



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 1 February 2025

Call to Order:

1300 – Commander Tim Barker called the February 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 February 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 February in each year. The usual moment of silence for all lost shipmates concluded the memorial portion of the meeting.

Twenty-seven members and two guests attended. Each member introduced himself/herself in a brief round robin fashion.

Administrative Reports:

Secretary Dembo reported that the past meeting's minutes were posted on our website. Received a Thank You from the VA for our coffee donations. There has been no more information on the Dublin Irish Festival booth.

New Treasurer Walt Fleck provided his usual detailed report which can be found in the meeting agenda. He will be renewing the CD next week for six months. To date, the Base has a total of \$13326.76 in its accounts.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson's commented the Website is running well.

Storekeeper Eric Dreiseidel had nothing to report.

Binnacle List

Sharron Lloyd updated the membership on shipmates' health and wellness:

Bernie Kenyon was in hospital for a few days with pneumonia. Had an ultrasound on kidneys & bladder & he has to use a catheter to empty his bladder several times a day. Gives everyone his best wishes.

Bob Frier— was here curtesy of Wade Kiger.

RE Hogan— he is doing home therapy & has help 4 or 5 days a week.

Jim Tisdale— he is doing medical massage therapy & it is helping except whet it's cold outside & then it's painful again.

Jim Steck— says he's about the same. Has 4 more weeks of kemo after which they will do a scraping of his throat.

Sharon Lloyd— has 1 more session of therapy on shoulder & will be done.

Garry Dean Justice departed on Eternal Patrol the last part of January, 2025.

Visitation, funeral service, and graveside interment service will take place on Thursday February 6, 2025 as follows:

Visitation:

Newcomer Southwest Chapel

[3393 Broadway, Grove City, OH 43123](#)

Thursday, February 6, 2025

11:00am - 1:00 pm EST

Funeral Service:

Newcomer Southwest Chapel

[3393 Broadway, Grove City, OH 43123](#)

Thursday, February 6, 2025

1:00 pm EST (following visitation)

Graveside Service:

Grove City Cemetery West

Grove City Road, [Grove City, OH 43123](#)

Thursday, February 6, 2025

following funeral

Clutch will update us with any new information.

Membership is now 75 with 2 members not renewing membership and one moved to New York.

Discussion of upcoming events:

1. Will have 2 Holland Club inductees, April 5 at the VFW in Hillard, Dave Hamel is the coordinator.
2. Walt Fleck reported that he has 2 Eagle Scout candidates coming up.

Unfinished business or new business.

By email and member present votes the revisions to the Bylaws were unanimously approved effective February 1, 2025.

It was decided to participate in the Dublin St. Patrick Day Parade on March 15. Dembo will send in the application.

Next meeting will be Saturday, March 1, 2025, at the American Legion Post in Worthington.

Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1356 following the 50-50 raffle and the Benediction offered by Chaplain Walt Fleak.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary