



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 3 June 2023

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 Walt Fleak offered the invocation.

Eighteen members and guests attended.

Lost Boats for June were tolled by Chaplain Sharon and Galin Brady. The ceremony included a moment of silence in remembrance of those on Eternal Patrol.

The Secretary and Treasurer offered their reports. There was one piece of correspondence, a thank you letter from the VA Central Ohio Healthcare System for the Coffee donation. Treasurer Clutch Koogler reported a total of \$10,665.85 in the treasurer's account.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson had no new business.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd reported on the Binnacle List for June:

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Bob McDaniel says he is doing well. He will be having a CSCAN in October to check things out.

Woody Woodmansee said it was getting hard to travel.

Bernie Kenyon's eye surgery has been rescheduled for July 16th. Had dialysis on Wednesday. Otherwise, things are going well. He is scheduled for a checkup on his bladder July 14th to make sure all cancer is gone.

Jo Anne O'Carroll – no contact this month.

Jin Tisdale stated his back was not good and the meeting chairs are not suitable for him to attend.

Membership

As of 5/31 we had 74 members.

Events:

May 29, 2023 – Worthington Memorial Day Parade 12 shipmates and 3 guests participated:: Dave Hamel, Dave Creekmore, John Wegman, Walt Fleak, Garry Justice, Bill McCorkle, Scott Steele (and granddaughters Josie and Lucy Steele), Tim Barker, Brian Farnsworth (and wife Alma), Charles Sabino, Dave O'Carroll, Jim Koogler.

July 4th Upper Arlington Parade. Our application has been accepted. Step off is at 1000 from the Zollinger Road staging area at Schoedinger Funeral Home. This parade is about two miles long, so it is not for the feint of heart.

August 5 - Columbus Base Picnic at American Legion Post #239 in Worthington. **A Coordinator is needed, contact Clutch.** Menu, and specifics being developed.

Christmas Dinner, Appreciations, and Toys for Tots Collection Day/Date: Saturday, 9 December 2023 (Note this is the 2nd Saturday) Location: VFW #4931 (Hilliard) 2436 Walcutt Rd Columbus, Ohio 43228 614-876-4817 **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!**

Central Ohio Military Museum (Harrisburg, Ohio) o Open Tuesday through Saturday 9-5p. 1010 High St Harrisburg, Oh 43126 o COMM Veterans Celebration is Saturday June 10th from 10:00am to 5:00pm in Harrisburg, Ohio.

There will be a car show, bluegrass music, craft vendors, bake sale, food trucks, Honor Flight, Franklin County Veterans Commission, WWI/WWII/Vietnam reenactors, a large raffle with prizes and more. More info and flyers will be distributed to all hands via email.

Eagle Scouts – No report.

Honor Flight – Remaining Honor Flights for the year:

- Mission 123 (Sponsored by Dublin Honor Flight) Thursday, June 15, 202
- Mission 124 (Sponsored by Vance Outdoors) September 7, 2023
- Mission 125 (Sponsored by Ohio Health and Grateful Americans) September 28, 2023
- Mission 126 (Sponsored by Ragan/McNamara Families) October 19, 2023
- Mission 127 (Sponsored by Battelle) November 2, 2023
- Mission 128 (Sponsored by Nationwide) November 9, 2023

Kaps for Kids – No report.

There was a discussion on creating a relationship with USS Columbus. Nothing concrete to date.

2023 USSVI Convention: Tucson, AZ. Hosted by Tucson Base and Perch Base, 27-28 August – 3 September 2023 at Tucson Hilton El Conquistador Hotel. Facebook page is now available
♣ Week's schedule is available o Internet web site is being created o No further info available •

2024 Convention is in CLEVELAND, OHIO • July meeting will be 2nd Saturday, July 8th • September meeting will be 2nd Saturday, September 9th.

Columbus Base officer elections are coming up in November. All positions are open. NEW BLOOD IS NEEDED. Please consider running for an office.

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction as Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1349.

The next meeting will be held at 1300 on Saturday, 8 July, at the American Legion Leasure-Blackston Post 239, 700 Morning Street, Worthington following the usual noon social hour. (N.B. We are not meeting on our usual first Saturday of the month due to July 4th holiday.)

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary