



PARCH-E-GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 10/21/2023

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, Treasurer David Strong, Chaplain Ken Lang, Joe Demars, Stewart Handy, Edgar Harris, Edward Hyne, Kim Reed, James VanBen Coton, Timothy Weber

New Members/Guests: None

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 9/15/23 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$3,864.78
Deposits since last meeting	\$560.00
Disbursements since last meeting	\$23.17

Checking balance as of today

\$4,401.61

*Disbursement of \$23.17 was for payment to GoDaddy for website and Deposits of \$560 were for base dues

Old Business

- The Veterans Day Parade will be held at the State Fair Grounds on 4 November. We are to be in position at Stripes 6 at 11:20am. Joe Demars, Ed Hyne, Ed Harris, James VanBen Coton, Secretary Brent Beltran, and Treasurer Dave Strong have volunteered to participate.
- Treasurer Strong announced that currently all members have paid with the exception of nine people. All remaining members who have not paid are reminded that Base and National dues, if applicable, were due at the time of this meeting. Please send outstanding dues to Treasurer Strong.
- Bases Elections were held. Nominations were as follows; Fred White as Commander, Edward Hyne as Vice Commander, Dave Strong as Treasurer, and Brent Beltran as Secretary. The motion was made, and all in attendance accepted the nominations as presented.
- Ed Hyne discussed the Honor Flight and participating in upcoming events. Also, discussed was sending all of our Base members on one Honor Flight. Ed Hyne will contact the Lead Coordinator for possibility and details.
- The yearly Financial Audit will be held immediately following the January meeting.
- Commander White has signed the Float trailer registration over to Treasurer Strong, who will now hold the registration.
- 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

- Groton Subbase is asking for donations to a new Submarine memorial in the way of personalized brick pavers to be used around the memorial. Each brick is \$250. Chaplain Lang made a motion to buy a brick in the Bases name, seconded by Ed Harris, all in attendance were in favor. The brick is to be ordered when available.
- Treasurer Strong would like the ability to spend up to \$400 for necessary Base operating expenses, with approval from two of three officers, rather than waiting for the next meeting and having a Base vote. A following discussion will be held at the next meeting.

FYI

- A Base dinner get together is being planned for Friday, 17 November at 6:00pm at Knapp Winery, 2770 Ernsberger Rd. Romulus, NY. Please note this is a different date than originally discussed due to late fall operating hours. All

members, plus one, may attend. If you are attending, please contact me, Secretary Brent Beltran, BCBeltran5@gmail.com **no later than 12 November** so that I may make the correct reservation. A Dinner menu can be found on our website at Knappwine.com. Each couple would be responsible for their dinner bill. This is my place of work, so if anyone would like, I can give a tour of the wine cellar and wine making process afterwards.

Next meeting is set for December 16, 2023, Face to Face and Telecom

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 11:30