



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

12th of January 2026 Regular Meeting

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

Meeting called to order 7:34 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer

Executive Board & Committee Members

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| Base Commander: | Pat Scaringello |
| Sr. Vice Commander: | Ed Rivoire |
| Secretary: | Roy Diers |
| Treasurer & Membership Chairman: | Walt Oemcke |
| Storekeeper: | Dan Colletti |
| COB: | John Napierkowski |
| Chaplain: | Matt Cola |

15 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 |
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| January | ARGONAUT (APS-1/SS-166) | 10 January 1943 | 102 |
| | SWORDFISH (SS-193) | 12 January 1945 | 89 |
| | S-36 (SS-141) | 20 January 1942 | 1* |
| | S-26 (SS-131) | 24 January 1942 | 46 |

*One S-36 man who died as a POW added on 17 July 2019

Visitors: None

New Members: None

Reports:

- Binnacle List Report
- Previous Meeting Minutes report, minutes accepted.
- Webmaster

Facebook page to undergo non-refueling overhaul.

Business page setup – limits privacy settings.

138 members – 2400 followers – problem. Fake pages.

There is a problem with our Facebook Page. We have about 139 members on the Long Island Base. Our Facebook Page has 2400 followers. Some are fake pages. Some have no indicated

affiliation with our organization. I have had to deal with inappropriate comments to posts resulting in hiding posts. The only way to remove followers is to do it one at a time. I can not do that. The plan is to take the Facebook Page down and try to repair it off line. If it can not be repaired it will be replaced by a Private Group that will have members of the group vetted. Members will be Long Island Base Members, Associate Members, and family. Ed Wylie and I will be administrators. Private Groups are visible on Facebook so we can be contacted. Posts and members will be private. It is necessary to do this overhaul. It will start in February 2026 that allows for a little more than 2 weeks for anyone wishing to download photos on the Facebook Page to do so. I do not know if the photos will make the transition/overhaul.

- Treasurer report
- Membership reports 139 members & time to collect 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, UVQ report – no report
- Kaps for Kids – no report
- Eagle Scout – no report
- Holland Club – no report
- Stony Brook Veterans Home – no report
- Scholarship – no applications

Events

- December 19th Ronald Jacobsen Wake Muster 7:15 PM
Les Johannessen Ed Rivoire Michael Zemser Joe Silverstein
Dave Bingham Walt Oemcke Ed Wylie Roy Diers Matt Cola
- December 27th Dana Brussel Wake – Snow Les Johannessen
- January 12th Subvet Meeting – Babylon American Legion Post 94 7-9PM

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.

- Parking. Just 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.
- Looking for Input. Post discussion of luncheon after Tolling of the Boats Ceremony. Brought up we should have a committee to investigate. Committee formed. Request input from Base membership about restaurants in the area that you have visited and should be considered. First inquire if they could handle 30 people. Can be emailed to SparkySubSailor@yahoo.com. As of August Meeting only two submissions.
- Town of Babylon Veteran's Advisory Councils Monthly 2025 Newsletter. It can be found here: <https://www.townofbabylonny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8974/Veterans-Newsletter-Current-Link?bidId> , enjoy.

Annual Calendar of Events

| Month | Event | Date | Location |
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| January | None | | |
| February | None | | |
| March | St Patrick's Dinner and Dance St 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 Work Party Spadefish | 4/12/2026 TBD | New Suffolk TBD TBD |
| May | Ronkonkoma Street Fair Tolling of the Boats Memorial Day Parade | 5/24/2026 TBD TBD | Ronkonkoma Babylon Town Hall Park Village of Babylon |
| June | Ducks Game | TBD | Central Islip |
| July | 4th of July Parade | TBD | New Suffolk |
| August | Fishing Trip (Sons of Norway) Base Picnic/Luncheon | TBD TBD | Captree TBD |
| September | Ronkonkoma Street Fair West Islip Fair | TBD TBD | Ronkonkoma West Islip |
| October | None | | |
| November | Veterans Day Parade Tolling of the Boats Veterans Day Luncheon Middle School(s) Presentation | TBD TBD TBD TBD | Village of Babylon Bayshore Marina TBD TBD |
| December | Holiday Party/Luncheon | TBD | TBD |

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: 8:17PM

Social time for Dinner



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