



## **PARCH-E—GRAM**

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

#### **MONTHLY MEETING/NEWSLETTER DATE 5/10/2025**

Meeting called to order by CMDR David Strong at 10:30.

Note: This is a combined in-person & teleconference meeting.

ON-LINE ATTENDEES: None

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES: CMDR David Strong, Vice CMDR Edward Hyne, Treasurer Joe Demars, Secretary Brent Beltran, John Artz, Tom Hall, Stewart Handy, Ed Harris, Mark Kite, Joe Romanowski, James VanBen Coton, and Fred White

New Members/Guests: Shari Derleth, Quwmeir Williams, and Kim Handy

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by CMDR David Strong

Opening Prayer: Led by CMDR David Strong

Tolling of the Boats: Led by Vice CMDR Edward Hyne

Creed & Purpose: Led by Vice CMDR Edward Hyne

#### **Reports:**

- Secretary's Report: CMDR David Strong asked if any members, having read the minutes of the 4/19/25 meeting had any corrections or concerns. The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting starting balance	\$2,786.46
Deposits since last meeting	\$555.55
Disbursements since last meeting	\$38.87

Checking balance as of today

\$3,302.59

Deposits were \$55.55 from last meetings 50/50 raffle, \$500.00 from an anonymous donor. Disbursement is a stand for the Base banner.

### Old Business

- Parade dates for 2025 are Waterloo on May 24<sup>th</sup> (Brent will be Lead)(Parade starts at 11:00, Brent will send email details to everyone), Phoenix on May 26<sup>th</sup> (Ed will Lead)(Parade starts at 12:00, gather 11:30), Fulton in May, Oswego in June/July (Joe Romanowski will lead), and Veterans Day at the State Fairgrounds in November (Dave will be Lead). Also for this year will be Armed Forces Day in Watertown, which last year was held on May 17. If you haven't participated in a parade recently consider 2025 the year to do so.
- Commander Strong reminded everyone our Facebook page is CNYSUBVETS.com. Everyone is reminded that if you want to follow our page, you must first contact CMDR Strong.
- A Longevity Pin was handed out by CMDR Strong to Joe Romanowski for 15 years of membership in Subvets.
- Anyone in need of a National Membership Card, please contact CMDR Strong. He will compile a list to submit.
- John Artz is to be contacted by Ken Land as to supplies needed for a Scouting Award.
- Honor Fight- Mission 22 on 5/3/25 was well attended. The Banner was also a success. Thank you to all who attended!
- CMDR Strong started a discussion on changing our charter. He is communicating with our District Commander and waiting on information from him.

### New Business

- A discussion was started that members of the Southern Tier were planning attending one of our meetings in June or July.
- A Holland Club Presentation will be given to Glen Bridges. Commander Strong reached out to him, with no response. The presentation will happen as soon as possible.
- Ray Forbes contacted CMDR Strong and voiced concerns with budget cuts at the VA. Anyone having issues with the VA please contact Ray or CMDR Strong so that we can get the word out to the Base.
- A Graveside Ceremony for Paul Walker will happen on 27 May, 10:00am, at the Mexico Village Cemetery. All members are encouraged to attend, and reminded to wear your vests if you have one.

FYI

- Vice Ed Hyne informed the Base that there is a Veterans Pantry in Mattydale, during the week from 4:00 – 6:00pm
- Next Honor Flight, Mission 23, is on 13 September, more details to follow. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- John Artz is collecting nominations for Hometown Hero sponsored by Lockheed Martin. Hometown Hero is an award to a veteran who is serving the community. The overall winner of the award will be recognized during the State Fair.
- There are also Hometown Hero Banners which are sponsored through your local VFW or American Legion, each banner varies in cost depending on your town.
- One of our guests today is a young gentlemen named Quwmeir Williams. He is a member of the National Defense Cadet Corp. They participate in Syracuse Community Projects. Thank you Quwmeir for attending our meeting!
- John Artz is collecting General mail for the next Honor Flight. If you, someone you know, or a class would like to make a thank you card or letter, which would be given to anyone of the Veterans on the next Honor Flight, please contact John.
- Fred White let everyone know that Veterans can be given a Lifetime Pass to ride the Syracuse Centro for free.

Next meeting is set for June 21, 2025, Face to Face and Telecom

Good of the Order

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

Closing Prayer: Led by CMDR Dave Strong

Meeting Adjourned: by CMDR David Strong at 11:25