



Columbus Base
United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Meeting minutes August 1, 2026

Commander Dave Hamel called the meeting to order at 1255 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Walt Fleak offered the invocation.

Shipmate Jim Koogler reminded everyone of an email from USSVI National encouraging voting. He requested that everyone vote if they had not done so. He also reminded all of the upcoming convention.

Since this was our annual picnic the balance of the meeting was deferred until the September meeting. As usual, we had far too much food and all of it was great. The Base provided hamburgers and hot dogs, grilled by Dave Hamel and Jim Koogler. Members provided sides and desserts. If my count was right 12 members and 11 guests enjoyed the bounty. Many thanks to Jim and Beth Steck for arranging the details.

The next meeting will be September 12, due to the Labor Day weekend.