



**USSVI Groton Base**  
**Membership**  
**Meeting Minutes 06 January 2025**



The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander S. Ricard at 1830.

In attendance (in person (20) and Zoom (7)) for a total of 27 members.

Steve Ricard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Base Chaplin led the opening prayer.

The Base Commander led the **SUBVETS CREED**.

The Tolling of the Lost Boats was prepared and presented by PAO Jim Lawton.

**BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING.**

BASE COMMANDER STEVE RICARD:

Introduced and recognized New Members & First Meeting participants:

Recognized National Officers present:

Recognized Former Base Commanders present: A. Kinsall, J. Carcioppolo, S. Mathis

Recognized WWII Members present:

Recognized Holland Club Members present: Many.

Recognized Chris Quijada Distinguished Member of the Year Award:

Recognized past Joe Negri Recipients: J. Carcioppolo

Recognized Robert Link Recipients:

Thank you to all who supported Thanksgiving Dinner, Thanksgiving Clean-up, receptions, parades, memorial services, works at the memorial, scholarships, works on E-Board and the Subase. We could not survive if we did not have the volunteers that we have. Thankful for all people who put time in to keep Subvets up and running. Had a great reception yesterday for the volunteers.

Big year coming up – Tom Swaenepoel working on display case for WWII lost boats. Challenge coins for at least last year and this year are going into rack.

Clean up the mezzanine area. At back side of area near dumpster need to level out so that we can put a Conex box out there for storage of common items instead of having stuff scattered all over.

Put Banners and Flags back up.

• **PRESENTATIONS:** NONE

**Base Treasurer Report – Charlie Murray** – See Treasurer’s Report dated January 5, 2025.

**Base Secretary Report – David Frease**

The Minutes for the 02 December 2024 Membership meeting were approved by the members present without objection.

Correspondence to Report – None.

The Election Master shall issue a call for nominations of eligible candidates for Base Commander, Treasurer and Jr. Vice Commander to all Members in good standing no later than the date of the February membership business



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**Sr. Vice Commander Report: Robert Perritt** – Working on Budget with Treasurer.

**Jr. Vice Commander Report: Paul Skalski**

January Plan of the Month posted in the bar area.

January 21<sup>st</sup> – Holland Club Luncheon

February 14<sup>th</sup> Dinner/dance

Need volunteers to replace ceiling tiles.

**NRED1 UPDATE:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Steve Ricard)

*DATA PROVIDED FROM USSVI NATIONAL DATA BASE*

Total Membership: 1174

Holland Club: 627

Associate Members: 77

National Life Members: 858

Groton Base Life Members: 353

SUB SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHEDULE: (Steve Ricard)

CHAPLAIN: Reported on members departed on Eternal Patrol. CDR David Lees, STS2(SS) Stephen Monson, Pam Urello wife of Pat Urello

HOLLAND CLUB: John Carcioppolo – December 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon for Holland Club Members.

**Lunch**

61 total meals

**Total Income**

Meals \$840.00

50/50 \$245.00

Donation \$0.00

**Total \$1085.00**

**Total Expenses**

Meals (\$10 x 61) **\$610.00**

Gratuities (\$1 x 50) **\$81.00**

50/50 **\$120.00** Obie Hill Donated it Back

**Total \$692.00**

Net \$393.00 deposited



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**UPCOMING HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHESES**

**17 December Guest Speaker** Tentative RADM Van Poots Commander, Undersea Warfighting Development Center (UWDC) and his CMC CMDCM(SS) Nick Harr.

**21 Jan Guest Speaker** Captain Heath Johnmeyer & COB Mark Shipley of Pre-Commissioning Unit District of Columbia SSBN 826

**18 Feb Guest Speaker** CMC Dean Marvin and relief CMC Michael Micelli

**18 March Guest Speaker** Groton Superintendent of Schools Susan Austin

**HOLLAND CLUB 2025:** 30 Potential Inductees. Lost one potential Inductee.

- HONORS DETAIL (John Carcioppolo)
- COLOR GUARD: (Bob Sharpe)
- EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM COORDINATOR: (Jim Weaver)
- SMALL STORES: (Alex Doucette) – 2025 coins ordered – don't know when they will be in.
- DOCENTS (Artie Gager)
- DMV LIAISON: (Michael Hodges)

On 12/13/24 I accepted the non-elected position as the coordinator/liaison/point of contact for the U.S. Submarine Veterans special CT plate.

**TURNOVER WORK COMPLETED**

- Established a new email address of [ctsubvetplates@ussvigroton.org](mailto:ctsubvetplates@ussvigroton.org) for this position.
- Updated the USSVI Groton website links with corrected contact information.
- Contacted the CT DMV and with new liaison information for U.S. Submarine Veterans special CT plate. (CT DMV website was updated on 01/04/25)

\*Much thanks are in order to Steve, Charlie, Rich, Robert, and Jim for their quick response and help in accomplishing this work.

**TURNOVER WORK REMAINING**

- Supply the Pump Room with updated applications. I expect this to be complete by 01/10/25.

**U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS PLATE INQUIRES**

- 12/31/24. I confirmed their status as a USSVI member in good standing and mailed them an application and instructions on 01/04/25.
- 01/02/25 from a member forwarded to me asking if the "State of CT offers a Submarine Vintage plate." I responded to the member directly by email on 01/03/25 that the "Classic Vehicle" plate and the "U.S.



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Submarine Veterans" plate are two of several unique special plate designs that are offered by the state of Connecticut, none of which can be combined.

- KAPS4KIDS: (John Riley)
- MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: (Marian Galbraith)
- PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER: (Jim Lawton)
- SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Greg Kane) – \$1000.00 Scholarship donation from family of Davd Lees.
- VETERANS AFFAIRS: (Brian Hague) MyHealth Event – shutdown - go to ID.gov to login
- WEST PORT: (Paul Grammer) Next Meeting is February 6th, 1830, at Port 5.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS – NONE.**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Video link to be posted on You Tube Interview with Brian Walker to name Virginia Class Submarine after Heny Breault with Anne Nieberg on Channel 8 News.

**CLOSING EVENTS:**

**Meeting Attendance Drawing Winner:** 2024 Coin to Jim Moulding.

**50/50 DRAWING Winner:** \$98.00/\$49.00 to Robert Perritt – Donated to Groton Base Building Fund.

**CLOSING PRAYER –** SVGB Chaplain

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Frease, Base Secretary

**Approved:** **by the membership present and voting.**