



## USSVI Groton Base

### Membership Meeting Minutes 02 March 2026



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

In attendance (in person (28) and Zoom (11)) for a total of 39 members.

Kirk Haugland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Base Chaplin led the opening prayer.

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

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

#### **BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING.**

##### **BASE COMMANDER: STEVE RICARD**

Introduced and recognized New Members & First Meeting participants

Recognized National Officers present

Recognized Former Base Commanders present

Recognized WWII Members present

Recognized Holland Club Members present

Recognized Chris Quijada Distinguished Member of the Year Award

Recognized past Joe Negri Recipients

Recognized Robert Link Recipients

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

#### **• PRESENTATIONS: NONE**

Two submarine commissioning coming up

USS Massachusetts – 28 March 2026 – Boston Constitution and Massachusetts Side-By-Side

Massachusetts.org Invite – Reception – Remarks BLK – Submarine Veterans

For assistance or information contact Bud Cunnally at 352-638-1955 budcunnally@verizon.net

Idaho Commissioning - SSN.799.org



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April 23, SUB VETS – Meet at 8:30.  
Tour Bus 57 people – 40 from Idaho

National Convention in Corpus Christi, TX Sep 06 – 11 2026  
National Convention in Reno, NV – 2027  
National Convention in Norfolk, VA - 2028

Bylaws will be voted on.  
Awards coming up.

#### **Sr. Vice Commander Report: Open**

**Base Treasurer: Charlie Murray**

All Bills Paid.  
See financial Report

#### **Base Secretary Report – David Frease**

The Minutes for the 02 February 2026 Membership meeting were approved by the members present without objection.

The Election Master has issued a call for nominations of eligible candidates for Sr. Base Vice Commander and Base Secretary to all members in good standing.

#### **Base Sr. Vice-Commander**

- Shall be responsible for membership rolls in the manner prescribed by the Executive Board to show always, the names of the members of this organization, alphabetically arranged, their respective places of residence, their post office address, and the year when each person became a member.
- Shall be responsible for the promulgation of all pertinent information to the officers of the base.
- Shall be the Chairman of the Base Finance Committee.
- During the absences and/or inability of Base Commander to render and perform his duties, or exercise powers, as set forth in these bylaws, or in the laws under which the corporation is organized, the same shall be performed and exercised by the Sr. Vice Commander. And when so acting, they shall have all the powers given to, or imposed upon, the Base Commander.
- Shall provide oversight, guidance and council for those individuals and entities assigned to this Office in the USSVI Groton Base Organization Chart.

#### **Base Secretary**

- Shall keep a record of the meetings of the general membership and of the Executive Board.
- Shall be the custodian of the records and of the seal and affix the latter when required.
- Shall be responsible for the contents, publication, and distribution of the newsletter.
- Shall maintain, change and or modify events in the Base Calendar as needed or requested.



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- Shall present to the Executive Board at their stated meetings, all communications addressed to Secretary officially by the Base Commander or any other officer or member of the base.
- Shall attend to all correspondence and perform all duties incident to their office.
- The Secretary shall draft calls of meetings, conduct the election of the base officers and be responsible for the giving of notice thereof as required by these bylaws.
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Nomination for Sr. Base Commander – Dominic Gremaldi

Nomination for Base Secretary – Al Kinsall

Correspondence to Report – None.

**Jr. Vice Commander Report: Jim Lawton**

March Plan of the Month posted in the bar area.

**NERD UPDATE:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- MEMBERSHIP REPORT: **Jim Cading**

*DATA PROVIDED FROM USSVI NATIONAL DATA BASE*

CATEGORY	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	1170
NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERS	864
GROTON BASE LIFE MEMBERS	401
HOLLAND CLUB	676
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	70

- SUB SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHEDULE: **Steve Ricard**

- CHAPLAIN:



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- HOLLAND CLUB: John Carcioppolo

Holland Club Lunch

February	
<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
	\$750.00
<b>50/50</b>	\$240.00
<b>Donation</b>	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$990.00
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Meals (\$10.00 X 0)</b>	\$530.00
<b>Gratuities (\$1.00 X 0)</b>	\$53.00
<b>50/50</b>	\$120.00
<b>Total</b>	\$703.00
<b>Net Deposited</b>	\$287.00

UPCOMING HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHESES

Upcoming Speakers are as follows:

- **17 March Guest Speaker** Captain Craig E. Litty, CO Naval Submarine Base Groton
- **21 April Guest Speaker** OIC Historic Ship Nautilus LCDR Lucas
- **19 May Guest Speaker** Groton Sail Foundation

HOLLAND CLUB 2026: 42 Inductees.

\$1380.00 Donations

Letters went out 14Jan.Dues must be paid by 02 Mar to be in good standing.

The following is the meeting schedule for the Induction Ceremony planning meetings:

Thursday, 26 March 1530 Clubhouse

Thursday, 30 April 1600 Clubhouse

Thursday, 28 May 1600 Clubhouse



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- HONORS DETAIL: **John Carcioppolo**

RED HAT – USS SOUTH DAKOTA

- COLOR GUARD: **Bob Sharpe**

Thresher Memorial – April  
4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – 250 Anniversary of the United States

- EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM COORDINATOR: **Jim Weaver**

Looking to update Eagle Scout Database.

- SMALL STORES: **Alex Doucette**

- DOCENTS: **Artie Gager**

- DMV LIAISON: **Michael Hodges**

If you would like to display our unique “**Silent Service**” Connecticut license plate 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 pumphoom.

- KAPS4KIDS: **John Riley**

- MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: **Marian Galbraith**

- PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER: **Jim Lawton**

- SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: **Greg Kane**

Applications on SUB VETS Website

- VETERANS AFFAIRS: **Brian Hague**

- WEST PORT: **Paul Grammer**



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Next Meeting is April 2nd, 1830, at Port 5.

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

Saturday, March 21st, 6:00 PM – Tom Connor’s Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**CLOSING EVENTS:**

**Meeting Attendance Drawing Winner:** 2026 Coin Dave Frease.

**50/50 DRAWING Winner:** \$62.00 to House/\$62.00 to Robert Fedder.

**CLOSING PRAYER – USSVIGB Chaplain**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 1940

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Frease, Base Secretary

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