



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 7 September 2024

Call to Order:

1255 – Commander Tim Barker called the September meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and country following our traditional social hour. Chaplain Walt Fleak offered the invocation.

Twenty-one members and guests attended. Each member introduced himself/herself in a brief round robin fashion. A perspective new member introduced himself, Jerry Lamm: STS1(SS) 10+years, qualified 1987 USS Guardfish SSN-612, also served on USS Guitarro SSN-665 (decomm crew), was recruiter in Columbus. Wife Jill

Lost Boats for August and September were tolled by Jim Koogler and Galin Brady. The ceremony included a moment of silence in remembrance of lost members.

Administrative Reports:

Secretary Dembo reported that no new correspondence of note has been received. July minutes posted. Revisions to the By-Laws will be sent to HQ for approval.

Treasurer Fleck provided a detailed report. There was a total of \$13,339.86 in accounts at the end of August.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson was not present so no report.

Chaplain Walter Fleck reported on the current “Binnacle List”:

CHAPLAIN’S REPORT

Brian Farnsworth - no news.

Bob Frier – Weak and diagnosed with sleep apnea.

Bernie Kenyon - reports he is doing well and waiting to play golf.

Jim Tisdale – No update

Woody Woodmansee – No change.

Sharon Lloyd - had shoulder surgery and is doing as well as expected.

Jim Speck - attended and reported he has colon cancer and is getting treatment.

Jamie Gaffney - attended and out for the first time since major back surgery.

Membership

We remain at 79 members.

Besides Jerry Lamm who was found by Commander Tim, another potential member was met at the National Convention. Jerry Lee: MMC(SS) retired, qualified 1976 USS Pintado SSN-672, also served on USS Batfish SSN-681. Wife Jodelle.

Events:

Delaware County Fair • Date: Saturday Sept 14 to Sunday Sept 22.

- Parade float will be on display in the Coliseum, with other military equipment and displays.

- Delaware (Ohio) Community Veterans Parade • Date: Sunday November 3, 2024

- Registration submitted
- Insurance application submitted.

- Columbus (Ohio) Veterans Day Parade

- Date: unknown at this time
- no registration materials yet received.

- Logan (Ohio) Veterans Day Parade

- Date: unknown at this time
- o registration materials yet received.

Thanks to Clutch for organizing the August picnic. Twenty (20) members and guests attended.

Christmas Dinner/Awards Celebration/Toys for Tots Collection: Clutch reported this event will be held on Saturday, December 7th at the Hilliard VFW Post, 2436 Walcutt Rd. Looking for a volunteer to head up the dinner portion of the evening. Contact Clutch. Meat and Chicken were agreed upon for the protein and to continue to have it catered.

Honor Flight – Have had great turnout for wheelchair repairs. Great job to all.

Eagle Scout – Walt Fleck worked with two Scouts last month. Great Job.

Tony Konecny asked if the Base wanted to assist the Sea Cadets in some form. It was suggested that we meet at their meeting or possible here. Tony will follow up. Also, gave information on the Worthington Veterans Alliance which Commander Tim said he was involved.

2024 Convention is in CLEVELAND, OHIO o Several Columbus Base members attended including Bill Anderson, Tim Barker, Galin and Carol Bradey, Eric and Marcia Dreiseidel, John Fleitz (primary Toledo), Paul and Mary Gant, Johnnie Godwin, Kelly Graham, Dave Hamel, Jim Koogler, Angelo Naso (primary Cod), George and Barbara Petershagen (primary Cuttlefish), Mark and Mimi Rose, Jim and Beth Steck, John Wegman.

USSVI DUES INCREASE Jan 1, 2025 o \$10 annual dues increase. There will also be a life member dues increase effective at the same time (new schedule to be announced). Annual members may renew or convert to Life memberships at the current cost until December 31, 2024. o Associate Life Membership is again being considered. More info will be shared as received.

Walt Fleck won the 50-50 grand prize which he donated to the Base.

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction, and Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1425.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 5 October, at the Worthington American Legion Hall, 700 Morning Street, Worthington..

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary

