

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa
Meeting Date: December 3rd, 2025

The December meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Jim Cree at 1811 with 20 Base Members and 9 guests present.

- The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Base Secretary Kurt Daniels.
- The Base Chaplain Janet Irwin read the opening prayer, and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of December.
- Base members introduced themselves and guests.

Secretary's report

- December events were the 2502 NPTU Graduation on 12/5/25 and the wreath laying at the Saratoga National Cemetery on 12/6/25.

New Business

- Jim Cree's gave a quick update on the health status of Base Commander Bill Preece who suffered another fall but was recovering.
- Jim Cree let Jerry Whitehead know he had some information about Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) to discuss.

Old Business

- If you still need to pay dues:
 - Annual National Dues: 40\$ (3 Yr term \$113, 5 Yr term \$185)
 - Annual Base Dues: 15\$ (You can pay for up to 5 years at once, if desired)
 - Make checks payable to: Albany Saratoga Subvets
 - Send one check with National/Base dues total and the Base Treasurer will ensure dues get sent to National.
 - If you need to check status of your dues send an email to the Base Treasurer at tkirbey@nycap.rr.com
 - Send payment to the Base Treasurer:

Tom Kirbey
12 S. Jordan Drive
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
- Base members and guests enjoyed a wonderful potluck.
- The 50/50 drawing was held, and the prize was won by Steve Cipperly. The Base's portion of the prize went to the Legion's bar tender for a tip.

- The next meeting will be on February 4th and will begin at **1900**.
- The meeting adjourned around 2000.

Upcoming Events:

- NPTU 2503 graduation is upcoming at the end of January or early February.

Correspondence – Convention and other updates

- 2026 National Convention:
 - Corpus Christi, TX at the Omni Hotel
 - September 6-11, 2026
 - <https://subvetconvention.org/>
- USSVI Charitable Foundation 125th Submarine Anniversary Commemorative Coin
<https://www.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. Forms are also 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.