



## **PARCH-E-GRAM**

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

#### **MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 6/15/2024**

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

Note: This is a in-person meeting.

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: Joe Demars and Paul Walker

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, Vice CMDR Edward Hyne, Treasurer David Strong, Chaplain Ken Lang, Secretary Brent Beltran, Ray Forbes, Thomas Hall, Steward Handy, Steven Hoffman, Mark Kite, Gregg Pitts, Joe Romanowski, and James VanBen Coton

New Members/Guests: Kim Handy

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 5/18/24 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$3,392.83
Deposits since last meeting	0.00

Disbursements since last meeting	0.00
Checking balance as of today	\$3,392.83

Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

#### Old Business

- A date for the base Picnic is 17 August at 11:00am. All members plus one are invited. Further details to be discussed at next month's meeting.
- A recap of the Fulton Parade is that it went well. In regards to the Phoenix parade, Vice Commander Hyne will follow up with the VFW about where the participation fee went and how the Base information was distributed during the parade. Treasurer Strong made a motion to reimburse Vice Commander Hyne \$65, the cost of participating in the Phoenix Parade, Seconded by Chaplain Lang, all were in favor.
- The Oswego Parade is scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> of July. Those wishing to participate are to meet at the High School. Treasurer Strong will drive the float. Further details will be distributed prior to the parade.
- After the Oswego parade, the next parade is the Veterans Day Parade at the State Fairgrounds on 11 November.

#### New Business

- Commander White reminded everyone he had forwarded information about National Elections to all members. Please review this email and vote.

#### FYI...anything of interest? New?

- Chaplain Lang is working on a banner to hold when Honor flight is returning to Syracuse. The banner will be 3' x 5', have the Base logo with Base title, and grommets to attach to a pole. He will try to have an example to show everyone at the next meeting for approval, before having banner created.
- Commander White asked if anyone has ideas for bettering the Base, please let those ideas be known at our meetings.
- John Artz let the base know about a program at Lockheed Martin called "Hometown Hero". Lockheed is looking for nominations and nominees will be recognized on Armed Forces Day at the State Fair 29 August at 5:00pm. A call out for nominations will happen shortly.
- Treasurer Strong let the Base know that through the website an author, Ryan Walker, a Submariner and Naval Historian, was willing to come and do a book signing for the Base sometime in September or October. It was suggested that the signing could also be at a local Barnes and Noble.

Next meeting is set for July 20, 2024, Face to Face and Telecom

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- Kim Handy wanted everyone to know how appreciative of the group she was.
- 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