



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 12 July 2025

Call to Order:

1300 – Commander Tim Barker called the July 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 members attended.

Lost Boats for July were tolled by Chaplain Sharon and Galin Brady. The ceremony included a moment of silence in remembrance of lost members.

The Secretary offered his report all minutes posted on the website. We received one correspondence from the VA thanking us for the coffee donations.

The Treasurer's report was delivered by Treasurer Walt. There was a total of \$13,392.92 in accounts at the end of June 2025.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson had no new news to report.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd reported on the Binnacle List for July:

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Bob Frier – his medical issues remain the same with one exception, the VA has agreed that his lung problem is service related- award was 0%.

Bernie Kenyon - doing good, playing golf whenever possible. Wishes everyone the best.

Wade & Andrea Kiger - Andrea has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. She will have a biopsy on Monday and then start chemo or radiation or maybe both.

Galin Brady and Jim Tisdale are being removed from the Binnacle List.

REMINDER: Lil Bullock Celebration of Life Sunday July 20th. RSVP if you plan to attend.

Membership

We currently have 77 members.

Events:

It was discussed and the members in attendance voted to NOT participate in the Navy Week activities at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum 8/18-8/24.

July 4th Upper Arlington Parade appearance was a success with 10 shipmates participating:

August 2 - Columbus Base Picnic at the American Legion Post 239 in Worthington.

- Delaware (Ohio) Community Veterans Parade
 - Date: Sunday November 2, 2025
 - Registration in progress.

Eagle Scouts – No report.

Honor Flight – There are 5 remaining flights scheduled for this year. The Honor Flight received 50 donated wheelchairs to replace the current ones. The Base does Wheelchair Maintenance the Tuesday AFTER flight dates

Upcoming FALL maintenance dates:

- September 9, 2025
- September 30, 2025
- October 21, 2025
- November 11, 2025
- November 18, 2025 (final maintenance date)

The 2025 National Convention in Orlando, FL on Aug.31 to Sept 6, 2025. So far no one from the Base is attending.

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction as Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1415.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 2 August, at the American Legion Post 239 in Worthington. As pointed out above this is the Base Picnic. More information will be sent out by Clutch.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary