

# **Albany-Saratoga Base, USSVI**

## **Meeting Minutes 12/5/18**

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base (ASB), was called to order by Base Commander at 1840, with 15 members and several family members as guests, present.
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Base COB Mark Maiellaro.
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered an opening prayer.
- The Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of December, as well as the passing of Dan Danielson, Pat Luther, and President George H. W. Bush.
- The muster list was passed around, with Jerome Whitehead substituting for base Secretary Art Nolan.
- Each member introduced themselves, and guests as appropriate.
- Old Business:
- Last meeting minutes were approved with no discussion.
- New Business:
- Treasurer's report was given by Base Treasurer Randy Stein.
- Jim Irwin read note from Base Secretary Art Nolan, his cancer is in remission, and he's looking forward to returning for the January meeting.
- Reminder of 1100 meeting at Saratoga National Cemetery on 12/8 for our annual Subvet wreath laying.
- Reminder that the 2019 dues for National and Base are due.
- Jim Irwin read an update from National headquarters on the status of the National USSVI Website, which has been in operation since the early 2000's. In May of 2015, we began working on solution to redesign and redevelop our website. 3 different professional web developer groups have tried, but are unable to satisfy all our needs. At the start of the 2018 National Convention, we cancelled the contract of the last group, we are allowing a USSVI member with large website development skills, and using a team of in-house submariners/developers to try again. It appears it will be awhile till it's resolved.
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered closing prayer.
- Creed was recited.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1858.
- Potluck dinner was enjoyed by all