



## **PARCH-E-GRAM**

**PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE**

**SOUTHERN TIER SATELLITE BASE**

**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS  
INC.**

**MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER**

**DATE 4/18/2026**

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

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

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: Dave Boesel, Dennis Whitterd, Dave Becker

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR David Strong, Vice CMDR Edward Hyne, Treasurer Joe Demars, John Artz, Brad Fish, Harland Forest, Tom Hall, Ed Harris, Mark Kite, Ted Merichew, Les Skelley, Thomas Sosenko, and Greg Wells

New Members/Guests: Kim Reed, Tanya Demars

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by CMDR David Strong

Opening Prayer: Led by Harland Forest

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 3/21/26 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.

- Treasurer's Report:
 

Last meeting starting balance	\$4,615.94
Deposits since last meeting	\$63.00
Disbursements since last meeting	\$11.14
Checking balance as of today	\$4,667.80

The Treasurers Report was accepted.

### Old Business

- Starting with parades for 2026; Waterloo – May 23, Phoenix – May 25, Cicero - ? Oswego – ?. Veterans Day Parade – November 7.
- Honor Flight – The next Honor Flight, Mission 24, is on 5/02/2026 at 6:15pm. Meet in the upper level of the Syracuse airport terminal. If you have not attended a ceremony, you are encouraged to participate. It is a very moving experience.
- 2026 Submarine calendars are still available from CMDR Strong. Cost is \$5.00.
- We are looking for any ideas or suggestions in regards to fundraising and recruiting.
- The Southern Tier base will still conduct meetings in their area. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Greg Wells or a Base Officer for meeting dates, times and location if you are interested in attending. Meetings are also on Zoom if you would like to attend via the internet.
- Past Commander Fred White continues to improve with his health. He is currently in Bishops Rehab. We continue to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.
- The USS Croaker working party is May 4 - May 8 in Buffalo. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.
- CMDR Strong passed around an amendment to our Bylaws, to address how the Southern Tier operates. The change includes a liaison appointed by the Base Commander. CMDR Strong appointed Greg Wells as the current liaison, whom has accepted the position. The amendment also includes the ability of the Southern Base to request money to fund projects as they see needed. The amendment was accepted by the Base.

### New Business

- CMDR Strong let the Base know that the Groton Base is making a memorial from the USS Groton. We as a Base, purchased a paver to support their effort. For further details a website is available and can be found at <https://grotonsail.com>.
- The Honor flight will be doing a bottle and can drive fundraiser at Destiny Mall on April 25 and April 26 in the parking lot.

- CMDR Strong sent an email about the new USSVI website being up and operating. Everyone is encouraged to log onto the website and make sure your information and email are up to date.

FYI

- Brad Fish suggested a dinner for Holland Club members when they are inducted. The Base would pay for the member and spouse/significant other. Other Holland Club members would be encouraged to attend. All in attendance thought it was a good idea.
- Vice CMDR Hyne gave thoughts that the American Legion may have combine with VFW's in the coming years because of decline.
- John Artz let everyone know if you would like to send a note or card to a veteran on the next Honor Flight please have them to John by the April 28. A Boy Scouts Eagle Court of Honor is on May 3 at 2:30. Contact John for details.
- Members are reminded that if you want to join our Base facebook you must friend request the Facebook page and CMDR Strong will approve.
- CMDR Strong reminded everyone the Base picnic is in August at his house. The date will be set as it gets closer.

Next meeting is set for June 20, 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 Harland Forest

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR David Strong at 11:30