



UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC
USSVI GROTON BASE MEETING AGENDA
07 AUGUST 2023
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CALL TO ORDER:

a. ANNOUNCEMENTS (MUSTER SHEETS, EXITS, NO SMOKING)

b. ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

2. OPENING EVENTS: (CHAPLAIN)

a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: _____

b. OPENING PRAYER –Base Chaplain _____

3. USSVI CREED

TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE PURSUIT OF THEIR DUTIES WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. THAT THEIR DEDICATION, DEEDS, AND SUPREME SACRIFICE BE A CONSTANT SOURCE OF MOTIVATION TOWARD GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND TO PLEDGE LOYALTY AND PATRIOTISM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITS CONSTITUTION.

4. LOST BOATS

(TOLLING OF THE BOATS is being presented electronically by PAO (Jim Lawton)– please direct your attention to the screen on the stage)

5. INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION OF VIP AND GUESTS

1. *New Members & First Meeting* _____

2. *National Officers* _____

3. *Former Base Commanders:* _____

4. *WWII Members:* _____

5. *HOLLAND Club Members* _____

6. *Chris Quijada Distinguished Member of the Year Award:* _____

7. *Past Joe Negri Recipients:* _____

8. *Robert Link Award Recipient:* _____

6. PRESENTATIONS:

7. MEMBERSHIP SOUND OFF -

Please stand and sound-off your name and year qualified.

(Optional)

Anyone qualified 1971 -1990 =

Qualified 1991 - 2020 =

Anyone qualified in 2021=

Associated Members =

8. **BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING** (All non-members are excused)

a. **COMMANDER/EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

b. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Financial Report
- Capital Improvements Tracking

d. **SECRETARY REPORT:**

- Approval of minutes 03 July 2023
- Correspondence to report—None

E. **SR VICE COMMANDER REPORT:**

F. **JR VICE COMMANDER REPORT:**

G. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Jeff Flesher

(Data provided from USSVI National Data Base)

CATEGORY	Previous Month	This Month
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	1151	1156
HOLLAND CLUB	623	623
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	70	71
NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERS	856	856

H. **EBOARD ADVISOR/SCHEDULE UPDATE:**

I. **NRED1 UPDATE:**

J. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Boat Sponsorship (P. Skalski)
- Chaplain (Earl Colella)
- Color Guard (Bob Sharpe)
- Eagle Scout Program Coordinator (Paul Orstad)
- Small Stores (Alex Doucette)
- Sub School Graduation Schedule (S. Ricard))
- Docents (Artie Gager)
- DMV Liaison (R. Rusczyk)
- Holland Club (R. Cheatham)

- Kap (SS) 4 Kid (SS) (J. Riley)
- Memorial Committee (M. Galbraith)
- Public Affairs Officer (J. Lawton)
- Red, White & Blue Mass (Paul Dillion)
- Scholarship Committee (G. Kane)
- Veterans Affairs (Brian Hague)
- West Port Satellite group (Paul Grammer)




9. OLD BUSINESS:

10. CLOSING EVENTS

- a. Good of the Order:
- b. Meeting attendance Drawing
- c. 50/50 drawing =
- d. Closing Prayer = Base Chaplain
- e. Adjourn

NEXT MEETINGS: MEMBERSHIP MEETING 11 SEPTEMBER 2023

Add-Ins

	<p>U. S. and British submarines operating in the vicinity were unable to contact Bullhead and <u>it was presumed that she was sunk during Japanese antisubmarine attacks. 84 men lost. Bullhead was the last boat lost in WWII.</u></p>
	<p><u>Lost on August 13, 1944, with the loss of 78 crew members while on her 2nd war patrol.</u> Flier was transiting on the surface when she was rocked by a massive explosion (probably a mine) and sank within less than a minute. 13 survivors, some injured, made it into the water and swam to shore. 8 survived and 6 days later friendly natives guided them to a Coast Watcher and they were evacuated by the USS Redfin (SS-272).</p>
	<p><u>Lost on August 13, 1942 after grounding on a reef south of Rossel Island while on her 3rd war patrol. The entire crew was able to get off and rescued by the HMAS Katoomba.</u></p>



Lost on August 24, 1944 with the loss of 79 crew members from a depth charge attack by a minesweeper near Bataan while on her 6th war patrol. Harder had won a Presidential Unit Citation for her first 5 war patrols and CDR Dealey was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously. Harder is tied for 9th in the number of enemy ships sunk.



Lost on August 26, 1949 after being jolted by a violent polar gale off Norway caused an electrical fire and battery explosion that generated hydrogen and chlorine gasses. In extremely bad weather, men of Cochino and Tusk (SS-426) fought to save the submarine for 14 hours. After a 2nd battery explosion, Abandon Ship was ordered and Cochino sank. Tusk's crew rescued all of Cochino's men except for one civilian engineer. Six sailors from Tusk were lost during the rescue.