



PARCH-E- GRAM

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

***MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER
DATE 4/17/2021***

***MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CMDR FRED WHITE AT 1000. NOTE: THIS IS A
COMBINED IN-PERSON & TELECONFERENCE MEETING .***

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: JOE MURPHY;

IN-PERSON: CMDR FRED WHITE; VICE CMDR BERNARD LANDERS;

***SECRETARY JOSEPH ROMANOWSKI; BILL HANDY; BRENT BELTRAN; ED HARRIS;
JAMES KERR; DAVID STRONG; STEVE HOFFMAN; KEN LANG; JEFF BRIDGES***

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY CMDR FRED WHITE

OPENING PRAYER: LED BY CHAPLAIN KEN LANG

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: LED BY VCMDR BERNIE LANDERS

CREED: READ BY VCMDR BERNIE LANDERS

REPORTS:

- SECRETARY'S REPORT: FRED WHITE ASKED IF ANY MEMBERS, HAVING
READ THE MINUTES 12/15/2020 MEETING HAD ANY CORRECTIONS OR
CONCERNS. ONE IDENTIFIED, STEVE HOFFMAN'S NAME WAS MISSING
FROM MINUTES, TO BE ADDED. THEY WERE ACCEPTED AS SUBMIT-
TED, WITH CORRECTION.***
- TREASURER'S REPORT: JIM KLINGER, ABSENT FROM MEETING.
CURRENT CHECKING BALANCE 2242.56.***

OLD BUSINESS

- **CMDR WHITE OPENED DISCUSSION REGARDING PARCHE BASE ORGANIZATION AND THE EFFECTS OF THE CHINA VIRUS UPON PARTICIPATION.**
- **CMDR WHITE ALSO NOTED THAT PARADE PARTICIPATION IS ONE OF OUR BASE MAIN EFFORTS AND DUE TO COVID, PARADES HAVE BEEN LIMITED.**
- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED OTHER ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR OUR BASE PARTICIPATION. WE CURRENTLY HAVE NO OTHER ACTIVITIES IN PLANNING.**
- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED AN ITEM TABLED AT THE PAST MEETING REGARDING LIFETIME DUES. HE DISCUSSED VARIOUS OTHER BASE METHODS FOR DETERMINING THE LIFETIME DUES. ISSUE TABLED TILL NEXT MEETING.**
- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED FUTURE MEETINGS AND HOW OFTEN TO MEET. HE POLLED THE MEETING ATTENDEES AND CONSENSUS IS TO CONTINUE WITH MONTHLY MEETINGS.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **CMDR WHITE OPENED DISCUSSION REGARDING BASE OFFICERS AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS DUE TO PERSONAL ISSUES MAKING IT IMPERATIVE THAT OTHER MEMBERS STEP UP AND CONSIDER TAKING A POSITION IN THE ORGANIZATION.**
- **CMDR WHITE OPENED A DISCUSSION REGARDING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED. IT IS CURRENTLY A DONATION OR REQUEST AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING.**
- **CMDR WHITE OPENED DISCUSSION REGARDING HAVING A BUDDY CHECK SYSTEM, TO ENSURE MEMBERS ARE ALL DOING OKAY. A SUGGESTION WAS MADE TO NOTIFY THE BASE CHAPLAIN (KEN LANG) REGARDING ANY KNOWN MEMBER PROBLEMS. A SUGGESTION TO CREATE A PHONE CALL-OUT TREE WAS MADE AND THIS ISSUE IS POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.**
- **CMDR WHITE STATED HE HAS PAID THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE BASE PARADE FLOAT.**
- **CMDR WHITE SUGGESTED THAT THE NEXT MEETING BE FACE TO FACE, ON MAY 15, 2021 AT 1000 AM, AT THE CALVARY CHAPEL OF SYRACUSE, ALL MEETINGS WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE TELECON METHOD, WHEN PRACTICAL.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- **MEMBERS ARE URGED TO WEAR THEIR SUBVETS HATS AND CARRY A FEW BUSINESS CARDS TO PASS OUT AS A RECRUITMENT TOOL.**
- **CMDR WHITE SUGGESTED MEMBERS JOIN AN AMERICAN LEGION OR VFW TO SUPPORT OUR SUBVET BASE.**
- **CMDR WHITE STARTED A 'ROUNDTABLE' TYPE OF DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MEETING, CRITICISMS OR ANYTHING ELSE MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP OR SUGGEST.**
- **PAUL WALKER BROUGHT A PROTOTYPE PLAQUE OF THE BASE PATCH AS WELL AS A MODEL OF THOR'S HAMMER CREATED IN A SUBMARINER THEME. THESE TWO ITEMS WERE CREATED VIA CNC ENGRAVER SO THERE IS A LOT OF FLEXIBILITY IN CREATING SIMILAR TYPE OF DISPLAYS. PAULS SON IS WILLING TO CREATE SIMILAR OBJECTS FOR AN AGREED UPON PRICE.**

CLOSING PRAYER: LED BY CHAPLAIN KEN LANG

MEETING ADJOURNED: BY CMDR FRED WHITE AT 1110.