



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 7 January 2023

Call to Order:

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

Twenty-three 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 mention of Base members who commenced their eternal patrols during the month of January in each year. 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. He and Clutch discussed George's request that someone come forward to assume the secretarial duties. George is developing concerns about the long drive to and from meetings due to his age (79).

Treasurer Clutch provided his usual detailed report which can be found in the meeting agenda. Clutch reminded that silver dolphin plaques remain on sale but that the price is going up. He submitted the required national report to USSVI national on 1 January and offered a copy for any member's review. Dues payments came in better than in the past due to the use of electronic payment methods (ZELLE & VENMO). His presentation concluded with a discussion of the Christmas dinner event. The consensus of those who attended was that it was a success, and that Erin McDonough should be asked to continue as the meal coordinator. Well done, Erin!

Webmaster Cliff Dodson's update on the website included a reminder that he is open to criticisms, questions, and comments from the membership.

Binnacle List

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd updated the membership on shipmates health and wellness covering three months:

November:

Paul Gant doing well and expected to attend December meeting. (He did attend.)

Bernie Kenyon – Cancer free at last exam. Will go for follow-up in three months (Feb-Mar).

Jim Tisdale reports he has good days and bad days. He is on his feet and able to move around, but is frustrated by limitations. He is currently awaiting determination by Workman's Comp regarding possible additional physical therapy.

December:

Jim Tisdale did get additional therapy approval and is attending two days a week.

January:

Bernie Kenyon in great spirits in spite of difficulty with dialysis treatments. He is also receiving therapy for a nerve condition in one hip.

Woody Woodmansee had chemo treatment last Wednesday. His cancer is contained and not growing but he is scheduled for additional treatments every three weeks. The chemo is causing him to feel rundown for long periods.

Bob McDaniel is doing well. He will have a six-month checkup next month.

Brian and Alma Farnsworth are doing well. Alma's mother passed away recently, and they are scheduled to take her ashes to the Philippines next month.

Future meetings and celebrations: In two separate discussions the membership elected to hold the April and December dinner meetings on the second Saturday of the month due to reservation conflicts with the Hilliard VFW Post and hold the July and September meetings in Worthington on the second Saturday of the month due to anticipated holiday celebrations. The meeting dates will be April 8, July 8, September 9, and December 9.

Secretary George reported that he was in contact with Toledo Base in hopes that some of their members might want items from the Larson memorabilia collection.

Walt Fleak reported that there still is no local Kaps for Kids activity due to hospital decisions. He also reported that he believes he has lost his contact with the Boy Scouts administration and is working to develop a replacing relationship. His final report was that the local Honor Flight program had begun its winter hiatus. (In the midst of these reports we were made aware that one Eagle Scout and one guest's family member were in or on their way to Submarine School.)

Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM following the 50-50 raffle and the Benediction offered by Chaplain Walt Fleak.

Respectfully submitted, George Petershagen, Secretary