



PARCH-E—GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 8/23/2025

Meeting called to order by CMDR David Strong at 11:25.

Note: This is an in-person meeting only.

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: None

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR David Strong, Vice CMDR Edward Hyne, Treasurer Joe Demars, Secretary Brent Beltran, Chaplain Ken Lang, Tom Hall, Stewart Handy, Ed Harris, Michael Rastley,

New Members/Guests: Mike Thompson, Harlan Forrest, Gary Freer, James Lowery, Brad Fish, Laurie Thompson-Fish, Greg Wells, Lucy Lang, Elizabeth Hall, Annette Gosenko, Jay Rita, Gail Freer, Tom Sosenlo, Jeff Walsh (NE Regional Director), Fred Marazita (NE District 5 Commander), Kim Reed, Shari Derleth, Tanya Demars, Sharon Walsh, Mom, Paul Starr, Jim Lacell, and Darlene Lacell

Note: This is the annual picnic at CMDR Strong's residence. In attendance are representatives of the Southern Tier Subvets and wives/significant others of those in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance:	Led by CMDR David Strong
Opening Prayer:	Led by Chaplain Ken Lang
Tolling of the Boats:	Postponed to next meeting
Creed & Purpose:	Led by Treasurer Joe Demars

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: CMDR David Strong asked if any members, having read the minutes of the 6/21/25 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$3,392.59
Deposits since last meeting	\$35.00
Disbursements since last meeting	\$49.70
Checking balance as of today	\$3,377.89

Deposits were \$35.00 from last meetings 50/50 raffle. Disbursements were to Ed Hyne for VFW reimbursement and \$9.70 for Glen Bridges Holland Club package.

- It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the loss of Steve Hoffman. Steve passed away on 19 August. Steve's funeral was held on 25 August. Steve was an active member of the CNY Subvets and will surely be missed. Rest your oar, Steve.

Old Business

- Starting with past parades; Phoenix – done, Waterloo – done, Oswego – done. The next and last schedule parade for the year is the Veterans Day Parade on 8 November. CMDR Strong is in charge and details will be discussed in following meetings.
- CMDR Strong received National membership cards from those who requested one. He will be handing them out during meetings. All cards will be sent out to anyone not present.
- Veterans can be given a Veteran Ride Pass to ride the Syracuse Centro for free. The pass is free and is good for 10 years. For further information go to www.centro.org.
- Treasurer Demars has located USSVI Magnets. Contact him if you are interested in one.
- Honor Fight - Mission 23 is on 9/13/25. We now have a stand for the banner. All members are encouraged to attend, details will be distributed in a future email.
- The receipt for the picnic supplies in the amount of \$472.95 was presented by CMDR Strong to reimburse Kim Reed. A motion was made by Tom Hall to reimburse Kim, seconded by Ed Harris, approved by all.
- Further discussions were made concerning the merger with the Southern Tier Subvets. Jeff Walsh (NE Regional Director) suggested the Southern Tier could be members with Parche Thousand Islands and still have satellite meetings in their

area. Money could be combined without foreseeable issues, and both groups could travel to each other's meetings during good weather. During bad weather or when not feasible to travel, meetings could include Zoom. Those in attendance thought this was a good idea. The Southern Tier will meet with their members and report back to us.

New Business

- Bill Handy would like to turnover Flags of Honor to another member. Bill has retired and is leaving the area.
- Chaplain Lang reports that he has been selected as the Honor Flight Chaplain. Congratulations Ken!

Next meeting is set for September 20, 2025, Face to Face and Telecom

Good of the Order

- CMDR Strong opened with discussion wearing subvets items and handing out cards.

Closing Prayer: Led by Chaplain Lang

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR David Strong at 12:05