



PARCH-E-GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 2/19/2022

Meeting called to order by CMDR Fred White at 1030.

Note: This is a combined in-person & teleconference meeting.

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: Joseph Romanowski, Paul Walker

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, VCDR Bernie Landers, Treasurer David Strong, Chaplain Ken Lang, Secretary Brent Beltran, Glen Bridges, Ray Forbes, Edgar Harris, Edward Hyne, Jim VanBen Coton

New Members/Guests: None Today

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 & Purpose: Led by VCMDR Bernie Landers

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: CMDR Fred White asked if any members, having read the minutes of the 12/18/2021 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$2,803.64
Deposits since last meeting	\$0
Disbursements since last meeting	\$0

Checking balance as of today

\$2,803.64

Old Business

- CMDR White opened a discussion regarding the completion of the bases recent financial audit. The results will be discussed at a future meeting, as well as a plan to complete next years audit after a monthly meeting. This was done so that there would be less confusion as to when the audit would be completed.
- CMDR White opened a discussion about the Buddy Check system. Chaplain Lang reviewed the results with the base. The Buddy Check was completed with a few improvements needed, mostly actually talking to someone. Not everyone answered their phone. A message and or email was left when possible. Overall it was considered a success.
- CMDR White clarified the Base End of Year (EOY) report is different than the Financial End of year report.

New Business

- CMDR White congratulated Jim VanBen Coton for induction into the Holland Club for 50 years qualified in submarines. A complete package was handed to Jim as well.
- CMDR White also handed out right sleeve flags. A discussion was opened regarding why it is a right sleeve flag.
- CMDR White also handed out pocket constitution.
- CMDR White opened a discussion about parades. Parades in Fulton, Central Square, and Auburn were discussed for the end of May. The parade for the City of Oswego for July might be possible as well. Paul Walker suggested that we should not forget to consider any parades in our north country. All members are reminded that if they would like the base to participate in a parade, someone will have to be a sponsor for the event. Sponsors are responsible for gathering information and organizing the base's members.
- The Submarine Veterans National Convention in Buffalo starting the week of August 22nd was also brought up. Detailed information about the convention can be found in the latest edition of Submariner magazine.
- Also discussed was the correct procedure for saluting as a veteran both indoors and outdoors. Chaplain Lang will followup by emailing the regulations to everyone.
- Secretary Beltran implemented a formal attendance record.
- Next meeting is set for March 26, 2022.

Good of the Order

- CMDR White opened with discussion wearing subvets items and handing out cards.

