



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 4 March 2023

Call to Order:

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

Lost Boats for March were tolled by Chaplain Sharon Lloyd and Galin Brady. The ceremony included mention of Base members who commenced their eternal patrols during the month of March in each year. The usual moment of silence for all lost shipmates concluded the memorial portion of the meeting.

Twenty-nine members and guests attended. Each member introduced himself/herself in a brief round robin fashion. Two new members, Adam Schaefer and Justin Shupert were added but were not present. Justin Shupert has had major medical issues and received a liver transplant. Clutch and Commander Tim met with him March 3 and presented a donation from the Brotherhood Fund to help with personal finances.

Administrative Reports:

Secretary Dembo 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. To date, the Base has a total of \$10,478.33 in its accounts. It was noted that the Base will purchase a \$5,000 CD to improve the savings interest. Clutch reminded that silver dolphin plaques remain on sale but that the price is going up to \$85.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson's comments that the Facebook is ongoing.

Binnacle List

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd updated the membership on shipmates' health and wellness:

Bernie Kenyon – health was doing great. Did have some issue with Blood Pressure but has got it under control.

Jim Tisdale came to beginning of meeting and left early. Doing OK But has good and bad days.

Woody Woodmansee had treatment this week and always feels bad for a few days.

Bob Mc Daniel has had the cancer test delayed until he has a pulmonary function test. Hopes to get in March. Feels great.

Dave and JoAnne O'Carroll – JoAnne has had cancer and is better now but per doctors orders is trying to keep away from possible contamination.

National dues increase of April 1, 2023. Pay by April 1 with no increase.

Discussion of upcoming events:

1. Will have 5 Holland Club inductees, April 8 at the VFW in Hillard
2. Memorial Day Parade at Worthington on May 29, 2023. Assemble at 9 am, parade starts at 10 am.
3. Independence Day parade July 4, 2023, at Upper Arlington.
4. National USSVI Convention in Tucson, AZ. Kelly said there were 3 good tours to go on and a Dinner Show to attend.
5. Honor Flights will resume in the spring.
6. Next Convention will be 2024 in Cleveland, OH. They may be wanting help from Columbus Base.

No unfinished business or new business.

Next meeting will be at 1700, Saturday, April 8, 2023, for the Holland Club and Submarine Birthday Dinner at the VFW #4931 (Hillard), 2436 Walcutt Rd, Columbus, OH. Contact Clutch if attending. More information will be sent out.

Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1405 following the 50-50 raffle and the Benediction offered by Chaplain Walt Fleak.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary