PARCH-E–GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE

SOUTHERN TIER SATELLITE BASE

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER
DATE 10/24/2026

Meeting called to order by CMDR David Strong at 10:30.
Note: This is a combined in-person & teleconference meeting.
ON-LINE ATTENDEES: Brad Fish
IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR David Strong, Vice CMDR Edward Hyne, Treasurer Joe Demars, Secretary Brent Beltran, Chaplain Ken Lang, John Artz, Ray Forbes, Tom Hall, Edgar Harris, Mark Kite, Ted Merihew, Lester Skelley III, and James VanBen Coton
New Members/Guests: Shari Beltran

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 9/21/26 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.

- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	$9,367.50
Deposits since last meeting	$932.00
Disbursements since last meeting	$632.06
Checking balance as of today	$9,667.44

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Old Business

- The Parade remaining for 2026 is the Veterans Day Parade at the State Fair grounds, November 7, CMDR Strong is in charge. Lineup is at 11:20, CMDR Strong will be there at 11:00. All are encourage to participate, although there are only two vehicles that are part of the parade.
- Chaplain Lang is looking for any ideas for other items that we can have the banner company manufacture. The company can do most items such as Hats, T-shirts, car magnets. If you would like one or some of those items to be made with our logo, or you have any other ideas please contact Chaplain Lang.
- Honor Flight 25 was well attended, Honor Flight 26 will be April 24th, 2027. If you have not attended an Honor Flight, you should. It is truly a moving event.
- We mourn the passing of our member and shipmate Alex Anderson. His service was attended by some of our members. Rest your oars Alex.
- CMDR Strong emailed members in regards to a Crunch hockey game and a Honor Flight can drive. He would appreciate that all members respond with either a yes or no, if they can participate. Only two members responded. Please respond in the future.

New Business

- CMDR Strong asked if anyone would be interested becoming the Bases Charitable Foundation Ambassador. Chaplain Lang responded that he would look into it.
- Be on the lookout for Scam Emails. Scam emails are on the rise, if you are unsure, please ask someone or one of the Bases officers before opening any questionable emails.
- Treasurer Demars continues to collect Base and National Dues, if applicable. Please bring dues to the next meeting, or contact Treasurer Demars to mail them. Avoid being on the "Dink" list. Yes, it can still happen!
- The Southern Tier is holding their annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 6 at 1:00pm at the Cortese Restaurant. If you are interested in attending, please contact Brad Fish ahead of time so that the appropriate reservation can be made.
- Along the same subject, would Parche like to hold a Christmas Dinner as well? Please email CMDR Strong if you are interested and can suggest a restaurant to hold it at.
- The annual vote for Base Officers will be held at the next meeting. If you are interested in serving as one of the officers, contact CMDR Strong.
- A picture of the shadow box that was made for the passing of Paul Walker, by his son, was passed around. Excellent Craftmanship for the memory of Paul.
- The Liverpool American Legion is holding a month's long tribute for disabled Veterans at the Golden Coral. The Legion is asking for help to sit at a table in the Golden Coral in four hour shifts from 26 October to 29 November. Details and contact will be in a followup email.

- Ray Forbes is again letting members know that if you need someone to help with filing a service related disability or claim, contact him.

Good of the Order

- Following our next meeting in November, all invited to the Euclid for beer, and/or lunch. Several members have already expressed interest. Hope to see you there!
- CMDR Strong opened with discussion wearing subvets items and handing out cards.

Next meeting is set for November 21, 2026, Face to Face and Telecom

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR David Strong at 11:25