

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

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

***MONTHLY MEETING/ NEWSLETTER  
DATE 6/15/2019***

## ***MEETING MINUTES***

***MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 1405 BY CMDR FRED WHITE.***

***MEMBERS PRESENT: CMDR FRED WHITE; PAUL WALKER; JIM RATIGAN (TREASURER); JOE ROMANOWSKI (SECRETARY); JIM KLINGER (POINT OF CONTACT); GREG PITTS; DAVE ANTHONY; ANDY ANDERSEN; BILL PLEMONS; DR. RAY FORBES.***

***WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER BERNIE LANDERS.***

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

***OPENING PRAYER: LED BY JIM RATIGAN***

***TOLLING OF THE BOATS: LED BY CMDR FRED WHITE***

### ***REPORTS:***

- ***SECRETARY'S REPORT: CMDR WHITE PRESENTED MINUTES FROM 5/18/2018 MEETING. ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.***
- ***TREASURER'S REPORT: PRESENTED BY JIM RATIGAN, CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$1338.56; TOTAL AVAILABLE \$1338.56. ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED***

### ***OLD BUSINESS:***

- ***CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED UPDATES TO THE BASE WEBSITE INCLUDING A CALENDAR FOR BASE ACTIVITIES. CMDR WHITE ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO VISIT AND EXPLORE THE PARCHE BASE WEBSITE. THE LINK TO THE DMV FOR MEMBERS TO OBTAIN A SUBVET LICENSE PLATE IS AVAILABLE.***
- ***CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED PARTICIPATION IN THE 2019 FULTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN WHICH OUR PARCHE BASE SPONSORED FLOAT CAME IN SECOND PLACE. THE PARTICIPANTS WERE PAUL WALKER, GREG PITTS, DAVE ANTHONY AND JOE ROMANOWSKI. CMDR WHITE PROVIDED THE STAGING ARRANGEMENTS AND THE TOW VEHICLE.***
- ***CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED PARTICIPATION IN THE OSWEGO 4TH OF JULY PARADE, TO BE HELD ON JULY 7 AT 1300. STAGING WILL BE AT THE OSWEGO HIGH SCHOOL @1000.***
- ***CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED PARTICIPATION IN THE MEXICO PARADE TO BE HELD JULY 18 @1900.***
- ***CMDR WHITE AWARDED A 10 YEAR USSVI MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION PIN TO ANDY ANDERSEN.***
- ***JIM RATIGAN REPORTED THAT OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE BOAT***

***SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE USS CORPUS CHRISTI HAD BEEN CHANGED BY USSVI TO THE USS IOWA BECAUSE THE CORPUS CHRISTI HAD BEEN DECOMMISSIONED.***

***NEW BUSINESS:***

- ***PAUL WALKER PRESENTED A LIST OF THE UPCOMING SCHEDULED OSWEGO COUNTY PARADES. THE NEXT SCHEDULED PARADE IS THE WILLIAMSTOWN FIREMEN'S FIELD DAY PARADE TO BE HELD 6/27/19 @ 1900. PAUL WALKER WILL BE THE LEAD AND STAGING WILL BE @ 1800. GREGG PITTS, JIM RATIGAN HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO ASSIST. STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.***
- ***PAUL WALKER DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING PARADE SCHEDULED FOR SANDY CREEK ON JULY 3, HOWEVER WE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE DUE TO THE CLOSE TIMELINE FOR THE OSWEGO PARADE.***
- ***CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED THE PROCESS FOR NEW MEMBER INQUIRY AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS GOING FORWARD. A LONG DISCUSSION ENSUED REGARDING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WHO DOES WHAT. CMDR WHITE SUGGESTED THAT A COMMITTEE BE FORMED. JIM KLINGER, JIM RATIGAN AND JOE ROMANOWSKI TO BRAINSTORM OUR METHODOLOGY AND PRESENT A RESOLUTION AT THE NEXT MEETING.***
- ***CMDR WHITE OPENED A DISCUSSION ON SELECTION OF FUTURE OFFICERS FOR OUR BASE AND NOTED THAT LAST YEARS PROCESS NEEDS TO BE REVISITED. ALL MEMBERS HAVING INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING AS AN OFFICER SHOULD CONTACT CMDR WHITE.***
- ***THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 20, 2019 AT THE MEXICO VFW.***
- ***GREG PITTS OPENED A DISCUSSION REGARDING WHY THE START TIME IS 1400 AND WOULD THERE BE INTEREST IN CHANGING THE TIME TO AN EARLIER START. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WOULD START AT 1000 AND CHANGING THE START TIME WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.***

***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.***
- ***PAUL WALKER PRESENTED THREE ITEMS THAT SUPPORT THE IDEALS OF OUR ORGANIZATION.***
  - ***THE FIRST WAS A PAPER BY JIM CHRISTLY EXPRESSING IDEAS ON THE "SUBMARINE TRADITION."***
  - ***THE NEXT WAS A PAPER BY WARREN BRANGES EXPLAINING SOME IDEAS ON THE "TOLLING OF THE BOATS" DURING EACH MEETING. THIS WAS POSTED FROM AN ARTICLE IN "POOPIE SUITS AND COWBOY BOOTS."***
  - ***THE NEXT WAS AN ARTICLE BY JIM DOUGHERTY ON "THE LOSS OF THE USS SCORPION: MYTHS, LEGENDS & REALITY" POSTED IN THE MONTHLY USSVI PASADENA BASE PUBLICATION "THE PERISCOPE."***

***CLOSING PRAYER: LED BY JIM RATIGAN.***

***MEETING ADJOURNED BY CMDR FRED WHITE AT 1517.***