



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

12th of October 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

7:30PM 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 - DNA

24 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
October	SEAWOLF (SS-197)	3 October 1944	100
	S-44 (SS-155)	7 October 1943	56
	WAHOO (SS-238)	11 October 1943	80
	DORADO (SS-248)	12 October 1943	77
	ESCOLAR (SS-294)	17 October 1944	82
	SHARK (SS-314)	24 October 1944	87
	DARTER (SS-227)	24 October 1944	0
	TANG (SS-306)	25 October 1944	78
	O-5 (SS-66)	28 October 1923	3

Visitors: New Member Thomas Dowd welcomed aboard.

New Members:

Walt's email from October 2nd, just posted the following 2 new members with National.....

Francis Moloney - Served aboard the George C Marshall SSBN654

Thomas Dowd - Served aboard the Baton Rouge SSN689

Walt's email Oct 9th

James NAULT and processed his data with National.

Retired from the Navy in 2008 as a Captain (O6). He qualified on the USS Guardfish SSN612 in 1985. Served on 3 other boats, the last one being the USS Toledo SSN769 on which he was the CO.

This brings our membership up to 143

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: 100 visitors in last 30 days

-Linkedin 0 visitors, 2 searches for Long Island SubVets Group in the last 30 days

· Treasurer report accepted.

· Membership reports 143 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 –

Welcome aboard packages for new members at next meeting.

Bringing shirts and such to next meeting.

If you want a calendar please email me, Roy at SparkySubSailor@yahoo.com with quantity of calendars desired.

- United Veterans Organization, UVO – No report.

Discussion regarding Mike Zemser making a presence at two Eagle Scout ceremonies. Ceremonies were cancelled and we did not attend reschedule.

- Holland Club – no report.

- Stony Brook Veterans Home – Mike Stroud working to set up Bingo. – CDR Scaringello to coordinate meeting to set up Bingo. Base members are welcome and encouraged to meet with veterans anytime at the Veterans Home

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. John had no additional information defer to Matt Cola for further information and follow up.

Scholarship – no report.

Debrief of past Events:

American Legion Post 94 · Veteran Picnic

Open 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.

No attendance by the Base membership



Bowling 9/29

- 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. Still waiting for flag to be displayed.

Bowling is on Tuesday Mornings.

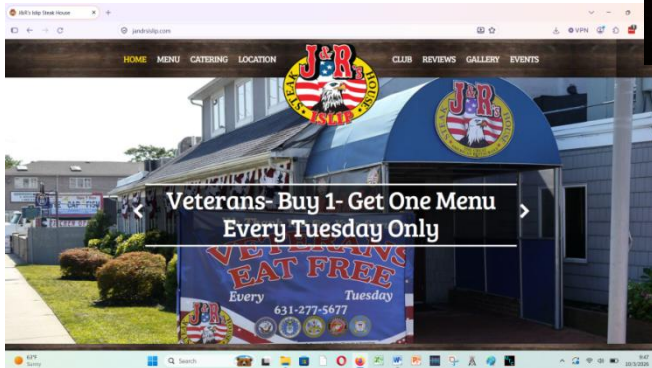
Meet at Olympic Diner for Breakfast 10:30 AM. 1536 Deer Park Ave, Deer Park, NY 11729, then on to Bowling at

Strike 10 Lanes, 849 Long Island Ave, Deer Park, NY 11729.

Come out join the group have fun!

Dinner at J&R's Steakhouse 9/29

Come join us for a Veterans Dinner at J&Rs.



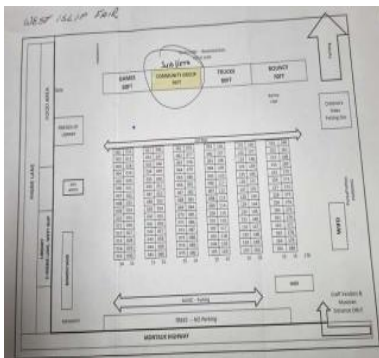
J&Rs
116 Main Street
Islip, New York, NY 11751

• Norden Lodge - Atlantic City Trip 10/3/26

Trip was fun as reported by Les Johannessen,
Michael Zemser,
and
Joe Silverstein.



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



West Islip Fair was held on
Rain Date. Good Base turnout
to staff the location. Kids had
fun winning prizes playing
Corn Hole.



Kaps for Kids – Some discussion about 3D printed dolphins to hand out.
Pin backing is a problem. Review design and develop alternate.



The Subvets of the Long Island Base recently visited the young patients at Good Samaritan University Hospital, bringing smiles, stories, and a unique experience to children receiving care. During special bedside ceremonies, each child was inducted as an Honorary Submariner, learning about life aboard a United States submarine and the dedication of those who serve our country.

Through the U.S. Submarine Veterans' KAPS for KIDS program, the children received commemorative caps and certificates to mark the occasion.

We are grateful to our veterans for sharing their time, service, and compassion with our patients. Their continued support helps create meaningful moments and lasting memories for hospitalized children.

#GoodSamaritanUniversityHospital #KAPSforKIDS
#SubmarineVeterans #HonorarySubmariner
#VeteranSupport #CatholicHealth #CommunityCare
#MakingADifference 🇺🇸💙

Received this 10/8 for the website. We need to be careful on what we post on the website.

Posting a screenshot from Facebook can be legal or illegal depending on what is in the screenshot and how you use it. [1]

General Legal Risks

- Copyright Infringement: The original creator or photographer owns the copyright to the image or text they posted. Taking a screenshot and publicly redistributing it without permission can violate copyright law.

My rule – if you own the photos send me a copy. If you don't send me a link. We can share links as they attribute ownership and don't create copyright issues. Thx Roy

Next meeting is in the works for Kap(SS) for Kid(SS) at Good Samaritan Hospital



Upcoming Events

Veterans Ceremonies at Schools and Town of Babylon Parade with Tolling and Luncheon..

Open Discussion of possibly one or two other schools requesting members...talk of possibly splitting up group if that occurs. We have several schools to discuss.

Calendar of Events in November

Tecumseh Elementary School 11/6/2026 10 AM

Brennan Middle School 11/10/2026 at 10 AM

Veteran's Day Parade 11/11/2026

Discussion of School Events

1. Tecumseh Elementary School
11/6/2026 10 AM

179 Granny Road
Farmingville, NY 11738

Veterans Day invite November
6th 2026 Eastern Suffolk Boces

If you are interested to attend please
email me
Roy

SparkySubSailor@yahoo.com

We need to give a headcount. Please
reply by October 25th..



2. Brennan Middle School 11/10/2026 at 1 PM

550 Mount Ave.

North Babylon, NY 11704

(When you enter the school property make an immediate left to drive to the rear of the building and park in the lot.)

Discussion regarding our yearly Veteran's celebration at the Brenden School, The students do an amazing job putting this together.

The school is looking for pictures of members in uniform to put together a video presentation to be shown.

Email me, Roy a picture, SparkySubSailor@yahoo.com
I will forward to the school.

Please email by 26 October 2026 and I will forward.

3. Veterans Day Parade at Town of Babylon

Discussion regarding Veteran's Day events...
CDR discussed schedule to be as follows:

Muster at Foster Blvd participate in Town of Babylon Veteran's Day Parade.

After parade travel to Bayshore Marina.

Muster at the Torpedo for a Tolling of the Boats Ceremony.

Conclude the day at a Luncheon. More to follow

If you are thinking of attending please email me so we can get an idea of a headcount for the Parade, Tolling of the Boats and the Luncheon

SparkySubSailor@yahoo.com

Please reply by October 26th..

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.

- 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.

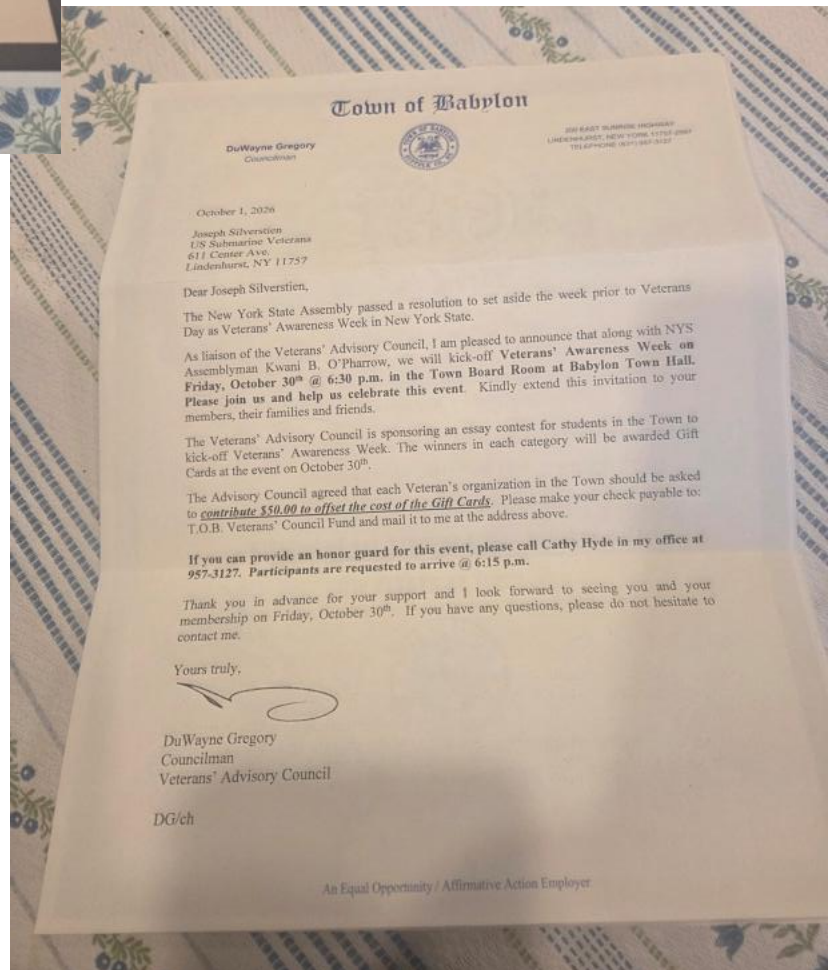
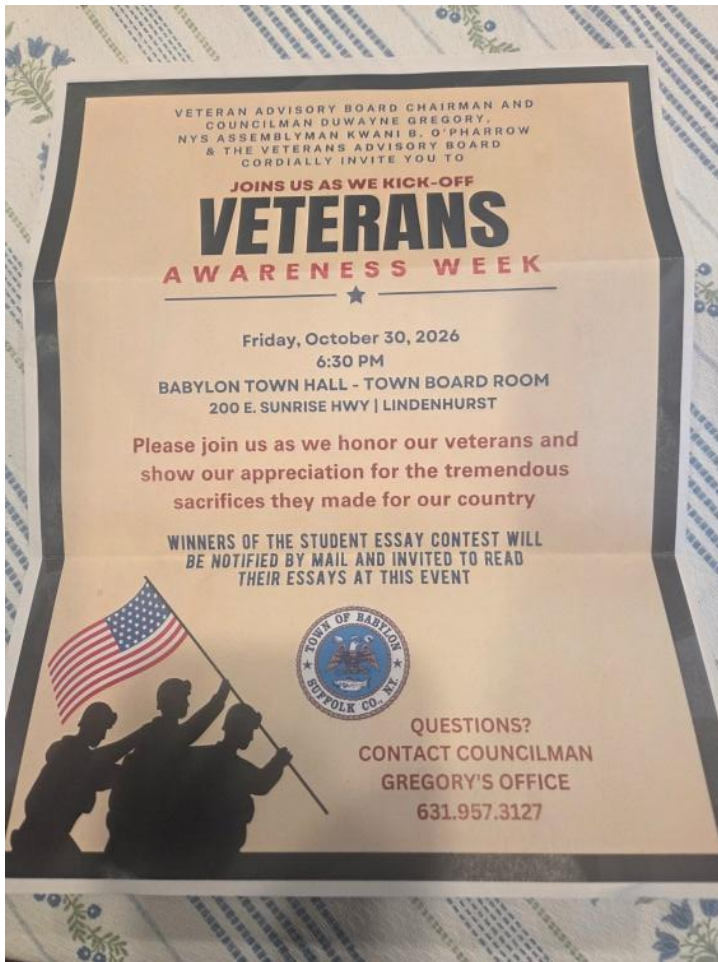
- Discussion from West Islip Fair – Dan Colletti to pick up memorabilia from John Sealy Estate.

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

- 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.

- Michael Zemser pointed out that 10/13/2026 is the anniversary of the U.S. Navy Birthday.

Town of Babylon Letter to Subvets:



Annual Calendar of Events

Month	Event	Date	Location
January	None		
February	None		
March	St Patrick's Dinner and Dance Patrick's Day Parade	3/15/2026 3/17/2026	American Legion Post 94 Village of Babylon
April	Tolling of the Boats Luncheon following Tolling of the Boats Subvet Meeting	4/12/2026 TBD 4/13/2026	New Suffolk Legion Post 94
May	Subvet Meeting Spadefish Working Party Memorial Flag Placement Ronkonkoma Fair Tolling of the Boats Memorial Day Parade	5/11/26 5/17/20 11AM 5/23/26 7AM 5/24/26 5/25/26 8:30AM 5/26/26, 11AM	American Legion Post 94 Evie's House Pinelawn & Calverton Ronkonkoma Babylon Town Hall Park Village of Babylon
June	Subvet Meeting Kap(SS) for Kid(SS) Call to Serve	6/8/26 6/11/26 10-12 6/12/26 6:15PM	American Legion Post 94 Good Samaritan Hospital Babylon, NY 11702 Babylon Town Hall
July	4th of July Parade Subvet Meeting Base Picnic/Luncheon	7/4/26 9:30AM 7/13/26 7/25/2026	New Suffolk Parade starts 10AM American Legion Post 94 Bayport Aerodrome
August	Fishing Trip Signup NLT 8/1/2026 Long Island Ducks Game Subvet Meeting Fishing Trip	8/1/2026 8/1/2026 6:35 PM 8/10/26 8/23/26 1—5PM	Fairfield Properties & Fireworks Ballpark American Legion Post 94 Captree
September	Ronkonkoma Fair Subvet Meeting Nassau County Veteran Picnic West Islip Fair	9/6/2026 9/14/26 9/17/2026 9/27/2026	Rain or Shine Ronkonkoma American Legion Post 94 Eisenhower Park Rain:10/4 West Islip
October	October Atlantic City Trip Subvet Meeting—	10/3/26 10/12/26	NEW—ADDED American Legion Post 94

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Subvet Meeting

11/9/26 American Legion Post 94

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November Veterans Day -

11/11/2026 Parade TBD

Village of Babylon

November Veterans Day -

Tolling of the Boats TBD Bayshore Marina

November Veterans Day

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

End of Calendar

End of structured meeting time: 8:17 PM

50/50 Al Rehinhardt

Social time for Dinner. – Dinner: Stuffed Peppers & Pasta with sauce



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COME TO A MEETING and ENJOY THE CAMARADERIE