



PARCH-E-GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 8/19/2023

Meeting called to order by CMDR Fred White at 11:10.

Note: This is an in-person only meeting at Treasurer Strong's home

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: None

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, Treasurer David Strong, Secretary Brent Beltran, Chaplain Ken Lang, Tom Hall, Steven Hoffman, Edward Hyne, Michael Rastley, Kimberlee Reed, and Joe Romanowski,

New Members/Guests: Jake Vanmarter, CDR Fred Marazita

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 7/15/23 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

- Since this meeting is being held at Treasurer Strong's house with wives, girlfriends, and significant others invited, each member present introduced the person they had brought
- Jake Vanmarker is a soon to be member and he then introduced himself and spoke about his Naval career.
- CDR Marazita (Northeast District Five Commander) was in attendance and spoke to the base of his role as District Commander.
- The next parade is scheduled for 31 August at the State Fair. Treasurer Strong has volunteered to be Lead coordinator for that parade. Secretary Beltran, Edward Hyne, Ed Harris, and Joe Romanowski have volunteered to participate. Meet at Treasurer Strong's work at 5:00pm, lineup is at 6:00pm.
- 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.

New Business

- CMDR White requested a revote in regards to Kimberlee Reed. Our last meeting she was approved as an Auxiliary member when she should have been a Honorary member per Base regulations. All members approved Kimberlee Reed as an Honorary member.
- Tom Hall is a volunteer for the Special Olympics and talked to the base in regards to his role. He requested anyone interested in helping, please see him.
- Treasurer Strong continued discussions from last meeting about a Base College Scholarship program. It was suggested that he talk to a local recruiter and see if there any suggestions that could be provided.

FYI

- USSVI convention will be in Oro Valley, Arizona. August 28 – September 3, 2023. CDR Marazita also informed the Base that the 2024 convention will be held in Cleveland and the 2025 convention will be held in Orlando.
- CDR Marazita also reminded the base that members can salute during the National Anthem or Pledge of Allegiance while remaining covered.
- Treasurer Strong reminded everyone that any suggested changes to the Base web page should be brought to him.
- Treasurer Strong will also resend information on speakers to the Base for upgrades to the Parade float.
- Treasurer Strong also said that it took correspondence to Rep. Claudia Tenney to get action in regards to getting a copy of his Military Medical record. He suggested not to be afraid of using your Congressman, if needed.

- CMDR White also reminded everyone the Rep. Brandon Williams is a member of our Base and can help as well.

Next meeting is set for September 16, 2023, 11:00

Good of the Order

- 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 12:00