



## ***PARCH-E- GRAM***

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

***MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER  
DATE 8/15/2020***

***MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CMDR FRED WHITE VIA TELECON AT 1000.***

***MEMBERS PRESENT: CMDR FRED WHITE; VICE CMDR BERNARD LANDERS;  
TREASURER JIM KLINGER; SECRETARY JOSEPH ROMANOWSKI; BRENT BELTRAN;  
PAUL WALKER; RAY FORBES; JAMES TSARDAKAS; TED HARRIS; JOE MURPHY;  
GLENN BRIDGES; JOHN MCKINLEY***

***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY CMDR FRED WHITE***

***OPENING PRAYER: LED BY JIM KLINGER***

***TOLLING OF THE BOATS: LED BY VCMDR BERNIE LANDERS***

***PURPOSE AND CREED: READ BY CMDR WHITE***

### ***REPORTS:***

- SECRETARY'S REPORT: FRED WHITE ASKED IF ANY MEMBERS, HAVING READ THE MINUTES 8/1/2020 MEETING HAD ANY CORRECTIONS OR CONCERNS. THEY WERE ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.***
- TREASURER'S REPORT: PRESENTED BY JIM KLINGER, ONE CHANGE FROM LAST MEETING INCLUDED PAYMENT FOR BOAT SPONSORSHIP SUBSCRIPTION. CURRENT CHECKING BALANCE 1861.50. ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.***

***OLD BUSINESS***

- **CMDR WHITE IDENTIFIED NEW MEMBER TIM FRANCIS, WHO WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THIS MEETING.**
- **CMDR WHITE REMINDS ALL MEMBERS THAT NATIONAL ELECTIONS ARE NOW OPEN AND THE LAST DAY TO VOTE IS AUGUST 17, 2020 AND MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED ON-LINE AT THE USSVI WEBSITE.**
- **LONGEVITY PINS: COMMANDER WHITE DISCUSSED THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR LONGEVITY PINS AND HAS MAILED THEM TO THE FOLLOWING RECIPIENTS: 50 YEAR -TO JIM KERR AND BILL PLEMONS; 20 YEAR-MIKE RASTLEY; 5 YEAR- P. WALKER; SCOTT ROBINS; JIM KLINGER, GARFIELD PERRINE.**
- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED BASE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS. HE SOLICITED THE INPUT OF RAY FORBES WHO DISCUSSED THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR AVAILABLE ON THE LOCAL TV STATIONS FOR ADVERTISING AND RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS.**
- **JOE MURPHY DISCUSSED HAVING STARTED A PARCHE FACEBOOK PAGE TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT ABOUT 9 YEARS AGO BUT HAS NOT BEEN MAINTAINED. CMDR WHITE STATED THAT HE FOUND A SECTION ON PUBLIC RELATIONS WITHIN THE USSVI WEBSITE THAT MENTIONS THESE TYPE OF METHODS FOR USE BY THE ORGANIZATION.**
- **CMDR WHITE OPENED A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SHIP'S BELL. PASTOR KEN LANG HAS OBTAINED THE NEW BELL VIA JIM RATIGAN'S FAMILY AND PASTOR KEN IS IN PROCESS OF BUILDING A FRAME TO HOLD IT.**
- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED HIS DISTRIBUTION OF A PHOTO WITH NEW PARCHE BASE SIGNS FOR THE SUBMARINE FLOAT USED DURING PARADE PARTICIPATION. THIS NEW SIGN WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY PAUL WALKER DURING THE PAST WINTER.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **CMDR WHITE OPENED DISCUSSION REGARDING PARCHE BASE ORGANIZATION AND THE VARIOUS POSITIONS THAT MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN, SUCH AS, THE BOY SCOUTS CHAIRMAN WHICH PASTOR KEN LANG HAS VOLUNTEERED TO PERFORM, RECRUITER, BASE HISTORIAN, STOREKEEPER, SOCIAL CHAIRPERSON, PUBLICITY, ETC., WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE EFFORT.**
- **CMDR WHITE OPENED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE UPCOMING ANNUAL BASE ELECTIONS ROUTINELY HELD DURING THE OCTOBER MEETING. A NOMINATING COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF FRED WHITE, BERNIE LANDERS AND JOE ROMANOWSKI WAS APPOINTED TO DEVELOP THIS YEARS SLATE OF OFFICERS. ANY MEMBER INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE LEADERSHIP TEAM IS INVITED TO "THROW THEIR HAT IN THE RING." ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CONTACT ONE OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND THEY WILL ASSIST YOU.**
- **CMDR WHITE OPENED A DISCUSSION REGARDING MEETINGS DURING THE WINTER. TYPICALLY WE DON'T MEET FROM NOVEMBER THROUGH MARCH. CMDR WHITE QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS INTEREST IN CONTINUING MEETINGS THROUGH THIS WINTER AND WHETHER THEY WOULD BE IN THE CURRENT ON-LINE FORMAT. SUGGESTIONS/FEEDBACK ARE WELCOME. PAUL WALKER SUGGESTED**

**USING ONE OF THE STATE PARK PAVILIONS IN THE AREA. JOE MURPHY SUGGESTED THE PAVILION AT THE HANNIBAL AMERICAN LEGION.**

- **FOLLOWING THE LAST PARADE OF 2019 THE BASE FLOAT WAS TAKEN TO PAUL WALKERS HOME. OVER THE PAST WINTER PAUL HAS REPLACED THE TIRES WHICH FAILED OVER THE PREVIOUS WINTER. HE HAS COMPLETED WORK ON SIGNAGE FOR THE FLOAT AND CMDR WHITE HAS SENT A PHOTO OF THE COMPLETED PROJECT TO ALL MEMBERS. PAUL SUGGESTED INSTEAD OF REIMBURSING HIM FOR THE TIRES THAT HIS DUES BE PAID FOR 2011. A MOTION TO REIMBURSE PAUL BY PAYING HIS DUES WAS INTRODUCED AND AGREED BY ALL.**
- **TREASURER JIM KLINGER REMINDED ALL MEMBERS THAT ANNUAL DUES ARE COMING UP AND HE PREFERS PAYMENT BY CHECK.**
- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED THE AVAILABILITY OF THE USSVI CHARITABLE FUND FOR ANYONE IN THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING GRANDCHILDREN ARE IN NEED , IE. A LAPTOP FOR SCHOOL OR OTHER ASSISTANCE, TO CONTACT HIM AND HE WOULD INTERCEDE.**
- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED FUTURE MEETINGS AND WHETHER WE SHOULD MEET FACE TO FACE. CONCERNS FOR SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS NOT WITHSTANDING, POSSIBLY A PAVILION SOME WHERE TO EASE SOCIAL DISTANCING, ETC, COMBINED WITH TELECONFERENCING AS WE CURRENTLY DO. CMDR WHITE ALSO MENTIONED THE MEETING ROOM AT REVEREND LANGS CHURCH AS A GOOD OPTION.**
- **NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 19,2020 AT 1000 VIA TELECON, SIMILAR TO THIS MEETING.**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- **MEMBERS ARE URGED TO WEAR THEIR SUBVETS ITEMS (HATS, ETC.)**
- **CMDR WHITE REQUESTED A MOTION TO ORDER MORE BUSINESS CARDS FOR DISTRIBUTION. MEMBERS SHOULD CARRY THE BUSINESS CARDS WITH BASE INFO TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS.**
- **CMDR WHITE SUGGESTED MEMBERS JOIN AN AMERICAN LEGION OR VFW TO SUPPORT OUR BASE SUBVETS.**
- **CMDR WHITE STARTED A 'GO AROUND THE ROOM' TYPE OF DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MEETING, CRITICISMS OR ANYTHING ELSE MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP OR SUGGEST. GENRALLY EVERYONE WAS POSITIVE REGARDING THE CURRENT METHOD OF MEETING AND NO NEGATIVE RESPONSES WERE RECEIVED.**

**CLOSING PRAYER: LED BY JIM KLINGER  
MEETING ADJOURNED BY CMDR FRED WHITE AT 1057.**