



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES

7 October 2023

Call to Order:

1253 – Commander Tim Barker called the October 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-five 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 Galin Brady. The ceremony included a moment of silence in remembrance of lost members. The usual moment of silence for all lost shipmates concluded the memorial portion of the meeting.

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 and in summary there is \$10,738.94 total. Clutch offered the raffle of the Afghan crocheted by Sharon Lloyd. Tickets are \$5/ticket, 5 for \$20 for the drawing to be held at the Christmas dinner.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson was absent, therefore no update.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd reported on the current "Binnacle List":

Brian and Elma Farnsworth was unavailable for an update.

Bernie Kenyon had a bad session of dialysis, it happens sometimes. He says hello and enjoys the notes that Galin writes in the cards.

Bob McDaniel reports he is doing well.

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

Dave and Jo Anne O'Carroll – No update.

Jim Tisdale is doing outpatient therapy. Was very busy and his back was hurting too much to attend this meeting.

Woody Woodmansee is doing maybe a little better, but Chemo is hard.

Storekeeper Eric reported that he ordered 15 2024 USSVI calendars.

Membership:

We may be at 77 members. We had two new members attend.

Joseph Conn, MM, qual 2017 USS Maine SSBN-741.

Jim Steck, MM, qual 1972 USS Ethan Allen SSBN-608. Guest was with his wife Beth.

It's time to pay 2024 Columbus Base and National dues. Annual dues are: National \$30.00, Columbus Base \$10.00... \$40.00 for both. See Clutch if you're interested in multiyear or Life memberships.

Events:

The annual Columbus Veterans Day Parade was cancelled.

Logan's Veterans Day Parade will be held Sunday, November 12. Step off at 3 PM.

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.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS: Eric and Marcia Dreiseidel

Cost: \$25.00/person

Menu: Shrimp Cocktail Relish Tray Meatballs in Sweet Chili Sauce Tossed Salad -w / Assorted Dressings Sliced Ham Chicken Marsala Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans w/ Onion & Bacon Bread (by Sharon Lloyd) Cake.

George Petershagen reported on his final turnover of memorabilia to Clutch.

Honor Flight – There are 2 remaining flights scheduled for this year on October 19 and November 2. Therefore 2 more wheelchair repair sessions.

Nothing new on the 2024 convention.

Elections for Columbus Base officers will be held at the next meeting in November. All positions are open and NEW BLOOD IS NEEDED.

Chaplain Walt Fleak Lloyd gave the benediction, and Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1348 after announcing the next meeting will be held on Saturday, 4 November, at the Worthington American Legion Hall, 700 Morning Street..

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary