



PARCH-E- GRAM

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

***MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
DATE 8/1/2020***

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; JIM TSARDAKAS; RAY FORBES; ED HARRIS; JOE MURPHY; KEN
LANGE; GLENN BRIDGES***

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY CMDR FRED WHITE

OPENING PRAYER: LED BY KEN LANG

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: LED BY CMDR FRED WHITE

REPORTS:

- ***SECRETARY'S REPORT: FRED WHITE PRESENTED MINUTES FROM 8/17/2019 MEETING. ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.***
- ***TREASURER'S REPORT: PRESENTED BY JIM KLINGER, NO CHANGE FROM LAST MEETING CURRENT CHECKING BALANCE 1891.5. ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.***
- ***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.***
- ***CMDR WHITE NOTED KUDOS TO ALL PARCHE BASE MEMBERS FOR HAVING THEIR DUES PAID ON TIME.***

OLD BUSINESS

- ***LONGEVITY PINS: COMMANDER WHITE DISCUSSED THOSE ELIGIBLE***

FOR LONGEVITY PINS: P. WALKER; RAY FORBES; SCOTT ROBINS; FRED WHITE. CMDR WHITE REQUESTED A MOTION TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL PINS. MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY FORBES AND SECOND BY ED HARRIS TO PURCHASE NECESSARY PINS; THE MOTION WAS PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

- CMDR WHITE NOTED THAT PAT ULMEN WAS VOTED IN AS A LIFETIME MEMBER OF PARCHE BASE AT THE LAST MEETING. HE WAS AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE PARCHE BASE AND WAS QUITE HONORED FOR BEING GIVEN THIS DISTINCTION.**
- CMDR WHITE NOTED THAT STEVE HOFFMAN HAD CONSIDERED TO BE THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR FOR THE BASE AT THE LAST MEETING.**
- CMDR WHITE OPENED A DISCUSSION REGARDING MEETING LOCATIONS. TO SUPPORT THIS EVALUATION HE PROVIDED A MAP OF THE CNY AREA, WITH MEMBER ADDRESSES MARKED, TO HELP UNDERSTAND THE DENSITY OF MEMBER LOCATIONS. IT APPEARS THAT THE NEXUS OF CENTRAL NY APPEARS TO BE FULTON AREA. SEVERAL LOCATIONS WERE IDENTIFIED AS POTENTIAL MEETING SPOTS: FULTON VFW; CALVARY CHURCH, LIVERPOOL; MOYERS CORNER FIRE HOUSE.**
- CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED PARADE PARTICIPATION WHICH IS NOT HAPPENING DUE TO CORONA VIRUS.**
- CMDR WHITE NOTED THAT THE SHIPS BELL WE HAD ROUTINELY USED FOR OUR TOLLING OF THE BOATS MEMORIAL DURING EACH MEETING WAS MISSING FOLLOWING THE PASSING OF JIM RATIGAN, OUR PAST TREASURER, WHO HAD BEEN IN POSSESSION OF THE BELL. JIM RATIGANS FAMILY HAS VOLUNTEERED TO REPLACE THE BELL. JIM LANGE HAS AGREED TO FOLLOW UP WITH THE FAMILY.**
- 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 WINTER. HE HAS CONTINUED WORKING ON SIGNAGE FOR THE FLOAT AND NEEDS ADDITIONAL WORK TO COMPLETE. PAUL WILL SUBMIT THE AMOUNT NEEDED TO REIMBURSE HIM FOR THE TIRES.**
- CMDR WHITE HAS RE-REGISTERED THE FLOAT TRAILER IN HIS NAME AND DISCUSSED WHO SHOULD BE NAMED FOR SUBSEQUENT NYS REGISTRATIONS. PENDING RESOLUTION.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- CMDR WHITE OPENED DISCUSSION REGARDING PARCHE BASE PARTICIPATION IN THE USN BOAT SPONSORSHIP. THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES COPIES OF THE USSVI MAGAZINE TO THE IDENTIFIED US NAVY SUBMARINE. FRED IDENTIFIED A FEW BOATS THAT DID NOT CURRENTLY HAVE A USSVI MEMBER GROUP SPONSOR, JIM KLINGER MADE A MOTION TO SPONSOR THE USS SCRANTON SSN-756 FROM THE LIST. RAY FORBES SECOND THE MOTION AND PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.**
- CMDR WHITE OPENED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF SUBVET PLATES FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.**
- CMDR WHITE REQUESTED A VOLUNTEER TO BE A COORDINATOR FOR SPONSORSHIP OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA EAGLE SCOUT AWARD. PENDING.**
- NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AUGUST 15 AT 1000 VIA TELECON, SIMILAR**

TO THIS MEETING.

- **BERNIE LANDERS ASKED CMDR WHITE IF HE HAD RECEIVED THE ANNUAL TREASURERS AUDIT CONDUCTED IN FEBRUARY. CMDR WHITE REQUESTED THAT HE RESUBMIT THE AUDIT TO HIMSELF, THE TREASURER AND SECRETARY.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- **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, AND SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT ARE WELCOME.**
- **DR. RAY FORBES TO CONTACT LOCAL TV STATIONS FOR PUBLISHING OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS AS PART OF THEIR PUBLIC SERVICE.**
- **PAUL WALKER OPENED DISCUSSION REGARDING USSVI REGIONAL DIRECTOR DISCUSSION REGARDING THE USSVI "CREED." JIM KLINGER REMINDED US THE NATIONAL ELECTION CONTAINS AN ITEM REGARDING THE CREED. THIS WAS A LONG DISCUSSION REGARDING ASSIMILATING YOUNGER SUBVETS IN OUR ORGANIZATION. AGAIN CMDR WHITE REMINDED EVERYONE TO VOTE BY AUGUST 17.**

CLOSING PRAYER: LED BY PASTOR KEN LANG

MEETING ADJOURNED BY CMDR FRED WHITE AT 1057.