



## COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 4 February 2023

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### **Call to Order:**

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

Lost Boats for February were tolled by Chaplain Sharon Lloyd and COB John Bethea. The ceremony included mention of Base members who commenced their eternal patrols during the month of February in each year. The usual moment of silence for all lost shipmates concluded the memorial portion of the meeting.

Twenty-two members and guests attended. Each member introduced himself/herself in a brief round robin fashion.

### **Administrative Reports:**

Secretary George reported that the past meeting's minutes were posted on our website and that no new correspondence of note has been received. It was noted that Richard "Dembo" Demboski has volunteered to replace George Petershgen as Columbus Base secretary. Secretary Dembo started with this meeting. Cliff Dodson noted that the transfer information was filed with the USSVI National.

Treasurer Clutch provided his usual detailed report which can be found in the meeting agenda. To date, the Base has a total of \$10,497.78 in its accounts. Clutch reminded that silver dolphin plaques remain on sale but that the price is going up to \$85. He submitted the required national report to USSVI National on 1 January 2023 and received confirmation of receipt. Dues payments came in better than in the past due to the use of electronic payment methods (ZELLE & VENMO).

Webmaster Cliff Dodson's comments on the website included that National documents are available on the Base Website; you do not have to go to the National website. Also, all documents are available without logging in, the only item that requires login is the Sailing List.

## Binnacle List

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd updated the membership on shipmates' health and wellness:

Paul Gant doing well and has requested to be taken off the list.

Bernie Kenyon – Will have Chemo on Monday Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, finished 5 weeks of Therapy at hospital. Has been taken off some medications and feels so much better.

Jim Tisdale reports he is doing much better.

Woody Woodmansee felt good enough to come to the meeting.

National dues increase of April 1, 2023. Pay by April 1 with no increase.

### Discussion of upcoming events:

1. Will have 5 Holland Club inductees, April 8 at the VFW in Hillard
2. Memorial Day Parade at Worthington on May 29, 2023. Assemble at 9 am, parade starts at 10 am.
3. Independence Day parade July 4, 2023 at Upper Arlington.
4. National USSVI Convention in Tucson, AZ. Kelly said there were 3 good tours to go on and a Dinner Show to attend.
5. Honor Flights will resume in the spring.
6. Next Convention will be 2024 in Cleveland, OH. They may be wanting help from Columbus Base.

No unfinished business or new business.

Nest meeting will be Saturday, March 4, 2023 at the American Legion Post in Worthington.

Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1358 following the 50-50 raffle and the Benediction offered by Chaplain Walt Fleak.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary