



## **PARCH-E-GRAM**

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

#### **MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 7/20/2024**

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

Note: This is a in-person meeting.

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: Tom Hall

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR Fred White, Treasurer David Strong, Chaplain Ken Lang, Secretary Brent Beltran, Ray Forbes, Thomas Hall, Steward Handy, Ed Harris, Mark Kite, Joe Romanowski, James VanBen Coton, and Paul Walker

New Members/Guests: Commander Brad Fish (Southern Tier) and Shari Derleth

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by CMDR Fred White

Opening Prayer: Led by Chaplain Ken Lang

Tolling of the Boats: Led by James VanBen Coton

Creed & Purpose: Led by CMDR Fred White

Reports:

- Secretary's Report: CMDR Fred White asked if any members, having read the minutes of the 6/15/24 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	\$50.00
Disbursements since last meeting	\$65.00

Checking balance as of today \$3,377.83  
We reimbursed Ed Hyne \$65 for Phoenix parade as previously voted upon, and received \$50 from Joe Romanowski for 2025 dues.  
Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

## Old Business

- Commander White reminded to vote in the Subvets National Elections. Voting can be found on the National Website, and additional information can be found in last month's American Submariner Magazine
- A date for the base Picnic is 17 August at 11:00am at Dave Strong's house. All members plus one are invited. Kim Reed will send an email to coordinate dishes. **Please RSVP Dave Strong as soon as you can if you, and someone else, are attending.** He needs a head count for food.
- A motion to budget a maximum \$500 to reimburse Dave Strong for picnic expenses was made by Chaplain Lang, seconded by Ray Forbes, all were in favor. Motion was passed.
- A quick August Base meeting will be held at the picnic, an agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.
- A recap of the Oswego Parade is that it went well. Ten people were in attendance in two vehicles. There was a large turnout of residence for the parade. If you haven't attended a parade recently, consider doing so in the future.
- The Veterans Parade is scheduled for the Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> of November at noon. Further details will be discussed prior to the parade.

## New Business

- Tom Hall discussed the Baldwinsville graduation. While attending the graduation, he learned that two students are committing to the Navy and thought it would be a good idea to invite them to the Base picnic. Ray Forbes made a motion for the students to attend, seconded by Joe Romanowski, all agreed. Motion was passed. Tom Hall will contact the students to invite them.
- Commander White discussed a charitable foundation that provide financial assistance to subvets, such as an air conditioner, for those in need. For further information, please contact Commander White.
- Commander Brad Fish of the Southern Tier was in attendance. He is looking for input to a problem of dwindling attendance and membership at his base. He has three proposals/solutions for his base. First, possibly merging his and our bases. His base would hold meetings as they have always done in the Binghamton area, and send minutes of their meeting to our base to be incorporated with our current minutes. They would transfer Bank funds and base dues to ours. They would also have a joint meeting with us a couple times during the year. The second solution would be to continue as they currently are with the hope that membership might increase, although that does not seem likely. The third proposal would be to dissolve the Base and transfer assets to National.

Commander White would like members to bring comments or suggestions about this subject to future meetings so that we can vote on this topic.

- Base Elections are in October. Joe Romanowski and Secretary Beltran volunteered to serve on the Election committee. Those wishing to serve as one of the Base Officers, please contact the committee or Commander White.

FYI...anything of interest? New?

- Commander White discussed the Lockheed Martin Hometown Hero program. Chaplain Lang will submit a nominee as previously discussed to Lockheed in a week.

Next meeting is set for August 17, 2024, at 11:30am at the picnic. This is a Face to Face only meeting.

Good of the Order

- 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 12:00