



USSVI Groton Base
Membership
Meeting Minutes 08 September 2025



The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander S. Ricard at 1830.

In attendance (in person (27) and Zoom (9)) for a total of 35 members.

Steve Ricard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Base Chaplin led the opening prayer.

The Base Commander led the **SUBVETS CREED**.

The Tolling of the Lost Boats was prepared and presented by PAO Jim Lawton.

BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING.

BASE COMMANDER (Steve Ricard):

Introduced and recognized New Members & First Meeting participants

Recognized National Officers present

Recognized Former Base Commanders present

Recognized WWII Members present

Recognized Holland Club Members present

Recognized Chris Quijada Distinguished Member of the Year Award

Recognized past Joe Negri Recipients

Recognized Robert Link Recipients

Introduced New District (**NERD1**) Chairman Ray Switter – Base Commander at Thresher Base Portsmouth, NH

Discussed National Convention in Orlando, FL

Next Years Convention is in Corpus Christi, TX.

2026 will be Reno, NV.

2027 will be in Hampton Roads, VA.

2028 will be in Grand Rapids, MI.

10% growth in new members at your base – want to have 15,000 USSVI members by 2030.

• PRESENTATIONS: NONE

Base Treasurer Report: Charlie Murray

All bills are paid.

Bathroom to be completed over the next two weeks.

2026 coins were shipped out today. Special Anniversary coins for Groton Base – 200 and will be sold at \$10.00 each.

In negotiations with the National Organization for fundings for renovation projects.



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Alex Ducet is cleaning out the balcony office. Cleaning out items the Financial Committee has told us we do not need to keep for financial records. Going to shred this weekend.
Cleared out third floor over the past three weekends.
Thanksgiving Appeal letters are going out.

Base Secretary Report: David Frease

The Minutes for the 08 September 2025 Membership meeting were approved by the members present without objection.

Correspondence to Report – None.

Sr. Vice Commander Report: Robert Perritt:

Jr. Vice Commander Report: Jim Lawton:

Plan of the Month posted in the bar area.

Prime Rib dinner on Friday – still have 10 seats available.

Thank s to Paul Skalski for all his help in turning over Jr. Vice responsibilities.

Will have a basket raffle, A 50/50 raffle and after dinner will watch the Red Sox and Yankees play. Karaoke on the 19th.

NERD UPDATE:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Steve Ricard)

DATA PROVIDED FROM USSVI NATIONAL DATA BASE

Total Membership:	1130
National Life Members:	865
Groton Base Life Members:	376
Holland Club:	648
Associate Members:	63

- SUB SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHEDULE: (Steve Ricard)
- CHAPLAIN: (Earl Colella/John Carcioppolo) LCDR Stan Mathis, Fred and Dolly Stafford Combined Celebration of Life
- HOLLAND CLUB: John Carcioppolo

Lunch

Total meals



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Total Income	
Meals	\$ 885.00
50/50	\$ 240.00
Donation	\$.00
Total	\$ 1125.00
Total Expenses	
Meals (\$10 x 61)	\$ 610.00
Gratuity (\$1 x 61)	\$ 61.00
50/50	\$ 120.00 Tom Harvey
Total	\$ 791.00
Net Deposited	\$ 425.00

UPCOMING HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHESES

- **23 September Guest Speaker** Mike Holland, Retired Rear Admiral. Please note the date. Our Holland Club Luncheons are normally on the third Tuesday of the month. However, because of the Chief Petty Officer Pinning’s throughout the day on 16 September, I have moved the September Holland Club Luncheon back a week. This is for September only. In October we will go back to the third Tuesday of the month.
- **21 October Guest Speaker** Captain Litton, CO Naval Submarine School
- I have invited the new Admiral at Undersea Warfare Development Center (UWDC) RDML John Stafford to be our guest speaker for November, or December. The Admiral has committed to speak at whichever his schedule can support. His staff is reviewing his schedule and will confirm which one works.

HOLLAND CLUB 2026: 06 June 2026 – 38 Inductees

- HONORS DETAIL (John Carcioppolo)
 - COLOR GUARD: (Bob Sharpe)
 - EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM COORDINATOR: (Jim Weaver)
- 3 Candidates for Eagle Scout
- SMALL STORES: (Alex Doucette) – 2026 coins ordered – do not know when they will be in.
 - DOCENTS (Artie Gager)

Need more Docents at the Nautilus

Saturday October 11 - Family Day at the Nautilus Museum. 1000 – 1400



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Cribbage Tournament for all of you that play.

- DMV LIAISON: (Michael Hodges)

U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS PLATE

- Responded to six new inquiries.
- Mailed instructions and applications to two of the five new inquires.
- One submarine veteran has joined Groton Base and National to qualify for our plate.
- Received Silent Service plate applications from three, which I have submitted to the DMV.

- KAPS4KIDS: (John Riley) Working on getting dates.

- MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: (Marian Galbraith)

- PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER: (Jim Lawton)

Karaoke on Friday the 19th.

- SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Greg Kane)

- VETERANS AFFAIRS: (Brian Hague)

CT Veterans Stand Down – Friday, September 19, 2025 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
24 Stott Drive, Norwich, CT

Garage is open in West Haven. Starting to focus on building the Pharmacy.

- WEST PORT: (Paul Grammer) Next Meeting is October 2, 1830, at Port 5.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Retirement Seminar 18 October at the Subbase Gym.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

9/11 Events coming up.

19 September 1400 - Change of Command for OIC of the Nautilus Museum – LCDR Brian Chapman will be relieved by LCDR Brain Lucas.



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CLOSING EVENTS:

MEETING ATTENDANCE DRAWING WINNER BOB FEDDER COIN OR HAT (*SEE ALEX DOUCETTE*)

50/50 DRAWING WINNER JOHN CARCIOPPOLO \$63.00/\$ 63.00 TO HOUSE

CLOSING PRAYER – USSVIGB Chaplain

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Frease, Base Secretary

Approved: **by the membership present and voting.**