



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

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

***MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER  
DATE 5/15/2021***

***MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CMDR FRED WHITE AT 1005. NOTE: THIS IS A  
COMBINED IN-PERSON & TELECONFERENCE MEETING .***

***ON-LINE ATTENDEES: GREGG PITTS; JIM KLINGER TREASURER; VCMDR BERNARD LANDERS***

***IN-PERSON: CMDR FRED WHITE; SECRETARY JOSEPH ROMANOWSKI; BILL  
HANDY; BRENT BELTRAN; JAMES KERR; DAVID STRONG; KEN LANG; JEFF  
BRIDGES; STEVE HOFFMAN***

***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 4/17/2021 MEETING HAD ANY CORRECTIONS OR  
CONCERNS, THEY WERE ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.***
- TREASURER'S REPORT: JIM KLINGER STATED THERE WERE NO ACTIVI-  
TIES SINCE MID JANUARY. CURRENT CHECKING BALANCE 2242.56.***

***OLD BUSINESS***

- **CMDR WHITE ALSO NOTED THAT PARADE PARTICIPATION IS ONE OF OUR BASE MAIN EFFORTS AND DUE TO COVID, PARADES HAVE BEEN LIMITED. POTENTIALLY A VETERANS DAY PARADE MAY OCCUR, TO BE DETERMINED.**
- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED OTHER ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR OUR BASE PARTICIPATION. WE CURRENTLY HAVE NO OTHER ACTIVITIES IN PLANNING. DISCUSSION REGARDING DINNER OR LUNCHEON ON HOLD.**
- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED AN ITEM TABLED AT THE PAST MEETING REGARDING LIFETIME DUES. HE DISCUSSED VARIOUS OTHER BASE METHODS FOR DETERMINING THE LIFETIME DUES. JIM IRWIN HAD RELATED THAT BEFORE A BASE MAY ALLOW LIFETIME DUES THE MEMBER MUST BE A LIFETIME MEMBER OF USSVI. ISSUE DISCUSSED AND BASE TREASURER STATED HIS CONCERN IS CALCULATING REQUIRED INDIVIDUAL MEMBER DUES FOR THE YEAR. STEVE HOFFMAN MADE A MOTION TO IMPLEMENT A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP OPTION, SECOND BY BERNIE LANDERS, APPROVED BY MEMBERS PRESENT.**
- **CMDR WHITE OPENED DISCUSSION REGARDING OTHER VOLUNTEERS FOR BASE OFFICER POSITIONS. JIM KLINGER MADE A SUGGESTION FOR MEMBERS INTERESTED IN HOLDING AN OFFICERS POSITION DO A FOLLOW ALONG FOR FAMILIARIZATION OF DUTIES, ETC.**
- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED FUTURE MEETINGS AND HOW OFTEN WE WILL MEET.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **CMDR WHITE OPENED DISCUSSION REGARDING 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 PERSONAL CONTACT IS PREFERABLE TO E-MAIL, ETC. JIM KLINGER NOTED THAT KEN LANG IS THE PERFECT FIT FOR BEING THE PERSON TO FOLLOW UP ON ANYONE IN NEED, THAT MIGHT BE IDENTIFIED BY THE CALLOUT. CHAPLAIN KEN LANG TO SUBMIT E-MAIL REGARDING PROCESS WE WILL USE.**
- **CMDR WHITE SUGGESTED MEMBERS SHOULD ALL PARTICIPATE IN ELECTION FOR OUR DISTRICT COMMANDER, CANDIDATE FRITZ MARAZITA.**
- **CMDR WHITE SUGGESTED THAT WE OBTAIN A CONFERENCE CALL DEVICE TO ENHANCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS. KEN LANG MADE A MOTION FOR PURCHASE OF A DEVICE TO ENHANCE OUR MEETING COMMUNICATIONS. SECOND BY JIM KERR AND APPROVED BY ALL.**
- **CMDR WHITE SUGGESTED THAT THE NEXT MEETING BE FACE TO FACE, ON SATURDAY JUN 19, 2021 AT 1030 AM, AT THE CALVARY CHAPEL OF SYRACUSE, ALL MEETINGS WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE TELECON METHOD, WHEN PRACTICAL.**

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- **PAUL WALKER RECOMMENDED THAT WE HAVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN RECOGNITION OF THE 53 INDONESIAN SUBMARINE SAILORS WHO RECENTLY PERISHED.**
- **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. SUGGESTED LEAVING CARDS AT THE VETERANS CLUB TO ASSIST IN RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS.***
  - CMDR WHITE STARTED A 'ROUNDTABLE' TYPE OF DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MEETING, CRITICISMS OR ANYTHING ELSE MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP OR SUGGEST.***

***CLOSING PRAYER: LED BY CHAPLAIN KEN LANG***

***MEETING ADJOURNED: BY CMDR FRED WHITE AT 1110.***