



PARCH-E—GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 10/11/2025

Meeting called to order by CMDR David Strong at 10:35.

Note: This is a combined in-person & teleconference meeting.

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: None

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR David Strong, Vice CMDR Edward Hyne, Treasurer Joe Demars, Secretary Brent Beltran, John Artz, Tom Hall, Ed Harris, Mark Kite, James VanBen Coton, and Fred White

New Members/Guests: Shari Derleth, Theodore Merihew

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by CMDR David Strong

Opening Prayer: Led by Shari Derleth

Tolling of the Boats: Led by Vice CMDR Edward Hyne

Creed & Purpose: Led by Vice CMDR Edward Hyne

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: CMDR David Strong asked if any members, having read the minutes of the 9/20/25 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$3,029.94
Deposits since last meeting	\$120.00
Disbursements since last meeting	\$40.00

Checking balance as of today

\$3,109.94

Note: The deposit was for members' dues and the disbursement was for Flags of Honor.

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 at the State Fairgrounds on 8 November. Be at the parade at 11:00am and stepoff is at noon, CMDR Strong is in charge.
- The Southern Tier Base is moving forward with dissolving. There is no formal count of potential members from that base that will be joining ours. As future details arise, we will let Base members know.
- Flags of Honor has not been set up yet. When it does, our two flags will be in memory of Paul Walker and Steve Hoffman.
- Honor Fight – The next Honor Flight, Mission 24, has been changed to 5/02/2026.

New Business

- Base Officer Elections were held. CMDR Strong first asked if any current officers no longer wanted to continue in their positions and if member would like to fill a position. All officers agreed to stay in their positions and no members asked to fill a position. A vote was presented to keep the current officers in their positions, nominated by Ed Harris, seconded by John Artz, all members agreed.
- Treasurer Demars is now collecting the 2026 Membership Dues. CMDR Strong sent an email on 15 September explaining amounts that are due. Please get your dues to Joe as soon as possible.
- Several members met at the IHOP prior to this meeting for breakfast. All agreed that the idea was good, but that there might be a better place for breakfast. The IHOP seemed to be a bit pricey for the amount of food.
- The annual dinner at Knapp winery is on 15 November at 5:00pm. Please RSVP Secretary Beltran at BCBeltran5@gmail.com as soon as possible if you are attending with how many guests you will have.
- CMDR Strong added a Veteran Crisis Hotline and how to join our Base information, to our Website.

FYI

- Vice CMDR Ed Hyne had breakfast with the Assistant Director of the Veterans Hospital in Syracuse. One of the takeaways from the meeting was that the VA gets funding based on the amount of veterans signed up at the hospital. If you are not signed up, please do. Every dollar of funding helps all Veterans.

- John Artz let the Base know the next Honor Flight has been moved to 2 May 2026. Also, any mail for the Honor Flight is due to him before that date.

Next meeting is set for December 13, 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 Shari Derleth

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR David Strong at 11:20