

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM
Meeting Date: December 1, 2021

The September meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:05 PM with 21 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 December.
- Reading of the Treasurer's report waived – to be included in the minutes when sent

Holiday Business – Due to the generosity of Base member Frank Dorchak, a round of drinks was purchased and a holiday toast was made. Thank you, Frank. Frank is one of the charter members of our Base and lives in the Plattsburgh/Malone area and doesn't often get to the meetings. He was however very instrumental in our hosting the 2004 USSVI National Convention and also with the design and construction of the Base float.

Additionally due to the generosity of Dehn's Florist and Base member John Mishoe – 10 poinsettia plants were donated and raffled off. Thank you, John.

Old Business

- 2022 Dues are due – at this time 24 Base members still owe dues
- Sub Vets license plates – 61 Base members hold a total of 70 plates

New Business

- Final nominations were held and a big thanks goes out to the following members for stepping up to assume leadership positions – James Cree, Shafer Gaston, Tom Kirbey
- Base elections were held with the results shown below
- 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.
- Welcome new member Rocky Smith – qualified on USS Francis Scott Key (SSBN-657) in 1976

Base Officers for the two-year term of 2022 and 2023

Commander – Jerome Whitehead

Sr. Vice Commander – Shafer Gaston

Jr. Vice Commander – James Cree

Secretary – James Irwin

Treasurer – Thomas Kirbey

50/50 drawing was held and won by Shafer Gaston - \$60.00 which he promptly back to the Base. All proceeds from the drawing including Shafer Gaston's donated portion were given to the bartender for a holiday gift.

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

The next regular meeting will begin at **7:00 PM on January 5, 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

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