



## **PARCH-E-GRAM**

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

#### **MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 5/18/2024**

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

Note: This is a in-person meeting.

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: Stewart Handy, Edgar Harris, and Paul Walker

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, Vice CMDR Edward Hyne, Treasurer David Strong, Chaplain Ken Lang, Secretary Brent Beltran, Thomas Hall, Mark Kite, Michael Rastley, Kim Reed, Tim Weber, 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 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 4/20/24 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$3,892.83
Deposits since last meeting	0.00
Disbursements since last meeting	\$500.00

Checking balance as of today \$3,392.83  
\*Disbursement was paid to Syracuse Calvary Chapel as voted and approved in the last meeting.  
Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

## Old Business

- A date for the base Picnic was discussed. Kim Reed thought either August 10<sup>th</sup> or August 24<sup>th</sup> would be best.
- Honor Flight occurred on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Commander White, Vice Commander Hyne, Ed Harris, Joe Demars, Kim Reed, Treasurer Dave Strong, and Congressman Brandon Williams were in attendance for the Veterans return. Kim Reed suggested the Base should have a small banner to hold up as recognition of our base. Maybe a 3 x 4 ft, or 3 x 5 ft size. Chaplain Lang knows someone who makes banners and will take for action. He will propose a design to the group in the near future.
- There are no new changes with proposed Flag sponsorship from the last meeting per Bill Handy. He is unable to get responses from Websites or emails. Vice Commander Hyne said he was in contact with the VFW in Mattydale. The VFW has 3,000 flags that they display on Veterans graves for Memorial Day, but the flags are gathered back up the following week.
- 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. People are to meet at Commander Whites sons house. For directions contact Commander White. The Phoenix Parade is May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 and Vice CMDR Hyne is coordinating and driving. People participating are to meet at the VFW in town and have one person drive them to the start of the parade route. Contact Vice CMDR Hyne with any questions. The next parade after that would be the Oswego parade on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Joe Romanowski is coordinating that parade.

## New Business

- None

FYI...anything of interest? New?

- The WWII Memorial the week of October 23-27 in St. Mary's Georgia, was sent out to everyone by Commander White. Also sent to everyone was information on the SubVets 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Boat Tour on the Thames River.
- Kim Reed brought to everyone's attention that there will be a Remember and Honor Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 4069 Howlett Hill Rd. Syracuse on Sunday, May 26 at 10:00am. This is a free event and all members are invited to attend.

- Treasurer Strong has the old Bluetooth speaker previously used on the parade float. It was decided by the base to sell it on Facebook Marketplace preferably to a youth organization.

Next meeting is set for June 15, 2024, Face to Face and Telecom

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- Vice CMDR Hyne recommended joining a VFW.
- CMDR White opened with discussion wearing subvets items and handing out cards.

Closing Prayer: Led by Chaplain Ken Lang

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR Fred White at 11:50