



PARCH-E-GRAM

PARCHE / THOUSAND ISLANDS BASE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 9/21/2024

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, Vice CMDR Ed Hyne, Treasurer David Strong, Chaplain Ken Lang, John Artz, Joe Demars, Ed Harris, Steve Hoffman, Joe Romanowski, and James VanBen Coton

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

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 8/17/24 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$3,377.83
Deposits since last meeting	\$215.00
Disbursements since last meeting	\$363.90

Checking balance as of today

\$3,228.93

*Disbursement was for Picnic supplies

Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Old Business

- Commander White had everyone attending introduce themselves, with qualification dates, along with CMDR Fish.
- Commander White informed the group there is an Honor Flight leaving Friday, September 27, and returning September 28. Several members will be attending the ceremony for the returning veterans. Any member wishing to attend contact CMDR White for details.
- The next parade will be for Veterans Day at the State Fair grounds on November 9th at noon. Treasurer Strong is in charge and will be driving the float. Details will be reviewed at our next meeting. Everyone is encourage to attend.
- Base Elections will be held at the next meeting. The election committee is CMDR White, Secretary Beltran, and Joe Romanowski. Anyone wishing to serve in a elected position, please contact the committee.
- CMDR White reviewed additional responsibilities and assigned personnel.
- CMDR White discussed obtaining new business cards and changes/corrections to current cards. All members in attendance approved ordering new cards.
- Tom Hall intends on meeting with local recruiters to let people aware of our Base.
- Flags of Honor, headed by Bill Handy, are \$35 and can be designated for a organization or a deceased veteran. Treasurer Strong made motion to allow Bill Handy to spend up to \$150 on flags, seconded by Ken Lang, approved by all in attendance.

New Business

- 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, continue what they are doing. He doesn't believe that the base will remain in existence with this choice because of dwindling membership. Second choice would be to merge with our base, which he prefers, or the Buffalo base. They would also have a joint meeting with us a couple times during the year. 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. The third proposal would be to dissolve the Base and transfer assets to National. Our Base agreed that the decision lies with the Binghamton base. Commander White would like members to bring comments or suggestions about this subject to future meetings so that we can vote on this topic.

FYI...anything of interest? New?

- Reinterated the upcoming Honor Flight.

Next meeting is set for October 19, 2024, Face to Face and Telecom

Good of the Order

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

Closing Prayer: Led by Joe Romanowski

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR Fred White at 12:00