



**Long Island Base, U.S.S.V.I.  
Meeting at The American Legion  
22 Grove Pl, Babylon, NY 11702**

**9<sup>th</sup> of March 2026 Meeting Minutes**

**Social session 7:00 PM to 7:30PM enjoy the Camaraderie.**

**7:34 PM Meeting called to order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Opening Prayer**

**Executive Board & Committee Members**

Base Commander:	Pat Scaringello
Sr. Vice Commander:	Ed Rivoire
Jr. Vice Commander:	Les Johannessen
Secretary:	Roy Diers
Treasurer & Membership Chairman:	Walt Oemcke
COB:	John Napierkowski
Chaplain:	Matt Cola

**23 Members**

**USSVI Purpose:** Our purpose is "To Perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

**Tolling of the Boats**

<http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/lost-subs-by-month.htm>

Month	Submarine	Approximate Date of Loss	Number of Men Lost
March	PERCH (SS-176)	3 March 1942	6
	GRAMPUS (SS-207)	5 March 1943	71
	H-1 (SS-28) (ex-Seawolf)	12 March 1920	4
	TRITON (SS-201)	15 March 1943	74
	KETE (SS-369)	20 March 1945	87
	F-4 (SS-23) (ex-Skate)	25 March 1915	21
	TULLIBEE (SS-284)	26 March 1944	79
	TRIGGER (SS-237)	28 March 1945	89

**Visitors:** None

**New Members:** None

## Reports:

- Binnacle List Report
- Previous Meeting Minutes report, minutes accepted.
- Webmaster
  - Facebook  
Long Island Base Submarine Veterans Facebook Private Group Link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1309229444583992>  
If you wish to join you need to answer the questions and be approved by Admin.
  - Website  
1450 Visitors to date, 54 in the last month.  
2506 Social Views to date, 92 in the last month.
  - Linkedin  
Quiet month no activity.
- Treasurer report, reviewed and accepted.
- Membership reports 139 members.
- Storekeeper's report – no report.
- United Veterans Organization, UVO report – no report.
- Kaps for Kids adding small plastic dolphins to give kids at visits. No upcoming visit info.
- Eagle Scout – no report.
- Holland Club – no report.
- Stony Brook Veterans Home – no report. No upcoming visit info.  
Mike Stroud reports donated supplies being delivered.
- Scholarship – Walt Oemcke's Grandson sent a thank you for the scholarship.

## Events

- None for the month of February.

## Open Discussions

Members with items for discussion at a meeting should forward items to the Base Secretary Roy Diers via email (SparkySubSailor@yahoo.com) for timely inclusion into the minutes.

- A reminder that parking in the lot behind the Legion Hall requires parking fees. Matt Cola has informed the base that the use of the church parking lot, across from the Municipal Parking in the back, has been allowed by the Church for us veterans.
- Town of Babylon Veteran's Advisory Councils Monthly 2026 Newsletter. It can be found here:  
<https://www.townofbabylonny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8974/Veterans-Newsletter-Current-Link?bidId>,  
enjoy.
- Zoom – no discussion.

**Annual Calendar of Events**

Month	Event	Date	Location
January	None		
February	None		
March	St Patrick's Dinner and Dance	3/15/2026	American Legion Post 94
	St Patrick's Day Parade	3/22/2026	Village of Babylon
April	Tolling of the Boats	4/12/2026	New Suffolk
	Luncheon following Tolling of the Boats		TBD
	Subvet Meeting	4/13/2026	
May	Subvet Meeting	5/11/2026	
	Ronkonkoma Fair	5/24/2026	Ronkonkoma
	West Islip Fair	TBD	West Islip
	Tolling of the Boats	TBD	Babylon Town Hall Park
	Memorial Day Parade	TBD	Village of Babylon
June	Ducks Game	TBD	Central Islip
July	4th of July Parade	TBD	New Suffolk
August	Fishing Trip	TBD	Captree
	Base Picnic/Luncheon	TBD	TBD
September	Ronkonkoma Fair	9/6/2026	Ronkonkoma
	West Islip Fair	TBD	West Islip
October	None		
November	Veterans Day Parade	TBD	Village of Babylon
	Tolling of the Boats	TBD	Bayshore Marina
	Veterans Day Luncheon	TBD	TBD
December	Holiday Party/Luncheon	TBD	TBD

**Announcements**

Mike Stroud has invited all to the St James VFW Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 to enjoy in a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at no cost.  
460 Lake Ave., St. James, NY

Michael Zemser announced we are looking for bowlers to join us Tuesday Mornings at East Islip Lanes at 11 AM for Bowling followed by Lunch at Hometown Cafe.

Doug Mac Connell as to include a note about the upcoming 60th Reunion and Memorial for all past Crew Members of the USS G.W. Carver SSBN 656 on 15 Jun 2026 at the Nautilus Memorial.

**Old Business – Scholarships, Plates VCDR**

Scholarships: see Ed Rivoire

License Plates: Contact Ed at lapin22@aol.com or 516-313-4726

**Closing Prayer**

**End of structured meeting Time: 1957**

**Social time for Dinner**



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