

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

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

***MONTHLY MEETING/ NEWSLETTER  
DATE 9/21/2019***

## ***MEETING MINUTES***

***MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 1100 BY CMDR FRED WHITE.***

***MEMBERS PRESENT: CMDR FRED WHITE; JIM KLINGER (TREASURER & POINT OF CONTACT); BRENT BELTRAN; BERNARD LANDERS; PAUL WALKER; ANDY ANDERSEN; DAVE ANTHONY; GARFIELD PERRINE; BILL HANDY; JOE ROMANOWSKI (SECRETARY); JIM TSARDAKAS***

***WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: EDGAR HARRIS & JIM KERR***

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

***OPENING PRAYER: LED BY JOE ROMANOWSKI***

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

### ***REPORTS:***

- SECRETARY'S REPORT: JOE ROMANOWSKI PRESENTED MINUTES FROM 8/17/2019 MEETING. ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.***
- TREASURER'S REPORT: PRESENTED BY JIM KLINGER VOTED IN AS INTERIM TREASURER DURING THE LAST MEETING 8/17/19, DUE TO THE HEALTH OF JIM RATIGAN.***
- JIM KLINGER TOOK A MOMENT TO APRISE THE MEMBERS OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF JIM RATIGANS DETERIORATING HEALTH DURING THE INTERVAL OF TRANSITIONING THE TREASURERS POST.***
- CMDR WHITE SENDS THANKS TO BASE CHAPLAIN KEN LANG FOR HIS EFFORTS IN DEALING WITH THE BASE PARTICIPATION IN THE FUNERAL SERVICES.***
- THIS REPRESENTS THE FIRST WRITTEN REPORT SINCE TRANSITION OF BASE TREASURER FROM JOHN MCKINLEY TO JIM RATIGAN AS OF LAST ELECTION, THEN TRANSITION FROM JIM RATIGAN (DECEASED 8/28/2019), TO JIM KLINGER.***
- CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 1498.56. TOTAL AVAILABLE 1498.56***
- ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.***

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

- CMDR WHITE INTRODUCED THE NEW MEMBERS ED HARRIS AND JIM KERR. CMDR WHITE HAD DISCUSSED THEIR MEMBERSHIP AND HAD SECRETARY JOE ROMANOWSKI PRESENT THEIR INDIVIDUAL USSVI HOLLAND CLUB MEMBERSHIP AWARDS.***
- CMDR WHITE DISTRIBUTED A HOLLAND CLUB PIN TO ED HARRIS.***

- **PARADES UPDATE: CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED PARTICIPATION IN THE NYS FAIR ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE HELD 8/29/19. PARTICIPANTS WERE CMDR WHITE, PAUL WALKER, BRENT BELTRAN, JIM TSARDAKAS, AND JOE ROMANOWSKI.**
- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED HAVING MEETINGS AT OTHER LOCATIONS, SHOULD THE NEED ARISE, WITH THE POTENTIAL TO HAVE WIVES/FRIENDS PARTICIPATE AND POSSIBLY HAVE LUNCH/DINNER. CMDR WHITE PROPOSED A POSSIBLE SITE AS THE MAPLE VIEW DINER ON ROUTE 104 NEAR I-81. MEMBER BILL HANDY SUGGESTED THE STREAMSIDE RV PARK AND GOLF COURSE AS A POSSIBILITY. MEMBER PAUL WALKER RE-ITERATED THE AVAILABILITY OF THE EIS HAUS IN MEXICO AS A POSSIBILITY.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED THE UPCOMING VETERAN'S DAY PARADE TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 9 AT THE NYS FAIRGROUNDS. MEMBERS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING SHOULD CONTACT CMDR WHITE.**
- **CMDR WHITE OPENED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE UPCOMING BASE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, WHICH WILL BE HELD DURING THE OCTOBER MEETING. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE DISTRIBUTED A SHEET WITH CURRENT OFFICERS AND SPACE TO HAVE MEMBERS ADD THEIR NAMES TO THE BALLOT. MEMBERSHIP WILL CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION AND CANDIDATE SIGN UP AT THE NEXT MEETING, PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS.**
- **MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT A HEALTHY ORGANIZATION HAS A REASONABLE CHANGE OF COMMAND TO INSTILL FRESH IDEAS.**
- **CMDR WHITE OPENED DISCUSSION FOR A MEMBER TO ACT AS SOCIAL DIRECTOR. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT JIM RATIGAN HAD ACTED IN THAT CAPACITY IN THE PAST. NO RESOLUTION AND ISSUE TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.**
- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING AN ANNUAL PICNIC OR DINNER. THE DISCUSSION WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING TO COINCIDE WITH THE RESOLUTION OF HAVING A SOCIAL DIRECTOR.**
- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED THE NYS DMV CONSIDERING CHANGE TO LICENSE PLATES AND ITS AFFECT ON SUBVET PLATES. HE WAS ASSURED BY HIS CONTACT AT THE DMV THAT IN THE PAST VETERANS HAVE BEEN GRANDFATHERED. MEMBERS REPORTED THAT THE CHANGES HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE.**
- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED THE DISTRIBUTION OF LONGEVITY PINS AND FUTURE FINANCING. TO BE RESOLVED AS THE NEED ARISES.**
- **CMDR WHITE OPENED A DISCUSSION REGARDING ANNUAL DUES AND WHEN TO BE SENT OUT. THE DEADLINE IS THE END OF THE YEAR HOWEVER, OUR DISTRICT COMMANDER DESIRES AN EARLY BASE REPORTING FOR PAID UP MEMBERS. THE LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR IS OCTOBER, SO DUES SHOULD BE PAID BY THEN.**
- **CMDR WHITE DISCUSSED A BASE LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND THERE IS NO INTEREST AT THIS TIME.**
- **CMDR WHITE NOTED THAT A METHOD OF COMMUNICATION FOR MEMBERS WITHOUT E-MAIL SERVICE IS NECESSARY SO SNAIL MAIL WILL BE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE INTERIM.**

- ***THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1100 ON OCTOBER 19, 2019 AT THE MEX-ICO VFW.***

***GOOD OF THE ORDER:***

- ***SECY JOE ROMANOWSKI DISTRIBUTED SEWN-ON BASE PATCHES TO NEW MEMBERS: ED HARRIS AND JIM KERR.***
- ***MEMBER BILL HANDY DISCUSSED THE ANNUAL WATCHFIRE HELD AT THE NYS FAIRGROUNDS FOR CEREMONIALLY DISPOSING OF OLD FLAGS. HE NOTED THAT THEY HAD PLAQUES FOR OTHER BRANCHES OF SERVICE BUT THE NAVY WAS ABSENT.***
- ***CMDR WHITE LAUDED THE NAVY FOR THEIR PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION AT JIM RATIGANS FUNERAL SERVICE. THIS IS AVAILABLE TO ALL VETERANS UPON REQUEST.***
- ***MEMBER PAUL WALKER NOTED THAT THERE WAS A BOX IN THE ENTRY TO THE VFW FOR ACCEPTING OLD FLAGS FOR PROPER DISPOSAL. PAUL ALSO NOTED THAT THERE IS A LIVING WREATH MEMORIAL LOCATED NEAR SARASOTA FLORIDA THAT IS AVAILABLE TO VETERANS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES.***
- ***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.***

***CLOSING PRAYER: LED BY JOE ROMANOWSKI***

***MEETING ADJOURNED BY CMDR FRED WHITE AT 1210.***