



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 3 October 2020

Call to Order:

1300 – Commander, Tim Barker called the meeting to order. COB-For-A-Day Frank Lloyd led in the salute to the flag. Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the invocation. Tolling of the lost boats for October was conducted by Chaplain Sharon Lloyd and COB-For-A-Day Frank Lloyd.

Eternal Patrol:

➤ Jim Tolson Memorial Service was held on Sunday September 27, 2010. Attending in person were: Bill Anderson, Tim Barker, Cliff and Linda Dodson, Jim Koogler, Frank and Sharon Lloyd, George Petershagen, John Woodmansee. Several reported that they viewed the live stream broadcast.

Recorded video of the memorial can also be viewed.

Access Jim's obituary at www.schoedinger.com. Click the "photos and video" tab, then "webcasting video".

Contact Clutch if you have trouble finding the video.

For those wishing to do so, donations can be made in Jim's memory to their church's building fund:

Vertical Church Columbus
PO Box 261111
Columbus, OH 43226

Karla Tolson attended to opening of the meeting. She expressed her appreciation to the submarine veterans, stating that sub vets was an important part of Jim's life, and that Jim valued the friendships he had made. She also thanked the group for participation at Jim's memorial service. She said she had heard from people from all over the country who had viewed the live feed or video, all of whom expressed appreciation for the sub vets tribute and for now having a better understanding of what Jim did in the Navy and on submarines. Columbus Base then unveiled a "Jim Tolson memorial tile" in the VFW Post #4931 canteen area.

Welcome to all by Base Commander Tim. There were 15 members and guests present.

Secretary's Report:

September 12, 2020 meeting minutes are posted on the web site. There was no request to have them read aloud at this meeting, and no issues with content of minutes as posted.

Correspondence –

- Received Thank You letter from USSVI Charitable Foundation for \$100.00 contribution in memory of Columbus Base shipmate Russell Shaeffer.
- Received Thank You letter from Columbus VA Ambulatory Care Center for donation of 5 cans of coffee valued at \$55.00.

Need a volunteer to become the Base Secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

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

As a gesture of appreciation for allowing us to hold our meetings here, Columbus Base makes a monetary contribution to the VFW Post for each meeting held. VOLUNTARY DONATIONS to this effort are gladly accepted.

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 has still not found his lost marbles... but as soon as he does, 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. 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:

- Bob McDaniel – Feeling pretty good. Still riding his bike... indoors now that it's getting colder.
- Tim France – Over all, feeling better. In addition to pneumonia, he had to have a root canal. Has some tests scheduled to evaluate antibodies and the effects of some of the powerful drugs he was given to combat pneumonia.
- Bill & Barb McCorkle – Doing OK. Still on self-imposed lock-down. They say "hello" to all.
- Frank Lloyd – Doctor was not able to do as extensive a procedure as he wanted. 1 stint inserted in the upper leg, but the lower leg had too much blockage to get the 2nd stint in. Will be seeing s "wound specialist" on Oct 5th for a wound on his foot.
- Bernie & Liz Kenyon – Bernie feeling pretty good. He plays golf whenever he can. Still has dialysis every Mon-Wed-Fri. No change in Liz's condition. She's basically reverting to earlier times when children were small.
- Eric Dreiseidel attended the meeting. He has more testing coming up. He's on a very restrictive diet and eats what he needs to stay out of the hospital.

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 71 members.
 - 21 Regular Annual
 - 44 USSVI Life Members
 - 42 Base Life Members
 - 30 Active living Holland Club
 - 2 Regular Associate
 - 5 Life Associate
 - 55 War Veterans
 - 41 Eternal Patrol

- Jack Wirtz, who attended the Sept meeting, has joined the base as a life member. Jack was a Quartermaster, qualified in 1952 USS Corsair SS-435.
- 2021 dues: now being accepted.
- Any new members who didn't get a membership card let Clutch know.

EVENTS:

- STATUS CANCELED: Friday November 6th: Columbus (Ohio) Veterans Day Parade cancelled as of July 28, 2020

- Logan (Ohio) Veterans Day Parade: Sunday November 8th: Galin reports that his Logan contact tells him the parade is a go... at least right now. Status could change. It's questionable whether Columbus Base can or will participate since it's highly unlikely that the parade sub could be ready by then. We will discuss at the meeting.
- 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. Will be dropped from agenda and minutes until status changes.
- 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 2nd 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, which was ADDED to the lost boats list for tolling, remembrance, etc, has been REMOVED from the list. Still waiting for "official" notification from national.
- Eagle Scouts – Walt Fleak reports that he's been contacted about 2 Eagle Scout ceremonies coming soon in Centerburg.
- Parade sub repair status: Still waiting. No big rush to complete since nearly all parades have been cancelled.
- Honor Flight – All who are eligible to take Honor Flight are urged to consider applying for future flights. Get on the list now..
- Clutch read the following tribute to Walter "Gus" Krauss from George Petershagen, who was unable to attend the meeting: Gus will turn 100 in November. "When I was announced as the District Commander of the Year for 2011 two people sought me out almost immediately. The most immediate was Galin Brady. The next

I remember was Captain Gus Kraus. Our Regional Director at the time, Jim Dunn, held a District Commanders' conference in conjunction with an annual Subvets of WWII gathering in Laughlin, Nevada. Gus sought me out at the those meetings for a personal chat, always to give words of encouragement. Likewise at USSVI conventions. I don't remember ever seeing him without his wife at his side. She was more beautiful at her age than most women half her age. Both were very gracious people in their manner every time I saw them. This isn't about me. This is about a friend, USSVI shipmate, and mentor. When I talk about past Commanding Officers I always say I worked for some of the best and worst the Navy had to offer. I'm sure that Captain Gus would have been at the top of the "best" list if I had ever had the opportunity to work for him."

Open Discussion from the Floor:

- 50/50 drawing – Eric Dreiseidel won the 50/50.

Announcement of the next meeting:

- Next Columbus Base meeting:
Saturday November 7th at VFW Post #4931.
December Christmas dinner will also be held at VFW Post #4931.
- Legion Post #239 still not able to accommodate meetings of more than 8-10. Will continue contact with Legion and look to 2021 opportunities.

Closing prayer (Benediction) was given by Walt Fleak.

Adjournment of meeting by Commander, Tim Barker.

Submitted by James “Clutch” Koogler, “ACTING” Base Secretary.