



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 5 October 2024

Call to Order:

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

Fifteen members and guests attended. Each member introduced himself/herself in a brief round robin fashion.

Lost Boats for October were tolled by Chaplain Walt Fleak and Galin Brady. The ceremony included a moment of silence in remembrance of lost members. The usual moment of silence for all lost shipmates concluded the memorial portion of the meeting.

Administrative Reports:

Secretary Dembo reported that the past meeting's minutes were posted on our website. Received a Thank You and a check for \$300 for participation in the "Wings of Flight" in Licking County. Also, getting ready to send the revisions of the ByLaws to National.

Treasurer Walt reported there was \$13,712.06 total at the end of September.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson reported nothing was new.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd was absent, so Richard Demboski reported on the current "Binnacle List":

Bernie Kenyon, Jamie Gaffney and RE Hogan no updates.

Woody Woodmansee – Departed to Eternal Patrol Sept 12, 2024. Five Base members - Tim Barker, Jim Koogler, Sharon Lloyd, Walt Fleak and Bill McCordle attended the Memorial Service on Friday Sept. 20, 2024

Jim Tisdale—He is doing therapy on back & chest once a week. Has good & bad days when he has a good day is able to do almost anything. It has been 2 years in June since his accident.

Sharon Lloyd—Started therapy September 30th & it will be 5 months before she is done. Shoulder healing nicely with little or no pain.

Ongoing reminder: Please leave instructions to next of kin or family members to contact Columbus Base if you should depart on Eternal Patrol. There have been a few times when we weren't aware of a shipmate's departure and therefore were not present to honor his memory and service at his memorial. o "In case of death" checklist copies available on request.

o A new "Family Documents Checklist" is available. It was created by Attorney Joseph E. Budde and provided to us by Chaplain Walt Fleak. It will be submitted to the Web Master for posting on the Columbus Base website.

o Another checklist is available from the USSVI chaplain. A copy will be emailed to all hands, and added to the website. It can also be found/downloaded/printed from the USSVI website.

Storekeeper Eric Dreiseidel had 2025 calendars for sale for \$11.

Membership:

We are at 78 members. We had one new prospective member attend.

Jerry Lee: MMC(SS) retired, qualified 1976 USS Pintado SSN-672, also served on USS Batfish SSN-681. Wife Jodelle. He was joining today.

USSVI DUES INCREASE Jan 1, 2025, \$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.

Events:

Delaware County Fair participation was well received with the placement of the Base Submarine Float. Have been asked back for the 2025 Fair. Job well done to Dave Hamel.

Delaware Community Veterans Day Parade will be held Sunday, November 3, 2024. Step off at 3pm.

Logan's Veterans Day Parade will be held Sunday, November 10, 2024. Step off at 3 PM.

Christmas Dinner/Awards Celebration/Toys for Tots Collection:

- Day/Date: Saturday, 7 December 2024
- Location: VFW #4931 (Hilliard) • 2436 Walcutt Rd
- Columbus, Ohio 43228 • 614-876-4817
- Cost: TBD but hoping to hold cost to \$20.00 per person
- Menu: Dinner will be provided by Cracker Barrel, with appetizers provided and prepared by base members (Barker, McDonough, Koogler?, **other volunteers**)

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Kaps4Kids – Need a volunteer to take over.

Honor Flight – There are 3 remaining flights scheduled for this year on October 10, October 31 and November 7. Bill Anderson will be on Thursday's, 8/10, Honor Flight?

Eagle Scouts – Walt Fleak said one is coming up.

50/50 was held.

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction, and Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1342 after announcing the next meeting will be held on Saturday, 2 November, 2024
Worthington American Legion Hall,
700 Morning Street
Worthington, Ohio43085

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary