



## **PARCH-E-GRAM**

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

#### **MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 4/20/2024**

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

Note: This is a in-person meeting.

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: None

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, Vice CMDR Edward Hyne, Treasurer David Strong, Chaplain Ken Lang, John Artz, Joe Demars, Ray Forbes, Edgar Harris, Steven Hoffman, Joseph Romanowski, and James VanBen Coton

New Members/Guests: Mrs. Hoffman

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by CMDR Fred White

Opening Prayer: Led by Chaplain Ken Lang

Tolling of the Boats: Led by Vice CMDR 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 3/16/24 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$3,872.83
Deposits since last meeting	\$260.00
Disbursements since last meeting	\$240.00

Checking balance as of today

\$3,892.83

\*Deposits are new member dues, Disbursement was paid to National for dues

## Old Business

- A Picnic for the base was discussed. At our next meeting the date will be proposed.
- The next Honor Flight will be on April 27<sup>th</sup>, leaving at 6am and returning at 6:30 pm with 82 veterans. Vice CMDR Hyne will provide information on the flight. John Artz will become the coordinator for Honor Flights beginning with the flight in September.
- There are no new changes with proposed Flag sponsorship from the last meeting per Bill Handy
- Parades were discussed. The Fulton Parade is on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am. CMDR White is coordinating and Vice CMDR Hyne is driving. The Phoenix Parade is May 27<sup>th</sup> and Vice CMDR Hyne is coordinating and driving. We will not attending be the Waterloo parade due to scheduling conflicts. At our next meeting we will make final arrangements for the parades and ask for volunteers. Also discussed was future parades in Oswego and the State Fair.

## New Business

- Steve Hoffman was officially recognized as a member of the Holland Club.
- CMDR White reviewed the ongoing work at the Navy Park in Buffalo with two Ships and one Submarine. If anyone would like to participate in the work day please contact District Commander Fritz.
- The Base approved donating \$500 to the Church for hosting SubVets. Proposed by Ray Forbes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Artz, approved by all attending.
- Jim Irvin, a former District Commander, is contacting our state senator on legislation for an additional 10% discount on taxes.
- Ray Forbes contacted Congressman Williams office about receiving information of new submarine veterans coming to our area. The office was unable to provide such information due to privacy issues.
- Treasurer Strong reviewed Liberty Pass information for veterans in New York. Further information can be found on the web at [www.parks.ny.gov/admission/lifetime-liberty-pass.aspx](http://www.parks.ny.gov/admission/lifetime-liberty-pass.aspx)
- The Base has a new member, Mark Kite, coming from Cleveland, N.Y.
- Chaplain Lang and Vice CMDR Hyne will put together and deliver a card for David Docteur for the Honor Flight.

Next meeting is set for May 18, 2024, Face to Face and Telecom

## Good of the Order

- CMDR White opened with discussion wearing subvets items and handing out cards.

- Vice CMDR Hyne joined the VFW Hall in Mattydale.
- Jim VanBen Coton recommended watching YouTube videos on building Submarines.
- Chaplain Lang will bring WWII SubVet memorabilia for display to our next meeting.

Closing Prayer: Led by Chaplain Ken Lang

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR Fred White at 11:25