



PARCH-E-GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 12/21/2024

Meeting called to order by CMDR Fred White at 10:30.

Note: This is a combined in-person & teleconference meeting.

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: Paul Walker

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, Vice CMDR Ed Hyne, Treasurer David Strong, Secretary Brent Beltran, Chaplain Ken Lang, John Artz, Joe Demars, Ray Forbes, Tom Hall, Stewart Handy, Ed Harris, Michael Rastley, Kim Reed, and James VanBen Coton

New Members/Guests: Mike Shultz

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by CMDR Fred White

Opening Prayer: Led by Chaplain Ken Lang

Tolling of the Boats: Led by Vice CMDR Ed Hyne

Creed & Purpose: Led by CMDR Fred White

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: CMDR Fred White asked if any members, having read the minutes of the 10/19/24 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$2,689.49
Deposits since last meeting	\$1,380.00

Disbursements since last meeting	\$995.00
Checking balance as of today	\$3,074.44

*Deposits were for Base and National Dues. Disbursements were for National Dues.

Old Business

- The annual Base dinner was held at Knapp winery and was well attended. All who attended had an excellent meal and tour of the winery afterwards. Thank you to all those who attended.
- Also well attended was the Veterans Day Parade at the State Fairgrounds. Treasurer Strong drove his truck pulling the float, followed by Vice Commander Hyne in his truck. Both trucks were full of Base members and supported in the crowd by Honorary member Kim Reed, wives, and significant others. Overall, a very good turnout!
- Parade dates for 2025 are Fulton in May, Phoenix in May, Waterloo in May, Oswego in June/July, and Veterans Day at the State Fairgrounds in November. If you haven't participated in a parade recently consider 2025 the year to do so.

New Business

- The Base greeted Mike Schultz as its newest member. Welcome aboard Mike!
- The new Bases business cards were handed out by Vice Commander Hyne. All members are encouraged to carry a couple with you as a way to enlist new members. If you are in need of the new cards please contact Vice Commander Hyne.
- Commander White opened a discussion about Field of Honor Flags. Bill Handy, who is in charge of the program for the Base, reiterated that since we have purchased the flags this year, that the cost of participating in the display will be less in coming years.
- Chaplain Lang let the Base know that he has been reaching out to local hospitals to make them aware of Subvets programs such as Kaps for Kids hats and Kaps for Kids Teddy Bears. The hospitals have been somewhat reluctant to allow the the programs due to post Covid restrictions, but Chaplain Lang will continue to stay in touch with the hospitals.
- Commander White informed the Base that the next Honor Flight is in April, the second flight for the year is in September. The replacement for the banner to bring is still in progress, and should be ready in time for the Honor Flights.

FYI...anything of interest? New?

- Paul Walker suggested having the Base participate in a parade in the Watertown area this year. Members as a whole thought it was a good idea, and will look into dates and additional information.
- Bill Handy suggested the Base look into having its own Challenge coin. Many members thought was also a good idea. Further discussions on the idea will continue.
- Tom Hall let members know he does Therapy Dog work and recommended members find activities to keep themselves active both mentally and physically.

Next meeting is set for January 18, 2025, Face to Face and Telecom

Good of the Order

- CMDR White opened with discussion wearing subvets items and handing out cards.

Closing Prayer: Led by Chaplain Ken Lang

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR Fred White at 11:27