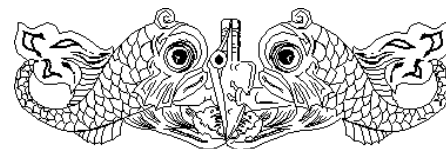


## S/T Contingent of Parche-1000 Islands Base



American Legion 1700 - WWII SUB VET MEMORIAL

Base Website .cnysubvets.net

## MAY 2026 Parche-1000 Islands USSVI/Southern Tier Meeting Notes

**DATE:** May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 called to order at 6:00PM American Legion 1700 Endicott NY 13760

**ATTENDEES:** Greg Wells, Harlan Forrest, Gary Freer, Brad Fish, Phil Brown, Tom Sosenko, Via Zoom: Dave Strong

**ALL RISE: PRESIDING OFFICER - Brad Fish**

### MEN AND BOATS LOST IN MAY

**USS LAGARTO (SS - 371), May 3, 1945, 86 men lost**  
**USS SCORPION (SSN - 589), May 22, 1968, 99 men lost**  
**USS SQUALUS (SS -192), 26 men lost**

### TOTAL OF 211 MEN LOST

- \* For all Americans who lost their lives while serving on Submarines.
- \* For all Submariners all over the world who lost their lives on submarines.
- \* Let us at this time, with a moment of silent prayer, remember our shipmates on eternal patrol who made the supreme sacrifice, that we may gather here in peace.
- \* We dedicate this meeting to our shipmates on eternal patrol, to perpetuate their memories in our lives and to honor our shipmates on active duty in the service of the first line of defense of our Nation.

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Harlan Forrest

**Pledge of allegiance/Salute the flag:** Gary Freer

**Please be seated: Presiding Officer**

**New Members and guests introduction:** Introduced Philip Brown who recently moved to Elmira area and attended his first meeting in Endicott.

**Chaplains Report:**

- Base CDR visited Fred White who has been in rehab at Seneca Hill Rehab in Syracuse, NY. Fred is a past district CDR and longtime secondary member of the Southern Tier Base, NY.

**Membership's Report:** Anticipating a new member, Philip Brown, moving to the Elmira area that qualified on the USS Seahorse (SSN 669). Received a Holland Club package for him from the Coastal Carolina Base.

Forwarding Steve Portnoy's check for \$60 to Joseph DeMars along with hard copy of his application for annual membership.

**Treasurer's Report: (As of May 1st) - Unchanged from April Business Meeting.**

Balance as of 4/1/2026– \$5,199.40  
4/30/2026

Checkbook and banking information mailed to Greg Wells from Dan Trembly as he is permanently moving from Owego, NY to MI. Forwarded a check to Joe Demars to zero the account.

Once bank account is zeroed for one week then Greg Wells will close the account.

**OLD Business:**

**Thresher Memorial:** On April 11th a Memorial Service for the USS Thresher was held at the Thresher Memorial on the east end of the Union Endicott Stadium to recognize the loss of the USS Thresher (SSN 593) with Endicott's son EM2 (SS) Gregory Fusco. In attendance were Harlan and Laurie Forrest, Brad Fish, Mike Brand, Lou Brotzman, Greg Wells, Gary and Gail Freer, Mike Thompson, Tom Sosenko and our bagpipes provided by Marty Devault. Below is a picture with base members after placement of the wreath. Following the service many of the group joined in a brunch at the Union Diner.



**NEW Business:**

**Placement of Flags in Vestal Park** and Cemetery is currently scheduled for Monday, May 18th. This year the flags are already picked up by Brad Fish. Discussion if a revised date is desired. Follow-up brunch at Skylark for those that want to after flag placement. Decided to stay on 18th for this year

**Memorial Day Parade:** The parade is on Memorial Day, May 25<sup>th</sup> in Endicott, NY 10 AM meetup to be confirmed. Parade route is on Washington Ave. Meet up behind M&T Bank yet to be confirmed. Submarine float is in refit.

**Next Parche-1000 Islands meeting in Liverpool** is Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>, **NO** meeting in May. Meeting Minutes kept on website: [cnysubvets.net](http://cnysubvets.net)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>2026 Dates</b>	<b>Base Activity</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Monday, 5/18 (was 5/11)	Place Flags at Vestal Cemetery– Tom Smolcumb – 765-3439 C – 743-5369	Meetup at Vestal Cemetery at 8:30 AM. No preceding breakfast. Cemetery located at: 329 Main Street, Vestal NY. <b>Issue with Flags Reach out to Broome County. We place over 500 Flags.</b>
Monday, 5/25	Memorial Day Parade	Endicott, NY 10 AM meetup to be confirmed. Meet up behind M&T Bank near the north end of Garfield Avenue near North Street.
Sunday, 6/7 at 1300 (1 PM)	USS Scorpion Memorial Service and social gathering. Advise cemetery personnel	<b>Memorial</b> at Montrose Cemetery, Susquehanna County, PA on Wyalusing Street, SW out of downtown near intersection of Wyalusing St. and Coleman Rd. After ceremony gathering at shipmate’s Jim Hayes location at 384 West Wilkes-Barre Turnpike, Montrose PA 18801-9083
<i>No June Southern Tier Meeting</i>		
<i>Saturday, 6/20</i>	<i>Parche-1000 Island Base</i>	<i>@ 10:30 at Calvary Church, 103 Grampian Road, Liverpool 13090 or virtually at Binghamton Area Location</i>
Tuesday, 7/7	July Southern Tier Meeting	6PM, 1st Tues @ Post 1700, Endicott, NY

**GOOD OF THE ORDER –**

**Base Activity Report** due end of June to be turned into David Strong

**Members are reminded that there is a Parche-1000 Islands Facebook page** and that if you want to join our Base Facebook you must friend request the Facebook page and CDR Strong will approve.

**Groton Submarine Memorial brick sale, David Strong** has asked if someone want purchase a brick under Southern Tier.

**Base PICNIC in August:** Dave Strong announced that the Parche-1000 Islands Base Base PICNIC will be August 15<sup>th</sup> or 22nd.

**Closing Prayer: Harlan Forrest**

**Meeting Adjourned:**

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