



## COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 1 October 2022

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### **Call to Order:**

1300 – Commander Tim Barker called the May meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and country following our traditional social hour. Chaplain Sharon Lloyd offered the invocation.

Twenty members and guests attended. Each member introduced himself/herself in a brief round robin fashion.

Lost Boats for October were tolled by Chaplain Sharon Lloyd and COB John Bethea. The ceremony included a moment of silence in remembrance of lost members. The usual moment of silence for all lost shipmates concluded the memorial portion of the meeting.

### **Administrative Reports:**

Secretary George reported that the past meeting's minutes were posted on our website and that no new correspondence of note has been received.

Treasurer Clutch provided his usual detailed report which can be found in the meeting agenda. Clutch and VC Bob Frier have collaborated on a raffle of a set of the metal dolphins. Entries will be limited to keep the odds of winning worthy of an entry. Expect to see more details in the near future. Tickets will go on sale when announced by Clutch on the internet and at the November and December meetings for the drawing to be held at the Christmas dinner. The drawing will be conducted in the "reverse" manner with the last ticket drawn being the winner. The winner will select the text for the plaque. Erin McDonough is coordinating the meal portion of that meeting.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson gave an update on our website and Facebook presence. The website can be found at <https://www.columbusbase.com>. He encouraged members to offer suggestions and submit photos or other appropriate materials.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd reported on the current "Binnacle List":

### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Brian and Elma Farnsworth are doing fine. He asked to be removed from the binnacle list.

(Brian attended this meeting and announced their impending return to Pennsylvania.)

Bernie Kenyon had a golf trip with his son to Branson, MO. He is feeling great. He has a heart checkup on Oct 11 and a bladder check on Oct 18.

Bob McDaniel had his six month checkup and cancer is gone. He also had a brief COVID scare but is over that and is also being removed from the list at his request.

Paul Gant is recovering from surgery to clear a bladder blockage.

Jim Tisdale is doing well but is frustrated at the time it takes for things to heal. He began outpatient therapy on September 29.

Woody Woodmansee's latest chemo treatment has stopped the growth of his cancer. He thinks he might be able to make the November meeting and thanks everyone for their prayers on his behalf.

Membership:

We are now at 75 members.

Toledo Base Commander John Fleitz has joined us as a dual member. John is a former IC1(SS) having qualified in USS Tullibee (SSN 576) in 1976. His total service period was 1972 – 1978 including a tour aboard USS Waccamaw (AO 109).

Events:

The annual Columbus Veteran's Day Parade will be held on November 10. Assemble at 10 AM for a noon step off from the vicinity of Nationwide Blvd. and High Street.

Logan Veteran's Day Parade will be held on November 13. Step off at 3 PM.

Christmas Dinner/Awards Celebration/Toys for Tots Collection: Clutch reported this event will be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. at the Hilliard VFW Post, 2436 Walcutt Rd. While Clutch remains the overall coordinator, Erin McDonough has volunteered to head up the dinner portion of the evening.

George Petershagen reported on his turnover of books from the Rick Larson collection to Clutch and Tim who delivered them to Cod Base for their lending library. The Cod Base plan is to establish a lending library for interested participants. George brought two boxes of submarine model kits for members to select from. He also thanked Dave Hamel for returning to him containers of materials previously stored by Dave so that he could reorganize them with newly discovered items. He expects to have patches available for distribution at the November meeting. Some members reported on successes selling some of the items as fundraisers at reunions.

Honor Flight – Dick Moore reported there are remaining flights scheduled for this year on October 6 and November 3 and 10. Bill Anderson is checking on the possibility of a Columbus Base group segment. Keep an eye on the website or your e-mail for an announcement. Let Clutch or Bill know if you are interested.

Galin Brady and Commander Tim reported on the shortened national convention held at Buffalo, NY in August. It appears the shortened format will be replaced by a week-long convention format next year in Tucson. Clutch reminded that the 2023 convention will be held in Tucson August 27 – September 3.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd gave the benediction, and Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1405 after announcing the next meeting will be held on Saturday, 5 November, at the Worthington American Legion Hall, 700 Morning Street..

Respectfully submitted, George Petershagen, Secretary

