



PARCH-E-GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 3/16/2024

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

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

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: Joe Demars, Paul Walker

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, Vice Commander Edward Hyne, Secretary Brent Beltran, Chaplain Ken Lang, Thomas Hall, Stewart Handy, Edgar Harris, and James VanBen Coton

New Members/Guests: John Artz

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 1/20/24 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.

- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$3,902.83
Deposits since last meeting	0
Disbursements since last meeting	\$30.00

Checking balance as of today

\$3,872.83

*Disbursement was for Boat Sponsorship as per approval from last meeting

Old Business

- CMDR White started a discussion about the Honor flight. Vice Commander 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 www.honorflightsyracuse.org. The Syracuse Pistol Club has a goal of raising \$5,000 to donate to the Honor Flight Program. Anyone interested in the Club, contact Ed Hyne.
- Bill Handy informed the base about purchasing a flag for Veterans Day in the field by Route 57 Wegmans. Flags are \$30 each. Chaplain Lang proposed a vote to approve buying a flag, seconded by Ed Harris, and approved by all attending.
- CMDR White discussed the Memorial Day Parade at Waterloo, NY and found it to be interesting. Secretary Beltran will research this year's Memorial Day parade at Waterloo, but will not be able to attend. Vice Commander Ed Hyne would like to attend the parade. We will be asking for volunteers at the next meeting. Commander White will find out information about the Fulton Parade on May 25th.

New Business

- No new business

FYI

- Our guest today, John Artz, was referred to our meeting by Kim Reed. While visiting a Medical Center in Camillus, John was wearing a Submarine hat which was noticed by Kim. Kim gave him information about our meeting, enabling him to attend. Proof that we should all be looking for new members. Thank you Kim!
- Ed Hyne now has Submarine Calendars (\$10) and Dolphin Widow Stickers (\$3) which are available. Please contact him if you would like either.
- Paul Walker has been forwarding the Veterans Services Newsletters to family veterans, and suggested forwarding the letter to other veterans who would not normally see them.

Next meeting is set for April 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 11:25