



## **PARCH-E—GRAM**

### **PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.**

#### **MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 9/20/2025**

Meeting called to order by CMDR David Strong at 10:30.

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

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: None

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR David Strong, Vice CMDR Edward Hyne, Secretary Brent Beltran, Chaplain Ken Lang, Ray Forbes, Ed Harris, Mark Kite, Kim Reed, Joseph Romanowski, James VanBen Coton, Timothy Weber, and Fred White

New Members/Guests: Shari Derleth

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by CMDR David Strong

Opening Prayer: Led by Chaplain Ken Lang

Tolling of the Boats: Led by Vice CMDR Edward Hyne

Creed & Purpose: Led by Fred White

#### **Reports:**

- Secretary's Report: CMDR David Strong asked if any members, having read the minutes of the 8/10/25 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$3,377.80
Deposits since last meeting	\$125.00
Disbursements since last meeting	\$472.95

Checking balance as of today

\$3,029.94

Note: The Flags of Honor has not hit the account yet. A check was sent in for \$40 to renew two flags.

### 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. Be at the parade at 11:00am and stepoff is at noon, CMDR Strong is in charge and details will be discussed in following meetings.
- All National membership cards have been handed or sent out. Anyone needing a 2025 sticker on their card see CMDR Strong.
- Honor Fight - Mission 23 is on 9/13/25 was well attended. There were many positive comments on our banner. Mission 24 is on 4/25/2026.

### New Business

- Flags of Honor is now headed by Treasurer Demars. CMDR Strong will be placing cards on the two flags we have, in honor of Paul Walker and Steve Hoffman. The Flags of Honor will be located this year at the corner of Henry Clay Blvd. and Buckley Rd.
- 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.
- CMDR Strong has made changes to the website which now includes the Southern Tier area. The goal is to let any prospective members know that our group isn't just in the Thousand Islands area and that we meet in Syracuse.
- The Southern Tier has voted to disband. Their bank account will be shifted to our account. Their members have the option to join our Base or any other Base. We look forward to seeing new faces.
- Secretary Beltran will host the annual dinner at Knapp winery. The date and time will be announced at the next meeting. I hope to see as many people there as possible.

### FYI

- Fred White asked if anyone would be interested in meeting for Breakfast ahead of meetings. There was a positive response and everyone is welcome to attend. It was decided to meet at IHOP (located at 4211 NY-31, Clay, NY) at 8:45am. Hope to see everyone there!
- Fred also wanted people to know we have Telecom available to members, especially those thinking of joining from the Southern Tier. It allows members to

phone in to listen and speak at our meetings. Instructions are in an email sent out prior to each meeting.

- Vice CMDR Ed Hyne wanted members to know that joining a VFW can be met through various Operations. For a list of Operations, Medals, and additional requirements see [www.VFW.org](http://www.VFW.org).

Next meeting is set for October 11, 2025, Face to Face and Telecom

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- 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 11:25