



## **PARCH-E-GRAM**

**PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE**

**SOUTHERN TIER SATELLITE BASE**

**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS  
INC.**

**MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER**

**DATE 3/21/2026 rev.1**

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

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

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: Joe Murphy, Brad Fish

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR David Strong, Vice CMDR Edward Hyne, Treasurer Joe Demars, Chaplain Ken Lang, John Artz, Tom Hall, Ed Harris, Ted Merichew, Kim Reed, Joe Romanowski, and Les Skelley

New Members/Guests: 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 1/17/26 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.

- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$3,497.94
Deposits since last meeting	\$1428.00
Disbursements since last meeting	\$360.00
Checking balance as of today	\$4,615.94

Note: The deposit was for Southern Tier consolidation, and the disbursement was for payment to National.

### Old Business

- Southern Tier will be turning over their Ships store shortly. They have given funds that have been consolidated with ours. After their last bills have been paid and clear the bank, they will give one final check. Their additional membership brings our total to approximately 60 people.
- Starting with parades for 2026; Phoenix – May 25, Cicero - ? , Waterloo – ?, Oswego – ?. Veterans Day Parade – November 7.
- Honor Fight – The next Honor Flight, Mission 24, is on 5/02/2026. 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. One idea is to have the float near a busy area to attract new members. Our website is on the float. Another idea is setup a booth on Armed Forces Day at the State Fair and promote from there. Please contact a Base Officer or voice your suggestion at our next meeting.
- Past Commander Fred White continues to improve with his health. While he still is hospitalized, he is receiving excellent care. Our prayers are with you Fred!
- CMDR Strong gave an update on one of our "Snowbird" members – Bill Handy. He had some health scares over the winter and won't be traveling for now. We wish Bill a safe recovery and hope to see you on the future.
- CMDR Strong asked Brad Fish about the possibility of a Base meeting in April at the Southern Tier area. Brad will look into possible facilities based on an agreeable date.

## New Business

- CMDR Strong made a motion to dissolve the Brotherhood Fund as a separate bank account. We will have a cap of \$300 for Brotherhood type activities, but funds will be held in our main account. The fund is to be used for helping members of our Base with paying dues or other associated expenses. The motion was passed.
- CMDR Strong sent out a email about the USS Croaker working party. For those who are unaware, the Croaker is the submarine on display in Buffalo and requires yearly maintenance. The email gives contact information if you are interested in helping. You can help for a day or several days, any help is certainly appreciated!
- Chaplain Lang brought an example of a new Base banner. We are looking for four banners to be used between us and the Southern Tier. Chaplain Lang thought the price for all four would be approximately \$250. He will get a confirmed quote. A motion was made to spend up to \$400 so that we can go ahead with having the banners made. The motion was passed.
- CMDR Strong submitted a change to our bylaws in regards to communication and finances with the Southern Tier to our District Commander who has forwarded it to National. We are waiting for a response.

## FYI

- 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. There is also a Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor on 11 April at 3:00pm at the Cicero Fire Department, of which we will be presenting a certificate.

Next meeting is set for April 18, 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 11:30