



COLUMBUS BASE MEETING MINUTES 4 October 2025

Call to Order:

1258- Commander Tim Barker called the October meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and country following our traditional social hour. Chaplain Walt Fleak offered the invocation.

Twenty-two members and guests attended. Each member introduced himself/herself in a brief round robin fashion. Guests were Bruce Young, Walt Fleak's guest who he met at the Delaware County Fair and Bob Brown from the Toledo Base.

Lost Boats for October were tolled by Base Commander Tim Barker and Galin Brady. The ceremony included a moment of silence in remembrance of lost members. The usual moment of silence for all lost shipmates concluded the memorial portion of the meeting.

Administrative Reports:

Secretary Dembo reported that the past meeting's minutes were posted on our website. Received a Thank You from the VA for donated Coffee and Tea. Also, have a copy of the application for the Logan Veteran's Parade.

Treasurer Walt reported there was \$13,274.22 total at the end of September.

Webmaster was not present.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd was absent, so Richard Demboski reported on the current "Binnacle List":

RE Hogan- no answer.

Jim Stec was present—had his third treatment last week, will have another in a couple of months.

Bernie Kenyon – was recovering from 4 weeks in hospital. Will have surgery October 9th to remove cyst from bladder and is at home is concerned he might not live through the surgery.

Wade & Andi Kiger-Wade is doing well & Andi is at home, a little weak but getting stronger. She even drove the car this week. Goes for some tests next week to decide what they are going to do about the cancer..

Bob Frier—Not too confident about driving very far and has been kind of tired lately.

Ongoing reminder: 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. o "In case of death" checklist copies available on request.

Storekeeper was not present.

Membership:

We are at 77 members.

Events:

Delaware County Fair participation was well received with the placement of the Base Submarine Float. Job well done to Dave Hamel.

Delaware Community Veterans Day Parade will be held Sunday, November 2, 2025. Step off at 3pm.

Logan's Veterans Day Parade will be held Sunday, November 9, 2025 and the application has been submitted. Step off at 3 PM.

Columbus Italian Parade was discussed and decided to look at next year, 2026.

Christmas Dinner/Awards Celebration/Toys for Tots Collection:

- Day/Date: Saturday, 6 December 2025
- Location: VFW #4931 (Hilliard) • 2436 Walcutt Rd
- Columbus, Ohio 43228 • 614-876-4817
- Cost: TBD
- Menu: Dinner is still being determined, Italian was voted to be acceptable. Appetizers provided and prepared by base members.

The next USSVI Conventions will be: 2026, Corpus Christi; 2027, Reno; 2028, Norfolk.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Honor Flight – There are 3 remaining flights scheduled for this year on October 16, November 6 and November 13. We have 90 wheelchairs to maintain. Repair time is changed to 11/9

Eagle Scouts – Walt Fleak reported that he provided the certificate for a presentation today.

Columbus Base elections will be held next month. All offices are open. These are Base Commander, Vice Base Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer. Bill Anderson and Clutch will be the Election Committee. Get your nominations to Clutch, ASAP.

50/50 was held.

Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the benediction, and Commander Tim adjourned the meeting at 1408 after announcing the next meeting will be held on:

Saturday, 1 November 2025
VFW #4931 (Hillard)
2436 Walcutt Rd
Columbus, OH 43228

Respectfully submitted, Richard Demboski, Secretary