005.

Upcoming Events

10/10– NPTU Student Graduation at 1000, location is the Naval Support Activity Saratoga Springs, in the Field House, which is adjacent to the Commissary.

12/3 – Base Meeting and Holiday Potluck at the American Legion ☐

12/6 – Wreath laying at Saratoga National Cemetery

Correspondence – Convention and other updates

USSVI Charitable Foundation 125th Submarine Anniversary Commemorative Coin
<https://ussvcf.org/commemorative-coin/>

USSVI Charitable Foundation's service to provide free Wills for USSVI members.
<https://www.mylegacywill.com/ussvcf>

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.