MINUTES OF MEETING ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM Meeting Date: January 12, 2022

The September meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:05 PM with 17 Base members and 1 guest present plus 8 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 January.
- Treasurer's report was read.

At this time all newly elected Base Officers were sworn in by Past National Commander Al Singleman

Old Business

- 2022 Dues are past due at this time 9 Base members still owe dues
- Special thanks to those who participated in laying wreaths at Saratoga National Cemetery and to those who donated to the Toys 4 Tots program
- Thanks to Base Chaplain Janet Irwin for the extra research and sharing stories at the cemetery. Anyone having additional contributions please reach out to her with your info
- Sub Vets license plates 61 Base members hold a total of 70 plates

Correspondence – thank you from Bartender Kathy Howard for the generous holiday tip from the Base

New Business

- Upcoming National Conventions 2022 Buffalo NY, 2023 Tucson AZ, and 2024 Groton/New London CT
- Al Singleman shared some information and discussed the advantages of using the VA Health Care program
- Medical grade facemasks are now required at Stratton VA Medical Center. They will be provided for you if you don't have one. No cloth masks are permitted.
- Welcome new member David Latta qualified on USS Wyoming (SSBN-742) in 2005

50/50 drawing was held and won by Jim Stevens - \$25.00 which he promptly donated back to the Base.

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

The next regular meeting will begin at **7:00 PM on February 2, 2022**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234. ZOOM will be available.

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 - available on the Base website