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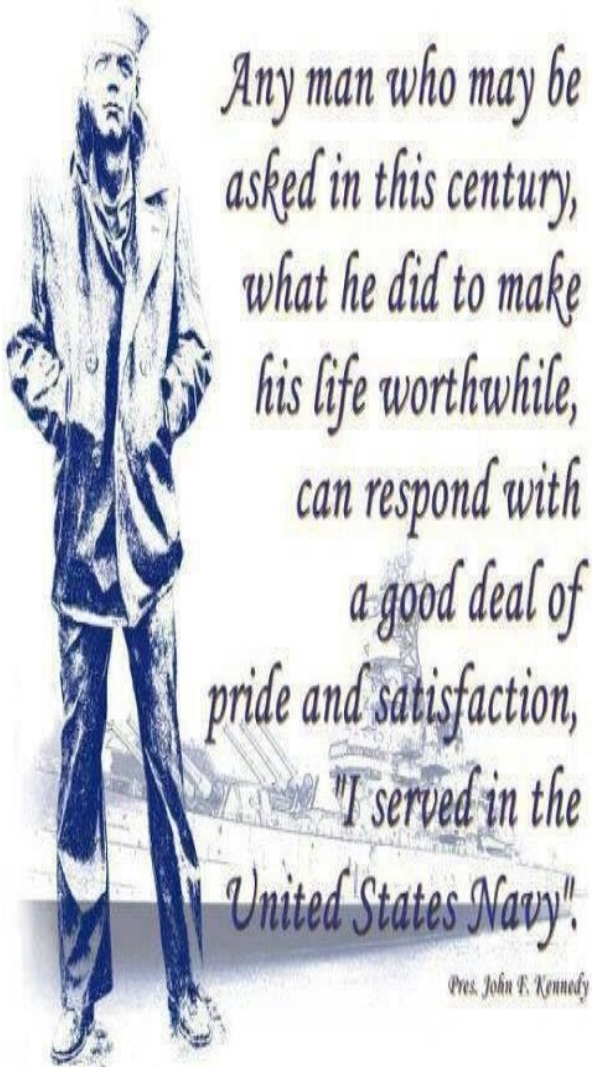


GROTON BASE "FIRST AND FINEST" QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country, That their dedications, deeds, and supreme sacrifice serve as a constant source of motivation towards greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution"



*Any man who may be
asked in this century,
what he did to make
his life worthwhile,
can respond with
a good deal of
pride and satisfaction,
"I served in the
United States Navy".*

Pres. John F. Kennedy



The purpose of WEARING RED ON FRIDAYS is to show our support that we have for the ones that are fighting for our freedom. May be even more important in 2020.



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Webpage: Our webpage is
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Address Changes

Please keep your address up to date at all times. Having a correct address allows us to not only ensure Boat Notes gets to you, but all other important correspondence. It also allows us to save money on unnecessary postage.

CONGRATULATIONS !!
Appointments effective January 2020
Alex Tufts to Jr. Vice Commander
Charlie Murray to Secretary

COMMANDER'S CORNER**Jeff Walsh**

Hello Shipmates, I hope both you and your family have had a wonderful Christmas and I wish your family the best during the New Year.

This past year, 2019, was successful for the organization as we celebrated our 55th Anniversary, inducted new members into the Holland Club, and our annual Thanksgiving Caring and Sharing.

I would like to discuss the success we had this year with our Thanksgiving Caring and Sharing program. We served nearly 1000 meals which included Sailors and their families, Veterans not able to make it out for the holiday, and local EMS and First Responders. For this program to be a success, it relies on the tremendous generosity of our many sponsors and members with the various donations that we receive. This year our many sponsors and wonderful members went above and beyond and they pulled through and supported this wonderful program as they have always done in the past. On behalf of the Thanksgiving Committee I would like to say thank you for your generosity as we, USSVI-Groton Base, continue to do what is good, and take care of others in need while we perpetuate the memories of our shipmates.

So what does 2020 have in store for the Groton Base? Below are just a few of the ideas the Executive Board has planned for the upcoming year:

- We are currently looking into establishing a small committee to investigate establishing a Business Plan for the Dominic "Joe" Negri Clubhouse. It is vital to our organization that we become more proactive and not reactive to maintaining our clubhouse.
- We also will be looking into embracing the technology available, to increase our membership and be able to provide a clubhouse that they can enjoy and would want to visit more often. This may include holding monthly membership meeting via an on-line platform, allowing our membership, which is spread-out around the country, to participate in the meetings where in the past they may not have been able to.
- Continue to improve our communication to our membership with the happenings of our base. Jim Lawton, our Public Affairs Officer, has done a tremendous job improving this area that has been a weakness. He has taken a large role working with our webmaster and consistently updating our website which is located at <http://ussvigroton.org> He has also taken sole ownership of the weekly broadcast to ensure our members receive vital information to base happenings. If you are not receiving our broadcast please contact him at pao@ussvigroton.org and we will work to get you on our mailing list.

Lastly if there is any event or item you wish to see please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a wonderful winter and we look to see you at YOUR CLUBHOUSE!!!

Jeff Walsh

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SAVE THE DATES

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To get the most current updates



CLUB NOTICE.... FOOTBALL.....Updates we have so far is that the club will no longer be open Thursday nights since Thursday Night football is over.

BRUNCH - Every Sunday 10 am to noon. Always need volunteer cooks and servers. Best breakfast in Groton ct

Monthly Dinner, Saturday, January 25. Steak & Turf, 1700 Hours. Save the Date & mark your reservation. Great food and great dinner friends.

Super Bowl Pot Luck, Sunday, February 2. Bring your favorite dish. Plenty of TVs to watch all the action.

St Patrick's Day Dinner, Saturday, March 14th. You can't find a better corned beef dinner, thank you Tom Connors.

120th Officers & Enlisted Submarine Ball, Saturday, April 4th Foxwood Resort Casino

USSVI National Convention, August 23—30, Tuscon, AZ

Blue Mass, Sunday, September 27th, St Patrick's Cathedral, Norwich, CT

An Article you may want to read— From The New York Times

Navy Submarine, Missing for 75 Years, Is Found Off Okinawa

Private explorers found the U.S.S. Grayback beneath 1,400 feet of water after realizing that a mis-translated Japanese war record had pointed searchers in the wrong direction.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/10/us/navy-submarine-missing-for-75-years-is-found-off-okinawa.html>

SAVE THE DATES TVCCA RSVP Veteran's Coffeehouses

Every Wednesday 9 – 11 a.m. United Congregational Church, 87 Broadway, Norwich

1st & 3rd Thursdays 9 – 11 a.m. Masonicare Mystic, 45 Clara Dr. Mystic

2nd & 4th Thursdays 9 – 11 a.m. Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, 27 Chase St. Pawcatuck

1st & 3rd Fridays 9 – 11 a.m. New London Senior Citizens Center, 120 Broad Street, New London

2nd & 4th Fridays 9 – 11 a.m. City of Groton Human Services, 2 Fort Hill Rd, Groton

SPEAKER SCHEDULE:

ALL VETERANS & SPOUSES ARE WELCOME

Winter JANUARY 2020 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Norwich Wed 1/8 **Speaker:** Dale Plummer, City of Norwich Historian,
Topic: WWI and
the Captured German Howitzer.

Pawcatuck Thur 1/9 Coffee & Conversation.
Groton Fri 1/10 Coffee & Conversation.

Norwich Wed 1/15 **Speakers:** Country Wellness Center of North Stonington
Marcello D'Antonio and Dr. Stefana Pecher and Drew.
Topic: Their facility and it's benefit to veterans.

Mystic Thur 1/16 Coffee & Conversation.

New London Fri 1/17 **Speaker:** Deputy Commissioner Regina Rush-Kittle (Marine Corps
Reserves/Army Reserves-Bronze Star medal recipient)
Topic: Military experience in Kuwait and Afghanistan, her career with
the state's Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Norwich Wed 1/22 Coffee & Conversation.

Pawcatuck Thur 1/23 **Speaker:** Eva Bunnell, Census Partnership Specialist.
Topic: Census 2020.

Groton Fri 1/24 **Speaker:** Eva Bunnell, Census Partnership Specialist.
Topic: Census 2020.

Norwich Wed 1/29 Coffee & Conversation.

Closure Policy: The Veterans Coffeehouse will be closed if school in that town is cancelled or delayed due to weather. Please feel free to attend any of the other Coffeehouses.



U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES

*Bless those who served beneath the deep,
Through the lonely hours of vigil they had to keep,
May the eternal peace their mission ever be,
Bless each one we ask of thee,
Comfort those who at home who waited and prayed,
For their return night and day*

January



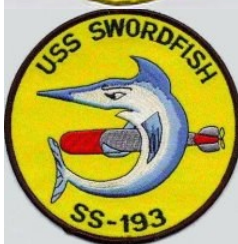
USS SCORPION (SS-278) Lost on Jan 5, 1944 with the loss of 77 officers and men in the East China Sea, on her 4th war patrol. It is assumed she was sunk by a mine.



USS ARGONAUT (APS-1/SS-166) Lost on Jan 10, 1943 with the loss of 102 officers and men off Rabaul, on her 3rd war patrol. While attacking a convoy, she torpedoed a Jap destroyer who along with 2 other destroyer's depth charged her. As she tried to surface, the destroyers sunk her by gun fire.



USS S-36 (SS-141) Lost on Jan 20, 1942 with no loss of life, on her 2nd war patrol. She ran hard aground on a reef and radioed for help. The entire crew was rescued by a Dutch ship after they scuttled her.



USS SWORDFISH (SS-193) Lost on Jan 12, 1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men somewhere near Okinawa, on her 13th war patrol. Probably was lost to a mine.



USS S-26 (SS-131) Lost on Jan 24, 1942 with the loss of 46 officers and men in the Gulf of Panama, on her 2nd war patrol. She was rammed by the USS PC-460 and sunk within seconds. The CO, XO and one lookout on the bridge, were the only survivors.



U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

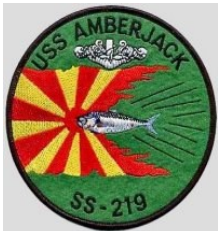
February



USS BARBEL (SS-316) Lost on Feb 4, 1945 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 4th war patrol. Based on Japanese records, she was bombed near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage. The day before, she reported she survived 3 depth charge attacks.



USS SHARK I (SS-174) Lost on Feb 11, 1942 with the loss of 59 officers and men on her 1st war patrol. Shark was the 1st US submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific. She was most likely sunk by depth charges.



USS AMBERJACK (SS-219) Lost on Feb 16, 1943 with the loss of 72 officers and men on her 3rd war patrol. Off Rabaul, she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane, attacked by a torpedo boat and then depth charged by a subchaser. One additional man was killed earlier on the last patrol.



USS GRAYBACK (SS-208) Lost on Feb 26, 1944 with the loss of 80 officers and men on her 10th war patrol. She appears to have been caught on the surface in the East China Sea by a Japanese carrier plane whose bombs made a direct hit. During this patrol she sank 4 ships totaling 21,594 tons and was tied for 11th in the number of ships sunk.



USS TROUT (SS-202) Lost on Feb 29, 1944 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 11th war patrol. She was sunk by escorts in the middle of the Philippines Basin after sinking a passenger-cargoman and damaging another in a convoy. She carried out several notable special missions, including carrying over two tons of gold bullion out of Corregidor in February 1942.

U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

March



USS PERCH (SS-176) Lost on March 3, 1942 near Java with no immediate loss of life, while on her 1st war patrol. She survived 2 severe depth charging in less than 200 feet of water by 3 Japanese destroyers. The crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 59 officers and men taken prisoner, 53 survived the war and six died as POWs.



USS GRAMPUS (SS-207) Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 71 officers and men, on her 6th war patrol. She was lost in Vella Gulf, sunk after engaging 2 Japanese Destroyers.



USS H-1 (SS-28) Lost on March 12, 1920 with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to shore after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. Vestal (AR-4), pulled H-1 off the rocks in the morning of 24 March, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water. She was originally named the USS SEAWOLF before becoming H-1.



USS TRITON (SS-201) Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men. She was sunk north of the Admiralty Islands during a fight with 3 Japanese Destroyers. Triton was the 1st boat to engage the enemy in December 1941 off Wake Island, sinking 9 ships, 1 submarine and a destroyer.

U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

*SHIPMATES PLEASE PAUSE TO REMEMBER THOSE OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO SAILED IN HARM'S WAY
AND DID NOT RETURN.*

*LORD, THESE DEPARTED SHIPMATES WITH DOLPHINS ON THEIR CHEST
ARE PART OF AN OUTFIT KNOWN AS THE BEST.
MAKE THEM WELCOME AND TAKE THEM BY THE HAND.
YOU'LL FIND WITHOUT A DOUBT THEY WERE THE BEST IN ALL THE LAND.
SO, HEAVENLY FATHER THEIR NAMES ARE ON THE ROLLS
OF OUR DEPARTED SHIPMATES STILL ON PATROL.
LET THEM KNOW THAT WE WHO SURVIVE
WILL ALWAYS KEEP THEIR MEMORIES ALIVE*

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

*THERE IS A PORT OF NO RETURN
WHERE SHIPS MAY RIDE AT ANCHOR FOR A LITTLE SPACE AND THEN SOME NIGHT THE
CABLE SLIPS
LEAVING ONLY AN EDDY AT THE MOORING PLACE
GULLS VEAR NO LONGER,
SAILOR REST YOUR OAR
NO TANGLED WRECKAGE WILL BE WASHED ASHORE*

[Edward I Childs, EMCS\(SS\)](#)

North Stonington, CT

Passed away on **11/27/2019**

USSVI Base: Groton

Served on: SS-347, SSN-585, SSN-571, SSN-615, SSN-606

Qualified in submarines on the USS Cubera (SS-347) in 1954 and was a EMCS(SS) when he left the Navy.

Cold War Submariner Edward I Childs of North Stonington CT departed 11/27/2019 on Eternal Patrol. Ed Joined the USN in 1952 and retired in 1974 as EMCS(SS). He qualified in submarines in 1954 on the USS Cubera (SS-347) and also served aboard Skipjack, Nautilus, Gato and Tinosa.

Ed was a Life and Holland Club member of USSVI Groton Base.

Go to this link for USSVI Eternal Patrol Search <https://www.ussvi.org/>

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

[John Dwight McElroy, ETCM\(SS\)](#)

Passed away on **12/11/2019**



USSVI Base: Groton

Served on: DD-211, AD-14, DD-451, SS-477

Qualified in submarines on the USS Conger (SS-477) in 1953 and was a ETCM(SS) when he left the Navy.

WW2 Veteran and Cold War Submariner John Dwight McElroy, 94, of Old Lyme, died December 11, 2019, in Apple Rehabilitation in Old Saybrook. Born March 5, 1925, in Paxton, Ill., the son of John D. McElroy and Alta (Wilson) McElroy. He is predeceased by his wife Patricia Brown McElroy and son Ronald M. Smith.

He honorably served in the United States Navy for his career of 20 years, retiring in 1961, as a master chief petty officer. Mr. McElroy's naval service began with his enlistment in 1942. He served on destroyers as a torpedoman and hard hat diver. After surviving two ship sinking's due to torpedo attacks, he transferred to the US Navy submarine service and changed his rating to electronics technician.

He qualified in submarines in 1953 aboard the USS Conger (SS/AGSS-477). He later qualified for nuclear submarine service and ended his career as a ETCM(SS) nuclear program instructor at the submarine base in Groton.

Following his US Navy service, he was employed at the U.S. Navy Underwater Sound Laboratory in New London as an electronics technician until his retirement in 1981. He traveled widely while working on experimental sonar programs. He performed advanced work on Project Sanguine, a critical communication system for submarines, and did a tour as operator of the Sound Surveillance System (SOSUS) at the control station in the Azores. Following retirement from the Underwater Sound Laboratory, Mr. McElroy became a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Antique Veterans association where he assisted in many burial services. He was a grand master mason of the Bay View Lodge #120 in Niantic, and a member of the Shriners International. Mr. McElroy is survived by his daughter Denise Goucher of Old Lyme granddaughters, Jillian Goucher and Taylor Goucher of Old Lyme and Terry Conrad Turner of Greenwich; grandson Chris A. Smith of New Hartford; his great-grandchildren, Joshua Conrad of Juan, Calif. and Christy Conrad of Greenwich; and his great-great-granddaughter Tezza Conrad of Jaun, Calif.

He was a Life and Holland Club member of USSVI Groton Base.

Sailor, Rest your oar

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

[Earl Roberts, EMC\(SS\)](#)

Brooksville, FL

Passed away on **11/26/2019**



USSVI Base: Weeki Wachee

Dual member: GROTON

Served on: SS-525, SSN-585, SSN-578, SS-344, SS-368, SS-214

Qualified in submarines on the USS Grenadier (SS-525) in 1956 and was a EMC(SS) when he left the Navy.

Cold War Submariner Earl "Robbie" Roberts, 83, of Brooksville FL shipped out on his Eternal Patrol 11/26/2019.

Robbie joined the Navy in 1952, qualified in submarines on the USS GRENADIER (SS-525) in 1956 and was a EMC(SS) when he left the Navy in 1973.

He also served aboard SKIPJACK, SKATE, COBBLER, JALLAO and GROUPER.

Earl was a Holland Club & Life member of USSVI Weeki Wachee and Groton bases

Sailor, Rest your oar.

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

[Carl H Hochstetler, MMCS\(SS\)](#)

Ledyard, CT

Passed away on **12/25/2019**



USSVI Base: Groton

Cold War Submariner Carl H Hochstetler of Ledyard CT departed 12/25/2019 on Eternal Patrol.

Carl served in the USN from 1961 to 1981 and retired as a MMCS(SS). He qualified in submarines in 1962 aboard the USS Pomodon (SS-486) and also served aboard US GRANT, THOMAS A EDISON, CAVALLA and BILLFISH.

Carl was a Life and Holland Club member of USSVI Groton Base.

Sailor, Rest your oar.

[Douglas Ira Baker, TMC\(SS\)](#)

Tavares, FL

Passed away on **9/21/2019**

USSVI Base: Seadragon

Dual member: GROTON

Served on: SS-566, SS-259, SSN-585, SSN-578, SSN-571, SS-426

Cold War Submariner Douglas Ira Baker of Taveres FL departed 9/21/2019 on his Eternal Patrol.

Doug qualified in submarines aboard the USS Trout (SS-566) in 1957 and also helped recommission USS Jack for turnover to the Greek Navy in 1957-58, Skipjack 1958-60, Skate 60-62, Nautilus 62.67 and Tusk 1963.

He was a TMC(SS) when he left the Navy.

Doug was a Life and Holland Club member of USSVI Seadragon and Groton Bases.

Sailor, Rest your oar

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

[David G. Ferrell, MTC\(SS\)](#)

Groton, CT

Passed away on **9/26/2019**



USSVI Base: Groton

Served on: SS-478, SSBN-599

Cold War Submariner DAVID G. FERRELL age 88 of Groton passed away with family by his side on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at Westerly Hospital.

David was born August 1, 1931 to Richard M. and Audrey Gilson Ferrell in Chelyan, W. VA., a small coal terminal town. He attended school there and graduated from East Bank High School in the class of 1944. He was a member of the W.VA National Guard and was granted an honorable discharge to join the U S Navy.

He loved the water and could be found close by the Kanawha River during his youth.

The Navy took him to many places on heavy cruisers, oilers and submarines.

David qualified in submarines aboard the USS Cutlass (SS-478) in 1962. He retired as a MTC(SS) in 1969.

He then worked for General Dynamics as a test director and retired in 1993 as a senior logistics coordinator.

David was married to Lynn Ross Ferrell who predeceased him. He married to Mary Stone Georgi Ferrell, who survives. They met through mutual friends and were married in 1973, after the death of their former spouses.

Besides his wife he is survived by his sons, Donald and wife Debbie Ferrell of Bucksport, ME, Stephen and wife Barbara Ferrell of Ridgeville, S.C. a step son Henry Georgi of Groton, a step daughter Sharon Davis of Raynham, MA and a sister Phyliss Remmel and husband Steve of Clinton IN. He was predeceased by two brothers, Andrew and Robert Ferrell and two sisters, Carole Taylor and Madelyn Sue Bryant.

David was a Life and Holland Club member of USSVI Groton Base.

Sailor, Rest your oar.

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

[John A. Slebodnick, ICC\(SS\)](#)

Manchester, NH

Passed away on **9/11/2019**



[see Bio & Obituary](#)

USSVI Base: Groton

Served on: SS-246, SSN-571

Cold War Submariner John A. Slebodnick, 89, passed away the morning of September 11, 2019, at the Hillsborough County Nursing House.

Born in Hazleton, PA on July 17, 1930 to Andrew and Anna Slebodnick, John is survived by his wife of 65 years, Vassiliki (Tsiemkles) Slebodnick, his brother, James Slebodnick, his sister, Carol Czutno, his daughter-in-law, Lucie (Martin) Slebodnick, three grandchildren, Lauren, Andrew, and Jonathan and wife Charlotte, as well as one great grandchild, Theodore. He was predeceased by his son, John N. Slebodnick, who passed away in December 2017.

John was a 22-year Cold War Navy Veteran, reaching the position of Chief Petty Officer, and serving as Chief of The Boat on the USS Nautilus, the world's first operational nuclear-powered submarine and the first submarine to complete a submerged transit of the North Pole. He received a National Defense Service Medal with a Bronze Star and 5 Good Conduct Medals during his time in the service.

He qualified in submarines aboard USS Croaker (SSK-246) in 1955 and was a ICC when he retired from the Navy.

After a distinguished career in the Navy, he continued to work as an electrician, owning his own electrical company and teaching as a professor at NH Vocational Technical College (now Community College System of NH) in Manchester. In his free time, he enjoyed woodworking and bird watching.

John was a life and Holland club member of USSVI Groton Base.

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

[Paul Norman McGrath, LCDR](#)

Branford, CT

Passed away on **9/6/2019**



[see Bio & Obituary](#)

USSVI Base: Groton

Served on: SS-345, SS-426, SS-410, SS-246, SS-346

Qualified in submarines on the USS Cochino (SS-345) in 1949 and was a LCDR when he left the Navy.

Cold War Submariner Paul Norman McGrath, LCDR, USN, Ret., passed away Sept. 6, 2019.

He was born May 18 1929, he lived in Whitehall, NY before joining the US Navy in 1946 as an enlisted man. He survived the sinking on the submarine USS Cochino (SS-345), which sank after a battery explosion off Norway on Aug. 26, 1949. (In the novel "Blind Man's Bluff" he is in the picture of the surviving crew, with the jacket marked ETC). He continued his Navy service in 1958 he was certified as a Navy Nuclear Operator (Certificate #4) and promoted to the Naval Officer ranks in the same year under Captain Hyman G. Rickover at the Naval Nuclear Training Station in West Milton, N.Y. Paul retired with 24 years of service as a Lieutenant Commander and wore both Enlisted (silver) and Officer (gold) Submarine Dolphins.

Paul continued his service as a technical assistant to Dr. D. Allan Bromley (5th director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy for George H. W. Bush) at Yale University's Sloane Physics Lab. During this time, Paul found and helped restored a Van de Graaff generator particle accelerator for physics research in Wright's lab basement.

Paul was a Life & Holland Club member of USSVI Groton Base, a member of B.P.O.E. Elks in Westbrook, he volunteered preparing and delivering Meals on Wheels in Clinton, was a member of the Choral Club of Clinton, and a member of the St. Mary's of the Visitation Catholic Church, as well as a member of the choir as a tenor.

Paul is survived by his wife of 70 years, Josephine A. McGrath; and his five sons, (all of which are military veterans) John, Richard, Robert, Gary, and Daniel; his sister Joann Niles; and bother Alan McGrath. He will be missed by his six grandchildren.

Sailor, Rest your oar.

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2019

Michael C. Doherty, IC1(SS)

Uncasville, CT

Passed away on **12/27/2019**

USSVI Base: GROTON

Served on: SS-576, SSBN-599

Old War Submariner Michael C. Doherty, Sr., 80, of Montville passed away at home Friday, Dec. 27, 2019, surrounded by and in the arms of his loving family. Mike was born in Boston, Mass, April 30, 1939. He was the oldest of six children, from an Irish family.

Mike graduated Boston Tech June 3, 1956 and joined the US Navy June 12, 1956 at age 17. Mike was stationed in Groton where he went to Sub School and then Nuclear Power School in Groton as well. He qualified in submarines on the USS Darter (SS-576), also served aboard USS Patrick Henry (SSBN-599) and was a IC1(SS) when he left the Navy.

Mike chose to stay and raise his family here in Connecticut. After an Honorable Discharge from the Submarine Service of the Navy, he began his lifelong love of learning by earning numerous degrees. He earned two associate degrees from Mitchell College, a Bachelor of Science Degree from UCONN in December 1982 - the same month his son received his BS. He finished up his higher education with a Master's Degree from the University of New Haven. He was always a wealth of information for anyone who needed it. Mike was also very involved in the community. When his children were young, he was President of the Uncasville PTA, President of the Montville Boosters, he coached Little League, he taught catechism, and much more where he made a tremendous impact on many.

He was a proud member of the US Sub Vets Holland Club, American Legion, the Elks and many other organizations. He was also very proud to be the co-founder of the first and only independent financial planning firm in Montville, which he opened with his son. Mike was very well liked by all who knew him. Friends from his children's school days referred to him as Mr. D and many viewed him as the community "Dad". He was always available for information and advice, a laugh and a hug, whichever was needed.

Mike met the love of his life, Joan (McAuley), when he was 8 years old, began dating in high school and married at 19 years of age. Mike and Joan recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. They were married June 22, 1958, at Saint Angela's Roman Catholic Church in Mattapan, Mass. Mike leaves behind his wife, his son Michael and wife Karen; his daughter Karen and husband Raymond; and daughter Kathleen and husband Tom. He also leaves behind "Grandpa's Gang". What he called the most exclusive club - only requirement is to be one of his grandchildren. He sent every grandchild a letter when they were born welcoming them into "Grandpa's Gang". The members whom he was very proud of and adored more than anything, include Ryan Doherty, Caitlin Perkins, Kevin Doherty, Amanda Perkins, Alexandria Peck and Michaela Peck. Mike also leaves behind his brother John and wife Nancy; sister Kathleen and husband William; sister Maureen; and sister-in-law Patricia (Brian's wife). He is predeceased by his brother Peter and wife Linda and his brother Brian. Mike also leaves behind many nieces and nephews who truly loved their "Uncle Mike".

Mike was a Life and Holland Club member of USSVI Groton Base. Sailor, Rest your oar.

GROTON BASE SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2005

Joseph Allen Ashley, Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (SS)
January 9, 2005

On 8 January 2005 at 02:43 GMT, the USS San Francisco (SSN-711) collided with an undersea mountain about 364 nautical miles southeast of Guam while operating at flank (maximum) speed at a depth of 525 feet. The collision was so serious that the vessel was almost lost—accounts detail a desperate struggle for positive buoyancy to surface after the forward ballast tanks were ruptured. Twenty-three crewmen were injured, and 24 year old Machinist's Mate Second Class Joseph Allen Ashley, of Akron, Ohio, died on 9 January from head injuries. Other injuries to the crew included broken bones, lacerations, and a back injury. San Francisco's forward ballast tanks and her sonar dome were severely damaged, but her inner hull was not breached, and there was no damage to her nuclear reactor. She surfaced and accompanied by the USCGC Galveston Island (WPB-1349), USNS GYSGT Fred W. Stockham (T-AK-3017), and USNS Kiska (T-AE-35), as well as MH-60S Knighthawks and P-3 Orion maritime patrol aircraft, arrived in Guam on January 10th.

I didn't know Joey Ashley, but he was a Submariner just like me and many of my Shipmates. The crew was just like the crew on every one of the 7 submarines I served on. Their efforts saved the USS SAN FRANCISCO and prevented further loss of life.

What happened to USS SAN FRANCISCO and MM2(SS) Ashley could have happened to me, or any one of us who wear the Dolphins and go down to the sea in vessels intentionally designed to sink. It's a dangerous business whether you are underway operating as the SAN FRANCISCO was, or sitting in a dry dock like the USS MIAMI was. There are reasons it is called "hazardous duty". We all know the hazards and risks every time we go on board, but we do it because that is the life we choose.

So on this anniversary of this tragic accident let us pause and remember Joey Ashley who gave his life while serving his country in Submarines. And let us all give thanks that we were fortunate that USS SAN FRANCISCO was not lost and that we are not remembering 127 men instead.

"There is a port of no return where ships may ride at anchor for a little space. And then some starless night the cable slips leaving only an eddy at the mooring place. Gulls veer no longer. Sailor rest your oar. No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore".

HAND SALUTE Shipmate Ashley . . . Rest Your Oar!



SUBSCHOOL GRADUATIONS**Jack Gallimore**

Often referred to as the **SHIPMATES REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY**, SUBVETS is actively involved with Submarine School graduation ceremonies for the Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS), Submarine Officers Advanced Class (SOAC), and Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) as regular participants. Back In August 2010, the SubVets Groton Base "Heritage Award" presentation formally became part of the BESS graduation. A certificate and a Groton Base "Challenge" coin is presented to the Class Leader.

SUBVETS, provides volunteers who read the words of remembrance. Additionally, SUBVETS provides volunteer speakers for some of the advanced graduating classes, i.e. Submarine Electronics Computer Field (SECF), Submarine Communications Electronic Rating Field (SCERF), and Torpedoman "A" (MMW) School as requested.

The following Graduations were supported for the year 2019 by SubVets, either as speakers or as representatives at the tolling ceremony that was accomplished at BESS, TMA, SOAC and SOBC, SECF and SCERF. BESS 24, SOAC & SOBC 12, TMA 7, SECF AND SCERF 34

SUBMARINE HOMECOMINGS**Jack Gallimore**

While not a Chaplain item in particular, the "Red Hats" do provide a 7 Gun salute to each boat that comes back from a major deployment. The salute is rendered at Puffins Restaurant on Thames Street in Groton. Each member of the Red Hat brigade is notified as security allows. Interim person to contact for the Red Hat brigade is the Chaplain. We welcomed back the USS Minnesota in December.

CHAPLAIN INFORMATION**Jack Gallimore**

Since the beginning of 2019 up through December 31st members of the Honor Detail and the Chaplain have provided services for submarine veterans when requested. Groton Base Honor Detail members provide Honors Detail shipmates along with a few members of the WWII group for the WWII ceremonies when required.

The Chaplain provides Invocations and Benedictions or prayers at numerous ceremonies held at the WWII memorial, the Holland Club induction, and for many other well known organizations that support those of the military, whether they are retired or active. During the months of Jan through December 31st 2019, we have been requested to provide 11 local services and numerous letters of condolence to the families of the deceased for those out of the area. Additionally, we were likewise requested to provide Eternal Light services for wives of SubVets shipmates who had passed and we had 1. Unfortunately, we do not always hear of a passing of one of our shipmates or mailing addresses, however we do let the next of kin know when we do hear of someone departing on Eternal Patrol and offer our condolences.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**Marian Galbraith, Chair**

It takes volunteers to maintain this memorial. Join us All skills needed. We will train you



The Memorial Committee has dressed the sail for the holidays! Stop by and see the lights.

The Memorial Committee is always ready to welcome volunteers and new committee members.

Call Marian Galbraith at 860-460-8740 for details.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**Steven Ricard, Chair**

Tom Connors Class of 1918

Attention All Hands!!!

If you have not done so already it is time to renew your Base and National membership for 2020.

Groton Base Membership continues to purr like; like a well stroked kitty cat. The Base, as well as National saw an uptick in new members both Active Duty and Veterans. USSVI and Groton Base salute you. We also saw a significant number of both renewals/reactivations these are Shipmates deciding to come back and join SubVets Groton Base for one reason or another. To the new members and the returning members we say, "Welcome to SubVets Groton" this is your club and we are the "First and the Finest".

Over the past few months Bob Perritt and I got a little behind in on-line renewals for that I promise that we are on top of it and will make sure that as the Membership Chair and Treasurer we will continue to work out the details that effect you.

Bob continues to fine tune the fully automate Membership program so whatever gets entered into the National Database is what will show up in our Groton Database. As Treasurer Bob continues to maintain and fine tune and fully automated the backend of the Membership software interface and how it works with the Point of Sales for the club. I want to thank Bob for his patience and continued technical support.

Memberships for the quarter, October through December are listed below

Month	Active Duty Memberships	New Memberships	Associate Memberships	Renewal Memberships
October	4	4	1	14
November	8	3	1	19
December	2	4	5	19
Total	14	11	7	52

MEMERSHIP UPDATE (continued)**Steven Ricard, Chair**

I want to remind you that you have some control over your profile in the National Membership Data such as address, email address, phone number so make the changes if you want or reach out to me at membership@ussvigroton.org to make the change. As I mentioned last quarter once we have current information our technical wizards can update Constant Contact which is the database we use to send out all information regarding Groton Base.

Total USSVI Groton Base Membership: **1266** members from the following:

USSVI Groton Base Regular Members: **577**

Holland Club: **615**

Associate Members: **74**

It is time to renew, I can't reiterate that enough. Membership is our life's blood. Without our members we do not exist.

Members can start paying their 2020 dues **NOW**.

I want to thank all of the Active Duty members who have signed up so far this year. You are our future.

PS: Anyone interested in being part of the membership committee I am always looking for help. Just drop me an email.

SCHOLARSHIP**Greg Kane, Chair****2020 GROTON BASE USSVI SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications for the 2020 Groton Base USSVI scholarship are now available on the Groton USSVI website;

<https://www.ussvigroton.org> (Under PDF Downloads)

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES**Joe Smith, Chair**

Hello friends,

Winter is here, and I am hoping for the same kind of mild snowfall we “enjoyed” last year. Todd continues his stellar performance cooking up our menu in the kitchen, so be sure to come join us for lunch. Pay attention to the specials board when you come in to see what the soup of the day and the lunch specials are!

Hopefully you joined us for our karaoke New Year’s Eve Party, it was a great time, and don’t forget that DJ Jim is in house every other Friday night so you can showcase your singing talents (or just laugh with your shipmates). He is also available to book for your command & corporate functions, which leads me to...

Again this year, we hosted a lot of command Christmas and holiday parties to round out 2019, utilizing the second deck, pump room and bar areas, and we want to thank all of those who planned and attended their festive functions at 40 School Street. We always enjoy having you, and please continue to utilize us for command/corporate functions throughout winter and into spring!

For our next dinner, we will again be putting on the Winter Steak and Shrimp that was a success last year, so pay attention to the dinner board posted at the clubhouse, keep your eyes open to Facebook and broadcasts for specifics, and get down to the club to sign up! In addition, before we know it the Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner will be upon us in March, and that is one of our most popular dinners, so as soon as you see it posted, you better sign up quick before it fills up.

We are always looking for different groups and commands to volunteer for brunch duties on Sundays. Please contact me or one of the club managers to volunteer your group of 5-7 people. Pay attention to the broadcasts from the Base Commander, as well as our Facebook pages for further details on upcoming dinners and events at the club. Those pages can be found by searching Facebook for “SubvetsGroton” and “USSVI Groton Base”.

Please visit your club often, stay longer, and as always... See ya there!

Joseph Smith

Chairman, Board of Trustees USSVI Groton Base “First and Finest”

GROTON CLUB**Laura Byrne & Jill Henry, Club Managers****Clubhouse & Bar Hours**

Sunday 10AM to 2 PM
Monday 11AM to 5 PM**
Tuesday 11AM to 5:00PM
Wednesday 11AM to 5:00PM
Thursday 11AM to 9:30PM
Friday 11AM to 12:30 AM
Saturday Closed**

** Open/expanded Saturdays and Mondays Evenings for Scheduled Events

Updates we have so far is that the club will no longer be open Thursday nights since Thursday Night football is over. We are possibly looking at opening for Saturday night football. We are also in the works of planning another paint and sip event so stay tuned for that announcement.

Jill

KARAOKE NIGHT

Friday evenings your SubVets Club is open late and you can enjoy Music and Music Videos while building up your courage to sing Karaoke with Excellent Libations!

Creative Sounds Entertainment - DJ Jammin Jim - Hosting Karaoke, Music / Music Videos / DJ / KJ

VETERANS REPRESENTATIVE**Alvin G. Kinsall****Alvin G. Kinsall**

Contact Al if you have questions

Veterans Representa-

tive

New London Veterans Affairs, 181 State Street, 3rd Floor, New London, CT 06320

(860) 440-6691

REMINDER—MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Reminder - Membership Renewals

It is that time of year - Please renew your membership by visiting our site:

<https://www.ussvigroton.org/dues-renewal>

KAP(SS)4KID(SS)**John Riley Chair**

"No one stands so tall as when they stoop to help a child" Abraham Lincoln



Groton Base's Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team continues to bring comfort and joy to sick Children, and their families!

We visit Kids at:

Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Yale New Haven Children's Hospital

Smilow Cancer Hospital

Yale New Haven Hospital's Inpatient Child Psychiatric Unit
for 4 - 13 year old Kids

Yale New Haven Hospital's Inpatient Child Psychiatric Unit
for 13-18 year old Kids

The Ronald McDonald House

The Connecticut Hospice



KAP(SS)4KID(SS)**John Riley Chair**

We brought 20 hospitalized Kids into our Submariner Family by making them Honorary Submariners!

The Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team visited the Kids at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital and Smilow Cancer Hospital on November 14th.

We were thanked often by the Kids, their families and the staff, for our visit and for our service to our country!



Active Duty Submariner Phillip Plunkard FTSN joined our K4K Team for the visit and was a huge hit with the Kids!

Phil wore his dress blue uniform and many of parents and staff commented on how sharp 20-year-old Phil looked. We joked that we looked like him when we served on Submarines over 50 years ago 😊



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We gave the Kids caring attention, personalized and framed Honorary Submariner (HS) Certificates, HS Ball Caps, HS Doo Rags, HS Challenge Coins, Signed Nautilus Submarine Photos, HS Tattoos and K4K Wristbands.

We let the Kids and their parents know that if they visited the free USS Nautilus Submarine Museum, they would get a special tour by Active Duty Submariners and a USS Nautilus Challenge Coin.

KAP(SS)4KID(SS)**John Riley Chair**

Our Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team (K4K) had a Wonderful Christmas visit with Kids this week!

We made 12 Kids Honorary Submariners and gave them gifts from Santa.

The Kids were patients in Yale New Haven Hospital's Child Psychiatric In-Patient Unit for children with neuropsychiatric, developmental and behavioral problems. The unit provides comprehensive psychiatric, psycho-social and educational evaluation and short-term treatment for children ages 4 to 13.



As usual, we had lots of fun with the Kids, and the staff, as we shared information about life on-board a Submarine, showed Submarine related pictures and videos, and answered their many questions!

After making the Children Honorary Submariners we said that we forgot to give them something that Santa sent to them by way of one of our Submarines that surfaced at the North Pole. We then gave them each a Christmas Stocking with a Christmas coloring book and a candy cane that Groton Base member Dee Carcioppolo provided. We also gave them a cute SQUEEZAMAL stuffed animal.



The Kids were overjoyed with their gifts. One broadly smiling little girl, squeezing her stuffed animal, asked if it was OK if she cried! One boy held up his Christmas stocking with his gifts inside and just beamed as if imagining the stocking on a fireplace mantel!

We also gave the Kids items we give all our new K4K Submariner Family Members: 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 USS Nautilus Submarine Museum and the WWII Submarine Memorial in Groton, CT.

We let them know that they would get a Special Tour, and Challenge Coin, from Active Duty Submariners if they visit the free USS Nautilus Submarine Museum in Groton, CT.

KAP(SS)4KID(SS)**John Riley Chair**

Active Duty Submariner Phillip Plunkard FTSN(SS) again joined our K4K Team for the visit and again was a huge hit with the Kids! As a 20-year-old Submariner Phil communicates with Kids in a different way than us “Old Salts” and significantly enhances the experience for the Kids. In addition to Phil, our USSVI Groton Base K4K Team consisted of Bob Dulin, and John & Jackie Riley.

**Christmas Gift Donations!**

Members of our K4K Team attended the Groton Base's Westport Satellite Group Christmas party. We were able to thank those who brought toys that our Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team will share with the Child Care Facilities that we visit!

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

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/kaps4kidsconnecticut>

K4K VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/DaHOrDe4U5E>

EMAIL: kaps4kids@ussvigroton.org

203 668-9131

SUBMARINE MUSEUM

Thank you for your interest in the Submarine Force Museum's Education Program.

If you have tour or event requests please contact:

Senior Chief Drury at david.j.drury@navy.mil<<mailto:david.j.drury@navy.mil>>

If you have an education administration request please contact:

Curator Stephen Finnigan at Stephen.finnigan@navy.mil<<mailto:Stephen.finnigan@navy.mil>>.

SUBMARINE MUSEUM DOCENTS**Ken Johnson, Chair**

At this time I do not have any information on when a replacement for Justin Spielmann will be hired or even if the job has been posted yet.

Remember, you can always find the latest watchbill versions here in the Docent

Dropbox: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/83cqtojnjqiu9ge/AABffH_A2j4pgfESd1h683Wua

Contact Ken Johnson at oakhamgraphics@charter.net

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**Steve Ricard**

I would like to take a few moments to thank a couple of groups for volunteering over the past year. Without dedicated volunteers, events would not be able to take place.

SubVets Auxiliary: This group of volunteers provides a feast fit for any Sailor. Without this group working as a Team events like receptions after Memorial Day Service, 4th of July parade, Veterans Day Ceremony, Thanksgiving, Breakfast with Santa and other special requests we would be without main dishes, salads, side dishes, and desserts. So "Thank You" for all you do in supporting SubVets Groton Base, our Veterans, Sailors, Families, and Friends.

Saturday Morning Clean-up Crew: This group conducts a clean sweep down fore, aft as well as ladders and passageways. The crew varies week to week but the routine remains the same, sweep and swab all decks, vacuum carpets, clean the heads and take out the trash. Then comes the fun part sitting around having a coffee and, listening to Tom Connors tell sea stories and Harold Haugland trying to top it. Every Saturday at 0700 these guys are there rain or shine and always deliver a clean building for Sunday morning Brunch.

Ginsu Carvers and Turkey Fryer Crew: These guys are experts in the use of big sharp knives, meat forks, and sharpeners. Each Thanksgiving they give of their time on Wednesday evening and all-day Thanksgiving. This year they carved over 100 birds on Wednesday and over 70 birds on Thanksgiving Day. Without these guys you'd be eating the whole bird instead of neatly carved birds.

In the next editions of Boat Notes I will highlight a few of our other volunteer groups that provide endless hours of support that helps keep our club afloat.

Again without volunteers we don't survive.

2020 is an Election YEAR!
The Following National Officer Positions and Requirements
for Office are Available:

National Commander: Nominees for National Commander must have completed at least two years as a voting member of the Board of Directors by the time they take office as National Commander.

National Senior Vice Commander: Nominees for Senior Vice-Commander must have completed at least two years as a Member of the Board of Directors and must certify that they have or will develop a working familiarity of the USSVI bookkeeping software (QuickBooks).

National Junior Vice Commander: Nominees for Junior Vice-Commander must have completed at least two years as a Member of the Board of Directors.

National Treasurer: Must be a Regular member in good standing and Nominees for National Treasurer must have some experience in bookkeeping, certify that they have, or will develop a working knowledge of the USSVI approved bookkeeping software (QuickBooks), use the USSVI approved software as part of his/her duties as National Treasurer, and cannot change to another software package without the Board of Director's approval.

National Secretary: Must be a Regular member in good standing.

Regional Director: Must be a member in good standing of a Base within the Region. The Nominee must be currently serving or has served as a Regional Director, District Commander or Base Officer.

Note: All nominations must be sent to the Nominations Committee Chairman on or before March 1st, 2020. The nomination is accompanied by a letter from the Nominee indicating his willingness to accept the nomination and willingness to serve if elected. The Nomination Letter includes details of the nominee's qualifications in less than one hundred (100) words.

The 2020 Nominations Committee Chairman is IPNC John E. Markiewicz, e-mail is jemjax2@att.net.

SUBVETS GROTON ELECTION 2020

Base Officers—Nominations open February and close on April 15.
Elections May Monthly Meeting

- Base Officers—Sr Vice Commander and Secretary

THE HOLLAND CLUB REPORT**Steven Ricard****Holland Club Update October – December**

Each month on the third Tuesday SubVets Groton Base Holland Club hosts a luncheon. This is a great tradition that was started by Bud Atkins and has carried on since. The Holland Club Luncheon is open to all Holland Club Members and their guests. Non Holland Club Members are also invited. Each month I send out a reminder for the upcoming luncheon announcing the date, time and the guest speaker. I ask that you try to give me a heads up as soon as possible so I can give a head count to the kitchen. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



October was the first month in the quarter and our guest speaker was Marvin Serruto, TVCCA Veterans Coffeehouse Coordinator and SubVet Member. Marvin qualified in 1978 onboard the USS Tecumseh, SSBN 628. His discussion centered around his experience in the Navy, his family's Military history and the need to give back. Marvin talked about his duties and responsibilities as the Coffeehouse Coordinator and gave an overview of the speakers that can be expected each month.



In November Mrs. Kathy Lotring, Executive Director of the Submarine Force Library and Museum Association was our guest speaker. She assumed the position as the director in 2019. Mrs. Lotring served in the U.S. Navy as a Yeoman for over 12 years. She has worked and volunteered for non-profits for the past 35 years. Most recently worked for the Dolphin Scholarship and USO of Hampton Roads.



December our guest speaker was supposed to have been LCDR Tom Hickey, USCG Retired. Tom is an H65 pilot and former Rescue Swimmer. Unfortunately Mother Nature showed up with her icy friends and we needed to cancel. Two hearty souls, Dennis Hopkins and Charlie Bates braved the element only to be greeted by Tom. Connors.



Our very talented crew, Todd, Jillian, Laura, Jill and Tom continues whip up a great meals that are enjoyed by all. Many thanks to them for keeping us well fed and within budget.

I would be remised if I did not thank all of the Sub School students who help make these meals enjoyable and a success.



Soon it will be time to start planning the Holland Induction Ceremony and I will be looking for volunteers to help gather the information and put together the program for the event. Please let me know if you would like to assist.

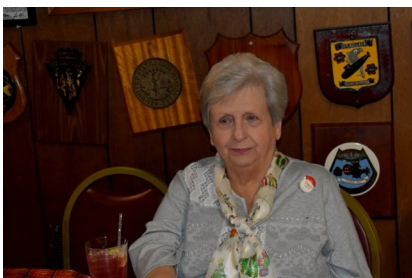
King’s Bay October 2019



Holland Club Groton November 2019



Christmas Subvets Groton 2019





United States Submarine Veterans Inc.
Groton Base "First and Finest"
Home of USSVI and Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse

January 1, 2020

Dear Shipmate;

I am writing to you today sending this letter to you asking for your support for our Annual Appeal. As you know or may not you know, USSVI National is the sole owner of the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse at 40 School Street in Groton Connecticut. Groton Base, "*First and Finest*", was the number one base in the organization. This is where USSVI originated. Groton was also the home of USSVI Corporate Headquarters for the first 30 years when until the Board of Directors made a they a decision to move the National Office to moved to the West Coast. Groton Base has been the caretaker of the building and the land it sits on ever since.

Therefore, the purpose for this Annual Appeal is to help support the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse operating fund.

The Joe Negri Clubhouse was built in 1895, and at nearly 125-year-old the building requires a lot of tender loving care. Groton Base annual dues and donations simply aren't enough to meet the Clubhouse expenses. While Naturally our goal is to continue to provide the services to our members, but it has become harder for keeping the doors open. For example, the cost for utilities (electricity, heating oil and propane) is \$25,000 per year, building and other liability insurance costs \$15,000, and required maintenance another \$12,000 last year alone. has increased over the past years and Total expenses are is far greater than what we generate from member dues and donations.

The Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse is the only tangible asset USSVI has owns, and because We are ALL members of USSVI. The building belongs to all of us!. We must depend on our membership to help in meeting our financial obligations and keeping our doors open to you, the owners of the building.

I'm personally asking each of you, as members of USSVI, for your help again this year and to send a donation. There is no minimum donation. Every little bit will help. You can make a one-time donation or if you like you may pledge monthly or quarterly donation installments.

Please complete the Annual Appeal response form below and either donate online or mail all your donations to **the USSVI Clubhouse, Attention: USSVI Groton Base Annual Appeal, 40 School Street, Groton, CT. 06340**. Checks should be made out to **SUBVETS USSVI Groton Base**.

We are truly depending on your help making a difference.
Thanking you in advance,

Jeff Walsh
Commander USSVI Groton Base



Groton Base "First and Finest"
Home of USSVI and Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse



2020 Annual Appeal Response Form
Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse Operating Fund

For the purpose of supporting the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse Operating Fund.

One-time donation (Cash or Check)

Pledge (Check one)

☐ Monthly

☐ Quarterly .

All [donations and pledges](https://ussvigroton.org/donations) (Monthly/**QUARTERLY**) can be done via PAYPAL at the Groton Base Website:

<https://ussvigroton.org/donations>

Total amount of your donation: \$ _____

Your Name: _____

Your Mailing Address: _____

City, State and Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

The Home of USSVI and
Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse



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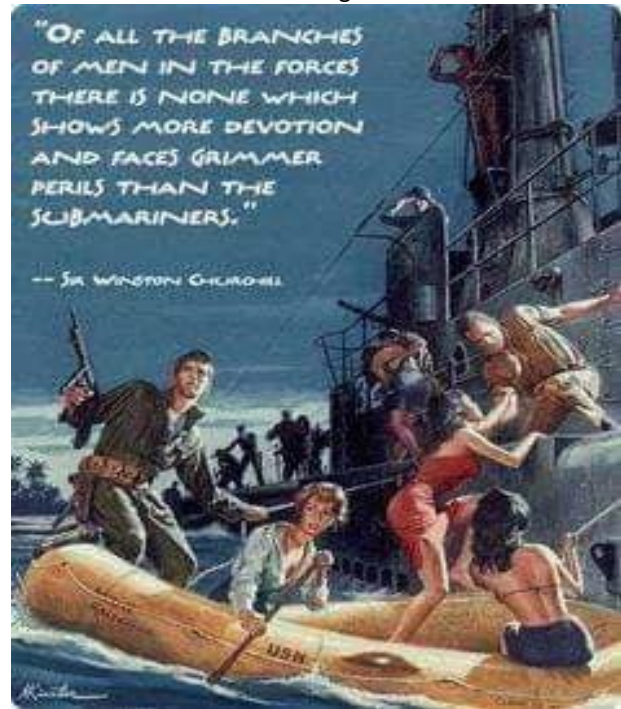
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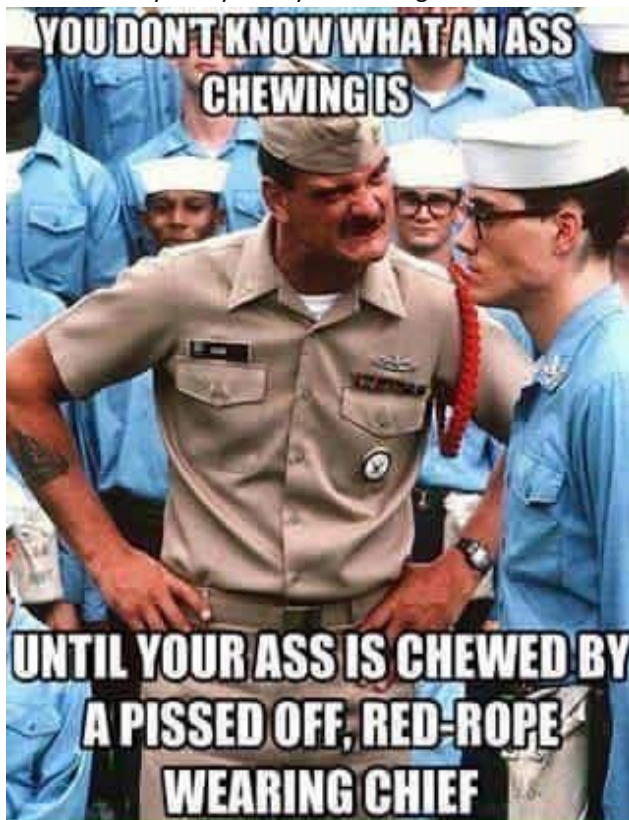


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I don't remember this but I'm sure it must have happened.

In memory of my buddy "2 beer Lightle.



Unless you attended Catholic School and a Nun spoke to you

A language not spoken in front of your Mom.



**Thames Valley Council
for Community Action, Inc.**



Veterans' Coffeehouse

*Meet and socialize with other veterans.
Receive information about veterans benefits and services.*

GROTON

2nd and 4th Friday 9am - 11am
City of Groton Human Services
2 Fort Hill Rd.

MYSTIC

1st and 3rd Thursday 9am - 11am
Masonicare Mystic
45 Clara Dr.

NEW LONDON

1st and 3rd Friday 9am - 11am
New London Senior Citizens Center
120 Broad St.

NORWICH

Every Wednesday 9am - 11am
United Congregational Church
87 Broadway

PAWCATUCK

2nd and 4th Thursday 9am - 11am
Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center
27 Chase St.

For more information, contact:
Marvin Serruto
Veterans' Coffeehouse Coordinator
860-425-6615; mserruto@tvcca.org

*The Veterans' Coffeehouses are funded in part
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 **Chelsea Groton Foundation**



JANUARY 2020 -- See website for updates at www.ussvigroton.org						
SUNDAY Club Hours 1000-1800	MONDAY Club Hours 1100-1700**	TUESDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	WEDNESDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	THURSDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	FRIDAY Club Hours 1100-0030	SATURDAY Club Hours -- Closed**
			01	02	03	04
** Clubhouse Hours Expanded/Open on Mondays and Saturdays Evenings for Scheduled Events; Contact Club Manager.			New Year's Day (Holiday)	9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Mystic	Scholarship E-Mtg; contact Chairman, Greg Kane, at Scholarship@ussvigroton.org	
			Skel Annual Picnic (694-3238 to reserve 2nd Saturday in August)			
			0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic		9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, New London	
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
10 - 12 Steak 'n Eggs Brunch	1830 Monthly Meeting	0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic	9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10-12 Brunch		1130 Holland Club luncheon; guest speaker TBD	0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic	9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Mystic	9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Groton	
11am - 1pm, Take down Christmas Tree		0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse				
			1830-2100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10-12 Brunch	1900, GB Westport Satellite Group Meeting, Port 5	1700 Holland Club Plng Mtg	0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic	Chairman reports due to Base Secretary	(TBS) SUBASE CPO/GACPOA Dining-In at Groton EIKS POC: CMDCM NAV SUBSUPPCEN NLON	1730-2100, SVGB Surf 'n Turf Dinner (tbd)
	MLK Day	1600 Board of Trustees		9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck		
		0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
10-12 Brunch	1700, E-Board Meeting	0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic			

FEBRUARY 2020 – FEBRUARY is Black History and American Heart Month; See website for updates at www.ussvigroton.org						
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** Clubhouse Hours Expanded/Open on Mondays and Saturdays Evenings for Scheduled Events; Contact Club Manager.			Base Archivist Submit annual report to Historical Center for USS SEA OWL Ship's Bell	2019 Awards Program starts February 1st, 2019; Check Awards Manual (2019_USSVI_Awards_Manual.pdf)		01
02	03 Four Chaplains Day	04	05	06	07	08
10 - 12 Steak 'n Eggs Brunch SVGB Super Bowl Party Potluck. Contact Clubhouse for more information at 860-445-5267 Four Chaplains Day	830 Monthly Meeting	0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic	9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Mystic	9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, New London	1730-2100, SVGB Surf 'n Turf Dinner (tbd)
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
10-12 Brunch Accepts SVGB Scholarship applications until 15 April		0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic	9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck	VALENTINE'S DAY American Submariner input due 1 March	1730-2100, SVGB Dinner (TBD)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10-12 Brunch	President's Day	1130 Holland Club luncheon. Guest speaker: (TBA)	0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich	Chairman reports due to Base Secretary	American Submariner input due 1 March	
	GB Westport Satellite Group Meeting, 1900	1700 Board of Trustees	0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic 1830-2100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Mystic	9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Groton	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10-12 Brunch		RESKED: 1730 Holland Club Plng Mtg	Ash Wednesday	9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck	American Submariner input due 1 March	American Submariner input & Newsletter inputs due.
	1730, E-Board Meeting	0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic			
	Newsletter inputs due.		1730 Holland Club Plng Mtg			



MARCH 2020 -- MARCH is National Women's History Month; See website for updates at www.ussvigroton.org						
SUNDAY Club Hours 1000-1800	MONDAY Club Hours 1100-1700**	TUESDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	WEDNESDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	THURSDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	FRIDAY Club Hours 1100-0030	SATURDAY Club Hours - Closed**
01 10 - 12 Steak 'n Eggs Brunch	02 1830 Monthly Meeting	03 0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	04 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich	05 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Mystic	06 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, New London	07
08 10-12 Brunch 0200 Daylight Savings Time begins	09	10 0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	11 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich	12 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck	13	14 1730-2030, SVGB Dinner Corned Beef & Cabbage
15 10-12 Brunch	16 1900, GB Westport Satellite Group Meeting	17 St. Patrick's Day 1130, Holland Club luncheon. Guest speaker	18 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic 1830-2100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	19 Chairman reports due to Base Secretary 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Mystic	20 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Groton	21 6pm Dinner Guest Speaker Prog (\$10.00)
22 10-12 Brunch	23 1730, E-Board Meeting	24 1700 Holland Club Plng Mtg 0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	25 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic 1830 Monthly Meeting; Plan for SUBFEST Booth & Crew	26 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck	27	28
29 10-12 Brunch	30 CT VIETNAM VETERANS WELCOME HOME	31 0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	** Clubhouse Hours Expanded Open on Mondays and Saturdays Evenings for Scheduled Events; Contact Club Manager.			



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United States Submarine Veterans Inc.

Our purpose is "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. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

Groton Base was the first USSVI Base established 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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

There are a number of facebook sites dedicated to our experiences....

Some are listed below.....

old War Submarine Veterans

Eternal Patrol by USSVI

silent service motorcycle club international

US Submarine Veterans

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