



## **PARCH-E-GRAM**

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

#### **MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 3/18/2023**

Meeting called to order by CMDR Fred White at 10:30.

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

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: Treasurer David Strong

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, VCDR Bernie Landers, Ray Forbes, Tom Hall, Stewart Handy, Edward Hyne, Garfield Perrine, Michael Rastley, Paul Walker, Tim Weber

New Members/Guests: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by CMDR Fred White

Opening Prayer: Led by CMDR Fred White

Tolling of the Boats: Led by Edward Hyne

Creed & Purpose: Led by VCDR Bernie Landers

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: CMDR Fred White asked if any members, having read the minutes of the 1/21/23 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$4,214.66
Deposits since last meeting	0.00
Disbursements since last meeting	0.00

Checking balance as of today

\$4,214.66

#### Old Business

- The Financial audit of our base was conducted in January. No discrepancies were found and results have submitted to the National SUBVETS.
- The next parade is scheduled for 27 May in Fulton. CMDR White volunteered to be Lead coordinator for that parade. CMDR White will be asking for volunteers at a following meeting.
- Treasurer Strong has volunteered to be Lead for the Pheonix parade to be held on 29 May. Details for both parades are forthcoming.
- The Oswego parade is tentatively coordinated by Ed Hyne
- Ray Forbes was recognized the National Subvets and CMDR White for 50 years of Submarine qualification and is now a life member of the Holland Club.

#### New Business

- Fred Fritz (District Commander) is emailing everyone to see how much interest in a Working Party for USS Croaker there is. VCDR Bernie Landers contacted him and reports that based on the amount of volunteers will determine the scope of work that gets accomplished. Volunteers would arrive on a Monday and work Tuesday through Friday morning.
- CMDR White spoke about the National Awards Manual. Examples of awards are Best Newsletter or Best District Commander. There are numerous awards which can be found in the manual. The process can be lengthy but if any member would like to nominate someone for an award, please reference the Awards manual. The manual can be found on the National Home page.
- CMDR White asked if he was sending mail from National Commander that had already been received. The consensus of the base is that he was not. He will continue to email the base as usual.

Next meeting is set for April 15, 2023.

#### Good of the Order

- All mail sent to members should be sent by BCC vice CC to reduce the amount of spam.
- Further site progress of the new USSVI website has been temporarily put on hold due to health reasons of a major programmer
- CMDR White started a general topic about supplying submarines to Australia
- CMDR White informed the base of the web address for Congressman Williams, which is [brandonwilliams.house.gov](http://brandonwilliams.house.gov). At the website you can choose to signup for his newsletter.
- Ray Forbes suggested getting the information about the USSVI to people about to separate from the Navy as part of their separation package.
- Garfield Perrine informed the group that the USS Louisiana (SSBN-742) has the first Female Chief of the Boat

- The USS Sculpin, SSN-590 is having a reunion next month in Dorchester, South Carolina, at a place called the "After Battery".

Closing Prayer: Led by CMDR Fred White

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR Fred White at 11:10