



# COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES

## 3 December 2022

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### Call to Order and Celebration

We gathered as is our tradition on December 3 at Hilliard Memorial VFW Post 4931, 2436 Walcutt Rd. Following the 17-1800 social hour we enjoyed a delicious meal organized by Erin McDonough and Clutch Koogler. Forty-six members and guests attended. Clutch introduced guest Roger Dyer and Tim introduced Bethea guest Glenn Luksik, Commander of Worthington American Legion Post 239.

Commander Tim Barker called the meeting to order following the dinner with the salute to our flag and country. Chaplain Walt Fleak offered the invocation. Chaplain Sharon Lloyd and COB John Bethea conducted the tolling of the lost boats for December and concluded with a moment of silence for all of our lost brothers and members.

### Presentations

Roger Dyer gave an overview and invite regarding the Honor Flight program in Columbus and distributed commemorative pins to all who served during the Vietnam War era.

Base Commander Tim presented his annual recognitions (Bravo Zulus) to Walt Fleak, Chris McDonoug, and Jim Wegman and the Base Commander's award to Galin Brady.. Well done to all.

The Shipmate of the Year Award for this year went to Commander Tim. Tim was also the winner of the metal dolphin device.

The Base acknowledged support of Columbus Base and Base projects by Acorn Logistics with a special award that was accepted by Acorn Logistics President Lil Bullock.

George Petershagen gave a brief on the November "Subvets of WWII" memorial ceremony held on Submarine Base King's Bay at St. Marys, Georgia and distributed packages of documents and other memorabilia found in the "Boat Files" of the Rick Larson collection.

Eric Dreisedel won the 50-50 and turned the proceeds over to the Base.

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction and Commandeer Tim adjourned the meeting at 1930. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 7 January at the Worthington American Legion Hall, 700 Morning Street..

Respectfully submitted, George Petershagen, Secretary