



PARCH-E—GRAM

PARCH / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE

SOUTHERN TIER SATELLITE BASE

**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS
INC.**

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER

DATE 9/21/2026

Meeting called to order by CMDR David Strong at 6:05.

Note: This is an in-person meeting only at Syracuse Airport

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR David Strong, Vice CMDR Edward Hyne, Treasurer Joe Demars, Secretary Brent Beltran, Chaplain Ken Lang, John Artz, Edgar Harris, Lester Skelley III, and James VanBen Coton

New Members/Guests: Numerous Wives and Significant Others

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by CMDR David Strong

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: CMDR David Strong asked if any members, having read the minutes of the 8/22/26 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$9,948.02
Disbursements since last meeting	\$580.52
Checking balance as of today	\$9,367.50

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?
- Chaplain Lang is looking for any ideas for other items that we can have the banner company manufacture.
- 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. Only 67 out of 300 in our district have voted. We are looking for 100% participation in this election.
- The USSVI website is now up and running. If you have not already done so, please log in and create your user profile. As part of creating your profile, Duty stations, and more importantly, Next of Kin are entered. This alerts whom to communicate with at time of death.
- All members with "stacked" SS's license plates, please email CMDR Strong your number.

New Business

- A moment of silence was observed for the passing of past CMDR Fred White. Fred contributed so much time and effort to this Base, he is surely missed by all. Rest your Oars shipmate!
- It is that time of year for Base and National Dues, if applicable. Please bring dues to the next meeting, or contact Treasurer Demars to mail them.
- Treasurer Demars requested a vote to approve dedicating one Flag of Honor in memory of Fred White, and the other, in memory of all other departed members. Vote was nominated by John Artz, seconded by Vice CMDR Hines, approved by all in attendance.

Good of the Order

- After greeting returning veterans of Honor Flight 25, numerous base members, wives, significant others, and family members met for dinner, great conversations, and good times.
- CMDR Strong opened with discussion wearing subvets items and handing out cards.

Next meeting is set for October 24, 2026, Face to Face and Telecom

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR David Strong at 6:15