

# Columbus Base Meeting Agenda 2 November 2024

1200 - 1300

Social Hour

1300 -

- Call to order Base Commander
- Salute to the flag Base Commander
- Opening Prayer (Invocation) Chaplain
- Tolling of lost boats Chaplain/Galin Brady

## November (5 boats lost)

➤ USS Corvina	SS-226	16 November 1943	82 lives lost
➤ USS Sculpin	SS-191	19 November 1943	40 lives lost
➤ USS Albacore	SS-218	7 November 1944	86 lives lost
➤ USS Growler	SS-215	8 November 1944	85 lives lost
➤ USS Scamp	SS-217	9 November 1944	83 lives lost

**TOTAL LIVES LOST NOVEMBER: 376**

## Eternal Patrol

### November

- **Chuck Carter** 2016
- **Lee Mather** 2018
- **George Sanderson** 2011
- **James Williams** 2016

Moment of silence for lost shipmates.

- Welcome Base Commander
- Introduction of guests Base Commander
- Self-introductions (name, qual year, qual boat ONLY... **5 seconds max**)
- **Secretary's Report**
  - October posted on the website. Comments/corrections?
  - Correspondence?
    - Parade sub trailer license/registration (Koogler)
  - Proposed revisions to bylaws
  - Secretary news

## Treasurer's Report

- Report of the state of the Columbus Base treasury
- Other Treasurer news

- **Webmaster and Social Media Report**
  - Website
  - Facebook
  
- **Chaplain's Report**
  - Sick Bay reports
    - Brian Farnsworth
    - Bob Frier
    - Jamie Gaffney
    - RE Hogan (1<sup>st</sup> knee replacement 10/29)
    - Bernie Kenyon
    - Sharon Lloyd
    - Jim Steck
    - Jim Tisdale
    - Others?
  
  - Ongoing reminder: Please leave instructions to next of kin or family members to contact Columbus Base if you should depart on Eternal Patrol. There have been a few times when we weren't aware of a shipmate's departure and therefore were not present to honor his memory and service at his memorial.
  - "In case of death" checklist copies available on request.
  - **A new "Family Documents Checklist" is available. It was created by Attorney Joseph E. Budde and provided to us by Chaplain Walt Fleak. It will be submitted to the Web Master for posting on the Columbus Base website.**
  - **Another checklist is available from the USSVI chaplain. A copy will be emailed to all hands, and added to the website. It can also be found/downloaded/printed from the USSVI website.**
  - Other Chaplain news
  
- **Storekeeper**
  - 2025 USSVI calendars
  - Other

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- **Membership Report / Introductions**

- New Members
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- Recent contacts: 2 by Jim Steck, both at Home Depot
  - Chris Longstreth MS1(SS), retired 20 years, qual year unknown, USS Woodrow Wilson SSBN-624
  - Jim met a young man whose dad is a retired Commander, served on boomers I think. Lives near Asheville. Don't know his name. Gave him all the info about the base and next meeting. Maybe he'll be here.
- AS OF 10/31/2024
  - Columbus Base has 78 members.
  - 20 Regular Annual
  - 47 USSVI Life Members
  - 47 Base Life Members
  - 43 Active Living Holland Club
  - 2 Regular Associate
  - 4 Life Associate
  - 64 War Veterans
  - 52 Eternal Patrol

- **EVENTS**

- Worthington Ohio Memorial Day Parade
  - COMPLETED
- Upper Arlington Independence Day Parade
  - COMPLETED
- Columbus Base picnic
  - COMPLETED
- Honor The Service - Wings of Flight, Wheels of Yesteryear (Licking County)
  - COMPLETED
  - Report from Dave Hamel?
- Delaware County Fair
  - COMPLETED
  - Report from Dave Hamel, Walt Fleak, anyone?
- Delaware (Ohio) Community Veterans Parade
  - Date: Sunday November 3, 2024
  - Registration submitted
  - Insurance application submitted
- Columbus (Ohio) Veterans Day Parade
  - Date: CANCELLED

- Logan (Ohio) Veterans Day Parade
  - Date: Sunday November 10, 2024
  - Registered, accepted
  - Insurance application submitted
- Columbus Base Christmas Dinner, Appreciations, Toys for Tots collection
  - Day/Date: Saturday, 7 December 2024
  - Location: **VFW #4931 (Hilliard)**  
 2436 Walcutt Rd  
 Columbus, Ohio 43228  
 614-876-4817
  - Cost: TBD but hoping to hold cost to not more than \$20.00 per person
  - Dinner will be buffet-style (all you can eat until it's gone) with food provided by Cracker Barrel. Menu will most likely include:  
 Salad, roast beef, chicken, potatoes, vegetable(s), bread, butter, and dessert.  
 Menu is not finalized and is open to discussion and/or change. Appetizers will be provided/prepared by base members (Barker, McDonough, Dodson, Koogler?, other?) and will probably include shrimp with cocktail sauce, BBQ smokies, cheese/crackers, and maybe a surprise or 2.

- COMMITTEE REPORTS

- UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- NEW BUSINESS

- FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- **USSVI DUES INCREASE Jan 1, 2025**
  - \$10 annual dues increase. There will also be a life member dues increase effective at the same time (new schedule to be announced). Annual members may renew or convert to Life memberships at the current cost until December 31, 2024.
  - Associate Life Membership is again being considered. More info will be shared as received.
- Kapss4Kids (Anderson)
- Central Ohio Military Museum (Harrisburg, Ohio)
  - Open Tuesday through Saturday 9-5p.  
 1010 High St  
 Harrisburg, Oh 43126
  - COMM is conducting their annual fund raisin event 9/28 thru 10/26. Email was sent to all base members. Please consider a donation to help this worthy military museum.
- USS Columbus update... if any: (Barker/Koogler)
- Eagle Scouts (Fleak)
  - Kyle Andrews request

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- Honor Flight (Moore, Fleak)
  - 2024 remaining flight schedule.
    - Mission 138
    - Thursday, November 7, 2024
    - Sponsor: Nationwide
  - Bill Anderson was a member of the 10/10 flight.
  - Those eligible for Honor Flight are urged to consider submitting your applications. Online applications can be found at [honorflightcmh.org/veteran-application](http://honorflightcmh.org/veteran-application).
- 2024 WHEELCHAIR MAINTENANCE.**  
Fall calendar to be published later. All workdays are on Tuesdays at 9 am Airport Room C-108.
- Vietnam Veterans Association (VVA) membership (Koogler)
  
- Open discussion from floor
  - Other
  - 50/50 drawing

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Next planned Columbus Base meeting:  
Columbus Base Christmas Dinner, Appreciations, Toys for Tots collection  
Day/Date: Saturday, 7 December 2024:  
Times: 1700 social hour, 1800 dinner, 1900 Appreciations  
**Location**  
VFW #4931 (Hilliard)  
2436 Walcutt Rd  
Columbus, Ohio 43228

- REMINDER: CLEAN UP
- Closing prayer (Benediction)                      Chaplain
- Adjournment of meeting                              Commander