



*Columbus Base
United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.*

Meeting Minutes 3 October 2026

The meeting was called to order at 1304 by Vice Commander Tim Barker, who also led the salute to the flag. Chaplain Walt Fleak offered the invocation. Chaplain Sharon Lloyd, assisted by Galin Brady, read the tolling of lost boats and the members on Eternal Patrol for the month of October.

Vice Commander Tim welcomed all and started introductions.

The Secretary reported that the minutes of the last meeting were posted to the website and that no correspondence was received.

Treasurer Walt Fleak submitted a written report of funds and said that the total funds are \$12,416.16 with \$260 on hand pending deposit and 2 checks are outstanding.

Webmaster Cliff Dodson reported that the website is running smoothly. Shipmate Cliff expressed the desire that someone else assume Webmaster duties.

Chaplain Sharon Lloyd reported on Sick Bay members: Bob Friar sees his oncologist next month. He sends greetings to all; RE Hogan did not answer; Jim Steck was at the meeting with Beth; Galin Brady was present and reported problems with kidney stones and a hernia. Carol Henry is in assisted living; Andi McCorkle called and said Bill is absent because he is not used to new dentures; John Bethea had a pacemaker implanted and was at the meeting.

The usual reminders were made concerning reports of those on Eternal Patrol, and availability of documents checklists.

New member James (Jim) Crosbie signed on as a life member. He qualified on the USS Ulysses S. Grant (SSBN 631) in 1965.

Shipmate Galin Brady moved and Shipmate Dave Creekmore seconded to donate the lighted lost ships board to the Central Ohio Military Museum, passed unanimously. Galin also has several items of submarine memorabilia to donate. Honor flight and wheelchair maintenance schedules are on the agenda.

Upcoming events: 2027 Convention in Reno, 2028 Convention in Norfolk, Delaware Veterans Day Parade 1 Nov 2026, step off at 1500.



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Chaplain Walt Flead offered the Benediction, Vice Commander Tim Barker adjourned the meeting at 1417.