



UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC
USSVI GROTON BASE MEETING AGENDA
02 OCTOBER 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**

- Thanksgiving Planning Briefing

b. **TREASURER’S REPORT:**

- Base Dues (**See attached Bylaws Language**)
- - bills and cash accounts
- - building improvements
- - national office relocation
- - thanksgiving appeal
- - building records and office cleaning
- Financial Report (**See Appendix A attached**)
- Capital Improvements Tracking

d. **SECRETARY REPORT:**

- Approval of minutes 11 SEP 2023
- UNIFORM CHANGE 02 OCT 2023
- Have ordered and received generic business cards and logo ballpoint pens to be used as give-a-ways at events such as Retirement seminar on 21OCT2023.
- Looking for volunteers to help man a USSVI GB booth at the Retirement Seminar – Dealey Center and Morton Hall Gym. Set-up at 0900.
- PLAN OF THE MONTH
- Correspondence to report—None

E. **SR VICE COMMANDER REPORT:**

- **2024 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT AND EBOARD REVIEW**

F. **JR VICE COMMANDER REPORT:**

G. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Jeff Flesher

(Data provided from USSVI National Data Base)

CATEGORY	August	Sept	Oct
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	1156	1155	1154
HOLLAND CLUB	623	619	615
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	71	70	70
NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERS	856	853	852

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

I. **NRED1 UPDATE:**

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Boat Sponsorship (P. Skalski)
- Chaplain (Earl Colella/John Carcioppolo) **(See appendix B)**
- Color Guard (Bob Sharpe) **(See attached report)**
- 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) **(See Attached report)**
- Memorial Committee (M. Galbraith) **(See Attached report)**
- 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) **(See attached Report)**

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 06 NOVEMBER 2023

BYLAWS NOTICE

Base Treasurer –

Section 2. Annual Base Dues shall be in the amount annually proposed by the Base Treasurer no later than the October Membership Business Meeting and approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the Membership present and voting no later than the December Membership Business Meeting. The Membership approved dues amount becoming effective January 1 and continuing through December 31.

APPENDIX A

TREASURER REPORT September 24 2023 EBOARD

- 1 Financial report - all bills paid thru September 24th.
2. Status of national relocation:
HYVAC 3rd floor completed, Anderson invoices email to National, Electrician invoice is pending
- 3 EBAY – we have over 100 plagues available on Ebay - Check out US SUBVETS GROTON BASE on eBay!
- we started with over 200

https://www.ebay.com/str/ussubvetsgrotonbase?mkcid=16&mkevt=1&mkrid=711-127632-2357-0&ssspo=wvsyp_d8rpe&sssrc=3418065&ssuid=wvsyp_d8rpe&widget_ver=artemis&media=EMAIL.

We also have Command level plagues available.
All donations go to the Groton Capital Improvements accounts.
We need to sell off the remaining so we will offer deals beginning in October

4. Installation of improved light in back hallway stairs, liquor, and furnace rooms, final work completed
5. Looking for black ties for honor detail – Bob Dulin got 20 and he will coordinate embroidery
- 6 Thanksgiving Appeal – 213 donations received \$18,323
- 7 Budget provided to Robert, I asked to revise the numbers I originally provided
- 8 bar door, need to find original invoice so that Larry Williamson can get correct parts

NATIONAL OFFICE

I hope that the entire project to build out the space to be completed by the Fall of this year. National Office Manager and Assistant Manager hired to start once renovations & training completed.

NEW OPPORTUNITY

The Treasurer is looking for 3 to 5 members or friends who want to be more involved with how we acquire donations, make clubhouse improvements, and provide reporting to our members. If you are interested, please contact me (Charlie at treasurer@ussvigroton.org)

 Checking, savings & CDs ^a	
Ebay - 8677 Quick View	\$139.95
Holland Club 2023 - 8703 Quick View	\$436.39
Kaps 4 Kids Groton Base - 8863 Quick View	\$762.09
Ops Clubhouse - 8234 Quick View	\$6,419.01
Payroll - 0447 Quick View	\$6,586.81
Small Stores - 8664 Quick View	\$458.79
Westport - 8693 Quick View	\$1,138.09
Appeals - 5566 Quick View	\$6,102.28
Base Scholarship - 5442 Quick View	\$1,100.07
Capital Improvements - 3606 Quick View	\$20,686.37
ATM - 3402 Quick View	\$1,120.19
Memorial - 5133 Quick View	\$34,945.74
 Credit cards ^a	
 CORP Account - Base CORP account - 1542 Quick View	\$377.68
Base master card - 0398	\$831.71

COLOR GUARD

USSVI Groton Base Color Guard
Committee Report for September 2023

Submitted by Bob Sharpe, Color Guard Captain

USSVI Groton Base Color Guard provided services for the following events:
September 16 at the USS Albacore SS-218 Memorial Service held at the Submarine Force Library and Museum. We provided the Colors Presentation.

Next scheduled event:
October - None

West Port SatGrp
Committee report

Attended Thresher memorial ceremony in Shelton CT.
October Meeting New Date 18 October 1, 2023
Paul Grammer

Memorial Committee.

The Memorial Committee met frequently in the past month as we prepared for the USS Albacore Observance. The grounds were weeded and plants replaced where necessary. The pedestals and benches were scraped and painted and the cement near the pedestal power washed. We met with the City of Groton Public Works Department to review some work and as a result the light poles were painted and the cleats on the flagpoles moved to allow easier access. All supplies which had been stored during the renovation were returned to the sail. The Memorial Committee also assisted with the set up of the ceremony. Next month we will be removing plants from the Memorial as soon as a frost hits.

Marian Galbraith
Mktgalbraith@gmail.com
860-460-8740

MEMBERSHIP

Members - 1154
National Life - 852
Holland Club - 615
Associates - 70

I am working on a membership effort in October-November to address base membership for those members who have paid national dues and not Groton Base dues. I have also been approached by the Submarine Museum to support Truck or Treat on October 28 as an NSL event and want to invite SubVets to partner on that and even if not a partnership, I'll bring membership forms to the event.

Is it possible to add anything that is due to a calendar invite for visibility? Not absolutely required and if possible would be helpful.

Jeff

APPENDIX B

Honors Detail – John “Gumba” Carcioppolo gumba700@comcast.net
The following is the Honors Detail activity from 28 August – 26 September 2023 There were 3 Eternal Patrols as follows:

SKCM(SS) Thomas R. Connors – 31 Aug 2023 – Honors Detail 21 September. There were 21 SUBVETS for the Honors Detail and many more SUBVETS not in ranks because of the limited space Available

Captain William L. McGonagal – 11 Sep 2023 No Honors Detail

HONORS DETAIL SEP REPORT

16 Sep 2023 - Honors Detail Tom Connors
30 Sep 2023 - Honors Detail MAL Bruce Selby

Upcoming Events Oct
14 Oct Honors Detail Matt Thompson

John C.
(860) 514 - 7064

Many thanks to the members of the Honors Detail who continue to participate in rendering honors to our Shipmates and to Earl Colella for his admin support in the preparation and mailing of the Eternal Patrol Certificates and prayers at the ceremonies.. We couldn't render honors to our shipmates without all of your support.

I get the information for the bios when I put out in the Eternal Patrol announcements. from the USSVI National Webpage Membership section. What you have there is what I put out. Additionally some of the info comes from old bios from Holland Club inductions. If your info is not up-to-date either update it or ask Membership Chairman Jeff Fletcher to update it. Jeff can be contacted at membership@ussvigroton.org.

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

Also with regards to information if we don't know of a members passing, we can not 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 members passing or see an obituary of someone who may be a member don't hesitate to pass that info along. A link to the obituary is always good to have.

The sooner we know the information the more timely we can react and put out the notices and hopefully have the Honors Detail render honors.

All too often we find out about the passing of a member long after the funeral and do not get the chance to provide honors for our Shipmates.

We are always looking for potential new members of the Honors Detail to supplement those who participate. If you are interested in being part of the Honors Detail please contact me or the Base Commander, Steve Ricard.

Saluting Canons – We are looking for donations of .10 gauge blank shotgun shells needed for the saluting canons. We are starting to run low and are looking

On September 20th, the **Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team** of Bob Dulin,

Ed Giambatista MMN1, and John Riley visited Kids in Yale New Haven Hospital's Inpatient Psychiatric Unit, in New Haven CT. We made 14 Kids Honorary Submariners!

This unit provides comprehensive psychiatric, psycho-social and educational evaluation and short-term treatment for children 4-13.

We have been visiting and Zooming with these Kids for about 11 years. The staff tells us that we are the only outside group visiting these children, and that our visits make a positive difference in their treatment. Our visits make a positive difference in our lives as well!

Ed is on Active Duty, serving at the Nautilus Submarine Force Museum, in Groton CT. He is a new K4K Team Member and was a big hit with the Kids.

We had more fun than usual with the Kids because of Ed's addition to our team. They clearly enjoyed his Active-Duty perspective and knowledge, as well as his youthful energy.

We shared Submarine related videos, pictures and information with the Kids and gave each of them an Honorary Submariner Certificate, Ball Kap, Tattoo, Challenge Coin and Wrist Band. They also received a Nautilus Submarine Photo signed by our K4K Team, a map showing the location of all US Submarine Museums, and information brochures from the Nautilus Submarine Force Museum and the WWII Submarine Memorial in Groton, CT.

They got Therapeutic Heart Shaped Squeeze Balls, with the image of a Submarine stamped on them, always a hit with the Kids!

We let them know that they would get a Special Tour and a USS Nautilus Challenge Coin from Ed and his Shipmates, when they visit the free Nautilus Submarine Force Museum, in Groton CT.

OCTOBER 2023 PLAN OF THE MONTH

DATE	TIME	ACTION	DESCRIPTION
02	1830	Meeting	SUBVETS Monthly/Business Meeting
02		ACTION	Uniform Change to Long-sleeved white shirts
05	1900	Meeting	West Port SATGRP meeting
07	1900	Event	Khaki Ball after party
09		Holiday	Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day
13	1500	Event	Naval Submarine League sponsored Happy hour w/Tim Oliver NSL Executive Director
13	2000	Event	<i>SUBVETS Clubhouse Event / Karaoke @Subvets</i>
15	1000	Brunch	USS Delaware crew hosting brunch
17	1130	Meeting	Holland Club Luncheon Bed of wild rice, slices of pork loin with sauce, veg, roll, applesauce, pumpkin pie
18	1830	Meeting	Thanksgiving Caring & Sharing planning meeting
19		Action	All committee submit your reports to Base Secretary for past and upcoming committee activity
19	1800	Raffle	Meat Raffle \$10 / ticket Package valued at \$139.00. Door prizes, light finger foods
19		Action	Groton Base monthly newsletter input due to Base Commander
20	1800	Event	Chili cook-off. Prizes 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place along with bragging rights. 50/50 raffle. Special guest judge at 1930
21	0900	Action	Retirement seminar/Dealey Center on SUBASE
27	2000	Event	Halloween Clubhouse Event/Karaoke
28	1800	Event	Clubhouse Potluck dinner. 50/50 raffle.
30	1730	Meeting	October Executive Board Meeting (ZOOM)
31		Holiday	Halloween

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