

PARCH-E- GRAM

***PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE
UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.***

***MONTHLY MEETING/ NEWSLETTER
DATE 4/20/2019***

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 1403 BY CMDR FRED WHITE.

***MEMBERS PRESENT: CMDR FRED WHITE; JIM KLINGER (POC); PAUL WALKER;
STEVE HOFFMAN; JIM RATIGAN (TREASURER); JOE ROMANOWSKI (SECRETARY);
GLENN BRIDGES
NEW/GUEST MEMBERS: WILLIAM "BILL" PLEMONS; STEWART "BILL" HANDY;
ANDREW DOLCH***

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY CMDR FRED WHITE

***OPENING PRAYER: LED BY JIM RATIGAN FOR BASE CHAPLAIN JOHN MCKIN-
LEY***

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: LED BY CMDR FRED WHITE

REPORTS:

- ***SECRETARY'S REPORT: JOE ROMANOWSKI PRESENTED MINUTES FROM 10/20/2018 MEETING. ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.***
- ***TREASURER'S REPORT: PRESENTED BY JIM RATIGAN, CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$1223.56; TOTAL AVAILABLE \$1223.56. ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED***

OLD BUSINESS:

- ***CMDR WHITE BEGAN THE MEETING BY INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW BASE OFFICERS FOR 2019, AS WELL AS NEW AND GUEST MEMBERS.***
- ***CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED HAVING A CALENDAR FOR BASE ACTIVITIES ADDED TO THE PARCHE BASE WEBSITE. JIM KLINGER TO INVESTIGATE.***
- ***CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED THE 2018 FULTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND THE THIRD PLACE AWARD, WHICH IS ON DISPLAY IN THE MEXICO VFW.***
- ***CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED THE METHOD OF PLAYING OUR MUSIC/SOUNDS DURING THE PARADE USING THE NEW UNIT PURCHASED BY PAUL WALKER***
- ***CMDR WHITE PROPOSED TO MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION IN THE FULTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE FOR 2019 ON MAY 25. JIM RATIGAN MADE MOTION FOR BASE PARTICIPATION AND SECOND BY JOE ROMANOWSKI, ACCEPTED. JIM RATIGAN MADE A MOTION TO PARTICI-***

PATE IN THE OSWEGO 4TH OF JULY PARADE JULY 7, SECOND BY JOE ROMANOWSKI APPROVED PAUL WALKER TO CHECK ON THE MEXICO UP-COMING PARADE.

- **TREASURER JIM RATIGAN REPORTED THAT THE CHANGE OF BANK ACCOUNTS WAS COMPLETED AND AN AUDIT IS PENDING. JIM NOTED THAT THE PARADE TRAILER REGISTRATION NEEDS TO BE RENEWED. JOE ROMANOWSKI MADE A MOTION TO RENEW, SECOND BY JIM KLINGER, ACCEPTED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **CMDR WHITE OPENED DISCUSSION REGARDING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE USSVI BOAT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM (BSP). AFTER DISCUSSION, JOE ROMANOWSKI MADE A MOTION TO SPONSOR THE "CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTIE," SECOND BY JIM RATIGAN AND ACCEPTED.**
- **CMDR WHITE OPENED A DISCUSSION ON MEMBERS WISHING TO OBTAIN NEW YORK STATE LICENSE PLATES AND THE PROPER PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN DMV APPROVAL. JIM KLINGER WILL UPDATE THE BASE WEBSITE WITH THE INFO NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE NYS DMV.**
- **GLENN BRIDGES ALSO NOTED THAT WHEN RENEWING YOUR NYS DRIVERS LICENSE YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR VETERANS STATUS ADDED.**
- **NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 18, 2019, AT THE MEXICO VFW.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- **MEMBERS ARE URGED TO WEAR THEIR SUBVETS ITEMS (HATS, ETC.)**
- **USE THE BUSINESS CARDS WITH BASE INFO TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS.**
- **PARTICIPATION IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF PROMOTING OUR BASE.**
- **MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT NUMEROUS DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE AT RETAILERS, YOU ONLY HAVE TO ASK.**
- **CMDR WHITE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT MEMBERS SHOULD CONSIDER JOINING OTHER VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS. HE REPORTED THAT THE VFW HAS REVISED THEIR RULES TO INCLUDE SUBMARINERS THAT HAVE A PATROL PIN AND/OR NAVY EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.**

CLOSING PRAYER: LED BY JIM RATIGAN FOR JOHN MCKINLEY BASE CHAPLAIN

MEETING ADJOURNED BY CMDR FRED WHITE AT 1502.