



## COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 12 September 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 August and September was conducted by Chaplain Sharon Lloyd and COB John Bethea.

#### Eternal Patrol:

- Russ Shaeffer      Associate Member  
Service to the submarine community aboard USS Sperry AS-12  
Departed on Eternal Patrol 16 August 2020
- Jim Tolson Memorial Service  
Sunday September 27, 2010  
1400 (2:00 pm) Eastern Time  
Schoedinger's Northwest Chapel  
1740 Zollinger Rd  
Columbus, OH 43221  
NOTE: the funeral home requires that all people wear masks and social distance  
Live Stream webcast---Watch webcast for James Michael Tolson:  
<https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1087527>  
In lieu of flowers Karla suggests donations be made in Jim's memory to their church's building fund:  
Vertical Church Columbus  
PO Box 261111  
Columbus, OH 43226

Welcome to all by Base Commander Tim. There were 19 members and guests present.

### Secretary's Report:

July 2020 meeting minutes are posted on the web site. There was no August meeting or picnic.

Correspondence – Received USSVI 2020 Holland Club Benefactor certificate from HC national chair Bud Adkins. Gratitude for Columbus Base annual donation of \$1.00 per Holland Club member.

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

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

Treasurer Jim "Clutch" Koogler reported on the status of the Treasury accounts through the end of August 2020.

Donations for the VFW are on a voluntary basis.

Reminder: Base is still 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.

Frank lost his marbles... but as soon as he finds them, he will 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 still 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:**

- Anna Shaeffer – Says she is doing OK but is a bit lonesome. Russell died on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Jim Koogler, Sharon and Frank Lloyd attended his service on August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Bob McDaniel – Is doing very well. Chemo has affected his hearing, which could be impacted for up to 3 years. He's riding his bike for 10 miles whenever he can. Diane is also doing well.
- Tim France – had pneumonia, was in hospital for 5 days (tested but was negative for COVID-19), then in rehad for 11 days. Still feeling pretty weak.
- Eric Dreiseidel – in hospital with pancreatitis. Says "hello" to all.
- Bill & Barb McCorkle – Still on self-imposed lock-down. Miss everyone. Hope to make the Christmas dinner.
- Frank Lloyd – is to have angioplasty (for blocked veins and arteries) on his right leg on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Bernie & Liz Kenyon – Bernie is doing very well. Plays 18 holes of golf whenever he can. Has dialysis 3 days weekly. Liz has early onset Alzheimer's and is in a facility.
- Bob Frier – doing fine. Sharon called him because he hasn't been to meetings since May. Would have attended this meeting but is at home celebrating Marcia's birthday
- Dave and JoAnn O'Carroll – Tim Barker spoke with Dave. Both he and JoAnn are fine and doing very well.

**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

were'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 70 members.
  - 21 Regular Annual
  - 43 USSVI Life Members
  - 41 Base Life Members
  - 29 Active living Holland Club
  - 2 Regular Associate
  - 5 Life Associate
  - 55 War Veterans
  - 41 Eternal Patrol
  - Columbus Base currently has 70 members.
- Guest Jack Wirtz: : qual 1952 USS Corsair SS-435 Quartermaster Jack is Life member USSVI and Wisconsin Base. Now living in Westerville and joins Columbus base today. Welcome Aboard, Jack.
- 2021 dues: It's not too early to start thinking about 2021 dues. Beat the rush and pay early.
- Any new members who didn't get a membership card let Clutch know.

### **EVENTS:**

- STATUS CANCELED: Honor The Service: Heath Airport
- STATUS CANCELED: Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>: Columbus (Ohio) Veterans Day Parade cancelled as of July 28, 2020.
- 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
- 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
  - No meetings planned or scheduled for now due to COVID issues. Email will be sent when status is known.
  - COMM is coordinating the flag fund to honor 22 Gold Star veterans in southwestern Franklin County. See email from Clutch on 2 September. For more info or to donate, visit the website at <http://www.thecomm.org>
- USS Bonefish SS-582 added to lost boats list for tolling, remembrance, etc. Columbus Base Commander Tim Barker was Bonefish XO 1977-1978. There was some discussion regarding an “unofficial” notice going around that the USSVI Board is rescinding this decision. Any news will be forwarded when received.
- Eagle Scouts - No new information.
- Parade sub repair status: Bill Anderson drives past daly. Said they have cut the weeds that have been growing around it. But still no news regarding the repairs. At this point, since all parades and activities have been COVID-cancelled, there’s no real hurry to get it done.
- Honor Flight – All 2020 flights have been cancelled. Shipmate Al Forry urges those who are eligible to take Honor Flight are urged to consider applying for future flights. Get on the list now..

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

- 50/50 drawing – A. Nony Mouse (get it?...anonymous) won the 50/50 and donated the winnings back to the base. They will be deposited in the NJROTC account

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

- Next Columbus Base meeting:  
Saturday October at VFW Post #4931.  
In addition, the November meeting and December Christmas dinner will both also be held at VFW Post #4931.
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Closing prayer (Benediction) was given by Walt Fleak.

Adjournment of meeting by Commander, Tim Barker.

Submitted by James "Clutch" Koogler, "ACTING" Base Secretary.