



# COLUMBUS BASE

## MEETING MINUTES

4 January 2020

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### **Call to Order:**

1300 – Commander, Tim Barker called the meeting to order. COB John Bethea led in the salute to the flag. Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the invocation. Tolling of the lost boats was conducted by Chaplain Sharon Lloyd and COB John Bethea. Welcome to all by Base Commander Tim. There were 23 members and guests present.

### **Secretary's Report:**

December 2019 meeting minutes are posted on the web site.

Correspondence – No correspondence received

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Jim Koogler reported on the status of the Treasury accounts through the end of December 2019.

Twenty-five dollars Liability Insurance payment for 2020 sent to USSVI

2019-year end reporting instructions received from national.

2019 Columbus Base EOY report submitted to and accepted by National Treasurer Paul Hiser

Donations for the VFW are on a voluntary basis.

To help the base make some money the base is selling metal dolphins with boat name/number like those that Vic Van Horn presented to the base. Price is \$60.00 which includes shipping directly to the address of your choice. The base will get approximately \$15.00 from each sell.

Clutch has the 2020 license sticker for the boat trailer.

Frank is going to bring in a jar of marbles and sell \$2 tickets to guess how many marbles are in the jar. Whoever guesses closest to the number of marbles will get \$25 worth of lottery tickets. Frank is only selling 25 tickets. The drawing will be done when all the tickets are sold which could be at the next meeting.

## **Webmaster's Report:**

Web site is up and running.

## **Chaplain's Report:**

- Todd Van Kirk – Had stroke in December, it did affect his moving and a little of his speech. He is in rehab, doing well and has a very good attitude. Would love more visitors. He is at the Mount Carmel Rehabilitation Hospital 597 Executive Campus Drive, Westerville, Ohio 43082 room 149 off of Cleveland Avenue.
- Russ Shaeffer – Still at Friendship Village for a little over or a week or more. Should be going home on January 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Jim Tolson – Talked to Jim and Karla after they got home from the doctor. Tumor is getting larger and is not responding to treatments any more. Jim is very tired. Doctor recommended they get Hospice in so he can stay home. The thoughts and prayers of the base are with Jim and Karla as they stay positive in this fight.
- Bob McDaniel is currently in the process of moving to Evanston, Indiana. Will be coming back Monday to get infusions.

IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE leave instructions to next of kin or family members to contact Columbus Base if you should depart on Eternal Patrol. There have been a few times when we weren't aware of a shipmate's departure and therefore were not present to honor his memory and service at his memorial. Maybe we should pass out "In the event..." cards with contact numbers?

Working on developing a form to be filled out telling who should be contacted and what funeral arrangements have been made. Once developed, Clutch will send out an email with the form to the base members to be filled out.

## **Membership Report/Introductions:**

- Columbus Base currently has 73 members.
  - 21 Regular Annual
  - 45 USSVI Life Members
  - 44 Base Life Members
  - 27 Active living Holland Club
  - 2 Regular Associate
  - 5 Life Associate
  - 58 War Veterans
  - 38 Eternal Patrol
  - 6 Owe USSVI National 2020 dues
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- Any new members who didn't get a membership card let Clutch know.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Inventory status: If there's anything you want from the inventory, send Frank a list ([franklloyd@hotmail.com](mailto:franklloyd@hotmail.com)) with your name, book title or object title.

### **New Business:**

- None

### **For the good of the Order:**

- Base Officer election. All current base officers were reelected.
- Honor Flight wheelchair maintenance. Bill Anderson received an email from Roger Dyer from Honor Flight asking for help to put together teams to repair Honor Flight wheelchairs. First meeting will be January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 AM at the airport. Teams will be meeting down near the Delta baggage claim carousel. Clutch has applications for anyone wanting to take an Honor Flight. Bob Frier mentioned that Dayton Honor Flight is offering two RV honor flight trips.
- Veteran physical access to PX/Exchange. You do not get physical access to the PX just because you are a veteran but you can shop online.
- Veterans Professional Network of Central Ohio (VPNCO) event – nothing to report.
- Kapss4Kids (Anderson) – No report.
- Eagle Scouts Jim Tolson received request for 12/31/19 12 Eagle Scouts. No one has heard how that turned out.
- Thresher/Scorpion model raffle. Plan to start advertising and selling tickets in January for drawing to be held at the Submarine Birthday and Tolling Dinner in April.

### **Open Discussion from the Floor:**

- Alan mentioned that he read a book called Silent Victory by Clay Blair. He highly recommends it.
- 50/50 drawing – Dick Moore won the 50/50 and donated the winnings to our legion/VFW fund for meetings and dinners.

### **Announcement of the next meeting:**

- Next Columbus Base meeting:
  - February 1, 2020
  - 1200
  - American Legion Leisure-Blackston Post #239

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Closing prayer (Benediction) was given by Walt Fleak.  
Adjournment of meeting by Commander, Tim Barker.

Submitted by Scott Steele Base Secretary.