



## **PARCH-E-GRAM**

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

#### **MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 4/16/2022**

Meeting called to order by CMDR Fred White at 1030.

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

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: Paul Walker

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, VCDR Bernie Landers, Treasurer David Strong, Chaplain Ken Lang, Secretary Brent Beltran, Stewart Handy, Edgar Harris, Edward Hyne, Jim VanBen Coton, Micheal Rastley

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 3/26/2022 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	\$60
Disbursements since last meeting	\$0

Checking balance as of today

\$2,863.64

### Old Business

- CMDR White had each member in attendance introduce themselves and give an overview of their military career. CMDR also handed out Base cards to everyone, and explained why the recording of last month's meeting was not available.

### New Business

- The CMDR White opened a discussion about parades. The parade in Fulton is May 28. The parade in Central Square is May 30, and parades in Auburn, Pheonix, East Syracuse are on May 31. Dave Strong volunteered to drive the float for Central Square. Per Dave Strong, the Base is confirmed to participate in the Veterans Day Parade on November 5<sup>th</sup>. CMDR White also received an email for the Oswego Parade on 3 July. Anyone interested in having the base involved in the parades other than Central Square, need to volunteer as the sponsor for that particular parade. Sponsors are responsible for gathering information and organizing the base's members.
- A dinner or a "Get together" including spouses was discussed. Possible ideas were a cookout, wine tasting, shooting skeet, pool party, golf, boating, or bowling in colder months. These activities might also encourage members who may not want to come for just a sit down meeting to attend, but might also show prospective members there is more to the base. Chaplain Lang highlighted the Park in Fulton as a possible place to hold a cookout. It is requested to please respond to any emails regarding these activities, whether you are attending or not, so that accurate plans can be made.
- 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.
- Next meeting is set for May 21, 2022.

### Good of the Order

- CMDR White opened with discussion wearing subvets items and handing out cards.
- When done with the Submariner magazine leave at VFW's.

Closing Prayer: Led by Chaplain Ken Lang

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR Fred White at 11:10