



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



Well, it looks like we are officially in the "Fall" season at the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse. September seemed like a very busy month with Maritime Heritage Festival's "Tolling of the Boats, 9-11 Ceremony, Chief Pinning, "Change of Charge for Nautilus, and Change of Command for Subbase. The Executive Board, and I send our well wishes to all U.S. Submarine Veterans and members of our Submarine Community hoping you have a fantastic month of October with family gatherings and everything pumpkin spiced. I think soup is back on the menu at the clubhouse.

Some very significant events happened in the month of October for the U.S. Submarine service and with Boat Notes.

In October, significant events in submarine history include the commissioning of the U.S.



Navy's first submarine, the U.S.S. Holland, on October 12, 1900, and the establishment of the submarine base at New London, Connecticut, in 1915.

USS Holland SS-1

On Oct. 18, 1915, the US Navy submarines G-1, G-2, G-4, and the tender USS Ozark arrive at Naval Base New London on the Thames River in Groton, Conn.



Naval Submarine Base New London



USS Blueback (SS-581)

USS Blueback (SS-581) is a Barbel-class submarine that served in the United States Navy from 1959 to 1990. She was the second Navy submarine to bear the name. Blueback was laid down by Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation of Pascagoula, Mississippi on 15 April 1957. She was launched on 16 May 1959 and commissioned on 15 October 1959, Lieutenant Commander Robert H. Gautier in command. She was the last non-nuclear submarine to join the United States Navy and was the final conventionally powered combat capable submarine.

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 – October

	USS Seawolf (SS-197)	Lost on Oct 3, 1944, with the loss of 83 officers and men and 17 US Army troops when she was sunk just north of Moritai by USS Rowell, a Destroyer Escort (DE). In this tragic error, Rowell mistook Seawolf for a Japanese submarine that had just sunk another Destroyer. Seawolf ranks 7th for enemy ships sunk.
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	USS S-44 (SS-155)	Lost on Oct 7, 1943, with the loss of 56 men when it was sunk off Paramushiru, Kuriles. S-44 was on her 5th war patrol after attacking a target thought to be a merchant on the surface, S-44 found herself in a losing gun battle with a heavily armed Japanese destroyer. Two men were taken prisoner and survived the war.
	USS Wahoo (SS-238)	Lost on Oct 11, 1943, with the loss of 80 men near La Perouse Strait. Under command of one of the great sub skippers of World War II, LCDR "Mush" Morton, Wahoo was on her 7th war patrol. Wahoo had won a Presidential Unit Citation and ranks 5th in the number of enemy ships sunk. She was lost to depth charges dropped by a Japanese patrol aircraft.
	USS Dorado (SS-248)	Lost on Oct 12, 1943, with the loss of 77 men when she was sunk in the western Atlantic near Cuba. Newly commissioned, she had departed New London and was enroute to Panama. She may have been sunk by a U.S. patrol plane that received faulty instructions regarding bombing restriction areas or a German U-boat that was in the vicinity.
	USS Escolar (SS-294)	Lost on Oct 17, 1944, with the loss of 82 men. She was on her 1st war patrol and was most likely lost to a mine somewhere in the Yellow Sea.
	USS Shark II (SS-314)	Lost on Oct 24, 1944, with the loss of 87 men when she was sunk near Hainan. The second boat to carry this name during World War II, she was on her 3rd war patrol. Shark was sunk by escorts after attacking and sinking a lone freighter. Compounding the tragedy, it turned out that the freighter had 1,800 U.S. POWs on board.

	USS Darter (SS-227)	Lost on Oct 24, 1944, when she became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan and was then destroyed to prevent her falling into enemy hands intact. The entire crew was rescued by USS Dace. Winner of one Navy Unit Commendation, Darter had sunk a heavy cruiser and damaged another and went aground while attempting an "end around" on an enemy formation in hopes of getting in an attack on a battleship.
	USS Tang (SS-306)	Lost on Oct 25, 1944, with the loss of 78 men in the Formosa Strait. Tang was on her 5th war patrol. Tang ranks 2nd in the number of ships sunk and 4th in tonnage and had won two Presidential Unit Citations. During a daring night surface attack, Tang was lost to a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. Nine of the crew were taken prisoner, including CDR. O'Kane and five who had reached the surface from her final resting place 180 feet below. All survived the war, and CDR O'Kane was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.
	USS O-5 (SS-66)	Lost on October 29, 1923, with the loss of 3 men when rammed and sunk by SS Abangarez off the Panama Canal.

Plan of the Month, October 2025

Date	Time	Action	Description
10/2	15:30	Meeting	Naval SubSchool meeting
10/3	10:00	Private Event	USS Henry Stimson Lunch
10/6	18:30	Event	Membership Meeting
10/10	13:00	Private Event	CWIT Group in Bar & Tom Connors Dining Hall
10/11	10:00	Event	Sub Force Museum Event/Cribbage Tournament/Music
10/16	18:00	Event	USS Dallas Reunion - Topside
10/17	18:00	Event	USS Dallas Reunion - Topside
10/18	10:00	Event	Annual Retirement Seminar Subbase
10/19	10:00	Brunch	Brunch Courtesy of SSEP
10/21	10:00	Event	Holland Club
10/24	NOON	Private Event	USS Utah Crew Rally
10/24	18:00	Event	BBQ Chicken Dinner – Reservations by October 21
10/24	20:00	Event	Karaoke – DJ Jammin’ Jim @ SubVets Clubhouse
10/30	10:00	Event	Naval Undersea Medical Institute Graduation



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 5th & 19th of September. I would like to thank SubSchool leadership, CO Captain Chance Litton, and CMC Michael Micheli, Senior Chief David Lee, class instructors and coordinators, for allowing us to participate in this milestone event.

The following information is for BESS Class 25400, named after the USS Finback SS 230. The information provided comes from various sources including Naval History and Heritage Command and Wikipedia. Follow the links below for additional details.



Lieutenant (j.g.) George H.W. Bush rescued by crewmembers on USS Finback (SS-230) after he was shot down while on a bombing run over Chi Chi Jima, 2 September 1944.

USS Finback (SS-230), a Gato-class submarine, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the finback. Nine of Finback's twelve World War II patrols in the Pacific were designated as "successful"; she received 13 battle stars for her service and is credited with having sunk nearly 70 thousand tons of enemy shipping.

Finback was laid down on 5 February 1941 at the Portsmouth Navy Yard in Kittery, Maine. She was launched on 25 August 1941 and sponsored by Mrs. Genevieve G. Watson, wife of Rear Admiral Adolphus E Watson, Commandant of the 4th Naval District and the Philadelphia Navy Yard in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was commissioned on 31 January 1942.

During her ninth war patrol off the Palaus and west of the Marianas, Finback was once again assigned lifeguard duty during aircraft strikes covering the opening of the Marianas operation. She returned to Majuro 21 July 1944, then steamed to the Iwo Jima, ChiChi Jima, and HaHa Jima area of operations near the Bonin Islands where she was assigned lifeguard duty on her tenth war patrol. Finback’s crew rescued multiple downed pilots during some of the heaviest fighting of the war. One of the fortunate aviators rescued was Lieutenant (j.g.) George H.W. Bush who would go on to become the 41st president of the United States.

Homeported at New London for the remaining five years of her active career, Finback was engaged in training student submariners. Twice, in 1947 and in 1948, she sailed to the Caribbean to take part in Second Fleet exercises. She was decommissioned and placed in reserve at New London on 21 April 1950. Finback was stricken on 1 September 1958, and sold for scrap on 15 July 1959. All but the third, ninth, and twelfth of Finback's twelve war patrols were designated "successful." She received 13 battle stars for World War II service, and is credited with having sunk 69,383 tons of enemy shipping.

More on the USS Finback can be found [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Finback_\(SS-230\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Finback_(SS-230)), and <https://www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/ships/submarines/finback-ss-230.html>.

The September 5th BESS Class named after USS Finback SS 230 had 40 with a class average was 75% and 4 graduated with Distinction. Congratulations to this class of future Submariners who 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, FT1(SS) Abbott, and STS2(SS) Ortez. Thank you for using your background, training, and experience in guiding these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was SubSchool XO, CDR Paul Danos. Guest Speaker was CMDCM Jason Hayes. SubSchool Chaplain, CDR Wilkinson gave the Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Groton Base and Holland Club Chairman, RMCM(SS) John Carcioppolo USN (Ret) was the SubVet Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SR(SU) Aidan Reno. 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 MMACS(SS) Lee to SR(SU) Ethan Tharp. This award is given to the student who demonstrates academic achievement and personal improvement through the course of instruction.



The class Honor Graduate Award was presented to SN(SU) Brianna Moraquinones by SubSchool XO, CDR Danos. 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 CMDCM Kevin Swanson to SR(SU) Garret Dingman. 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 Sailors joining our organization when they receive their fish.

On September 19th, the BESS class that graduated was named after the USS Barbero (SS-317).



USS Barbero (SS/SSA/SSG-317) was a Balao-class submarine of the United States Navy, named for a family of fishes commonly called surgeon fish. Barbero was laid down by the Electric Boat Company of Groton, Connecticut on 25 March 1943. She was launched on 12 December 1943, sponsored by Mrs. Katherine R. Keating, and commissioned on 29 April 1944.

Barbero's war operations span the period from 9 August 1944– 2 January 1945, during which she completed two war patrols. She is credited with sinking three Japanese

merchant ships totaling 9,126 tons while patrolling in the Java and South China Seas.

In September 1945, she was ordered to Mare Island Naval Shipyard where she underwent pre-inactivation overhaul – and was placed in commission in reserve on 25 April 1946. On 1 February 1955, Barbero entered Mare Island Naval Shipyard for her a conversion under project SCB 118, equipping her to launch the Regulus I nuclear cruise missile. She was thus redesignated SSG-317 and recommissioned on 28 October 1955 under Lt. Cmdr. Samuel T. Bussey as the second submarine equipped with the Regulus missile, Tunny having been converted in 1953. The submarine was placed in commission, in reserve, on 9 June 1964 in preparation for inactivation and disposal. On 1 July 1964, Barbero was placed out of commission, and her name was struck from the Navy list simultaneously. She was sunk as a target on 24 October 1964.

USS Barbero received two battle stars for her service during World War II.

More on the USS Barbero can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Barbero and <https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/b/barbero-i.html>.



The USS Barbero (SS-317), class #25420 had 101 students with an average of 79% 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 CMDCM Mike Micheli. CMDCM Jason Avin was the Guest Speaker. Chaplain LT Levels gave Invocation and Benediction.





USSVI Groton Base and Holland Club Member STSCS(SS) Bob Sharpe, USN Retired was the SubVets Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SR(SU) James Spivey. The Heritage Award is given to the student who demonstrates the performance of their duties above and beyond the call of the average student.

The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented to SA(SU) Jay Wulferdingen, by MMACM(SS) Vargas. This award is given to the student who demonstrates academic achievement and personal improvement through the course of instruction.



The class Honor Graduate award was presented by CMC, Micheli to MM3(SU) Jonathan Guggenbuehl. 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 to SN(SU) Justin Williamson, by CMDCM Jason Avin. 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 Sailors joining our organization when they receive their fish.



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
25440	USS Henry L. Stimson	DOT		John Glaub	2025-OCT-03	
25500	USS Dallas	CO		John Carcioppolo	2025-OCT-17	
25520	USS Andrew Jackson	XO		Bill Cavanaugh	2025-OCT-31	

25540	USS Halabut	CMC		Bob Sharpe	2025-NOV 14	
25520	USS Sea Lion			Steve Ricard	2025 NOV 21	
25540		DOT		Bob Sharpe	2025-DEC 5	
25560						

Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) Dates:

Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC) Dates:

25040 Graduate on 24 Oct 2025 Steve Ricard

25060 Graduate on 20 Feb 2026

26020 Graduate on 18 Jun 2026

26050 Graduate on 11 Dec 2026

25050 Graduate on 12 Dec 2025: Bob Sharpe

26010 Graduate on 01 May 2026

26030 Graduate on 14 Aug 2026

26040 Graduate on 23 Oct 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. Come in and welcome Dawn. Thanks to Heather, Ashley, Jessica, Erin, Olivia, and Julz for all the hard work, dedication and for keeping our clubhouse a go to destination. September, the galley may be returning to normal operations. Please stand by as we transition to a fall menu and break in a new cook.

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 6 September we held a “Tolling of the Boats” ceremony at the Connecticut Maritime Heritage Festival in New London. The ceremony marked the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII and the surrender of Japan.

On Monday September 8th we held our Monthly Membership meeting at 1830 in the hall. Thirty members joined the monthly meeting both in person and via Zoom. Thank you for joining us each month.



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 October 6th for our membership meeting starting at 1830. The Zoom link will be published prior to the meeting.



On Thursday 11 September SubVets Groton Base and the U.S. Naval Submarine School staff participated in the Southeastern Connecticut Navy Community's commemoration ceremony of the anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001, and conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Historic Ship Nautilus & Submarine Force Museum, Sep. 11, 2025.



During the event, the community honored those lost, and U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Selects conducted the Flag Retirement Ceremony and presented a flag to the local fire department.

On Friday 12 Chef Paul (Skalski) and Mess Cooks Jim (Lawton), Rob (Davis), Stephen (Chisolm), Jean (Petryshyn) and Steve (Ricard) whipped up a fantastic Prime Rib dinner. The meal was sold out and there were very few leftovers.



On Tuesday September 23rd, we held our monthly Holland Club Luncheon where the house was packed with 61 attendees. Our guest speaker was Admiral Mike Holland USN Retired. Paul and Dawn did a fantastic job putting together lunch.



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

We have a lot of major events planned for the last third of 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 for you to have one or more of your reunion functions at the club. Contact our Event Coordinator Ashley via email at 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

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

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Robert Perritt

Greetings Shipmates,

As planned, we continued to work on the Groton Base Membership program during May. I 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

Bob Perritt
Vice Commander

JR VICE COMMANDER

Jim Lawton

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.

Kitchen Lunch hours are implemented as of September 2

Stop by and check out the vittles and say hello to Dawn Andrelli, our new cook!

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

Happy Hour

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

Special Dinner for October!



The needs of a few do not outweigh the needs of the many.
Be Part of the Solution, VOLUNTEER

Jim Lawton

Jr. Vice Commander

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BASE SECRETARY**David Frease**

The September Meeting was attended by (in person (27) and Zoom (9)) for a total of 36 members.

David Frease
Base Secretary
secretary@ussvigroton.org

BASE TREASURER**Charlie Murray**

2025 THANKSGIVING APPEAL – letters are out, and you should have received a copy. We will have a copy of the letter, form and pictures attached to this newsletter if space is available.

We continue to call it the THANKSGIVING APPEAL – but this appeal provides support and food to our Submarine Community on Thanksgiving Day and over the December Holidays

Here is CT NBC 30 link to last year's feast.

Thanksgiving tradition serves sailors away from home for the holiday – NBC Connecticut

<https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/video/news/local/thanksgiving-tradition-serves-sailors-away-from-home-for-the-holiday/3443455/>

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

The Hall Bathroom renovations should be completed in a week. Renovations include a new Hall area bathroom and a renovated bar.. This will provide facilities requested by our members and by many of those who want to use our Hall for their celebrations. We appreciate all of your donations and especially the recent large donations from 2 members.

We are grateful to all our donors.

Going forward we will work to identify vendors that provide donations that benefit our Base and our membership.

This month I want to identify:

Tile American, floor for bar and bathroom

Shoreline Appliances, new appliances for bar

Keep us in mind for your planned celebrations and reunions, we offer our building for many submarine-related events, and we will continue to improve our facilities to provide services to our members and the submarine community.

Our Connecticut Liquor Laws limit the Clubhouse use to our members.

- Liquor commission did state that they use by groups like the Red Cross are allowed

- We have a number of requests by other groups, not directly related to our organization but key in supporting the Submarine and other Military organizations, so I am investigating other options including a review of other liquor licenses
 - o We strongly believe we are ONE community and should be available to support those that served

ADDITIONAL Coin is now available \$10 each no price increase

For 2026 – if you would like to submit a design please send it to the Treasurer so we can consider your ideas.

YOU CAN 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

- please indicate that your donation is for Groton Building or Groton Thanksgiving

IF YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE ADDITIONAL DONATIONS THAT WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER DONATING DIRECTLY TO THE USSVI CHARITABLE FOUNDATION.

Note: Contributions to the 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.
 - a. Indicate that the donation is for Groton Building or Groton Thanksgiving
 - b. <https://ussvcf.org/groton-base-thanksgiving-appeal/>
 - c. [Additional funds are listed for Groton: Scholarship](#), Building Fund, Thanksgiving or WWII Memorial East
 - d.
2. Option to get donations applied to the Brotherhood Fund or any of the Funds that benefit USSVI members.
 - a. [Donate - Support Our Top Donation Campaign - USSVCF](#)

Brotherhood supports all of our national members including Groton with assistance in their time of need.

If you need more information about any fund-raising options, please contact Treasurer@ussvigroton.org

Charlie Murray, Treasurer, 860 830 9605

COMMITTEE WORKING WITH THE TREASURER

Looking for:

Media coordinator

- This could include ensuring more visibility for members and the submarine community.

Fund raising coordinator.

- identify and manage other opportunities to help us in the Submarine Community

OPPORTUNITY.

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.

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.

- This will include ensuring tracking and thank you messages to all our donors.

BUILDING INTERIOR CLEANUP:

1. The balcony office cleaning and reorganizing efforts continue. In September we removed at least 4 garbage bags of identified obsolete financial records for shredding.
2. Work on the 3rd floor will continue in October, with scrapping old paint off one area walls, repainting
 - a. Possible relocation of items to improve area usage
3. Old auditorium chairs are being to be removed from attic and the intent is to get more donations.
 - a. Initial evaluation is that there is some value
 - b. I believe we don't have any use in our clubhouse for these, and it could be dangerous to keep them in the attic.
4. A new space to be identified on the 3rd floor for any donations that come into the club. I hope that in left in a central location we can more quickly evaluate whether or not to keep the donations.
NOTE: it's extremely hard not to accept these donations from navy families; remember the items were personal belongings to their family member.

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC.
Thanksgiving/Caring and Sharing Committee
40 School Street, Groton, CT 06340-3940

September 1, 2025

Greetings! As summer starts to wind down at the Dominic "Joe" Negri clubhouse it is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. The Executive Board hopes this letter finds you well and proud of your Submarine heritage. Many wonderful things continue to be accomplished at USSVI Groton Base, and they will continue to happen throughout the years to come. Part of the USSVI Creed states "provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice."

One of our long-standing traditions is providing Thanksgiving dinner to our Sailors that cannot be with family and friends during the holiday. In keeping with our creed and in appreciation of those who are serving our country, we will once again celebrate Thanksgiving at the Groton Base Clubhouse. We will again support Navy families in need over the holiday season.

In 2024, we served or provided over 2700 meals. At the Clubhouse to over 350 Sub School Students, their families, and volunteers, delivered over 900 meals to-go, military watch standers, to home bound Veterans, to first responders and to a family in need. Additionally, we provided 300 turkeys for Navy families: which provided another 1,500 meals. All the extra food was donated to local food banks, meal centers, and to veterans' organizations.

[Here](#) is CT NBC 30 link to last year's feast.

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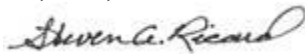
<https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/video/news/local/thanksgiving-tradition-serves-sailors-away-from-home-for-the-holiday/3443455/>

Again, this year, we plan to serve Thanksgiving Dinner at the Groton Clubhouse for Active-Duty Sailors and their families, Submarine Veterans, first responders, and others. Our goal in 2025 is to serve as many meals as we can and to reach out to our Submarine Community.

Over the past 28 years we have served between 900 and 1400 to-go and sit-down meals each year. Sailors have said we provide a feeling like they are spending Thanksgiving at home and that the Groton Base members and volunteers provide camaraderie. Remember your past Thanksgivings away from home and try to remember what it was like if you were at sea or stationed at US Naval Submarine Base New London.

The Thanksgiving Committee needs your help to accomplish our goal. It is a huge endeavor requiring donations and many volunteers. We know that the cost of all goods continues to spiral out of control, so we need your help with this project. Please take a moment to review the attached list and, if possible, choose a task and volunteer a little time, or provide a turkey or pie, or give a monetary donation. So, help us get the word about Thanksgiving to our entire Submarine community.

We ask you to respond at your earliest convenience. Please complete the attached form ASAP but no later than November 1, 2025, so we can make this happen.



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Charlie Murray

Charlie Murray, Groton Base Treasurer
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2025 USSVI GROTON BASE THANKSGIVING APPEAL

Please respond ASAP but no later than November 1, 2025, so we can make this happen.

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your City/State/Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____ Phone #2 _____

Monetary donation amount: \$ _____

Other donations: Pies # _____ # Other Items _____

(Be specific & deliver to clubhouse by Tuesday November 19th, 2 days before Thanksgiving)

Frozen Turkeys (12 – 16) pound How Many _____ **(We need time to thaw frozen birds)**
(Deliver to the clubhouse between November 20 and 21st. That's at least 6 days before Thanksgiving.

Volunteers are needed each year to make this a success. Please consider volunteering in the afternoon to help serve and to clean up at the end of the day. Bring your family and have dinner with the crew and check the items below:

- **Pickup/delivery of supplies Thanksgiving week; Day/Time you can volunteer.**
Monday (deliver food to the Subase) _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____
- **Wednesday: Assist in setting up.**
 - Wednesday 10 AM _____ Carve Turkey if required _____
- **Thanksgiving Day**
 - **Fill and deliver To-Go Orders:**
 - **Fill to-go meals 8:00 AM _____ Deliver to-go meals 8:30 - 1200 _____**
 - **Assist in serving food at the Clubhouse.**
Noon _____ 2 PM _____ 4 PM _____
 - **Assist in kitchen** Noon _____ 2 PM _____ 4 PM _____ 5 _
- **Clean-up on Thanksgiving Day 4 PM _____ Friday 9 AM _____**

We also need your help in identifying homebound veterans who we can help by bringing them a meal. If you know of a veteran or a widow of a veteran, please let us know (if outside Groton driving distance, we will work to the best of our ability to find a way to deliver a meal).

Veteran's name _____ Their email _____

Their Address _____ Their Phone _____

Please fill out and return to the club.

USSVI GROTON BASE, THANKSGIVING APPEAL, 40 SCHOOL STREET; GROTON, CT 06340

Note: Contributions or gifts are not tax deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

Note: Contact the Groton Treasurer if you need to have your donation be tax deductible.

Please indicate that you will allow us to use just your name in a list of 2025 Holiday Appeal Donors.
I give my approval for SUBVETS GROTON to identify me as a Donor _____ please initial

CHAPLAINS REPORT**Earl Colella & John Carcioppolo**

Chaplains Report/Honors Detail - John Carcioppolo 860-514-7064 Gumba700@comcast.net

The following is the Honors Detail activity from 26 August 2025

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There were no notifications of Members who departed on Eternal Patrol during this period.

Honor Detail/Celebrations of Life

Fred and Dolly Stafford - On 13 September we conducted a combined Eternal Light and Honors Detail for Fred and Dolly Stafford. Present for the Honors Detail besides myself were Chris Callahan, Rob Davis, Alex Ducette, Bob Dulin, Marian Galbraith, and Jim Lawton. What we do matters. Following the Honors Detail Ceremony Fred and Dolly's son Michael donated \$500 towards the Bathroom Renovations Project in their memory.

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LCDR Stanley W. Mathis – Shipmate Stan Mathis departed on Eternal Patrol on 27 August 2025. We conducted a Memorial Service with the Honors Detail and full Military Honors at the Clubhouse on Sunday 14 September. The Memorial Service was very well attended. Dick Higham hall was packed with over 100 people. Members of the Honors Detail consisted of Charlie McMullin, Jeff Walsh, Pedro Gonzales Dennis Hopkins, Jason Rusk, James Leonaitis, Jim Lawton, Paul Skalski, Alex Doucette, Al Kinsall, Bud Atkins, Robert Dulin, Durrell Rader, Bud Atkins, Harold Haugland, Joe Wread, Marty Glavin, Bob Sharpe, Paul Grammer, Rob Davis, Pat Urello, Steve Ricard, and Dick Warnock. Following the service there was a reception coordinated by Dee Carcioppolo and the SUBVETTES. There was a ton of food that was all donated.

On behalf of the Mathis Family and myself, our sincere thanks to all who participated, attended, supported, or donated food for this event.



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. 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 or John Carcioppolo 860-514- 7064 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.

RED HAT CEREMONIES There will be two homecomings in the fall before Thanksgiving. Watch your emails for word on the Homecomings.

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.

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.

October 2025 Holland Club Report

Welcome to the start of the Fall

LUNCHEONS Our September Holland Club Luncheon had 61 people in attendance

As previously mentioned, the Dining Room capacity is restricted to 64 people by the fire code. At past luncheons, we have added chairs and even a table to accommodate the extra people who show up. This endangers not only our guests, but our students who are walking around the room serving and cleaning up.

The good news is that the upstairs bathroom should be completed by the October Holland Club Luncheon. So this problem will soon be behind us as we can hold our monthly Holland Club luncheons topside with head facilities, and the hall can hold 100 people.

Our Guest Speaker was Retired Admiral Mike Holland who provided his insights on some of the financial issues in today's Navy.

50-50 was won by Tom Algier who won \$130. Way to go Tom.

Our new Cook, Dawn and Paul Skalski cooked a great ham dinner for us.

We also celebrated Tony Faella's 103rd birthday.



The rest of the pictures can be viewed at

<https://link.shutterfly.com/Oklnsrz01Wb>

We have speakers booked out through October. Upcoming speakers are as follows:

- **21 October Guest Speaker** The New Commanding Officer of Naval Submarine School, Captain Chance Litton
- I have invited the new Admiral at Undersea Warfare Development Center (UWDC) RDML John Stafford to be our guest speaker for November or December. The Admiral has committed to speak at whichever his schedule can support. His staff is reviewing his schedule and will confirm which one works.

HOLLAND CLUB 2026 The 2026 Ceremony will be on Saturday, 6 June 2026. Mark your calendars and plan accordingly. If you are scheduled to go into the Holland Club in 2026, you will receive correspondence from us in the January time frame that starts the process. The only thing that you have to do before you receive that letter is to make sure that your dues are paid for 2026. **Reminder** that even if you are a National Life Member, there is still a requirement for Base Dues.

John "Gumba" Carcioppolo
Holland Club Chair (860) 514 – 7064
Holland@ussvigroton.org

COLOR GUARD

Bob Sharpe

Our Color Guard did not have any request for the month of September. In October, we will present the colors at the USS Dallas Reunion.

The Color Guard may be requested to present the colors during Groton Base's Veteran Day celebration. This is dependent on the support that we get from Naval Submarine School and the availability of the Silver Dolphins Color Guard.

As always, the detail needs a few members to assist at scheduled events. If you are interested, please email me at 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. Here is the link to renew your membership. [Dues Renewal | USSVI Groton](#)

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

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



Membership Update

Members – 1,134
 Life National Members – 864
 Base Life Members - 377
 Holland Club – 646
 Associate Members – 63

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

New Active-Duty Members:

LOOKING FOR A MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

USSVI GROTON BASE “SILENT SERVICE” DMV LIAISON**Michael Hodges**

I continue to have steady inquiries from both our members as well as submarine veterans asking how to become a member and get our license plate for one or more of their vehicles. Since last month's report, I've responded to three new email inquiries, which resulted in mailing our plate application and instructions to one previous member who has now paid dues for 2025. I've also restocked our document holder at the clubhouse with plate applications and sent three completed plate applications to the DMV, one from an existing member and two from submarine veterans that joined USSVI last month to get our license plate.



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 pumproom.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**Greg Kane****Groton Base USSVI Scholarships**

Applications for the Groton Base USSVI Scholarship Open on November 1, 2025

<https://www.ussvigroton.org/scholarship-info>

Eligibility for Consideration

- A. Any student, between the age of 17 through 26, whose parent, stepparent, 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 in the year of application.
- B. Any student, between the age of 17 through 26, whose parent, stepparent, 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, who has been home schooled and has an institution (church or private organization sponsored) certificate of completion of the home-schooling program.

Gregory Kane, Groton Base Scholarship Chair

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**Marian Galbraith**

Summer is winding down, but the flowers are still blooming at the Memorial. Thanks to the Memorial Committee members, the gardens are weeded, and the flags are tended. This summer the Memorial has received increased attention as it has become a regular feature on the Thames River Heritage Park's Military Stories on the Thames River Boat Tour. Hopefully, this will result in an increase in visitors. With fall fast approaching, we will soon be turning our attention to fall clean up, but for now we will enjoy the flowers. Anyone wishing to join the Memorial Committee should contact Marian Galbraith at mktgalbraith@gmail.com.

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**Brian Hague*****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

Hey Navy, that fall weather is starting to creep in. There's a scam going around on text message saying you haven't paid your CT Toll charge. If I'm not mistaken tolls in CT ended in the 1980's.

DON'T FALL FOR IT.

It's also a good time to start to winterize your life. Take advantage of the good weather to clean the gutters, trim some branches, and put some winter equipment in the vehicle i.e., jumper cables/jumper pack, blankets, a set of warm clothes, small toolbox, etc.

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 a 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 a 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. I 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 issues.



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

Abraham Lincoln

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.



We create memorable experiences for Children by introducing them to the world of Submarine Service.



During these interactions, we address their questions and provide them with Honorary Submariner Certificates, Ball Kaps, Tattoos, Challenge Coins, and Wristbands. Additionally, they receive Therapeutic Heart-Shaped Squeeze Balls featuring a Submarine design, as well as a photo of a Submarine signed by our K4K Team.



Each Child also receives a Silent Service Coloring Book, a map detailing the locations of all US Submarine Museums, and informative brochures from the USS Nautilus Submarine Museum and the World War II Memorial in Groton, Connecticut.



We inform them about the opportunity to enjoy a Special Tour and receive a USS Nautilus Challenge Coin from Active-Duty Submariners upon their visit to the complimentary USS Nautilus Submarine Museum.

JOIN US IN BRINGING JOY TO SICK KIDS!

K4K: INFO / VIDEO / DONATE

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



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

Karaoke Night Success!

Stop by for Karaoke on Friday, October 24, 8PM-Midnight !



After the last meeting Joe Wread approached me, informing me that it was often difficult to hear what is being put out. He told me about a theater he recently went to that was broadcasting the movie's audio out to the audience via Bluetooth to hearing aids. He also told me that he would be willing to purchase said technology should I find something to support this during our meeting. I was very surprised to hear this personally, as I was unaware of the use of this. I am happy to announce that I have found such a device! I have replaced this device and will have it for the meeting for August 4th.

Here are some details about the device I will be setting up, so you can be prepared:



HomeSpot BA210 v2 Bluetooth Auracast Transmitter, LC3, AptX Lossless, AptX HD, Optical & 3.5mm Inputs, Compatible with Galaxy Buds 2 Pro, Buds 3, JY300 JM320, Hearing Aids and Bluetooth Headphones

This table provides the details:

Auracast-compatible Hearing Aids Supported by BA210 v2

THROUGH MANUFACTURER'S APP	
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Resound	Nexia / Savia / Vivia
Jabra	Enhance Pro 20 / Pro 30
Beltone	Serene / Envision / Commence
danalogic	Extend
Danavox	Brisa
NEED QK ASSISTANT / ANDROID BA	
Jabra	Enhance Select 500
StarKey	Edge AI

LE Audio-capable hearing aids without Auracast and **NOT**** supported by BA210 v2**

Rexton	Reach
Signia	Pure Charge&Go IX / Styletto IX / Active Pro IX
Widex	Allure
Oticon	Intent
Philips	Hearlink 9050

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>.

USSVI GROTON BASE OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LIST

Happy Birthday to All Who Continue to Celebrate

First Name	Last Name	DOB
Craig J	Conklin	10/1
Eric	Bookmiller	10/2
Dennis E.	Curtis	10/2
Merlyn N.	Dalebout	10/2
Jeffrey A.	DeClerck	10/2
Sergio	Rivera	10/2
Leonard W	Robbins	10/2
Arthur C.	Wiesemann, III	10/2
Mike A.	Haumer	10/3
Robert P	Heist Sr	10/3
George P	Hyland	10/3
Cyle B	Viar	10/3
Jon E.	Bruce	10/4
Robert L	Diani	10/4
Edwin F.	Atkins	10/5
Joseph	Hundley	10/5
Kipp S.	Sturgeon	10/5
Theodore W.	Ward	10/5
Frank Anderson	White	10/5
Billy	Whitehead	10/5
Paul W.	Anderson	10/6
Mark V	Stern	10/6
Donald	Decker	10/7
Garry	Higgins	10/7
Robert Harry	Nelson	10/7
Gerald	Peters	10/7
Robert F.	Small	10/7
Thomas A.	Toland	10/7
Michael	Bethune	10/8
David E.	Boe	10/8
William J.	Glueck Jr.	10/8
Robert	Hemmann	10/9
James	Lubs	10/9
Frederick L.	Obman	10/9
David H.	Boyd	10/10
Kerry F.	Gentry	10/10
Richard P	Hartl	10/10
David L.	Snyder	10/10
Gilles	St George	10/10

First Name	Last Name	DOB
Robert L.	Wetzel	10/10
William	Linne	10/11
John Stephen	McKenzie Sr	10/11
Dudley G	Rider	10/11
Joe Wendell	Roberts	10/11
John Arthur	Burley	10/12
George H.	Carner	10/12
Robert E	Hansen	10/12
Brian P	Stevens	10/12
James R.	Engle	10/13
David A	Mapes	10/13
Dale O.	Waldron	10/13
Robert D.	Confer	10/14
Sean	Farrell SR	10/14
Richard	Moore	10/14
Lyle B.	Gabor	10/15
Rene J.	Lopez	10/15
David H.	Booth	10/16
Clinton E.	Dobbs	10/16
William L.	Bohannan	10/17
Mary	Harrison	10/17
Paul A	Johnson	10/17
Michael D.	Neubauer	10/13
Kevin M	Patton	10/18
John Keller	Norris	10/19
Jeffrey	Schwarz	10/19
Charles Bennett	Clark	10/20
F. Terry	Jones	10/20
Robert A.	McMullin	10/20
Allen E.	Pope	10/20
Randall M.	Kurtzman	10/21
Charles Chance	Litton	10/21
Frederick M.	France Jr.	10/22
Joel A	Tortoriello	10/22
Steve	Moreau	10/23
Raymond	Powell	10/23
Robert G	Sharpe	10/23
Fred	Smith	10/23
Ronald	Kadlecik	10/24

Reynaldo A	Amuan	10/25
Jamie	Mordarski	10/25
Bradley S.	Perrin	10/25
Kenneth C	Vining	10/25
John F	Durkin	10/26
Glenn	Reichart	10/26
Richard W.	Poole	10/27
Stephen D.	Reiff	10/27
David	Webster	10/27

Harrison	Baker Jr.	10/28
Paul	Skalski	10/28
Joseph R	Cefaratti	10/29
Edward J	Stack	10/30
Caleb	Wilson	10/30
Gerald R	Blonigen	10/31
Thomas G	Hickey	10/31
Anthony J.	Jacobs	10/31

USSVI GROTON BASE OCTOBER ETERNAL PATROL LIST

Date	Last Name	First Name		Date	Last Name	First Name
10/23/11	Alton	Frank		10/28/09	Ludy	Harold
10/06/22	Barber	Donald		10/06/98	McAteer	Edward
10/21/23	Beagle	William		10/31/12	McDevitt	Joseph
10/03/17	Beals	Theodore		10/21/11	Mueller Jr.	Donald
10/23/13	Beaman	William		10/04/09	Mulcahy	James
10/20/19	Beaudoin	Leon		10/03/10	Nolan	Elton
10/09/11	Bowen	James		10/04/15	Ostrander	Robert
10/04/21	Cheshire	Dee		10/17/16	Paquette	Adrien
10/19/03	Davidson	William		10/02/20	Payette	James
10/19/20	Davis	Gordon		10/05/11	Petersen	Martin
10/25/04	Emery	Richard		10/22/17	Philipp	Frederick
10/11/14	Falvey, Jr.	Earle M.		10/02/17	Platia	Salvatore
10/24/13	Fitzpatrick	William		10/03/15	Rankin, Jr.	Waldo
10/30/10	Flaman	Lawrence		10/30/09	Robinson	Glenn
10/02/07	French	Ralph		10/01/20	Schoolcraft	Donald
10/12/09	Glendening	Jack		10/01/03	Schram	Robert
10/21/13	Glover	Harry		10/15/18	Scott	Kenneth
10/03/21	Hallquist	Stephen		10/24/12	Sergio, Sr.	Michael
10/03/05	Harris	Earl		10/30/05	Sprinkel	Wesley

10/06/17	Harris	Jefferson		10/09/06	Terrill	Donald
10/08/17	Hogan	John		10/30/12	Tortorigi	Raymond
10/05/20	Holland	David		10/02/23	Wallace	James J.
10/22/22	Kitchens	Billy		10/18/08	Weaver	Rufus
10/26/17	Kukish, Jr.	Peter		10/25/13	Wheeler	Kenneth
10/21/21	Labrecque	Roger		10/04/22	Wulftange	William
10/01/21	Lange	William		10/29/04	Zimmerman	Toni
10/01/21	Lange	W. Gordon				
10/09/13	Limpert	Frank				



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

always keep their memories alive.

Thames River Heritage Park

Thames River Heritage Park

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Fall Walking Tours

Join us for a series of walking tours throughout the month of October. Presented by the Thames River Heritage Park.

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<https://www.thamesriverheritagepark.org/>

Custom House Maritime Museum/New London Maritime Society (NLMS)

<https://nlmaritimesociety.org/>

NLMS
New London Maritime Society
Custom House Maritime Museum

CUSTOM HOUSE MARITIME MUSEUM

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Photo: a California family visits Harbor Lighthouse

Saving our local maritime heritage sites through education, advocacy, & preservation.
From all of us at the New London Maritime Society, thank you for supporting our work to preserve history for the future.

Please [DONATE](#) #StandUpForScience #Museums4Science

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



Join us on October 11th for family fun.

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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.”