



PARCH-E—GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE

SOUTHERN TIER SATELLITE BASE

**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS
INC.**

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER

DATE 8/22/2026

Meeting called to order by CMDR David Strong at 11:15.

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, Harlan Forrest, Gary Freer, Tom Hall, Edgar Harris, James Lowery, Micheal Rastley, Thomas Sosenko, Gregory Wells, Ken Wojtanik, and Fred Marazita

New Members/Guests: Numerous Wives and Significant Others

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 6/20/26 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$9,910.84
Deposits since last meeting	\$138.00
Disbursements since last meeting	\$100.82
Checking balance as of today	\$9,948.02

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Old Business

- Starting with parades for 2026; Waterloo – 5/23, done; Phoenix – May 25, done; Cicero – was same day as Pheonix, so was not attended, Oswego – 7/5. Done; Veterans Day Parade – November 7 (CMDR Strong is in charge). Cicero Parade instead of Phoenix parade next year?
- Honor Fight – Mission 24 was completed. Thank you to all who attended.
- The Groton Submarine Memorial is on track to be completed in March of 2027. Our base bought two pavers as part of the memorial.
- The Honor Flight Annual Bottle Drive at Destiny Mall on 4/25 is completed.
- The USSVI website is now up and running. If you have not already done so, please log in and create your user profile.
- CMDR Strong let the Base know about Camp Bristol Veterans information. Camp Fest is August 13 through August 16 for veterans. A flyer and additional information for the event can be found at info@NYELKSCAMPBRISTOL.com. This is a Privately owned, Veteran oriented facility.
- Chaplain Lang informed us that the banners were donated free of charge.
- John Artz let the base know that he has coordinated with five Eagle scout ceremonies this year.
- There is an email sent on 5/7/26, with the key words "Election Buddy". That email was sent to all members to vote for National Officer's positions and an amendment. Please take just a few moments to vote. The process is very simple. We are looking for 100% participation in this election.

New Business

- Chaplain Lang is looking for any ideas for other items that we can have the banner company manufacture.
- Next Honor Flight Mission 25 is 9/19/26. Our next meeting will take place at the airport prior to the Honor Flight landing. Meet at Syracuse Hancock airport, 6:00pm, either in or around the Military Lounge on the second floor.

- All members with “stacked” SS’s license plates, please email CMDR Strong your number.

Next meeting is set for September 19, 2026, (the airport) at 6:00pm, Face to Face only

Good of the Order

- CMDR Strong opened with discussion wearing subvets items and handing out cards.

Closing Prayer: Led by Chaplain Lang

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR David Strong at 12:00