



COLUMBUS BASE

MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2021

Call to Order

Following the 5:00 PM social hour, Columbus Base, USSVI, Commander Tim Barker called the December 4, 2021 monthly meeting to order at the Hilliard VFW Post with the salute to the flag. Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the invocation. The December lost boats were tolled along with a moment of silence for lost crewmen and Columbus Base shipmates led by Sharon Lloyd (narrator) and John Bethea (bell). Thirty-two members and guests were present.

Secretary's Report: The November meeting minutes are posted on the website. No new correspondence of note.

Webmaster's Report: Webmaster Cliff explained problems he was having in the transition to a new Base website. For now, Columbusbase.org is operational. Columbusbase.com won't get you anywhere. He requested we all keep using Columbusbase.org and feeding him new information as it arises.

Chaplain's Report:

Rick Freeman is still suffering some soreness and still needs help with transportation.

Bernie Kenyon is doing well health wise. His daughter is moving in with him.

Bob McDaniel is doing very well. Their granddaughter will be delivering their first great grandson soon.

Membership Report:

We are at 71 members. However, Clutch reported that we are way below participation expectations. Voting in the officer elections and awards selection was a mere twenty percent.

Other Committee Reports:

Float Repair: Walt Fleak gave a brief update on float refurbishment progress.

Officer Elections:

Fourteen total votes resulted in maintaining the current incumbents.

Tim Barker - Base Commander

Bob Frier - Vice Commander

George Petershagen - Secretary

Jim Koogler - Treasurer.

Awards:

Shipmates of the Year - Dave Hamel and George Petershagen tied in the voting. George was presented his certificate at this meeting. Dave was not present due to a positive COVID test. His certificate will be presented during the January meeting.

Base Commander's Awards - Sharon Lloyd and Dick Moore.

BZ - Eric Dreiseidel and Bob Frier.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned following the benediction by Walt Fleak, the 50-50 drawing, and numerous other raffle prizes that included the table centerpieces prepared by Bonnie Koogler.

The next meeting will be held at noon on January 8, 2022 at the Worthington American Legion Post.

Respectfully submitted, George F. Petershagen, Secretary