



*Columbus Base
United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.*

May 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Base Commander Dave Hamel called the meeting to order at 1302 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplin Walt Fleak gave an invocation. Chaplin Sharon Lloyd tolled lost boats and members on Eternal Patrol for the month of May, assisted by Galin Brady. There were 16 base members and 1 guest present.

Commander Dave welcomed all in attendance and led introductions.

The secretary reported that the minutes are posted. We received two thank you letters from the VA for coffee donations.

Treasurer Walt Fleak read the monthly report and submitted a written copy. Total funds on hand are \$12,335.44 with one check outstanding.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson reported that the website and Facebook page are working properly.

Chaplin Sharon Lloyd reported contact with members on the sick list. Robert Friar's hand is swollen and painful. His oncologist is considering low-dose radiation. He reports that he is running on the surface, on one engine making 3 knots.

RE Hogan went to voice mail.

Wade Kiger is doing well. He went fishing last week.

Jim Steck will see his doctor May 7 and has a procedure scheduled for June. Beth is still having migraines and is sick most of the time.

We are again reminded to arrange notification when we depart on Eternal Patrol. "In case of death" and "Family Documents Checklist" are still available

Storekeeper Eric Dreiseidel still has Columbus Base patches available.

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Central Ohio Military Museum will have a speaker on Code Talkers at the May 9 luncheon.



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Honor Flight missions are listed on the agenda. All eligible members are encouraged to sign up for a flight.

Flags will be placed on graves at Resurrection Cemetery Saturday, May 23 at 12:00 noon. Vice Commander Tim needs volunteers.

The Worthington Memorial Day Parade Steps off at 1000 on Monday, May 25.

Upper Arlington's Independence Day Parade steps off at 0900 Saturday, July 4.