

PARCH-E- GRAM

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

***MONTHLY MEETING/ NEWSLETTER
DATE 8/17/2019***

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 1105 BY CMDR FRED WHITE.

***MEMBERS PRESENT: CMDR FRED WHITE; JIM KLINGER (POINT OF CONTACT);
GREGG PITTS; PAUL WALKER; KEN LANG; JOE MURPHY; JOE ROMANOWSKI (SEC-
RETARY); GLEN BRIDGES; JIM TSARDAKAS
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: BRENT BELTRAN***

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY CMDR FRED WHITE

OPENING PRAYER: LED BY JIM KLINGER

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: LED BY CMDR FRED WHITE

REPORTS:

- SECRETARY'S REPORT: CMDR WHITE PRESENTED MINUTES FROM 7/20/2019 MEETING. ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.***
- TREASURER'S REPORT: PRESENTED BY CMDR WHITE FROM E-MAILS RECEIVED FROM JIM RATIGAN TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP OFFICER. CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 1303.56. TOTAL AVAILABLE 1303.56 (CORRECTED VALUE TBD).***

OLD BUSINESS:

- CMDR WHITE OPENED A DISCUSSION REGARDING HOW NEW MEMBERS ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE BASE AND USSVI. THE DISCUSSION REQUIRED THE INPUT OF THE TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP OFFICER, SO WAS DEFERRED UNTIL THE END OF THE MEETING.***
- PARADES UPDATE: CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED PARTICIPATION IN THE NYS FAIR ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE TO BE HELD 8/29/19 AT 1800. PARTICIPANTS WILL GATHER AT 1700 AT THE TOPS MARKET PARKING LOT, LOCATED OFF RT 31W EXIT NEAR THE FAIR.***
- REMINDER THAT ENTRY TO THE NYS FAIR IS FREE FOR VETERANS ON THIS DAY.***
- CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED HAVING MEETINGS AT OTHER LOCATIONS WITH THE POTENTIAL TO HAVE WIVES PARTICIPATE AND POSSIBLY HAVE LUNCH/DINNER. AN E-MAIL FROM MEMBER BILL HANDY SUGGESTING THE STREAMSIDE RV PARK AND GOLF COURSE AS A POSSIBILITY. PAUL WALKER RE-ITERATED THE AVAILABILITY OF THE EIS HAUS IN MEXICO AS A POSSIBILITY. VCMDR JOE MURPHY STATED HE WOULD CONTACT THE FULTON AMERICAN LEGION POST TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE. SECY JOE ROMANOWSKI STATED HE***

WOULD CHECK WITH THE OSWEGO VFW AS WELL. JIM KLINGER SUGGESTED THAT THE BASE NEEDS A MEMBER TO ACT AS SOCIAL DIRECTOR. ISSUE TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED THE BASE BY-LAWS REGARDING ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, RULES FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION OF OFFICERS, AND THE NEED FOR A REPLACEMENT TREASURER.**
 - **TO ADDRESS THE TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP OFFICER ROLE, JIM KLINGER HAS VOLUNTEERED TO ASSUME THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP OFFICER BECAUSE HIS ROLE AS 'POINT OF CONTACT' WOULD FACILITATE INTERFACE WITH THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS KEEPING THE SAILING LIST CURRENT. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, PER THE BY-LAWS, WITH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT (CMDR WHITE, VCMDR JOE MURPHY, SECY JOE ROMANOWSKI, POC JIM KLINGER), IT WAS DECIDED AND AGREED THAT JIM KLINGER WOULD BE THE INTERIM TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP OFFICER.**
 - **THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT THE 2020 ELECTION OF OFFICERS CONSISTING OF CMDR FRED WHITE, SECRETARY JOE ROMANOWSKI AND POC JIM KLINGER.**
 - **TO FACILITATE THE PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2020 ELECTION TO BE HELD AT THE OCTOBER MEETING, A SHEET WITH CURRENT OFFICERS AND SPACE TO HAVE MEMBERS ADD THEIR NAMES TO THE BALLOT WERE DISTRIBUTED. MEMBERSHIP WILL CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION AND CANDIDATE SIGN UP AT THE NEXT MEETING.**
- **CMDR WHITE REQUESTS MEMBERS TO CONSIDER ACCEPTING A BASE OFFICER POSITION TO HELP GROW OUR BASE. MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT A HEALTHY ORGANIZATION HAS A REASONABLE CHANGE OF COMMAND TO INSTILL FRESH IDEAS.**
- **INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN ANY UPCOMING PARADE SHOULD CONTACT ONE OF THE OFFICERS TO COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS.**
- **CMDR WHITE REPORTED THAT JOHN MCKINLEY HAS RESIGNED HIS ROLE AS CHAPLAIN DUE TO CONTINUING HEALTH ISSUES. WE THANK JOHN FOR HIS TIRELESS AND CONTINUED EFFORTS TO SUPPORT OUR BASE OVER THE YEARS AS MEMBER, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND CHAPLAIN.**
- **CMDR WHITE SOLICITED A VOLUNTEER FROM THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND PASTOR KEN LANG HAS ACCEPTED THE APPOINTED ROLE OF BASE CHAPLAIN.**
- **THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 AT THE MEXICO VFW.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- **SECY JOE ROMANOWSKI DISTRIBUTED SEWN-ON BASE PATCHES TO NEW MEMBERS: JIM TSARDAKAS; KEN LANG; BRENT BELTRAN**
- **MEMBERS ARE URGED TO WEAR THEIR SUBVETS ITEMS (HATS, ETC.)**
- **CARRY THE BUSINESS CARDS WITH BASE INFO TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS.**

- ***READ / REVIEW OUR BASE BYLAWS PERIODICALLY***
- ***REVIEW OUR USSVI NATIONAL WEBSITE PERIODICALLY***
- ***PARTICIPATION IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF PROMOTING OUR BASE.***
- ***PAUL WALKER NOTED THAT THE MOVING WALL, A HALF SIZED REPLICICA OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL WILL BE AT THE SACKETS HARBOR BATTLEFIELD AUGUST 23RD TO AUG 25TH HOSTED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY. THE SACKETS HARBOR AMERICAN LEGION POST WILL PERFORM A MEMORIAL SERVICE AS THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 6:00 PM AUG 23RD. FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, THE WALL WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR VIEWING AND REMAIN OPEN CONTINUOUSLY UNTIL 8:00 PM ON SUNDAY AUGUST 25TH.***

CLOSING PRAYER: LED BY KEN LANG

MEETING ADJOURNED BY CMDR FRED WHITE AT 1207.