



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 8 July 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.

Twenty members and guests attended. Two members of Toledo Base, John Fleitz and Thomas W. Brown, attended the meeting.

Lost Boats for July were tolled by Chaplain Sharon and Galin Brady. The ceremony included a moment of silence in remembrance of lost members.

The Secretary offered his report. There was one piece of correspondence, a thank you letter from the VA Central Ohio Healthcare System for the Coffee donation.

The Treasurer's report was delivered by Commander Tim in Clutch's absence. There was a total of \$10,699.11 in accounts. There was also \$182.50 in the Kaps4Kids and \$25.00 check to be deposited.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson had no new news to report.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd reported on the Binnacle List for July:

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Bernie Kenyon- Had Cataract surgery Wednesday and all went well. Had trouble with dialysis this week due to needle placement causing bruising.

Bob McDaniel – Doing fine taking things as they come.

Jim Tisdale – Back still bothering him that worsens during the day. Had MRI that showed bulging discs that is new.

Woody Woodmansee – Still doing Chemo that still affects him.

Jo Anne O'Carroll – No response to phone or text.

Brian Farnsworth – No response to phone.

Membership

We currently have 74 members.

John Fleitz of the Toledo Base gave a 10 minute update of their activities. He also presented Commander Tim Barker and Treasurer James Koogler(not present) with a 55 Year Holland Club recognition from the Toledo Base. He mentioned that Toledo Base would take any materials that Columbus members do not want.

Events:

July 4th Upper Arlington Parade appearance was a success with 11 shipmates participating: They were Dave Hamel, Dave Creekmore, Dick Moore, John Wegman, Walt Fleak, Garry Justice, Bill McCorkle, Tim Barker, Charles Sabino, Richard Demboski and Jim Koogler.

August 5 - Columbus Base Picnic at the American Legion Post 239 in Worthington. Eric and Marcia Dreiseidel are coordinators. Chicken and Brats are the meats. Names A-L please bring a side dish to share, Names M-Z please bring a dessert to share. Please let Clutch if you and guests plan to attend.

Still need a coordinator(s) for the Christmas Dinner.

Eagle Scouts – No report.

Honor Flight – There are 4 remaining flights scheduled for this yer. The Base does Wheelchair Maintenance the Tuesdays after a flight 8:30 am at the airport. Contact Walt if interested.

A discussion was held about a possible group visit to the USS Cod SS224 in Cleveland possibly the end of July. Those interested contact Clutch.

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction as Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1435.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 5 August, at the American Legion Post 239 in Worthington

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary