



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 6 April 2024

Call to Order:

1801 – Commander Tim Barker called a pro forma meeting to order following a 1700 – 1800 social hour. Commander Barker led in the salute to the flag and gave the invocation.

Lost Boats for April were tolled by Jim Koogler and Galin Brady. The ceremony included mention of Base members who commenced their eternal patrols during the month of April each year. On March 25, 2024, Jack Wirtz, 92, departed on Eternal Patrol. He qualified in 1952 on the USS Corsair (SS 435). The usual moment of silence for all lost shipmates concluded the memorial portion of the meeting.

No committee reports or formal business was introduced as the purpose for this meeting was to celebrate the birth of our submarine forces and honor the new inductees into the Holland Club.

Twenty-seven members along with twenty-seven guests attended.

Noted for the record:

Bernie Kenyon: He had 1 year inspection of bladder, NO CANCER! He also sends God's blessings to all .

Jim Tidale: He is doing OK despite no change to back or chest. He is on his way to Charleston, SC for a Submarine Ball.

John (Woody) Woodmansee: He is still doing KEMO every 4 weeks. It takes a week to 10 days to feel somewhat normal again.

Sharon Lloyd: She has been cleared & released by neurosurgeon & liver doctors. Getting stronger day by day. Sometime in the next few months will have surgery on torn rotator cuff. She misses you all & says Thank you for getting well cards.

Bob Frier: He says "Marcia is whipping me into shape." Doing well & getting stronger all the time. Still has to use a cane but that's better than having to use walker.

Base Commander Tim Barker led the Holland Club presentation of ball caps, certificates, photos, and plaques to the four present inductees. They were:

Tom Baughman qualified aboard USS Billfish (SSN 676) 1974

Walt Fleak qualified aboard USS Grayling (SSN 646) 1974

Jim Steck qualified aboard USS Ethan Allen s (SSBN 608) 1972

Mike Hogan qualified aboard USS Whale s (SSN 638) 1974

Not present was Gary Sievers qualified aboard USS Alexander Hamilton (SSBN 617) 1967

Bob Traphagen (COMM Curator) was introduced by Galin Brady and gave a brief overview of the COMM. He was presented with a plaque with dolphins to mount at the COMM.

The 50/50 raffle and Bread raffle were held.

There being no other business, Commander Barker adjourned the meeting at 2022 following a benediction offered by Chaplain Walt Fleck.

The next meeting will be held at 1300 on Saturday, 4 May 2024, at the American Legion Leasure-Blackston Post 239, 700 Morning Street, Worthington following the usual noon social hour.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary