



# COLUMBUS BASE

## MEETING MINUTES

4 June 2022

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### **Call to Order:**

1255 – 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 Sharon Lloyd offered the invocation.

Twenty-one members and guests attended. (See Membership section below for details.)

Lost Boats for June were tolled by Chaplain Sharon and John Bethea. The ceremony included a moment of silence in remembrance of Barbara McCorkle.

The Secretary and Treasurer offered their reports. There was one piece of correspondence, a thank you letter for our donation to the USSVI Charitable Fund in memory of Barbara McCorkle to report. Treasurer Clutch Koogler reported on his successful efforts to establish electronic dues and donation payment processes. Clutch also offered his recommendation that we continue pressing to vacate the storage facility both due to cost and potential ownership instability issues. Clutch also reported that he had submitted the annual Base Activity Report to the USSVI chain of command.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson reported on progress in establishing a viable web presence. Cliff has our website up and running (<https://www.columbusbase.com>). He requests everyone to take a look at it and report any errors or omissions to him. He also conducted a tutorial for those interested following the meeting.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd reported on the Binnacle List for June:

### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Tim France had knee surgery on Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and was home on Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. His wife Donna reported he was doing well. Tim says its more painful this time.

Bob McDaniel says he is doing well. He was out trimming trees when Sharon called.

Woody Woodmansee attended the meeting along with his son-in-law Brad Norris.

Bernie Kenyon's eye surgery has been rescheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise, things are going well. He is scheduled for a checkup on his bladder July 14<sup>th</sup> to make sure all cancer is gone.

Barbara Petershagen is recovering from lumbar surgery and did not attend. George said she is doing well and almost totally pain free.

Brian and Elma Farnsworth attended the meeting, their first since Brian received a kidney transplant from Elma.

## Membership

As of 5/31 we had 72 members.

Chris McDonough became a member at this meeting. Chris served in USS Maryland (SSBN 738) as a nuke Electrician's Mate. He found us quite by accident at the Hilliard VFW during our submarine birthday celebration.

Mark Honeck also became a member at this meeting. Mark joined the Navy in 1969 and qualified in USS George Washington (SSBN 598) as FTB2 (Fire Control Technician Ballistic Missile) in 1972. He was commissioned as a LDO in 1983 and performed in numerous positions at various installations before retiring as a LCDR in 1996. Mark found us thanks to breakfast at Cracker Barrel (chance encounter with Clutch).

## Events:

(Just so we're all on the same page to start, it needs to be remembered that the float has been undergoing an extensive overhaul. It is now ready for public display thanks to the efforts of Dave Hamel and Dave Creekmore as well as contributions of other members, friends, and supporters..)

May 30, 2022 – Worthington Memorial Day Parade. Initial “sea trial” of USS Columbus float following recent overhaul. Dave Hamel and crew kept the float on display at the Worthington American Legion following the parade. Thanks to all who participated.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Upper Arlington Parade. Our application has been accepted. Step off is at 0900 from the Zollinger Road staging area west of Northwest Blvd. This parade is about two miles long, so it is not for the faint of heart. Check with Walt Fleak if you would like to ride in the tow vehicle.

August 6 - Columbus Base Picnic at Buckeye Lake. Details to follow. Galin Brady volunteered to help Clutch coordinate the planning.

August 27 – Licking County Vietnam War Event. Galin Brady reported on the annual “Honor The Service” event held at the Newark-Heath Airport. He has submitted our application. A copy of the flier for this event is attached.

Rick Larson Museum Collection - George Petershagen reported on his efforts to determine how to proceed. Books are being offered as fifty-fifty prizes. After some discussion it was agreed that our immediate goal is to get everything packaged and stored in Dave Hamel's barn to eliminate the expense of the rented storage facility. Clutch agreed to contact the other Ohio Bases to have their members contact George with any requests for memorabilia.

Eagle Scouts – No report.

Honor Flight – No report.

Kaps for Kids – No report. There is some speculation this may fall away after the Covid hiatus.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd gave the benediction as Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1345. Once again, the new member walked away with the 50-50 cash prize.

The next meeting will be held at 1300 on Saturday, 9 July, at the American Legion Leasure-Blackston Post 239, 700 Morning Street, Worthington following the usual noon social hour. (N.B. We are not meeting on our usual first Saturday of the month due to July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.)

Respectfully submitted, George Petershagen, Secretary

Attachments: Newark-Heath VN Event Flier.

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## VIETNAM WAR EVENT

**SAT AUG 27 2022**  
**10AM-8PM**

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