



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 6 January 2024

Call to Order:

1301 – Commander Tim Barker called the January meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and country following our traditional social hour. Chaplain Walt Fleak offered the invocation. This was followed by the Tolling of Lost Boats by Sharon Lloyd and Galin Brady and then recognition of Columbus Base Eternal Members for January.

Eighteen members, 1 guest and 1 perspective new member attended. Steve Dickman attended as a perspective new member. Steve served 1997 - 2001 and qualified on the USS Toledo, SSN-769.

The new officers for the 2024 – 2025 period were sworn in. The new officers are:
Tim Barker – Base Commander
Dave Hamel – Vice Commander
Richard Demboski – Secretary
Walt Fleak – Treasurer

Base Commander Tim recognized Jim ‘Clutch’ Koogler for his 20 years of service to the Columbus Base. Being a Plank Owner of the Base, Clutch has served in all but 2 offices. He is stepping down as Treasurer to a supportive role. THANKS

The Secretary offered his report.

The Treasurer report was provided to date, there is \$12,309.21 all total in the Base accounts. Columbus Base 2023 End of Year report HAS NOT been submitted. In fact, the National Treasurer has not yet even sent the report template. When received, the out-going and in-coming treasurers will jointly formulate and submit..
Shipmate Tim France was the winner of the afghan raffle. Thanks to Sharon Lloyd’s generosity (and talent), \$410.00 was added to the treasury..

There was a “Thank You” sent to the Base from Delaware Veterans Day Parade for the Base participation in 2023 along with parade ribbons for those participating.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson had nothing new to report.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd reported on the Binnacle List for January:
CHAPLAIN’S REPORT

Brian Farnsworth – No information.

Jim Tisdale – No Information.

Bernie Kenyon – All appears well being 15 months clean.

Woody Woodmansee – Doing well but treatment every 3 weeks keeps energy level low.

Bob Frier - Was not very strong and just informed that he is very sick and in a Nursing Facility.

Shron Lloyd – Will have neck surgery this Wednesday. Hope all goes well.

Events:

Christmas Diner - Saturday, 9 December 2023, went well and Thanks to Eric and Maica Dreiseidel for coordinating the event.

Central Crossing High School NJROTC Wreaths Across America was attended by Clutch Koogler. Columbus Base members donated \$1200 to help support the purchase of the wreaths.

Eagle Scouts - Walt Fleak reported he participated in 2 Eagle Scout presentations in December.

Honor Flight – It was reported the next scheduled flight is April 4, 2024. They are receiving some new wheelchairs.

The 2024 USSVI Convention is being held in Cleveland, OH August 19 – 24, 2024.

Website is up and live. <https://subvetconvention.org/>

o Convention and hotel reservations can be made

o HOTEL:

Embassy Suites by Hilton Cleveland Rockside

5800 Rockside Woods Boulevard

Independence, OH 44131

phone+1 216-986-9900

Rooms \$109.00/night

The Events list is out on the website.

The 50/50 drawings were held.

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction as Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1418.

The next meeting will be held at 1300 on Saturday, 3 February 2024, at the American Legion Leasure-Blackston Post 239, 700 Morning Street, Worthington following the usual noon social hour.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary