



PARCH-E-GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 5/20/2023

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

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, Secretary Brent Beltran, Ray Forbes, Tom Hall, Stewart Handy, Edward Hyne, Michael Rastley, Joe Romanowski, James VanBen Coten

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 4/15/23 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$4,129.66
Deposits since last meeting	20.00
Disbursements since last meeting	40.42

Checking balance as of today \$4,109.24
*Received \$20 for Congressman Williams annual dues, paid \$40.42 for jack on the Parade float

Old Business

- The next parade is scheduled for 27 May at 10:00am in Fulton. CMDR White volunteered to be Lead coordinator for that parade. CMDR White, Secretary Beltran, Ed Hyne, Joe Romanowski, and James VanBen Coton have volunteered to be with the float.
- Treasurer Strong has volunteered to be Lead for the Pheonix parade to be held on 29 May. Treasurer Strong, Secretary Beltran, Joe Romanowski, Ed Hyne, James VanBen Coton, and Ed Harris have volunteered to be with the float.
- The Oswego parade is tentatively coordinated by CMDR White and will be the beginning of July timeframe. Details to be announced at the next meeting.

New Business

- CMDR White asked if the base was interested in donating to the USS Rickover commissioning. The base voted and declined to donate.

FYI

- VCMDR Landers gave the base a overview of his time while helping at the USS Croaker, SS-216, at Buffalo, NY. He stayed on the USS Littlerock and did some painting, Cleaning, and Polished Brass. The Buffalo Naval area has a Gift shop and Museum. He had a good time exchanging Sea stories over dinners, and recommends helping the base to anyone in the future.
- Ed Hyne wanted to inform the base that with the political Town Halls currently in progress, that participation is a group with regards to various subjects is necessary.
- The election for District Commander is ongoing. Fred "Fritz" Marazita Jr. is running for reelection to the position.
- Chaplain Lang is our liaison for the Boy Scouts. If there is a need for the Scouts at a ceremony, please contact our Chaplain.
- CMDR White brought the USSVI Convention in Arizona to everyone's attention.
- CMDR White tabled thoughts on better Base participation, possibly changing time or better advertising.

Next meeting is set for June 17, 2023 at 10:30.

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, 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 CMDR Fred White

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR Fred White at 11:30