

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**  
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM  
Meeting Date: January 11, 2023

The January meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:02 PM with 26 Base members including 3 members via Zoom.

- The Base muster list was filled out by the Base Secretary
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Chief of the Boat
- The Base Chaplain read the opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of January.
- Members introduced themselves and stated their qual boat and year
- Treasurer's report was read.

#### **Old Business**

- Base Commander Whitehead again thanked everyone who participated with the placing of wreaths at Saratoga National Cemetery on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and especially Bill Preece for contacting the news media for their coverage.
- Base Commander Whitehead thanked everyone who contributed to the Toys for Tots at the December meeting. There were two tables full of toys.

#### **Correspondence**

- The Base received a thank you note from Legion bartender Kathy Howard for our gift to her at the December meeting

#### **New Business**

- Dues for 2023 are overdue – please don't wait until the last minute to pay. If you are mailing in your dues and want an updated sticker, you must enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. A total of 19 Base members are currently unpaid and will be dropped from the Base membership and if you have Sub Vet license plates, you will lose them.
- Base coins are here – passed out to all members present. Coins are available for sale at Base meetings - \$10.00 and available at all Base events.
- Welcome new members Arnold Metting – qualified on USS Albany (SSN-753) in 2000, Anthony Mrazik – qualified on Henry M Jackson (SSBN-730) in 1985. Also new and former member Fred Nardacci who was not able to attend the meeting.
- Base member Randy Stein spoke about USSVI's Charitable Foundation and the many things it has to offer. If you would like more information or be willing to become a part of the Foundation, you can contact Randy for assistance ([rstein02@gmail.com](mailto:rstein02@gmail.com))
- Base member Jim Irwin spoke about USSVI insurance, Boat Sponsorship, and the Holland Club and the percentage of USSVI members who are currently members and how many become eligible annually. Afterward, a motion from the floor was made, seconded, and passed that the Base donate \$150.00 to the Holland Club.
- The USS Albany (SSN-753) held Change of Command on 1/6/2023. CDR Jonathan Padgett relieved CDR Rich McCandless. CDR McCandless will be the next 5th Battalion and Nuclear Accessions Officer at the US Naval Academy.
- USS Albany (SSN-753) was recently received Submarine Squadron 6's 2022 following awards: Battle E, Engineering Red E, Communications/Cyber Green C, and the Supply Blue E

- Sites for upcoming USSVI National Conventions – 2023 – Tucson AZ, 2024 – Cleveland OH, 2025 – Norfolk, VA, and 2026 – San Antonio and Corpus Christi TX are considering hosting
- Not mentioned at this meeting but, elections for Base Officers for 2024-2025 will be held at the end of this year. Please consider running for one of the positions.

50/50 drawing was held and won by John Mishoe – \$40.00. John donated \$20.00 back to the Base Kaps 4 Kids program.

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

There will be **NO** Base meeting in February. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday **March 1<sup>st</sup> and begin at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234

The meeting was concluded at 8:10 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 – see the Base Chaplain or forms are available on the Base website

Dues are overdue. National dues are \$25.00 and local Base dues are \$15.00. If you are not sure what you owe, check with Tom Kirbey ([tkirbey@nycap.rr.com](mailto:tkirbey@nycap.rr.com))

Send your checks made out to **Albany-Saratoga Base, USSVI** to:

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