

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM
Meeting Date: September 18, 2021

The September meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 12:01 PM with 21 Base members and guests present

- The Base muster list was filled out by the Base Secretary
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Mark Maiellaero
- The Base Chaplain read the opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of September.
- Base Secretary Jim Irwin read the August Treasurer's report.

Old Business

- Randy Stein is finally back home and has returned to work at Staples in Clifton Park.
- The Saratoga Flag Day parade was held on 9/11/21 with only 9 members present. No other parades are scheduled for the remainder of this year.

New Business

- Elections for Base Officers are coming up, all elected offices are available. Please consider running for office. If no one steps up to run for the offices the Base Charter will be revoked by National and our treasury will be absorbed by National, we will lose control of our Memorial and once the Base is dissolved, anyone with "Sub Vet plates" will no longer be eligible for those plates.
- There will be **NO** Base meeting in October
- 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.
- Congratulations to Base member Randy Stein who won the Silver Anchor Award from National and to former Base members MaryEtta and Art Nolan who won the Ben Bastura Historical Achievement Award from National for their work with the Scorpion Family. Neither of these award winners were able to attend this meeting but will be at the November Base meeting to receive them.
- Congratulations to our newest Holland Club members – Jim Cree and Al Singleman who were present at the meeting and received their packets. Also, Don Hopkins, Dave Moynehan, and John Vettovali who were not able to attend.
- Those in attendance said good bye to Mark Maiellaero and his wife who are relocating to Florida to be closer to family.

50/50 drawing was held and won by Ken Kohl - \$28.00 of which he donated \$18.00 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 November 4, 2021**. 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