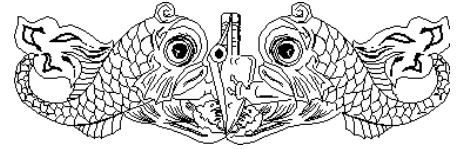


S/T Contingent of Parche-1000 Islands Base



American Legion 1700 - WWII SUB VET MEMORIAL

April 2026 S/T USSVI Business Meeting Notes

DATE: April 7th, 2026 called to order at 6:00 PM live and via Virtual Zoom Meeting

ATTENDEES: Greg Wells, Harlan Forrest, Steve Portnoy, Tom Sosenko, Brad Fish **Via Zoom:** Dave Strong

ALL RISE: PRESIDING OFFICER – Brad Fish

MEN AND BOATS LOST IN APR,

- USS Pickerel (SS-177) April 3rd, 1943, 74 men lost
- USS Grenadier (SS-210) April 22nd, 1943, 4 men lost as POWs
- USS Gudgeon (SS-211) April 18th, 1944, 80 men lost
- USS Snook (SS-279) April 8th, 1945, 84 men lost
- USS Thresher (SSN-593) April 10th, 1963, 129 men lost

TOTAL OF 371 MEN LOST ON 5 Submarines

- * 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: Harlan Forrest

Pledge of allegiance/Salute the flag: XO

Please be seated:

Chaplains Report:

- None

Membership Report: All Memberships should now be converted to Parche-1000 Island Base or "At-Large". Steve Portnoy's application and check to be sent.

Old Southern Tier Bank Account Report:

Balance as of 3/1/2026— \$5,199.40
3/31/2026

No further transactions authorized except transfer to Parche-1000 Island

2025 EOY Report for Southern Tier Base was accepted. Current year activity to be provided to Parch-1000 Island for their submission.

Updated:

50/50 Cash Payout - Suspended until approved our current Parche - 1000 Island Base, consider doing with Parche-1000 Island Base.

OLD Business:

Thresher Memorial on 11 April 2026: Memorial Flowers Ordered. Discussion of time and place Lori has bugle, Greg Wells bringing flowers ship's bell, Tom Sosenko to bring klaxon, Brad has roll call and Marty DeVault.

Placement of Flags in Vestal Park and Cemetery on Monday, May 18th. Reaching out for the flags from Broome County Veteran's Services. Back up would be for American Legion Post 1700 to support our 550 flag request. Volunteers to place flags are asked to arrive at 0830. Follow-up brunch at Skylark for those that want to after flag placement.

NEW Business:

Award Nominations: All USSVI Members in good standing submit their Award nominations to the National Awards Committee Chairman Harold W (Bill) Scott II, STSCS(SS) USN RET. USSVI National Awards Chair. All Award nominations (with exception of Newsletter Award) must be received by APRIL 30, 2023. The Negri Award is due by 5/15. The Manual can be found at the USSVI.org website on the Awards and Manuals Tabs.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2026 Dates	Base Activity	Comments
Saturday 4/11	USS Thresher Memorial.	Quick Service at Thresher Memorial, Endicott, NY 9:15 AM SSN 593 10 APR 1963 and followed by Breakfast at Union Diner 3000 E Main St, Endicott, NY
<i>Saturday 4/18</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, 5/5	May Meeting	@ 6 PM Post 1700, Endicott, NY & Zoom Meeting
<i>Saturday 5/9?</i>	<i>Parche-1000 Island Base</i>	<i>@ 10:30 at Calvary Church, 103 Grampian Road, Liverpool 13090 or virtually at Binghamton Area Location (Brad, Greg, Harlan?)</i>
Sunday, 5/17 (Hold then or in June?)	USS Scorpion Memorial Service and social gathering. Advise cemetery personnel	Memorial at Montrose Cemetery, Susquehanna County, PA on Wyalusing Street, SW out of downtown near intersection of Wyalusing St. and Coleman Rd.
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. Issue with Flags Reach out to Broome County. We place over 500 Flags.
<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>

GOOD OF THE ORDER -

Updated USSVI Website as of 4/2: The new website, which you can reach at <https://ussvi.org> or <https://ussubvets.org>. Your email address is your username, and you can use the forgot password option to reset your password. The email takes 3-5 minutes to arrive and provides a temporary password, which you should change.

Closing Prayer: Harlan Forrest

Meeting Adjourned: