



## COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 4 November 2023

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### **Call to Order:**

1257– Commander Tim Barker called the November 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-three members, two Associate members, three guests and one prospective member attended. Each member and associate 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 \$10,957.42 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 reported nothing new.

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

Brian Farnsworth attended and reported that he had had surgery on Thursday that went well but went to ER on Saturday due to swelling of the neck. All is well now.

Bernie Kenyon is doing well and playing golf as time permits. He is also busy attending Granddaughters school sports activities. A brief discussion was held regarding all that Bernie did in organizing the start and maintenance of the Base.

Jo Anne O'Carroll – Reported Cancer Free.

Jim Tisdale received a steroid shot in the back and is doing somewhat better. Still working with Workers Comp.

Storekeeper Eric had received 2024 calendars and were sold for \$12. There may be a few left.

Membership:

We have 77 members. We had one new prospective member attend.

Mark Rose attended as a prospective member.

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 (Ohio) Veterans Day Parade  
Sunday 12 November 2023  
Parade step-off at 1500  
Free Veterans' dinner after the parade  
Galin Brady pulling the parade sub  
Additional info will be distributed as received  
Liability Insurance request submitted.

Delaware (Ohio) Veterans Day Parade (parade theme is :Vietnam)  
Sunday 5 November 2023  
Veterans Social (with light lunch) 1200-1430 Parade step-off at 1500  
Walt Fleak pulling the parade sub.  
Additional info will be distributed as received Liability Insurance request submitted.

Christmas Dinner/Awards Celebration/Toys for Tots Collection: Clutch reported this event will be held on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Hilliard VFW Post, 2436 Walcutt Rd.  
VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS: Eric and Marcia Dreiseidel  
Cost: \$25.00/person

Honor Flight – There is one remaining flights scheduled for this year on November 9.  
Wheelchair repair is scheduled for November 7 at 0830 at the Delta Baggage area at the Columbus airport.

Central Crossing High School NJROTC Wreaths Across America.  
As part of the Wreaths Across America program, CCHS NJROTC will be laying wreaths at noon on Saturday 16 December 2023 at  
Concord Cemetery  
6244 Hoover Road  
Grove City, Ohio

This is in the general area of Hoover Rd and Rt 665, just East of the I-71 exit #97 (665 interchange)

Donations are accepted.

Nothing new on the 2024 convention.

**There were no volunteers or nominations for Base Officers, therefore there were no new Officers voted in.**

The 50/50 drawing was held.

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction, and Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1404.

#### ANOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Next planned Columbus Base meeting:

#### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Day/Date: Saturday, 9 December 2023

Location: VFW #4931 (Hilliard)

2436 Walcutt Rd

Columbus, Ohio 43228

614-876-4817

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

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary