



*Columbus Base
United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.*

Meeting minutes 11 July 2026

Commander Dave Hamel called the meeting to order at 1301 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance. 20 members and 3 guests were in attendance. Chaplain Walt Fleak gave the invocation and Chaplain Sharon Lloyd, assisted by Shipmate Galin Brady read the tolling of lost boats and members on eternal patrol for the month of July.

The secretary reported that minutes for June were posted to the website and no correspondence was received.

Treasurer Walt Fleak submitted his written report and read the items for the membership. Total available is \$12,039.62 with one check outstanding for \$250.00.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson was not in attendance, but Commander Dave pointed out that everything is running smoothly.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd reported that she sent a sympathy card to Dave O'Carroll on the death of his wife, Joanne. Robert Frier will have an MRI to screen for urinary cancer. His blood pressure is high, and the cardiologist is trying to find the cause. Wade Kiger is in Florida. He and his step-kids buried Andi's ashes at a church on Anne Marie Island. Beth Steck is still having migraines, and Jim is seeing a specialist about repairing a hernia. Both were in attendance at the meeting and at the parade last week.

Shipmate Jim Koogler reported that the membership totals are now correct. Several members reported prospects, but none were at the meeting. A two-part card to give to prospects and to record their information is in progress.

Honor Flight wheelchair maintenance has been changed to 11:30 A.M. and most dates have been delayed one week in an effort to ease parking problems.

Our August meeting will be the annual picnic, held this year at the Worthington American Legion Post, August 2, 1300 hours. RSVP for members and guests, along with side dishes or deserts to Jim and Beth Steck at jsteck8006@aol.com.



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The Upper Arlington Independence Day Parade was well attended, with 13 members and 6 guests (Jim and Beth Steck's children and grandchildren). Future events may include the Columbus Italian Festival Parade. Brian Farnsworth hopes to set up a golf outing. PGA Hope gives veterans free golf lessons.

The 50-50 drawing was for \$65.00.

Chaplin Walt Fleak gave the benediction and Commander Dave Hamel dismissed the meeting at 1340.