



## COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 3 March 2024

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### **Call to Order:**

1300 – Commander Tim Barker called the March 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 March were tolled by Chaplain Sharon Lloyd and Galin Brady. The ceremony included mention of Base members who commenced their eternal patrols during the month of March each year. The usual moment of silence for all lost shipmates concluded the memorial portion of the meeting.

Twenty-three members, three Toledo Base members, one guest (Bob Kincer) and three member's ladies attended. Each attendee 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. Received two letters from the VA Central Ohio Healthcare System thanking for the donations of coffee, Chocolate and tea for January and February in the amount of \$504. Great, keep up the donations.

The Base is reviewing the By-Laws for updates. If you have any comments, please forward them to Dembo.

Treasurer Walt Fleck reported to date, the Base has a total of \$12,106.42 in its accounts. The annual report to the USSVI has yet to be submitted.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson's commented that the Website platform is being updated.

### **Binnacle List**

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd updated the membership on shipmates' health and wellness:

Brian Farnsworth: Doing well in North Carolina where he & Alma have their new camper set up. Will not continue updating.

Bernie Kenyon: Everything going well. Says “Hello” to everyone.

Bob Frier: Saw doctor yesterday & he is going to refer him to a couple of specialists. He says “Hello Troops “

Bill McCorkle: He had surgery for blocked intestines, doing better & is due to go home on Sunday. He is looking forward to April’s meeting.

Jim Tisdale: He is doing as always, trying to get kinks out of back.

Jack Wirtz: Things getting better, had congestive heart failure. Hopes to get back to normal routines in a couple of weeks.

John (Woody) Woodmansee: Doing fine. Still kicking & misses everyone. Says “Hello”.

Sharon Lloyd: Attended the meeting and gave this report but did not include herself until asked. She had a neck brace, not to wear while driving, doing well and is almost back to normal.

## **Membership**

### o New Members

Steve Dickman (qualified 1998, USS Toledo SSN-769)

Lee McClish (qualified 1987, USS Gato SSN-615)

### o Recent contacts:

Terry Dickson (qual 1997? USS Trepang SSN-674), contact from Lee McClish, added to distribution list

### o As Of 02/29/2024

Columbus Base has 80 members.

20 Regular Annual

49USSVI Life Members

49 Base Life Members

45 Active Living Holland Club

2 Regular Associate

4 Life Associate

66 War Veterans

## **Discussion of upcoming events:**

Columbus Base Holland Club and Submarine Birthday Dinner

Date: Saturday April 6, 2024 (confirmed)

Location: VFW #4931 (Hilliard), 2436 Walcutt Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43228

614-876-4817

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Planning to have Carfagna as our food caterer. Still awaiting confirmation.

Planned menu includes (but is subject to change):

Appetizers

Shrimp Tray w/ Cocktail Sauce(s)

Cheese Tray w/ Crackers  
Mini meatballs in marinara sauce  
Salads Gourmet Mesclun Greens with assorted dressings  
Tri-color pasta salad  
Entrees and sides  
Lasagna  
Chicken Piccata  
Whipped Potatoes  
Steamed Mixed Vegetables  
Home baked bread (with butter) by Sharon Lloyd  
Dessert  
Holland Club / Submarine Birthday Cake  
After dinner decaf coffee (compliments of Galin Brady)  
Payment options:

Pay at the door  
ZELLE to 6146209445  
VENMO to @James-Koogler-3  
Send payment (payable to Columbus Base) to  
Jim Koogler  
2402 Lyncross St  
Grove City OH 43123

PLEASE....RSVP attendance by Saturday March 30, 2024 to  
Jim Koogler clutch617@gmail.com or phone/text 614-620-9445

1. Memorial Day Parade at Worthington on Monday, May 27, 2024. Registered and accepted. Assemble at 9 am, parade starts at 10 am.
2. Independence Day parade July 4, 2023, at Upper Arlington.
3. National USSVI Convention in Cleveland, OH. John Fleitz gave a presentation of the event and made available copies of forms on the website. The ½ page ad of the Ohio Bases has been increased to a full page at a shared cost of \$350 met with Base approval.
4. Honor Flights will resume in March. Wheelchair maintenance will done at the airport on 3/12/24 and 4/2/24 at 9am. In the future, wheelchair maintenance will occur on the Tuesday after Thursday flights (See the agenda for flight schedule).
5. Clutch reported that the USS Cincinnati memorial and museum will have an announcement on 3/4/24 about an upcoming project.

**New business:** Tony Konecny (POC) asked for volunteers to help work on the American Legion grounds to minimize mowing. Contact Tony at 614-507-7891 if interested.

Next meeting will be at 1700, Saturday, April 6, 2024, for the Holland Club and Submarine Birthday Dinner at the VFW #4931 (Hillard), 2436 Walcutt Rd, Columbus, OH. Contact Clutch if attending. More information will be sent out.

Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1400 following the 50-50 raffle and the Benediction offered by Chaplain Walt Fleak.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary