



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



Ahoy, from the from the Dominic "Joe" Negri clubhouse, home of the only brick and mortar building owned by USSVI. The Executive Board, and I send our well wishes to all U.S. Submarine Veterans and hope you have a fantastic month of June wherever you drop anchor. Some very significant events happened in the month of June for the U.S. Submarine service and with Boat Notes.



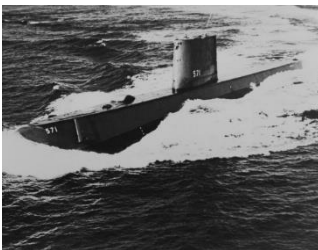
George Washington (SSBN 598) keel was laid down at Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics, Groton, Connecticut the first of her class, she was launched on 9 June 1959

June 10, 1912, the keel was laid by the Fore River Shipbuilding Company in Quincy, Massachusetts, under a subcontract from the Electric Boat Company of Groton, Connecticut for the USS K-5 (Submarine No. 36), one of the first U.S. diesel-electric submarines, deployed to the Azores patrolling for German submarines.



On 13 June 1923, Captain Ernest J. King – Commander Submarine Division THREE – suggested to the Secretary of the Navy that a distinguishing device for qualified submariners be adopted. The design eventually approved depicted a bow view of a submarine (S-class) proceeding on the surface with bow planes rigged for dive, flanked by dolphins in the horizontal position with their heads resting on the upper

edge of the planes.



The birth of the Nuclear Navy saw its beginning on June 14, 1952 in Groton, Connecticut with the keel of SSN 571- USS Nautilus, being laid by Harry S. Truman.

As I said last month it is a big year for the Submarine Service. Come on down, enjoy the atmosphere, camaraderie, and renew some friendship. Pride Runs Deep!

I mentioned changes to Boat Notes, I have asked SubVet Member and author Ryan Walker to take on the role a publisher and editor for our monthly publication.

*The above information and images were taken from the Naval History and Heritage Command website*

## United States Submarine Veterans Inc.


WHO WE ARE: We are all United States Submariners! members Whether currently Active Retired Reserve or an Honorably discharged veteran we all were, and some still are of the elite underseas fighting force of the United States Navy. We are all volunteers who passed stringent testing challenging training, and we proved our mettle when we earned the coveted designation "QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES". Whether your dolphins are gold or silver there is no expiration date on the back of that precious pin.





### United States Submarine Veterans Creed

*To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country that their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.*

ABOUT US: Groton Base was established as the first USSVI Base 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.”

### Lost Boats – June

 The logo for the USS Herring (SS-233) is circular with a red border. It features a blue sky with white clouds and a yellow sun over a dark blue submarine on the water. The text "USS HERRING SS 233" is written in white along the top inner edge. At the bottom, the words "Atlantic" and "Pacific" are written in white, with small red and white symbols below them.	<b>USS Herring (SS-233)</b>	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 causing her loss. Before being sunk, she had sunk a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery.
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	<p><b>USS R-12 (SS-89)</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
	<p><b>USS Golet (SS-361)</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
	<p><b>USS Bonefish (SS-223)</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
	<p><b>USS S-27 (SS-132)</b></p>	<p>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.</p>

	<p><b>USS O-9 (SS-70)</b></p>	<p>Lost on Jun 20, 1941, with the loss of 33 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH.</p>
	<p><b>USS Runner (SS-275)</b></p>	<p>Lost between June 26 &amp; July 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before July 4<sup>th</sup>, when she was scheduled back at Midway.</p>

**Plan of the Month, June & July 2025**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Description</b>
6/1	10:00	Event	Brunch SSEP
6/2	18:30	Meeting	Monthly Meeting
6/6	17:00	Event	Steak Dinner
6/7	11:00	Event	Holland Club Reception
6/8	10:00	Event	Brunch HGR
6/15			Father's Day
6/15	10:00	Event	Brunch Old Salts
6/17	11:30	Event	Holland Club Luncheon
6/21	Noon	Event	Private Event
6/26	16:00	Meeting	Old Salts
6/27		Event	Private Event
6/27	20:00	Event	Karaoke With DJ Jammin' Jim
6/30	Closed		Clubhouse Closed Kitchen Renovation
7/1	Closed		Clubhouse Closed Kitchen Renovation
7/2	Closed		Clubhouse Closed Kitchen Renovation
7/3	Closed		Clubhouse Closed Kitchen Renovation
7/4	10:00	Event	Groton 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade
7/4	Noon	Event	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Reception Clubhouse Burger Burn
7/15	11:30	Event	Holland Club Luncheon

*Part of the Submarine Veterans Creed/Purpose is to endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."*



## **Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS) Updates**

During each month, a USSVI Groton Base member participated in Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS) graduation as the SubVets Representative presenting the “Heritage Award” and a SubVet Challenge coin to the class leader. In this month’s issue of Boat Notes, we will highlight two graduations held on 2 & 16 May. I would like to thank SubSchool leadership for allowing us to participate in this milestone event.

The following information is for BESS Class 25220, named after the USS Barb SS 220. The information provided comes from various sources including Naval History and Heritage Command and Wikipedia. Follow the links for additional details.



USS Barb SS-220 USS Barb (SS-220) was commissioned on 8 July 1942 at Groton, Connecticut. USS Barb (SS-220), a Gato-class submarine, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the Barbus, a genus of ray-finned fish. She compiled one of the most outstanding records of any U.S. submarine in World War II. During her twelve war patrols, Barb is officially credited with sinking 17 enemy vessels totaling 96,628 tons, including the Japanese aircraft carrier Un'yō. In recognition of one outstanding patrol, Barb received the Presidential Unit Citation. Following shakedown and participation in Operation Torch—the invasion of

North Africa—Barb was ordered in the spring of 1943 to the Pacific Fleet by Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Ernest J. King. After refitting and intensive training, Barb was underway for patrol duty in the fall of 1943 in Pacific waters, but the boat’s first tour of duty in the Pacific was mostly uneventful.

Following overhaul and training, the submarine made way to shipping lanes west of the Marianas and east of Formosa. On 28 March 1944, Barb fired three torpedoes at Fukusei Maru breaking the freighter in half. Later in the patrol, the boat joined USS Steelhead (SS-280) in a successful bombardment of a congested industrial area on Rasa Island in the Philippines. Barb scored a direct hit on the main Japanese installation of a secondary phosphate plant and successfully hit other locations that set off a multitude of munition and chemical explosions.

After refit, Barb was underway, 21 May 1944, with her new skipper, Commander Eugene B. “Lucky” Fluckey. Patrolling the waters along the Kuril Island chain, the north coast of Hokkaido, and in the Sea of Okhotsk, Barb successfully sent five ships and two sampans to the ocean’s floor. On 31 May, the submarine sank Japanese cargo ship Koto Maru and immediately afterwards, fired three more torpedoes at Madras Maru sending that cargo ship below the waves. On 2 June, Barb sent torpedoes at a lone ship, but the aggressive enemy vessel countered with guns and depth charges. Barb escaped, subsequently, into ice fields in the northern Kurils. On 11 June, Barb sank two trawlers with gunfire, then four hours later, sank Japanese ship Toten Maru and freighter Chihaya Maru. Two days later, the boat sank a passenger cargo ship with her last two torpedoes. Barb was credited with sinking an astounding 15,472 tons of enemy shipping during this single war patrol.

On 19 July, Fluckey noticed a railroad running close to the Japanese coastline. After three days of observation to establish train schedules, eight crewmembers secretly deployed ashore in the black of

night. The men strategically placed a 55-pound demolition charge that was intended to explode when the next train passed. As the crew departed the area in rubber boats, an incoming train hit the charge sending locomotive wreckage 200-feet in the air that crashed in a mass of flames and smoke. Twelve freight cars, two passenger cars, and one mail car derailed and piled up in a mound of twisted metal. For the remainder of the war patrol, Barb continued to wreak havoc on Japanese shores and enemy vessels. Her last war patrol ended when Barb arrived at Midway on 2 August 1945. The war ended when the Japanese surrendered about two weeks later.

Barb was credited with destroying 96,628 tons of enemy shipping. She received four Presidential Unit Citations, a Navy Unit Commendation, and eight battle stars for her World War II service.

More on the USS Barb (SS 220) can be found [USS Barb \(SS-220\) - Wikipedia](#) , and [Barb \(SS-220\)](#)

The May 2<sup>nd</sup> BESS Class 25220 named after USS Barb had 91 students with an 82% class average and 10 students graduating with distinction. Congratulations to this class of future Submariners have finished one of many milestones in their Navy career and are anxiously waiting for their next assignments whether “A” School or direct assignment to their first submarine. Instructors involved with today’s ceremony included were: MMAC(SS) Roberts, STS1(SS) Massengill, and FT1(SS) Sablan. Thank you for using your background, training, and experience in guiding these future Submariners.



The Command Representative was SubSchool Executive Officer, CDR Paul Danos. Guest Speaker was Master Chief Petty/Chief of the Boat PCU Arizona, Dave Jackson. SubSchool Chaplain, LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Groton Base member and Holland Club Chairman, Master Chief John Carcioppolo, USN Retired, was the SubVet Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SN(SU) Mariah Billie. The Heritage Award is given to the student who demonstrates performance of their duties above and beyond the call of the average student.

The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented by MMACM(SS) Vargas to SA(SU) James Gardner. This award is given to the student who shows academic achievement and personal

improvement through the course of instruction.

The class Honor Graduate Award was presented to SR(SU) Ian Martin by SubSchool Command Master Chief Mike Micheli. The honor graduate is the student with the highest academic average who maintained outstanding military bearing over the course of instruction.

The Navy Core Values Award was presented by COB Dave Jackson to SR(SU) Henry Britt. This award is given to the student who best embodies the U.S. Navy Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

Congratulations and good luck as you begin the next phase of your submarine career. Looking forward to all these fine Sailor joining our organization when they receive their fish.



Heritage Award: SN(SU) Mariah Billie



William H. Purdum Award: SA(SU) James Gardner



SR(SU) Ian Martin

Honor



Core Value Award: SR(SU) Henry Britt

Graduate:

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, the BESS class that graduated was named after the USS Guitarro (SSN-665).



USS Guitarro (SSN-665), a Sturgeon-class submarine, was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for the guitarro, a ray of the guitarfish family. The contract to build Guitarro was awarded to Mare Island Naval Shipyard at Vallejo, California, on 18 December 1964 and her keel was laid down there on 9 December 1965. She was launched on 27 July 1968, sponsored by Mrs. John M. Taylor, wife of Vice Admiral John Taylor. Less than a year later, on 15 May 1969, the boat would have a much less positive experience with the water surrounding her: she sank at the pier. Guitarro had been scheduled to be commissioned in January 1970, but repairs necessitated by her sinking dictated a 32-month delay. She finally was commissioned on 9 September 1972.

Guitarro was decommissioned on 29 May 1992 and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register the same day. Her scrapping via the Nuclear-Powered Ship and Submarine Recycling Program at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington, was completed on 18 October 1994.

More on the USS Guitarro can be found at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Guitarro\\_\(SSN-665\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Guitarro_(SSN-665)) and <https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/g/guitarro-ii--ssn-665-.html>.



The USS Guitarro (SSN-665), class #25240 had 64 students with an average 80% and 8 students graduating with distinction. Congratulations and “Well Done.” These future Submariners have finished that first significant milestone in their Navy career and are anxiously waiting for their next assignments ranging from “A” School to direct assignment to their first submarine. A big shout out to the instructors for this class for teaching them and giving them insight to their future onboard submarines. Thank you for using your background training and experience in training these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was SubSchool N5, MMACM(SS) Estaban Vargas. CMDCM(SS) Adam Goulas, Submarine Squadron 41 was the Guest Speaker. SubSchool Chaplain LT Level gave Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Northeast Regional Director and Groton Base Member, STSCS(SS) Jeff Walsh USN (Ret) was the SubVets Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SA(SU) Trevor Ainsworth. The Heritage Award is given to the student who demonstrates the performance of their duties above and beyond the call of the average student.

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### BESS Graduation Schedule

Here is the current graduation schedule for BESS. There are still many dates available to be the SubVet Representative. If interested please let me know.

#### BESS Graduation Schedule SubVet Representative

Class No.	Class Name	Command Rep	Guest Speaker	SUBVETS Rep	Graduation Date	Notes
25260	USS Alburquerque (SSN 706)	CMC		Jack Gedney	2025-May-29	USS Albuquerque (SSN-706) was a Los Angeles-class attack submarine of the United States Navy. She was the second U.S. warship to be named for Albuquerque, New Mexico.
25280	USS Nautilus (SSN-571)	DOT		Gary Schmid	2025-JUN-13	On June 14, 1952, the keel for the USS Nautilus (SSN-571), the first nuclear-powered submarine, was laid by Electric Boat Company in Groton, Connecticut. The USS Nautilus was launched 18 months later and commissioned in September 1954
25300	USS Thresher (SSN 593)	CO		Steve Ricard	2025-JUN-27	On July 9 <sup>th</sup> the USS Thresher (SSN 593) was launched in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Also, the name's sake of the most decorated submarine in history.
25320	USS Grunion (SS-216)	XO		John Carcioppolo	2025-JUL-11	On July 15 <sup>th</sup> the USS Grunion (SS 216) sinks the Japanese submarine chasers (25 and 26) off Kiska, Aleutian Islands.
25340	USS Silversides (SS-236)	CMC		Steve Ricard	2025-JUL-25	On July 28 <sup>th</sup> the USS Silversides sank a 4,000-ton transport with many more to follow.
25360	Sea Leopard (SS-483)	DOT		Chris Callahan	2025-AUG-08	
25380		CO		Bud Atkins	2025-AUG-22	
25400		XO		John Carcioppolo	2025-SEP-05	
25420		CMC		Bob Sharpe	2025-SEP-19	

25440		DOT			2025-OCT-03	
25500	USS Dallas	CO		John Carcioppolo	2025-OCT-17	
25520		XO		Steve Ricard	2025-OCT-31	
25540		CMC		Bob Sharpe	2025-NOV 14	
25600		DOT		John Carcioppolo	2025-Dec 5	

We have also been asked to support Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) and Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC). Again if you see a date that you would like to be the SubVet Representative at one or more of these graduations, please let me know.

**Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) Dates:**

25040 Graduate on 16 May: Bob Sharpe                      25050 Graduate on 18 July: Bill Sheehan  
25060 Graduate on 12 September: Bob Sharpe

**Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC) Dates:**

25020 Graduate on 20 Jun 2025 Bill Sheehan  
25030 Graduate on 15 Aug 2025                                      25040 Graduate on Oct 2025  
25050 Graduate on 12 Dec 2025: Bob Sharpe                      25060 Graduate on 20 Feb 2026  
26010 Graduate on 01 May 2026                                      26020 Graduate on 18 Jun 2026  
26030 Graduate on 14 Aug 2026                                      26040 Graduate on 23 Oct 2026  
26050 Graduate on 11 Dec 2026

## So, what has been going on since the last Broadcast?

*In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates USSVI provides a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The USSVI supports a strong U.S. Submarine Force.*



The clubhouse is open Tuesday-Friday 1100-1900 with lunch served from 1100 – 1430 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Thanks to Katrina, Heather, Ashley, Jessica, Shelia, and Erin for all the hard work, dedication and for keeping our clubhouse a go to destination. Luncheon specials and regular menu items are available. Check out our menus <https://www.ussvigroton.org/menus>. Stop in and renew some old friendships. **Speaking of renewing, time to renew your Groton Base and USSVI National memberships.** We are also hosting “Happy Hour” Tuesday & Wednesday 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Come on down and try some drink specials.

On Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> the clubhouse held it 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Kentucky Derby potluck dinner. About 20 people attended the evening’s festivities enjoying delicious food and desserts. It is truly amazing how foods prepared by so many different hands can taste so good when shared by friends.



.....and it’s “Inflatable” by a nose.



We had a first at SubVets. On May 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch was cooked up and served by the Veterans Network from Electric Boat. Ray Ryan approached us about a month ago inquiring about opportunities for their Veterans Network to volunteer to cook up a Sunday Brunch. Twelve volunteers came forward to cook up a fantastic brunch. We greatly appreciate your support and hope that you return very soon.



On Monday 5 May we held our Monthly Membership meeting at 1830 in the hall. Over 35 members joined the monthly meeting both in person and via Zoom. Thank you for joining us each month.



Three of four SubVet recognition awards were presented. Stephen Chisolm was selected as The Chris Quijada Distinguished Member Of The Year for supporting many ongoing repair and upkeep projects. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Tom Swaenepoel for volunteer hour he put in to build the Navy/US Flag coin rack and the ceramic tile “Lost Boat” display case. Also a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to outgoing Jr. Vice, Paul Skalski, for the many hours he dedicated to the smooth running of the club.

Executive Board members gave updates on the status of the club finances, and upcoming events to be held at the clubhouse. Each chairperson provided updates on committee activities during the month and plans for the upcoming months.

Prior to the meeting a social hour/holiday stress relief was held in the pump room. Hot dogs and SubVet chili are available at a very reasonable price. With the invention of Zoom, you'd think more members would attend the meeting. **we offer Zoom so all of our, almost 1200 members can attend.**

Join us next month on Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> for our membership meeting starting at 1830. The Zoom link will be published prior to the meeting.

On Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup>, we held our monthly Holland Club Luncheon where the house was packed with 60 attendees. Our guest speakers were CT Department of Veteran Affairs, Commissioner Ron Welch and Manager of Veterans Advocacy and Assistance John S. Carragher.



John will cover the highlights further on in this edition of Boat Notes.

On Saturday 23 May Old Salts hosted their annual Pasta Dinner in the Tom Connors Memorial Dining Room. Chef Dom Grimaldi whipped up his famous mouth-watering meatballs. It was a small event, but the food was delicious and the boys from Old Salts did a fantastic job.



Following the pasta dinner a few brave souls exercised their freedom of singing by joining DJ Jammin' Jim Lawton for Karaoke night.





On Monday 26 May, we held our Memorial Day/Scorpion Remembrance Ceremony at the WWII Submarine Veterans



Memorial East. It was a beautiful day and any day that we can hold these ceremonies outside at the SubVet Memorial is a good day. Attendance was fantastic! I want to thank everyone that showed up to honor our fallen. Over 70 SubSchool students participated in the ceremony by holding a flag bearing the name of a submarine lost. To the leadership at SubSchool, thank you for encouraging these future submariners to learn from our past.

Speaking of history and our past. We had the honor of having Bill Scarano and his wife Annie in attendance. Bill is a WWII Submariner who served onboard the USS Sealion SS-315 qualifying in 1944 while making 6 war patrols.

Our guest speaker was Captain Ken Curtin, Commanding Officer of Subbase New London. It was a pleasure having him and his wife Donna join us and swing by the club for burgers, dogs, and camaraderie.



We have a lot of major events planned for 2025, so keep an eye out for announcements, Facebook postings or Plan of the Month posted in the clubhouse. If you have any ideas on how to put butts in seats at **YOUR** club let any of us know. Stop on by the clubhouse have lunch renew your membership and say “Hi.”

### **Boat Reunion**

Anyone having a boat reunion in the “Submarine Capital of the World” soon or coming up soon reach out and let us know. We would love you to have one or more of your reunion functions at the club. Contact our Event Coordinator Ashley via email at [events@ussvigroton.org](mailto:events@ussvigroton.org). As mentioned at SubSchool graduations, the friendship, and the bonds that you make while onboard your boat will last forever. I want to thank the boats who have stopped by the club “your club” to renew friendships and to check on our many updates since your last visit.



<https://www.ussvigroton.org> Update:

Finding it difficult to find a good list of Submarine Reunions? So the PAO has added a new calendar to the website for finding Submarine Reunions. Should you become aware of one, please send me the information and I will add it to this calendar. Jim Lawton, Webmaster / PAO – [pao@ussvigroton.org](mailto:pao@ussvigroton.org)

<https://www.ussvigroton.org/boatreunions>

Big thanks to the USS Albuquerque for hosting their reunion meet and greet at the club.

**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**

**Robert Perritt**

Greetings Shipmates,

As planned, we continued to work on the Groton Base Membership program during May. Wish I could write some interesting and exciting news about the progress we’re making, but that’s not to be I’m afraid. We are adding new features and reports weekly, driven by ideas from our Base Treasurer.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact me at [vice@ussvigroton.org](mailto:vice@ussvigroton.org)

Bob Perritt  
Vice Commander

**JR VICE COMMANDER**

**Paul Skalski**

Hello Shipmates,

**Clubhouse hours (starting 3/1/2025)**  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

**11:00 – 19:00**

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

**Lunch hours**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11:00 – 14:30

**Happy Hour**

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

Congratulations to the Holland Club Inductees Class of 2025.

The clubhouse will be closed July 1, 2 & 3 for kitchen renovations.

Congratulations to Jim Lawton, Jr Vice Commander Elect.

**Be Part of the Solution, VOLUNTEER**

**Paul Skalski**

*Jr. Vice Commander*

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**BASE SECRETARY**

**David Frease**



The May Meeting was attended in person by (25) and Zoom (8) for a total of 33 members.

**BASE ELECTIONS 2025**

**Steve Ricard – Elected to 3<sup>rd</sup> Term as Base Commander**  
**Jim Lawton Elected to 1<sup>st</sup> Term as Jr. Vice Commander**  
**Base Treasurer remains open with no nominations.**

**David Frease**

**Base Secretary**

[secretary@ussvigroton.org](mailto:secretary@ussvigroton.org)

**LOOKS LIKE THERE IS JUST NO INTEREST IN BEING OUR TEASURER.**

**THIS IS THE NEW OPPORTUNITY.**

1. DONATIONS – looking for 2 to 3 people to collaborate with me to manage our 2 donation appeals. Work isn't difficult and can be done from home. This is important because keeping the doors open depends on donations and the goodwill of our members.
2. MANAGEMENT OF OUR FUNDS – looking for at least 1 person to collaborate with me to ensure bills are paid and that funds are available to pay our staff. Work isn't difficult and can be done from home.

**STILL VERY IMPORTANT SO PLEASE READ – VOLUNTEER OR NOMINATE SOMEONE**

We are actively **searching for a new treasurer** and collaborating with me now will give you exposure to our records and accounts and assuming the position on July 1, 2025, will be much easier.

While I can't continue as Treasurer after June 30<sup>th</sup>, I have offered to continue to do all fund raising.

I'm available now to help train anyone who is interested in doing this. If you are interested, please contact me. This is your opportunity to provide leadership to the Groton organization.

#### 2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

2<sup>nd</sup> letters mailed to those who haven't had time to donate. If you haven't got yours please contact me.

Note: we depend on your financial support to keep the doors open, so I can't do this without member, friends, and business support. We have funds to get us thru September. This is the first of two appeals and without your continued support the Clubhouse and Thanksgiving just don't happen.

Annual Appeal is an ask for your support to keep the Clubhouse open. It's more than a place to have a quick lunch or after work beverage. It's in fact, a reminder to all of us of all the Lost Boats and all the pat members who are now on Eternal Patrol. There is just history on every floor and it's your history.

#### NEW ATM

Its installed and working. Thanks to Navy Federal Credit.

#### BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

Everything is on HOLD; we need the funds to go forward, BUT we have received 2 donations since last month. We appreciate it very much.

We offer our building for many submarine-related events, but we need to continue to improve our facilities. I don't think any of us consider our clubhouse is 2<sup>nd</sup>-rate facilities or services. Yet we have limited bathroom facilities, which limits the availability to our membership.

WHY do the Hall bathroom first? Because we believe it will be an asset in renting or in any use of the Hall. We now do retirements, pinning ceremonies, family parties but we will be able to get more disabled people to use the space, we can work to get organizations like the Blood Bank to use the Hall.

The more we do with other organizations the more visibility we will have within the Navy and Groton communities.

**2025 COIN featuring Medal of Honor winner Henry Breault the only enlisted Submariner to receive this honor – you need to have this coin. Supply is limited and the cost is only \$10 a coin.**



## **YOU DONATE TO SUBVETS GROTON OR THE NATIONAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

There are a few ways you can donate.

Option 1: You can mail a check to SUBVETS GROTON 40 School St Groton CT 06340

Option 2: You can donate Via PayPal at <https://www.ussvigroton.org/donations>.

You can donate to our Annual or Thanksgiving Appeals, to our Scholarship, Holland Club, Memorial Fund, Capital Improvements and Kaps4Kids.

Note: Contributions to SUBVETS GROTON are not tax deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

Option 3: You can mail a check to USSV Charitable Foundation PO Box 1063 Groton CT 06340-1063

Option 4: You can donate online at <https://www.ussvcf.org/donate.html>.

Note: Contributions to USSVI Charitable Foundation are tax deductible. And you can indicate that you are donating to any of the Funds or to a specific GROTON Fund.

### **IMPORTANT NEW OPTION AVAILABLE – IF YOU WANT A TAX DEDUCTION**

You can use one of the Links below to send directly to the Charitable Foundation

1. Option to get donations applied and available for Groton.
2. Option to get donations applied to the Brotherhood Fund

[https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MTc1MjU4](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTc1MjU4) Brotherhood

If you need more information about any fund-raising options please contact [Treasurer@ussvigroton.org](mailto:Treasurer@ussvigroton.org)

***Charlie Murray, Treasurer, 860 830 9605***

**Carcioppolo**



**Honors Detail** – John “Gumba” Carcioppolo

[gumba700@comcast.net](mailto:gumba700@comcast.net)

The following is the Honors Detail activity from 27 April 2025.

**There were 2 Eternal Patrols as follows:**

**STSCS(SS) Dennis Lee Reichenberger** Passed Away on 28 March 2025. No Honors Detail

**ETCS(SS) Charles E. Pilcher** Passed away on April 20th, 2025, Honors Detail conducted honors on 3 May 2025

Participants were John Carcioppolo; Alex Doucette; Rob Davis;

Bob Dulin; Jim Lawton; Lenny Robbins; Bob Sharpe.

**CAPTAIN James Seaton** It was previously announced of the passing of Captain Seaton on 30 December 2024. There will be a Celebration of Life for Captain Seaton held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 21, at Ledyard Congregational Church, 722 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard. The Honors Detail will muster at 1045 and start the Celebration of Life at 1100.

The information for the Eternal Patrol bios comes from the USSVI National Webpage Membership section. What you have there is what I put out. If you don't have all the right stuff, then that's what we are going to put out.

Additionally, some of the info comes from old bios from Holland Club inductions. If your info on the National Web Page is not up to date either update it or ask Base Commander Steve Ricard at [commander@ussvigroton.org](mailto:commander@ussvigroton.org).

Also, with regards to information, if we don't know of a member passing, we cannot provide the information or present Honors.

Please ensure that your families know that when you have passed to contact Groton Base Chaplain Earl Colella 734-730-1026 [earl.colella@comcast.net](mailto:earl.colella@comcast.net) or John Carcioppolo 860-514-7064 [gumba700@comcast.net](mailto:gumba700@comcast.net) and if possible provide a link to the obituary.

Keep your eyes open. If you know of a member passing or see an obituary of a Submariner who passed and maybe a member don't hesitate to pass that info along. We will figure out if he is a member and conduct business accordingly. A link to the obituary is always good to have.

The sooner we know the information the timelier we can react and put out the notices and hopefully have the Honors Detail render honors.

All too often we find out about the passing of a member long after the funeral and do not get the chance to provide honors for our Shipmates.

We are always looking for potential new members of the Honors Detail to supplement those who participate. If you are interested in being part of the Honors Detail all you really have to do is let me know and show up. We prefer you to have the SUBVETS vest, but that is not a hard requirement.

**What we do matters**

Recently we participated in an Honors Detail for ETCS(SS) Charles E. Pilcher. Following the service his brother-in-law Dale Walters donated \$150 to the Honors Detail, and \$300 to the Holland Club. In addition he sent the following email to the Base Commander: [The Honor Guard did an outstanding and heart-felt job! All in attendance were truly moved and expressed their appreciation for the Honors rendered.](#)

[Hopefully, this donation not only honors the Honor Guard itself but also allows the USSVI Groton Base to continue to have this service available for future families.](#)

**Thank you Dale for your donations and kind words about our Honors Detail.**

**RED HAT CEREMONIES** The next Homecoming will be in June. Watch your emails for word on the Homecoming.

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.

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.

**Memorial Day/USS SCORPION Memorial Service** Pictures from the Memorial Service are posted here.

<https://link.shutterstock.com/2A75ViSmHTb>

## **HOLLAND CLUB Report - John Carcioppolo**



*AN EXCLUSIVE GROUP WITHIN OUR SUBMARINE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION WHERE THE CORE REQUIREMENT FOR ELIGIBILITY IS THE DESIGNATION "QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES" FOR A MINIMUM OF FIFTY YEARS.*

### **June 2025 Holland Club Report**

We are almost officially into Summer. Unofficially it starts with Memorial Day. With June comes our main event of the year, our annual Holland Club Induction Ceremony. Read on.

**LUNCHEONS** Our May Holland Club Luncheon we had 67 people in attendance, most who had RSVPd that they were attending. Well done and thank you to all who RSVPd so that I could give Katrina and Ashley an accurate head count. For the few not RSVPing, please try to make a point to RSVP so that we are not surprised. Katrina's main concern is making sure the food is good (which it always is) and that she has enough food for everyone. My main concern is that we

have enough seats to accommodate everyone. If I can help it I don't want to have the people who are there for the Holland Club Luncheon sitting out in the bar area away from the rest of the crowd. So please call me, text me or email me to say that you are attending.

Our Guest Speaker was CT Veterans Administration Commissioner Ron Welch. Bud Atkins presented him with a set of dolphins and a certificate proclaiming him as an Honorary Submariner.

The Commissioner was accompanied by CSM Retired John Carragher. Together they talked about various programs offered by the Veterans Affairs organization. Commissioner Welch was in awe of what he observed, and what we have. CSM Carragher commented to the audience that what we have at SUBVETS is so very special and a positive influence on the Submariners of the Future, our Basic Submarine Student, and the community of Groton. They were both so impressed with Holland Club that they said that they certainly wouldn't miss the Ceremony.

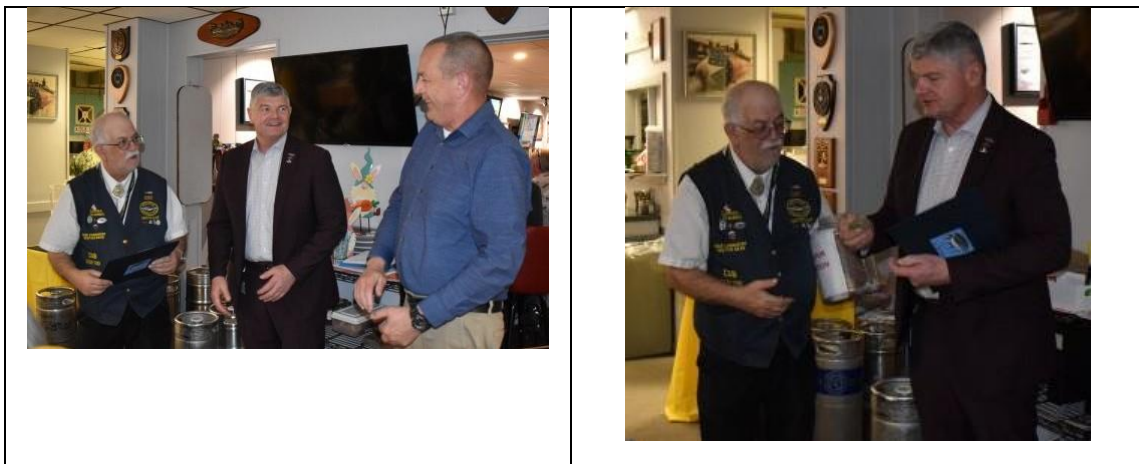
50-50 was won by Tom Swaenepoel.

Many thanks to Katrina and Ashley for a great meal with some great help from SUBSCHOOL Students from the USS THRESHER CLASS SA Crone from CO, SR Drury from CO; MTSR Hammond from GA and MMASR Cahill from ID. The students also contributed to the Holland Club.

We now have speakers booked through August. Upcoming speakers are as follows:

- **17 Jun Guest Speaker** City of Groton Mayor Keith Hedrick
- **15 Jul Guest Speaker** Navy Legal Service Office, SUBASE New London CT Senior Enlisted Leader LNC(SW/AW) Nina A. Kettles
- **19 Aug Guest Speaker** Captain Kenneth Curtin, CO Naval Submarine Base and CMDCM(SS) Gary Stephenson

Again, as a courtesy, please contact me if you plan to attend so we can continue to give the best possible count to our cook and staff.





The rest of the pictures can be viewed here: <https://link.shutterfly.com/3vCxa34vxTb>

There are also pictures taken by Naval Submarine School that are posted here.

<https://www.flickr.com/.../19651.../albums/72177720326277869>

**HOLLAND CLUB 2025** 2025 Holland Club Ceremony is next week on 7 June 2025. We have been working very hard on this induction for seven months. I'd like to thank Kimberly Beagle, Carl Franzoni, Bob Sharpe, Steve Ricard, Al Kinsall, Rich Cheatham, Charlie Murray, and Jim Lawton among others for helping us get to the finish line with all the planning and preparations. And of course, we wouldn't be here without the tremendous support from the Naval Submarine Base and Naval Submarine School. From National my sincere thanks go out to Jim Irwin and Sharon Walsh.

**And now it's Show-Time**

The Ceremony is on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 0900 on the Naval Submarine Base. I recommend that current Holland Club Members come and attend and welcome the new inductees to the Holland Club. If you don't have normal Base Access, please contact me and we'll work to pair you up with a member who has access to get you on Base for the Ceremony.

Also there will be a reception at the clubhouse following the Ceremony around 1130. The reception is open to all. Come down and meet the newest members of the Holland Club and please bring Pot-Luck meal donations to supplement what is being provided. Bring your favorite dish or dessert. We can also use volunteers to help serve and clean up. If you would like to bring a dish to share or volunteer, please contact Dee Carcioppolo 860-514-8770 as she is coordinating the food and volunteers.

There will be a Holland Club 2025 Wrap Up meeting at the clubhouse at 4:00 pm on Tuesday 10 June to discuss lessons learned and how we can improve for next year. If you have any input or recommendations to improve either, please attend the meeting or submit them to me before the meeting.

John "Gumba" Carcioppolo  
Holland Club Chair (860) 514 – 7064  
[Holland@ussviroton.org](mailto:Holland@ussviroton.org)

**USS DALLAS (SSN 700) 2025 Reunion** – Reunion for all crew members from Plank Owners to Decom Crew. 16 – 18 October 2025 Groton CT. Contact John “Gumba” Carcioppolo [gumba700@comcast.net](mailto:gumba700@comcast.net) for more information.

**COLOR GUARD**

**Bob Sharpe**

On Monday May 26, 2025, the Color Guard presented the U.S. National Flag and the POW, U.S. Navy, USSVI and Submarine Veterans of WWII flags at the USSVI Groton Base’s Memorial Day and USS Scorpion Memorial Service. The USS Scorpion SSN-589 Lost Boat flag was displayed near the podium.

For our next scheduled event we will be participating in the Town of Groton’s 4th of July Parade. I am looking for 3 – 5 flag carriers capable of carrying a flag for the entire two-mile parade route. If we cannot form a color guard detail, then we will make other arrangements and color guard members can ride on the Groton Base float.

Preferred Dress:	Long pants or Shorts	Short sleeve shirt	No Tie
	SubVets vest	Comfortable footwear	Ball cap

Please let me know if you are planning on attending this event and can support being part of this detail.

As always, the detail needs a few members to assist at scheduled events. If you are interested, please email me at [bobsharpe@hotmail.com](mailto:bobsharpe@hotmail.com) or on my Cell at (860) 501-6161 and leave a message.

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Vacant**

**RENEW NOW FOR 2025**

Reminder that it is time to renew annual membership. 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](mailto:commander@ussvigroton.org). Here is the link to renew your memberships. [Dues Renewal | USSVI Groton](#)

New rates \$80 /year (\$40 USSVI National and \$40 Groton Base).



**Membership Update**

Members – 1105  
Life National Members – 860  
Base Life Members - 369  
Holland Club – 642  
Associate Members – 56

Active Duty, new members only, Base and National Dues their first calendar year are free.

## USSVI GROTON BASE “SILENT SERVICE”

**Michael Hodges**

Due to technical difficulties, my update didn't make it into the May edition of Boat Notes. But since the April edition I've responded to ten new inquiries, mailed applications to three who have joined USSVI Groton Base, two of which have returned their plate applications which I have submitted to the DMV.

In addition, I received my new plate shown in the picture below. They were received in slightly under the eight weeks advertised, from the day I put the application in the mailbox to the day they arrived.



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](mailto: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.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

**Greg Kane**

### Help a Shipmate's Family Member Succeed

Receiving a scholarship sponsored by a family member can have profound psychological and financial impacts on a student. Psychologically, it can instill a deep sense of gratitude and motivation, knowing that a loved one believes in their potential and is willing to invest in their future. This support can boost the student's confidence and reduce the stress associated with financial burdens, allowing them to focus more on their studies and personal growth. Financially, the scholarship alleviates the pressure of tuition fees and other educational expenses, enabling students to pursue their academic goals without the constant worry of debt. This financial relief can also open opportunities for students to engage in extracurricular activities, internships, or other experiences that enrich their education and career prospects. Overall, such a scholarship can be a transformative gift, fostering emotional well-being and academic Success.

Please donate today by sending your contribution made payable to the Groton Base Scholarship Fund and mail to 40 School Street, Groton, CT 06340.

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## MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

**Marian Galbraith**



The Memorial Committee spent two mornings at the Memorial planting this year's flower beds. In addition to planting the traditional red and white impatiens, the committee laid mulch, pulled weeds and cleaned up the grounds in preparation for the Memorial Day Observance. The Memorial Committee also supports the annual Memorial Day Observance and Scorpion Remembrance by moving the Lost Boat Flags, dressing the ship, helping to identify ceremony participants, and overseeing set-up and take down on the day of the ceremony. May is a busy month but the pay off is visible not only when the weather allows us to hold the ceremony at the USSVI WWII National Memorial East but all summer long while the gardens flourish.

Trees have been planted! This is another enhancement to the Memorial backdrop.



## USS GROTON SAIL MONUMENT NEWS

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*Mission Statement: Dedicated to the men and women who design, build, operate, and maintain our Nation's submarines and the families and communities who support them.*

[View our video](#)

### Fundraising Efforts Full Steam Ahead

With the news EB' generous gift, the USS Groton Sail Foundation, is well over the halfway mark in its fundraising goal and is vigorously engaged in seeking individual and corporate gifts. To meet the rising costs of construction and an endowment for future maintenance we have our eyes set on raising another 2 million. That leaves us with plenty to do. If you're interested in donating or helping with the effort, visit our website at [www.grotonsail.com](http://www.grotonsail.com).

[Click Here To Make A Donation](#)

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### *How can you support the project?*

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#### Sponsor A Tree

Our site plan calls for 13 trees each of which can be purchased to honor someone special. To date 9 of those trees have been purchased at a cost of \$10,000 each. Who has purchased them? Families, businesses and individuals

have purchased trees to honor loved ones or to show the support of a business or family. For information on purchasing a tree, visit our website at [www.grotonsail.com](http://www.grotonsail.com).

[SPONSOR A TREE](#)

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### ***Buy A PAVER***

Don't forget to put your own name or the name of a loved one on one of our pavers. In the years to come, you and your loved ones will take particular pleasure in finding the paver and knowing that their contribution isn't forgotten. Choose from one of ten logos and add your own text. Whether you want to memorialize your own efforts or those of a friend, co-worker, or loved one, you can purchase a paver which will be part of the walkway.

[Buy A Paver](#)

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### ***Looking For Volunteers***

We are currently in need of volunteers to assist us in donor research, assembling and mailing promotional material, along with fundraising efforts. You do not necessarily need to live in the Groton area. Click on the link below and tell us where and how you would like to help.

[Sign Up To Volunteer](#)

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***From the desk of USSVI Groton Base Veterans Affairs*****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.

[brian.hague@ussvigroton.org](mailto:brian.hague@ussvigroton.org)

Hey Navy, warm weather is upon us. I have intel on the parking garage at West Haven VA; finish date is the end of no clue. The hold up is Elevators. The contractor went with a company in CHINA instead of Otis. So, they're waiting on parts. Try to get to your appointment 30 – 45 min ahead of time to get a spot.

Don't get caught off guard when it comes to newer VA log-in requirements.

<https://news.va.gov/133159/prepare-for-vas-secure-sign-in-changes/>

What to stay active without the crazy workout? <https://news.va.gov/131368/five-virtual-resources-older-veterans-active/>

Some good news for World War II Veterans. [All WWII Veterans are now eligible for VA health care - VA News](#)

The Department of Veterans Affairs issued a proposed rule outlining plan to expand the locations and time frames for which VA presumes exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides.

<https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-presumes-exposure-agent-orange-herbicides/>

VA launches new nationwide surgery initiative. <https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-launches-new-surgery-initiative-across-the-nation-a-critical-step-to-saving-the-lives-of-veterans-considering-surgery/>

For those who like to track the West Haven Campus during the renovations, I'll leave up the link to the final Environmental Assessment Report from Dec 2022 it includes campus overlay: [VA OCFM - West Haven VAMC - NEPA Final Environmental Assessment - December 2022](#)

“The more you sweat in peacetime, the less you bleed in war.” Get ahead of your final wishes and plan now for what you want. Do it now and no worries. [VA expands burial benefits for Veterans and their families](#)

Looking forward to travelling, but with a good deal. Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC) might be for you and your family. <https://news.va.gov/124422/armed-forces-vacation-club-for-veterans/>

Are you a high-tech Sailor? The VA put out a helpful link to navigate their Apps. [How to use cool features in VA's official mobile app - VA News](#)

Here is an Oct 2019 study from the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory on Submarine Medicine. [An Overview of the Unique Field of Submarine Medicine \(dtic.mil\)](#)

Remember, if you want to see other info related to submarine medical issues let me know and I will track it down and post it. Hope to see you at the club!

<https://www.va.gov/>

Always a good place to start.

[Home - My HealtheVet - My HealtheVet \(va.gov\)](#)

Track your appointments, meds and more.

[Military and Veteran Benefits, News, Veteran Jobs | Military.com](#) This is a great website for info on any Military and Veteran related.



**"No one stands so tall as when they stop to help a child."**

**Abraham Lincoln**

**Since 2009, at child health care facilities throughout Connecticut, the Groton Base's Kaps 4 Kids Program has brought Comfort and Joy to over 2,500 sick Kids and their families!**

**We visit Kids at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, Connecticut Children's Hospital, Yale New Haven Hospital's Child Psychiatric Units, The Ronald McDonald House and The Connecticut Hospice. We plan to continue this program as long as there are sick Kids in need of our support.**

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, our Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team of Bob Dulin, Bob Sharpe, Jonathan Nogai ITRC(SS), Heath Spenser ITRCS (SS) and John Riley conducted another amazing visit to the Kids at Connecticut Children's Hospital.

We gave a "Life onboard a Submarine" presentation in the hospital's Family Resource Center, which was transmitted to the Kids in their rooms. We then visited the Kids in their rooms and made them Honorary Submariners! We had fun answering all their questions as we gave them many submarine-related gifts, which included our new K4K Teddy Bears!



Left: We made young Jessivette and Honorary Submariner! And so that she would have a Submariner Shipmate to go home with, we also made her Teddy bear, which she named Eliquer, an Honorary Submariner too!



These Children need caring attention, as much joy as we can give them, and reminders that they are so much more than their disease or condition.



We have Fun with the Kids and give them Honorary Submariner Certificates, Ball Kaps, Tattoos, Challenge Coins, Wrist Bands and Teddy Bears. They also receive a Nautilus Submarine Photo signed by our K4K Team, a Silent Service Coloring Book, a map showing the location of all US Submarine Museums, and information brochures from the USS Nautilus Submarine Museum and the WWII Submarine Memorial in Groton, CT.



We give them Therapeutic Relaxing Heart Shaped Squeeze Balls with the image of a Submarine stamped on them. These are always a big hit, and we had fun playing throw and catch, handing them out.

We also let them know that they would get a Special Tour and a USS Nautilus Challenge Coin from Active-Duty Submariners if they visit the free USS Nautilus Submarine Museum.



**JOIN US IN BRINGING JOY TO SICK KIDS!**

**K4K: INFO / VIDEO / DONATE**

<https://www.ussvcf.org/kapss-4-kidss-fund.html>

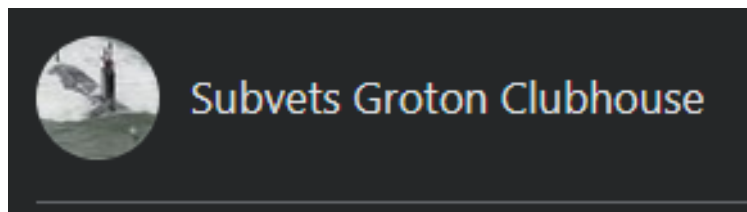


**"We began by imagining that we are giving to them; we end by realizing that they have enriched us" - Pope John Paul II**

**Public Affairs Officer (oao@ussvigroton.org)**

**Jim Lawton**

Recently I was asked via the Website how a member can get information about changes and events that USSVIGroton holds. A great deal of information is posted on our Facebook Account – Look for .



However, you should also know that Events and are posted in the Clubhouse on the Raspberry display above the cash register, On the opening splash page of our website <https://www.ussvigroton.org> , and on our Events page <https://www.ussvigroton.org/events>.



Something else of note, we now have a new ATM in the Clubhouse courtesy of Navy Federal!

## USSVI GROTON BASE JUNE BIRTHDAY LIST

*Happy Birthday to All Who Continue to Celebrate*

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
Ahlcrona	Stephen W.	03	Martini	Ronald L.	06
Ailinger	Charles K.	18	Matias	Johny	06
Albert	Scott G.	05	Maxfield	Jerome M.	19
Allread	William O.	14	McArthur	Ronald B.	26
Baughman	Thomas A.	13	McCarter	David	23
Bentley	Robert F.	11	Mercado	Jose	24
Bevill	James R.	01	Micheli	Michael	18
Borowicz	Stephen R.	09	Mireles	Lawrence M.	14
Brigham	Rodney L.	11	Moore	John F.	11
Brockwell	Anthony G.	19	Newton	Raymond Neff	23
Butler	Karle Leonard	28	Norman	Ralph D.	30
Campbell	Alexander S.T.	27	O'Bryant	Gaylon	10
Campisi	Joseph J.	29	Oefinger	Mark R.	19
Carroll	Cary L.	03	Olmstead	Steven	22
Collins	James B.	28	Orstad	Paul William	08
Davidson	Donald L.	05	Paulson	Martin J.	24
Dawson	William L.	20	Perez	Bianca	29
De Leon Sr.	Bernard	16	Phillips	Thomas E.	13
Dietrich	Jay W.	15	Pillsbury, Jr.	Harold R.	08
Dmochowski	Ross	10	Rogers	Leland C.	24
Doucette	Alex Walter	25	Russ	John K.	30
Duran	Luis Matilde	21	Russell	Duane W.	19
Engdall	William E.	19	Russell	Nathan J.	12
Fickel	Richard R.	13	Sablan	Kalab	18
Folmsbee	Todd W.	22	Sandoval	Michelle	20
Frease, Sr.	David C.	19	Scent	Robert M.	29
Greenwood	William T.	11	Scott	Thomas E.	23
Harrison	Sidney M.	14	Sieben	David E.	09
Hewitt	G. Michael	22	Sirch	Ronald H.	20
Hirschkowitz	Martin R.	27	Smith	Bruce C.	23
Hodges	Hunter B.	22	Stalb	Alan L.	20
Hungerford	Stanley R.	14	Surratt	Gary L.	22
Hurt	Hugh Franklin	30	Taylor	Robert W.	13
Jenkins	Scott M.	10	Thomas	Samuel M.	07
Jolley	Andrew	23	Van Poots, PhD	Michael R.	18
Kappelman	Charles A.	03	Walsh	Zachary	17
Keefe	James D.	05	Ward Jr.	Benjamin P.	10
Kelley	Paul F.	10	Warn	Jon C.	01
Kersteter	Joel E.	24	Waterman	John P.	09
Kingston	Gary E.	17	Wilbanks	Peter	04

Langbein Jr.	William	25	Williams	Terrence W.	11
Lavoie	James	04	Williams	Alan G.	25
Lemke	Jack A.	01	Willis	Heather	27
Losole	Shawn A.	16	Woolrich	Raymond D.	13
Marmaud	Joseph L.	09			

**USSVI GROTON BASE JUNE ETERNAL PATROL LIST**

06/26/1998	James	Connors
06/04/2004	Martin	Noone
06/03/2005	George	Smith
06/04/2006	Donald	Kamuf
06/27/2006	Lynwood	Beverly
06/02/2007	Paul	Gruber, Jr.
06/07/2007	Stanley	Robinson
06/09/2007	Raymond	Boswell
06/11/2007	Wallace	Krupenevich
06/07/2009	Charles	Kosloskey
06/25/2009	Edward	Lace
06/02/2010	Michael	Belt
06/04/2011	Robert	Van Compernelle
06/06/2011	Francis	Duba
06/19/2011	Ralph	Zane
06/21/2012	Milton	Gaedt Sr
06/28/2012	Vernon	Vesey
06/18/2013	Emerson	Malcolm
06/26/2013	Joseph	Hanzel Sr
06/07/2014	Richard	Pfannenstiel
06/12/2014	Dale	Peterson
06/25/2014	William	Vormbrock
06/01/2015	James	Bracknell
06/07/2015	Edward	Wilcox
06/20/2015	John	Deane, Jr.
06/21/2015	David	Padgett, Sr.
06/24/2015	Herbert	Hawes
06/26/2015	Richard	Washington
06/27/2015	John	Hawke
06/14/2016	Howard	Clark
06/06/2017	Marcus	White, Sr.
06/11/2017	Abraham	Mozeak
06/21/2017	John	Norosky
06/29/2017	Michael	Angelo, Jr.
06/10/2018	Nicholas	Gudz Jr
06/10/2019	Sydney	Brown
06/12/2019	Craig	Weske
06/12/2020	Thomas	Majewski
06/29/2020	James	Weitlauf
06/08/2021	Walter	Patrick
06/13/2021	Thomas	Massey, III

06/22/2021	Ronald	Dennis
06/08/2022	William	Doe
06/23/2022	Brian	Turley
06/27/2022	Gary	Hall
06/01/2023	Burner	Cecil
06/8/2023	Vander Brink	Richard
06/21/2023	Plantz	Carolina
06/29/2023	Hahn	Albert



always keep their memories alive.

I have one consolation that lives with me today. That God is near to them in his own special way. So, God in all Your mercy keeps near Thyself the soul of every Submariner still on his final patrol.

Lord this departed shipmate with Dolphins on his chest, is part of an outfit known as the best.

Make him welcome and take him by the hand. You'll find without a doubt he was the best in all the land.

So heavenly Father add his name to the roll of our departed shipmates still on patrol. Let them know that we who survive will

# ITEMS OF INTEREST

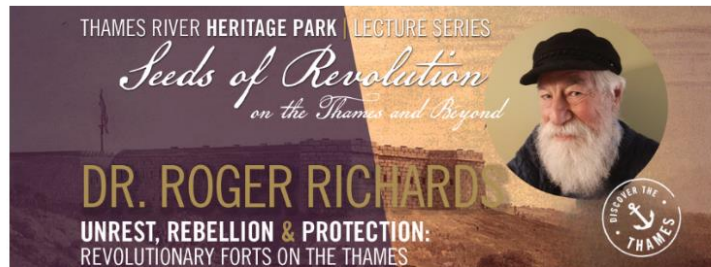
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## Thames River Heritage Park

ONE RIVER. A THOUSAND STORIES.



## MAY IN THE PARK



**2025 TRHP Lecture Series**  
**Wednesday, May 14**  
**Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London**

Thames River Heritage Park, New London County Historical Society and Lyman Allyn Art Museum are pleased to present the 2025 Lecture Series: "Seeds of Revolution on the Thames and Beyond."

**Final Lecture:**

**May 14th:** Unrest, Rebellion and Protection with Dr. Roger Richards

A reception featuring wine and light hors d'oeuvres will kick off each evening at 6pm and the lecture will promptly follow at 7pm.

Score a discounted ticket price with an active membership with TRHP, LAAM or NLCMS. Early-bird rates also apply one week prior to the lecture!

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## Evening Hours at the Museum

### First Thursday

THU, MAY 1 | 5-8PM

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London

Enjoy FREE admission while exploring the galleries and getting creative. This month's craft is *Light and Shadow*: use charcoal to practice representing light and shadow with the museum's still-life set-up or make something of your own. Guests of all ages are invited to join our monthly evening art night led by a member of the Learning & Engagement Department.



[MORE INFO](#)

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## Bring Your Best Onstage

### Open Mic Night

THU, MAY 1 | 5:30-7PM

Hygienic Art, New London

Poetry, comedy, spoken word...all talents are welcome to participate. Comedians and poets can hit the stage for a 5-minute time slot. Musicians can perform 2 songs total. There is no cover charge, but donations are always appreciated. First Thursday of each month and hosted by Hygienic artists.



[MORE INFO](#)

## Garde Arts Center

### Performance Theater in New London, Connecticut

#### All Events | Garde Arts Center (click for more info)

The screenshot shows the Garde Arts Center website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "EVENTS", "VISIT", "RENT", "SUPPORT", "EDUCATION", and "ABOUT". A "Donate" button and a "Get Email Updates" link are also present. The main content area features a large banner for the event "Menopause The Musical 2: Cruising Through 'The Change'", scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 7:30 PM. The banner includes a colorful illustration of four women in tropical attire and a man in a sailor's uniform. Below the main banner, there are smaller images and text: "Learn More", "Menopause The Musical 2", "Connecticut College Orchestra and Singers", "Only at Garde Arts Center", and "Gillian Welch & David Hoodlin".

## Nautilus Submarine Force Museum

The poster features a large silhouette of a submarine in the background. The text is centered and reads:

**YOUR SERVICE IS NEEDED TODAY!**

HISTORIC SHIP NAUTILUS SSN-571  
SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM (SFM) IS ACTIVELY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO SERVE AS DOCENTS.

**THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DOCENT**  
TO GREET PEOPLE AS THEY ENTER THE MUSEUM AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM MUSEUM PATRONS.  
THE DOCENT WATCH MAY ALSO GIVE GUIDED TOURS TO PATRONS OR COORDINATE WITH THE STAFF FOR GUIDED TOURS AND EVENTS THAT ARE EITHER BY REQUEST OR PRE-ARRANGED BY THE MUSEUM'S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.  
THE DOCENT WATCH IS NORMALLY A 4-HOUR COMMITMENT ON DAYS THAT THE MUSEUM IS OPENED, ROTATED AND SHARED BY THE DOCENT TEAM.

**SINCE THE SHIPS DRYDOCK OVERHAUL IN 2022**  
THE MUSEUM HAS CONSISTENTLY GROWN OUTREACH BY 300% TO 500% EVERY SIX MONTHS AND THE DEMAND SIGNAL FOR SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS AND WITH VARIOUS ASSOCIATIONS IS CONTINUING TO GROW. DOCENTS AND VOLUNTEERS HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OR CO-LEAD SOME OF THESE EVENTS WITH OUR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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**US NAVY SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM**  
USS Nautilus (SSN 571)

\* INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GENERAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.

## The Chapel On The Thames



The Chapel on the Thames (COT) is located aboard Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton and offers both Protestant and Roman Catholic worship services for active-duty retired veterans and their families. The COT was originally conceived and constructed as a memorial to submariners, Officers and Enlisted who lost their lives in the service of their country during the Second World War. The COT was opened on December 3, 1944, 80 years ago and in it you will find many submarine related themes including beautiful stained-glass windows and pews labeled with brass plates to memorialize specific submarines from

World War II.

All with base access are welcome to participate in scheduled services which are on Sundays as follows: Protestant Service at 9:30 AM and Roman Catholic Mass at 11:30 AM. COT is located directly across the parking lot from Dealey Center movie theater. We hope you will take the time to visit us at this historic chapel.”