



COLUMBUS BASE

MEETING MINUTES

9 July 2022

Call to Order:

1300 – Commander Tim Barker called the May meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and country following our traditional social hour. Chaplain Walt Fleak offered the invocation.

Eighteen members and guests attended.

Lost Boats for July were tolled by Chaplain Sharon and Bob Frier. The ceremony included a moment of silence in remembrance of lost members including Barbara McCorkle.

The Secretary and Treasurer offered their reports. No new correspondence of note has been received. Treasurer Clutch provided his usual detailed report which can be found in the meeting agenda. He reiterated his plan to vacate the storage facility once all the material is removed and suggested we should terminate our occupancy there effective the end of July. George Petershagen reported he and Barbara were taking a load home and would complete emptying the locker before the end of the month. He further announced a plan to assemble copies of the “boat files” for distribution to members. George requested that members check the accuracy of the listings of ships and stations on the USSVI website to facilitate this.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson and Clutch reported on the successful establishment of both our Base website and the USSVI website. Cliff asked members to check in with a critical eye and report any problems to him. The website can be found at www.columbusbase.com. Cliff and Clutch are hopeful that new member Chris McDonough can help establish a Base presence on Facebook.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd reported on the Binnacle List for July:

CHAPLAIN’S REPORT

Tim France; Rehab from knee surgery going well, although he is still pretty sore. He will see his doctor on 7/20 and is hoping to get permission to drive once again.

Bernie Kenyon had surgery on his bladder this past Thursday (his sixth). They performed an experimental surgery that has never been tried before on a patient with his condition. He is doing very well and will see his doctor in October.

Bob McDaniel is doing great. I will take him off the sick bay list next month. He promised to let me know if anything comes up.

Woody Woodmansee's last treatment "did him in", so he is lying low.

Bill Meyer attended the July 4th parade and told Clutch he had atrial fibrillation and several other medical issues. No response when I called.

Bill McCorkle had complications from surgery of three weeks ago – should be home Sunday or Monday.

Jim Tisdale is doing well in rehab at Union Rehabilitation Hospital. Anyone wishing to visit should wait until after 3 PM.

Membership

We now have 74 members.

Events:

July 4th Upper Arlington Parade appearance was a success.

August 6 - Columbus Base Picnic at Buckeye Lake. Details to follow. Galin Brady reported on his visit to the site and their facilities. Clutch will be putting out flyers to remind everyone. The Base will supply the main course for the meal. Attendees whose last name begin with A through L should bring a side dish. Those whose last names begin with M through Z are expected to bring desserts. Webmaster Cliff has posted a map on the Base website.

August 27 – Galin Brady reported on planning for the annual Licking County "Honor The Service" event held at the Newark-Heath Airport. Dave Hamel will set up the float and be in attendance throughout the day.

Eagle Scouts – No report.

Honor Flight – There are remaining flights scheduled for this year.

Commander Tim led off a round robin of self-introductions.

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction as Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1415.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 6 August, at Buckeye Lake.

Respectfully submitted, George Petershagen, Secretary