



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 6 December 2025

Call to Order and Celebration

We gathered for our traditional Christmas and Toys for Tots Dinner on December 6 at Hilliard Memorial VFW Post 4931, 2436 Walcutt Rd. Following the 17-1800 social hour, Commander Tim Barker called the meeting to order before the dinner with the salute to our flag and country. Chaplain Walt Fleak offered the invocation. The Tolling of Lost Submarines was done by Sharon Lloyd and Galin Brady. Commander Tim updated the progress of the Worthington American Legion remodel with the comment that it should be ready for the January meeting. We then enjoyed a delicious meal organized by Clutch Koogler. We had 26 members and 23 guests in attendance.

After dinner, each member introduced themselves and their guest(s). Secretary Dembo as Head of the election committee, announced the results of the Base Officer elections' for 2026-2027. They are:

Base Commander -	Dave Hamel
Base Vice Commander-	Tim Barker
Secretary-	Dick Moore
Treasurer -	Walt Fleak

Presentations

Base Commander Tim presented his annual recognition:

Jim” Clute” Koogler was recognized by CDR Tim for his handling outside communication duties (i.e. POC - point of contact), plus setting up and facilitating our annual awards dinners, Holland Club dinners, and the myriad of other duties (like membership chairman) which makes our base run smoothly. He truly is the 'back bone' of our Columbus Base."

Cliff Dobson for maintenance of the Base Web Site.

Bravo Zulus to Jim and Beth Steck, "BZ" was for them and their family members who stepped up and attended most, if not all our outside, community events.

The Base Commander's awards went to 1) Dave Hamel for his management of the Sub float and 2) Erin McDonough for her assistance in making events great.

The Shipmate of the Year Award, voted by the members, went to John Wegman.

Communicated information's were:

Chaplin's Report

Dan Fuller— had a stroke from clogged up arteries. He is doing well.

RE Hogan— he is having a very trying time and did not want to explain. One problem is he might not be able to drive again.

Bernie Kenyon—has been in hospital again with clogged up arteries, medication is helping. He wishes "All the troops a Merry Christmas.

Treasurer Report: At the end of November there was reported \$13,209.40 in the system.

The 50-50 was a big success with \$270 tickets bought.

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction and Commandeer Tim adjourned the meeting at 1930. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 3 January at the Worthington American Legion Hall, 700 Morning Street. (we hope)

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary.

(This is my last set of Minutes as Secretary, I enjoyed it)

