



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 4 May 2024

Call to Order:

1300 – Commander Tim Barker called the May meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and country following our traditional social hour. Chaplain Walt Fleak offered the invocation.

Lost Boats for May were tolled by Chaplain Sharon Lloyd and Galin Brady. The ceremony included mention of Base members who commenced their eternal patrols during the month of March each year. The usual moment of silence for all lost shipmates concluded the memorial portion of the meeting.

Twenty-three members along with one guest attended. Membership was at 79 members.

The Secretary offered that the April minutes were posted on the Webpage for review. There was no correspondence to report. The Secretary has reviewed the By-Laws and made changes to bring the document up to date. It was issued to Officers. Once reviewed and comments issued, the document will be revised for review by the USSVI and then voted on by the membership at a meeting. This may take a few months.

The Treasurer gave his report and the total in all accounts is \$13,730.82.

The April dinner meeting was discussed and all agreed that the food was great and the meeting well done. THANKS to Clutch for all of his great work.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson reported that the Base can now archive records on the Webpage site. Documents will be read-only for the membership. The Website was updated and all members need to go in and update passwords. So far only one member has completed this task.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd reported on the Binnacle List for May:

Brian Farnsworth: He just had check on the neck fusion he had & it is doing well. At the end of May doctors will be checking the kidney transplant he had last year to make sure it is working properly.

Bernie Kenyon: He was at dialysis & couldn't talk. He texted me, will be celebrating 89th birthday this week. He has been able to mow his own lawn & after the rain passes

will be back on the golf course.

Jim TISDALE: Went to Sub reunion last month. Might be here today, if not he is like all of us good days & bad days.

John Woodmansee: Woody is about the same, hanging in there. He says “Hello” to everyone.

Bob Frier: Bob says he is in what he calls Recovery Mode. Has had to see “kizillion” doctors recently. Had several heart tests, he is afib. He misses everyone & the fellowship. Says “Hello “ to everyone.

Sharon Lloyd: Feeling lots of better. Doing therapy for torn rotator cuff once a week. And a big Thank You for the goodie box you all sent. My son & I are still enjoying the snacks.

Upcoming Events:

May 27, 2022 – Worthington Memorial Parade. Our participation has been confirmed. 1000 Step off from the Legion area.

July 4th Upper Arlington Parade. Our application will be submitted. We will await notification of acceptance.

Eagle Scouts - Walt Fleak reported that there are 2 ceremonies coming up.

Honor Flight Walt Fleak reported the next scheduled flight is May 9th. The full schedule for the year is in the May Agenda.

2024 WHEELCHAIR MAINTENANCE.

Here is the remaining Spring calendar. All workdays are on Tuesdays at 9 am Airport Room C-108.

May 14, June 4, June 18. It was reported that there are 10 participants for the Honor Flight wheel chair repair group. Walt will more than likely make a schedule for 2 groups of five.

GREAT GOING ON THE TURNOUT.

2024 Convention is in CLEVELAND, OHIO

o August 19-24, 2024

o 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

o Follow up to the discussion at the meeting:

Clutch talked to Bill Synk, convention chairman. He told me that boat reunion attendees DO get the \$109 rate whether or not they register for the convention. OBVIOUSLY, he wants EVERYONE to register (and pay the \$30 registration fee). But boat reunion attendees get the \$109 regardless, which also extends to the 3 days before and 3 days after the convention dates. By the way... the \$109 hotel rate is also stated in the "Boat Reunion" letter that is on the convention website... with NO mention of convention registration.

Hotel policy also allows people to cancel their room reservation up to 48 hours prior to check in without penalty. Hotel USSVI rates remain in effect until July 30th. A block of 30 rooms has also been booked with the Rockside Holiday Inn to handle any overflow.

o As of Friday 4/26/2024, the following number of rooms are available at the Embassy Suites:

Saturday 08/17/24 7 Rooms Left

Sunday 08/18/24 7 Rooms Left

Monday 08/19/24 3 Rooms Left

Tuesday 08/20/24 3 Rooms Left

Wednesday 08/21/24 3 Rooms Left

Thursday 08/22/24 8 Rooms Left

Friday 08/23/24 10 Rooms Left

Saturday 08/24/24 8 Rooms Left

Sunday 08/25/24 10 Rooms Left

The 50/50 drawing was held

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction as Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1415.

The next meeting will be held at 1300 on Saturday, 1 June, at the American Legion Leasure-Blackston Post 239, 700 Morning Street, Worthington following the usual noon social hour.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary