



*Columbus Base  
United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.*

Corrected Meeting minutes March 7, 2026

Commander Dave Hamel called the meeting to order at 1257 and led the Salute to the flag. Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the invocation. Chaplain Sharon Lloyd and Galin Brady read the tolling of lost boats and members on Eternal Patrol for the month of March. Note was made that Andi Kiger passed away on February 11, 2016.

The secretary reported no correspondence or other news.

Treasurer Walt Fleak reported \$13,181.05 total funds with one check still out. The detailed report is available.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson reported that the website is up and running with no problems.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd reported that Bob Frier, Wade Kiger and Jim Steck were in attendance and in good health. Gary Sievers had a CT due to a fall from the roof. Shipmate Jim Koogler spoke with RE Hogan. He is dissatisfied with his nursing home because it is one hour from his family. He now has a new phone. The customary reminders were given to notify the base of departure on Eternal Patrol and of the availability of Family Documents Checklists.

Storekeeper Eric Dreiseidel still has Columbus Base patches for \$5. He put the remaining calendars in the drawing prize pool.

We have no new members, but Galin Brady reported contact with potential member Chris Cravey. 26 members and 2 guests attended the meeting.

**ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Central Ohio Military Museum, Harrisburg, Ohio will have a Veterans' celebration March 14, with a speaker. Honor Flight has requested outreach volunteers for the Columbus VA and the Columbus Air Show. The 2026 Holland Club and Submarine Birthday Dinner will be held April 11 at VFW Post #4931, 2436 Walcutt Road, Columbus OH 43228. Shipmate Mark Rose requests RSVP by Friday, April 3. There



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was a motion by Shipmate Tim Barker, seconded by everyone present, to buy 3 tables from Costco for donation to the Worthington American Legion.

Upcoming events:

USSVI Conventions-2026 Corpus Christi, 2027 Reno, 2028 Norfolk.

Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM.

Worthington Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 25, 10:00 AM.

Upper Arlington Independence Day Parade Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM.

Honor Flight Missions and Maintenance schedules unchanged.

Chaplain Walt Fleak offered the Benediction.

Commander Dave adjourned the meeting at 1349.