



PARCH-E-GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 9/15/2023

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

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

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: Paul Walker

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, Secretary Brent Beltran, Chaplain Ken Lang, Ray Forbes, Edgar Harris, Edward Hyne, Joe Romanowski,
New Members/Guests: Joe and Tanya Demars

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by CMDR Fred White

Opening Prayer: Led by Chaplain Ken Lang

Tolling of the Boats: Led by Ed 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 8/19/23 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	\$254.46
Checking balance as of today	\$3,864.78

*Disbursement of \$254.46 was for repayment to Kim for picnic supplies as voted and approved by the base

Old Business

- Everyone attending meeting introduced themselves to Joe and Tanya Demars
- Reviewed Feedback from Armed Forces Parade at State Fair. CMDR White led discussion that Parade at the State Fair has not produced members to the base and that fair attendees run in between vehicles creating safety concerns. The base will discuss next year whether to continue to attend the parade.
- The next parade is scheduled for Veterans Day, 11 November, at the State Fairgrounds. Treasurer Strong has volunteered to be Lead coordinator for that parade. Details will be announced at the next meeting.
- Ed Hyne questioned if there should be an Operational Procedure for Parades. CMDR White said that based on the small number of parades and that current attendees are the normal attendees, that a written procedure wasn't necessary.
- Also discussed was handing out miniature flags while participating in parades. Miniature flags are possible, and costs could be offset by donations from a VFW or other Veterans group. Discussions on flags at parades will continue in future meetings.

New Business

- CMDR White discussed upcoming elections which scheduled for the next meeting in October. An Election committee of CMDR White, Secretary Beltran, and Ed Hyne was formed. If anyone would like to volunteer for a position, please contact a member of the committee. A special note is that CMDR White is seriously asking for a volunteer for his position as Base Commander. Family and Health concerns have limited his time as Commander.

FYI

- Chaplain Ken Lang talked about the Caps for Kids program at Galisano Children's Hospital.
- Paul Walker said that the National Website has additional information on Caps for Kids program.
- Ed Hyne reminded everyone there is an Honor Flight in October. Further information will be emailed to everyone.
- Ed Hyne also informed everyone of Sportsman Day in Elbridge. This is open to kids 12 and under. If interested contact Ed.
- CMDR White wanted base members to know that American Submariner magazine is available electronically.

Next meeting is set for October 21, 2023, Face to Face and Telecom

Good of the Order

- CMDR White opened with discussion wearing subvets items and handing out cards.
- Ray Forbes talked about Veterans in Hospitals.
- 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