

## PARCH-E-GRAM

# PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

# MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 1/20/2024

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

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

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: Edgar Harris, Paul Walker

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, Secretary Brent Beltran, Treasurer David Strong, Chaplain Ken Lang, Joe Demars, Stewart Handy, Edward Hyne, Kim Reed, and

James VanBen Coton

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 12/16/23 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

   Last meeting starting balance
   Deposits since last meeting
   Disbursements since last meeting
   0

#### **Old Business**

- A Base financial audit will be conducted after today's meeting. Joe Demars 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. Information about Honor Flight, and registering a Veteran for a flight, can be found by visiting <a href="https://www.honorflightsyracuse.org">www.honorflightsyracuse.org</a>
- 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 the Memorial Day Parade at Waterloo, NY and found it to be interesting. Secretary Beltran will research and head this year's Memorial Day parade at Waterloo.

#### **New Business**

- Commander White will bring Ed Hyne to Community Bank to register him as a signee for the base account, and to remove Bernie Landers (past Vice Commander) from the account.
- Ed Hyne made a motion about sending a subscription for Submariner Magazine to a Submarine or Command. Cost is \$30.00/year. Treasurer Strong will pick the Submarine or Command. Motion was seconded by Chaplain Lang, all attending were in favor.

#### FYI

- Ed Hyne now has 10 Submarine Calendars and 10 Dolphin Widow Stickers which are available. Please contact him if you would like either.
- Ed also has a Time Life book about U-Boats which he found to be very interesting. He is willing to pass it around for others to read. Please contact him if interested.
- Commander White brought to our attention that District Commander Fred "Fritz"
   Marazita would like addresses, phone numbers and emails for all Base Officers.
   This was agreed to by all officers in attendance.
- Treasurer Strong and Kim informed the Base they would be hosting another picnic for the Base. Details to follow.
- Kim Reed discussed a Field trip to Groton, CT. when the new Submarine Memorial is completed.

Next meeting is set for March 16, 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