



*Columbus Base  
United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.*

Meeting Minutes January 2, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 1300 by Commander Tim Barker, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and to the United States. Chaplain Walt Fleak offered the invocation. Chaplain Sharon Lloyd and acting COB Galin Brady conducted tolling for boats lost during January and for members who went on eternal patrol during the month.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd conducted the swearing in of newly elected officers; Dave Hamel as Commander, Tim Barker as Vice Commander, Dick Moore as Secretary and Walt Fleak continuing as Treasurer.

Secretary's Report: Dembo has posted the previous minutes to the web site, we received a thank you from the VA for coffee donations.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Walt submitted a complete summary for 2025, which is attached.

Webmaster Report: Everything is working well.

Chaplain's Report: Chaplin Sharon's report is attached.

The agenda contained the customary reminder to leave instructions to contact the Base if you depart on Eternal Patrol.

The USSV Charitable Foundation announced a service to allow members and their families to create a will for free. The service is available at My Legacy Will (<https://mylegacywill.com/ussvcf>)

Membership Report: 16 members and one guest attended the meeting. The sign in sheet is attached. 4 shipmates have not paid 2026 USSV and Columbus base dues and one has not paid Columbus Base dues. Clutch will call each of them.

Columbus Base presently has 77 members, as follows:

- 18 Regular Annual
- 50 USSVI Life Members
- 59 Base Life Members
- 41 Active Living Holland Club
- 2 Regular Associate
- 4 Life Associate
- 62 War Veterans
- 53 Eternal Patrol

For the Good of the Order:

Commander Dave Hamel will conduct an Officers Meeting immediately following the Membership Meeting. All appointed officers have agreed to continue their present assignments except Storekeeper Eric Dreiseidel, who was absent. Commander Dave will ask him at the next meeting.



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All present agreed that the 2025 Christmas dinner was good. Several options will be considered for the future.

Events: Central Ohio Military Museum needs speakers. Eligible members are encouraged to apply for Honor Flight. Chaplain Walt has applications. Parade season starts in March. Dublin has St. Patrick's Day, Worthington Memorial Day, Upper Arlington 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Italian Festival. We will be invited to place flags at Resurrection Cemetery. The Air Show got good recognition during Navy Week.

The Columbus Base Submarine Birthday Dinner and Holland Club Inductions will be moved to April 11, 2026 to avoid conflict with Easter Sunday. Mark Rose will coordinate the Dinner and Clutch will Induct Holland Club members.

Upcoming Conventions will be held Sunday to Friday of the week before Labor Day to avoid increased hotel prices for the Holiday weekend. 2026, Corpus Christi, 2027, Reno, 2028, Norfolk.

There was discussion about continuing the Shipmate of the Year Award. Consensus is to continue the practice.

50-50 drawing was won by Shipmate Dick Martin.

The Benediction was offered by Chaplain Walt Fleak.

The meeting was adjourned by Commander Dave Hamel.