



PARCH-E-GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 8/20/2022

Meeting called to order by CMDR Fred White at 1030.

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

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: VCDR Bernie Landers, Paul Walker

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, Chaplain Ken Lang, Glenn Bridges, Edgar Harris, Edward Hyne, Micheal Rastley, Joe Romanowski, Thomas Hall

New Members/Guests: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by CMDR Fred White

Opening Prayer: Led by Chaplain Ken Lang

Tolling of the Boats: Led by VCDR Bernie Landers

Creed & Purpose: Led by VCDR Bernie Landers

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: CMDR Fred White asked if any members, having read the minutes of the 7/16/22 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$2,836.17
Deposits since last meeting	\$0
Disbursements since last meeting	\$0
Checking balance as of today	\$2,836.17

Old Business

- CMDR White discussed the Veterans Parade at the State Fairgrounds on 1 September. Ed Hyne and Jim VanBen Coton will get the float. Ed Harris, Secretary Brent Beltran, Chaplain Ken Lang, and Joe Romanowski will join with CMDR Fred White at the Baldwinsville Tops Plaza and meet the float at the Fairgrounds. A possibly different mounting method for the wireless speaker or an additional speaker was also discussed.
- 5 November is the Veterans Day Parade at the State Fairgrounds.
- CMDR White gave out information on the National Convention in Buffalo from 24 August to 27 August. Persons interested in going to the convention can visit <https://USSVICONVENTION.org/2022/>
- CMDR White reminded everyone of Base elections in October. CMDR White is looking for volunteers to serve on the Election Committee. The purpose of the committee is to be points of contacts for individuals interested in serving as Officers for the Base. Ed Hyne and VCMDR Bernie Landers volunteered to serve on the committee.

New Business

- Results for the National Elections are now official and can be found on the National website.
- CMDR White discussed available videos on Youtube under USSVI. Videos show different meeting procedures, uniforms, Boat Sponsorship, as well as other information and ideas. One program highlighted is Caps for Kids. This program is centered on Pediatric children with cancer in the Hospital. USSVI has partnered with Caps for Kids for hospital visitation. A video explains the program.
- CMDR White reminded everyone of the email he sent in regards to being stationed at Guam and coming in contact with Agent Orange. Please read the email dates and see if this applies to you.
- Next meeting is set for September 17, 2022.

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- Ed Hyne suggested testing the Float speaker before the parade.
- Tom Hall brought to everyones attention that non accredited classes are free at OCC for Senior Citizens under the Auditing Program.
- Ed Hyne suggested changing base dues to USSVI be done once a quarter and changing the role as Base Commander to someone that "oversees and directs". Discussions to follow.

Closing Prayer: Led by Chaplain Lang

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR Fred White at 11:30