

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, Ballston Spa, NY
Meeting Date: October 7, 2020

The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead with 18 members present.

- The Base muster list was filled out by the Base Secretary to minimize contact
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Base Cob
- The Base Chaplain read the opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of October
- Base Treasurer Ken Kohl read the Treasurer's report

Old Business

Items that were discussed at USSVI's online Annual Business meeting were discussed

- New Website – hoping for October testing and online by November
- USSVI's financial records were audited with no discrepancies
- Fred Borgman is retiring effective November 30th – Dennis Nardone will replace him
- Two Bases closed – Wahoo Base and Baya Base due to lack of leadership

The Base received thank you notes and donations of \$100.00 each from Greta Craft and Celeste Cornell in memory of their husbands. The Base Secretary sent each of them a card of acknowledgement and thanks for the donations.

New Business

American Legion Post 234 is now allowing meetings in their meeting room with the condition that they are held following all CDC guidelines. Chairs will be 6 feet apart and masks will be worn.

The Base will hold its December meeting on Wednesday December 2nd as a regular meeting, no meal as had been in the past.

The Base will place wreaths at Saratoga National Cemetery on Saturday December 5th. We will meet at the main gate at 11:00 AM. Tom Kirbey has offered to pick up the wreaths at Dehns. The Base covers the cost of the wreaths for any Base member that is interred there. If you would like a wreath for a loved one (non-Base member) you can order one and repay the Base. Contact me or Base Commander Jerry Whitehead if you are interested.

The Books "Poopie Suits and Cowboy Boots" and "Sub Tales – stories that never surface" are available and sales benefit the USSVI Charitable Foundation

The USSVI Scholarship application and instructions are now available online. Base member Andy Bodien had a family member receive a scholarship last year. Additionally, the Dolphin Scholarship Program has applications available online. Base member Tim Fredrickson had a family member receive a scholarship from them last year

The 2021 National Convention scheduled to be held in Orlando Florida is on hold as the host hotel is still closed. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Welcome new Base members – Jerry Klaus, Larry Ascenzi, Robert Greene, and John Kern.

The new CO of NPTU Ballston Spa has been invited to speak at our meeting. He agreed and will bring a PowerPoint presentation of the history of the site and possibly give us an update on the progress of all the upgrades there.

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

The next regular meeting will begin at 1900 on November 4, 2020. The meeting will be held at the Henry Cornell American Legion Post 234, 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa, NY.

Dues for 2021 are due

The meeting was concluded at 8:20 PM.

Submitted by: Jim Irwin
Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary
Pride Runs Deep