

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI**  
Location: Via Zoom  
Meeting Date: February 3, 2021

Due to the ongoing pandemic the ZOOM meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 7:01 PM with 30 members present online – Randy Stein was the host

- The Base muster list was filled out by the Base Secretary
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Base COB Mike Lynett
- The Base Chaplain read the opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of February
- Base Treasurer Randy Stein read the Treasurer's report
- Base members introduced themselves – special thanks to Bruce Talbot, joining us from Texas

**Old Business**

- No updates to report on USSVI's new website
- Anyone interested in becoming the Base Treasurer please contact the Base Commander
- The Base Charter is now on display at American Legion Post 234
- As of 2/3/21 there are 3 Base members in arrears for Base and National dues. They will be dropped from USSVI by National. We also have one Base member in arrears who will be dropped for non-payment of dues by the Base.

American Legion Post 234 has requested that all in person meetings be discontinued until the spreading of the COVID-19 virus has been reduced to a much lower level

**New Business**

- Base member Ray Misiewicz offered to do a ZOOM presentation of submarines that were at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 and their actions thereafter.
- Barbara Christopher, wife of Base member John Christopher recently passed away. Also, Margaret Koch, wife of deceased former Base member and WWII veteran Ray Koch, recently passed away. Margaret will be interred at Saratoga National Cemetery with Ray
- Welcome new Base member: Al Cole
- The 2021 Awards manual is now available on the USSVI website. Award nominations may be submitted for all awards anytime between February 1, 2021 and April 30, 2021. The deadline for the nominations for the Newsletter Award only is extended to May 15, 2021. All nominations shall be sent to the National Awards Chairman electronically.
- Page 18 of the most recent issue of the American Submariner magazine has an article on Albany-Saratoga Base Kaps4Kids donation that was received from Clifton Park

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

The next regular meeting will begin at **1900 on March 3, 2021**. The meeting will be a ZOOM meeting and the sign in link will be sent out a few days before the meeting

The meeting was concluded at 7:50 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