



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 1 March 2025

Call to Order:

1300 – Commander Tim Barker called the March 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 March were tolled by Chaplain Walt Fleak 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-five members and guests attended. Each attendee 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. The approved Base By-Laws updates were signed by the Base Commander and Vice Commander and witnessed by the Secretary. The By-Laws will be uploaded to the Base Website.

Treasurer Walt Fleck reported todate the Base has a total of \$13,457.01 in its accounts. The annual Treasurer report to the USSVI has been submitted. The CD had matured and was replaced with a 6 month CD at 3.44%.

Binnacle List

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd was on the List and not present, Dembo updated the membership on shipmates' health and wellness:

Brian Farnsworth - Doing OK. It's been 3 years in May since his kidney transplant.

Bob Frier - had CT-scan on 27th of February. Feels as he gets closer to 85 years old that his body is losing too many parts. Says "Hello to all my Shipmates".

Jamie Gaffney - doing very well and was here.

Bernie Kenyon - Still meeting challenges, fell in February, has 2 broken bones in pelvis. He is in hospital & was having dialysis as we talked. He appreciates calls & cards from the Base.

Jim Tisdale - he is having massage therapy & says it helps except when it's cold.

Sharon Lloyd - fell a week ago & hurt both knees. Waiting for X-ray report.

Storekeeper

Eric reported that all calendars were sold. He will order a small batch of Columbus patches for future members.

Membership

New Member

Jerry Lee qualified 1976, USS Pintado SSN-672 Also served on the USS Batfish SSN-681

o As Of 02/28/2025

Columbus Base has 76 members.

18 Regular Annual

50USSVI Life Members

50 Base Life Members

41 Active Living Holland Club

2 Regular Associate

4 Life Associate

62 War Veterans

53 Eternal Patrol

Discussion of upcoming events:

Columbus Base Holland Club and Submarine Birthday Dinner

Date: Saturday April 5, 2025

Location: VFW #4931 (Hilliard), 2436 Walcutt Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43228

614-876-4817

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Social hour starts at 1700, dinner at 1800, program at 1900. Please note that all times are approximate.

Dave and Lindsay Hamel are our dinner planners this year. First, they've teamed with our shipmates Tim Barker and Chris and Erin McDonough to provide appetizers including:

Shrimp Tray w/ Cocktail Sauce(s)

Cheese Tray w/ Crackers

Lindsay's Famous Spinach Dip

Mini meatballs in Sauce

Next, they've teamed with "Sweet Carrot Comfort Food Catering" to create a comfort food menu that's perfect for the occasion:

Garden Salad with assorted dressings

Pulled pork in BBQ sauce

Fried chicken tenders

Baked potato bar

(with warm cheese sauce, roasted broccoli, bacon bits, butter, sour cream)

potato chips with French onion dip

Finally, after dinner dessert will be our "traditional" Holland Club and Submarine Birthday cake. And for those so inclined, after dinner decaf coffee compliments of shipmate Galen Brady.

Payment options:

Pay at the door

ZELLE to 6146209445

VENMO to @James-Koogler-3

Send payment (payable to Columbus Base) to

Jim Koogler

2402 Lyncross St

Grove City OH 43123

PLEASE....RSVP attendance by Saturday March 27, 2025, to
Jim Koogler clutch617@gmail.com or phone/text 614-620-9445

Honor Flight schedule yet to be issued.

Wheelchair Maintenance schedule will be issued when Honor Flight scheduled is issued.

New business:

Jerry Lee presented the '5Call' app that can be used to contact local political representatives.
Available in App Stores.

The Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 15. Floats to be onsite at 0930. Kick off at 1100.
Dembo will receive information around March 7 and Clutch will get it out to all members.
Weather is looking good.

Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1330 following the 50-50 raffle and the Benediction offered by Chaplain Walt Fleak.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary