



COLUMBUS BASE

MEETING MINUTES

9 January 2021

Call to Order:

1300 – Commander Tim Barker called the meeting to order. Commander Barker led in the salute to the flag. Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the invocation. Tolling of the lost boats for December and January was conducted by Commander Barker.

Eternal Patrol:

➤ Nothing to report... happily

Welcome to all by Base Commander. There were 10 base members and 0 guests present. Sign-in sheet filed with these minutes.

Secretary's Report:

November 7, 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. There was no December meeting or Christmas dinner.

Correspondence –

- Thank You card and note received from Frank and Sharon Lloyd
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(Still) 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 December 2020.

2020 EOY treasurer's report was sent to USSVI National Treasurer on 1/1/21

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.

Webmaster's Report:

No change in status. 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:

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd was not in attendance. However, she provided a written report of her calls and follow ups. Her report was presented by Koogler and included updates on: Eric Dreiseidel has 2 more pancreas surgeries scheduled... Feb 11th and then 90 days later. Currently has 1 stint, will get 2 more.

Brian Farnsworth has been in and out of the hospital. Had pancreas surgery on 12/28.

Tim France had knee replacement surgery. In therapy and doing well.

Bob Frier and wife Marcia still self-isolating and doing well.

Bernie Kenyou had bladder surgery before Christmas. Starts Chemo again on 1/12/21. Liz doing OK and is scheduled for COVID vaccine.

Frank and Sharon Lloyd have both recovered from COVID and feeling good. Frank not healing well and will likely have more radical amputation of his foot.

Bill and Barb McCorkle still self-isolating and doing well.

Bob McDaniel doing well.

Woody Woodmansee's granddaughter doing well after bout with cancer. Woody and Sandy are self-isolating for her sake to lessen the chance of getting and passing COVID.

All who were contacted say "hello" and miss being with the group.

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. NOTE: This task is pretty much on hold due to time constraints.

Membership Report/Introductions:

- Joe Testa is our newest USSVI and Columbus Base Life Member.
- As of 12/31/2020, Columbus Base currently has 72 members.
 - 21 Regular Annual
 - 44 USSVI Life Members
 - 44 Base Life Members
 - 30 Active living Holland Club
 - 2 Regular Associate
 - 5 Life Associate

- 56 War Veterans
- 41 Eternal Patrol
- 2021 dues: now being accepted. 2021 dues must be paid by 1/31/21 or be dropped from USSVI roster. Currently 9 members on the “dink” list.
- Any new members who didn’t get a membership card let Clutch know.

Events:

- **Submarine Birthday Dinner and Tolling Ceremony**

Day/Date: Saturday, 3 April 2021

Time: 1700 (social)

1800 (welcome/dinner/dessert)

1900: Tolling Ceremony

Location:

VFW #4931 (Hilliard)

2436 Walcutt Rd

Columbus, Ohio 43228

614-876-4817

Menu: See attached flier

Cost: \$20.00 per person

NOTE: ALL ABOVE ARE TENTATIVE

Committee Reports:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

For The Good Of The Order:

- There was some discussion about how to handle 2020 Holland Club inductions since the 2020 dinner and ceremony were cancelled. Overwhelming opinion was that we should hold the 2021 Holland Club induction ceremony at the April Submarine Birthday dinner (instead of at the December Christmas dinner) and honor the inductees for both 2020 and 2021. Clutch will solicit further opinion and attendance potential from the membership.
- Kapss4Kids (McDaniel, Anderson) Nothing new to report. There will likely not be any visits during COVID pandemic... for obvious reasons.

- Central Ohio Military Museum (Harrisburg, Ohio)
 - Nothing new to report. Open Tuesday thru Saturday 0900 to 1700.
- Eagle Scouts – nothing pending at the moment. There was discussion about honoring a female Eagle Scout candidate in Utica. Walt Fleak will get more info.
- Parade sub repair status: No big rush to complete since our next potential parade isn't until Memorial Day (unless cancelled). However, Bill Anderson has spoken with the repair facility and will continue to get status updates. 2021 parade sub trailer license has been purchased and sticker given to Bill Anderson.
- Honor Flight – All who are eligible to take Honor Flight are urged to consider applying for future flights. Get on the list now.
- February 2021 meeting:
 - Day/Date: Saturday, 6 February 2021
 - Location:
 - VFW #4931 (Hilliard)
 - 2436 Walcutt Rd
 - Columbus, Ohio 43228
 - 614-876-4817
- January – April meetings will be held at VFW Post #4931. Plan is to have May – Sept or Oct meetings at Legion Post #239 WEATHER AND COVID PERMITTING. We would then return to VFW for Nov and Dec meetings/dinner. Still need to contact Legion to verify.
- Open Discussion from the Floor:
- Storekeeper: absent from meeting
- 50/50 drawing – Tim Barker won the 50/50.

Announcement of the next meeting:

- Next Columbus Base meeting
 - Saturday February 6th 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.