

Columbus Base Meeting Agenda

4 October 2025

1200 - 1300

Social Hour

1300 -

- Call to order Base Commander
- Salute to the flag Base Commander
- Opening Prayer (Invocation) Chaplain
- Tolling of lost boats Chaplain/Galin Brady

October (9 boats lost)

➤ USS O-5	SS-66	29 October 1923	3 lives lost
➤ USS S-44	SS-155	7 October 1943	56 lives lost
➤ USS Wahoo	SS-238	11 October 1943	79 lives lost
➤ USS Dorado	SS-248	12 October 1943	78 lives lost
➤ USS Seawolf	SS-197	3 October 1944	102 lives lost
➤ USS Escolar	SS-294	17 October 1944	82 lives lost
➤ USS Darter	SS-227	24 October 1944	No lives lost
➤ USS Shark II	SS-314	24 October 1944	90 lives lost
➤ USS Tang	SS-306	25 October 1944	80 lives lost

TOTAL LIVES LOST OCTOBER: 570

Eternal Patrol

October

- Liz Kenyon 2021
- John Leers 2018
- Mark Merriman 2005
- Patrick Mushill 2017

Moment of silence for lost shipmates and friends.

- Welcome Base Commander
- Introduction of guests Base Commander
- **Secretary's Report**
 - September minutes posted on the website. Comments/corrections?
 - Correspondence?
 - Secretary's news
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Report on the state of the Columbus Base treasury

- Other Treasurer news
- **Webmaster and Social Media Report**
 - Website
 - Facebook
- **Chaplain's Report**
 - Sick Bay reports
 - Bob Frier
 - Dan Fuller (Honorary Member)
 - RE Hogan
 - Bernie Kenyon
 - Wade and Andrea Kiger
 - George Petershagen
 - Jim Steck
 - Others?
 - 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.
 - "In case of death" checklist copies available from Clutch on request.
 - "Family Documents Checklist"
 - Another checklist is available from the USSVI chaplain.
 - The USSV Charitable Foundation is excited to announce the launch of a new, valuable service for our members, their spouses, children, and grandchildren. This service, available at MyLegacyWill (<https://mylegacywill.com/ussvcf>), allows you to prepare your Will for FREE. Take the first step towards securing your legacy by building your own Will with this complimentary service.
 - Other Chaplain news

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- **Storekeeper**
 - 2026 calendars
 - Other
- **Membership Report / Introductions**
 - New Members
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 - Recent contacts:
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 - Self-introductions (name, qual year, qual boat ONLY... **5 seconds max**)
 - COLUMBUS BASE MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF **09/30/2025**
77 TOTAL MEMBERS, including:
 - 18 Regular Annual
 - 50 USSVI Life Members
 - 49 Base Life Members
 - 41 Active Living Holland Club
 - 2 Regular Associate
 - 4 Life Associate
 - 62 War Veterans
 - 53 Eternal Patrol
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
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- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
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- **NEW BUSINESS**
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- **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**
 - **EVENTS: SEE ATTACHED LIST FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.**
 - **Please forward any pictures you have from our event participation to webmaster Cliff Dodson for posting on our website and Facebook pages**
 - Delaware County Fair participation report.
 - Central Ohio Military Museum (Harrisburg, Ohio)
 - Open Tuesday through Saturday 9-5p.
1010 High St
Harrisburg, Ohio
 - Eagle Scouts (Fleak)
 - Honor Flight (Moore, Fleak)
 - 2025 flight schedule list on events pages
 - Those eligible for Honor Flight are urged to consider submitting your applications.
Online applications can be found at honorflightcmh.org/veteran-application.

- 2025 WHEELCHAIR MAINTENANCE. All start times at 8:30AM.
 - Tuesday AFTER flight dates
 - Upcoming FALL maintenance dates:
 - October 21, 2025
 - November 11, 2025 NOTE: this is Veteran's Day. We will discuss moving back or forward one day next week.
 - November 18, 2025 (end of season, final maintenance date)
 - NJROTC AWARDS: Franklin Heights High School (Koogler)
 - Koogler to contact Advisor regarding reinstitution of monetary award
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**
 - **Columbus Base elections: This is an election year. Please consider stepping up to run for a base office. New blood is needed (the old blood is tired). NOW IS THE TIME!!!!**
 - Columbus Italian Parade (Barker/Hamel)
 - Participation?
 - Date?
 - liability insurance?
 - Columbus Base Christmas and Awards dinner: Saturday December 6, 2025
- Open discussion from the floor
- Other
- 50/50 drawing
- **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**
 - Next planned Columbus Base meeting:
 - Day/Date: Saturday, 1 November 2025
 - Location
 - VFW #4931 (Hilliard)**
 - 2436 Walcutt Rd**
 - Columbus, Ohio 43228**
- REMINDER: CLEAN UP
- Closing prayer (Benediction) Chaplain
- Adjournment of meeting Commander

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- **EVENTS 2025**

- ~~Dublin (Ohio) St. Patrick's Day Parade~~
 - ~~Date: Saturday March 15, 2025~~
 - ~~COMPLETED~~
- ~~Columbus Base Holland Club and Submarine Birthday Dinner~~
 - ~~Date: Saturday April 5, 2025~~
 - ~~COMPLETED~~
- ~~Flags On Graves: Resurrection Cemetery~~
 - ~~Date: Saturday may 24, 2025~~
 - ~~COMPLETED~~
 - ~~Worthington Ohio Memorial Day Parade~~
 - ~~May 26, 2025 (Monday)~~
 - ~~Liability Insurance request submitted.~~
 - ~~COMPLETED~~
 - ~~Upper Arlington Independence Day Parade~~
 - ~~July 4, 2025 (Friday)~~
 - ~~Liability Insurance request submitted.~~
- ~~Columbus Base picnic~~
 - ~~TBA~~
- ~~Navy Week~~
 - ~~August 18-24, 2025~~
 - ~~National Veterans Memorial and Museum~~
- ~~Columbus Air Show~~
 - ~~August 22-24, 2025~~
 - ~~Rickenbacker Airport~~
- ~~USSVI National Convention~~
 - ~~August 31 – September 6, 2025~~
 - ~~Orlando, Florida~~
- ~~Honor The Service – (Licking County)~~
 - ~~TBA~~
- ~~Delaware County Fair~~
 - ~~September 13-20, 2025~~
- **Delaware (Ohio) Community Veterans Parade**
 - **November 2, 2025**
- **Columbus (Ohio) Veterans Day Parade**
 - **TBA**
 - **NO PARADE SCHEDULED as of 10/1/25**
- **Logan (Ohio) Veterans Day Parade**
 - **TBA**

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- Columbus Base Christmas Dinner, Appreciations, Toys for Tots collection
 - December 6, 2025

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Honor Flight Columbus 2025 schedule

Mission 139

~~Thursday, March 27, 2025~~

~~Sponsor: TBA~~

Mission 140

~~Thursday, April 17, 2025~~

~~Sponsor: Columbus Regional Airport Authority~~

~~Fundraiser: CMH Runway 5K~~

Mission 141

~~Thursday, May 8, 2025~~

~~Sponsor: Delaware Moose 1167~~

~~& Grateful Americans~~

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Mission 142

~~Thursday, May 29, 2025~~

~~Sponsor: The All Life Foundation~~

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Mission 143

~~Thursday, June 12, 2025~~

~~Sponsor: Dublin Honor Flight~~

~~Fundraiser: [Dublin Firefighters Ball](#)~~

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Mission 144

~~Thursday, September 4, 2025~~

~~Sponsor: Vance Outdoors~~

~~Fundraiser: Fill The Plane Campaign~~

Mission 145

~~Thursday, September 25, 2025~~

~~Sponsor: District 6690 Rotary~~

Mission 146

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Sponsor: Ragan/McNamara Family

Mission 147

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Sponsor: Battelle

Mission 148

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Sponsor: Nationwide