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BOAT NOTES

For those who served beneath the waves

GROTON BASE

Groton, Connecticut

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Greeting from the Base Commander

In November 2001, our submarine community was living through one of the most difficult periods in American history, September 11th, a day that changed the way American. Junior Sailors, fresh out of boot camp and awaiting class-up (ACU), found themselves thrust into new roles—not as students, but as members of the Subase Armed Security Force.

Many were young and far from home for the first time, facing Thanksgiving without their families. What did the submarine community do? It brought those Junior Sailors together for a home-style Thanksgiving meal in a place built on camaraderie.

Fast-forward to 2026. SubVets Groton Base, Naval Submarine Base New London, and the submarine community continue to provide meals for Junior Sailors, first responders, veterans, active-duty watch standers, submarine community members, and friends.



November is our opportunity to carry on the spirit of our creed: "To provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie."

Welcome to the 25th anniversary of the annual Caring and Sharing Thanksgiving Day Dinner! To recap and set the bar for 2026: last year, we sent out 900 takeout meals, served more than 350 sit-down meals, and deep-fried over 75 turkeys.

We are an organization that prides itself on being true to the creed, "Perpetuate the memory of our Shipmates" and provides a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie." We are only as strong as our dedication and willingness to push forward and continue to strengthen that camaraderie and have a great clubhouse.

The focus this month is Thanksgiving Day, 0700-1700 and beyond.

November: Sacrifice, Firepower, and the Long Patrol

November is the month we set aside to honor veterans, and the history of the Submarine Force gives us no shortage of reasons to do so. In October we remembered Henry Breault, a sailor who turned back for a shipmate. This month we look at two Groton stories from opposite ends of the submarine's role in American strategy: a handful of brand-new Electric Boat submarines lighting the way for the first American landings in North Africa, and the quiet departure of a Groton-built boat that changed the meaning of deterrence for the rest of the century. Along the way are two November commissioning's on the Thames that are worth remembering.

Lighting the Way Ashore: Groton Boats at Operation Torch, 8 November 1942

When American troops waded ashore in French Morocco on 8 November 1942, submarines from New London had been waiting off the beaches for days. Operation Torch was the first great Allied amphibious landing of the war against the Axis, and the Western Naval Task Force under Rear Admiral Kent Hewitt sailed straight across the Atlantic from American ports to carry it out. Five brand-new fleet boats went ahead of it: *Gunnel*, *Barb*, *Blackfish*, *Herring*, and *Shad*. Three of them, *Gunnel*, *Barb*, and *Blackfish*, had come down the ways at Electric Boat only months before.



Gunnel tells the story the best. She was launched at Groton in May 1942 and commissioned in August under Lieutenant Commander John S. "Jack" McCain Jr. At midnight on 18 October, she slipped out of New London under sealed orders on a secret course for Fedala, a small town about fifteen miles north of Casablanca. Her job was to find the best landing beaches, photograph the coast through a camera rigged to the periscope eyepiece, and then sit in position as a navigation beacon for the invasion fleet. *Gunnel* made her reconnaissance runs off Fedala on 6 November. Late on the night of 7 November, her sonarmen heard the pinging of a great many ships approaching, and she began flashing her prearranged infrared signal seaward to guide the transports in.

The other boats did the same work up and down the coast. *Shad* led the Northern Attack Group toward Mehedia, taking soundings and filming the harbor and breakwater before signaling the approaching ships with a special light. *Barb* carried out reconnaissance and beacon duty and put a small team ashore ahead of the landings. *Herring* sank the Vichy French merchant Ville du Havre east of Casablanca on the day of the invasion. *Blackfish*, patrolling farther south, was depth charged by a Vichy French destroyer.



Beacon duty carried its own hazards, and not all of them came from the enemy. Overnight, the British Admiralty had changed the recognition signals without telling the beacon submarines. On the morning of 8 November, an Army Air Forces P-40 strafed Gunnel and forced her to crash dive. In waters where an American submarine was a rare sight, nervous gunners and pilots were inclined to shoot first. When her work was finished, Gunnel was ordered to fly the American flag from her jackstaff, light it with a spotlight, and clear the area.

The Torch boats went on to form Submarine Squadron 50, based in Rosneath, Scotland, and spent the following months hunting along the approaches to Europe. They were among the very few American submarines to operate in European waters during the war. Most, later moved to the Pacific, where Barb would become famous under Commander Eugene Fluckey, and Herring would be lost in the Kurils in June 1944. Jack McCain went on to become an admiral and commander of all U.S. forces in the Pacific, and his son, John McCain, a naval aviator and later a United States senator.

Torch is rarely mentioned in the same breath as the Pacific war patrols, but it marks something important. Months before the long Pacific campaign reached its peak, Groton-built submarines and crews trained in New London were already out in front of an American army, alone in the dark, showing the way to the beach.

Around the World Submerged: USS Triton, Commissioned 10 November 1959

On 10 November 1959, the largest, most powerful, and most expensive submarine yet built was commissioned at Electric Boat. USS Triton (SSRN 586) was 447 feet long, designed as a radar picket, and driven by two nuclear reactors, the only non-Soviet submarine ever built that way. On her sea trials she had beaten 30 knots. She joined Submarine Squadron 10 in New London, the Navy's first all-nuclear squadron.

Her captain was a submariner's submariner. Captain Edward L. "Ned" Beach Jr. had made twelve war patrols in the Pacific, most of them in Trigger, and earned the Navy Cross. After the war he served as naval aide to President Eisenhower and wrote Submarine! and the bestselling novel Run Silent, Run Deep. Many of us read it long before we ever saw a boat.

A shakedown cruise like no other

In early 1960, Eisenhower was preparing for a May summit in Paris with Soviet Premier Khrushchev. His naval aide, Captain Evan Aurand, proposed something to boost American prestige before the talks: a submerged voyage around the world along the route of Ferdinand Magellan. The Navy also wanted hard data on endurance, habitability, and crew stress over a long submerged run, all of which mattered for the Polaris program about to go to sea.

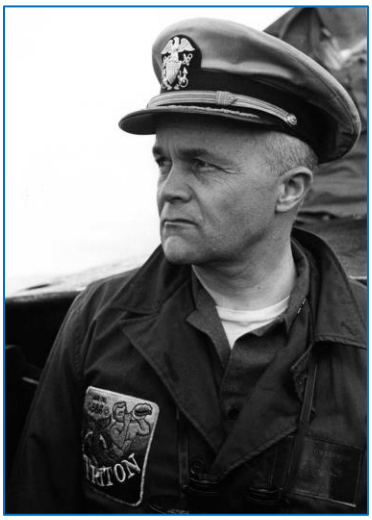


On 4 February, Beach and his squadron's commodore reported to the Pentagon in civilian clothes and learned that Triton's upcoming shakedown cruise would be that voyage. The code name was Sandblast. Beach's own code name for the trip was "Sand," because, as he was told, most beaches are full of sand. The crew had twelve days to prepare. They were given a cover story about tests in the Caribbean and told to file their income taxes early. Supply loaded more than 77,000 pounds of food. On 16 February, Triton left New London, and once she was well out to sea, Beach told the crew they were going around the world, nonstop, entirely submerged.



Triton reached her starting point, the St. Peter and Paul Rocks in the mid-Atlantic, on 24 February. On 1 March, three crises hit in a single day. Chief Radarman John Poole began passing kidney stones; the fathometer failed, and a reactor reading forced the engineers to shut one plant down. The engineers and technicians fixed the reactor and the fathometer, but Poole got worse. Beach turned the boat around and ran more than 2,000 miles out of his way to meet the cruiser Macon off Montevideo, Uruguay. There Triton broached only her sail, keeping her hull submerged, while a boat crew passed Poole across to a whaleboat. It was the only time her sail broke the surface during the voyage, and Poole was the only man who did not finish it.

On 25 April 1960, Triton crossed the equator for the fourth time and sighted the St. Peter and Paul Rocks again. She had covered 26,723 nautical miles in 60 days and 21 hours. Beach wrote that they had "taken a long lead off third base." On 10 May she surfaced off Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, and Beach was flown by helicopter to the White House, where President Eisenhower announced the voyage. Triton received the Presidential Unit Citation with a special clasp shaped like a golden globe, and Beach received the Legion of Merit. The next day, Triton was back in Groton.



The celebration that should have followed never really came. On 1 May, a U-2 had been shot down over the Soviet Union, the Paris summit collapsed, and most of the official ceremonies were canceled. But the voyage had done its work. Triton proved that a nuclear submarine and her crew could operate submerged for months without outside support, and she tested the inertial navigation system and floating communications buoy the Polaris boats would soon depend on.

Triton's later career was short. She was reclassified as an attack submarine, served as flagship of the Atlantic Fleet Submarine Force, and in 1969 became the first nuclear submarine to be decommissioned. Her sail now stands in a memorial park in Richland, Washington, dedicated on 10 November 2011, the 52nd anniversary of her commissioning. Closer to home, copies of the plaque her crew carried to honor Magellan hang at the Sub School and at the Submarine Force Museum. In 2003, Triton was inducted into the Submarine Hall of Fame on the nomination of USSVI's Hampton Roads Base and the Tidewater chapter. Beach always said the voyage belonged to his crew and the Navy, not to him.

Take Her Deep: Pete Galantin and Halibut's Last Patrol, 14 November 1944

On 14 November 1944, the 82 men and one dog aboard USS Halibut (SS 232) suffered a depth charge attack that almost ended their lives. Their skipper, Lieutenant Commander Ignatius J. "Pete" Galantin, later named his memoir of the war after the order he gave that afternoon: *Take Her Deep!*



Halibut was a Gato-class boat, built at the Portsmouth Navy Yard and commissioned in April 1942. Galantin, Naval Academy class of 1933, took command in August 1943. By November 1944 she was on her tenth war patrol, working Luzon Strait with Haddock and Tuna and hunting the convoys that shuttled troops and supplies to and from the Philippines.

Just before noon, Halibut sighted masts to the southeast. The convoy was well escorted, and the threat of aircraft meant Galantin had to shoot at long range or not at all. From 3,100 yards he fired four Mark 18 torpedoes. Two explosions rolled back through the water, and black smoke rose from one of the freighters.

Then the sonarman heard a strange buzzing in his headset. Skeeter, the boat's mutt, picked up on it too and began to growl. It was almost certainly a Japanese aircraft fitted with an early magnetic detector, and

it had found them. Bombs went off along the port side. "Take her deep!" Galantin ordered.



Halibut's test depth was about 300 feet. She did not stop there, because going too shallow was the greater danger. The escorts arrived, and the depth charges began. Galantin later wrote that it felt as though a giant hand was pushing a toy boat underwater. Halibut went down to 425 feet. Deck plates jumped loose and men fell into the bilge. Ready torpedoes were thrown about the torpedo room. The induction valves leaked, the gyrocompasses died, and the control room clock stopped at 1346:24.

Then came the cry every submariner dreads: chlorine gas in the forward battery well. The men in officers' country scrambled out and the doors were shut. Damaged air lines kept bleeding high-pressure air into the sealed wardroom until it reached 52 pounds per square inch, enough to threaten the whole boat. Someone had to open a door and equalize it, knowing it might be full of gas. Galantin ordered the torpedomen forward to crack the wardroom door. They let a little air in, shut it again, and sniffed. It smelled terrible, but it was not chlorine. When the attack had tossed officers' country upside down, it had mixed spilled hair tonic, shaving oil, paint, and food into one awful stew. The torpedomen opened the door and began to bleed the pressure off.

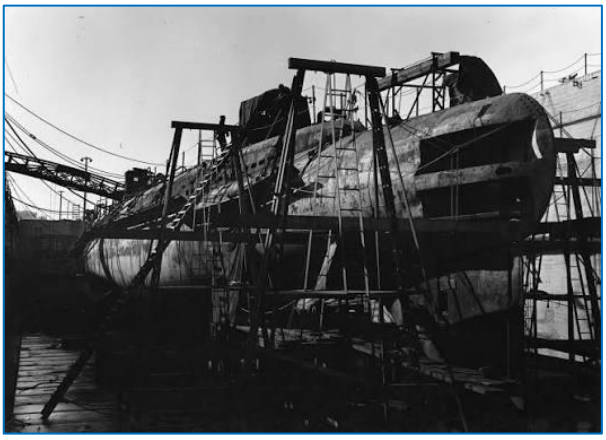


Three hours after the attack, Halibut crept up to periscope depth. The convoy was gone. She surfaced after dark, having been under for twelve hours. Her hull and conning tower were dished in from the forward escape trunk aft to the forward engine room. With the radio dead, Galantin used the SJ radar as a signal lamp and flashed "Need help" at a contact on the scope. It turned out to be USS Pintado, which helped

She never made another war patrol. The Navy judged the damage too great to repair, decommissioned her in July 1945, and later sold her for scrap for $23,123. In effect, Halibut was the 53rd American submarine lost in the war, yet her entire crew walked off her. She received the Navy Unit Commendation for that patrol, and Galantin received the Navy Cross. In his patrol report, he gave the credit to his crew and to the people who designed, built, and overhauled the boat.

Galantin's story did not end there. In 1962, as a rear admiral, he relieved Rear Admiral Raborn as Director of the Special Projects Office, the organization behind Polaris and the 41 for Freedom. On his watch the

Polaris A2 was first deployed and the A3 went to sea. He went on to become the first Chief of Naval Material and a four-star admiral, and he told the rest of the story in a second memoir, Submarine Admiral. The man who rode Halibut to 425 feet spent his later career making sure the boomers could stay at sea, unseen, for as long as the nation needed them.



His crew never forgot him. At reunions, Halibut sailors raced each other to book room 232 at the hotel. Machinist's Mate Clayton Rantz's daughter called him "Uncle Pete" all her life, which caused a minor panic at her Officer Candidate School commissioning when Uncle Pete turned out to be a four-star admiral. Torpedoman Tudor Davis, the last known living member of the crew, put it simply years later: the skipper never thought of himself as a hero, but to the men he saved, he was one.

Conclusion

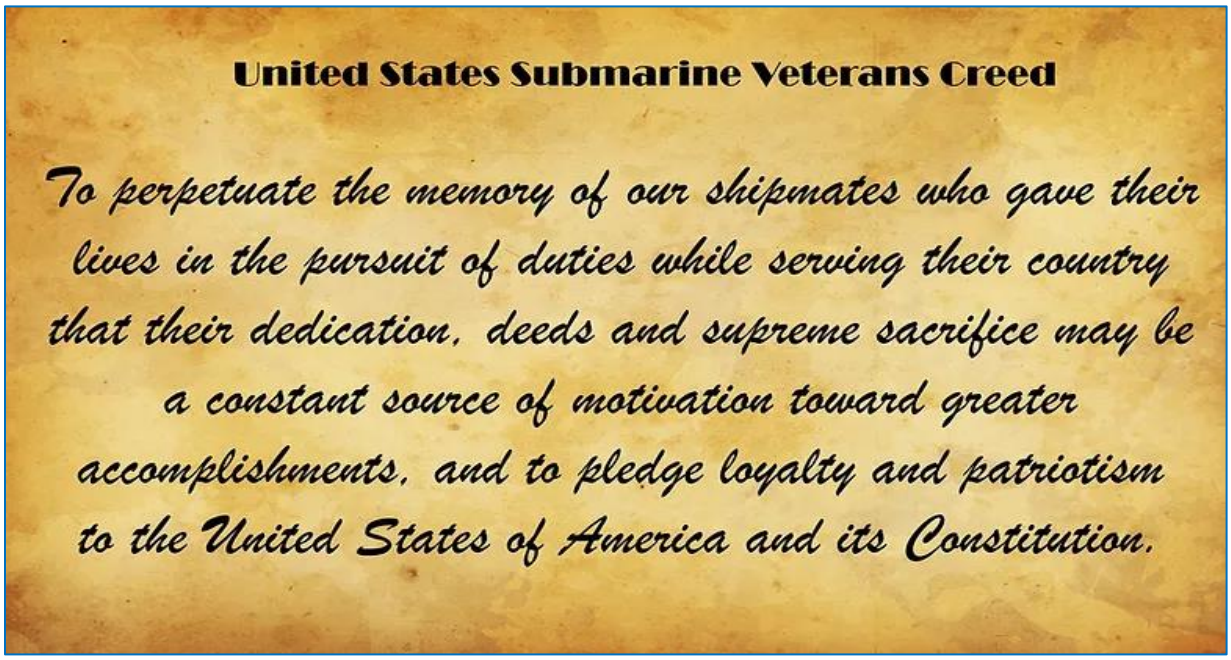
Pete Galantin and Ned Beach came from the same generation of wartime skippers, and their stories are tied together in more ways than one. When Galantin published Take Her Deep! decades later, Beach wrote the introduction. Triton's voyage gathered the endurance and navigation data the Polaris program needed, and two years later Galantin was running that program. One captain showed that a submarine could take a beating and still bring her crew home. The other showed she could stay down for months and go anywhere on earth. Together they describe the force we served in.



Last year we talked about the victories, such as the sinking of Shinano by Archerfish, but there are also plenty of things to look at that are not as well known. It is fitting that both Galantin and Beach stories fall in the month of Veterans Day. Galantin always gave the credit to his crew, and so did Beach. As we gather this month, we remember the shipmates still on patrol; we honor every veteran who wore dolphins, and we carry their example forward.

WHO WE ARE: We are all United States Submariners! Members, whether currently active, retired, reserve, or honorably discharged veterans, were all part of the elite undersea fighting force of the United States Navy. We are all volunteers who passed stringent testing and challenging training, and we proved our mettle when we earned the coveted designation "QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES." Whether your dolphins are Gold or Silver, there is no expiration date on the back of that precious pin.

United States Submarine Veterans Creed



ABOUT US: Groton Base was established as the first USSVI Base in 1964 following the tragic loss of the USS Thresher SSN-593.
Our creed serves to remember them and “all US Submariners on Eternal Patrol.”

Lost Boats

Lost Boats – November

	**USS Albacore (SS-218)**	Lost on Nov 7, 1944, with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her eleventh war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.
	**USS Growler (SS-215)**	Lost on Nov 8, 1944, with the loss of 86 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 12th war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy, probably as a result of a depth charge attack or victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes.
	**USS Scamp (SS-277)**	Probably sunk on November 16, 1944, with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay. On her 8th war patrol, she may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate and destroy her with depth charges.
	**USS Corvina (SS-226)**	Lost on Nov 16, 1943, with the loss of 82 men when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was on her 1st war patrol and appears she was lost to the torpedoes of a Japanese submarine.

	**USS Sculpin (SS-191)**	Lost on Nov 19, 1943, with the loss of 43 men near Truk. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. 41 men were taken prisoner but only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT Cromwell. Aboard as a potential wolfpack commander, he rode the Sculpin down, fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Plan of the Month – November 2026

Date	Time	Action	Description
11/1	1000	Event	SSEP Hosting Brunch
11/2	1830	Meeting	Monthly Membership Meeting
11/6	0900	Event	BESS Graduation – Dave Gustafson
11/11	1100	Event	Veterans/Remembrance Day Ceremony (City of Groton Municipal Building)
11/11	1200	Event	Veterans/Remembrance Day Reception at Clubhouse
11/13	1100	Event	SOBC Graduation – TBD
11/15	1000	Event	EBVA Hosting Brunch
11/17	1100	Event	Holland Club Luncheon
11/20	0900	Event	BESS Graduation – John Carcioppolo
11/20	2000	Event	Karaoke with DJ Jammin' Jim
11/23	All Day	Event	Thanksgiving Preps
11/24	All Day	Event	Thanksgiving Preps
11/25	All Day	Event	Thanksgiving Preps
11/26	All Day	Event	25th Annual Thanksgiving Day Feast
11/27	All Day	Event	Clean up
11/29	1000-1400	Event	Old Salts Hosting Brunch
11/30	1730	Meeting	EBoard Zoom 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."

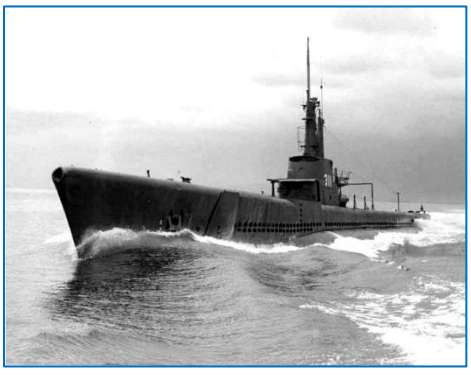
Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS) Updates

Each month, a USSVI Groton Base member participated in Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS) graduation as the Sub Vets Representative presenting the "Heritage Award" and a Sub Vet Challenge coin to the class leader. In this month's issue of Boat Notes, we will highlight two graduations held on September 25th and October 8th.

I would like to thank Sub School leadership, Commanding Officer, Captain Chance Litton, Executive Officer, LCDR Bryan Chapman, Director of Training Captain, Mark Robinson, Command Master Chief, Michael Micheli, Master Chief Esteban Vargas, Senior Chief Jerry Verant, and Chief Michael Taylor as well as class instructors, and coordinators, for allowing us to participate in this milestone event.

USS Archerfish (SS-311) BESS Class 26420

The following information is for BESS Class 26420, named after the USS Archerfish (SS-311). The information provided comes from various sources including Naval History and Heritage Command and Wikipedia. Follow the links below for additional details.



USS Archerfish (SS/AGSS-311) was a Balao-class submarine. She was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the archerfish. Archerfish is best known for sinking the Japanese aircraft carrier Shinano in November 1944, the largest warship ever sunk by a submarine. For this achievement, she received a Presidential Unit Citation after World War II.

Archerfish's keel was laid down on 22 January 1943 in the Portsmouth Navy Yard in Kittery, Maine. She was launched on 28 May 1943, sponsored by Malvina Thompson, the personal secretary to first lady Eleanor Roosevelt. The boat was commissioned on 4 September 1943.

Archerfish underwent shakedown training through the first part of November off the New England coast and headed for Hawaii via the Panama Canal. She arrived at Pearl Harbor on 29 November 1943 and joined the Pacific Fleet.

After receiving voyage repairs and undergoing training exercises, Archerfish got underway on 23 December for her first war patrol. She paused Midway on the 27th to refuel before proceeding to her patrol area north of Formosa. During this patrol she attacked three ships but scored no kills before returning to Midway on 16 February 1944 for repairs and training.

The submarine stood out of Midway on 16 March 1944 on her second war patrol but encountered no Japanese targets during her 42 days at sea, mostly near the Palau Islands. She returned to the Pearl Harbor Submarine Base, via Johnston Island, on 27 April to commence refitting.

A month and a day later, Archerfish left Pearl Harbor, bound for the Bonin Islands area and her third patrol. Assigned lifeguard duty during the strikes against Iwo Jima on 4 July, she rescued one drowned aviator before returning to Midway on 15 July.

After a refit alongside tender Proteus (AS-19) and training exercises, Archerfish got underway again on 7 August to begin another patrol. After prowling the waters off Honshu for more than a month without bagging any enemy ships, which by then had become scarce--the submarine returned to Pearl Harbor on 29 September, ending 53 days at sea.

For the remaining three and one-half years of her Navy career, Archerfish continued carrying out various research assignments throughout the eastern Pacific region. In early 1968, the submarine was declared unfit for further naval service and was struck from the Navy list on 1 May 1968. She was sunk off San Diego as a torpedo target by Snook (SSN-592) on 19 October 1968.

Archerfish received seven battle stars and one Presidential Unit Citation for her World War II service.

More on the USS Archerfish (SS/AGSS-311) can be found https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Archerfish_(SS-311) and https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/a/archerfish-ss-311.html.

On September 25th , the BESS Class named after USS Archerfish (SS/AGSS-311). had 62 students with a class average of 75%. and 1 Sailor graduated with distinction. To graduate with distinction requires an average of 90% or higher. Congratulations to this class of future Submariners who have finished one of many milestones in their Navy career and are anxiously waiting for their next assignments, whether “A” School or direct assignment to their first submarine. Instructors involved with today’s ceremony included ITNC(SS) Michael Taylor, FT2(SS) Leake, and STS2(SS) Bord. Thank you for using your background, training, and experience in guiding these future Submariners.
The Command Representative was Executive Officer Commander Bryan Chapman. Guest Speaker was Retired Master Chief Jeremiah Marzean, and Chaplain, LT David Rogers gave the Invocation and Benediction.

Holland Club Chairman and USSVI Groton Base Member RMCM(SS) John Carcioppolo USN (ret), was the Sub Vet Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to FN(SU) Gabriel E. Galven. The Heritage Award is given to the student who demonstrates performance of their duties above and beyond the call of the average student.





The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented by STSCS(SS) Jerry Verant to HM2(SU) Randall R. SanMigue. This award is given to the student who demonstrates academic achievement and personal improvement through the course of instruction.



The Class Honor Graduate Award was presented to HM1(SU) Nhat Quan Vu, by SubSchool XO Chapman. The honor graduate is the student with the highest academic average who maintained outstanding military bearing over the course of instruction.



The Navy Core Values Award was presented by Retired Master Chief Jeremiah Marzean to FN(SU) Soloman A. Wacays. This award is given to the student who best embodies the U.S. Navy Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

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

USS Indiana (SSN-789) BESS Class 26440



The following information is for BESS Class 26440, named after the USS Indiana (SSN-789). The information provided comes from various sources including Naval History and Heritage Command and Wikipedia. Follow the links below for additional details.

USS Indiana (SSN-789) is a nuclear powered United States Navy Virginia-class attack submarine, named for the State of Indiana. She is the sixteenth of her class and sixth of the significantly redesigned Block III, including a revised bow and VLS technology from the Ohio-class of guided missile submarines. Indiana was constructed by Huntington Ingalls Industries in partnership with the Electric Boat division of General Dynamics in Newport News, Virginia, with the initial contract awarded on 22 December 2008. Her keel was laid on 16 May 2015 and she was launched on 9 June 2017. The boat was christened on 29 April 2017 and sponsored by Diane Donald, wife of Admiral Kirkland H. Donald, USN (ret). She was commissioned on 29 September 2018 at Port Canaveral, Florida.

After commissioning, USS INDIANA shifted to her operational homeport at Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, Connecticut. There, she joined Submarine Squadron 12 under Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic, integrating into the Atlantic Fleet's fast-attack submarine force. Through late 2018 and 2019, INDIANA completed the early phase of her fleet life: shakedown operations, training, and certifications from Groton and in the western Atlantic. Publicly available sources do not provide a day-by-day account of these first underways and exercises, but images and brief notes show the boat repeatedly operating from New London. This period would have included tactical development exercises, engineering readiness checks, weapons-handling drills, and joint training with other U.S. and allied ships and aircraft, laying the groundwork for overseas deployments.

By late summer 2025, USS INDIANA had shifted fully into the Pacific theater. On July 22, 2025, she moored at Wharf S20 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for the first time, marking the completion of her homeport change and her assignment to the Hawaii-based submarine force. On September 3, she moved to Wharf W5 at Naval Magazine Lualualei for an ammunition onload, then got underway on September 5 for routine training in the Hawaiian Islands operating area, returning to Wharf S20 on September 10. She sailed again on September 30 and in October conducted a series of short personnel-transfer stops: in Pearl Harbor on October 4 and 7, off the southwest coast of Maui on October 11, and again in Pearl Harbor on October 12, 19 and 20. On November 10, 2025, USS INDIANA made a brief stop off the coast of Kailua-Kona on Hawaii Island, and by November 25 she was moored at Wharf Y3B at Pearl Harbor.

More on the USS Indiana (SSN 798) can be found https://www.navysite.de/ssn/ssn789.htm, and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Indiana_(SSN-789).

On October 8th, the BESS Class named after USS Indiana (SSN 798) had 74 students with a class average of 75%. Congratulations to this class of future Submariners who have finished one of many milestones in their Navy career and are anxiously waiting for their next assignments, whether “A” School or direct assignment to their first submarine. Instructors involved with today’s ceremony included ITNC(SS) Michael Taylor, FT1(SS) Abbott, STS1(SS) Worthington, and ETV2(SS) Smith. Thank you for using your background, training, and experience in guiding these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was SubSchool Command Master Chief Michael Micheli. Guest Speaker was Chief of the Boat, MMACM(SS) Cody Henry, PCU Arizona SSN 803. SubSchool Chaplain, LT David Rogers gave the Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Groton Base Commander ETCM(SS/DV) Steve Ricard USNR (ret) was the SubVets Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to FN(SU) Spencer J. Yax. The Heritage Award is given to the student who demonstrates performance of their duties above and beyond the call of the average student.

The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented by Master Chief Zach Neilsen to FA(SU) Devon C. Taylor. This award is given to the student who demonstrates academic achievement and personal improvement through the course of instruction.





The Class Honor Graduate Award was presented to FR(SU) Joseph Mar, by SubSchool CMC Micheli. The honor graduate is the student with the highest academic average who maintained outstanding military bearing over the course of instruction.

The Navy Core Values Award was presented by Master Chief Cody Henry to SN(SU) Emma Grace Bulter. This award is given to the student who best embodies the U.S. Navy Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.



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

BESS Graduation Schedule

Here is the current graduation schedule for BESS. We are waiting for the 2026 BESS, SOBC, and SOAC graduation schedules to be published. If you are interested in being the SubVet Representative, please let me know.

BESS SUB VET Representative

Class No.	Class Name	Graduation Date	Command Rep	SUBVETS Rep	Notes
	USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN 619)	*06 November 2026*		Dave Gustafson	
	USS DALLAS (SSN 700)	*20 November 2026*		John Carcioppolo	
	USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN 655)	*04 December 2026*		Steve Ricard	
	USS HARDER (SS 257)	*18 December 2026*		Bob Sharpe	
	USS SEGUNDO (SS-398)	*14 January 2027*			
	USS HAMMERHEAD (SS-364)	*29 January 2027*			
	USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON (SSBN-617)	*11 February 2027*			
	USS SABLEFISH (SS-303)	*26 February 2027*			
	USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSBN-642)	*12 March 2027*			
	USS DIABLO (SS-479)	*26 March 2027*			
	USS ASHVILLE (SSN-758)	*9 April 2027*			
	USS GEORGE C. MARSHALL (SSBN-654)	*23 April 2027*			
	USS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (SSBN-657)	*7 May 2027*			
	USS ARCHERFISH (SSN-678)	*21 May 2027*			
	USS TANG (SS-306)	*4 June 2027*			
	USS SAM RAYBURN (SSBN-635)	*17 June 2027*			
	USS CUTTLEFISH (SS-171)	*1 July 2027*			
	USS TINOSA (SSN-606)	*16 July 2027*			
	USS NATHANAEL GREENE (SSBN-636)	*30 July 2027*			

	USS CASIMIR PULASKI (SSBN-633)	*13 August 2027*			
	USS SCAMP (SSN-588)	*27 August 2027*			
	USS BILLFISH (SSN-676)	*10 September 2027*			
	USS GLENARD P LIPSCOMB (SSN-685)	*24 September 2027*			
	USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN-616)	*7 October 2027*			
	USS JOHN MARSHALL (SSBN-611)	*22 October 2027*			
	USS RICHARD B RUSSELL (SSN-687)	*5 November 2027*			
		19 November 2027			
		3 December 2027			
		17 November 2027			

Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) And Sub Vet Representative

Class No.	**Graduation Date**	**SUBVETS Rep**	**Notes**
26060	13 November 2026	Bill Sheehan	

Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC) And Sub Vet Representative

Class No.	**Graduation Date**	**SUBVETS Rep**	**Notes**
26050	11 December 2026	Bob Sharpe	

So, what has been happening since the last Broadcast?

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.

This is your clubhouse. We have made many improvements, and we are working hard to add more. We cannot survive without you. So come, join us for our monthly dinners, attend our ceremonies honoring our Submariners, enjoy your bar and kitchen, and above all say Hi to our dedicated staff. I owe a big thanks to Heather, Hodge, Mika, Ollie, Julz, and Erin for all the hard work, dedication and for keeping our clubhouse a go to destination.



Check out our menus https://www.ussvigroton.org/menus.

How do you want to start your ride home.

With this? **Or** **This?**





Stop in and unwind from your hard day at work.

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Sunday, September 4th, SSEP hosted a fantastic brunch with over 40 happy diners. Big thanks to Mike and the crew for manning the kitchen and keeping the tradition alive. BTW PFA Failure was a big hit.



On Monday, 5 October at 1830 we held our Monthly Membership meeting in the hall. The Executive Board gave a brief update on the status of the club finances and upcoming events to be held at the clubhouse. Each chairman or appointed representative gave the status of their committee.

With the invention of Zoom, you'd think more members would attend the meeting.

We offer Zoom so all our, almost 1100 members can attend.

Join us next month at our Membership meeting on Monday, November 2nd, at 1830 in Higham Hall. The Zoom link will be published prior to the meeting.

On Saturday 17 June we hosted the 1st Annual Submarine Force Library & Museum Cribbage Tournament. With ten players, the play was swift and elimination rounds were quick. The finals saw a father, his son and a friend, a coffee shop owner facing off in a game of three-handed cribbage. Turns out that these guys play every Saturday at the Lamplighter Trading Company. Congratulations to:



1st Place - Walter Shine

2nd Place Michael Shine Place Michael Shine

3rd Place James Maple

With the first tournament in the history book we can plan for the next tournament and a bigger crowd. A big thanks to Ms. Jennifer Bourque from the Submarine Force Library & Museum for organizing the event and supplying the prizes.

Saturday, October 17th we held the October Monthly Dinner hosted by the Stan Mathis House Committee. The theme for the month was "***Oktoberfest***" with guest Chefs Jim and Angie Lawton. Leaning on Angie's German heritage and upbringing a delicious meal with *Rheinischer Sauerbraten, Kartoffelklöße, Blaukraut, Pumpernickelbrot, deutscher Schokoladenkuchen, Kirschkuchen und Apfelstrudel {*thank you Duck AI*}* (beef sauerbraten, potato dumplings, blaukraut, pumpernickel bread, German Chocolate cake, cherry kuchens, and apple strudels). We had over forty members and guest enjoy this fantastic gourmet meal. Jim, Angie, and crew did such a great job and were so busy they forgot to take pictures.

Thanks for putting on a great meal.



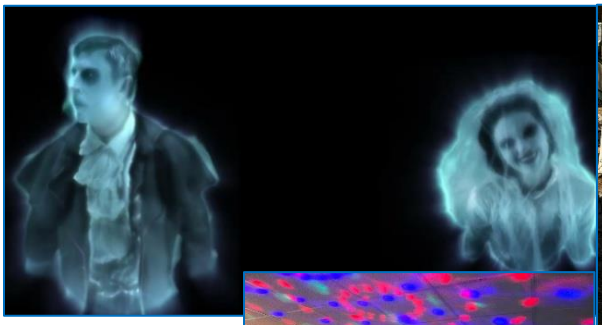


On Tuesday, 20 October, we held our monthly Holland Club Luncheon in "Higham Hall". Our guest speaker was author Damien Cregeau who talked on the history of the USS CONFEDERATE. Big thanks to Kait, Heather, and Mika for doing a fantastic job taking care of the crew.

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



On Friday, October 23rd our resident ghosts, Charles and Mary, had company over for a pre-Halloween party and DJ Jammin Jim karaoke night.









We have a lot of open dates to plan your holiday event for 2026 and 2027, so keep an eye out for announcements, Facebook postings, or the 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 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" in 2026 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 Heather via email at events@ussvigroton.org.

As mentioned at SubSchool graduations, the friendship, and the bonds that you make while onboard your boat will last forever. I want to thank the boats who have stopped by the club "your club" to renew friendships and to check on our many updates since your last visit.
https://www.ussvigroton.org

Finding it difficult to find a good list of Submarine Reunions? The PAO has added a new calendar to the website for finding Submarine Reunions. Should you become aware of one, please send me the information and I will add it to this calendar.

Jim Lawton, Webmaster / PAO – pao@ussvigroton.org

https://www.ussvigroton.org/boatreunions

Senior Vice Commander Dominick Grimaldi

Over the next few months Dom will be settling into the role as Sr Vice and looking for ways to bring former members back to SubVets.

Junior Vice Commander Jim Lawton

Hello Shipmates,

We need to thank our Clubhouse staff for stepping in to keep the club active during these summer months as people take vacation. We encourage you to show up and provide me with feedback on how we can improve to get you there!

We have been getting some updates to the clubhouse! We have to close on Tuesday October 13th as we have a contractor coming in to clean the Hood Vent in the kitchen. We have plans to remodel the lady's restroom, and that will be coming soon. Tuesday continues to be a slow day, and as such we have started shutting down after lunch at 2PM (1400), and we may not open at all on Tuesday unless business picks up.

We are evaluating the heating and air conditioning in the bar / dining hall. We are evaluating options to be able to maintain the temperature consistently; this has always been a problem, and we are listening to all of your feedback.

Summer Clubhouse Hours (As of March 31, 2026)

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Tuesday **11:00 – 14:00**,

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

11:00 – 19:00

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

Kaitlyn Hodge is our kitchen crew as you would already know if you would stop in.

We now offer Mozzarella Sticks, Jalapeno Poppers, Chicken Wings, and a Combination platter which has all the above, plus Chicken Tenders and Fries or Onion Rings!

We have also listened to you and replaced the hot dogs with a Foot Long, Great Tasting one!

Happy Hour

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday **15:00 – 18:00**



We are working hard to maintain and improve your Clubhouse. Please notify me if you find a discrepancy. General comments for consideration can be sent to my email below. If it is a material deficiency, ask the bartender for the Maintenance Deficiency Log to document it. This log will be maintained by me to document issues. This document is Appendix B of the Club Operations Policy and Procedures manual available on our USSVI Groton Website - https://www.ussvigroton.org/bylaws-ppm (PPM - USSVIGB - Groton Base Clubhouse).

Jim Lawton

Jr. Vice Commander

jrvice@ussvigroton.org

860.984.5497

BASE SECRETARY Alvin G. Kinsall

NOTARY REPUBLIC – Notice to members - If you need to have a legal document notarized, I can provide you with this service free of charge.

BYLAWS - Subcommittee continues its work to bring the base bylaws up to date the way we do business today. Committee Chairs are requested to review their Policy and Procedure Manuals for updates and or deletions. Forward your review of comments to the Base Secretary by December 1st.

We continue looking for SUBVET volunteers to help out the Submarine Force Library and Museum. Last month I shared the information stated below. I'll keep it up for another month for your convenience.

- The museum needs volunteers, all watches, every day except Tuesdays. Please consider volunteering for a watch or two times a month. For more information and to stand a UI watch, to see if it's for you, give me a call (860-460-0027) or Jennifer Bourque at **Jennifer.a.bourque2.civ@us.navy.mil**
- The museum will evolve to winter hours on 01 November 2026. Morning watch is 0900 to 1230, and afternoon watch is from 1230 to 1530. The museum will be changing to winter hours on 01 November 2026.

Alvin G Kinsall
Base Secretary secretary@ussvigroton.org
(860)460-0027

BASE TREASURER – Charlie Murray

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

ON HOLD – REASON: we are reviewing options for Grants that could cover this renovation and other renovations which will allow for easier access an safety. This may continue into first quarter 2027

Tentative in planning: Ladies' Room Bathroom.

FYI, please remember that you can send in a separate donation for this project; as in the past, Michael Shusta, our contractor, will work to get some materials donated. Remember that National will help us with funding as a match on expenses up to $15,000.

If you want to make a separate donation for this project, please consider it since this is the last of the building's bathrooms to be renovated.

THANKSGIVING APPEAL (HOLIDAY FUND RAISING) 2026

2nd donation Letters mailed after November 1, .This is our efforts to support our local submarine community during the Holiday season. This is a great event for us to share our time and clubhouse with SubSchool sailors and the entire submarine community

Did you know we bring out a hot thanksgiving dinner to our members who have limited access to getting out on any holiday. We include any home limited veterans and especially to the spouses of our members on Eternal Patrol.

Always a great event & appreciated by our active duty & Navy families.

FINANCIALS:

Financial information thru October 2026 will be posted on our website

All expenses have been paid to date. (note that we are able to do this because of the successful operations of the Clubhouse and by the submarine community donations.

Reimbursement – Notice: Going forward, please coordinate any expenses with the Treasurer in advance of any expense. We have staff with debit cards that can be used to purchase necessary items. To limit processing checks, we will be reimbursing via Zelle and PayPal. We are still working through a few issues with setting up Venmo.

DONATIONS

- We are grateful for all donations to date. Compared to last 2 years our Thanksgiving donations received are lower than expected

SPECIAL DONATION

We have received a donation from the USS HARDHEAD ALUMNI REUNION. The donation is the final amount in their Treasurer and their wish that we remember their Shipmate and member of the REDFISH Base who passed away on August 31 2026. - Shipmate Gary Flesher CMDCM(SS). The donation is in memory of EMCM(SS) Jack Gallimore.

Per their bylaws any monies left in the treasury at the time it is voted to terminate the Alumni by members present the funds are to be given to a charity. Funds will be transferred to the Groton Base Building Fund and we are now discussing this with the National Charitable Foundation

Materials given to the Groton Treasurer will be forward to the Groton Membership in the near future; copies of correspondence and photos

Hardhead Alumni Association
c/o William Murray, Treasurer
203 W Queens Drive
Slidell, LA 70458

Attn: Charles Murray, Bldg. Fund Manager

Dear Mr. Murray,

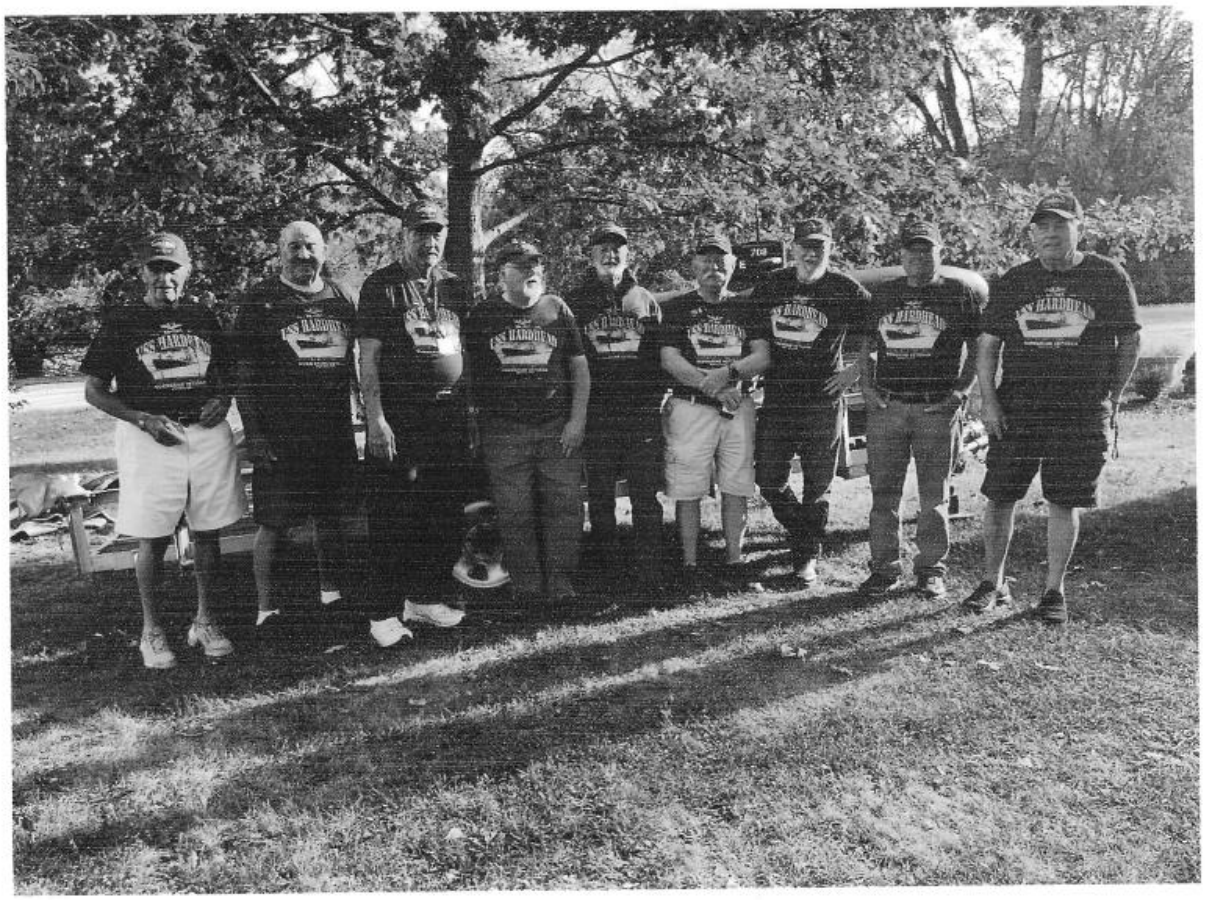
Please find enclosed a Donation to Groton Base in the amount of $1,164.24. The Donation is in Memory of Jack Gallimore EMCM(SS), our COB and base members who attended our final reunion. As per our by-laws, any monies left in the treasury at the time it is voted to terminate the Alumni by the members present, the funds are to be given to charity. We elected Groton Base to receive our check because of your base being active in relief to sailors and their families and Groton being our home port.

I have included pictures of those who attended our last reunion at the Minneapolis-St. Paul No. 708 memorial ceremony on September 12, 2026. If possible, we would appreciate if you can have these pictures placed in the American Submariner magazine for our group.

Fraternally yours,

William V. Murray, Treasurer
985-285-3826

USS HARDHEAD ALUMNI REUNION – SEPT 11,2026
INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, MN



ATTENDING REUNION PICNIC - LEFT TO RIGHT – JOHN HOKANSON, MICHAEL BUSBY, RALPH TRALLO, WALTON SICKLER, EVERETT DECATOR, BILL WILBER, JOHN BARNES, CHARLES MONGAN, WILLIAM MURRAY

USS HARDHEAD ALUMNI REUNION – SEPTEMBER 12,2026

Minneapolis-St. Paul museum



LEFT TO RIGHT – RALPH TRALLO, EVERETT DECATOR, WALTON SICKLER, CHARLES MONGAN, JOHN BARNES, WILLIAM MURRAY, JOHN HOKANSON

BUDGET for 2027 - will be available prior to December 1st

Future donations:

We are asked, “How can I identify Sub Vets Groton for donations in my name once I'm on Eternal Patrol”?

- First, Sub Vets wants to know that you are well but if you pass away, we want to acknowledge your service and show our appreciation for you as a shipmate.
- Next – you need to let your family know that they should notify Sub Vets if you pass away.

If you select to make or have donations, go to Sub Vets:

Now - Your family can include in your obituary the suggestion that donations be made to Sub Vets Groton. We appreciate these donations in memory of our shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

Now – you can set up a Legacy Fund in your name with the National Charitable Foundation. Ask if you are interested

Future - We are working to set up an account for those members who want to include in their wills or insurance beneficiary statements that Sub Vets is identified as their beneficiary or receives a specific amount of money once they pass. This account could be restricted for the ongoing support of SubVets Groton.

Suggested Groton Building Improvements:

- 1st level ladies' room – tentative late August....we are still short of funds to do this work
- Fix the front door, get back to using the buzzer (with luck it is fixed before you read this)
- Add locks to provide additional security to in building doors (over the summer)
    - Lock installed between bar and hallway from front door... reason in the future we may want to isolate the bar from events in the Hall
- Hall create storage area for tables and chairs
- Outside storage building or shipping container for items used once or twice a year.
- Propane storage rack
- Gutters – will recheck before winter

  Note: if you have ideas or suggestions, please let us know

DONATIONS:

DONATIONS ARE NOT ONLY IMPORTANT BUT CRITICAL. Our National and local bases need donations to keep activities available to our submarine communities. For Groton it's keeping the doors open but just one visit and you can see the difference individual donations have made in maintaining the building and improving services to all of us!

YOU CAN DONATE TO SUBVETS GROTON OR THE NATIONAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

There are a few ways you can donate.

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

Option 2: You can donate Via PayPal at https://www.ussvigroton.org/donations.
You can donate to our Annual or Thanksgiving Appeals, to our Scholarship, Holland Club, Memorial Fund, Capital Improvements and Kaps4Kids.
Note: Contributions to SUBVETS GROTON are not tax deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

Option 3: You can mail a check to USSV Charitable Foundation PO Box 1063 Groton CT 06340-1063. Please indicate that your donation is for Groton Building or Groton Thanksgiving.

(We have fund accounts with the Charitable Foundation. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3), so your donations to our accounts at the Foundation are tax deductible.)

(as always, we will acknowledge all donations)

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

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

IMPORTANT NEW OPTION AVAILABLE – IF YOU WANT A TAX DEDUCTION

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

1. Option to get donations applied and available for Groton.
    a. Indicate that the donation is for Groton Building o
    b. Additional funds are listed for Groton: Scholarship, Building Fund, Thanksgiving or WWII Memorial East
2. Option to get donations applied to the Brotherhood Fund or any of the Funds that benefit USSVI members.
    a. Donate - Support Our Top Donation Campaign - USSVCF

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

If you need more information about any fund-raising options, please contact Treasurer *Charlie Murray, 860 830 9605* or Treasurer@ussvigroton.org

BUILDING INTERIOR CLEANUP:

1. Work on the 3rd floor will continue in June or during summer, with scraping old paint off one area of the walls and repainting.
    a. Possible relocation of items to improve area usage
2. Old auditorium chairs will be removed from attic, and the intent is to get more donations.
    a. Initial evaluation is that there is some value
    b. I believe we don't have any use in our clubhouse for these, and it could be dangerous to keep them in the attic.
    c. Need a crew maybe 5 to relocate items
3. A new space to be identified on the 3rd floor for any donations that come into the club. I hope that in left in a central location we can more quickly evaluate whether or not to keep the donations. NOTE: It's extremely hard not to accept these donations from navy families; remember the items were personal belongings to their family members.

BUILDING EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

THANKS TO : Larry Williamson for repairing the buzzer on the front door.

Base Chaplin



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

The following is the Honors Detail activity from August 26th.

We were notified of a large number of members who passed away this month.

The following members departed on Eternal Patrol since the last newsletter.
MMCM(SS) Joseph Katusich Sr. departed on Eternal Patrol on 10 September 2026. There were no honors presented.
ET2(SS) Forrest E. Cramer Jr. departed on Eternal Patrol on 20 September 2026. The Honors Detail Presented Honors on October 2nd. Present for the Honors Detail were Earl Colella, Rob Davis, Alex Ducette, Bob Dulin, Bob Gustafson, Dave Gustafson, Bob Sharpe, Charlie Murray, Steve Ricard, Paul Skalski, and Joe Wread
TMCS(SS) William Engdall departed on Eternal Patrol on 23 October 2026. Honors Detail is tentative for Monday 2 November 2026 at the Submarine Force Library and Museum at 1300.
EN2(SS) Raymond E. (Ray) Williams departed on Eternal Patrol on 7 October 2026. There were no honors presented.

Please make sure that your families have instructions to contact us in the event of your passing. This information should be kept with insurance documents, wills, and other like documents.

The information for the Eternal Patrol bios comes from the USSVI National Webpage Membership section. What you have there is what I put out. If you don't have all the right stuff, then that's what we are going to put out. Additionally, some of the info comes from old bios from Holland Club inductions. If your info on the National Web Page is not up to date, either update it or ask Base Commander Steve Ricard at commander@ussvigroton.org. Also, with regards to information, if we don't know of a member passing, we cannot provide the information or present Honors. Please ensure that your families know that when you have passed to contact Groton Base Chaplain Earl Colella 734-730-1026 earl.colella@comcast.net or John Carcioppolo 860-514- 7064 gumba700@comcast.net and if possible, provide a link to the obituary.

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

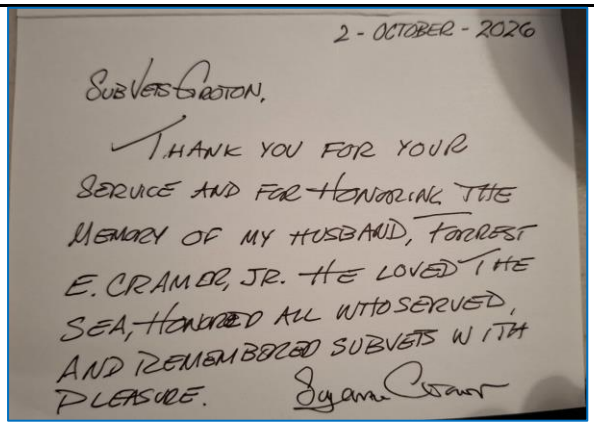
The sooner we know the information the timelier we can react and put out the notices and hopefully have the Honors Detail render honors. All too often we find out about the passing of a member long after the funeral and do not get the chance to provide honors for our Shipmates.

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

What we do matters

I received the below card from Suzanne Cramer at Forrest Cramer's Honors Detail with a check for $500 as a donation for the Holland Club





Burials - Burials at Sea are coordinated in major Ports of Embarkation depending on your area. The major Ports of Embarkation are Norfolk VA, Jacksonville FL on the East Coast, and Bremerton WA, San Diego CA, and Honolulu HI on the West Coast.

Groton Base has a web page that contains the guidance, and procedures to be used to request Burial at Sea. The web page link is https://www.ussvigroton.org/burialatsea and there are two documents there.

The Information and Authorization Form and How to Package and Ship Cremated Remains.

If your preferences are to be Buried at Sea from a Submarine, first we strongly recommend that you print the guidance and the two documents and put it with your important documents like your DD-214. Next, we recommend you let your loved ones know what your desires are and where all of the paperwork is.

Finally, to ensure that the Burial is from a Submarine on the Information and Authorization Form where it says "Special Requests" put in "Request Burial at Sea from a Submarine" and the Decadent Affairs folks will ensure that happens.

Follow these instructions and make it as easy as possible for your family to fulfill your wishes of Burial at Sea.

RED HAT CEREMONIES

I often receive requests to be added to the Homecoming notifications. I do not have a specific email list for homecomings. I just send the notifications to the entire membership, so I don't miss anyone. If you get all the regular Base Broadcasts from the Base Commander, Eternal Patrol Broadcasts, etc. etc. then you

should get the Homecoming notifications. If you are not getting the Broadcasts, you will not get the Homecoming notifications, and you should contact the Base Commander to ensure that we have the correct email address on file.

Also, due to classification restrictions, I can only put the word out 2 days in advance. However, I use the Welcome Home signs at the front gate of the Naval Submarine Base as a guide. If the signs go up, that's my signal to send out the notification.

Note: A quick note on emails and broadcasts. I recently learned this with Holland Club emails. If you have "UNSUBSCRIBED," you will not receive any emails or updates from the club, including notifications for Honors Detail and Red Hat events. If you would like to "subscribe" again for the emails, please contact the Base Commander.

Holland Club

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.

November 2026 Holland Club Report

LUNCHEONS We had a great luncheon in October with 57 people in attendance. Our guest speaker was author Damien Cregeau who gave a great presentation on the history of the USS CONFEDERATE and two historic homes that he owns the Private Samual Hammer House in Wethersfield CT and the General Jebodiah Huntington House in Norwich CT.

A special thank you to Jim Lawton, our SUBSCHOOL Students SN Colegrove, SN Teasley, SN Hernandez, SN Buchanan, SN Sanchez, SN Alamazan, SN Paynes and Kate Hodge for putting on the meal.

I would also like to thank SC Wes Norton for providing the students, and to Dee Carcioppolo and Bob Dulin for collecting the money. Last but not least, thanks to Kim Beagle for taking pictures. Pictures will be provided next month.

50/50 was won by Jack Ward who won $135.00.

I never published the pictures from the September Luncheon. Pictures from the September Luncheon taken by Kimberly Beagle are posted here

https://linkit.shutterfly.com/e4fO47

October Holland Club Luncheon Pictures



SUBSCHOOL Students & Damien Cregeau



Damien Cregeau



Jim and Angie Lawton



Kathy Lotring & Marcy Pillsbury





Captain Roy Springer 99 years old

More pictures from the October Luncheon are posted here **https://linkit.shutterfly.com/D0yQjq**

Upcoming Speakers are as follows:

- **17 November Guest Speaker –** CSS-12 CAPT Thomas Bullock and CMDCM(SS/EXW/IW/DV) Dustin Bruner
- **15 December Guest Speaker** Commander, Undersea Warfare Development Center (UNSEAWARDEVCEN) RDML Eric J. Rozek
- **19 January Guest Speaker** Jim Streeter

If you are planning on attending the November Holland Club Luncheon, please RSVP by Thursday 12 November.

Holland Club 2027 – Save the date: 5 June 2027 SUBASE New London. There is nothing else to report right now.

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

Color Guard – Robert Sharpe



The Color Guard did not provide any services in the month of October

The Color Guard is schedule to present the U.S. National Flag, Connecticut State Flag, and the USSVI Flag at our Veterans Day service.

During the October monthly membership and business meeting we presented the Groton Fourth of July Parade – Special 250th Anniversary Edition "Most Patriotic" award to members of the Naval Submarine School Silver Dolphins Color Guard and Drill Team. The drill team's presentations and trainees from the Naval Submarine School that carried our Lost Boats Flags is always a crowd pleaser.

U. S. S. TENCH PARADE FLOAT Bob Sharpe, Restoration POC

The U.S.S. TENCH SS-417 parade float was transferred from Norman Kuzel's family temporary to the custody of Bob Sharpe. As the Point of Contact, I will oversee the damage repairs being made over the winter.







The Tench is currently in overhaul on the 3rd floor where repairs are currently underway at the Chisolm/Warnock Shipyard. Hopefully she'll be out of overhaul in time for the City of Groton Holiday Light Parade.

Robert 'Bob' Sharpe
Color Guard Captain
bobsharpe@hotmail.com

Stan Mathis Memorial House Committee

While in Nashville for the Alexander Hamilton reunion, a little bird told me the October Fest dinner was a success serving 45 meals. Many good comments.

Congratulations to Jim and Angie Lawton and their helpers for a successful meal.

Next up is the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Clubhouse.
Many hands make for light work.

The month of December brings us to the Annual Base Christmas party and Coat Drive for Elementary students.

Annual Base Christmas Party

In lieu of December monthly meeting

December 5, 2026

Saturday 2:00 pm

RSVP by Wednesday December 2, 2026

$40 per person paid in advance at the bar

In the newly renovated topside hall.

New bathroom

New Bar

Easily accessible ramp on the right side of the building

No stairs

Basket raffle, 50-50 raffle

Coat Drive

Looking for gently used or new coats, hats, gloves, scarves for children who come to school without. There are several schools in the area who are in need of these items.

Donated items can be dropped off at the club house.

(Elementary up to 6th grade, sizes 6 to 16)

Agenda

Welcome by Base Commander Steve Ricard

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer

December Lost Boats

Eternal Patrol Ornaments

Menu

Shrimp cocktail

Charcutier board

Prime rib, Delmonico potatoes, medley of winter vegetables, rolls/butter coffee/tea, hot chocolate

Please consider bringing a dessert to share.

See the bartender to sign up.

$40 per person paid at the bar.

Volunteers are welcome to help set up, wash dishes/pots and pans, cook, and breakdown.
Contact the House Committee Chairman, Paul Skalski.
Many hands make for light work
If the dinner needs to be rescheduled due to bad weather or cancelled, a notification will be posted on Facebook, the club website, with the new date.

A little housekeeping. Since we reactivated the old House Committee and renamed it the Stan Mathis Memorial House Committee, we have had several successful monthly dinners. Below is a chart of how many people attended each month.

If you have any suggestions for dinner, drop me an email at p.skalski@sbcglobal.net. I will look at all suggestions when I build the 2027 schedule

SubVets Monthly Dinner Attendance 2026				
Month	**Weekday**	**Time**	**Theme**	**Attended**
6-Dec-2025	Saturday	2:00 PM	Base Christmas Party	44

13-Jan-2026	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Mongolian barbecue	49
13-Feb-2026	Friday	6:00 PM	Valentine Day Italian dinner	31
21-Mar-2026	Saturday	6:00 PM	Tom Conor's Corn Beef and Cabbage	83
18-Apr-2026	Saturday	6:00 PM	Easter Dinner Polish Night	45
02-May2026	Saturday	5:00 PM	Kentucky Derby Potluck	20
05-June-2026	Friday		Holland Club Induction Steak Dinner	
04-July-2026	Saturday		After Parade Picnic – Outer Light	Appr 200-250
18-July-2026	Saturday	6:00 PM	Potluck Social	20-25
14-Aug-2026	Friday	6:00 PM	Hillbilly Night – Chicken Dinner	40
23-Sep-2026	Wednesday	6:00 pm	Sock Hop Cancel (only 2 signed up for the event)	Cancel
17-Oct-2016	Saturday	5:00 PM	October Fest German food	45

SubVets Monthly Dinner Schedule 2026			
Month	**Weekday**	**Time**	**Theme**
26-Nov-2026	Thursday	12:00 – 5:00	Annual Club Thanksgiving meal
05-Dec-2026	Saturday	2:00 PM	Base Christmas Party

Membership

RENEW NOW FOR 2027

Greetings, Shipmates, and friends. If you are reading this, it means you are a member in good standing with USSVI and USSVI Groton Base. If you have not yet paid your 2026 dues, you can pay $47 for the remainder of this year and all of next year for national dues, and $40 for Base dues, and we will waive the base dues for the remainder of this year. Thanks to all of you who responded to our 2027 Annual Dues Request. Unfortunately, it went to members who are Life Members for both National and Base; we are sorry about that. We hope to have this new system for dues reminders fixed before next year's request.

As of October 30th, Groton Base had 1066 members. If you log into the new national website at https://ussvi.org, you can look yourself up, and edit any of the info on yourself, like previous commands, phone numbers, pictures, etc. If you have not logged into the new website, you will use your old email and username. If you forgot your password, select forgot password and you will be sent an email to your email address on file. If you no longer have access to that email, we can still get you into the website. Just contact me and I will assist you. I also want to remind you that if you have a national lifetime membership, you can also get a base lifetime membership. The cost is based on your age and is the same

as what national membership costs. I highly recommend lifetime memberships as you never have to remember to pay your dues.

If you are a USSVI Life member, you still owe Groton Base dues (unless you are Groton Base Life). If you are trying to find out if you are a member in good standing, drop me a line, Jim Kading at kadingj@ussvigroton.org, here is the link to renew your membership: Dues Renewal | USSVI Groton. Of course, you can always drop into the club house for lunch on the days they are serving and pay there or drop off a check in the silver box. I am there most Thursdays for lunch.

If you are NOT a USSVI National Life Member: Dues are $80 /year ($40 USSVI National and $40 Groton Base).

If you haven't yet renewed your memberships for 20267, please do that soon so you do not get dropped for not renewing your Base and national dues.

Membership Update

Members – 1,066
Life National Members – 851
Base Life Members – 254
Holland Club – 646
Associate Members – 40

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

Membership Chairman
Jim Kading
kadingj@ussvigroton.org

USSVI Groton Base DMV Liaison



I've received and responded to another five email inquiries since my last report in October, one of which was from someone who was already a member and has completed their DMV application and is awaiting the arrival of their plates. Like last month, I've also heard back from a new member who joined USSVI in June and just received the "Silent Service" plates they applied for.

If you would like to display our unique "Silent Service" on your vehicle, please contact me and I would be glad to answer any questions and guide you through the process. If you have questions shoot a quick email to me at: ctsubvetplates@ussvigroton.org.

I'm also listed on our USSVI Groton Website under: https://www.ussvigroton.org/linksofinterest.

Applications are also available at the clubhouse in the document holder next to the bulletin board in the pumproom.

Michael Hodges, DMV Liaison

Scholarship Committee

GROTON BASE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SUBMISSION PERIOD IS NOW OPEN

LINK TO APPLICATION

If you have questions related to the Groton Base Scholarship Program, please contact Gregory Kane, Groton Base Scholarship Chair, at 860-989-1426 or via email at Gregory.Kane@CCSU.Edu.

Memorial Committee



With the help of some enthusiastic Naval Submarine School sailors the gardens at the USSVIVVII Memorial have now been cleaned and put to rest for the winter months. We are now preparing for the November 11 Veterans Day Ceremony which will be held in conjunction with the Australian sailors observing Remembrance Day.

Did you know that the beautiful wreaths that are part of every one of our observances – Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Thresher Remembrance – are actually donated by George Fisher of Fisher Florist? In keeping with the motto emblazoned on his website – Always Remember our Vets – George has been donating the wreath not only to us, but to other veterans' groups for years. To thank George, the Memorial Committee is purchasing a paver in his name to be placed at the USS Groton Sail Monument which honors the "Men and women who design, build, operate and maintain submarines and the families and communities that support them." George certainly personifies the community that supports our submariners, and the paver is one way to thank him.

Our Memorial Committee is looking for a few good people to join our ranks. Our spring planting, fall clean up, and ceremony preparation is easier and more companionable with more hands involved. To join the Memorial Committee, contact Marian Galbraith at mktgalbraith@gmail.com or 860-460-8740.

Veterans Affairs Committee

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@ctdav.org

Hey Navy, it looks like Nov is about to get us. Cooler weather means dressing in layers. Keep some blankets and other warm stuff in the back of the car. If you get stuck somewhere, you'll be set. Also, I'm looking forward to Thanksgiving at the Club. One of my favorite times to volunteer. I hope to see you there.

Don't get caught off guard when it comes to newer VA log-in requirements. https://news.va.gov/133159/prepare-for-vas-secure-sign-in-changes/

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

Some good news for World War II Veterans. All WWII Veterans are now eligible for VA healthcare - VA News

The Department of Veterans Affairs issued a proposed rule outlining a plan to expand the locations and time frames for which VA presumes exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides. https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-presumes-exposure-agent-orange-herbicides/

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

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

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

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

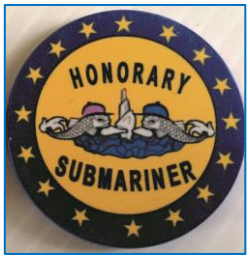
Are you a high-tech Sailor? The VA put out a helpful link to navigate their Apps. How to use cool features in VA's official mobile app - VA News

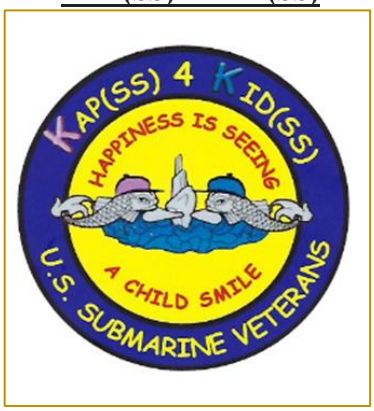
Here is an Oct 2019 study from the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory on Submarine Medicine. An Overview of the Unique Field of Submarine Medicine (dtic.mil)

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

- https://www.va.gov/ is Always a good place to start.
- Home - My HealtheVet - My HealtheVet (va.gov) Track your appointments, meds, and more.
- Military and Veteran Benefits, News, Veteran Jobs | Military.com This is a great website for info on any Military and Veteran related issues.

KAP(SS) 4 KID (SS)







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

Abraham Lincoln

Since its inception in 2009, Groton Base's Kap (SS) 4 Kid (SS) Program has provided comfort and joy to over 2,500 Children facing illness, and their families.

Our K4K Team visits young patients at various facilities, including Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, Connecticut Children's Hospital, the Child Psychiatric Units at Yale New Haven Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House, Connecticut Hospice, and other designated locations.

We are committed to continuing this program as long as there are children in need of our support.



During our visits, the Kids all receive the now-standard K4K gear from Groton Base: Honorary Submariner Certificates, ball caps, temporary tattoos, challenge coins, and wristbands. Also handed out are signed Nautilus photos, maps showing the location of submarine museums around the U.S., and brochures specifically about the WWII Submarine Memorial and Submarine Force Museum in Groton. The Kids continue to be excited to receive stress-reducing red heart-shaped squeeze balls and K4K Teddy Bears!



Each new crop of Honorary Submariners is informed they would be entitled to a free tour and challenge coin from active-duty submariners at the USS Nautilus Submarine Museum.



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.

DONATE TO SUPPORT
GROTON BASE'S KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) PROGRAM
IT'S TAX DEDUCTABLE VIA THE USSV CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
(designate "K4K Groton Base")
https://ussvcf.org/kapss-4-kidss-fund/



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

If you have questions regarding our K4K program, please contact John Riley, Groton Base K4K Chairman kaps4kids@gmail.com 203 668-9131

Public Affairs Officer Jim Lawton

As PAO, I have been trying to find a device that will broadcast audio during the monthly meeting to those who wear hearing aids. So far, I have invested $130.00 and come up empty. If anyone has a suggestion for a device that I can purchase that will meet this need, do not hesitate to contact me at the email below. I refuse to give up on this venture so that everyone attending can hear without question. So far, I have a Homespot Audio Broadcaster (HS-BA210), and an Avantree Audiocast-4. Neither one covers the requesting shipmate's hearing aids. So far, we have had great luck with the Avantree Audiocast. I will send out details about these devices and have them available at the meeting. I have also added a PDF that describes Hearing Aid Audio support to our website. You can download it here. https://www.ussvigroton.org/pdf-documents.

Karaoke Night Success!

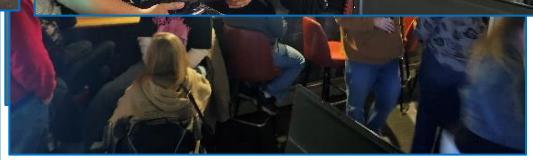
Our Karaoke for November is the 20th, come on down and enjoy the fun!

Jim Lawton, Webmaster / PAO – pao@ussvigroton.org

Events are posted in the Clubhouse on the Raspberry display above the cash register, on the opening splash page of our website https://www.ussvigroton.org, and on our Events page https://www.ussvigroton.org/events







USSVI Groton Base

November Birthday List

Happy Birthday to All Who Continue to Celebrate for the Month of November

Last Name	First Name	DOB		Last Name	First Name	DOB
Agolio	Alfonso	12		King	Franklin Gary	01
Alcantara	Jason R.	23		Konetzni, Jr.	Albert H.	16
Alvarado	Victor M.	23		Korenstra	Xavier	16
Appleton	Glenn	16		Kozerefski	Martin W.	22
Arturo	Rocco Nicholas	12		Le Anna	Myron L.	14
Barham	Lonnie Lee	13		Lemoi	Claude C.	05
Baska	Harold T.	15		Lewis	Murray P.	14
Bates	Charles K.	12		Litzendorf	Willaim	13
Berns	Peter	02		Longman	William F.	04
Biemiller	Eric C.	08		MacGregor	Robert	25
Brauer	William	22		Maranell	Donald R.	08
Bret	Ralph	01		McLarrin	Maureen A.	18
Brooks	John M.	03		McPherson	James A.	12
Brown III	Howard Haines	22		Mendelson	Richard B.	12
Brown	Raymond	07		Moravsik	Richard C.	04

Carlson	Owen D.	21		Moreau	Caroline M.	12
Caton II	Bernard W.	01		Moyer	George E.	07
Chabot	William E.	14		Mullin	Jack A.	17
Chase	Donald M.	19		Murphy, Jr.	Francis J.	06
Chavez	Enrique	18		Olsowy	Timothy F.	08
Coburn	Harold E.	10		Plenninger	J. Peter	18
Colavechio	Cal	05		Pond	Joseph H.	17
Crisman	Kevin K.	28		Post	Keith F.	22
Crone	Lewis E.	30		Rader	Durrell B.	14
Cyrul	Gerald	14		Ransom	Michael C.	25
Daley	John A.	13		Roberts	Jason	21
DeFrehn	Bruce	14		Roberts	Robert E.	06
Dellarco	Peter	29		Roch	John	09
Dieter	R. Lloyd	05		Rodolewicz, Jr.	John	06
Dombrowski	Jack	12		Rogers	William T.	07
Dugas	Kenneth J.	17		Ross	Gregg	10
Duke	Robert A.	15		Schorr	Craig T.	09
Ellis	David	21		Sibiga	Michael	12
Flanagan	Elmer F.	13		Smith	Marshall H.	02
Fugate	Roger L.	23		Spaide	Eugene R.	21
Gardner	Scott F.	23		Stober	Jeffry L.	14
Garmon	Stephen C.	08		Stone	James F.	19
Grammer	Paul	11		Streeter	James	15
Gran	Bruce H.	07		Swaenepoel	Edward T.	28
Hall	Gary H.	02		Tarr	James	27
Hanner	Michael T.	09		Temple	Stuart W.	30
Hanson	Gordon L.	24		Thompson	Scott M.	22
Harness	Roy C.	28		Tripodina	Raymond G.	20
Hayes	Alan	19		Vanicek	Errol D.	01
Holmstrom	Erik	16		Vary, Jr.	Carroll M.	21
Howse	Dell A.	22		Walker	Kelly	04
Hurley	Paul	14		Walters	Dale E.	17
Jagaczewski	Al	24		Waters	Jeffrey	27
Johnson	Edward Y.	14		White	Reginald I.	19
Johnson	Philip	23		Whittingslow	Walter	02
Kelsey Jr.	James E.	22		Young	Ralph H.	17

USSVI Groton Base November Eternal Patrol List

Date	Last Name	First Name		Date	Last Name	First Name
11/16/16	Aldrich, Jr.	Charles		11/20/96	Jackson, Jr.	John
11/04/20	Alt	Ronald		11/05/12	Johnson	David
11/11/00	Baker	Edward		11/23/00	Jones	Malone
11/09/13	Bess	Luther		11/07/20	Ketner	Charlie
11/26/22	Booth, Jr.	Howard		11/16/16	Lancaster	Robert
11/28/17	Boyd, Jr.	Robert		11/27/16	Laskey (Laskowski)	Walter
11/21/09	Bryson	Patrick		11/25/11	Law	Robert
11/01/22	Buchan	Danny		11/26/10	Lenartz	Robert
11/19/18	Campbell	Robert		11/19/08	Lewis	Bertman
11/09/03	Carmenati	Joseph		11/21/21	Manuilow	John
11/15/15	Carr	Kenneth		11/20/08	Marcoux	Ronald
11/24/09	Chiffer	John		11/17/06	Martin	William
11/27/19	Childs	Edward		11/28/21	Miller	William
11/20/23	Cochran, Jr.	Miles		11/26/09	Mollohan	Andrew
11/05/16	Connolly	Jerome		11/04/14	Murphy	Alfred
11/09/22	Cordero	Richard		11/23/08	O'Leary	Jack
11/11/19	Crandall	Douglas		11/21/10	Owens, Jr.	James
11/06/21	Davis	Lawrence		11/02/15	Primeaux	Ronald
11/30/11	Davis	Robert		11/22/10	Redd	William
11/23/18	Dow	Richard		11/01/17	Rickmond, Jr.	Burnette
11/03/18	Drozdz	Jim		11/26/19	Roberts	Earl
11/10/22	Elnicki	Adrew		11/10/18	Seeley, Sr.	Robert
11/05/18	Faustino	Aquiles		11/25/16	Sieveking	Stanley
11/26/01	Fogarty	Edward		11/2/06	Springer	Peter
11/30/21	Frye	Christoper		11/20/13	Stapleford	Frankie
11/06/11	Gaudet, Jr.	Joseph		11/13/09	Starratt	David
11/18/18	Gentry	James		11/28/15	Striffler	Thomas
11/26/06	Gilliland	Wiley		11/07/10	Sumner	John
11/11/13	Gleason, Jr.	James		11/22/20	Tregoning	John
11/01/21	Gran	Barry		11/30/18	Trubee	John
11/27/20	Halstead	Dennis		11/16/20	Wallen	Allen Paul
11/21/21	Hamilton	Dennis		11/06/00	Wheat	Elbert
11/22/21	Heck	Benjamin		11/23/06	Young	Emery
11/26/17	Heller	Norman		11/27/23	Zeimet	Michael
11/19/22	Hengerer	Daniel				
11/19/82	Hercules	Nicholas				
11/30/06	Holmes	Joseph				
11/16/16	Ivy	Eldon				



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.

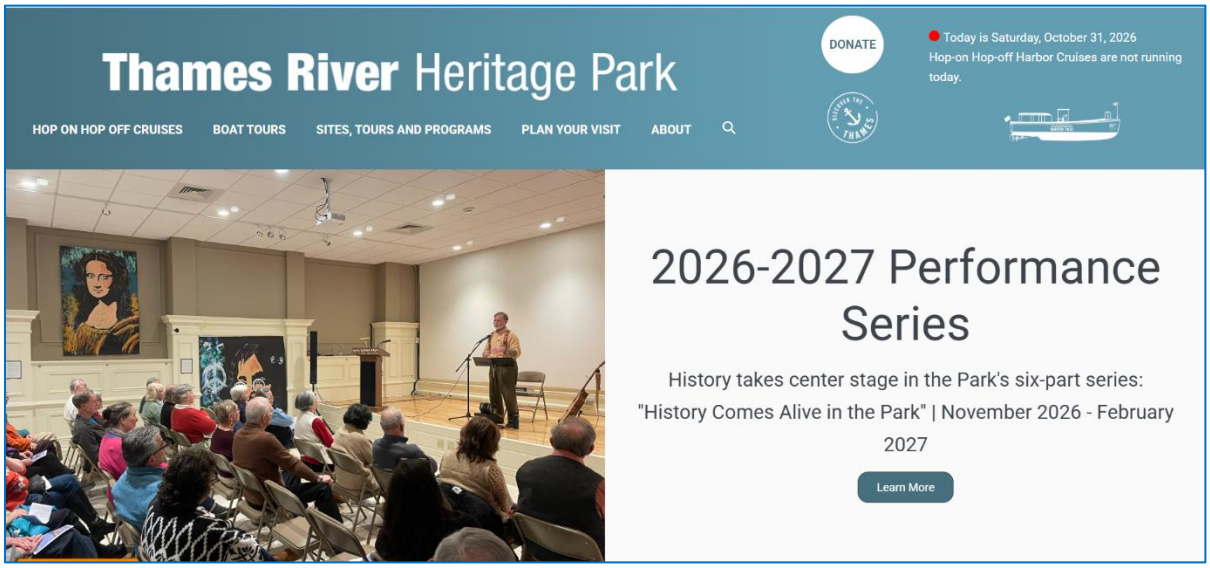
Lord this departed shipmate with Dolphins on his chest, is part of an outfit known as the best.

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.

Local Items of Interest from around the area

Thames River Heritage Park



https://www.thamesriverheritagepark.org/

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

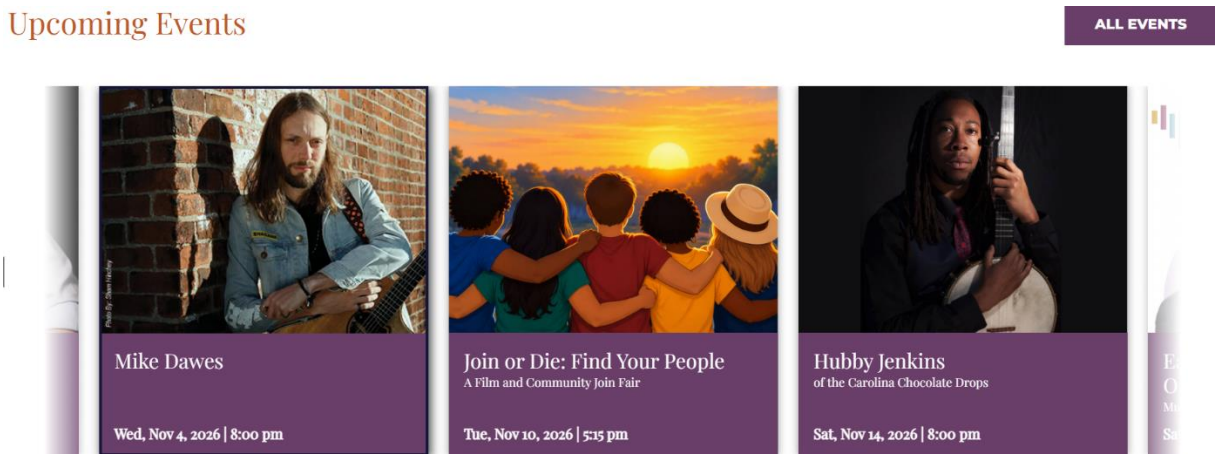
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Garde Arts Center



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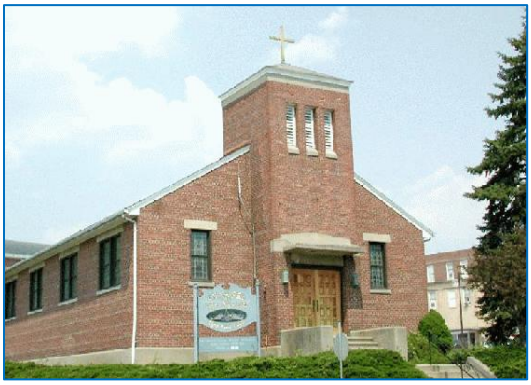


All Events | Garde Arts Center (click for more info)

Nautilus Submarine Force Museum



The Chapel on the Thames



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

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

The Groton Sail Foundation



Special Issue

USS GROTON SAIL MONUMENT NEWS

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

View our video

USS GROTON SAIL FOUNDATION BREAKS GROUND!

USS Groton Sail Monument Groundbreaking Ceremony 2026 - YouTube

Visit the Groton Sail Foundation for the latest edition of the USS GROTON Sail Foundation Newsletter.

Contact Us – Groton Sail Foundation

If you would like to make a donation towards the project, please visit https://grotonsail.org/donate/

Submarine Base New London Retired Activities Office



RAO is desperately looking for new volunteers to become part of the few that man the office in Bldg. 83.

This office hosts the annual Retiree Appreciation Day in October.

If anyone is interested in volunteering at the RAO, they should contact the FFSC. (860) 694-3383 and the folks there will be able to contact Phil DeRose.