



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 3 February 2024

Call to Order:

1302 – Commander Tim Barker called the February meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and country following our traditional social hour. Chaplain Walt Fleak offered the invocation.

Lost Boats for February were tolled by Chaplain Walt Fleak and Galin Brady. The ceremony included mention of Base members who commenced their eternal patrols during the month of February in each year. The usual moment of silence for all lost shipmates concluded the memorial portion of the meeting.

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

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.

New Treasurer Walt Fleck provided his usual detailed report which can be found in the meeting agenda. To date, the Base has a total of \$11,943.40 in its accounts.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson's comments on the website all documents are available without logging in, the only item that requires login is the Sailing List.

Binnacle List

Dembo updated the membership on shipmates' health and wellness:

Bernie Kenyon – Doing well and says “Hello” to all

Jim Tisdale reports he is doing well but chair sitting is to difficult to attend meetings.

Woody Woodmansee doing same as last few months, missed seeing everyone.

Bob Frier is getting better, moved from walker to cane. Will stay in the facility until Feb. 21, 2024.

Sharon Lloyd after neck surgery is doing well. Will have neck brace for at least 3 more weeks. She appreciated all the cards.

Membership increased to 80 with 2 new members –

Steve Dickman, MM2(SS), qualified 1998 on USS Toledo, SSN-769.

Lee McClish, Captain, qualified 1986 on the USS Gato, SSN-615.

For the first time in a while, dues payments and membership renewal was 100% this early in the year.

Discussion of upcoming events:

1. Will have 5 Holland Club inductees, April 6 at the VFW in Hillard, Clutch is the coordinator.
2. The 2024 Convention will be held in Cleveland, OH, August 19 -24, 2024. There is no agenda set but reservation information is available. About 10 members suggested they would attend.
3. The Honor Flight schedule for 2024 starting in March was posted in the meeting agenda. Walt Fleck will send out the wheelchair repair schedule soon.

No unfinished business or new business.

Nest meeting will be Saturday, March 2, 2024, at the American Legion Post in Worthington.

Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1355 following the 50-50 raffle and the Benediction offered by Chaplain Walt Fleak.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary