



**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC
USSVI GROTON BASE MEETING AGENDA
04 May 2026**

JOIN IN-PERSON and ZOOM MEETING

SubVetsGroton EBOARD is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: SubVets Groton Monthly Zoom Meeting

Date/Time: May 04, 2026, 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Every month on the First Mon, until Dec 4, 2028, 46 occurrence(s)

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Meeting ID: 893 4441 0040

Passcode: 8604455262

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89344410040>

**The Monthly Membership meeting will be held on-line, and in the Clubhouse,
Monday May 04, 2026 @ 6:30 PM Eastern Time**

Download your copy of (Website) [Meeting Minutes](#)

Or Directly (Embedded) [HERE](#)

You can call from any telephone, or use Zoom to connect via your PC, Tablet, or Smartphone. Opening the link below will launch directly into SubVets Meeting (Video & Audio Support): *(Update your Zoom Version to*

6.2.6 (49050) to ensure your connection will function properly):

NOTICE: LINK HAS CHANGED!

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CALL TO ORDER:

ANNOUNCEMENTS (MUSTER SHEETS, EXITS, NO SMOKING)

ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

OPENING EVENTS: (BASE COMMANDER)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: _____

OPENING PRAYER – BASE CHAPLAIN _____

USSVI CREED

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, AND TO PLEDGE LOYALTY AND PATRIOTISM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITS CONSTITUTION.

LOST BOATS

TOLLING OF THE BOATS IS BEING PRESENTED ELECTRONICALLY BY PAO (JIM LAWTON)

INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION OF VIP AND GUESTS

NEW MEMBERS & FIRST MEETING: _____

NATIONAL OFFICERS: _____

FORMER BASE COMMANDERS: _____

WWII MEMBERS: _____

HOLLAND CLUB MEMBERS: _____

CHRIS QUIJADA DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD: _____

PAST JOE NEGRI RECIPIENTS: _____

ROBERT LINK AWARD RECIPIENT: _____

PRESENTATIONS:

MEMBERSHIP SOUND OFF: (OPTIONAL) PLEASE STAND AND SOUND – OFF YOUR NAME AND YEAR QUALIFIED.

ANYONE QUALIFIED

PRIOR TO 1946 =

1946 – 1989 COLD WAR BOATS =

1990 – 2024 =

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS =

BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING (ALL NON-MEMBERS ARE EXCUSED)

COMMANDER – STEVE RICARD

TREASURER’S REPORT – CHARLIE MURRAY

- Baby Diaper drive for our submarine community families & provide diapers by Mother’s Day.

Last day for collection is Monday May 4th at Membership meeting.

Collection has been great, make this a success give now if you haven’t had time to donate.

Weekly giveaways at lunchtime – Check notices in Facebook

ANNUAL APPEAL 2026 – We appreciate your donations to date, if you haven’t had time, please consider a donation to support our efforts to maintain the building, keep it open and a place for the submarine community.

COINS: The cost remains \$10 again this year.

Suggested Groton Building Improvements:

- 1 st level ladies' room
- Fix the front door, get back to using the buzzer
- Add locks to provide additional security to in building doors
- Hall create storage area for tables and chairs
- Outside storage building or shipping container for items used once or twice a year.
- Propane storage rack
- Gutters

Note: if you have ideas or suggestions, please let us know

SECRETARY REPORT – DAVID FREASE

- The Minutes for the 07 April 2026 Membership meeting were approved by the members present without objection.
- CORRESPONDENCE TO REPORT—NONE

BASE ELECTIONS – BASE SR. VICE COMMANDER, BASE SECRETARY – NOMINATIONS

These positions are vital to the overall operation and success of USSVI Groton Base.

Nominations closed on 15 April 2025.

BASE SR. VICE COMMANDER NOMINATION – DOMINIC GRIMALDI

BASE SECRETARY NOMINATION – AL KINSALL

SR. VICE COMMANDER REPORT:

JR. VICE COMMANDER REPORT:

We are considering reducing the hours at the club, as we have been seeing a lack of customers, specifically on Tuesday, but we are also thinking about closing early on Wednesday and Thursday. We cannot pay our bills unless you fill in the seats. We encourage you to show up and provide me with feedback on how we can improve to get you there!

Summer Clubhouse Hours (As of March 31, 2026) Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11:00 – 19:00

We will be open late for meeting nights, special events, catered events, and Karaoke.

Kaitlyn Hodge is now our kitchen crew as you would already know if you would stop in.

Happy Hour – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 15:00 – 17:00

Sub School Chiefs Hosted Brunch! Thank You So Very Much!

We are working hard to maintain and improve your Clubhouse. Please notify me if you find a discrepancy. General comments for consideration can be sent to my email below. If it is a material deficiency, ask the bartender for the Maintenance Deficiency Log to document it. This log will be maintained by me to document issues. This document is Appendix B of the Club Operations Policy and Procedures manual available on our USSVI Groton Website - <https://www.ussvigroton.org/bylaws-ppm> (PPM - USSVIGB - Groton Base Clubhouse).

NERD UPDATE: JEFF WALSH

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: STEVE RICARD

DATA PROVIDED FROM USSVI NATIONAL DATA BASE

CATEGORY	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	1105
NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERS	865
GROTON BASE LIFE	404
HOLLAND CLUB MEMBERS	668
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	64

On March 23, at the close of the business day, Groton Base had 1179 members. As of March 24, at the start of the business Groton Base had dropped to 1105.

So, what does that mean to the Regular/Annual Members? It means you missed the renewal window and National dropped you.

How will you know; you'll no longer receive a copy of the American Submariner or notices from USSVI.

How to rectify; renew your membership ASAP.

If you are a USSVI Life member, you still owe Groton Base dues (unless you are Groton Base Life).

If you are trying to find out if you are a member in good standing, drop me a line commander@ussvigroton.org.

Here is the link to renew your membership.

Dues Renewal | USSVI Groton

If you are **NOT** a USSVI National Life Member: Dues are \$80.00 / year (\$40.00 USSVI National and \$40.00 Groton Base).

If you are a USSVI National Life Member: Groton Base dues are \$40.00.

It's never too early to renew memberships for 2026. Please do not get dropped for not renewing your Base and national dues.

SUB SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHEDULE: **STEVE RICARD**

CHAPLAIN: EARL COLELLA/JOHN CARCIOPPOLO)

The following members departed on Eternal Patrol.
 HMCS(SS) James Moseley
 QM1(SS) Robert (Bob) P. Heist, Sr.
 ETCS(SS) Leland “Lee” Rogers
 LCDR William “Bill” Fatek Jr.

HOLLAND CLUB: JOHN CARCIOPPOLO

HOLLAND CLUB LUNCH

May	
Lunch	
Income	
	\$0.00
50/50	\$0.00
Donation	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00
Expense	
Meals (\$10.00 X 0)	\$0.00
Gratuity (\$1.00 X 0)	\$0.00
50/50	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00
Net Deposited	\$0.00

UPCOMING HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHES

19 May Guest Speaker – Groton Sail Foundation

16 June Guest Speaker – Captain Philip Castellano Commander, Submarine Squadron Twelve

HOLLAND CLUB 2026

Our final count is 49 inductees for this year’s ceremony. 15 will not be attending and 34 Inductees will be on the stage.

HONORS DETAIL: JOHN CARCIOPPOLO

RED HAT CEREMONIES

I often receive requests to be added to the Homecoming notifications. I do not have a specific email list for homecomings. I just send the notifications to the entire membership, so I don’t miss anyone. If you get all the regular Base Broadcasts from the Base Commander, Eternal Patrol Broadcasts, etc. etc. then you should get the Homecoming notifications. If you are not getting the Broadcasts, you will not get the Homecoming notifications, and you should contact the Base Commander to ensure that we have the correct email address on file. Groton Base Boat Notes – May 2026 Also, due to classification restrictions, I can only put the word out 2 days in advance. However, I use the Welcome Home signs at the front gate of the Naval Submarine Base as a guide. If the signs go up, that’s my signal to send out the notification.

COLOR GUARD: BOB SHARPE

The Color Guard presented our colors on April 2026 for the Groton Base's U. S. S. Thresher (SSN-593) memorial service. The color guard detail, consisting of Joe Wread, Alex Doucette and Rich Cheatham, carried the U. S. National, U. S. Navy and the USSVI flags.

Our next big event will on May 25th at the World War II Submarine Memorial East for the Groton Base's Memorial Day/U. S. S. Scorpion (SSN-589) memorial service. The color guard is prepared to present all of Groton Base's color guard flags for this event.

We are now registered for the Town of Groton's USA's 250th Anniversary 4th of July Parade. Groton base members, the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII Memorial – East committee and Naval Submarine School staff, students and Silver Dolphins Color Guard and Drill Team will provide the parade with a U. S. Submarine Service presentation.

We can always use more people to help me decorate the 'People Mover' trailer with posters and banners. Let me know if you can help.

- EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM COORDINATOR: **JIM WEAVER**
- SMALL STORES: **ALEX DOUCETTE**
- DOCENTS: **ARTIE GAGER**
- DMV LIAISON: **MICHAEL HODGES**

I've replied to three inquiries, one from a person who originally inquired in 2023 but had let their membership lapse and have now re-joined to finish the process. I've received back three DMV applications that I've processed and sent on to the DMV.

If you would like to display our unique "Silent Service" on your vehicle, please contact me and I would be glad to answer any questions and guide you through the process. If you have questions shoot a quick email to me at: ctsubvetplates@ussvigroton.org.

I'm also listed on our USSVI Groton Website under: <https://www.ussvigroton.org/linksofinterest>.

Applications are also available at the clubhouse in the document holder next to the bulletin board in the pumphouse.

- KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS): **JOHN RILEY**

Since its inception in 2009, Groton Base's Kap (SS) 4 Kid (SS) Program has provided comfort and joy to over 2,500 Children facing illness, and their families.

Our K4K Team visits young patients at various facilities, including Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, Connecticut Children's Hospital, the Child Psychiatric Units at Yale New Haven Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House, Connecticut Hospice, and other designated locations.

We are committed to continuing this program as long as there are children in need of our support.

- MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: **MARIAN GALBRAITH**

The Memorial Committee spent the month of April preparing for and supporting the Thresher Observance and now we are preparing for the Memorial Day Observance which, weather permitting, will be held at Submarine Veterans WWII National Memorial East on May 25 at

1100. In case of inclement weather, the Observance will be held at the City of Groton Municipal Building. As part of those preparations, we hope to do our Spring planting on May 15 as long as the weather and the garden center can accommodate us. If you'd like to join us, we'll gather around 9:00. Bring a trowel, some kneeling pads, a wheelbarrow, and some work gloves. We'd love to see you!

For more information contact Marian Galbraith at mktgalbraith@gmail.com or 860-460-8740.

- PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER: **JIM LAWTON**
- SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: **GREG KANE**

Groton Base USSVI Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2026 SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2026.

Please contact Gregory Kane, Groton Base Scholarship Chair, at 860-989-1426 or via email at Gregory.Kane@CCSU.Edu.

- VETERANS AFFAIRS: **BRIAN HAGUE**

HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR VA BENEFITS?

DON'T KNOW IF YOU QUALIFY FOR VA BENEFITS?

Contact Brian Hague, USSVI Groton Base Veterans Affairs Representative (860)237-7323.

- WEST PORT SATELLITE GROUP: **PAUL GRAMMER**

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 2ND AT PORT 5.

- STAN MATHIS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: **Paul Skalski**

Thank you to everyone who attended the club's 1st Polish Night Dinner. One comment certainly stood out "A great dinner and enjoyable time at SubVets Groton Clubhouse." Many smiling faces enjoying the meal, renewing old friendships. Making new friends.

Next up May 2, our Fourth Annual Kentucky Derby Potluck Dinner. Come down to your clubhouse and bring your favorite dish to share and watch the race. Doors open at 4:30. Since we reactivated the old House Committee and renamed it the Stan Mathies Memorial House committee, we have had several successful monthly dinners.

If you have any suggestions for dinner, drop me an email at p.skalski@sbcglobal.net. I will look at all suggestions when I build the 2027 schedule.

OLD BUSINESS:

CLOSING EVENTS:

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

MEETING ATTENDANCE DRAWING WINNER _____ COIN OR HAT
(SEE ALEX DOUCETTE)

50/50 DRAWING WINNER \$ _____ HOW MUCH \$ _____

CLOSING PRAYER: BASE CHAPLAIN

ADJOURN:

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 01 JUNE 2021