

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: 23 Pleasant St., Ballston Spa & via ZOOM
Meeting Date: December 7, 2022

The December meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by Base Commander Jerry Whitehead at 6:05 PM with 17 Base members, and many guests present. Zoom was not available as it was an abbreviated meeting – apologies to those who were not able to participate.

- The Base muster list was filled out by the Base Secretary
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Base Secretary
- The Base Chaplain read the opening prayer and the Bell was tolled for Boats lost during the month of December and a remembrance of Pearl Harbor was read.
- Members introduced themselves and stated their qual boat and year
- Treasurer’s report was read.

Old Business

- CBM picked up the model submarine in Veterans Park and removed it to their facility for some rehab
- Thank you to the 20+ Base and family members who participated with the placing of wreaths at Saratoga National Cemetery on December 3rd. Channel 10 News was on hand, did an interview and followed us (in the pouring rain) for some filming.

Correspondence

- RPI’s Naval ROTC commissioning will be held on May 19, 2023 at Hangar 743 behind Albany Airport – Base members are invited, more details to follow as they become available

New Business

- Dues for 2023 are due – please don’t wait until the last minute to pay. If you are mailing in your dues and want an updated sticker, you must enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope
- Base coins are here – passed out to all members present. They will be available for sale beginning at the January meeting - \$10.00 and available at all Base events.
- Sites for upcoming USSVI National Conventions – 2023 – Tucson AZ, 2024 – Cleveland OH, 2025 – Norfolk, VA, and 2026 – San Antonio and Corpus Christi TX are considering hosting
- The January 2023 meeting will be held on the second Wednesday (January 11th due to a schedule conflict)

50/50 drawing was held and won by Steve Cipperly – \$65.00. Steve donated his winnings back to the Base. The proceeds of the raffle were given to the bartender as a Christmas give for her support over the past year.

Also, several other items were given as door prizes including Poinsettias donated by John Mishoe (Dehn’s Florist), scarves donated by Janet Irwin, several items donated by the USS Albany (SSN-753), and some checkbook covers donated by Diane Singleman.

Special thanks to Sean Nolan, son of Base member Tom Nolan, who donated \$50.00 toward the bar tab for the event.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday **January 11th and begin at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 234

Thank you to all who attended, the food was plentiful, varied, and quite delicious. Also, lots of choices for desserts. And another big thanks for everyone who helped with the quick and efficient clean up after.

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

Dues are due. National dues are \$25.00 and local Base dues are \$15.00. If you are not sure what you owe, check with Tom Kirbey (tkirbey@nycap.rr.com)

Send your checks made out to **Albany-Saratoga Base, USSVI** to:

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