



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 5 November 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Lost Boats for November were tolled by Chaplain Sharon Lloyd and COB John Bethea. Four (4) shipmates who departed on Eternal Patrol in Novembers past were also remembered as their names were called. The ceremony concluded with a moment of silence in remembrance of lost boats and members.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Secretary George Petershagen was absent from the meeting. Treasurer Jim Koogler filled in and reported as best he could... noting that the past meeting's minutes were posted on our website and that no new correspondence of note is known to have been received. Attendees were reminded that Secretary Petershagen will likely be resigning his office. Request for volunteer to assume the position was posed, with no respondents.

Treasurer Jim Koogler provided his report on the state of the treasury. The long promised metal dolphin raffle has begun. This will be a “reverse drawing”, with the final ticket drawn being the winner. Only 200 tickets will be offered for sale, and only to Columbus Base members. Drawing will be held on Friday evening 2 December 2022. Treasurer Jim Koogler will draw the tickets, witnessed by as yet unknown persons. Winner will be announced at the Christmas Dinner and by email to all hands.

Treasurer also reminded all that he can accept ZELLE and VENMO payments.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson gave an update on our website and Facebook presence. The website can be found at 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

Bernie Kenyon reported that he is cancer free. He returns for check up in 90 days. 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.

Paul Gant was in attendance

Jim Tisdale was in attendance.

Woody Woodmansee was in attendance.

MEMBERSHIP:

We are 75 members

2023 dues can be paid anytime. Cash, check, money order, ZELLE, VENMO are all accepted. Clutch will continue to send reminders..

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 will be held on Saturday, December 3rd. at the Hilliard VFW Post, 2436 Walcutt Rd. Thanks to our coordinator Erin McDonough, food will be provided by CITY BBQ. Intended menu will include pulled pork, smoked turkey, green beans with bacon, mac & cheese, smashed potatoes with gravy, Salad, cake for dessert. Bread will be provided by Sharon Lloyd. Coffee will be provided by Galin Brady.) Cost will be \$25.00 per person. We are supporting Toy For Tots again this year so attendees are asked to consider donating a toy to the cause. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

Kaps4Kids – Bill Anderson reported that we might possibly never again be able to do in person visits to Children’s Hospital. COVID certainly put a stop to the visits, and now RSV may add to the problems. Will continue to monitor and look at alternatives.

Honor Flight – Dick Moore reported on the remaining flights. Walt Fleak reported that the need for wheel chairs has diminished to the point that several chairs are being donated to other organizations.

Kelly Graham reported that the 2023 national convention in Tucson (Aug 27-Sept 3) will be “kick-ass” so start making your plans now.

Columbus Base Shipmate of the Year – Nominations being accepted until Sunday 20 November. Send nominations to Jim Koogler and Bill Anderson. Ballots will then be developed and sent to all members. 2023 BSOY selection will be announced at the Christmas Dinner. **CONTACT CLUTCH IF YOU NEED HELP!!!**

Reminder: Next meeting is the Christmas Dinner and toy collection at VFW #4931 in Hilliard Saturday 3 December 2023 (social at 1700, dinner at 1800, awards presentations at 190, cost \$25.00 per person.

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction, and Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1400.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Koogler, acting Secretary