



# COLUMBUS BASE

## MEETING MINUTES

11 July 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 for July was conducted by Chaplain Sharon Lloyd and COB John Bethea. Welcome to all by Base Commander Tim. There were 19 members and guests present.

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

June 2020 meeting minutes are posted on the web site.

Correspondence – None

Need a volunteer to become the Base Secretary. Scott has moved to Newport News, VA.

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

Tim Barker reported on the status of the Treasury accounts through the end of June 2020 for Jim "Clutch" Koogler.

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.

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:**

New web site is currently in beta. You will need to reregister on the new site. The new site is [www.columbusbase.org](http://www.columbusbase.org). Cliff would like the base to try the new web site and give him feedback on what you think of the new site. If you click on the Holland Club listing it will show all Holland Club member even those on eternal patrol. There is a box at the top you can click to show only the active ones. You can sort by oldest first or newest first.

## Chaplain's Report:

- Russ Shaeffer – Says he is about the same. They doubled his pain medication but it gave him problems so they had to back it off. They are looking for permission from insurance to get shots in his back again. Anna has had a couple of shots in her back. Sends “Hello” to everyone.
- Bob McDaniel – Was having thyroid problems but is doing better with medication. Took a six mile bike ride this morning. So far cancer not showing up anywhere.
- Bill & Barb McCorkle – Doing well kids want them to play it safe for a while yet. They miss everyone and sent their “Hellos”.
- JoAnn and Dave O’Carroll – Are doing quite well and go walking often.
- Bernie & Liz Kenyon – No answer.
- Charles Martin Family – Sent a card.

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. Also let people know when you are sick if you want visitors or if you do not want visitors.

## Membership Report/Introductions:

- Columbus Base currently has 72 members.
  - 21 Regular Annual
  - 44 USSVI Life Members
  - 42 Base Life Members
  - 30 Active living Holland Club
  - 3 Regular Associate
  - 5 Life Associate
  - 56 War Veterans
  - 40 Eternal Patrol
- Any new members who didn’t get a membership card let Clutch know.

## EVENTS:

- CANCELLED: Base Picnic for August
- STATUS UNKNOWN: Honor The Service: Heath Airport
- STATUS UNKNOWN: Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>: Columbus (Ohio) Veterans Day Parade is a go as far as we know
- STATUS UNKNOWN: Sunday November 8<sup>TH</sup>: Logan (Ohio) Veterans Day Parade
- Columbus Base Awards, Holland Club Inductions, Christmas Dinner, and Toys for Tots collection: Status is a “Go” for now, but could change. Saturday December 5th.

## **Committee Reports:**

- None

## **Unfinished Business:**

- None

## **New Business:**

- None

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

- Kapss4Kids (McDaniel, Anderson) Nothing new to report. Bill Anderson did talk to John Riley the National Kapss4Kids coordinator. He gave a couple of ideas that may be able to do during this shut down time.
- Veterans Professional Network of Central Ohio (VPNCO) event – nothing to report.
- Central Ohio Military Museum (Harrisburg, Ohio)
  - Re-opened Tuesday June 2nd.
  - Plan to be open on regular days and hours: Tuesday thru Saturday 9 AM-5 PM.
    - Plenty of space for social distancing. To be safe, staff will be wearing masks and hope that you will do the same
    - Meetings/presentations usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month
- Eagle Scouts - No new information.
- Parade sub repair status: Bill Anderson is trying to get the paint guy to move along. Bill has been stopping by week by week but keeps getting the same information. He wants to give him a date that we will need the sub back.
- Honor Flight – All 2020 flights have been cancelled. Those who are eligible to take Honor Flight are urged to consider applying for future flights.

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

- Galin Brady talked about sub vets being diagnosed with mesothelioma and lung and breathing problems caused by Pleural plaques. Galin recommends getting a CAT scan of your lungs by a civilian pulmonologist and not the VA. Ask them to specifically look for Pleural Plaques and interstitial scarring in your lungs.
- 50/50 drawing – Tim Barker won the 50/50 and donated his winnings back to the base and they were applied to the NJROTC account

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

- Next Columbus Base meeting:  
To Be Determined

Closing prayer (Benediction) was given by Walt Fleak.

Adjournment of meeting by Commander, Tim Barker.

Submitted by Scott Steele Base Secretary.