



*Columbus Base  
United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.*

Meeting Minutes June 6, 2026

Base Commander Dave Hamel called the meeting to order at 1300 hours and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Walt Fleak offered the invocation and Chaplain Sharon Lloyd, assisted by Galin Brady, tolled the boats lost in June and the members who departed on Eternal Patrol in June. Later, Shipmate James Koogler notified us by email that Shipmate Jo Anne K. O'Carroll departed on Eternal Patrol June 5, 2026. Services to be held June 11 at St. Josephine Bakhita Parish. 18 members and 1 guest were in attendance.

The Secretary reported that minutes had been posted to the website and that we received a receipt from The American Legion for donation of round tables for the meeting room.

Treasurer Walt Fleak submitted the monthly Treasurer's report. Total \$12,164.15.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson requested any photographs available of the parade.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd reported on ill members: Bob Frier reported "86 years of problems", RE Hogan is staying positive, Wade Kiger is well. Jim Steck is deciding on further treatment, wife Beth is still having migraines. The usual reminders were made to have the base notified of departure on Eternal Patrol and documents available "in case of death" and family documents checklist.

Storekeeper Eric Dreiseidel has Columbus Base patches for sale.

Our membership report is inaccurate, and Shipmate Clutch will get the National list for comparison.

The Central Ohio Military Museum is open Tuesday thru Saturday 9-5.

The Honor Flight schedule is shown on the agenda. Wheel chair maintenance has been difficult due to parking. Eric McWhorter will work with Airport personnel to find a less active day.



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The August base picnic will be held at the American Legion in Worthington. A planner/coordinator is needed.

USSVI National voting starts June 19. In addition to election of officers, will be a proposed by-law change to allow Associate Life Membership. Please vote!

Vice Commander Tim Barker visited the USS Cincinnati memorial on Tylersville Rd., off I-75. The memorial is the same size as the boat it honors. The sail and rudder are in their appropriate positions and many displays of operational features are on display, or planned.

The USSVI Convention for 2026 is in Corpus Christi, 2027 in Reno, 2028 in Norfolk. The Upper Arlington July 4 Parade will step off at 9:00. Arrive early to park at Schoedingers.

Our next meeting will be July 11 due to the July 4 Holiday.

