



## **PARCH-E-GRAM**

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

#### **MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 7/15/2023**

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

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

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: None

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, Treasurer David Strong, Secretary Brent Beltran, Chaplain Ken Lang, Ray Forbes, Tom Hall, Stewart Handy, Edgar Harris, Michael Rastley, Joe Romanowski, James VanBen Coten, and Paul Walker

New Members/Guests: Kimberlee Reed

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by CMDR Fred White

Opening Prayer: Led by Chaplain Ken Lang

Tolling of the Boats: Led by James VanBen Coton

Creed & Purpose: Led by CMDR Fred White

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: CMDR Fred White asked if any members, having read the minutes of the 5/20/23 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$4,119.24
Deposits since last meeting	0.00
Disbursements since last meeting	0.00

Checking balance as of today

\$4,119.24

#### Old Business

- The next parade is scheduled for 31 August at the State Fair. Treasurer Strong has volunteered to be Lead coordinator for that parade. Details will be announced at the next meeting.
- The Veterans Day Parade at the State Fairgrounds is tentatively planned for 11 November. Treasurer Strong has also volunteered to be Lead coordinator for that parade. Details for that parade will be discussed in following meetings.
- The Base website CNYSUBVETS.net should be redirected to if searching by CNYSUBVETS.com. (.net is the correct address)
- A discussion was opened about replacing the speaker on the float with a multi speaker system or more powerful speaker system. Treasurer Strong will research speakers and email the base members for thoughts and inputs.
- Also discussed was throwing candy or handing out miniature flags while participating in parades. Some locations prohibit throwing candy. Miniature flags are possible, and costs could be offset by donations from a VFW or other Veterans group. Discussions on both candy and/or flags at parades will continue in future meetings.

#### New Business

- CMDR White thought we should have a list of things or activities the base does or can do. For example, passing information associated with the Submarine Force or Navy specific news articles. Rather on relying on CMDR White to send a newsworthy article, anyone can send an article to the rest of the base if desired. Other activities, such as Boy Scouts, Scholarships, Medical information, etc. will be listed as well. Secretary Beltran will promulgate this list and distribute to members.
- Treasurer Strong will look into setting up a Base College Scholarship program. He is working on details for now and present to the base members, if feasible.
- Tim Weber suggested participated in Warrior Day celebration at Veterans Park in Oswego. He will look into that and report back.
- Treasurer Strong proposed holding the next meeting at his house as a picnic. All members agreed. Treasurer Strong will send out information prior to get a head count, possible dish to pass, and directions. There will not be a telecom at this next meeting.
- Kimberlee Reed suggested passing paper Dixie cups or similar items for children at parades
- CMDR White suggested nominated Kimberlee Reed as an Auxiliary member. Joe Romanowski nominated, Chaplain Lang seconded, all members voted in favor.

#### FYI

- USSVI convention will be in Oro Valley, Arizona. August 28 – September 3, 2023.

- Tom Hall announced that he volunteers at Special Olympics and that they always are looking for volunteers.
- CMDR White wanted base members to know that American Submariner magazine is available electronically.

Next meeting is set for August 19, 2023, 11:00 at Treasurer Strong's house.

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- CMDR White opened with discussion wearing subvets items and handing out cards.
- When done with the American Submariner magazine leave at VFW's, Auto Shop's, or Barber Shop's.
- Consider volunteering for the Honor Guard the airport when the Honor Flight is leaving or returning

Closing Prayer: Led by Chaplain Ken Lang

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR Fred White at 11:30