



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 5 April 2025

Call to Order:

1806 – Commander Tim Barker called a pro forma meeting to order following a 1700 – 1800 social hour. Dinner was served. At 1913, Commander Barker led in the salute to the flag and Chaplain Walt Fleck gave the invocation.

33 members and 24 guests were in attendance. Each member introduced themselves and associated guests

No committee reports or formal business was introduced as the purpose for this meeting was to celebrate the birth of our submarine forces and honor the new inductees into the Holland Club.

Noted for the record:

Bernie Kenyon was in hospital 17 days, has therapists helping him with several things at home now. He had broken 2 bones in pelvis and is getting stronger. Says “Hello to you all “.

The Treasurer submitted the end of March total of \$13,746.64.

Base Commander Tim Barker led the Holland Club presentation of ball caps, certificates, photos, and plaques to the two present inductees. They were:

Johnnie Godwin – USS Theodore Roosevelt SSBN-600, qualified 1975.

Mark Rose – USS Gato SSN-615, qualified 1975.

The 50/50 raffle was held.

Appreciations go to:

Dave and Lindsay Hamel for arranging the catering.

Chris and Erin McDonough and Tim Barker for appetizers

Jin “Clutch” Kooger for the ceremony preparations

There being no other business, Commander Barker adjourned the meeting at 2019 following a benediction offered by Chaplain Walt Fleck.

The next meeting will be held at 1300 on Saturday, 5 May 2025, at the American Legion Leasure-Blackston Post 239, 700 Morning Street, Worthington following the usual noon social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Demboski, Secretary