

Albany-Saratoga Base, USSVI

Meeting Minutes 11/6/19

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base (ASB), was called to order at 1900, with 27 members 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 November.
- Introductions were done, with everyone giving name and qual boat.
- Treasurer's report was given for October by Base Treasurer Randy Stein.
- Base Elections were held, with the following Officers taking their new positions in January: Base Commander – Jerome Whitehead; Senior Vice Commander – Bill Preece; Junior Vice Commander – Mark Maiellaro; Treasurer – Ken Kohl; and Base Secretary – Jim Irwin. Congrats to all who showed up and voted, and to the elected Officers, for stepping up, and helping move our base forward into the future!
- Old Business:
- Parade float issues and prospective resolutions: The Radar was lost from the mast, Dale Breault, brought in an old Dish network Dish antenna, which may be worked to fit the mast. Also, the guns are in need of repair/replacement: Dale has a neighbor will make two 20mm guns for the float, motion was approved to offer no more than \$200 to purchase these guns.
- **Reminder:** Our Laying of the Wreaths at Saratoga National Cemetery will take place on **Saturday December 7th, at 1100.** We'll be meeting at the entrance and carpooling from there. If anyone is interested in obtaining a wreath to lay on an individual site, please give notice before 1 December, so they can be arranged. Price will be \$17.50 for an individual wreath.
- The **Christmas Party** menu was finalized. The party is on the **8th of December, at 1:00 p.m. Please bring any dessert item you can.** There was a proposal, that was voted on and approved, that the cost of the ticket, which is **\$10 per person,** will be used for the

expenses and the catering for the party. This is a change from the October meeting, in which the \$10 per person fee would be used to assist with Base dues.

- Jim Irwin relayed some news from the National Convention they wanted passed on:
- National wants to ensure all the Bases pay their insurance, which covers us while in parades, etc. Of course, our base has already paid (BZ Randy!)
- The **2020** National Convention will be in **Tucson AZ**, and the prices will be considerably less than in years before.
- The **2021** National Convention will be in **Orlando FL**, at the same hotel the Convention was at several years ago, you may recall that convention was shortened due to a Hurricane that year.
- The **2022** National Convention will be in **Buffalo NY**, and will limit the Business portion of the convention to 4 days. The side trips/excursions, reduced hotel rates will still go on per a normal convention, but this will be the new norm, of a 4-day convention, vs a 5-day.
- Last but not least from the convention, the USSVI National Website is starting over from scratch, again. National will pay someone else to host the website, we will own the database, but will rent the website. There is no timetable for when it will be completed.
- Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) updates were given about our Albany Med and Double H Ranch in the Woods runs, and the future is looking bright for this important part of the USSVI charitable foundation arm!
- Al Singleman reminded everyone of the YouTube availability of Submarine shows, and suggested that everyone should watch the episode about SOSUS, if they have the chance.
- New Business:
- Welcome back to Jack Cornell and MaryEtta Nolan! Jack is feeling better, and MaryEtta believes Art will be able to attend the next meeting. Welcome news indeed!
- There was a motion to send \$690 to the Charitable Foundation, to be earmarked for the Brotherhood fund. Motion was approved.
- There was a motion to donate the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle to Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS), approved.
- After the break, the 50/50 raffle was won by Tom Kirbey, who donated it to Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS).

- Creed was recited.
- Base Chaplain Janet Irwin offered closing prayer.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2027.

Jerome K. Whitehead

Secretary for the Albany-Saratoga Base, USSVI