



PARCH-E-GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 10/22/2022

Meeting called to order by CMDR Fred White at 1030.

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

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: Paul Walker, Thomas Hall

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, Secretary Brent Beltran, Treasurer David Strong, Chaplain Ken Lang, Glenn Bridges, Stewart Handy, Edgar Harris, Edward Hyne, Joseph Romanowski, James VanBen Coton

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 Edward Hyne

Creed & Purpose: Led by CMDR Fred White

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: CMDR Fred White asked if any members, having read the minutes of the 9/17/22 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	\$1,825.00
(Deposits are memberships and includes \$500.00 from Oswego Parade)	

Disbursements since last meeting	\$876.51
Checking balance as of today	\$3,784.66

Old Business

- November 5 is the Veterans Day Parade at the State Fairgrounds. Treasurer Strong is Lead and will be towing the float. Everyone who wants to attend meet at Gate 6 parking lots at 10:30 to prep float and lineup at 11:20. Volunteers so far are CMDR White, Secretary Beltran, Treasurer Strong, Ed Hyne, Joe Romanowski, Chaplain Ken Lang, and James VanBen Coton, others are encouraged to attend.
- CMDR White talked briefly about next year's parades. The Base is currently planning on attending Fulton, Central Square, Oswego, and the State Fair. Anyone who would like us to attend in their hometown, please take the lead, and let us know.
- CMDR White discussed future meetings. Treasurer Strong recommended skipping November, then have a meeting in December and January, then skip February. January's meeting would do a Base Financial Audit directly after the meeting. Motion for approval was by Chaplain Lang, seconded by Glenn Bridges, approved by all those in attendance.

New Business

- CMDR White clarified that our base web site is CNYSUBVETS.com or CNYSUBVETS.net. Either web address works. The National "old" website is USSVI.org, the "new" website is USSUBVETS.net. We are one of the few bases nationally, that have our own website. All members are encouraged to look at both ours and Nationals websites.
- The Base Elections were held. Edward Hyne volunteered to be Vice Commander. Since our current VCMDR Bernie Landers was not in attendance, all positions with exception of VCMDR were voted upon. The Base Officer positions were nominated as follows; Fred White as Commander, Dave Strong as Treasurer, Brent Beltran as Secretary; appointed positions are Bernie Landers as Point of Contact, Ken Lang as Chaplain, Dave Strong as Tools Manager and Base Webmaster. Motion to accept nominations was made by Chaplain Ken Lang, seconded by Secretary Brent Beltran, approved by all those in attendance.
- Next meeting is set for December 17, 2022.

Good of the Order

- Treasurer Strong continued to update us on his Tinnitus claim. He has an appointment tomorrow. He also found out that it was easy update a claim on your VA Profile. If you have an existing disability claim and it is getting worse, you can add the information to your profile.
- Tom Hall offered assistance to anyone that would like to take classes at OCC. Free classes to Veterans can be found in the OCC Course Catalog.

- Glenn Bridges reminded the base about the new ID Card is now in effect. Best place to get them that he found, was at Watertown. Further information can be found by calling the Fort Drum ID card office at (315) 772-5149 or on the CAC.mil website.
- Ed Hyne is looking into patches and decals. Further information to follow. Joe Romanowski is also a person to contact.

Closing Prayer: Led by Chaplain Ken Lang

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR Fred White at 11:25