



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. March came in with record rainfall totals and left taking away an hour of sleep and leaving more rainfall totals. I do not think we need any April showers to bring in the May flowers....they probably will drown anyway.

I hope that you are all considering joining us as we celebrate United States Submarine Veterans Incorporated's 60th Anniversary. I have been assured it will be a great time. So put it on the calendar 29 May – 2 June in Groton, the home of the "First and the Finest".

So come join us and celebrate this milestone in USSVI history. Many activities have been for planned. Keep an eye out for registration information. Hope to see you all there.

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 – April



Lost on April 3, 1943 with the loss of 74 officers and men, while on her 7th war patrol. She was lost off Honshu. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined, but her OP area contained numerous minefields.



Lost on April 8, 1945 with the loss of 84 officers and men. Snook ranks 10th in total Japanese tonnage sunk and is tied for 9th in the number of ships sunk. She was lost near Hainan Island, possibly sunk by a Japanese submarine.



Lost on April 10, 1963 with the loss of 112 crew members and 17 civilian technicians during deep-diving exercises. 15 minutes after reaching test depth, she communicated with USS Skylark that she was having problems. Skylark heard noises "like air rushing into an air tank" - then, silence. Rescue ship Recovery (ASR-43) subsequently recovered bits of debris, including gloves and bits of internal insulation. Photographs taken by Trieste proved that the submarine had broken up, taking all hands on board to their deaths in 1,400 fathoms of water, some 220 miles east of Boston.



USS Gudgeon (SS-211) was probably lost on April 18, 1944 with the loss of 79 men SE of Iwo Jima, but may have been sunk on May 12, 1944 in another attack on an unidentified submarine and heard by several other submarines in the area. Winner of 5 Presidential Unit Citations, Gudgeon was on her 12th war patrol and most likely due to a combined air and surface antisubmarine attack. Gudgeon was the first US submarine to go on patrol from Pearl Harbor after the Japanese attack. On her first patrol, she became the first US submarine to sink an enemy warship, picking off the submarine I-173.



Lost on April 22, 1943 near Penang, with no immediate loss of life. She was on her 6th war patrol. While stalking a convoy, she was spotted by a plane and dove. While passing 130 feet, Grenadier was bombed, causing severe damage. She was lodged on the bottom 270 feet and the crew spent hours fighting fires and flooding. When she surfaced, she had no propulsion and was attacked by another plane. While she shot down the plane. When enemy ships arrived, the CO abandoned ship and scuttled the boat. Of the 76 crew members taken prisoner, 72 survived the war.

61st Anniversary of the Loss of the USS Thresher



Fred Philip Abrams*

Ronald Clare Babcock

John Edward Bell

Edgar Solon Bobbitt

Richard Paul Brann

Steven George Cayey

Larry William Claussen

Kenneth Ray Corcoran*

Paul Chevalier Currier*

Donald Clifford Day

Peter Joseph Dibella

Don Roy Dundas

Ellwood Henry Forni

Gregory Joseph Fusco

Philip Harcourt Allen

Ronald Eugene Bain

Robert Donald Biederman

Gerald Charles Boster

Richard James Carkoski

Robert E. Charron*

Thomas Edward Clements

Kenneth James Critchley*

Samuel Joseph Dabruzzo

Roy Overton Denny, Jr.

Michael John Dinola

Troy Earl Dyer

Raymond Peter Foti

Andrew Joseph Gallant, Jr.

Tilmon Joseph Arsenault

Daniel W. Beal, Jr.*

John Hilary Billings

George Bracey

Patrick Wayne Carmody

Edward Christiansen

Merrill Francis Collier

Francis Michael Cummings

Clyde Elcott Davison, III

Richard Roy Des Jardins*

George J. Dineen*

Richard Kaye Fisher*

Larry Wayne Freeman

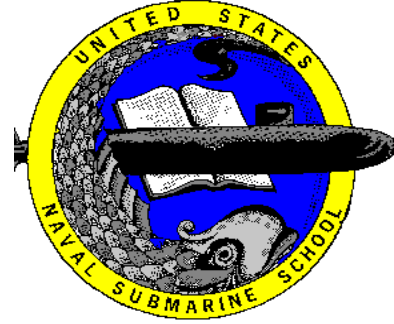
Napoleon Tomas Garcia

John Edmond Garner	Pat Mehaffy Garner	Robert William Gaynor
Robert Howard Gosnell	John Gilbert Grafton	William Edward Graham
Paul Alfred Guerette*	Aaron Jackie Gunter	Richard Charles Hall
John Wesley Harvey	Norman Theodore Hayes	Laird Glenn Heiser
Marvin Theodore Helsius	James John Henry, Jr.	Joram Hernandez*
Leonard Hogentogler Hewitt	Joseph Hartshorne Hoague	James Porter Hodge
John Francis Hudson	John Penfield Inglis	Maurice Frank Jaquay*
Brawner Garth Johnson	Edward Albert Johnson	Richard Lee Johnson
Robert Eugene Johnson	Thomas Benjamin Johnson	Richard William Jones
Edmund Joseph Kaluza	Thomas Charles Kantz	Robert Dennis Kearney
Ronald Dean Keiler	George John Kiesecker	Billy Max Klier
Robert Lee Krag	George Ronald Kroner	Donald William Kuester*
Norman Gilbert Lanouette	Wayne Wilfred Lavoie	John Sheldon Lyman, Jr.
Templeman Norwood Mabry, Jr.	Frank John Malinski	Richard Herman Mann, Jr.
Julius Francis Marullo, Jr.	Douglas Ray McClelland	Donald James McCord
Karl Paul McDonough	Sidney Lynn Middleton	Henry Charles Moreau*
Ronald Arthur Muise	James Alton Musselwhite	Donald Emery Nault
Walter Jack Noonis	John Daniel Norris	Chesley Charles Oetting
Franklin James Palmer*	Guy Carrington Parsons, Jr.	Roscoe Cleveland Pennington
James Glen Peters	James Frank Phillippi	Daniel Andrew Philput
Richard Podwell	Robert Dan Prescott*	John Sage Regan
James Patrick Ritchie	Pervis Robison, Jr.	Glenn Alva Rountree
Anthony Alexander Rushetski	James Michael Schiewe	Benjamin Nathan Shafer
John Davis Shafer	Joseph Thomas Shimko	Burnett Michael Shotwell
Alan Dennison Sinnett	John Smarz, Jr.	William Harry Smith, Jr.
James Leonard Snider	Ronald Hal Solomon	Donald T. Stadtmuller*
Robert Edwin Steinell	Roger Edwin Vanpelt	Joseph Alfred Walski
David Allan Wasel	Lawrence Eugene Whitten*	Charles Louis Wiggins
John Joseph Wiley	Donald Edward Wise	Ronald Eugene Wolfe
Jay Henry Zweifel		

Plan of the Month April 2024

DATE	TIME	ACTION	DESCRIPTION
4/01	1800	Event	Thresher Anniversary Ceremony
4/01	1830	Meeting	Monthly Membership Meeting
4/02	0900	Event	Holland Club Induction Planning Meeting
4/02	Noon	Event	American Legion National Commander Lunch
4/05	0900	Event	SubSchool Graduation
4/06	1700	Event	Old Salts Pasta Dinner
4/08	1524	Event	Solar Eclipse
4/11	1730	Meeting	Holland Club Induction Planning Meeting
4/15		Event	Tax Day
4/13	1800	Event	124 th Anniversary Ball - Foxwoods
4/16	1130	Event	Holland Club Luncheon
4/19	0900	Event	SubSchool Graduation
4/20	1800	Event	Thresher Anniversary/Submarine Birthday Ceremony
4/28	1000	Event	Brunch – First Class POA
4/29	1730	Meeting	Executive Board Meeting

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 March, a USSVI Groton Base member joined 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 on 8 & 22 March. I would like to thank SubSchool leadership for allowing us to participate.

The following information is for BESS Class 24160, named after Medal of Honor recipient, TM2(SS) Henry Breault. The information provided comes from various sources including Naval History and Heritage Command and Wikipedia. Follow the links for additional details.



On 8 March BESS class that graduated was named after the US Navy's first enlisted Submariner to receive the Medal of Honor, TM2(SS) Henry Breault. Henry Breault was born in Putnam, Connecticut, on 14 October 1900. During World War I he enlisted in the British Royal Navy at sixteen years of age and, after serving under the White Ensign for four years, joined the U.S. Navy in 1920.

On 28 October 1923 Torpedoman 2nd Class Henry Breault was a member of the crew of USS O-5 (SS-66) when his ship collided with the Steamship Abangarez and sank in less than a minute. Breault was in the torpedo room when he realized the sub was sinking.

Rather than leaping overboard to save his own life, he returned to the torpedo room to rescue a shipmate who was trapped on board. Closing the room's hatch on them, they remained stuck in the compartment until rescued 31 hours later. Breault's shipmate certainly would have died had Breault not intervened at the risk to his own life.



It was for this act of heroism that Breault was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Calvin Coolidge a few months later, on March 8, 1924. Breault served the US Navy for the rest of his life. He died at the Naval Hospital at Newport, Rhode Island, on December 4, 1941.

More on the TM2(SS) Henry Breault can be found at <https://www.militarytimes.com/off-duty/military-culture/2024/03/08/100-years-ago-friday-the-first-submariner-received-the-medal-of-honor/> and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Breault and <https://mohmuseum.org/tm2-henry-breault-us-submarine-0-5-ss-66/>.

TM2(SS) Henry Breault (MoH), BESS class # 24160 had 92 students with an 83% average and 15 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: STS1(SS) Mota 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 Director of SubSchool Captain Craig Litty and Guest Speaker was RADM(Retired) Arnie Lotring. SubSchool Chaplain LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Groton and USSVI Life Member ICC(SS)(Retired) Pat Roche was the SubVet Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin SN(SU) Michael Del Real. The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented to FN(SU) Samijay Durrahcoral. The class



Honor Graduate Award was presented to SN(SU) Troy Tran. The Navy Core Values Award was presented to SN(SU) Crystal Adams. 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) Michael Del Real



William H. Purdum Award: FN(SU) Samijay Durrahcoral



Honor Graduate: SN(SU) Troy Tran



Core Value Award: SN(SU) Crystal Adams



On March 22, BESS class that graduated was named after the PCU Idaho (SSN 799).

The PCU Idaho, a Virginia-class submarine, will be the fifth U.S. Navy vessel named for the state of Idaho. Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced the name on 23 August 2015, at a ceremony in Idaho. The keel laying ceremony took place on 24 August 2020 at the Quonset Point Facility of General Dynamics Electric Boat in North Kingston, RI.

The christening occurred on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at General Dynamics Electric Boat shipyard in Groton, Connecticut.

More information on the PCU Idaho can be found <https://ussidahocommittee.org/news/u-s-navy-christens-new-uss-idaho-in-connecticut>, <https://ussidahocommittee.org/> or [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Idaho_\(SSN-799\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Idaho_(SSN-799)).



USS Nevada class # 24180 had 81 students with a 79% average and 2 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 FT2(SS) Eaton and STS2(SS) Hess. Thank you for using your background training and experience in training these future Submariners.



The Command Representative was SubSchool CO, Captain Fanning. Guest Speaker was PCU Idaho CO, CDR Leslie. SubSchool Chaplain LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Groton Base Commander, Steve Ricard ETCM(SS/DV) USNR (Ret) was the SubVets Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SR(SU) Derrick Heidel. The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented to SR(SU) Amin Abduljaber. The class Honor Graduate award went to HM3(SU) Shane Connor. The Navy Core Values Award was presented to FR(SU) Jose Padilla-Correa.

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: SR(SU) Derrick Heidel



William H. Purdum Award: SR(SU) Amin Abduljaber



Honor Graduate: HM3(SU) Shane Connor



Core Value Award: FR(SU) Jose Padilla-Correa

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
24200	New Mexico	XO		Pat Roche	5-Apr-24
24220	Texas	CMC	Shane Adkins	John Carcioppolo	19-Apr-24
24240	Providence	DOT		Bob Sharpe	3-May-24
24260	Rickover	CO		Bill Cavanagh	17-May-24
24280	Tautog	XO		Bud Atkins	31-May-24
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 Hodge, 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.

March turned out to be a very busy month, several organizations held various events from reunions to PCU Committee events, Christening events, celebrations, and in-house events. 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 March 4th 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, National Business Office move, 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. Prior to the meeting a social hour/holiday stress relief was held in the pump room.

On the question of whether to change the Monthly Membership Meeting to the first Saturday at 1100, the vote was to leave the meeting as is, on the first Monday of the Month at 1830. Thank you all who voted. Our regular raffles, meeting attendance drawing for the 2024 Club Coin and 50/50 were held.

Join us next month on Monday April 1st for our monthly membership meeting starting at 1830. The Zoom link will be published prior to the meeting.

On Friday 15 March the Club was the host for the PCU Idaho Christening luncheon and the prerelease of SPUD (Special Purpose Underwater Drink) Juice, a collaborative IPA brewed by Outer Light Brewery, Groton CT and Sockeye Brewery, Boise ID



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There were about ninety visitors from the PCU Idaho crew, PCU Idaho Commissioning Committee members, and fellow SubVet members who came to the “Club” for a “Taco Bar” luncheon prepared by our own head Chef Katrina Marvin. A big thanks to Ashley Sands, our Event Coordinator, for making this happen and helping with the luncheon.



On Saturday, 16 March we held the annual Tom & Carol Connors, St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. You could tell Tom was watching over us in the galley as Paul Skalski, Jeff Walsh, and Steve Ricard were preparing the dinner. At one point, someone (Jeff) must have skimped on slicing the corned beef thick enough and the dish washer door flew open with no one else nearby. Jeff quickly apologized to Tom and the rest of the meal prep progressed without another incident. Close to ninety members and guests enjoyed the dinner in the hall.



We had the assistance of four future Submariners from SubSchool CSSSA Caitlyn Boylan, CSSCR Aaron Banuelos, MT3 Nitro Edwards, MTSR Christopher Libby. These four amazing students got an early look at mess cooking and scullery detail. They rose to the task and did a fantastic job.



After the meal and the final dishes were washed and leftovers stored, Creative Sounds Entertainment's DJ Jammin' Jim turned up the karaoke sound machine. Rumor had it the galley crew sang a few bars of "Sweet Caroline."

On Tuesday 19 March we held our monthly Holland Club Luncheon. A big thank you to Katrina and Ashely for doing a fantastic job cooking up another fantastic lunch. I would also like to thank the Holland Club members who helped serve and clean. Your assistance is always appreciated. Our guest speaker was SKC(SW) USN (Ret) Nefty Morales. Nefty works for the Navy Federal Credit Union and gave a brief on bank fraud and how to be pro-active in protecting our accounts and personal information.



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. 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.



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Robert Perritt

Hello Shipmates!

Below is a summary of income and expenses for the months of January and February:

Category	Actual	Budget	Over Budget
Income	36,669	24,680	11,988
Cost of Goods Sold	11,666	11,666	-
Expenses	29,619	26,306	3,313
Net Income	-4,616	-13,329	8,674

Our financial performance in January and February was strong, with income exceeding the budget by \$11,988. Despite expenses also running higher than anticipated, our net income surpassed projections by \$8,674. This indicates excellent early-year performance.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact me at

Respectfully

Bob Perritt

vice@ussvigroton.org

JR VICE COMMANDER

Paul Skalski

Hello Shipmates

Spring has arrived but with the cold weather you wouldn't know it.

The raffle for the Blackstone grill has been extended to 6/1/2024. Tickets \$10 each or 3/\$20.00, See the bartender for ticket sales.

Paul Skalski

Jr. Vice Commander

jrvice@ussvigroton.org

860.823.9641





BASE SECRETARY

Alvin (Al) G. Kinsall

Nominations for 2024 election cycle are open for Base Secretary and Sr. Vice Commander will close on April 15th.

Have you sent in your 2024 SUBVETS 60th Anniversary registration package. You are encouraged to send in your registration form as soon as possible. This event promises to be a big hit because we have not had a gathering of members, friends, and family in five (5) years. For the Welcome reception, our featured speaker is CAPT Kenneth Curtin, Commanding Officer US Naval Submarine Base New London. To top off the event the featured speaker for the Holland Club Induction and Grand Banquet on Saturday June 1, 2024, is Albert H. (Al) Konetzni Jr., RADM USN (Ret).

Come join in the fun filled week celebrating 60 years USSVI Groton Base.

V/r

Alvin G. Kinsall

Base Secretary

secretary@ussvigroton.org

BASE TREASURER

Charlie Murray



New Joe Negri 2024 coins are on sale now. Price is \$10

National Office Relocation

Congratulations to Sharon Walsh, the new National Office Manager

Furniture Available

We have an office table and chairs, metal office desk and filing cabinets available. These items are available now to any member before we place these on the Marketplace. You will need to remove them from the 2nd level. As always this is available to you as a member no charge, but you can always donate.

After April 12th we will consider selling to non-members.

2024 ANNUAL APPEAL – You will be getting a personal letter asking for your support. Letters will be mailed soon after April 1.

You can donate your time or money to support the Club.

Plan to support our Club by volunteering to help us and consider donating for these Appeals.

April – June 2024 Annual Appeal

September – October 2024 Annual Thanksgiving and Caring & Sharing Appeal

You can consider a donation to the 60th Anniversary or to renovate the Foyer.

Thanks for the donations received to help with the Foyer renovations; we have received just over \$1000 already.

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.

Charlie Murray, Treasurer

Cell 860.830.9605

CHAPLAINS REPORT

Earl Colella & John Carcioppolo



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

The following is the Honors Detail activity from 2 January – 31 March 2024.

There was 4 Eternal Patrol as follows:

TMCS(SS) Edmond E. Gibbons Passed 1/15/2024 No Honors Detail

MMCS(SS) Jim Bob Thomas Passed 1/19/2024 No Honors Detail

ETCM(SS) George Bowns 2/5/2024 No Honors Detail

Associate Member, Captain US Army National Guard (Retired)
Daniel Nolan, Passed 3/1/2024 No Honors Detail

There were 2 Honors Details as follows.

CDR Steven S. Hartzell 12 Feb 2024 Honors Detail 27 Feb 2024 John Carcioppolo, Earl Colella, Alex Doucette; Bob Gustofson, Bob Sharpe, Pat Urello Present.

EMCM(SS) Jack H. Gallimore 22 Feb 2024 Honors Detail 29 Feb 2024

Bud Atkins, Jim Bowman, John Carcioppolo, Joe Damm, Rob Davis, Alex Doucette, Frenchie Dufran, Bob Dulin, Dominic Grimaldi, Bob Gustafson Obie Hill, Gerry Herring, Paul McHale, Charlie McMullin, Brendan Perry, Steve Ricard, Bob Sharpe, Durrell Rader, Ed Russell, Paul Skalski, Pat Urello, Mark Wiggins. On behalf of the Gallimore Family many thanks to all who participated.

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 could not render honors to our shipmates without all 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 do not have all the right information, then that's what we are going to put out.

Also, with regards to information if we do not 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.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 that has passed or see an obituary of a Submariner who passed that could be 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.

Also, if you need an Honors Detail tie, please contact John C.



Homecoming/Red Hat – On 15 March we said farewell to USS COLORADO (SSN 788) as they left Groton for the last time heading to Pearl Harbor HI for a Change of Home Port. I missed the names for this going away, but a picture of the group is below, taken by Philip Medberry.

HOLLAND CLUB REPORT

Rich Cheatham Chairman

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.

April Holland Club Report

Luncheons

We had **45** members and guests attend our **March 19, 2024**, Holland Club Luncheon. Our Guest Speaker was **Nefty Morales**, Navy Federal Credit Union, Scam Prevention Officer.

Our April 16 Luncheon Speaker will be USSVI Groton Base Member **Ryan C. Walker**, Naval Historian/Author. Ryan will be discussing TM2(SS) Henry Breault, the first US Submarine Sailor and the only enlisted Submariner to receive the Medal of Honor. Remember to let me know if you plan to attend the Luncheon.

Induction

The 2024 Holland Club Induction is on Saturday, **June 1, 2024**, at **0900** at Dealey Center. *Mark your Calendar.*

Status

As of March 27, we have thirty-nine 2024 Holland Club Inductees.

- 25 Attending
- 10 Not attending.
- 2 No reply
- 2 Undecided

The Induction Planning Committee meets on the 3rd Thursday at 5:30 pm at the clubhouse, continuing through May 16th. Let me know if you are interested in being on the committee.

Induction Day Volunteers are needed. Volunteers are always needed on June 1 for the Induction Ceremony and the following reception. Let me know if you will be able to help.

Rich Cheatham
Holland Club Chair

COLOR GUARD

Bob Sharpe



Currently the color guard has not received any request for services.

The color guard next scheduled muster will be in May 2024 for the Groton Base's Memorial Day/U. S. S. Scorpion (SSN-589) memorial service and a 60th Anniversary event.

We are also looking for a minimum of two (2) U. S. Navy white heavy weight pistol web belts that are normally worn by the color guard's flag protectors. If anyone has some that they are willing to donate please contact me. The detail needs a few members to assist in the May 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 Update

RENEW NOW FOR 2024

**Members – 1119
Life National Members – 850
Holland Club – 623
Associate Members - 71**

New Members March 2024

**MM1(SS) Eugene Spaide, Qualified 1985, USS Salt Lake City
MM1(SS) Dale Flemming, Qualified 1974, USS Nathaniel Greene
LT Athos Macris, Qualified 1974, USS William H. Bates**

Active-Duty Submarine Qualified

**LT Matthew Storm, Qualified 2017, USS Louisville
TM2(SS) Nicolas Cross, Qualified 2022, USS Indiana
TM1(SS) Jeremy Zellers, Qualified 2015, USS Newport News
TM2(SS) Nathaniel Yoongblood, Qualified 2021, USS Idaho
TMSN(SS) Jaisyn Buckley, Qualified 2023, USS Idaho
FTC(SS) Justin Whalen, Qualified 2005, USS Hartford**

Associate

Staff Seargent(Ret) Andrew McLeod

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 do not 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.ussvigroton.org/dues-renewal>

Please contact.

Jeff Flesher

Groton Base Membership Chairman

membership@ussvigroton.org

Thank you to all renewing members!!

USSVI GROTON BASE “SILENT SERVICE”

Richard Rusczyk

SUBVETS LICENSE PLATE Contact Richard Rusczyk (richardrusczyk@att.net)

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



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

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Greg Kane MEMORIAL

These Are Faces Of Groton Base USSVI Scholarship Recipients 2020.



It is only through Donations from Shipmates like you that the Groton Sub-Vets Base is able to provide financial support to our member’s family members as they move on to post-secondary education. Some go on to attend colleges and universities, some community colleges, and some formal technical education programs. Any donations go toward your organization ensuring our Creed “**To Perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country**”, continues to become a reality by supporting our shipmate’s families future generations.

Please support your Groton Base Scholarship Program by forwarding a check identifying “**For the Scholarship Program**” to the Groton Base USSVI Scholarship Program 40 School Street, Groton, CT 06340.

Groton Base

Any questions, contact Greg Kane, Scholarship Chair at 860 989-1426.

Save the Date!!!

SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday May 30, 2024

Elmridge Golf Course, Stonington, CT

7:00AM Registration/8:00AM Scramble Format/Shotgun Start

\$135 per player

Signup and Sponsor sheets




**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE
VETERANS INC.**

**GROTON BASE 60TH ANNIVERSARY
SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Thursday May 30, 2024

Elmridge Golf Course, Stonington, CT

7:00AM Registration/8:00AM Scramble Format/Shotgun Start

\$135 per player

Includes: Greens Fee, Golf Cart, Coffee and pastry during registration, lunch at the turn, and buffet lunch

Hole in One \$10,000 prize on Red #5 160 yds

Special Hole in One Prizes:

Red #7 167 yds, Blue #6 192 yds Blue #8 128 yds

Name	Email	Phone #

Payment Required by May 10, 2024

Singles and doubles will be assigned the day of the event.
Prizes, raffles, and auction items awarded at the luncheon.
Proceeds go to the USSVI Scholarship

Return form to:
USSVI Groton Base
c/o Scholarship Golf
40 School St
Groton, CT 06340

For more information:
Steven Ricard: commander@ussvigothon.org
Alvin Kinsall: anniversary@ussvigothon.org






USSVI-GROTON-BASE

60th Anniversary Golf Tournament

30 May 2024 Elmridge Golf Course
Pawcatuck, CT

ANNIVERSARY GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

THE USSVI-GROTON-BASE SCHOLARSHIP FUND - The U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc., Groton Base provides scholarships to children, stepchildren and grandchildren of our members who want to continue their higher learning at a college and or university of their choice. We created this scholarship fund for these students. Please help us encourage the spirit of life-long learning!

Hole-in-One Sponsor

Red Hole #5: \$250 - Banquet program ad and tee sign

Red Hole #6: \$100 - Banquet program ad and tee sign

Blue Hole #6: \$100 - Banquet program ad and tee sign

Blue Hole #8: \$100 - Banquet program ad and tee sign



Other Sponsorship Opportunities

- \$150 Golf Cart Sponsor - Your name on 4 golf carts and Banquet program recognition
- \$100 Tee Sponsor - Tee sign and Banquet program recognition
- \$50 Patron - Banquet program recognition
- \$100 Lost Boats with Boat Name (choose Sub at <https://www.onesternalpatrol.com>)
- \$100 DBF with Boat Name
- \$100 Virginia Class with Boat Name
- \$100 Boomer Classes with Boat Name
- \$100 Fast Attack with Boat Name
- \$250 Hole-in-One: Prize \$10,000
- \$100 Business Sponsor w/Business Name
- \$100 In Memory of: _____

Business Name	<input type="text"/>
and Contact	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Sponsorship Level	<input type="text"/>

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MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Marion Galbraith



A big thanks to the Memorial committee for a job well done!

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

HELP US BUILD A MONUMENT.

<https://grotonsail.com/paver-order-form/>



USS GROTON Sail Foundation 

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USS GROTON SAIL MONUMENT *Engraved Walkway Pavers*

This monument is "Dedicated to the men and women who design, build, operate and maintain submarines, and the families and communities who support them"




IN MEMORY OF
ROLLAND B. BURCH
MY LOVING FATHER
07/09/41 - 06/30/22

Order Your Personalized Paver today!
Limited Number Available

\$250
Makes a great Holiday Gift!



Scan QR Code for info

The USS Groton Sail Foundation is building a lasting public monument to celebrate our region's contribution to our country's national defense. To be located on Route 117, adjacent to the Groton Public Library & Thrive 55+ Center, the centerpiece for this 320 foot submarine replica will be the actual sail and rudder from the United States submarine USS Groton (SSN 694).



A dedicated walkway, comprised of 8" x 8" custom, engraved pavers will be a major part of this monument.

Each paver will be engraved with 1 of 10 special custom logos and can have 4 lines of text with your choice of a name and/or text to recognize family, friends, service members, businesses, or something special to you.

Go to: grotonsail.com

Credit Cards and Checks accepted • Application forms also available at Groton Public Library

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

Hey Navy, another cold month down a few more to go. The VA just put out their End-Of The-Year 2023 Veterans Benefit Update. <https://news.va.gov/127378/2023-end-of-year-veteran-benefits-update/>

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

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.



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

We 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 "APRIL BIRTHDAY LIST"

Happy Birthday to all who continue to celebrate.

3-Apr	Stephen Leal Jackson	16-Apr	Robert Guffey
3-Apr	James H. Seaton	16-Apr	Bruce E Laney
4-Apr	Robert V Erickson	16-Apr	Roy Robert Purtell
4-Apr	Jeffrey M. Falk	17-Apr	John E. Kammerer
5-Apr	James Burwell	17-Apr	Brian R. Osborne
5-Apr	Leo E Gibson	18-Apr	Patrick J McGovern
5-Apr	James A Leavitt	18-Apr	Paul A. Whitescarver
5-Apr	Charles F McMullin	19-Apr	Wesley A Dietz
5-Apr	Edward A. Priebe	19-Apr	Harold C.F. Haugland
5-Apr	John David Robinson	19-Apr	Arnold D Holmes
6-Apr	Michael K Scroggins	20-Apr	David T Cornell Sr.
6-Apr	Kaylee M Swiokla	20-Apr	Ronald K Fulton
7-Apr	William J Giese	20-Apr	Jesse L. Ledbetter
7-Apr	Rick B Jaremback	20-Apr	Albert A. Osswald III
7-Apr	Mark A. Wiggins	20-Apr	Ronald N. Saunders
8-Apr	John E Glaub	21-Apr	Alvin L. Butters, Jr.
8-Apr	Robert L McManus, Jr	21-Apr	Jon R Pierce
9-Apr	Juan Davila	22-Apr	David L. Larson
9-Apr	Martin W Glavan	22-Apr	Stephen W. Thompson
9-Apr	Gregory C. Kane	23-Apr	Nicholas P. Dobush
9-Apr	Charles A. Maresca	23-Apr	Bruce E. Lobach
9-Apr	Patrick Steacy	23-Apr	John C. Yuill
10-Apr	Alton Seamon	24-Apr	William J Gantz
10-Apr	Alton Seamon	24-Apr	Obediah P. Hill
10-Apr	Charles R. Smee	24-Apr	Howard Ratzky
11-Apr	James D Montgomery	24-Apr	Patrick Roche
11-Apr	Serge Riabtsev	25-Apr	Douglas R. Delgado
11-Apr	John T. Robinson	25-Apr	William Hawks
11-Apr	John A. Sullivan	25-Apr	Michael Hurley
12-Apr	Orville Cambell	25-Apr	John W. Kressley
12-Apr	Kenneth L. Earls	25-Apr	Jimmy Kirk Summers
12-Apr	Michael N. Klein	25-Apr	John Tippett
12-Apr	Glen R. Norris	25-Apr	Sandor L Virag
13-Apr	Homer Darrell Callicutt	25-Apr	Derek F Watkins
13-Apr	Winthrop Hayes	26-Apr	Daniel Kramer
13-Apr	James Mugavero	26-Apr	David H Padgett Jr
13-Apr	Steven S Youel	27-Apr	John D Oliver
14-Apr	Richard J. Boorman	28-Apr	Todd M. Grace
14-Apr	Joseph P. Driscoll	28-Apr	Edward J Shaw
14-Apr	Michael O. Eastham	29-Apr	Steven A. Ricard
14-Apr	Leonard M. Glendening		
15-Apr	William R. Stoller		

USSVI GROTON BASE "APRIL ETERNAL PATROL LIST"

1-Apr-01	James Ward	14-Apr-17	John MacKenzie
1-Apr-07	Ellis Willingham	14-Apr-19	Jeweldeen Brown
1-Apr-08	William Grady	14-Apr-19	Ralph Vlcek
3-Apr-07	Charles Thompson	14-Apr-23	James Bruce
3-Apr-16	Wilfred Nelson	15-Apr-04	Kurt Menke
3-Apr-16	Peter Toppa Jr	16-Apr-22	Darrell Mann
3-Apr-22	Joseph B Miller	17-Apr-09	William Jahns
3-Apr-23	Breck Kearns	18-Apr-05	Robert Straub
3-Apr-23	Richard Noreika	18-Apr-08	Joseph Flasco
4-Apr-06	Basil Lyon	19-Apr-12	John Gill
5-Apr-12	Edward Hawkins	20-Apr-07	Roy Hilt
5-Apr-18	Harold McCain	20-Apr-21	David Jewell
6-Apr-09	Robert Booth	20-Apr-22	Donald Crooks
6-Apr-16	John Davis	21-Apr-08	Paul Skahan
6-Apr-21	Peter Fazio	21-Apr-20	Howard Jones
8-Apr-22	Barbara Lee Franciosi	21-Apr-22	Glen Dean Myers, Sr
9-Apr-20	Joseph Paskale	22-Apr-10	William Jacobsen
9-Apr-21	Richard McCannes	22-Apr-11	Robert Tompkins
10-Apr-13	Henry Fulkoski	23-Apr-08	David Helmsold
10-Apr-17	Dexter Holaday	24-Apr-11	Vernon Tolsma
11-Apr-17	William Broadbent	25-Apr-08	Peter Howell, Jr.
11-Apr-20	Elmer Holmes	25-Apr-14	George Jones
12-Apr-16	Joseph Wojcik	25-Apr-19	Charles Ames, Sr
13-Apr-11	Donald Snyder	26-Apr-13	Sean Keck
14-Apr-12	Timothy Comfort	27-Apr-20	Gilbert Engels
14-Apr-14	Helen Petranek	28-Apr-20	Michael Trombley
14-Apr-14	Vicent Rasp	30-Apr-05	Ralph Kennedy
14-Apr-14	Anthony Salafia	30-Apr-05	Constantine Zessos
14-Apr-14	Milton Weymouth, Jr	30-Apr-23	Edgar Butcher Jr



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.

This Month in the Park...Live Improv, Fort Trumbull Clean-Up, Film Screenings, Farmers Market, NL Restaurant Week, Youth Programs and more!

FEATURED EVENTS

**Bound for Desolation:
New London "Whalers" and Isles of the
Southern Ocean**

WED, APR 3 | 6PM-8PM

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London

Although citizens refer to New London, with pride, as "The Whaling City," in fact much of its 19th century whaling business was that of "elephanting" or harvesting oil from the massive elephant seals that inhabit the islands of the Southern Ocean. This often forgotten or glossed over business can appear less adventurous, dangerous, profitable or widespread as whaling, but take a deeper look. Come join us to explore the oil business – including those of local firms which brought large fortunes home to New London. Deborah Donovan has a strong background in history and the business and cultural heritage of New London and Southeastern Connecticut. You will not want to miss this storied presentation!

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 [Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut](#).

[RSVP & MORE INFO](#)

For more information visit:

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