



**Parche/Thousand Islands Base
United States Submarine Veterans Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Date 10/19/2019**

Meeting called to order at 1100 by Commander Fred White.

Members Present: Commander Fred White, Vice Commander Joe Murphy, Treasurer Jim Klinger, Dave Anthony, Brent Beltran, Glenn Bridges, Edgar Harris, Steve Hoffman, James Kerr, Bernard Landers, John McKinley, William Plemons, David Strong, Jim Tsardakas, Paul Walker.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commander Fred White

Opening Prayer: Led by Jim Klinger

Tolling of the Boats: Led by Dave Anthony

Repos:

- Secretary's Report: Commander Fred White presented the minutes from the 9/21/2019 meeting. Minutes accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report: Presented by Jim Klinger. Checking account balance as of the end of September 2019 is \$1374.56. Report accepted as submitted and a written report was given to Commander Fred White.

Old Business:

- Base Elections: Jim Klinger presented the ballot for base elections. Candidates were as follows; Base Commander – Fred White, Base Vice Commander – Bernie Landers, Secretary – Joe Romanowski, Treasurer/Membership Officer/POC/Tools Manager - Jim Klinger, Chaplain – Ken Lang. Commander Fred White asked for any nominations from the members present; there were no additional nominations. Joe Murphy made a motion recommending we have the secretary cast a single vote for all those nominated on the ballot since everyone on the ballot was running unopposed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Veteran's Day Parade: Commander White explained plans for our participation in the November 9th Veterans Day Parade at the New York State Fairgrounds and asked for volunteers. Paul Walker, Brent Beltran and Joe Romanowski have volunteered to participate.
- Annual Bylaws Review: Commander White encouraged all members to review the Base Bylaws and to communicate to him any suggested changes.

- Dues: Jim Klinger reported that 2020 dues notices had been sent to all members. Commander White requested that members pay their dues ASAP to minimize the workload on the USSVI National Treasurer. Jim Klinger discussed the dues status of Pat Ulman, a USSVI life member and member of the Parche/Thousand Islands Base; Pat's primary membership is with the Southern Tier Base. John McKinley reported that he understood that Pat's health was not good. John also informed us that Pat was Plank Owner and founder of our base. Jim Klinger suggested that we might want to make Pat a life member of the Parche/Thousand Island Base; Joe Murphy made a motion to that effect, John McKinley seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous vote of the members in attendance.
- Longevity Pins: Commander White distributed several longevity pins and asked if we wanted to continue the practice. Motion was made and seconded to continue the practice; the motion was passed by unanimous vote. Commander White will create a tracking mechanism for base longevity pins
- Holland Club: Commander White reported that the National Holland Club Chairman had communicated to Base Commanders a request for financial help supporting Holland Club activities specifically the costs associated with the coins, patches etc. that are given to each new Holland Club Member. The suggestion was that bases that can afford it send \$25 for this effort. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to send \$25 to support the Holland Club expenses.

New Business:

- Social Director: Commander White initiated a discussion of having a base Social Director. The Social Director would be an appointed role that would organize social gatherings of base members and any significant others. Jim Ratigan had arranged several successful and appreciated functions the last couple of years before his passing. Suggested activities included dinners and summer picnics. Commander White asked for any volunteers; Steve Hoffman said he would consider it and get back to Commander White.
- 2019 Year in Review: Commander White presented a review/summary of this past year's base activities.
 - Participated in 5 parades
 - Fulton Memorial Day
 - Oswego Independence Day
 - Williamstown Firemen's Field Day
 - State Fair Armed Forces Day
 - Veterans Day at the NYS Fairgrounds
 - Holland Club four new members
 - Dave Anthony
 - Ed Harris
 - Bill Plemons
 - Jim Kerr
 - Boat Sponsorship Program USS Iowa

- Membership up to 29 from 15 in 2016
- Eternal Patrol Jim Ratigan
- Base Website was updated to include
 - Calendar
 - Submarine Parade Sounds for download
 - Link to other websites (ex. DMV for SS License Plates)
- Meeting start time changed to 1100
- Meeting Locations: Commander White requested input on other potential meeting sites. Today's meeting had 15 members in attendance. While we appreciate the Mexico VFW providing us with a meeting place, we realize that it is cramped, and we are likely a distraction. Commander White indicated he would be making a map showing the location of each member and using that to locate optional and centrally located sites.

Next Meeting will be 1100 April 18, 2020 at the Mexico VFW

Good of the Order

- Jim Klinger thanked Joe Murphy and Base Plank Owner John McKinley for their past service to the base especially in earlier years when the base was struggling due to its small membership.
- Joe Murphy and John McKinley expressed thanks to the current base officers for their hard work, specifically Commander Fred White's leadership and passion for growing the base.
- Commander White again encouraged all members to wear Subvet accessories such as hats, shirts and jackets and to be ready with a base card to invite submarine veterans we encounter to consider joining us.

Closing Prayer: Led by Jim Klinger

Respectfully Submitted,

James Klinger - Treasurer and acting Secretary