



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 9 December 2023

Call to Order and Celebration

We gathered as is our tradition on December 9 at Hilliard Memorial VFW Post 4931, 2436 Walcutt Rd. Following the 17-1800 social hour we enjoyed a delicious meal organized by Eric and Marcia Dreiseidel. Thirty-eight members and guests attended. Clutch introduced new member Mark Rose and wife Mimi.

Commander Tim Barker called the meeting to order following the Social Hour with the salute to our flag and country. Chaplain Walt Fleak offered the invocation. Chaplain Sharon Lloyd and Walt Fleak conducted the tolling of the lost boats for December and concluded with a moment of silence for all of our lost brothers and members.

Dinner followed and ended with a great cake.

Base Election Results: 2 year offices

Base Commander -Tim Barker
Vice commander – Dave Hamel
Secretary – Richard Demboski
Treasurer – Walt Fleak

Presentations

Shipmate of the Year:

The ballot for shipmate of the year was another close one. But in the end, Eric Dreiseidel was the 2023 choice of the majority. Congratulations to Eric.

Base Commander Tim presented his annual recognition (Bravo Zulus) to Richard Demboski.

The Base Commander's awards went to Eric and Marcia Dreiseidel, and Sharon Lloyd. Well done to all.

The Base acknowledged the service that Jim "Clutch" Koogler had given to the Base since its inception 20 years ago. He has held all positions except for Secretary and Chaplin.

Other

The Base reminded members that it donates coffee to the VA Central Ohio Healthcare System usually monthly. Donations of coffee are appreciated from the Base members collected at the monthly meeting. Letters of appreciation were received from the VA for July and November donations.

Tim France was the winner of the raffled Afghan made by Sharon Lloyd. The raffle made \$410 for the Base. Great job Sharon.

The dinner also collected many “Toys for Tots” from attending members that will be donated.

Linda Dodson won the 50-50.

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction and Commandeer Tim adjourned the meeting at 1942.

The next meeting will be held at noon on Saturday, 6 January 2024 at the Worthington American Legion Hall, 700 Morning Street.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary