



PARCH-E-GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 12/13/2025

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, Chaplain Ken Lang, John Artz, Tom Hall, Ed Harris, Mark Kite, Theodore Merihew, and James VanBen Coton

New Members/Guests: Shari Derleth, Jennifer Artz

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 Vice CMDR Edward Hyne

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: CMDR David Strong asked if any members, having read the minutes of the 10/11/25 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$3,109.94
Deposits since last meeting	\$1,400.00
Disbursements since last meeting	\$1,160.00

Checking balance as of today

\$3,412.94

Note: The deposit was for members' dues and the disbursement was for payment to National.

Old Business

- Starting with past parades; Phoenix – done, Waterloo – done, Oswego – done. Veterans Day Parade – done.
- Pictures from Flags of Honor is on our Website. Included are pictures dedicated in memory of Paul Walker and Steve Hoffman.
- Honor Flight – The next Honor Flight, Mission 24, has been changed to 5/02/2026.
- Elections for Base Officers was held at the last meeting. All Officers remained in their current positions.
- If anyone would like to suggest a Breakfast restaurant to meet at prior to meetings, please let one of the Base Officers know. There is an interest from many members to meet for breakfast.
- Flags of Honor and the Southern Tier Satellite Base have been added to the Website. If there are any suggestions for improving or adding information to the website, please contact Commander Strong.
- The Southern Tier Base will be formally dissolved at the end of the year, and be incorporated into our Base. Their members are eligible to join our Base. Its members will still meet locally near Binghamton, but under the name of the Southern Tier Satellite Base. At some point in the year, we would travel to each other's location to meet. There is no formal count of potential members from that base that will be joining ours, although we hope many, if not all, do join us. Welcome aboard Shipmates!

New Business

- Commander Strong has 2026 Submarine calendars for \$5.00. They will be available at our next meeting.
- We are looking for ideas for fundraising. Please contact Commander Strong with suggestions.
- Commander Strong made a motion to donate \$200 to Calvary Chapel, our meeting facility. The motion was carried by Ed Hyne, seconded by John Artz, approved by all in attendance.
- CMDR Strong suggested contacting a local Byrne Dairy or similar business when the weather gets warmer, and parking the parade float there to recruit members. If anyone has additional recruiting ideas please present them at a meeting, or contact CMDR Strong.
- CMDR Strong gave an update on our past Commander Fred White. He is doing well and should be going home soon. CMDR Strong will continue to email members with updates on his health. Get well Fred, we're all thinking of you.

- Our yearly financial audit will be conducted at our January meeting. Ed Hyne and Mark Kite have volunteered to conduct the audit.
- Commander Strong and Secretary Beltran, along with significant others, joined the Southern Base for dinner and a meeting. From that meeting, they gave several ideas for base trips and activities which will be discussed at future meetings.

FYI

- Vice CMDR Ed Hyne informed the base that Runnings will issue a store voucher for \$75.00, if you apply for a credit card. Also, Big Lots has Jackets for \$45.00, which is donated to a local Veterans group, and you receive a \$45.00 in store credit.
- John Artz let the Base know there is an Eagle Scout application in February. Further details will be announced at the next meeting.
- Mark Kite wanted the Base to remember Electrical safety for the Holiday season.

Next meeting is set for January 17, 2026, 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 Ken Lang

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR David Strong at 11:20