



BOAT NOTES



GROTON BASE "FIRST AND FINEST" QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country, That their dedications, deeds, and supreme sacrifice serve as a constant source of motivation towards greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution"

**HAPPY 120TH
BIRTHDAY**



**GROTON BASE—ELECTIONS ON MAY 4, 2020
FOR VICE COMMANDER & SECRETARY
NOMINATION CLOSE ON APRIL 15, 2020**

**EVERY DAY WE HONOR AND REMEMBER OUR SHIPMATES LOST AT SEA
THIS QUARTER WE REMEMBER ALL LOST ON THE THRESHER & SCORPION**

Sorry **WE'RE
CLOSED**

Hope this message finds you and your families healthy and safe during this trying time for our country.

During this past week, the Connecticut Governor issued an executive order (NO 7D) that effectively restricts our ability to maintain operations. As a result, we had to close the Club and post-pone all activities until the order is lifted. Events that can be re-scheduled, will be, when the time is right.

Rest assured that we are taking all the necessary steps to protect our lodges interests during this crisis.

Last, and perhaps most importantly, we are Subvets and we Share. Please take care of yourself, your families, and one another!



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We provide a lot of information in regards to USSVI Groton Base via email and if you are not on the Base's email listing contact us and we will ensure you are on it.

Webpage: Our webpage is
<https://ussvigroton.org/>

Address Changes

Please keep your address up to date at all times. Having a correct address allows us to not only ensure Boat Notes gets to you, but all other important correspondence. It also allows us to save money on unnecessary postage.

COMMANDER'S CORNER**Jeff Walsh**

Shipmates, Family and Friends. In this time of our National Crisis, I hope this finds you and your family well. This is a trying time that many of us have never experienced in our lifetime and hope that we never again do.

The COVID-19 Crisis has had the following effect on our organization:

- By direction of the Governor of Connecticut, our clubhouse has been closed for operations effective March 16th. We have no estimated time for when our clubhouse will open, as the earliest time frame is April 30th. Some feel this date may get pushed to the right and looking at more of a mid-May return to operations.
- We have canceled our memorials this month for the USS THRESHER and Submarine Birthday Ball, we will review if we will hold the Memorial Day service. Look for our broadcast for more information.
- One of our major programs took a hit as we were forced to cancel our 2020 Holland Club Induction Ceremony. We have notified all participants that they will be included in the 2021 Ceremony.

One of our strategic goals was to embrace technology that is available to use for our organization. With that last month we streamed our monthly meeting on-line. We had a few hiccups, no fault to anyone as this was expected as we try new methods of communication. We worked them out and were able this month to hold a EBOARD meeting online. We will be holding our monthly meeting for the membership online until we can meet again in large groups. I want to be clear that these online meetings are not meant to be used to replace the meetings in person. We the board felt with a large membership that resides outside a 50-mile radius would like to see what is happening in their organization.

As we know Rob Perritt has stepped down as our Treasurer and will remain active with the organization serving as our Financial Chairman for the Finance Committee. This role is very vital as we need a set of check in balances and this will be the primary responsibility for the organization. We have a name for treasurer, but that will go out via separate broadcast.

I close with this. We are all submarine sailors, and true to that I ask that each one of you look out for your shipmate and lend a needed hand anywhere that is possible. These are trying times, but I am confident with our mentality as Submarine Sailors, nothing can beat us.

Jeff Walsh

USSVI Groton Base Commander

USSVI North East Regional District 1 Commander

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT**Steve Picard, Chairman****Newest USSVI Groton Base Member**

Attention All Hands!!!
It is never too late to renew your Base
and National membership for 2020.

Groton Base Membership seems to have hit the proverbial brick wall for some reason "Oh that's right we're shut down"! January and February saw over 130 members joining or renewing their memberships. Through the first half of March we were fast cruising to another good month but alas, we had only 17 renewals or new memberships because the Groton Base is shut down due to the Corona virus pandemic. As always, Groton Base salutes you for your dedication and support. To the new members and the returning members we say, "Welcome to SubVets Groton" this is your club and we are the "First and the Finest".

We have switched over to a new system called NEON that will allow members to do various functions online (while practicing social distancing).

Using the following link <https://ussvigroton.z2systems.com/np/clients/ussvigroton/login.jsp> members can renew memberships, sign up and pay for events such as Tom & Carol's corned St. Patrick's Day dinner or the annual golf tournament, volunteer for events such as Thanksgiving Caring and Sharing, or make a donation to the Annual Appeal, Kaps for Kids.

Ease, simple, and straight forward using the following steps: (see next page)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT**Steve Picard, Chairman****Step 1: Click on or Enter the following link**<https://ussvigroton.z2systems.com/np/clients/ussvigroton/login.jsp>**Account Login**

Login Name

Password

☐ Remember me for 2 weeks **LOG IN**[I forgot my login name or password](#)

Or sign in with

Don't have an account yet? [Create account](#)Are you an administrator?
[Go to admin login](#)Admins, your login name is now your email. Log in as usual to upgrade your account. Once your account is upgraded you can use the [admin login](#).**Account Login**

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Login name is Members first initial last name qual boat hull number, (IPdaily210)

Password: Click on I forgot my login name or password (reset password).

MEMBERSHIP REPORT**Steve Picard, Chairman**

Step 3: From drop down menu on the right choose what you want to accomplish.

Your membership is currently active. [Details](#)

Welcome to the USSVI Groton Base Membership Portal

Any questions or comments, please email [Membership Chair](#)

Thank you!

What would you like to do? ▾

What would you like to do?

Current Events

My Registered Event

My Membership

My Donation

Volunteer

Update My Profile

Manage My Addresses

Setup My Login

Re-Subscribe Email

Login Home

Logout

Step 4: What would you like to do.

Choose what you want to do?

My Current Events: What is event (dinner) you are signed up to attend

My Registered Events. Where you can sign up and pay for an event.

My Membership: Renew Base & National Membership, Base (only)

My Donation: Where you can donate to the Annual Appeal, Kaps for Kids

Step 5: What would you like to do.

Log out

SAVE THE DATES

Follow us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/SubvetsGroton/>
To get the most current updates

Sorry **WE'RE**
CLOSED

Cancelled—BRUNCH - Every Sunday 10 am to noon. Always need volunteer cooks and servers.
Best breakfast in Groton Ct

Cancelled—Monthly Dinner, . Save the Date & mark your reservation. Great food and great dinner friends.

USSVI National Convention, August 23—30, Tuscon, AZ

SAVE THE DATES**TVCCA RSVP Veteran's Coffeehouses**

No meetings scheduled at this time, due to restrictions on meetings

Wishing our Veterans, Family, Friends & Citizens, the best health and happiness always.

This Thursday April 9th @ 1100 we will be broadcasting on FaceBook Live, here's the rundown,

FaceBook Live Thursday 4/9 @ 1100

No calls but you can type comments.

Go to our FaceBook page TVCCA RSVP Retired & Senior Volunteer Program or no fb, no problem.

Google TVCCA RSVP - Retired & Senior Volunteer Program

It will show a Face Book - f - result, choose that one. We hope to do this weekly, fingers crossed.

Call me if you need some help or ask your grandkids ! You could show them how to use a radio in re-turn.

This weekend marked the 3rd anniversary of the passing of Henny Simon (7/15/1925 - 4/4/2017) Holocaust Survivor. Seen here with her good friend Benny Cooper, 45th Infantry Division.

I was very fortunate to meet them and hear them speak, remember. She was 16 years old, weighed about 100 pounds and faced The Butcher of Riga and survived. May we have just a shred of such vigor.

Thanks, Marv

Marvin Serruto
Veterans Coffeehouse Coordinator
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U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES

*Bless those who served beneath the deep,
Through the lonely hours of vigil they had to keep,
May the eternal peace their mission ever be,
Bless each one we ask of thee,
Comfort those who at home who waited and prayed,
For their return night and day*

April



USS Pickerel (SS-177) Lost on April 3, 1943 with the loss of 74 officers and men, while on her 7th war patrol. She was lost off Honshu. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined, but her OP area contained numerous minefields.



USS Snook (SS-279) Lost on April 8, 1945 with the loss of 84 officers and men. Snook ranks 10th in total Japanese tonnage sunk and is tied for 9th in the number of ships sunk. She was lost near Hainan Island, possibly sunk by a Japanese submarine.



USS Thresher (SSN-593) Lost on April 10, 1963 with the loss of 112 crew members and 17 civilian technicians during deep-diving exercises. 15 minutes after reaching test depth, she communicated with USS Skylark that she was having problems. Skylark heard noises "like air rushing into an air tank" - then, silence. Rescue ship Recovery (ASR-43) subsequently recovered bits of debris, including gloves and bits of internal insulation. Photographs taken by Trieste proved that the submarine had broken up, taking all hands on board to their deaths in 1,400 fathoms of water, some 220 miles east of Boston



USS Gudgeon (SS-211) was probably lost on April 18, 1944 with the loss of 79 men SE of Iwo Jima, but may have been sunk on May 12, 1944 in another attack on an unidentified submarine and heard by several other submarines in the area. Winner of 5 Presidential Unit Citations, Gudgeon was on her 12th war patrol and most likely due to a combined air and surface antisubmarine attack. Gudgeon was the first US submarine to go on patrol from Pearl Harbor after the Japanese attack. On her first patrol, she became the first US submarine to sink an enemy warship, picking off the submarine I-173.



USS Grenadier (SS-210) Lost on: April 22, 1943 near Penang, with no immediate loss of life. She was on her 6th war patrol. While stalking a convoy, she was spotted by a plane and dove. While passing 130 feet, Grenadier was bombed, causing severe damage. She was lodged on the bottom 270 feet and the crew spent hours fighting fires and flooding. When she surfaced, she had no propulsion and was attacked by another plane. While she shot down the plane. When enemy ships arrived, the CO abandoned ship and scuttled the boat. Of the 76 crew members taken prisoner, 72 survived the war.

**U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES** (Continued)**May**

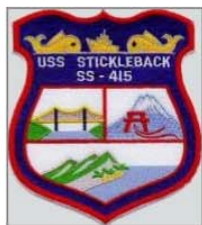
USS Lagarto (SS-371) Lost on May 3, 1945 with the loss of 86 men near the Gulf of Siam. On her 2nd war patrol, she is believed to have been lost to a radar equipped minelayer. This minelayer was sunk by the USS Hawkbill (SS-366) 2 weeks later.



USS Scorpion (SSN-589) was returning to Norfolk, VA. from a Mediterranean deployment. On May 22, 1968 she reported her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Scorpion was never heard from again. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined. 99 officers and men were lost.



USS Squalus (SS-192) Lost on: On May 23, 1939 USS Squalus suffered a catastrophic valve failure during a test dive off the Isle of Shoals. Partially flooded, the submarine sank to the bottom and came to rest keel down in 240 feet of water. Commander Charles Momsen and Navy divers on the USS Falcon (ASR-2) rescued 33 survivors use the diving bell he invented. 26 men drowned in the after compartments. Later Squalus was raised and recommissioned as the USS Sailfish. In an ironic turn of fate, Sailfish sank the Japanese aircraft carrier carrying surviving crew members from Sculpin, which had located Squalus in 1939. Only one of survived after spending the rest of the war as slave laborers in Japan.



USS Stickleback (SS-415) Lost on May 28, 1958 when it sank off Hawaii while under tow after collision with USS Silverstein (DE-534). The entire crew was taken off prior to sinking

U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

June



USS Herring (SS-233) Lost on June 1, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Matsuwa Island. Herring was on her 8th war patrol and was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted her and made 2 direct hits on her conning tower and causing her loss. Before being sunk, she had sank a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery.



USS R-12 (SS-89) Lost on June 12, 1943 with the loss of 42 men near Key West, FL during a practice torpedo approach. The cause was probably due to flooding through a torpedo tube. The CO and 2 other men on the bridge survived, as did 18 crew members on liberty at the time of the accident.



USS Golet (SS-361) Lost on June 14, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. On her 2nd war patrol, Golet was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu.



USS Bonefish (SS-223) Lost on June 18, 1945 with the loss of 85 men when sunk near Suzu Misaki. Winner of 3 Navy Unit Citations, Bonefish was on her 8th war patrol. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.



USS S-27 (SS-132) Lost on June 19, 1942 when it grounded off Amchitka Island. She was on the surface in poor visibility, charging batteries and drifted into the shoals. When she could not be freed and started listing, the captain got the entire crew to shore (400 yards away) in relays using a 3-man rubber raft. The entire crew was subsequently rescued.



USS O-9 (SS-70) Lost on Jun 20, 1941 with the loss of 33 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH.



USS Runner (SS-275) Lost between June 26 & July 4th 1943 with the loss of 78 men. Runner was on her 3rd war patrol probably due to a mine. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles. This boat's last known ship sunk happened on June 26th, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before July 4th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.

U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

*SHIPMATES PLEASE PAUSE TO REMEMBER THOSE OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO SAILED IN HARM'S WAY
AND DID NOT RETURN.*

*LORD, THESE DEPARTED SHIPMATES WITH DOLPHINS ON THEIR CHEST
ARE PART OF AN OUTFIT KNOWN AS THE BEST.*

MAKE THEM WELCOME AND TAKE THEM BY THE HAND.

YOU'LL FIND WITHOUT A DOUBT THEY WERE THE BEST IN ALL THE LAND.

SO, HEAVENLY FATHER THEIR NAMES ARE ON THE ROLLS

OF OUR DEPARTED SHIPMATES STILL ON PATROL.

LET THEM KNOW THAT WE WHO SURVIVE

WILL ALWAYS KEEP THEIR MEMORIES ALIVE

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

THERE IS A PORT OF NO RETURN

*WHERE SHIPS MAY RIDE AT ANCHOR FOR A LITTLE SPACE AND THEN SOME NIGHT THE
CABLE SLIPS*

LEAVING ONLY AN EDDY AT THE MOORING PLACE

GULLS VEAR NO LONGER,

SAILOR REST YOUR OAR

NO TANGLED WRECKAGE WILL BE WASHED ASHORE

Go to this link for USSVI Eternal Patrol Search <https://www.ussvi.org/>



USSVI Submarine Veterans National Office

March 2 at 10:49 AM · 🌐

**USSVI Member: Please cut out and attach this
note to your will or final instructions.**

**** IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS ****

**In the case of my death, please immediately
notify the U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc.,
(USSVI) at 877-542-3483 or 360-337-2978
and give the person on duty the information
regarding my death, funeral, and burial
arrangements, plus who they can contact for
follow-up and support.**

REMEMBER OUR SHIPMATES—LOST AT SEA - (SS588) & (SS593)



Class: SSN 593 Commissioned:
8/3/1961 Launched: 7/9/1960
Builder: Portsmouth Navy Yard Length: 279,
Beam: 32
#Officers: 16, #Enlisted: 96
Fate: Thresher was lost while conducting sea tri-
als off the New England coast. Probably due to a
catastrophic flooding casualty. 129 men lost.



Class: SSN 588 Commissioned:
7/29/1960 Launched: 12/29/1959
Builder: Electric Boat Co (General Dynam-
ics) Length: 252, Beam: 32
#Officers: 8, #Enlisted: 75
Fate: Shortly after midnight of 22 May 1968, She
indicated her position to be about 50 miles south of
the Azores. Her last transmission ended at 0302.
Later information has determined the time of the
hull collapse as 1842 UDT on 22 May, 1968 at a
depth of 1525 f



Lives Lost Aboard the U.S.S. Thresher

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GENERAL DYNAMICS
Electric Boat

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REMEMBER OUR SHIPMATES—LOST AT SEA - **USS *Thresher* (SSN-593)**

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REMEMBER OUR SHIPMATES—LOST AT SEA - USS SCORPION (SS589)

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GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

Ronald Edward Williams, LCDR

Mystic, CT

Passed away on **3/27/2020**

USSVI Base: Groton

Dual member: SVWWII

Served on: DD-85, DD-406, AG-10, AR-1, SS-384, SS-391, SS-425, SS-475, SS-404, SSN-584, SSN-579

Qualified in submarines on the USS Parche (SS-384) in 1945 and was a LCDR when he left the Navy.

WWII/Korean/Cold war veteran, Ronald "Ron" E. Williams passed peacefully from this life at 12:30 p.m. March 27, 2020, in his room at Avalon Health Center with his children by his side.

He was predeceased by his parents, George Williams and Ruth Patton Williams his brother George his sister Dorothy; and his twin sister Ruth Williams Reed. He was also predeceased by his two wonderful wives, to whom he was married for 30 years each: Helen Hamill Williams and Jewel Stoddard Williams; and by his son Gary Williams. He is survived by his daughter Sandra Wilbur; son-in-law John Wilbur; son Alan Williams; daughter-in-law Karen Faulkner Williams; two stepdaughters, Diane Stoddard Ritorto and Patty Stoddard Scronce; ten grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and his very dear and special friend, Dottie Honohan.

He grew up in western Pennsylvania and joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 17, just as World War II was heating up. He served first on the USS Stack, during the invasion and occupation of Guadal Canal; then on the USS Parche, under the command of "Red" Ramage. Captain Ramage accepted the Congressional Medal of Honor on behalf of this crew for their heroic efforts in a battle that is still studied as part of the curriculum at the U.S. Naval Academy. Ron went on to serve a total of 31 years, retiring at the rank of lieutenant commander. During that time, he also served on the USS Trumpetfish, Fleet Reserve, USS Argonaut, USS Swordfish and the USS Fulton. He was chief of the boat on the USS SeaDragon on her Polar cruise, where he was part of the winning team when they surfaced through the ice to play baseball at the North Pole. He went on to serve as the director of engineering at the Sub School, administrative officer at Pearl Harbor and the director of missile testing at Cape Kennedy. After retiring, Ron went on to work at General Dynamics Electric Boat, the old sailor's home, for 15 years as the chief of the Off-Site Planning Department.

In addition to the Navy, he had a passion for golf and played for many years, until his shoulder gave out. He has been blessed to live for the last 15 years at StoneRidge in Mystic, a very active and supportive community. He made many wonderful friends there, where he was often referred to as the Pub Master.

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019



[Roy Joseph Charlette, TM3\(SS\)](#)

Blackstone, MA

Passed away on 3/26/2020

USSVI Base: Groton

Dual member: SVWWII

Qualified in submarines on the USS Becuna (SS-319) in 1945 and was a TM3(SS) when he left the Navy.

CHARLETTE, Roy Joseph, 94, of Blackstone, MA passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, March 26, 2020 with loving family by his side. Born in Blackstone, MA on May 28, 1925, the son of the late John and Marguerite (Leveille) Charlette. He was a lifelong resident of Blackstone. He owned and operated Charlette Brothers Foundry in Blackstone for many years until retiring in the 1990s. Mr. Charlette was a United States Navy World War II Veteran attaining the rank of Torpedoman Third Class, Submarine Torpedo Boat Duty. He served aboard the USS Becuna (SS319). He received the Submarine Combat Insignia (1 Star), American Theatre, Asiatic-Pacific (1 Star), Philippine Liberation (1 Star), and Victory Medal WWII. He was active with the Submarine Veterans and was a member of the American Legion Post 85 in Fairmount. Mr. Charlette was a founding and lifelong member of the Blackstone Lions Club and a member of the Woonsocket Elks Lodge B.P.O.E.#850. He is the husband of the late Yolande H. (Desjardins) Charlette [1/23/1997]. He is the father of Linda C. Schepisi and her husband, Anthony of Nashua, NH, Earl E. Charlette and his wife, Linda of Blackstone, MA and Richard J. Charlette of Blackstone, MA. He leaves his cherished 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. He is the brother of David Charlette of Blackstone, MA and the late Leo, Ralph and Earl Charlette and Lucy Carlo and Norma Garceau. Buried at Section 18, Site 625, Massachusetts National Cemetery



Middletown, CT

Passed away on **2/21/2020**

Joined USSVI: **2020**

[James Newton Horne, ETR1\(SS\)](#)

Went on Eternal Patrol on: **2/21/2020**

Ships / boats served on: **SS-351, SSBN-625**

Cold War Submariner James Newton Horne, 75, of Middletown, MD, beloved husband of Betty (Kuch) Horne for 42 years, passed away on Friday, February 21, 2020. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he was the son of the late George and Marjorie (Bodendorfer) Horne.

James was a United States Navy Veteran, having served in the submarine service aboard the USS Greenfish and the USS Henry Clay. He qualified in submarines aboard GREENFISH in 1964 and was a RC Div LPO aboard HENRY CLAY (G) before being discharged in 1970 after 8 years as a ET1(SS).

He loved fishing and bicycling and a good glass of scotch on the rocks with a twist. He cherished spending time with his family and friends and loved them deeply. Along with his wife, James is survived by four children: daughter Cherie (Horne) Duda and her husband Derek, son Trevor Horne, daughter Lauren Horne, and daughter Austin (Horne) Walsh and her husband Christopher. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Charlotte Horne, Wesley Horne, Anna Horne, and Cary Walsh. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, George Edwin "Eddie" Horne, and his half-brother William Horne. F

Jim was a Holland Club member of USSVI Groton Base.

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

[Richard Joseph Eng, ET1\(SS\)](#)

Groton, CT

Passed away on **3/18/2020**

USSVI Base: Groton

Served on: SSN-571, SS-214, SSN-583

Qualified in submarines on the USS Grouper (SS-214) in 1955 and was a ET1(SS) when he left the Navy.

Cold war submarine veteran, ENG, Richard Joseph, 84, loving husband of Marie Eng for 63 years of Groton, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London. Richard was born in Salem, Mass. July 20, 1935, the son of Harry and Dorothy Ellis Eng. He married Marie Stanchfield Feb. 5, 1957, who survives him. Richard was a U.S. Navy veteran serving on the USS Nautilus (SSN-571), as well as other nuclear submarines. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of New Haven. He retired as a nuclear test engineer from General Dynamics Electric Boat Company. Richard was a member of the Holland Club, the SubVets and Fleet Reserve Association Branch 20. Besides his wife, he is survived by his sons, Richard W. Eng of Long Beach, Calif. and Dana Eng of Norwich his daughter Sharon Eng Marsie (Kieth) of Stonington his brothers, Stanley, David and James Eng; and his sisters: Dorothy Butcher, Virginia Havelick (Paul), Fay Smith (Mark) and Janet Santos (Tom); his grandchildren, Joshua and Rachael Marsie, Amber Sterling (Randy) and grandson, Nick Lavers Eng; and his great-grandchildren: Lily, Abbigale and Bethany Sterling and Wyatt Ray Previty; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Connie Eng.

Richard was a Life and Holland Club member of USSVI Groton Base.

Sailor, Rest your oar

[Charles Lawrence Fenick, ET2\(SS\)](#)

Niantic, CT

Passed away on **3/5/2020**

USSVI Base: Groton

Served on: SS-422, SS-346

Qualified in submarines on the USS Toro (SS-422) in 1960 and was a ET2(SS) when he left the Navy.

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

[Frank J. Chesky Jr, SOS2\(SS\)](#)

Plainville, CT

Passed away on **3/15/2020**



USSVI Base: Groton

Served on: SS-426

Frank qualified in submarines aboard the USS Tusk (SS-426) in 1960 and was a SOS2(SS) when he left the Navy.

Cold war submarine veteran, Frank J. Chesky, Jr., 81, of Bristol, widower of Mary Ann (Hornyak) Chesky, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 15, 2020, at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford. Born on December 31, 1938, in New Britain, Frank was the son of the late Frank, Sr. and Eulah (Dounouk) Chesky. At the age of 5, he was a survivor of the Hartford circus fire in 1944 and would later recount stories of that fateful day although he never attended another circus again. He was a graduate of New Britain High School, where he was a member of the football team, including the 1955 state championship team, which went on to play a post-season game at the Orange Bowl in Miami.

He went on to enlist in the United States Navy, and proudly served his country aboard the USS Tusk submarine from 1959 to 1962. Frank qualified in submarines aboard the USS Tusk (SS-426) in 1960 and was a SOS2 (SS) when he left the Navy.

In 2010, he was inducted into the Holland Club honoring his 50th year of being qualified in submarines. While attending Central Connecticut State University, he was a police officer for the New Britain and Plainville Police Departments, and he was an accomplished member of the Plainville Revolver Team for many years. Upon graduation, he became a teacher of industrial arts at Bristol Eastern High School for 25 years before retiring. He then went on to start up and run two successful companies before fully retiring in 2008, and traveling the country with Mary Ann in their RV. He was an avid fan of UCONN basketball and loved freshwater and saltwater fishing, but his true passion was tackling new building projects whether it was building his family's home in Bristol, restoring antique clocks, working on cars, making his own fishing poles, or helping his children with home projects of their own. Frank is survived by his son, Frank J. Chesky III, and his husband, Sean Corbello, of Mays Landing, New Jersey; his daughter, Cynthia Ann Chesky, and her fiancé, James Delnero, of Bristol; a brother, James A. Chesky of Selkirk, New York; and several nieces and nephews.

He was a Life and Holland Club member of USSVI Groton Base.

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

[Michael B. Brown, ET1\(SS\)](#)

New London, CT

Passed away on **2/20/2020**

USSVI Base: Groton

Served on: SSBN-609, SS-482, SSBN-656

Cold War Submariner Michael B. Brown, age 74, died February 20, 2020, after a ferocious battle with Light-Chain Multiple Myeloma.

Mike was a self-taught man who graduated high school in Montreal and then joined the U.S. Navy. He served on the USS Sam Houston (SSBN-609) the USS Irex (SS-482) and the USS George Washington Carver (SSBN-656) where he was on the Gold Crew as a Nuke Electronics Technician.

Mike Qualified in submarines aboard the USS Sam Houston (SSBN-609) in 1964 and was a ET1(SS) when he left the Navy.

He credits the Navy for the formal education he received but his ever-curious mind allowed him to succeed far past what a high school education was traditionally thought to be able to deliver. After he left the Navy, he joined the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, and he served with distinction in many ways. Mike served as the Unit 3 Instrumentation & Controls Manager during unit startup. Mike lead the development of a new Technical Training Program where his leadership, imagination and creativity came into full bloom by using strategies never before imagined in the Nuclear Industry. Mike was chosen to become the Director of Quality Assurance for the Northeast Nuclear Program. Following his career at Northeast Utilities, Mike consulted in a number of initiatives including the integration of the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike organizations - a clear demonstration of incredible versatility of thought and the courage to tackle any problem without the fear of failure that limits so many.

Mike was born in 1946 in Montreal, Canada to Jack and Frieda Brown. Somewhere in his young life, he developed a fascination regarding submarines and he wanted in. As we learned at a recent USS George Washington Carver re-union, Canada has 3 submarines - one for each coast and a spare. That did not provide enough opportunity for Mike and he dearly wanted to become a member of this fraternity and in order to do that, he needed to become a citizen of the United States. In retrospect, this was serendipitous as his father was an American and this paved the way for his admission to the U.S. Navy.

Surviving are his wife of 33 years and companion for more than 45 years, Mary; his step-daughter, Cathy Wilson and her husband Scott Walsh. In addition, he is survived by his mother, Frieda Brown of Vancouver, Canada who will turn 99 this month and his Uncle Sam of Montreal, Canada who is 101. He has 2 brothers: Clyde and wife Anita Brown and Si and wife Mary Jane Brown who all reside in Vancouver, Canada. Mike was uncle to Jeffrey and Robert (Clyde and Anita's children) and to Danial and Illana (Si and Mary Jane's children); he was great uncle to 4 grand nephews and 2 grand nieces. He has 8 cousins - Marvin Smolar, Howard Smolar, Neil Smolar, Stephan Smolar, Larry Smolar, Riesa Burke, Edith Brown and Aaron Brown.

Sailor, Rest your oar.

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

[Kenneth Thomas Pitman, QMC\(SS\)](#)

Manchester, NH

Passed away on **1/24/2020**

Joined USSVI: **2010**



USSVI Base: Groton

Served on: CV-36, SS-368, SS-488, SSN-604, SSN-615, AGSS-569, SSN-674

Kenneth Thomas Pitman, Sr. (CPO US Navy, Retd), born April 4, 1938 died on Friday, January 24, 2020 at his residence with his loving family by his side.

Educated in the Manchester School System, Ken began his naval military career for recruit training in Bainbridge, MD. Upon completion, he reported for duty on the USS Antietam (CVS36). Following three years of service, Ken attended Basic Submarine School in Philadelphia, PA and after completion reported aboard his first submarine, the USS Jallao (SS368) qualifying in submarines. Next duty was on the USS Sarda (488). He was then assigned for the new construction of the USS Haddo (SSN 604). Next duty was new construction of the USS Gato (SSN 615). While on the Gato, Ken was promoted to Chief Quartermaster. He then became an instructor QM submarine training at the US Navy Submarine School, New London, CT and was instrumental in establishing the standard for Quartermaster Submarine Training. Chief Pitman was then on the decommissioning crew of the USS Albacore (AGSS569). Ken then retired from the USS Trepang (SSN674), his last submarine. Retired from the Navy in 1975 as QMC(SS).

Ken was an avid Skeet Shooter winning many state titles and was a member of the US Navy Retired Team, better known as "The Old Goats." Ken obtained his private pilot's license. His hobbies included skydiving, walking and fishing, and cribbage, and especially at his camp "Pit's Pit" on Merrymeeting Lake.

Ken was a member of the 20th Skeet and Clays, Hooksett, NHHSSA, NSSA, AFSA, American Legion Post 79, Nautilus Branch Submarine Veterans, Groton, CT, the Holland Club, Albacore Park, and MMLA. He also was an avid fan of the Kansas City Chiefs and enjoyed drinking Moxie.

Ken was employed by the City of Manchester, retiring after 16 years as the Engineering Tech from the Assessor's office.

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

[David D. Dlugo, SK2\(SS\)](#)

Parma, OH

Passed away on **1/17/2020**



USSVI Base: Cod

Dual member: GROTON

Served on: SSBN-610

Qualified in submarines on the USS Thomas A Edison (SSBN-610) in 1962 and was a SK2(SS) when he left the Navy.

DAVID D. DLUGO. Born March 24, 1941 passed away on January 17, 2020. Son of the late Walter and Lillian. Married to Gloria [nee Mohny] 39 years. Loving father to Nora Frances and Caris Ann Thomas. Dear brother of Dennis and the late Darlene Amberik [John]. Host father to Holland foreign exchange student Debby Toll Stockx [Rob]. Grandfather to Elizabeth Thomas, Robert Thomas, and Madelyn Thomas. Uncle to Dennis Dlugo Jr., Cynthia Dlugo, Jarad Amberik, Richard Ziemann [Mary], Daniel Ziemann [Jacob], Brian Ziemann [Giovanna], Kevin Ziemann, Colleen Henderson [Sarah], and Rhonda Lown [Justin]. Great Uncle to Richard, Katherine, Anthony, Loretta, Josephine, Theresa, Massimo, Dante, Rees, Logan, and Fred. Cousin and friend to many. Fur dad to Freckles, Tess, Abby, Roscoe, Queen and Gus.

David was a graduate of Cathedral Latin High School. He began his career with Ohio State Highway Patrol, Beachwood Police and retired from the Garfield Heights Police Department after 31 years of service where he reached the rank as Captain.

Prior to his career, he served first in the Marines and then the Navy. While in the Navy he was on the commissioning crew of the ballistic submarine USS Thomas A. Edison (SSBN 610), where he earned his dolphins. He was a proud member of the submariners Holland Club.

David was a member of St. Columbkille Parish, volunteering his time to serve the parish as a pallbearer.

He supported the USS COD Memorial, a National Historical Landmark which is docked in Cleveland, Ohio and served as their Chaplin.

Family will receive friends on Sunday, February 2, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Fortuna Funeral Home 7076 Brecksville Road, Independence, Ohio 44131. Mass of Christian Burial Monday, February 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Columbkille Church (6740 Broadview Rd. Parma, Ohio 44134). Everyone is asked to please meet at the Church. Interment Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery (10175 Rawiga Rd., Rittman, Ohio 44273.)

Family suggests donations in his memory to Parma Animal Shelter 6260 State Rd., Parma, Ohio 44314 or USS COD Submarine Memorial 5274 Townsend Road, Richfield, Ohio 44286.

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

James Patrick Keaveny, FTC(SS)

Sebring, FL

Passed away on **1/5/2020**



USSVI Base: Groton

Dual member: SEA POACHER

Served on: SS-334, SS-338, SS-307, SS-393, SS-242, SS-377, SSBN-640, SS-405

Qualified in submarines on the USS Cabezon (SS-334) in 1949 and was a FTC(SS) when he left the Navy.

Cold War Submariner James Patrick Keaveny, born on May 22, 1930 in Webster Grove, Missouri, was the first born child to Valery and Lillian Keaveny. He lived in Sebring FL and departed on Eternal Patrol: 1/5/2020.

On July 29, 1947 James enlisted in the Navy and would go on and serve our country until Feb. 13, 1967 when he retired as FTC(SS). He qualified in submarines in 1949 aboard the USS Cabezon (SS-334).

He also served aboard CARP, BLUEGILL, TILEFISH, QUEENFISH, MENHADEN, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN and SEA OWL.

James was a Life and Holland Club member of USSVI Sea Poacher and Groton Bases.

Sailor, Rest your oar.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS**2020**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- o Archives
- o Boat Sponsorship
- o Color Guard (Paul Skalski)
- o Build/Maintenance/Small Stores (T. Connors)
- o Color Guard (Paul Skalski)
- o Docents (Ken Johnson)
- o DMV Liaison (Richard Rusczyk)
- o Eagle Scout Chair: (Paul William Orstad)
- o Finance/Budget Development (Treasurer/Vice)
- o Holland Club & Membership (Steve Ricard)
- o Kap(SS)-4-Kid(SS) (John Riley)
- o Memorial Committee (Marian Galbraith)
- o Boat Notes (Charlie Murray)
- o Public Relations (Jim Lawton)
- o Red, White and Blue Mass (Paul Dillon)
- o West Port Satellite group (Paul Grammer)
- o Scholarship Committee (Greg Kane)
- o Sub School & Home Coming (Chaplain) (Jack Gallimore)
- o Veterans Affairs Report (Walt Grant & Al Kinsall)

**GROTON CLUB****Laura Byrne & Jill Henry, Club Managers****Clubhouse & Bar Hours when we can open again**

Sunday 10AM to 2 PM
 Monday 11AM to 5 PM**
 Tuesday 11AM to 5:00PM
 Wednesday 11AM to 5:00PM
 Thursday 11AM to 9:30PM
 Friday 11AM to 12:30 AM
 Saturday Closed**

BUT* we will open up*AGAIN**

** Open/expanded Saturdays and Mondays Evenings for Scheduled Events

SUBSCHOOL GRADUATIONS**Jack Gallimore, Chairman**

Often referred to as the **SHIPMATES REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY**, SUBVETS is actively involved with Submarine School graduation ceremonies for the Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS), Submarine Officers Advanced Class (SOAC), and Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) as regular participants. Back In August 2010, the SubVets Groton Base "Heritage Award" presentation formally became part of the BESS graduation. A certificate and a Groton Base "Challenge" coin is presented to the Class Leader. SUBVETS, provides volunteers who read the words of remembrance.

Additionally, SUBVETS provides volunteer speakers for some of the advanced graduating classes, i.e. Submarine Electronics Computer Field (SECF), Submarine Communications Electronic Rating Field (SCERF), and Torpedoman "A" (MMW) School as requested. The following Graduations were supported for the year 2020 by SubVets, either as speakers or as representatives at the tolling ceremony that was accomplished at BESS, TMA, SOAC and SOBC, SECF and SCERF. BESS 7, SOAC & SOBC 2, TMA 0, SECF AND SCERF 6

CHAPLAIN INFORMATION & RED HATS**Jack Gallimore, Chaplain & Chairman**

Since the beginning of 2020 up through March 31st members of the Honor Detail and the Chaplain have provided services for submarine veterans when requested. Groton Base Honor Detail members provide Honors Detail shipmates along with a few members of the WWII group for the WWII ceremonies when required.

The Chaplain provides Invocations and Benedictions or prayers at numerous ceremonies held at the WWII memorial, the Holland Club induction, and for many other well known organizations that support those of the military, whether they are retired or active. During the months of Jan through March 31st 2020, we have been requested to provide 5 local services and numerous letters of condolence to the families of the deceased for those out of the area. Additionally, we were likewise requested to provide Eternal Light services for wives of SubVets shipmates who had passed. Unfortunately, we do not always hear of a passing of one of our shipmates or mailing addresses, however we do let the next of kin know when we do hear of someone departing on Eternal Patrol and offer our condolences.

While not a Chaplain item in particular, the "Red Hats" do provide a 7 Gun salute to each boat that comes back from a major deployment. The salute is rendered at Puffins Restaurant on Thames Street in Groton. Each member of the Red Hat brigade is notified as security allows. Interim person to contact for the Red Hat brigade is the Chaplain. We welcomed back the USS Colorado in February .



MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**Marian Galbraith, Chair**

It takes volunteers to maintain this memorial. Join us All skills needed. We will train you



The Memorial Committee is always ready to welcome volunteers and new committee members.

Call Marian Galbraith at 860-460-8740 for details.



ST PATRICK'S SUBVETS GROTON CORNED BEEF DINNER**FOOD PREPARATION**

Photo by Club Managers



Jeff Walsh & Tom Connors



Holland Club February Luncheon, Captain Moore was the guest speaker

Photos by Jim Lawton PAO Officer



Holland Club February Luncheon, Captain Moore was the guest speaker



The Only Enlisted Submariner to Ever Receive the Medal of Honor Locked Himself Inside a Sinking Submarine



Left: Ajax hauling up USS O-5 (SS-66), Right: Henry Breault just after receiving his Medal of Honor, 8 March 1924.

For those who sail beneath the surface of the sea, there are few greater fears than permanently descending to the depths alive. The movies would play this horror scene out time and time again as you watched the sailors press their faces to the ceiling of a room slowly filling with water.

But for one such man, that was the fate he chose for himself when he voluntarily locked himself inside a sinking submarine descending to the bottom. For his actions that day, Henry Breault would become the first and only Submariner ever to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

In the Fight

Torpedoman First Class Henry Breault was born in Connecticut at the turn of the century in 1900. Born to be a sailor, Breault would enlist in the British Royal Navy at the age of 16 to serve in World War 1 before America joined the fray.

Over the next four years, he would learn the art of seamanship and naval tradition from those who have historically done it best. After his tour with the Royal Navy, Breault joined the United States Navy in 1921.

And while the years in between the World Wars were a comparatively peaceful time for America, the United States Navy was frequently sent into forward areas as the nation was increasingly becoming a world power.

As such, the scene for this heroic action would take place not in a war zone, but right outside of the Panama Canal in October of 1923.

For Henry Breault was a crew member of the submarine *USS O-5* when his ship was part of a column of submarines heading for the canal. It was at this moment that a ship carrying bananas would help this man earn the Medal of Honor. Literally, a ship carrying bananas.

The steamship *US Abangarez* which was under the control of the United Fruit Company made a series of navigational errors and struck the *USS O-5* directly in the side opening up a hole of ten feet or more allowing water to gush inside.

Slashing through one of main ballast tanks, the *O-5* rolled to port and then to starboard before beginning its descent to the bottom.

But as fortune would have it, they weren't exactly sailing over the Mariana Trench. For it was but 42 feet of water that separated the surface from the bottom, but that was plenty to send a man to Davy Jones' Locker if need be.

To the Bottom

With the USS *O-5* sinking fast, Breault actually found himself in the fortunate position of having a relatively easy escape when the call to abandon ship was given. Working in the torpedo room, he quickly worked his way up to the main deck and was prepared to jump to safety when he realized a fellow crewmate had been sleeping below just before the collision.

With open and safe sea just a short distance away, he looked at safety and then looked back at a sinking submarine descending to the bottom and he chose the sinking submarine.

Heading back down the ladders to retrieve his crewmate, he caught up with the then much awake Chief Brown who was unaware of the order to abandon ship. They attempted together to make their exit, but the rising water impeded any attempt.

Wading through the water on board, they made their way to the torpedo room, and Breault latched the door shut just before the ship's battery exploded. They were undeniably trapped underwater, and any attempt at rescue would have to come from above.

Thanks to the shallow depth, rescue and salvage efforts were able to begin immediately. While that might have been of little comfort to Breault and Brown who didn't know their current depth, it gave hope to the Naval forces converging on the scene.

Approximately 4 to 5 hours later, salvage crews were banging on the hull under the hopes of hearing signs of life when Breault responded with metal pings of his own. Time was of the essence and the only manner in which they could be rescued in this day and age would be to lift the entire submarine from the bottom.

From the Depths

In another stroke of luck, some of the heaviest floating machinery around was near the Canal. One of the largest crane barges in the world, the Ajax, was in the region and quickly made way to the site. It took multiple attempts with many broken cables, but the USS O-5 was eventually lifted.

With a great sigh of relief and much applause, after 31 hours trapped under the sea, the torpedo room hatch had been opened and emerged one Chief Brown and a future Medal of Honor recipient Torpedoman First Class Henry Breault.

It remains to be seen what causes some men to flee and others to run towards the sound of danger. But for a sailor with the opportunity at survival to knowingly risk entombment at the bottom of the ocean is a gallant feat worthy of the highest honor.

Much of the world will merely watch these scenes play out in the movies and cringe as the water reaches the ceiling and the sunken sailors gasp their last breath. But for Henry Breault, he knew that very well could have been the permanent end of his watch.

Breault was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1924 by President Calvin Coolidge. He would go on to serve 20 years in the Navy before falling ill and succumbing to a heart condition on December 5th, 1941.

Having died just two days before Pearl Harbor, one can't help but think that the man who joined a foreign Navy so that he could fight would have been ready. And if need be, we know for a fact he would lock himself in a sinking submarine to save a brother in arms.



AWARD PRESENTATION: CHRIS QUIJADA DISTINGUISHED**MARCH 6, 2020****AWARD PRESENTATION: CHRIS QUIJADA DISTINGUISHED**

Cleanup Crew: Alex Doucette, Walter Grant, Brad Boyd, Tom Connors, Rob Davis, Harold Haugland, Kirk Haugland

Donut Crew: Jeff Walsh, Mark Stern

**Naval Submarine School is with Nick Spencer.**

February 18 · 🌐

GROTON, Conn. (Feb. 18, 2020) – Electronics Technician Submarine Navigation (ETV) "A" School Class 20030 pose for a group photo by the USS Sam Rayburn (SSBN 635) Poseidon missile hatch exhibit at Submarine Force Museum Feb. 14. Navigation Electronics Technician "A" School provides the submarine fleet with apprentice level graduates. ETV receive extensive training in the operation and maintenance of advanced electronic equipment and computers used in submarine navigation systems. (U.S. Navy photo by Alexander L. Gago/Released)



VETERANS REPRESENTATIVE**Alvin G. Kinsall**

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Dear Fellow Veterans;

The Connecticut Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz, Michael Passero Mayor of the City of New London and New London Veterans Affairs requests your presence at a future event to honor you for your service to our country's Armed Forces and the State of Connecticut.

A date has not been set for this event. However, it is expected the event will be scheduled this Spring. The intent of this letter is to make you aware of it and work with you to collect your necessary documentation to support the event.

This invitation is open to all World War II, Korean War, Vietnam era and veterans of the Persian Gulf era veterans in the **Greater New London Area** to participate in an upcoming award ceremony in your honor.

We are asking that you contact our office at (860) 440-6691 to address any questions or concerns and express your intentions to participate in the event. If attending, you will need to fill out an application form, provide a copy of your DD214 or equivalent separation document and a copy of your Connecticut Driver's License.

You may request the above application be mailed, emailed or picked up at our office.

There are several legislative bills being reviewed in Hartford that you should be aware of.

Two pieces of legislation recently passed goes into effect October 1, 2020 –

1. Senate Bill NO. 356 Requires the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs to mail to certain veterans information concerning federal and state veterans' benefits and suicide prevention.

Senate Bill No. 361 Provides veterans who do not have access to transportation, with transportation services to and from medical appointments and hospital visits.

Other Bills in the legislature being supported by CT DVA

1. S.B. 218 AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN VETERANS BENEFITS – The CT DVA supports which would extend eligibility for "Veteran" Designation on licenses plates, drivers licenses and non-license ID cards to persons who serviced Honorably in the National Guard or Armed Forces Reserve, who do not have Title 10 (Federal) Active Duty service beyond their initial duty training. This would also apply to receiving college credits for military occupational specialty (MOS) where applicable.

2. S.B. 220 AN ACT EXPANDING CERTAIN VETERANS ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – The CT DVA supports this bill which would exempt Veterans Pensions, Housebound benefits, Survivors Pension benefits from consolidation when determining a veterans eligibility for Medicare savings, medical assistance and energy assistance. Currently veterans and certain survivors are being denied access to such essential programs due to the Department of Social Services considering such Veterans Pension benefits as income.

(NOTE) We will be following these items and as information becomes available, it will be updated.

If you are a disabled veteran make sure you take advantage of the benefit to access any military installation. You need to be a VA healthcare Enrollee. This will entitle you (Veteran Only) access to the Base Commissary, Exchange, Moral Welfare Recreation facilities etc. Should you not be registered in the VA Healthcare System, Contact our office for assistance.

Al Kinsall, Municipal Veterans Representative

New London Veterans Affairs, 181 State Street, 3rd Floor, New London, CT 06320

O: 860.440.6691 *Office Hours Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am to 1:00pm*

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VETERANS REPRESENTATIVE**Alvin G. Kinsall**

City Of New London
Department of Veterans Affairs



Shipmates,

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Dear Fellow Veterans;

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Very Respectfully,

Alvin G. Kinsall

Municipal Veterans Representative

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HOLLAND CLUB**Steve Ricard, Chairman****Holland Club Induction Ceremony 2019**

When 2020 started the Holland Club committee had a great year planned with the monthly luncheon held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month and in June, one of the premiere Groton SubVets events, the Holland Club Induction Ceremony. That ceremony is one of the most impressive ceremonies a Submariner can attend. Picture, Dealey Center filled with Submariners young and old there to participate in congratulating 41 Shipmates recognized for being qualified in submarines for 50 years or more.

Unfortunately this group will have to wait until next year as the 2020 Induction Ceremony was canceled due to the CORVID-19 pandemic. The plan as of today is to combine the 2020 and 2021 inductees in June 2021. Thanks for being flexible.

Luncheon Highlights

As you know each month on the third Tuesday SubVets Groton Base Holland Club hosts a luncheon. This is a great tradition that was started by Bud Atkins and has carried on since. The Holland Club Luncheon is open to all Holland Club Members and their guests. Non Holland Club Members are also invited.



January was the first luncheon of the new year and our guest speaker was supposed to be Captain Todd Moore, the Commanding Officer of the Naval Submarine Base New London. But for some reason his boss was visiting the base and required his presence at a meeting. Go figure. So we dug into the spares locker and pulled up LCDR Tom Hickey USCG Retired and Associate member. Tom started out his career in the U.S. Coast Guard as a Rescue Swimmer. Later in his career Tom transitioned from the back of the helicopter to the front after completing flight school becoming an H-65 pilot.

Tom retired in 2016 from the Coast Guard Research and Development Center. Tom talked about his career and decisions to become a helicopter pilot. Also in true Tom fashion told a few sea stories that began with "This is a no....".

HOLLAND CLUB (continued)**Steve Ricard, Chairman**

In February the weather cooperated and we had a great turnout to listen to our guest speaker Captain Todd Moore, Commanding Officer of the Naval Submarine Base New London.

Captain Moore, a native of Willoughby Hills, Ohio, graduated summa cum laude from Hamilton College in 1995 with degrees in Physics and Classical Studies.

CAPT Moore served aboard USS PASADENA (SSN 752) as a division officer, USS ASHEVILLE (SSN 758) as the Combat Systems Officer, and USS GEORGIA (SSGN 729) as Executive Officer, completing three western Pacific and one Indian Ocean deployments.

He commanded USS NEW MEXICO (SSN 779), conducting the first VIRGINIA-class surfacing at the North Pole and completing a Northern Atlantic deployment.

He addressed the status of the Subbase, readiness of the submarines homeported there as well as current and future upgrades to the base and surrounding areas.

Our very talented crew, Todd, Jillian, Laura, Jill and Tom continue to whip up great meals that are enjoyed by all. Many thanks to them for keeping us well fed and within budget.



I would be remised if I did not thank all of the Sub School students who help make these meals enjoyable and a success.



We'll continue to keep you posted on upcoming luncheons and guest speakers. Each month I send out a reminder for the upcoming luncheon announcing the date, time and the guest speaker. I ask that you try to give me a heads up as soon as possible so I can give a head count to the kitchen. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

The Holland Club Committee is working on a special edition of Boats Notes that will highlight the 2020 Holland Club Inductees.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

**HOLLAND CLUB INDUCTION has been cancelled for this year.
We will publish a special Boat Notes issue later this year
to recognized the 2020 Holland Club Inductees.**

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**Greg Kane, Chairman**

To the Groton US Sub Vets Club,

My name is Andrew Coburn, I was one of the 2017 recipients of the United States Submarine Veterans Groton Base Scholarship for education. I am the Grandson of Robert Bell who served on the George C. Marshall. I am in my third year at Eastern Connecticut State University majoring in History and Secondary Education. I am proud to have finished this previous fall semester with 3.94 GPA. I wanted to thank everyone at the Sub Vets Club for helping to make my dream of achieving a higher education possible. Sincerely,



To The United States Sub Vet Club of Groton,

My name is David Coburn, grandson of Robert Bell who served on the George C. Marshall. I am also a recipient of the scholarship from Sub Vets club in 2019. I am currently in my first year at the University of Connecticut studying finance. I am a member of the business society and am proud to say that after the first semester I am in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.5. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all members of the club who, through their generosity, have allowed me to be well on my way to completing my higher education.

Sincerely,



The Deadline for submitting an application for a 2020 USSVI Groton Base Scholarship is April 15th.

The Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial assistance to outstanding eligible recipients seeking first time admission to an accredited institute of higher education and is between the age of 17 through 26, whose parent, step-parent, grandparent, step-grandparent or great-grandparent or step great-grandparent is a member or an associate member with a minimum of one year of membership in good standing of the (USSVI), Groton Base in the year of application, and has a "C" grade average or equivalent or has been home schooled and has an institution (church or private organization sponsored) certificate of completion of the home schooling program, in the year of application.

Additional information and applications can be found at <https://ussvigroton.org/documents/scholarship/>

There are two categories of applications, a general application and a Ladies Auxiliary Medical Field Scholarship for students seeking further education in a medical field.

Last year over \$15,000 in scholarships were awarded.

2020 GROTON BASE USSVI SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 2020 Groton Base USSVI scholarship are now available on the Groton USSVI website;

<https://www.ussvigroton.org> (Under PDF Downloads)

Any questions contact Scholarship Chair Greg Kane at 860 989-1426

KAP(SS)4KID(SS)**John Riley Chairman**

"No one stands so tall as when they stoop to help a child"

Abraham Lincoln



Groton Base's Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team continues to bring comfort and joy to sick Children, and their families!

We visit Kids at:

Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Yale New Haven Children's Hospital

Smilow Cancer Hospital

**Yale New Haven Hospital's Inpatient Child Psychiatric Unit
for 4 - 13 year old Kids**

**Yale New Haven Hospital's Inpatient Child Psychiatric Unit
for 13-18 year old Kids**

The Ronald McDonald House

The Connecticut Hospice

KAP(SS)4KID(SS)**John Riley Chairman**

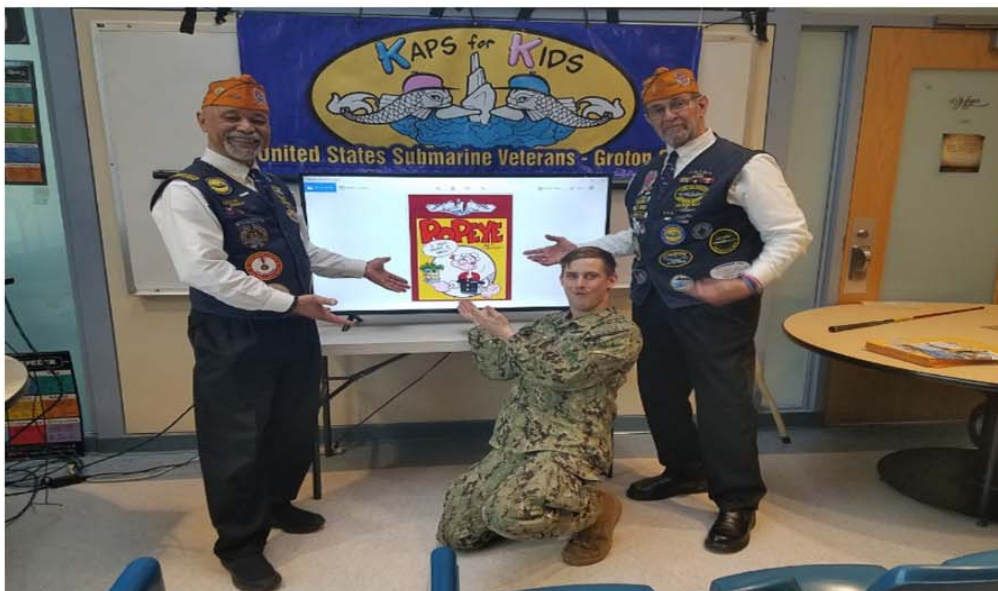
19 Teenagers were made Honorary Submariners on February 6th!

We visited them in the **Yale New Haven Psychiatric Hospital's Adolescent In-Patient Unit**. This unit provides acute inpatient care to adolescents and young adults with a broad spectrum of psychiatric problems, such as mood disorders, psychotic disorders, substance abuse, eating disorders.

It is always a rewarding experience for our **USSVI Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team** to bring joy to the Kids in Yale Hospital's Adolescent Psych unit because they are all dealing with very challenging problems, and the staff informed us that our visits make a positive difference!



The Kids, and the staff, had lots of questions and we enjoyed answering them. Active Duty Submariner Phil Plunkard FTSN(SS) again joined us on this visit. Since he is 20 years old, only a couple of years older than most of the Teenagers, he quickly established a friendly connection with them. Many of the questions were directed at Phil and he shared lots of current day Submarine operation knowledge and experience with them. Phil is a great addition to our Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team!

KAP(SS)4KID(SS)**John Riley Chairman**

During our presentation the Teens were surprised and happy to find out that “Popeye The Sailor Man” was also Qualified in Submarines! ☑

After our slide and video presentation we gave the Kids personalized and framed Honorary Submariner Certificates, Ball Caps, Challenge Coins, Signed Nautilus Submarine Photos, Tattoos and Wristbands. We also told the Kids that, if they visited, Active Duty Submariners would give them a personal tour of the free USS Nautilus Submarine and Museum in Groton.

In addition to Phil, our Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team included Bob Dulin, and John & Jackie Riley.

"We began by imagining that we are giving to them; we end by realizing that they have enriched us" - Pope John Paul II

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/kaps4kidsconnecticut>

K4K VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/DaHOrDe4U5E>

EMAIL: kaps4kids@ussvigroton.org

203 668-9131

SUBMARINE MUSEUM

Thank you for your interest in the Submarine Force Museum's Education Program.

If you have tour or event requests please contact:

Senior Chief Drury at david.j.drury@navy.mil<<mailto:david.j.drury@navy.mil>>

If you have an education administration request please contact:

Curator Stephen Finnigan at Stephen.finnigan@navy.mil<<mailto:Stephen.finnigan@navy.mil>>.

SUBMARINE MUSEUM DOCENTS**Ken Johnson, Chairman**

At this time I do not have any information on when a replacement for Justin Spielmann will be hired or even if the job has been posted yet.

Remember, you can always find the latest watchbill versions here in the Docent

Dropbox: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/83cqtojnjqiu9ge/AABffH_A2j4pgfESd1h683Wua

Contact Ken Johnson at oakhamgraphics@charter.net

KARAOKE NIGHT when we can open again

Friday evenings your SubVets Club is open late and you can enjoy Music and Music Videos while building up your courage to sing Karaoke with Excellent Libations!

Creative Sounds Entertainment - DJ Jammin Jim - Hosting Karaoke, Music / Music Videos / DJ / KJ

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**Steve Ricard , Chairman**

Volunteers are the life blood of any service organization. Without Volunteers we do not survive.

Continuing on with thanking our volunteers. This quarter I would like to take a few moments to thank a couple of groups for volunteering over the past year. Without dedicated volunteer, events would not be able to take place.

Turkey Fryer Crew: This group of volunteers headed up by Kevin Crisman provides a hot, lip smacking, crisped skin turkey for all to enjoy during the sit down family style Thanksgiving Dinner. Over the past 18 years Kevin and his crew have deep fried over 8.7 tons of turkey ((250 boxes of TDU weights). So hats off to Kevin and his band of merry fryers "Thank You" for all you do in supporting Sub Vets Groton Base, our Veterans, Sailors, Families, and Friends.

Color Guard Detail: The "Detail" is made up of several dedicated (Senior) members who always put their right foot forward and are out in front of any parade. Paul Skalski is the lead flag bearer and makes sure the line is straight and in step. The "Detail" also participates in Tolling of the Boats at Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Thresher Memorial services at the WWII Memorial as well as funeral services for fallen shipmates. The "Detail" adds a touch of solemnity to all services. Shipmates, "Thank You" for all you do in supporting Sub Vets Groton Base, our Veterans, Sailors, Families and Friends.

Memorial Committee: This committee is headed by Marian Galbraith, the former Mayor of the City of Groton. Marian and her grounds crew made up of members of Sub Vets green thumb corps is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds. The pride of site with out a doubt is the USS Flasher SS-249, Conning tower barrel, bridge structure, shears and upper gun, is always well maintained and pristine. But, Marian and the band of merry gardeners help transform the flowerbeds into a very close second. Starting in early May the beds are tilled and flower are planted. Hundreds of Impatience, red and white, fill the flower beds to be ready for the summer months starting with Memorial Day service. Shipmates "Thank You" for all you do in supporting Sub Vets Groton Base, our Veterans, Sailors, Families, and Friends

Again without volunteers we don't survive.

2020 is an Election YEAR!
The Following National Officer Positions and Requirements
for Office are Available:

National Commander: Nominees for National Commander must have completed at least two years as a voting member of the Board of Directors by the time they take office as National Commander.

National Senior Vice Commander: Nominees for Senior Vice-Commander must have completed at least two years as a Member of the Board of Directors and must certify that they have or will develop a working familiarity of the USSVI bookkeeping software (QuickBooks).

National Junior Vice Commander: Nominees for Junior Vice-Commander must have completed at least two years as a Member of the Board of Directors.

National Treasurer: Must be a Regular member in good standing and Nominees for National Treasurer must have some experience in bookkeeping, certify that they have, or will develop a working knowledge of the USSVI approved bookkeeping software (QuickBooks), use the USSVI approved software as part of his/her duties as National Treasurer, and cannot change to another software package without the Board of Director's approval.

National Secretary: Must be a Regular member in good standing.

Regional Director: Must be a member in good standing of a Base within the Region. The Nominee must be currently serving or has served as a Regional Director, District Commander or Base Officer.

Note: All nominations must be sent to the Nominations Committee Chairman on or before March 1st, 2020. The nomination is accompanied by a letter from the Nominee indicating his willingness to accept the nomination and willingness to serve if elected. The Nomination Letter includes details of the nominee's qualifications in less than one hundred (100) words.

The 2020 Nominations Committee Chairman is IPNC John E. Markiewicz, e-mail is jemjax2@att.net.

SUBVETS GROTON ELECTION 2020

Base Officers—Nominations open February and close on April 15.
Elections May Monthly Meeting

- Base Officers—Sr Vice Commander and Secretary
 - * Current nominations
 - * Sr Vice Commander - Scott Howard
 - * Secretary - Charlie Murray



United States Submarine Veterans Inc.
Groton Base "First and Finest"
Home of USSVI and Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse

January 1, 2020

Dear Shipmate;

I am writing to you today sending this letter to you asking for your support for our Annual Appeal. As you know or may not you know, USSVI National is the sole owner of the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse at 40 School Street in Groton Connecticut. Groton Base, "*First and Finest*", was the number one base in the organization. This is where USSVI originated. Groton was also the home of USSVI Corporate Headquarters for the first 30 years when until the Board of Directors made a they a decision to move the National Office to moved to the West Coast. Groton Base has been the caretaker of the building and the land it sits on ever since.

Therefore, the purpose for this Annual Appeal is to help support the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse operating fund.

The Joe Negri Clubhouse was built in 1895, and at nearly 125-year-old the building requires a lot of tender loving care. Groton Base annual dues and donations simply aren't enough to meet the Clubhouse expenses. While Naturally our goal is to continue to provide the services to our members, but it has become harder for keeping the doors open. For example, the cost for utilities (electricity, heating oil and propane) is \$25,000 per year, building and other liability insurance costs \$15,000, and required maintenance another \$12,000 last year alone. has increased over the past years and Total expenses are is far greater than what we generate from member dues and donations.

The Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse is the only tangible asset USSVI has owns, and because We are ALL members of USSVI. The building belongs to all of us!. We must depend on our membership to help in meeting our financial obligations and keeping our doors open to you, the owners of the building.

I'm personally asking each of you, as members of USSVI, for your help again this year and to send a donation. There is no minimum donation. Every little bit will help. You can make a one-time donation or if you like you may pledge monthly or quarterly donation installments.

Please complete the Annual Appeal response form below and either donate online or mail all your donations to **the USSVI Clubhouse, Attention: USSVI Groton Base Annual Appeal, 40 School Street, Groton, CT. 06340**. Checks should be made out to **SUBVETS USSVI Groton Base**.

We are truly depending on your help making a difference.
Thanking you in advance,

Jeff Walsh
Commander USSVI Groton Base



Groton Base "First and Finest"
Home of USSVI and Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse



2020 Annual Appeal Response Form

Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse Operating Fund

For the purpose of supporting the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse Operating Fund.

One-time donation (Cash or Check)

Pledge (Check one)

☐ Monthly

☐ Quarterly .

All [donations and pledges](#) (Monthly/**QUARTERLY**) can be done via PAYPAL at the Groton Base Website:

<https://ussvigroton.org/donations>

Total amount of your donation: \$ _____

Your Name: _____

Your Mailing Address: _____

City, State and Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**The Home of USSVI and
Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse**



MEMBER SERVICES - You can Chat with us anytime, thanks to our PAO Jim Lawton

*** We now have direct Chat Options via the WIX App, where the PAO is monitoring for your questions. You can install the WIX applications yourself for quick access

*** Photographs are uploaded regularly to the "Gallery" tab!

<https://www.ussvigroton.org>

Members Update Biography in National Database in National Database at

<https://www.ussvi.org>

Donate \$\$\$ to the Groton Clubhouse, Memorial, Kap4Kids, Annual Appeal
& Groton Scholarship

Follow us on Facebook! To get the most current updates....

<https://facebook.com/SubvetsGroton/>

TELECONFERENCING - Due to the COVID-19 our club is closed.

Our March 2nd was held at the Club and also using Teleconferencing, we hope to continue for future meetings.

Due to the COVID-19 our club is closed.

When we can't get into the Club to hold in person meetings we may use a free service to provide you with conferencing services.

For Phone Users just dial 1.617.829.6439

For Video/Webcam Users join the online meeting:

<https://join.freeconfercecall.com/cfmurrayglastonbury>



**Thames Valley Council
for Community Action, Inc.**



Veterans' Coffeehouse

*Meet and socialize with other veterans.
Receive information about veterans benefits and services.*

GROTON

2nd and 4th Friday 9am - 11am
City of Groton Human Services
2 Fort Hill Rd.

NORWICH

Every Wednesday 9am - 11am
United Congregational Church
87 Broadway

MYSTIC

1st and 3rd Thursday 9am - 11am
Masonicare Mystic
45 Clara Dr.

PAWCATUCK

2nd and 4th Thursday 9am - 11am
Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center
27 Chase St.

NEW LONDON

1st and 3rd Friday 9am - 11am
New London Senior Citizens Center
120 Broad St.

For more information, contact:

Marvin Serruto

Veterans' Coffeehouse Coordinator
860-425-6615; mserruto@tvcca.org

*The Veterans' Coffeehouses are funded in part
through a generous grant from*

 **Chelsea Groton Foundation**



Closed but will open soon

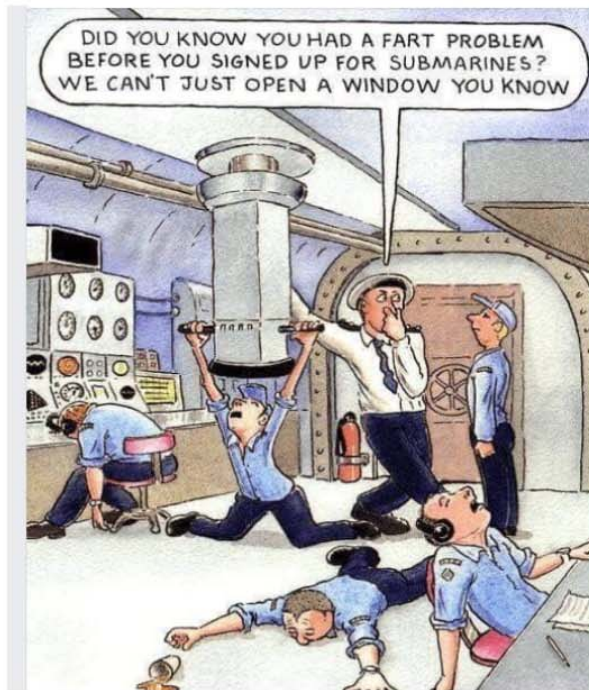
**If Something Pisses
You off**



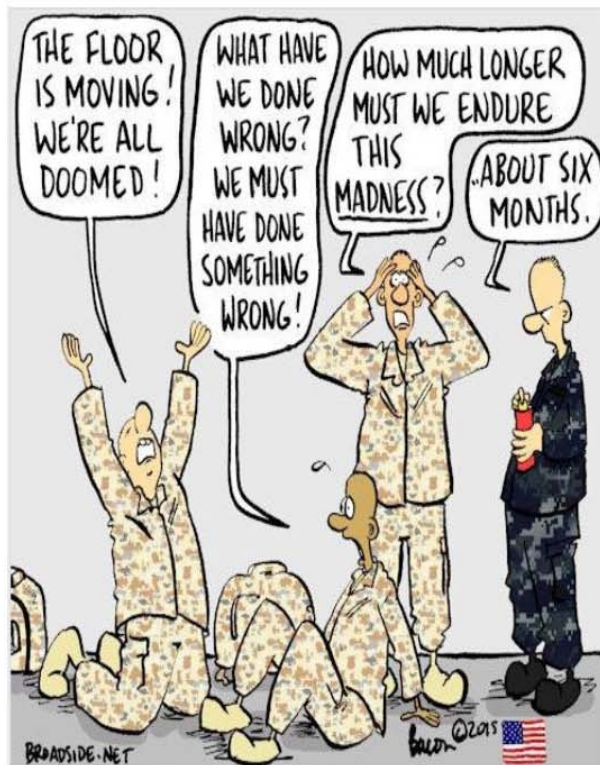
**The Last thing you want is to let a
submariner know it .**

TIP OF THE DAY

NEVER LET US SEE WHAT SPINS YOU UP



"No doubt about it, captain ...
it's definitely an Italian sub."



The MEU gets underway





[Association of the United States Navy](#)

Nautilus Chapter president MCPO Paul Dillon, USN(Ret.) attended a Navy Senior Enlisted Academy workshop at the [Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island](#). MCPO Dillon used this wonderful event to inform these Senior Enlisted graduates of all the benefits of being an AUSN Member.

Have you checked out our Facebook Page?

(Click link here) <https://www.facebook.com/ussvigroton/>

Please **“like”** our Facebook Page and **“share”** posts and photos with friends and members.

Help get the great work we do out there!

Get Involved, Stay Involved!!!

Want to join a committee?

Want to help or run a Club event?

Want to get involved in the administrative side of the Base? Become an Officer?

Contact any Base Officer to get more information and to get involved!!!

Connecticut Governor Lamont ordered that all Bars and Restaurants effective March 16, 2020 at 8pm be closed for business to help alleviate the spread of the virus. **They did not give a date when these organizations will be allowed to reopen.**

Due to that order, our clubhouse will be closed for business until we can be allowed to reopen.

We will keep the membership meeting for April 6 on our schedule until we know if we will be required to cancel the meeting as the governor ordered no meetings with 50 or more members.

Our members will be advised to take the following precautions as obtain from the CDC Website: <https://>

APRIL 2020 – Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Month; Month of the Military Child; Members Update Biography in National Database; See website for updates at www.ussvigroton.org						
SUNDAY Club Hours 1000-1800	MONDAY Club Hours 1100-1700**	TUESDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	WEDNESDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	THURSDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	FRIDAY Club Hours 1100-0030	SATURDAY Club Hours – Closed**
			01	02	03	04 Submarine Birthday Memorial Service and 55TH ANNIVERSARY of lost of USS THRESHER at SFML/HSN, 1300
05	06 1830 Monthly Meeting	07	08	09	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11
PALMSUNDAY				PASSOVER		
			PASSOVER begins at sunset			
12	13 Last night USSVI National and SVGB Scholarship applications due	14	15	16	17	18
EASTER						
19	20	21	22 Administrative Professionals Day	23 Chairman reports due to Base Secretary	24	25
		27th of Nissan, Holocaust Remembrance Day - Yom Hashoah				
26	27 1730, E-Board Meeting	28 All Award nominations (with exception of Newsletter Award) must be received by the National Awards Committee Chairman.	29	30 Captain of Color Guard register for Groton's 4th of July Parade		



MAY 2020 – MAY is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Jewish American Heritage Month and Military Spouse Appreciation Month;						
SUNDAY Club Hours 1000-1800	MONDAY Club Hours 1100-1700**	TUESDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	WEDNESDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	THURSDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	FRIDAY Club Hours 1100-0030	SATURDAY Club Hours – Closed**
Armed Forces Week 2nd Saturday in May; Armed Forces Day 3rd						
				27th of Nissan, Holocaust Remembrance Day - Yom Hashoah		
03	04 1830, Monthly Meeting Uniform Change/CNRMA Zone 2: CT, ME, MA, NH RI, VT, DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA, WV	05	06	07 National Day of Prayer	08 VE-DAY, 8 May 1945 Military Spouse Day or Military Spouse Appreciation Day is celebrated on the Friday before Mother's Day www.Victory in Europe - May 08, 1945 - HISTORY.com	09 Armed Forces Week Starts
BATTLE OF CORAL SEA, 4-8 MAY, 1942						
10 Peace Officer Memorial Day; Police Week starts Mother's Day	11 Deadline for submission of Newsletters for Newsletter of the Year Award.	12	13 National Newsletter Awards must be received by the National Awards Committee Chairman.	14	15 Peace Officer Memorial Day American Submariner and Boat Note input due 1 June Peace Officer Memorial Day, 15 May, Flag 1/2 staff	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18	19 1630, Board of Trustees	20 1830, 4th July Parade Plng	21 Chairman reports due to Base Secretary	22 Boat Note input due 1 June American Submariner input due 1 June	23
24	25 Memorial Day 1100, Memorial Service and USS SCORPION remembrance at Natl Sub Memorial East; guest speaker: TBD	26 1730, E-Board Meeting	27	28	29	30
31						



JUNE 2020 – Men's Health Awareness Month; See website for updates at www.ussvigroton.org						
SUNDAY Club Hours 1000-1800	MONDAY Club Hours 1100-1700**	TUESDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	WEDNESDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	THURSDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	FRIDAY Club Hours 1100-0030	SATURDAY Club Hours – Closed**
						Newsletter inputs due
	01 1830, Monthly Meeting	02	03	04 D-Day, June 6, 1944	05	06
			1800, 4th July Parade Plng			
				BATTLE OF MIDWAY, 4-7 JUNE 1942		
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
BATTLE OF MIDWAY, 4-7 JUNE 1942						
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
			4:30pm Scholarship Golf Tournament Final Plng	Chairman reports due to Base Secretary		1200 - 1700, Annual Family Picnic Groton Elks Club (TBD)
U.S. Army Birthday, June 14, 1775		1630, Board of Trustees	6:00pm, 4th July Parade Plng	8am 55th Anniv Scholarship Golf Tournament Fund Raiser		
			7:00pm Thanksgiving/Caring & Sharing Prog Plng 1830-2100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			1800, 4th July Parade Plng	8am 55th Anniv Scholarship Golf Tournament Fund Raiser (backup date)		
Father's Day						
28	29	30				
10-12 Brunch	1730, E-Board Meeting					

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

ABOUT USSVI

United States Submarine Veterans Inc.

Our purpose is "To Perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

Groton Base was the first USSVI Base established in 1964 following the tragic loss of the USS Thresher SSN-593. Our creed serves to remember them and all US Submariners on Eternal Patrol.

SOCIAL MEDIA

There are a number of facebook sites dedicated to our experiences....

Some are listed below.....

old War Submarine Veterans

Eternal Patrol by USSVI

silent service motorcycle club international

US Submarine Veterans

Run Silent, Run Deep

Of course, we want you to visit us in Groton.... <https://www.ussvigroton.org/>

**US SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC.,
40 SCHOOL STREET**



Visit us online:
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Groton Base Boat Notes



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