



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

10th of August 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

7:30 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
Storekeeper:	Dan Colletti
COB:	John Napierkowski
Chaplain:	Matt Cola excused from meeting

22 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
August	BULLHEAD (SS-332)	6 August 1945	84
	FLIER (SS-250)	13 August 1944	78
	S-39 (SS-144)	13 August 1942	0
	HARDER (SS-257)	24 August 1944	79
	COCHINO (SS-345)	25 August 1949	1**

**USS Tusk (SS-426), who had come to the aid of the stricken Cochino, lost six men during the rescue.

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 74 visitors in last 30 days

Renewed website 8/10/2026 to 8/10/2027

Term	Product	Amount
1 yr	Websites + Marketing Basic Renewal	\$203.88
longislandsubvets.org (cancelled email)		
Subtotal		\$203.88
Taxes		\$17.58
Fees		\$0.00
Total (USD)		\$221.46

-Linkedin no visitors, no activity in the last 30 days

- Treasurer report accepted.
- Membership reports 139 members.
26 members of 82 members have already paid their dues.

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
Disbursed flags to memorials as requested.
- 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

Reports, continued

- Holland Club – no report.
- Stony Brook Veterans Home – no contact at this time. Mike Stroud working to set up Bingo.
- Scholarship – no new information.
- Bob Rosseau's report on Eisenhower Park and Veterans Picnic.

The below meeting with the Nassau County Officials was an outcome of our 04/13/26 meeting where Ed asked for volunteers to look at the Submarine Veterans Monuments. I went to the Eisenhower Park Veterans Plaza and took photos.

The Torpedo paint was in fairly good shape however the LI Sub Vets Flag needed to be replaced and the foundation required structural repair work. I reported back during our 05/11/26 meeting and Dan gave me a new LI Sub Vets Flag. When I went back to the site on the weekend, I saw the US Sub Vets Flag was removed and the US Flag was in its place. I returned a few times when I was in the area on the weekends and after work, but the Veterans Monument Tower was never manned.

On Thursday 08/06/26 I was returning to work at 9:00AM and decided to drive through Eisenhower Park and stop at the Administration Building to give them the Flag and asked them if they would raise it at the Submarine Monument for us. When I was greeted by the receptionist and she said she will talk to the Commissioner to see who I should talk with. When she came back, she was accompanied by with the Nassau County Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Museums, Darcy A. Belyea who said I was lucky to show up when I did. She had her staff there for a meeting that was going to take place at 10:00AM. She then went into a conference room and came out with the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency Deputy Director, Paul Vista (616) 572-6521 and told him to please assist us with our request and then thanked us for our donation of the US Submarine Veterans LI Base flag. Paul also offered to meet us during one of our meetings to let us know of what Veterans Services are available for us if we wanted it.

Yesterday, 8/09/2026, I stopped by the US Veterans LI Base Memorial and the Commissioners Team raised our flag during the week and it looks like they power washed the submarine tribute stones. Although the masonry work is not done yet, the monument looks good. For the Fall around Veterans Day it looks like we only need to sand and repaint the gold torpedo tip.

- John Piccirillo contacted Walt and says "Hi!" to everyone.
- 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

- 7/25/2026 Base Picnic Bayport Aerodrome
Debrief by Les and Mike Great Day was had by all. Weather prevented safe flying as there was significant wind above the tree line so a tour of the Hangers was taken instead. Sundays are good days to visit if interested.

BASE PICNIC AT BAYPORT AERODROME 25 JULY 2026



- Motion made by Les second by Richie Borek to make a \$200 donation to Bayport Aerodrome. Passed 21-0.
- Richie Borek pointed out that September 27th is an event for the Aerodrome and they asked him for volunteers. Contact Richie Borek if able to support the Aerodrome.
- 8/1/2026 Long Island Ducks Game & Fireworks 6:35 PM - 10pm Fairfield Properties Ballpark
Members will need to pay for tickets at July Meeting. \$18/ticket. Base will need to have 25 tickets purchased. Michael Zemser debriefed. Great section and good time was had by all.

LONG ISLAND BASE SUB VETS DUCKS BASE BALL GAME 01 AUGUST 202



Out to the Ball Game

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.

Upcoming Events

- Fishing Trip 8/23/2026 with cutoff date 8/1/2026



• 2026 Fishing Outing

• Members, Family and Friends Welcome Aboard

• the Capt EDDIE B III

• Sunday August 23rd, 2025

1:00pm – 5:00pm (BOAT LEAVES AT 1 PM SHARP)

\$65 per person (includes gratuity)

- \$50 per child (12 & under)

RAIN or SHINE

- This is a private Charter

You may bring your own food/beverages

We must give a final count so PLEASE send names and payment **NO LATER then August 1st 2025**

- Make checks payable to: John Kern

Mail to: John Kern

- 1498 Brightshore Blvd Bay Shore NY 11706

- Questions? Please contact John cell/text 631 636-2035

- For SubVets Planning on going, you can make checks out to Les Johannessen & all will be done.



- 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 - Nansen 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,
 Indenhurst, New York 11757. We also take venmo or zell; 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	American 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
	Renkonkoma Fair	5/24/26	Renkonkoma
	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 & Fireworks	8/1/2026 6:35 PM	Fairfield Properties Ballpark
	Subvet Meeting	8/10/26	American Legion Post 94

Annual Calendar of Events - continued

August	continued		
	Fishing Trip	8/23/26 1 – 5PM	Captree
September	Ronkonkoma Fair	9/6 Rain or Shine	Ronkonkoma
	Subvet Meeting	9/14/26	American Legion Post 94
	Veteran Picnic	9/17/2026	Eisenhower Park
	West Islip Fair	9/27 Rain:10/4	West Islip
October	Atlantic City Trip	10/3/26 NEW - ADDED	
November	Veterans Day Parade	TBD	Village of Babylon
	Tolling of the Boats	TBD	Bayshore Marina
	Veterans Day Luncheon	TBD	TBD
December	Holiday Party/Luncheon	12/12/26 12-4 PM	St James American Legion

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: 8:13 PM

Social time for Dinner



MAKE A DIFFERENCE COME TO A MEETING and ENJOY THE CAMARADERIE