



**Long Island Base, U.S.S.V.I.
Meeting at American Legion Post 94
22 Grove Pl, Babylon, NY 11702**

14th of September 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

7:32 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
Treasurer & Membership Chairman: Walt Oemcke
Storekeeper: Dan Colletti
COB: John Napierkowski
Chaplain: Matt Cola

18 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 of Loss	Name of Submarine	Approximate Date of Loss	Number of Men Lost
September	S-5 (SS-110)	1 September 1920	0
	GRAYLING (SS-209)	9 September 1943	77***
	POMPANO (SS-181)	17 September 1943	77
	S-51 (SS-162)	25 September 1925	33
	CISCO (SS-290)	28 September 1943	76

Visitors: None

New Members: Kyle Pintouri EMN2(SS) Qualified 2022 aboard the USS San Juan SSN-751

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 70 visitors in last 30 days

- Linkedin no visitors, 2 searches for Long Island SubVets Group in the last 30 days

- Treasurer report

- Membership reports 140 members.

Time to start collecting dues. National Member Dues year runs from Jan 1st thru Dec 31st. National yearly dues are \$40 and Base \$15 so the annual dues are \$55. Please pay them as soon as possible.

Please make the check to USSVI. Mail the checks to

Walt Oemcke

279 N. Utica Avenue

N. Massapequa, NY 11758

- Storekeeper's report – no report.
- United Veterans Organization, UVO – no report.
- Kaps for Kids – Some discussion about 3D printed dolphins to hand out. Pin backing is a problem. Review design and develop alternate.
- Eagle Scout – 1 via Website contact. Michael Zemser to address two Eagle Scouts on 19th and 26th of September.

- Long Island Base Subvets received a new message July 2026.

- Name: Brian Meister Email: brianm001675@yahoo.com

- Message:

- I'm having my Eagle Scout court of honor on September 26, 2026

- how can I get a representative to come my number is +16319354696

- Device: mobile

- Language: en-US Submitted_from: Homepage

- Will get info from Ed Rivoire.

- Holland Club – no report.

Reports – continued

- Stony Brook Veterans Home – Mike Stroud working to set up Bingo. – no report.
- Scholarship – no report.
- Michael Zemser and the Bowling folks asked for a Sub Vets Base Flag to give to Strike 10 Lanes in Deer Park. They will display the Sub Vets flag in the Bowling Alley.

Bowling is on Tuesday Mornings. Meet at Olympic Diner for Breakfast 10:30 AM. 1536 Deer Park Ave, Deer Park, NY 11729, then on to Bowling at Strike 10 Lanes, 849 Long Island Ave, Deer Park, NY 11729. Come out join the group have fun!

Events

New Suffolk – Tunnel of Hero's

Les was contacted after the 4th of July Parade about have Long Island Sub Vet members submitting information for Veteran banners to be placed forming a Tunnel of Hero's. More information to follow.

- Fishing Trip 8/23/2026 Discussion regarding the Fishing Trip. Fun had by all, No Keepers. But, Les Johannessen brought up the fact that this years trip was missing a regular participant...Paul Christensen, he hasn't been at the last three meetings and there is no contact when called. If anyone knows his whereabouts or can shed ANY light please contact Les Johannessen.

Ronkonkoma Fair 9/6/2026 Rain or Shine Ronkonkoma Same location as previous. Discussions regarding the participation at Ronkonkoma were brought up. Ronkonkoma Fair had a net income of \$574. Report members had a good time without the Spadefish being there.

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Discussion regarding Veteran's Day events...

Muster at regular location for Parade. Times are forthcoming from Leigon. So far there won't be any golf carts being used but that's subject to change. Leigon will keep us updated.

After parade we will muster at Memorial in Bay Shore for Tolling of the Boats.

Upon completion members are to muster for lunch at a location yet to be determined.

Discussion regarding our yearly Veteran's celebration at the Brenden School, Napierkowski is spearheading that event. He did say that the school is looking for pictures of members in uniform when we were in, they are putting together a video presentation to be shown. Those supplying photo WILL have them returned.

Discussion of possibly one or two other schools requesting members...talk of possibly splitting up group if that occurs.

Discussion regarding the possibility of working along side the local chapter of the Navy League. John Napierkowski received a call at home by one of their people, John and Matt Cola will investigate.

Discussion regarding the Raffle at Ronkonkoma and if we should try it again at West Islip along with a raffle to win a "Drone" donated by Mike Zemser and hold a 50/50 plus having the kids ply "Corn Hole" for prizes. Everyone gestured "Let's Try It".

Discussion regarding the Annual Legion Picnic on Sept 17th at Eisenhower Park. As per Les we've been invited and admission is free...didn't seem to get anyone's interest.

Discussion regarding Mike Zemser making a presence at two Eagle Scout ceremonies.

Discussion regarding the \$200 donation to the Aerodrome hasn't gone out yet. Walt is still waiting on a name and address from Mike Stroud.

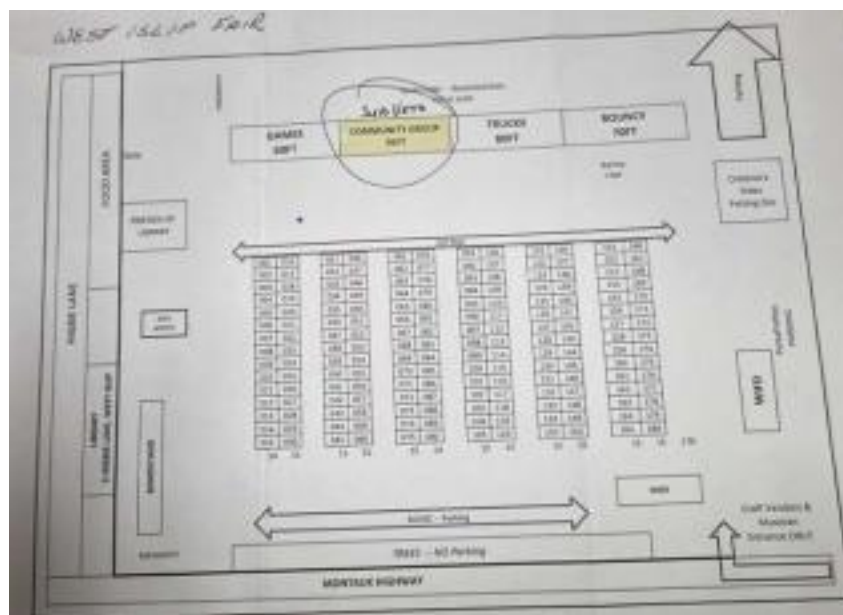
End of Discussions.

Upcoming Events

American Legion Post 94 · Veteran Picnic



- West Islip Fair 9/27/2026 Rain:10/4/2026 West Islip Same location as previous.



- Atlantic City Trip 10/3/26
Seats available if you are interested.

**Norden Lodge's
Atlantic City Bus Trip**

**Saturday
October 3, 2026**

Cost: \$60 per person
The Tropicana is giving us \$15 to get us started

On the way down we will play a few games. On way back we will relax and watch a movie

1st stop - Leaving LIE Exit 49 Park & Ride at 8AM
2nd stop - LIRR in Roslyn at 8:30AM
 (Roslyn Heights, NY 11577)
3rd stop - Brooklyn PC Richards parking lot at 9:15AM
 (576-80 86th St., Brooklyn)
4th stop - Norden Lodge Staten Island at 9:45AM

And Lastly Arriving at Tropicana Casino, Atlantic City.
We will be departing Atlantic City around 7 PM for Home

***Make sure to get to the bus pickup 15 minutes before the time stated for your stop.
It is better for you to wait for the bus, because **the bus will NOT wait for you!!!*****

RSVP by: August 28th Call or E-mail Today!!!
 Contact: Chuck: 516-512-9427
 Kris: 516-521-3190
CGottilla@hotmail.com

*Please make check out to Charles Gottilla or Kristin Gottilla and mail to 642 Grand Ave.
 Fresh Pond, New York 11767. We also take money or sell, just reach out for the information*

***We need your Names, Phone #'s, Lodge and the stop you want to be picked
 up at (very important)***

*****All reservations are first come first served*****
*******PAYMENT Locks in your spot on the bus*******

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 further discussion at this time.

- Holiday Party Discussion Mike Stroud reported St James American Legion may be able to accommodate, but it would need to be catered. Capacity 75 people. Date 12/12/2026. Will need to have 40 people. The party will be 12 to 4 PM. DJ is possible. BYOB, Beer and Wine will be served. Accepting input.
- Ed Rivoire has requested working parties to attend to the Torpedo Memorials. Bob Russo inspected the Eisenhower Torpedo, the foundation needs work by park staff. Bayshore Torpedo Memorial not inspected.
- Cdr. Pat Scaringello has requested a working party to reorganize the trailer as a place to store base memorabilia. More to follow.

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 3/17/2026 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 Legion Post 94

May Subvet Meeting 5/11/26 American Legion Post 94
Spadefish Working Party 5/17/20 11AM Evie's House
Memorial Flag Placement 5/23/26 7AM Pinelawn & Calverton
Ronkonkoma Fair 5/24/26 Ronkonkoma
Tolling of the Boats 5/25/26 8:30AM Babylon Town
Hall Park
Memorial Day Parade 5/26/26, 11AM Village of Babylon

June Subvet Meeting 6/8/26 American Legion Post 94
Kap(SS) for Kid(SS) 6/11/26 10-12 Good Samaritan
Hospital Babylon, NY 11702
Call to Serve 6/12/26 6:15PM Babylon Town
Hall

July 4th of July Parade 7/4/26 9:30AM New Suffolk
Parade starts 10AM
Subvet Meeting 7/13/26 American Legion Post 94
Base Picnic/Luncheon 7/25/2026 Bayport Aerodrome

August Fishing Trip Signup NLT 8/1/2026
Long Island Ducks Game 8/1/2026 6:35 PM Fairfield
Properties & Fireworks Ballpark
Subvet Meeting 8/10/26 American Legion Post 94
Fishing Trip 8/23/26 1—5PM Captree

September Ronkonkoma Fair 9/6/2026 Rain or Shine Ronkonkoma
Subvet Meeting 9/14/26 American Legion Post 94

Annual Calendar of upcoming Events - continued

September continued

Nassau County Veteran Picnic

9/17/2026 Eisenhower Park

West Islip Fair

9/27/2026 Rain:10/4 West Islip

October

October Atlantic City Trip

10/3/26 NEW - ADDED

Subvet Meeting

10/12/26 American Legion Post 94

November

Subvet Meeting

11/9/26 American Legion Post 94

November Veterans Day -

11/11/2026 Parade TBD

Village of Babylon

November Veterans Day -
November Veterans Day

Tolling of the Boats TBD Bayshore Marina
Luncheon TBD

December

Holiday Party/Luncheon

12/12/26 St James American Legion 12-4 PM

Subvet Meeting

12/14/26 American Legion Post 94

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: 8:40 PM

Social time for Dinner. – Dinner was a chicken and pasta meal.



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