



## **Minutes of 12 September 2022 Long Island Base, U.S.S.V.I. Meeting held at Babylon Post 94**

Executive Board members: Bob Bachman (CDR), Ed Rivoire (Sr. VCDR), Les Johannessen (Jr. VCDR), Roy Diers (Secretary), Walt Oemcke (Treasurer), Pat Scaringello (Membership), Vinny Viola Jr. (COB), Dan Colletti (Storekeeper), Michael Zemser (Past Commander). **31 Members attended**

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Storekeeper Dan Colletti and members.

**Opening Prayer** - CDR

**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** by the Commander and the Storekeeper

In the Beginning, God Created Submariners

Submariners Created Submarines

And Submariners Created the Brotherhood

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO ONE OF OUR HONORED MEMBERS**

Michael Zemser was presented with the Robert Link Award. Robert 'Bob' Link was the first National Commander of USSVI. This is the USSVI version of a 'Letter of Commendation,' The Nomination can be for a member, a group, or a Base. The selection and presentation of this award is solely at the discretion of the National Commander. Congratulations Michael!!! Bravo Zulu! SEE PICTURES ON PAGE4

**Binnacle List** CDR / Vice CDR / Chaplain

The following members are recuperating at home, George Archer, Matt Berger, Marty Hansen, and Henry Wolf.

**Reports:** Previous meeting minutes report - accepted, Treasurer report – base is solvent.

**Membership Report:** Pat Scaringello reported that we now have 155 Members. Please mail your membership dues, via a check made out to USSVI/LINY Base, to

Pat Scaringello, 138 Church Drive, Mastic Beach, NY 11951.

**Base Membership: \$15.00 annually**

Base Life membership: 75 +yrs. = \$75.00; 65 -74 yrs. = \$150.00; 56 - 64 yrs. = \$225.00; 46 - 55 yrs. = \$300.00; 45 and under = \$375.00

**National Membership: \$25.00 annually**

National Life Membership: 76+ yrs. = \$100.00; 66 thru 75 yrs. = \$200; 56 thru 65 yrs. = \$300.00; 46 thru 55 = \$400.00; Thru 45 yrs. = \$ 500.00

**Base and National Dues are due.** The process of collecting dues and accounting is time consuming. Please pay your dues prior to 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2022.

**New Members recognitions and sea stories – 2 new members**

Chuck Klinkenberg Qual: USS Sam Houston SSN 609 Aug 1987

Scott Schoeps Qual: USS Lafayette SSBN 616 Blue Aug 1986

Welcome aboard shipmates!!

**New Business**

Members with items for discussion at a meeting should forward items to Roy Diers our Base Secretary for timely inclusion into the minutes.

Ed Rivoire – received a letter from the Riverhead and South Hold School Districts looking for a Navy Veteran to take command of their ROTC programs. The positions are Naval Science Instructors. Basic requirements for these two salaried positions are 20 years active duty and minimum of an Associate's Degree, contact Ed for more details if interested. 516-313-4726

Long Island Base was approached by a member of the Merrick Chamber of Commerce asking if we would be interested in participating in the Merrick Fall Festival on 22 & 23 October. The fee for a 10 X 10 spot for a non-profit is \$75 and that will probably be expanded to accommodate our float at no additional cost (not yet confirmed). Participation on both Saturday and Sunday is not required. The fair will be located at Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road adjacent to the Merrick LIRR station. We must commit to participation at least one week prior to the event. It would be our first event in Nassau County in several years.

## Old Business:

### Ed Rivoire Scholarships, Plates

Scholarships: Ed Rivoire reported that scholarships applications are being accepted.

License Plates: Ed Rivoire. Any member wishing to apply for Silent Service license plates should contact NYS DMV Special Plates Unit liaison Ed Rivoire for the applications and instructions. Members may also upgrade their existing Sub-Vet plates to the updated design for a one-time fee of \$28.75. Contact Ed at [lapin22@aol.com](mailto:lapin22@aol.com) or 516-313-4726 for the process.

Ed Wylie Kaps for Kids – still waiting for hospitals to open for visits

Dan Colletti (Storekeeper) inventory, Calendars and Mugs are available for purchase.

### Upcoming Events and Base Activities – Jr Vice CDR

18 Sep 2022: West Islip Fair Rain Date is 25 Sep 2022

16 Oct 2022: Islip Fair (Cancelled)

11 Nov 2022: Veterans Day Parade

17 Dec 2022: Holiday party date announced by Ed Rivoire and the deposit has been placed for Capt. Bills Restaurant as well as our world-renowned famous Disc Jockey.

Closing Prayer - Commander

50 / 50 Raffle: Mike Carmody

End of structured meeting. Time Adjourned: 2025

Social time with a Dinner was provided by the base via our COB Vinny Viola Jr. The Dinner was Nathan's Hotdogs with fixings with salad coleslaw, & pickles followed by a cake to celebrate.

Submitted by Roy Diers, Base Secretary  
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(Note: Due to the absence of a base newsletter and for the purpose of disseminating additional information, I have taken the liberty continuing on the tradition of supplementing these minutes with notifications, calendar events and editorial comments that were not specifically reported at this meeting. - Roy)

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