



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



Shipmates, Families, and Friends

Greetings from the Dominic "Joe" Negri clubhouse located at 40 School Street in the beautiful City of Groton. May is now in the rearview mirror; I would like to congratulate the many members of the



Anniversary Committee for a "Job Well Done." The many hours of hard work and dedication you all put forth in making the 60th Anniversary an extra special event is truly impressive. Our guests and visitors had a firsthand glimpse of our history, our heritage, and our personal pride here, at the Joe Negri Clubhouse. If you joined us, I hope you had a great time, renewed old friendships, and visited some old haunts. If not, please visit when you can.

United States Submarine Veterans Inc.

WHO WE ARE: We are all United States Submariners! Whether currently Active Retired Reserve or an Honorably discharged veteran we all were, and some still are members 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.

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."

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.

Lost Boats – June



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



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



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



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



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



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

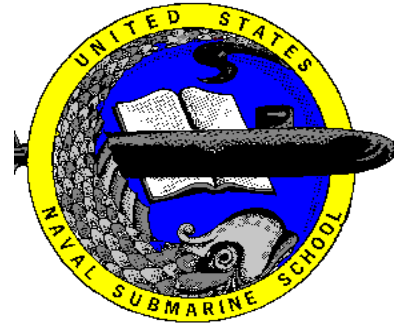


USS Runner (SS-275), lost between June 26 & July 4th 1943 with the loss of 78 men. Runner was on her 3rd war patrol probably due to a mine. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles. This boat's last known ship sunk happened on June 26th, so she probably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

Plan of the Month June 2024

DATE	TIME	ACTION	DESCRIPTION
6/1	0900	Event	Holland Club Induction Ceremony Dealey Center SUBASE
6/1	1700	Event	Anniversary Grand Banquet Ocean Beach Banquet facility in New London Reservation required
6/2	1000	Brunch	Anniversary farewell brunch – SUBVETS Tom Connors Dining Room
6/9	1000	Brunch	Sub School CPO Association
6/10	1830	Meeting	Monthly Membership Meeting
6/14			Flag Day
6/14	0900	Event	SubSchool Graduation
6/16			Father's Day
6/18	1130	Event	Holland Club Luncheon
6/21	0900	Event	SubSchool Graduation
6/21	2000	Event	Karaoke with Jamming Jim
6/23	1000	Brunch	Old Salts Association
6/25	1730	Meeting	EBoard via Zoom
6/26		Event	Independent Corpsman Graduation Ceremony – Top Side
6/26		Event	Corpsman Graduation Luncheon - Pump Room

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 the month of May, 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 three graduations on 3, 17, & 31 May. I would like to thank SubSchool leadership for allowing us to participate in this milestone event.

The following information is for BESS Class 24240, named after USS Providence SSN 719. The information provided comes from various sources including Naval History and Heritage Command and Wikipedia. Follow the links for additional details.

On May 3rd, the BESS class that graduated was named after USS Providence (SSN-719), a Los Angeles-class submarine and is the fifth vessel of the United States Navy to be named for Providence, Rhode Island. The contract to build her was awarded to the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut on 16 April 1979 and her keel was laid down on 14 October 1982. She was launched on 4 August 1984 sponsored by Mrs. William F. Smith and commissioned on 27 July 1985.



Providence is the first Los Angeles class submarine to be equipped with the Tomahawk missile Vertical Launch System (VLS). While others used test boxes and programs, Providence was the first submarine to launch a Tomahawk cruise missile from the VLS system using its combat system CCS MK1 and associated software Program C4.1. On 20 August 2021, a Change of Homeport ceremony was held at the Naval Submarine Base New London, in Groton, Connecticut. Providence was then transferred to Kitsap Naval Base in Bremerton, Washington for decommissioning after 37 years of service. Providence was officially placed in reserve status,

inactivated but in commission on 2 December 2021. The submarine was officially decommissioned on 15 August 2022 (although she was decommissioned on 22 August 2022 in the Naval Vessel Register) and the decommissioning ceremony for Providence was held on 1 September 2022. More on the USS Providence SSN 719 can be found at [USS Providence \(SSN-719\) - Wikipedia](#).

The USS Providence SSN 719 BESS class # 24240 had 37 students with an 81% average and 4 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 for this were: FT1(SS) Styles, FT2(SS) Eaton, and STS2(SS) Hess. Thank you for using your background, training, and experience in guiding these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was SubSchool Director of Training Captain Craig Litty, and Guest Speaker was CMC USN Ret Kevin Crisman. SubSchool Chaplain LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Groton and USSVI Life Member STSCS(SS) Ret. Bob Sharpe was the SubVet Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin SN(SU) Christian Espinoza. The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented to SR(SU) Trent Speers. The class Honor Graduate Award was presented to SR(SU) Robert Manchester. The Navy Core Values Award was presented to SR(SU) Tyler Goodman. 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) Christian Espinoza



William H. Purdum Award: SR(SU) Trent Speers



Honor Graduate: SR(SU) Robert Manchester



Core Value Award: SR(SU) Tyler Goodman

On 17 May, BESS class that graduated was named after the USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN 709).



Hyman G. Rickover (SSN-709) was laid down on 23 July 1981 at Groton, Conn., by the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp.; launched on 27 August 1983, and sponsored by Cmdr. Eleonore Bednowicz Rickover, USN (Ret.), wife of Adm. Hyman G. Rickover.

Commissioned at the Submarine Base, New London, Groton, Conn, on 21 July 1984, Capt. Fredrik Spruitenburg in command, Hyman G. Rickover conducted a brief shakedown in the waters off New England. On 6 August, the submarine headed southward for the Caribbean Sea, where she conducted weapons

system accuracy tests and made port calls at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico (10-15 August), and Frederiksted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (17-20 August). She subsequently successfully completed Mk. 48 torpedo firing certification tests from 30 October-2 November before making a port visit to Cape Canaveral, Fla., from 3-7 November. After departing the Sunshine State, the submarine steamed northward, successfully completed her first Operational Reactor Safeguards Evaluation (ORSE) on 11-12 December and then moored at the Submarine Base, New London, for the next several months.

More information on the Hyman G. Rickover (SSN-709) can be found

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Hyman_G._Rickover_\(SSN-709\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Hyman_G._Rickover_(SSN-709)) or

<https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/h/hyman-rickover-ssn-709.html>.

USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN-709) class # 24260 had 55 students with a 79% average and 1 student 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. Running this class through their paces were instructors STS1(SS) Mota, TM1(SS) Floyd and STS2(SS) Hess. Thank you for using your background training and experience in training these future Submariners.



The Command Representative was SubSchool Executive Officer, CDR Paul Danos. Guest Speaker was OIC USS Nautilus LCDR Bryan Chapman. SubSchool Chaplain LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.

USSVI Groton Base Member and Holland Club Member,

Walter Newton CWO3 USN (Ret) was the SubVets Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SA(SU) Emmanuel Celestino. The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented to FN(SU) Leonardo Cruz. The class Honor Graduate award went to EMN3(SU) Cody Simon. The Navy Core Values Award was presented to SN(SU) Bryan M. Bernardo.



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: SA(SU) Emmanuel Celestino



William H. Purdum Award: FN(SU) Leonardo Cruz



Honor Graduate: EMN3(SU) Cody Simon

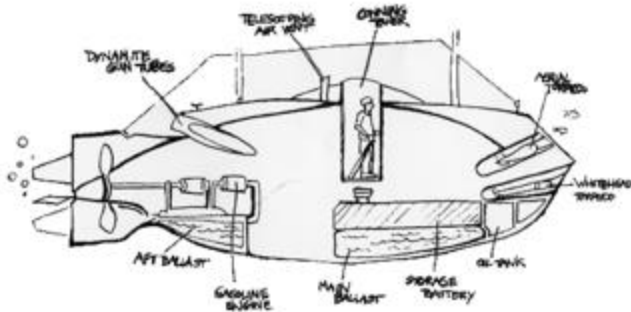


Core Value Award: SN(SU) Bryan M. Bernardo



On 31 May, BESS class that graduated was named after the USS Holland (SS-1). USS Holland (SS-1) was the United States Navy's first modern commissioned submarine, although not the first military submarine of the United States, which was the 1775 submersible Turtle. The boat was originally laid down as Holland VI at the Crescent Shipyard of Elizabeth, New Jersey for John Philip Holland's Holland Torpedo Boat Company, and launched on 17 May 1897. She was acquired by the USN on 11 April 1900 and commissioned on 12 October 1900, Lieutenant H. H. Caldwell commanding.

Design and construction



Rough sketch of Holland.

Holland was built at former Navy Lieutenant Lewis Nixon's Crescent Shipyard of Elizabeth, New Jersey for John Holland's Holland Torpedo Boat Company, which became the Electric Boat company in 1899. The vessel was built under the supervision of John Philip Holland, who designed the vessel and her details. Holland's keel was laid at Nixon's Crescent Shipyard with both men present. The two men worked

together using many of John Holland's proven concepts and patents to make the submarine a reality, each man complementing the other's contributions to the development of the modern submarine. John Holland was the inventor for US Patent 702,729 for the design of a submarine boat. Testing and training first took place at the Holland Torpedo Boat Station from 1899 to 1900. Important contributions were also made by Arthur L. Busch (or Du Buse), Crescent's superintendent.

More information on the USS Holland (SS-1) can be found

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Holland_\(SS-1\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Holland_(SS-1)) or <https://www.history.navy.mil/our-collections/photography/us-navy-ships/alphabetical-listing/h/uss-holland--submarine-torpedo-boat--1-0.html>.



USS Holland (SS-1) class # 24280 also named after USSVI founder Dominic “Joe” Negri, had 58 students with a 82% average 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. Running this class through their paces were

instructors STS1(SS) Mota, TM1(SS) Floyd and STS2(SS) Hess. Thank you for using your background training and experience in training these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was SubSchool Commanding Officer, Captain Matthew Fanning. Guest Speaker was VADM (Ret) Al Konetzni. SubSchool Chaplain LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Groton Base Member and Holland Club Member, Bud Atkins TCMC(SS) USN (Ret) was the SubVets Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SA(SU) Rocky Maldonado-Garcia. The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented to MMN3(SU) Bryce West. The class Honor Graduate award went to SN(SU) Stefan Miller. The Navy Core Values Award was presented to SA(SU) Emilio Avalos. 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.



Submarine Heritage Award:
SA(SU) Rocky MaldonadoGarcia



Captain William H. Purdum Award: MMN3(SU) Bryce West



Honor Graduate: SN(SU) Stefan Miller



Core Value Award: SA(SU) Emilio Avalos

Here is the current graduation schedule for BESS. There are still a few 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
24300	Barb	CMC		Pat Roche	14-Jun-24
24320	Wahoo	DOT		Bud Atkins	28-Jun-24
24340	Turtle	CO		Steve Ricard	12-Jul-24
24360	Nautilus	XO		Gary Schmid	26-Jul-24
24380	NR1	CMC		Bob Sharpe	9-Aug-24
24400	Dolphin	DOT		Frank White	23-Aug-24
24420	Harder	CO			6-Sep-24
24440	George C. Marshall	XO		Greg Kane	20-Sep-24
24460	Cavalla	CMC		Pat Roche	4-Oct-24
24480	Jimmy Carter	DOT		Gary Schmid	18-Oct-24
24500	Albacore	CO		Steve Ricard	1-Nov-24
24520	Kamehameha	XO		Bud Atkins	15-Nov-24
24540	Sturgeon	CMC		John Carcioppolo	29-Nov-24
24560	LA	DOT		Bob Sharpe	13-Dec-24

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.

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



The clubhouse is open Tuesday-Friday 1100-1900 with lunch served from 1200 - 1430. Thanks to Katrina, Heather, Ashley, Mika, Shelia, and Sarah 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 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.

May started out as a quiet month in the pumphoom and the kitchen, but towards the end of the month, sweat pumps were in fast mode and the clubhouse was running on all cylinders. From Memorial Day through the 60th Anniversary Celebration all hand were on deck and ready for fun times. I want to thank all for choosing SubVets for their special event, it truly brings home the feeling of family and the Submarine Community. We appreciate your patronage.

On Monday May 6th our Monthly Membership meeting was held at 1830 in the club hall. Over 40 members joined the monthly meeting both in person and via Zoom. The Executive Board gave their update on the status of the club finances, and upcoming events to be held at the clubhouse. Each committee chair gave updates on happenings during the month and plans for the upcoming months. Many new things are planned for 2024 including USSVI Groton Base 60th Anniversary.



During the meeting Robert Perritt was sworn in for another term as Sr. Vice. I want to thank Bob for doing an outstanding job and wish him another successful term.

Prior to the meeting a social hour/holiday stress relief was held in the pump room. With the invention of Zoom, you'd think more members would join the meeting.

Join us next month on Monday June 10th for our monthly membership meeting starting at 1830. The Zoom link will be published prior to the meeting.

We were very fortunate to have two brunch crews volunteer during the month of May.

May 5th SubSchool CPOA took over the galley and served up a great meal. I want to thank CMC Deam Marvin and the other Chief's at SubSchool for all their support.



May 19th Old Salts took over the galley and the hall serving up a great meal and raising money for this year's Pig Roast.



On Tuesday 21 May we held our monthly Holland Club Luncheon. A big thank you to Katrina and Ashely for doing a fantastic job cooking up another great lunch. Two future Submariners assisted us, ITSSA(SU) William Gingras-Schaack and ITSSA(SU) Arnold Ou. Thank you for making the day a little more special. Our guest speaker was from the Australian Submarine Service CWO Jason Steward. SubSchool CMC Dean Marvin accompanied him. Warrant Officer Steward talked about being in the Australian Submarine Force and the AUKUS joint submarine venture.



On Monday, 27 May USSVI Groton Base held its annual Memorial Day and Tolling of the Boats Ceremony honoring the lives lost while in service to their country. It was the first time that we were able to hold the ceremony at the WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial East since it underwent overhaul last year. Our guest speaker was RADM Michael Holland, USN (Retired). Honor Guests were Mary Gilbert and Barbara Robbins. A big thanks to over twenty SubSchool students for participating in this Memorial Day Ceremony.



After the event everyone made it to the clubhouse for a reception hosted by Sublette's and grill master Paul Skalski, thank you to all who helped provide sides and volunteer time.

Here is the link for more pictures <https://link.shutterfly.com/dhVn553fXJb>.

Thanks John Carcioppolo for taking on the role as resident Photographers Mate.

On May 30, the USSVI Groton Base 60th Anniversary Scholarship Golf Tournament was

held at Elmridge Golf Course. Sixty-Six golfers braved the element for a 0800 Shotgun start scramble. First Place winner with a score of 54 Riley French, Jeff Hagan, Mike Schnitzer, and Matt Lyons. Second Place went to Tom Grove, Scott Stackpole, Mark Patterson, and Dan Betzold with a score of 58. I would



like to thank both teams for donating the prize money back to the Scholarship Fund.



Later that evening we had the 60th Anniversary "Welcome Reception" in Higham Hall.

On May 31, the USSVI Groton Base 60th Anniversary attended SubSchool Graduation. Later that evening Steak Night was put on by Old Salts. The steaks were amazing, done to perfection. I heard over 160 steaks were grilled.

We have a lot of major events planned for the coming months so keep an eye out for announcements Facebook postings or Plan of the Month posted in the clubhouse. I hope to see you at the Anniversary. 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

On May 29th, the USS Nathanael Greene SSBN 636 held a reunion/gathering at Washington Park followed by a “Burger Burn” at the club. About 100 Shipmates renewed acquaintances and swapped sea stories some going back to 1964 when the boat was commissioned.



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.



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Robert Perritt

Hello Shipmates!

Below is a summary of income and expenses for the months of January through May 2024:

Category	Actual	Budget	Over Budget
Income	149,186	106,701	42,485
Cost of Goods Sold	38,394	29,166	9,228
Expenses	90,047	74,399	15,647
Net Income	20,871	3,138	17,733

Our income was much greater than forecast, and while expenses were also higher, the overall financial picture remains quite positive! But we can always use more “butts in the seats” especially as we enter the summer season.

On a personal note, I’d like to express my thanks to the membership for re-electing me for another term. It is an honor to serve on the Groton Base E-Board.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact me at any time.

Respectfully
Bob Perritt
vice@ussvigroton.org

JR VICE COMMANDER

Paul Skalski

Hello Shipmates

Congratulations to the members of the Holland Club Class of 2024. Job well done.

Paul Skalski
Jr. Vice Commander
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BASE SECRETARY

Alvin (Al) G. Kinsall

As you know I was not seeking another term as your secretary. It has been a pleasure serving you and the organization for the past three years. While I won't be acting in a SubVet leadership role, I will still be supportive of this important organization. I wish nothing but success for the leadership of USSVI Groton Base.

V/r

Alvin G. Kinsall
Base Secretary
secretary@ussvigroton.org

BASE TREASURER

Charlie Murray

2024 ANNUAL APPEAL

After 8 weeks, we are still getting donations, and they are very much appreciated.

Here are some comments received with your donations.

Here are some recent email messages that came with members donations:

- I am 93 and may be one of the last survivors that drank beer with Joe and folks like Coon Dog Allison. (Joe drank shots of..... I forget!)

- Due to personal problems I will be unable to attend (come to the club)

Personal note from your Treasurer – donations are used to pay for expenses and maintenance of the clubhouse, donations are NEVER used to pay for drinks or salaries. We are able to keep the kitchen and bar available to members and their guests and any expenses for the kitchen & bar are 100% covered by the income generated from have staff that control our costs. I never lose sight that the Clubhouse is a special place for us to spend time together and remember those of us who can't come to the Clubhouse anymore but who served with dedication and pride.

60th ANNIVERSARY

The Anniversary Committee has been doing an outstanding job getting this done. (by the time you read this the weekend activities are over). The celebration doesn't end on June 2 it continues for the entire year. Visit the clubhouse and celebrate with us.

CLUBHOUSE FOYER

I'm grateful for those of you that send in donations to help us fund the updating of the foyer, to date we have received \$6,000. If you remember some of the work has been started but we ran out of money for this project and your contractor has been working on other projects. Good news is that we have donations of plywood for the ceiling and new front doors; I expect that we will be back on schedule in June.

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.

Furniture Available

We still have a metal office desk and desk chairs available; the desk is now offered to the public for \$115 (see below for member pricing) Call Charlie 860 830 9605 to finalize pick up.

Pricing for non-members.

- *Metal office desk \$50*
- *Desk Chairs \$15 each*

We are actively searching for a new treasurer to assume the position in May 2025, if you are interested please contact me.

Charlie Murray, Treasurer

Cell 860.830.9605

CHAPLAINS REPORT

Earl Colella & John Carcioppolo



Honors Detail – John “Gumba” Carcioppolo gumba700@comcast.net

There were 3 Eternal Patrol as follows:

CMDCM(SS/SW) Daniel Hengerer 11/19/2023 No Honors Detail

ICCS(SS) James D. “Monty” Montgomery 05/12/2024 No Honors Detail

QMCM(SS) John Stellenwerf 04/15/2024 No Honors Detail

Many thanks to the members of the Honors Detail who continue to participate in rendering honors to our Shipmates and to Earl Colella for

his admin support in the preparation and mailing of the Eternal Patrol Certificates and prayers at the ceremonies.. We couldn't render honors to our shipmates without all of your support.

I get the information for the Eternal Patrol bios from the USSVI National Webpage Membership section. What you have there is what I put out. Additionally some of the info comes from old bios from Holland

Club inductions. If your info is not up to date either update it or ask Membership Chairman Jeff Fletcher to update it. Jeff can be contacted at membership@ussvigroton.org.

If you don't have all the right stuff then that's what we are going to put out.

Also with regards to information if we don't know of a members 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.coella@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 members passing or see an obituary of a Submariner who passed and maybe a member, do not 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 please contact me or the Base Commander, Steve Ricard.

HOLLAND CLUB REPORT

Rich Cheatham Chairman

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WHERE THE CORE REQUIREMENT FOR ELIGIBILITY IS THE DESIGNATION
"QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES" FOR A MINIMUM OF FIFTY YEARS.*



June 2024 Holland Club Report

Luncheons

We had 57 members and guests attend our May 21, 2024, Holland Club Luncheon. Our Guest Speakers were Warrant Officer Jason Steward, Royal Australian Navy, and Dean Marvin, Naval Submarine School Command Master Chief.

Our June 18 Luncheon Guest Speaker will be Captain Ken Curtin, Commanding Officer Naval Submarine Base New London. Remember to let me know if you plan to attend the Luncheon.

2024 Induction

Our 2024 Holland Club Induction was held on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 0900 at Dealey Center. Congratulations, welcome the newest Groton Base Holland Club members:

Stephen W. Ahlcrona qualified on USS SEADRAGON (SSN 584)

Tom Allgeier qualified on USS DACE (SSN 607)

Craig O. Amborn qualified on USS STURGEON (SSN 637)
Thomas A. Baughman qualified on USS BILLFISH (SSN 676)
Paul R. Brosig Jr. qualified on USS TECUMSEH (SSBN 628)
James Burwell qualified on USS NATHANAEL GREENE (SSBN 636)
James R. Campbell qualified on USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO (SSBN 658)
William J. Dwyer qualified on USS WILLIAM H. BATES (SSN 680)
David Ellis qualified on USS JACK (SSN 605)
Dale Flemming qualified on USS NATHANAEL GREENE (SSBN 636)
Joseph J. Falman qualified on USS CAVALLA (SS 244)
Carl Farina qualified on USS ASPRO (SSN 648)
Curtis P. Folio qualified on USS WILLIAM H. BATES (SSN 680)
David C. Frease qualified on USS WILLIAM H. BATES (SSN 680)
Michael A. Gilbert qualified on USS LAPON (SSN 661)
Tom Grove qualified on USS TULLIBEE (SSN 597)
Rick Harris qualified on USS JACK (SSN 605)
Kenneth C. Hartline qualified on USS RAY (SSN 653)
Robert P. Heist Sr. qualified on USS DOGFISH (SS350)
William L. Henry qualified on USS STURGEON (SSN 637)
Martin R. Hirschowitz qualified on USS SEAWOLF (SSN 575)
Allen Hynek qualified on USS HARDHEAD (SS 365)
Paul A. Johnson qualified on USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN 619)
Ronald W. Lawson qualified on USS JACK (SSN 605)
A. C. (Dean) Macris qualified on USS WILLIAM H. BATES (SSN 680)
Walter Magnavice Jr. qualified on USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN 616)
Charles F. Masterson qualified on USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659)
Tim Mazza qualified on USS WILLIAM H. BATES (SSN 680)
James A. McPherson qualified on USS NATHANAEL GREENE (SSBN 636)
Philip C. Patch qualified on USS GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER (SSBN 656)
Michael C. Ransom qualified on USS NATHANAEL GREENE (SSBN 636)
Donald P. Rinthen qualified on USS JOHN C. CALHOUN (SSBN 630)
Richard A. Sauerwein qualified on USS GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB (SSN 685)
Douglas M. Serven qualified on USS GREENFISH (SS 351)
Tim J. Shannon qualified on USS STURGEON (SSN 637)
Patrick Steacy qualified on USS GEORGE C. MARSHALL (SSBN 654)
James F. Stone qualified on USS NATHANAEL GREENE (SSBN 636)
Edward Tulinski Sr. qualified on USS R-11 (SS 88)
Travis Turner qualified on USS SEAWOLF (SSN 575) and
Derek F. Watkins qualified on USS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (SSBN 640).

Thank you to all who helped make this Induction Ceremony a success, including all the USSVI Groton Base Holland Club Induction Team:

Alex Doucette, Stan Mathis, Dominick Grimaldi, Greg Kane, Robert Sharpe, Sue Sharpe, Al Kinsall, Phil Clerkin, Charles Murray, Carl Franzoni, Shirley Patonaude, Fran Kinsall, Bob Gustafson, Steve Ricard, Marilyn Gustafson, Jack Vernotzy, Frank White, John Proctor, Ed Wylie, Dennis Hopkins, John Carcioppolo, Sandra Butcher, Jim Lawton, Tom Swaenepoel, Dee Carcioppolo, Harold Haugland, Pedro Gonzales, Kirk Haugland, Joel Kersteter, Joe Damm, John Moore, Phil Medberry, Lenny Robbins, Gary Schmid, Bob Dulin, Riley French, Kim Beagle, Jim Weaver, Jessica Barnes, Mark Jones, and Chris Zendan.

Rich Cheatham
Holland Club Chair

COLOR GUARD

Bob Sharpe



The color guard will present the colors on May 27th at the World War II Submarine Memorial East for the Groton Base's Memorial Day/U. S. S. Scorpion (SSN-589) memorial service.

The color guard will again present the colors on Thursday the May 30th for the USSVI Groton Base's 60th Anniversary Welcome Reception event.

The color guard needs members to assist in Groton's 4th of July Parade. If you are interested, please contact me at bobsharpe@hotmail.com or on my Cell at (860) 501-6161.

MEMBERSHIP

Jeff Flesher

Membership Update

RENEW NOW FOR 2024

Members – 1137
Life National Members – 851
Holland Club – 628
Associate Members - 74

New Members May 2024

ETR2(SS) Joseph Di Luzio, Qualified 1976, USS Sturgeon
CS1(SS) John Rodolewicz, Jr., Qualified 1963, USS Angler
ET2(SS) Gary Tewksbury, Qualified 1987, USS Helena

Associate Members
William Shismanian
Scott Tobler

New Active Duty free for Base and National Dues their first calendar year of membership!!

Are you a current member who wants to pay base and/or national dues for 2024 or beyond? If so, you can skip the forms and use PayPal from our website. You don't need a PayPal account, choose the guest

option. Of course, you can still also pay at the Clubhouse or by mail. You can renew on the Groton Base website - <https://www.ussvgroton.org/dues-renewal>

Please contact.
Jeff Flesher
Groton Base Membership Chairman
membership@ussvgroton.org
Thank you to all renewing members!!



USSVI GROTON BASE "SILENT SERVICE"

Robert Segal

SUBVETS LICENSE PLATE Contact Robert Segal rsegal000@citymail.cuny.edu

See Our Website: <https://www.ussvgroton.org/linksofinterest>.



Applications are available at the clubhouse next to the bulletin board in the pumphoom.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Greg Kane MEMORIAL

Scholarship Committee Update

We are pleased to announce that two Groton Base USSVI Scholarships will be awarded this year. The Award Ceremony will take place at June 1st Holland Club Induction on the Submarine Base. Vice Admiral Al. Konetzni, USN (ret), will present the checks to the two students.

More information and pictures will be posted in the next Monthly Boat-Notes.

Donations to the Groton Base Scholarship made payable to Groton Base Scholarship can be sent to Groton Base USSVI Scholarship, 40 School ST, Groton, CT 06340



On Tuesday 14 May the Memorial Committee gathered at the Flasher Memorial to clean up the flower beds and plant flowers. Twelve members with green (dirty) thumbs did a fantastic job getting the site ready for Memorial Day and the summer.

This came from someone visiting the Memorial and was passed on by Eric Pellish, Docent at the Nautilus Muesum “Great job Team! Afternoon Steve, I spoke to a visitor from Virginia. She had already stopped at the Flasher

Memorial. She told me how nice it was and how beautiful the flowers looked.” Your work does not go unnoticed.

Help support the installation of the Groton Sail by purchasing a paver. Be a part of the heritage for this great submarine.

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, congratulations on the 60th Anniversary. I'm very proud to be a part of it and look forward to all that the Groton base has to offer for opportunities to volunteer. This is the one place I know of that YOU write your own ticket when it comes to improving the organization. I love taking care of the Cannons and making things for the Club.

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 plans 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 to travel, 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 submariner 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 stoop to help a child."

Abraham Lincoln

On May 23rd, the Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kids Team of Bob Dulin, Bob Sharpe, Peyton Jones MMN1(SS), and John Riley, visited Kids at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital.

We made 14 Kids Honorary Submariners! As usual, we had lots of fun with the Kids as we welcomed them into our Submariner Family. Peyton is a new member of our K4K Team. He is an active duty Qualified Submariner, stationed at the USS Nautilus Submarine Force Museum in Groton CT, and was a Big Hit with the Kids!





Since 2009, at child health care facilities throughout Connecticut, the Groton Base's Kaps 4 Kids Program has brought Comfort and Joy to thousands of sick Kids!



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 plan to continue this program as long as there are sick Kids in need of our support.

We visit Kids at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, The Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Yale New Haven Hospital's 2 Child Psychiatric Units, The Ronald McDonald House and The Connecticut Hospice. We continue to explore visiting Kids at other Connecticut child health care facilities.

We have Fun with the Kids and give them Honorary Submariner Certificates, Ball Kaps, Tattoos, Challenge Coins and Wrist Bands. 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.



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We gave 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 VIDEO & INFO: <https://www.ussvcf.org/kapss-4-kidss-fund.html>

If the above link does not work, try copying and pasting it into your browser.

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

USSVI GROTON BASE "JUNE" BIRTHDAY LIST

Happy Birthday to all who continue to celebrate.

1-Jun	James R. Bevill	18-Jun	Brian Woydziak
1-Jun	Jack A. Lemke	19-Jun	Anthony G. Brockwell
1-Jun	Jon C. Warn	19-Jun	William E. Engdall
3-Jun	Stephen W. Ahlcrona	19-Jun	David C. Frease
3-Jun	Cary L. Carroll	19-Jun	Jerome M. Maxfield
4-Jun	Peter Wilbanks	19-Jun	Mark R. Oefinger
5-Jun	Scott G. Albert	19-Jun	Duane W. Russell
5-Jun	Donald L. Davidson	20-Jun	William L. Dawson
5-Jun	James D. Keefe	20-Jun	Lucas W. Pickering
6-Jun	Ronald L Martini	20-Jun	Michelle Sandoval
6-Jun	Johny Matias	20-Jun	Ronald H. Sirch
7-Jun	Wayne Marshal. Harding	20-Jun	Alan L. Stalb
7-Jun	Samuel M Thomas	21-Jun	Luis Matilde Duran
8-Jun	Robert William Lewis	21-Jun	Michael J. Sibia
8-Jun	Paul William Orstad	22-Jun	Todd W. Folmsbee
8-Jun	Harold R. Pillsbury, Jr.	22-Jun	G. Michael Hewitt
9-Jun	Stephen R. Borowicz	22-Jun	Hunter B. Hodges
9-Jun	Joseph L Marmaud	22-Jun	Kyle Longnecker
9-Jun	David E. Sieben	22-Jun	Nicholas M. Navarro
9-Jun	John P. Waterman	22-Jun	Steven Olmstead
10-Jun	Ross Dmochowski	22-Jun	Gary L. Surratt
10-Jun	Scott M. Jenkins	23-Jun	David McCarter
10-Jun	Paul F. Kelley	23-Jun	Raymond Neff Newton
10-Jun	Gaylon O'Bryant	23-Jun	John Pettry
10-Jun	Benjamin P. Ward Jr.	23-Jun	Thomas E. Scott
11-Jun	Robert F. Bentley	23-Jun	Bruce C. Smith
11-Jun	Rodney L. Brigham	24-Jun	Joel E Kersteter
11-Jun	William T. Greenwood	24-Jun	Jose Mercado
11-Jun	John F. Moore	24-Jun	Martin J. Paulson
12-Jun	Nathan J. Russell	24-Jun	Leland C. Rogers
13-Jun	Thomas A. Baughman	25-Jun	Alex Walter Doucette
13-Jun	Richard R. Fickel	25-Jun	William Langbein Jr
13-Jun	Thomas E. Phillips	25-Jun	Alan G. Williams
13-Jun	Robert W. Taylor	26-Jun	Ronald B. McArthur
13-Jun	Raymond D. Woolrich	27-Jun	Alexander S.T. Campbell
14-Jun	William O. Allread	27-Jun	Martin R. Hirschowitz
14-Jun	Sidney M. Harrison	28-Jun	Karle Leonard Butler
14-Jun	Stanley R. Hungerford	28-Jun	James B. Collins
14-Jun	Lawrence M. Mireles	29-Jun	Joseph J. Campisi
15-Jun	Jay W Dietrich	29-Jun	Bianca Perez
16-Jun	Bernard De Leon Sr	29-Jun	Robert M. Scent
17-Jun	Gary E. Kingston	30-Jun	Hugh Franklin Hurtt
17-Jun	Zachary Walsh	30-Jun	Ralph D Norman
17-Jun	Jeremy Zellers	30-Jun	John K. Russ
18-Jun	Charles K. Ailinger		

USSVI GROTON BASE "JUNE" ETERNAL PATROL LIST

6/1/2015	James Bracknell	6/13/2021	Thomas Massey III
6/1/2023	Cecil Burner	6/14/2016	Howard Clark
6/2/2007	Paul Gruber Jr	6/18/2013	Emerson Malcolm
6/2/2010	Michael Belt	6/19/2011	Ralph Zane
6/3/2005	George Smith	6/20/2015	John Deane Jr
6/4/2004	Martin Noone	6/21/2012	Milton Gaedt Sr
6/4/2006	Donald Kamuf	6/21/2015	David Padgett Sr
6/4/2011	Robert Van Compernelle	6/21/2017	John Norosky
6/6/2011	Francis Duba	6/21/2023	Carolina Plantz
6/6/2017	Marcus White, Sr	6/22/2021	Ronald Dennis
6/7/2007	Stanley Robinson	6/23/2022	Brian Turley
6/7/2009	Charles Kosloskey	6/24/2015	Herbert Hawes
6/7/2014	Richard Pfannenstiel	6/25/2009	Edward Lace
6/7/2015	Edward Wilcox	6/25/2014	William Vormbrock
6/8/2021	Walter Patrick	6/26/1998	James Connors
6/8/2022	William Doe	6/26/2013	Joseph Hanzel Sr
6/8/2023	Richard Vander Brink	6/26/2015	Richard Washington
6/9/2007	Raymond Boswell	6/27/2006	Lynwood Beverly
6/10/2018	Nicholas Gudz Jr	6/27/2015	John Hawke
6/10/2019	Sydney Brown	6/27/2022	Gary Hall
6/11/2007	Wallace Krupenevich	6/28/2012	Vernon Vesey
6/11/2017	Abraham Mozeak	6/29/2017	Michael Angelo, Jr
6/12/2014	Dale Peterson	6/29/2020	James Weitlauf
6/12/2019	Craig Weske	6/29/2023	Albert Hahn
6/12/2020	Thomas Majewski		



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.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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. It was dedicated 79 years ago on December 3, 1944, 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.”

NAUTILUS SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM

**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 SHIP'S 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.

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MAY IN THE PARK

Thames River Heritage Park

FEATURED EVENTS

**Whaling, Religion and Royalty:
New London and Lahaina**
WED, MAY 1 | 6PM-8PM
Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London

New London, the "Whaling City", was the third largest whaling port in the country during the height of whaling in the United States and for a short time, the second largest whaling port in the world. In 1850 alone over one million dollars in whale goods passed over the docks at New London. Used by New London and whalers from throughout New England for re-supplying their ships, Lahaina was one of the most significant whaling ports in the Pacific. Hear fascinating stories about New London's Elias Perkins II, a partner in the Perkins and Smith whaling firm who resided in Lahaina, the conflict between New England whalers and missionaries; and the influence of whaling on New London County. Artifacts gifted to the Perkins family from the royal family of Hawaii will be on display. The final lecture of this 5-part series will not disappoint. Historical lecture will be led by Stephen Manuel, Executive Director of New London County Historical Society.

Tickets include a 6PM reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres followed by the 7PM lecture. Grab your friends and family for this evening of fellowship and engaging conversation!

Island Affairs of the Thames is made possible thanks to grants from [CT.Humanities](#) and

<https://myemail-api.constantcontact.com/May-in-the-Park---Memorial-Day-Events--Maritime-Lectures--Mothers-Day-Tea-Party--Live-Performances--Music-and-more-.html?soid=1135054943628&aid=rkUGxY-iE7c>

