



PARCH-E-GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 12/16/2023

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

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

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: Joe Romanowski, Paul Walker

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, Secretary Brent Beltran, Treasurer David Strong, Chaplain Ken Lang, Ted Bergene, Joe Demars, Tom Hall, Stewart Handy, Edgar Harris, Edward Hyne, Micheal Rastley, and James VanBen Coton

New Members/Guests: Mary Bergene

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 10/21/23 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$4,401.61
Deposits since last meeting	\$660.00
Disbursements since last meeting	\$1,028.78

Checking balance as of today \$4,032.83
*Disbursements were for membership dues to National for dues and new speakers for the parade float. Deposits were for base dues.

Old Business

- Treasurer Strong reports all Base dues have been collected.
- Theodore Bergene was formally recognized as a member of the Holland Club. Ted was presented with a certificate and several items.
- A Base financial audit will be conducted after next year's January meeting. Ed Hyne and Bill Handy have volunteered to conduct the audit.
- CMDR White started a discussion about the Honor flight. Ed Hyne is our base coordinator and informs our base about the Honor flight as to upcoming events and details.
- Bill Handy informed the base about purchasing a flag for Veterans Day in the field by Route 57 Wegmans. Forms will be available in the beginning of next year.
- CMDR White discussed what to do with the old Bluetooth Parade speaker. If someone would like to purchase it or knows of an organization in need of it, please discuss at our next meeting.

New Business

- Secretary Beltran will check into participating in next year's Memorial Day parade in Waterloo and present findings to the base when known.

FYI

- Ed Hyne has ordered 10 Calendars and 10 Dolphin Widow Stickers which should be available by the next meeting. Please contact him if you would like either.

Next meeting is set for January 20, 2024, 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
- Please check the Base web page from time to time. If you desire not to have your name published on the Base web page or if a correction is needed, please contact Treasurer Strong.

Closing Prayer: Led by Chaplain Ken Lang

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR Fred White at 11:10