

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM
Meeting Date: November 3, 2021

The September meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:00 PM with 23 Base members plus 5 guests present including by ZOOM District 5 Commander Fred Marazita

- 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 October and November.
- Base Treasurer Randy Stein read the October Treasurer's report

Old Business

- 2022 Dues are due – at this time 29 Base members still owe dues
- First Dolphins Program – 23 newly qualified USS Albany (SSN-753) received certificates
- Sub Vets license plates – 61 Base members hold a total of 70 plates
- Informational presentation about USSVI to NPTU Ballston Spa approved by the Command Master Chief. Al Singleman to prepare a short program and date will be set for early next year.

New Business

- A plea was made for Base members to step up to assume leadership positions to avoid the Base being decommissioned. After much discussion and in an effort to have members consider running, the election was postponed until the December meeting. Positions available are Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Upcoming National Conventions – 2022 Buffalo NY, 2023 Tucson AZ, and 2024 Groton/New London CT
- Cemetery wreaths at Saratoga National will be on December 4th at 11:00 AM. If you want a wreath for a friend or family member you must let Jim Irwin know in advance. So far, I have only heard from Harry Terzian, Tom Kirbey, and Janet Irwin.
- National Awards were presented to Base member Randy Stein who won the Silver Anchor Award and to former Base members MaryEtta and Art Nolan who won the Ben Bastura Historical Achievement Award for their work with the Scorpion Family – Congratulations!
- Welcome new member Ray Paulsen – qualified on USS Tusk (SS-426) in 1957

50/50 drawing was held and won by Randy Stein - \$43.00

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

The next regular meeting will begin at **7:00 PM on December 1, 2021**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234. ZOOM will be available.

The meeting was concluded at 8:20 PM.

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

Please consider purchasing a brick paver for our Memorial

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