



*Columbus Base
United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.*

Meeting minutes 7 February 2026

Commander Dave Hamel called the meeting to order at 1300 and led the pledge to the flag.

Chaplain Walt Fleak offered the invocation.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd and Galin Brady read the tolling of boats lost in February and members on Eternal Patrol. Note was made that Shipmate Bernie Kenyon departed on Eternal Patrol on 21 January 2026.

Treasurer Walt Fleak submitted the Treasurer's Report for January by email. Walt also reported that he was able to save substantially on the liability insurance by paying ahead to 2031.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson reported that the site is up and running, the minutes are posted and there are no problems.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd reported on the following members:

Bob Frier is well, he will visit a hearing doctor in April, his MRI showed no cancer; RE Hogan did not answer his phone and the nursing home gave no information;

Wade and Andrea Kiger-Andi's cancer has spread, Wade has two blockages and his weight is down;

Jim Steck was at the meeting with Beth, he is OK;

Bernie Kenyon's daughter is having a rough time.

The usual reminder was given to leave instructions to contact the Base if you should depart on Eternal Patrol. Checklist copies are available on request. A new Family Documents Checklist has been created by Attorney Joseph E. Budde and provided by Chaplain Walt Fleak. Another is available from the USSVI Chaplain. Both will be posted to the website.

Storekeeper Eric Dreiseidel has agreed to serve for the coming year. He has 2026 calendars at a reduced price and Columbus Base patches for \$5.

Upcoming events:



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Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday March 14th. We need to be in line at 0930 for step-off at 1100.

Submarine Birthday Dinner and Holland Club Inductions Saturday, 11 April 2026 at the Hilliard VFW. Shipmate Mark Rose has arranged catering from Wendi's Kitchen. Three entrees will cost \$25 per person. Members will supply appetizers and decorations. Shipmate Jim Koogler will arrange the cake.

Worthington Memorial Day Parade is Monday, 25 May 2026, step-off time TBD.

Upper Arlington Independence Day Parade is Saturday, 4 July 2026, step-off time TBD.

We will place flags at the Cemetery.

Upcoming USSVI Conventions:

2026: Corpus Christi

2027: Reno

2028: Norfolk

Honor Flight 2026:

Mission 149: March 25th

Mission 150: April 15th

Mission 151: May 6th

Mission 152: May 27th

Mission 153: June 10th

Wheel Chair maintenance March 10th and each Tuesday following the flights.

Shipmate Jim Koogler reported that the Submariners Advocacy Group advocates for submariners with health problems from hazards on submarines.

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction and the meeting was dismissed at 1408.