



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 9 September 2023

Call to Order:

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

Nineteen members and guests attended. Each member introduced himself/herself in a brief round robin fashion.

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

Administrative Reportss:

Secretary Dembo reported that no new correspondence of note has been received.

Treasurer Clutch provided his usual detailed report which can be found in the meeting agenda. There was a total of \$10,665.93 in accounts. Clutch announced to raffle the Afghan that was crocheted by Sharon Lloyd. Tickets will go on sale (\$5/ticket, 5 for \$20) in October for the drawing to be held at the Christmas dinner.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson had no new news to report.

Storekeeper Eric Dreiseidel - The new 2024 USSVI calendars are out, will order 10.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd reported on the current “Binnacle List”:

CHAPLAIN’S REPORT

Brian Farnsworth had spinal surgery this month and is doing fine.

Bernie Kenyon reports he is doing well and playing a lot of golf.

Bob McDaniel reports he is doing well.

Jim Tisdale – No update

Woody Woodmansee – Still doing Chemo that still affects him and travel.

Jo Anne O'Carroll – No update.

Sharon Lloyd reported that her niece, who had visited the Base Meetings before, had passed away.

Membership

We remain at 75 members.

We have a possible new member, Joseph Conn, new USSVI member but hasn't made contact yet with Columbus Base.

New member Gary Sievers. Lives in Ct. Qual 1967 USS Alexander Hamilton SSBN-617. USN retired as TMC. Also served on Patrick Henry, Will Rodgers, and Dallas. Also twice at BESS.. Qualifies for age based life membership. He has not attended yet.

Events:

Thanks, and kudos were given to picnic organizers (and BBQ masters) Eric and Marcia Dreiseidel. Seventeen (17) members along with five (5) guests attended.

Christmas Dinner/Awards Celebration/Toys for Tots Collection: Clutch reported this event will be held on Saturday, December 9th at the Hilliard VFW Post, 2436 Walcutt Rd. Eric Dreiseidel has volunteered to head up the dinner portion of the evening.

George Petershagen reported on his final turnover of stuff to the Toledo Base.

Honor Flight – The remaining flights scheduled for this year are full. Get your application in for 2024. The next Whell Chair repair activity is this Tuesday, September 12, 9 am, at the airport.

Kaps 4 Kids remains on hold. There was a discussion at the USSVI Convention providing ideas on program improvements.

USS Columbus update – Tim is trying to get them to come from Charleston to attend one of our meetings.

Eagle Scout – Walt Fleck says nothing new but looking to contact State organization.

Bill Anderson and Johnnie Godwin attended the 2023 USSVI Convention in Tucson, AZ.

The 2024 USSVI Convention will be held in Cleveland, OH hosted by the Cod Base, August 19-24, 2024. Tim is working with the Cleveland Base to provide any assistance needed by Columbus Base.

2024 dinners - It was decided to continue to hold the April and December dinners at VFW in Hilliard.

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

George Petershagen won the 50-50 grand prize which he donated to the Base.

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction, and Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1420.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 7 October, at the Worthington American Legion Hall, 700 Morning Street, Worthington..

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary

