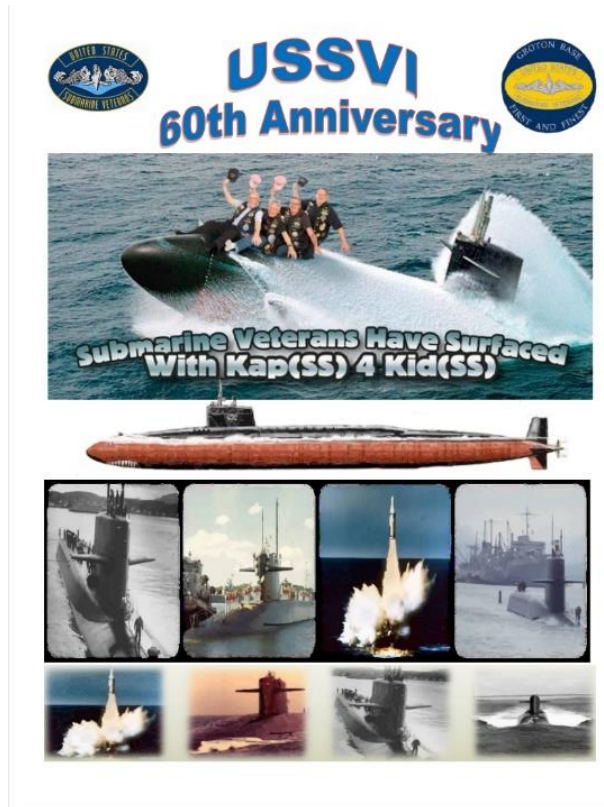




.USSVI Groton Base  
"First and Finest"  
Home of Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse



Shipmates, Families, and Friends



Greetings from the bridge of the Dominic “Joe” Negri clubhouse located at 40 School Street in the beautiful City of Groton. June started off just as busy as May ended, and now it is R&R time. I would like to congratulate the many members of the Anniversary and Holland Club Induction Committees for a “Job Well Done.” You have earned the right to pat yourselves on the back. What an awesome celebration. I would be remised if I did not also thank our staff that day in day out for the whole 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration worked to serve additional luncheons and worked the upstairs bar and hall during the “Welcome Reception” and Holland Club Induction reception, So Heather, Katrina, Ashley, Mika, Shelia, and Sarah. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our Submarine Community. To reiterate from last month. Our guests and visitors had a firsthand glimpse of our history, our heritage, and our personal pride here, at the Joe Negri Clubhouse. If you joined us, I hope you had a great time, renewed old friendships, and visited some old haunts. If not, sorry, you missed a great week.

Again, thank you all who made this an extremely successful anniversary celebration.

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**United States Submarine Veterans Inc.**

**WHO WE ARE:** We are all United States Submariners! Whether currently Active Retired Reserve or an Honorably discharged veteran we all were, and some still are members of the elite underseas fighting force of the United States Navy. We are all volunteers who passed stringent testing 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.

**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.”

### United States Submarine Veterans Creed

*To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country that their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.*

### Lost Boats – July



Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where S-28. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.



Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk.



Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Grunion's mangled remains were found in the Bering Sea in 2006 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska.

**Plan of the Month July 2024**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
7/1	1830	Meeting	Monthly Membership Meeting
7/4			Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July
7/4	0800	Event	Muster at clubhouse for people mover for parade
7/4	0830	Event	People mover leaves clubhouse for parade
7/4	1130	Event	Reception after parade Topside
7/5		Closed	Clubhouse closed for holiday weekend
7/12	0900	Event	SubSchool Graduation – SubVet Rep: Base Commander
7/16	1130	Event	Holland Club luncheon
7/21	1000	Event	Brunch NavSubSchool CPOA
7/26	0900	Event	SubSchool Graduation – SubVet Rep: Gary Schmidt

*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**

During the month of June, a USSVI Groton Base member participates in Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS) graduation as the SubVets Representative presenting the “Heritage Award” and a SubVet Challenge coin to the class leader. In this month’s issue of Boat Notes, we will highlight two graduations on 14 & 28 June. I would like to thank SubSchool leadership for allowing us to participate in this milestone event.



The following information is for BESS Class 24300, named after USS Barb SS 220. The information provided comes from various sources including Naval History and Heritage Command and Wikipedia. Follow the links for additional details.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> the BESS class USS Barb SS 220, a Gato-class submarine, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the Barbus, a genus of ray-finned fish. She compiled one of the most outstanding records of any U.S. submarine in World War II. The keel of USS Barb was laid down on 7 June 1941 by the Electric Boat Company of Groton, Connecticut. She was launched on 2 April 1942 (sponsored by Mrs. Charles A. Dunn, wife of Rear Admiral Dunn), and commissioned on 8 July 1942.



Barb's war operations spanned the period from 20 October 1942 – 2 August 1945, during which time she completed 12 war patrols. During her twelve war patrols, Barb is officially credited with sinking 17 enemy vessels totaling 96,628 tons, including the Japanese aircraft carrier Un'yō. In recognition of one outstanding patrol, Barb received the Presidential Unit Citation. On her twelfth and final patrol of the war, she landed a party of carefully selected crew members who blew up a train, the only ground combat operation in the Japanese (four main) home islands. More on the USS Barb can be found at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Barb\\_\(SS-220\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Barb_(SS-220)) and [https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-](https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/b/barb-i.html)

[histories/danfs/b/barb-i.html](https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/b/barb-i.html).

The USS Barb SS 220, BESS Class 24300, had 75 students with an 79% average and 4 graduating with distinction. Congratulations to this class of future Submariners 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 for this were: FT1(SS) Styles, ETV1(SS) Miller Nunez, and STS2(SS) Hess. Thank you for using your background, training, and experience in guiding these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was SubSchool Executive Office CDR Paul Danos, and Guest Speaker was MCPO Mark Shipley, COB PCU District of Columbia. SubSchool Chaplain



LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.

USSVI Groton, Holland Club Member, and USSVI Life Member ICC(SS) Ret. Patrick Roche was the SubVet Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin SN(SU)

Mason Merhout. The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented by MCPO John Meighen to SR(SU) Kevin Hernandez-Bautista. The class Honor Graduate Award was presented to SN(SU) Ibrahim Mohamed by XO CDR Paul Danos. The Navy Core Values Award was presented by COB Mark Shipley to SN(SU) Dylan Tonkinson. Congratulations and good luck as you begin the next phase of your submarine career. Looking forward to all these fine Sailor joining our organization when they receive their fish.



Heritage Award: SN(SU) Mason Merhout



William H. Purdum Award: SR(SU) Kevin Hernandez-Bautista



Honor Graduate: SN(SU) Ibrahim Mohamed



Core Value Award: SN(SU) Dylan Tonkinson

On 28 June, BESS class that graduated was named after the USS Wahoo SS-238.

Wahoo's keel was laid down 28 June 1941 at the Mare Island Navy Yard, Vallejo, California. She was launched on 14 February 1942 (sponsored by Mrs. William C. Barker, Jr.), and commissioned on 15 May 1942 with Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Marvin G. "Pinky" Kennedy (Class of 1929) in command. Lieutenant Richard O'Kane joined the precommissioning crew and served as her executive officer (XO) on five war patrols under Kennedy and Morton (O'Kane later received a Medal of Honor for his service in USS Tang).



Following fitting out and initial training along the California coast (which took her as far south as San Diego), Wahoo departed Mare Island on 12 August for Hawaii. She arrived at Pearl Harbor on 18 August and underwent exercise training until 21 August. USS Wahoo (SS-238) was commissioned 15 May 1942, and on 12 August was bound for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where the submarine conducted intensive training. On 23 August, Wahoo was underway for her first war patrol. Although the submarine made enemy contact, torpedoes missing their target plagued Wahoo's first patrol. The submarine arrived back at Pearl Harbor on 17 October for refit and overhaul.

On 8 November, Wahoo was underway to her assigned area in the Solomon Islands keeping in sight Bougainville and the Buka Islands for her second war patrol. After patrolling the area for 17 days with little to no action, the submarine's commander, Lieutenant Commander Marvin G. Kennedy, decided to proceed to the route between Truk and the Shortlands for a few days, but this proved fruitless as well. On 10 December, while making her return trip to her assigned area of operations, Wahoo encountered an enemy convoy escorted by a destroyer. Wahoo fired a spread of four torpedoes at the largest tanker Kamo Maru scoring three hits, which would eventually sink the ship a few hours later. After the successful attack, the enemy destroyer made way towards Wahoo and dropped approximately 40 depth charges, but it only caused minor damage to the submarine. After the enemy attack, the commander decided to move into a new area away from the convoy.

More information on the Wahoo SS-238 can be found [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Wahoo\\_\(SS-238\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Wahoo_(SS-238)) or <https://www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/ships/submarines/wahoo-ss-238.html>.

The USS Wahoo SS-238, class # 24320 had 112 students with an 80% average and 5 student graduating with distinction. Congratulations and "Well Done." These future Submariners have finished that first significant milestone in their Navy career and are anxiously waiting for their next assignments ranging from "A" School to direct assignment to their first submarine. Running this class through their paces were instructors ETVC(SS) Lechuga, STS1(SS) Mota, and FT1(SS) Styles. Thank you for using your background training and experience in training these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was SubSchool Director of Training, Captain Craig Litty. Guest Speaker



was PCU Arizona SSN 803 COB, Dave Jackson. SubSchool Chaplain LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Groton Base Member and Holland Club Member, Edwin "Bud" Atkins TMCM(SS) USN Retired was the SubVets Representative. A side note Master Chief Atkins qualified on the USS Wahoo SS 565 in 1955. During the graduation Bud and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SR(SU) Shanail Dowling. The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented to SR(SU) Jordan Hamilton. The class Honor Graduate award went to MMN3(SU) Kasey Pennington. The Navy Core Values Award was presented

to SN(SU) Krzysztof Gniwek.

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



Heritage Award: SR(SU) Shanail Dowling



William H. Purdum Award: SR(SU) Jordan Hamilton



Honor Graduate: MMN3(SU) Kasey Pennington



Core Value Award: SN(SU) Krzysztof Gniwek.

Here is the current graduation schedule for BESS. There are still a few dates available to be the SubVet Representative. If interested please let me know.

### BESS Graduation Schedule & SubVet Representative

Class No.	Class Name	Command Rep	Guest Speaker	SUBVETS Rep	Graduation Date
24340	Turtle	CO		Steve Ricard	12-Jul-24
24360	Nautilus	XO		Gary Schmid	26-Jul-24
24380	NR1	CMC		Bob Sharpe	9-Aug-24
24400	Dolphin	DOT		Frank White	23-Aug-24
24420	Harder	CO		Gordon Palmer	6-Sep-24
24440	George C. Marshall	XO		Greg Kane	20-Sep-24
24460	Cavalla	CMC		Pat Roche	4-Oct-24
24480	Jimmy Carter	DOT		Gary Schmid	18-Oct-24
24500	Albacore	CO		Steve Ricard	1-Nov-24
24520	Kamehameha	XO		Bud Atkins	15-Nov-24
24540	Sturgeon	CMC		John Carcioppolo	29-Nov-24
24560	LA	DOT		Bob Sharpe	13-Dec-24

*In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates 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. The USSVI supports a strong U.S. Submarine Force.*

### **So, what has been going on since the last Broadcast?**



The clubhouse is open Tuesday-Friday 1100-1900 with lunch served from 1200 - 1430. Thanks to Katrina, Heather, Ashley, Mika, Shelia, and Sarah for all the hard work, dedication and for keeping our clubhouse a go to destination. Luncheon specials and regular menu items are available. Check out our menus <https://www.ussvigroton.org/menus>. Please stop in and maybe renew some old friendships. Speaking of renewing, have you renewed your Groton Base and USSVI National memberships? We are also hosting “Happy Hour” Tuesday & Wednesday 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Come on down and try some drink specials.

The first weekend of June, SubVets continued to host the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Weekend festivities included Holland Club Induction, Grand Banquet, and Sunday “Farewell Brunch.” The Holland Club Induction Committee and the Anniversary Committee both did a fantastic jobs putting on a great these great events. The final totals for each event were over 180 members and guests attended the Anniversary and 24 members were inducted into the prestigious Holland Club. If you missed the Anniversary, maybe you will get a chance to attend in 2029. I hear it is a must attend. So save the date. Here are the links to pictures of both events.

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pictures <https://link.shutterstock.com/RDWLiCIGfKb>

Holland Club Induction pictures <https://link.shutterstock.com/vM6MnH9dcKb> & <https://link.shutterstock.com/kcqtX1sGfKb>

Because the festivities that were ongoing from the end of May through the first weekend of June the Monthly Membership Meeting was moved out a week and held on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Over 40 members attended the monthly meeting both in person and via Zoom in Higham Hall.

Speaking of Higham Hall, did you happen to see the new curtains hanging in the hall? The curtains were donated by Dee Carcioppolo and hung by members of the Wednesday lunch at the clubhouse crew. Dee they look awesome, thank you & John, Sue & Bob, Al & Fran, Bob & Marion, RP & Brian, Kimberly & Kevin, Shirley & Betty, (hope I got everyone) for your continued support of USSVI Groton Base.



The Executive Board gave their update on the status of the club finances, and upcoming events to be held at the clubhouse. Each committee chair gave updates on happenings during the month and plans for the upcoming months. There were several notes of appreciation for a wonderful event filled 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Holland Club Induction, and Memorial Day ceremony.

During the meeting Rich Cheatham, outgoing Holland Club Chairman gave a recap of his tenure and enthusiastically turned over the chairmanship to John Carcioppolo. I know John will do a fantastic job and continue to make the induction a USSVI premiere ceremony. John, thanks for taking on the roles and responsibilities of this important position.



Prior to the meeting a social hour/holiday stress relief was held in the pump room. With the invention of Zoom, you'd think more members would join the meeting.

Join us next month on Monday July 1<sup>st</sup> for our monthly membership meeting starting at 1830. The Zoom link will be published prior to the meeting.

We were very fortunate to have three brunch crews volunteer during the month of June.

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the EBoard with a butt ton of help from Dean Marvin and Justin Beebe and a bunch of SubSchool students took over the galley and served up a great meal. I want to thank SubSchool for assist and their tremendous support.



June 9<sup>th</sup> SubSchool CPOA took over the galley and put together a brunch better than the Royal Hawaiian (nah). I want to thank CMC Dean Marvin and the other Chief's at SubSchool for unwavering and continued their support.

Old Salts dropped anchor in the galley on June 23 to raise money for this year's Pig Roast. It is always a great time when they come in to support their events as well as USSVI Groton Base. Thanks Shipmates your dedication is greatly appreciated.



On Monday 10 June a film crew from Fire Site Films came by to interview our own celebrated author, HMCS(SS) James Mosley USN Retired. The film is a documentary on HMCS(SS) Mosely's life in the Navy and Submarine Service.



On Tuesday 18 June we held our monthly Holland Club Luncheon. A big thank you to Katrina and Ashely for doing a fantastic job cooking up another great lunch. Four future Submariners assisted us in making this luncheon another special occasion. Our guest speaker was Captain Ken Curtin, CO Subase New London.



Captain Curtin talked about his pride and joy, Subase New London and the changes that have been made to the Subase since some of us walked the wind-swept piers over 50 years ago. It is always a pleasure to have Tony and Betty Faella attend the luncheon. Tony was presented a copy of the Day Publishing Company's "First & Finest: The 100-Year History of Naval Submarine Base New London" donated by LCDR Tom Hickey USCG Retired.

We have a lot of major events planned for the coming months so keep an eye out for announcements Facebook postings or Plan of the Month posted in the clubhouse. I hope to see you at the Anniversary. If you have any ideas on how to put butts in seats at **YOUR** club let any of us know. Stop on by the clubhouse have lunch renew your membership and say "Hi."

## Boat Reunion

On May 29<sup>th</sup>, the USS Nathanael Greene SSBN 636 held a reunion/gathering at Washington Park followed by a “Burger Burn” at the club. About 100 Shipmates renewed acquaintances and swapped sea stories some going back to 1964 when the boat was commissioned.



Anyone having a boat reunion in the “Submarine Capital of the World” soon or coming up soon 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 Ashley via email at

[events@ussvigroton.org](mailto: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.



**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**

**Robert Perritt**

Hello Shipmates!

Below is a summary of income and expenses for the first half of 2024 (Jan-June):

<b>Category</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Over Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>	158,983	119,041	39,941
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	53,161	35,000	18,161
<b>Expenses</b>	104,044	86,919	17,125
<b>Net Income</b>	1,904	-2,874	4,778

We had forecast a net loss of \$2,874 for the first half of 2024, but instead made \$4,778 more than expected.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact me at

Respectfully

Bob Perritt

[vice@ussvigroton.org](mailto:vice@ussvigroton.org)

**JR VICE COMMANDER**

**Paul Skalski**

*Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July*

*Have a safe Holiday Weekend*

**Paul Skalski**

*Jr. Vice Commander*

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## **BASE SECRETARY**

**Alvin (Al) G. Kinsall**

Well, this is my last official act, as Groton Base Secretary. I write this last narrative with pride for having served in this capacity for the past three years. It has been a pleasure and rewarding doing the job with no regrets.

That said, the Groton Base Executive Board approved the appointment of David C. Frease as my relief. We urge you to welcome Dave with enthusiasm.

About David Frease: (Ret) E-7 RMC(SS) Joined SUBVETS 2013, Holland Club and Life Member.

Very Respectfully,  
and signing off 6/30/2024.

Alvin G. Kinsall  
Base Secretary  
[secretary@ussvigroton.org](mailto:secretary@ussvigroton.org)

## **BASE TREASURER**

**Charlie Murray**

**FINANCIALS:** All bills are paid to date. All donors have received Thank You messages.

### **2024 ANNUAL APPEAL**

- The appeal ended on June 30. We greatly appreciate every donation and your continued support.
- In summary we had fewer donations this year than prior years.
- We depend on donations to maintain the clubhouse for everyone's use.
- I have sent out a short email to those who haven't donated asking them to reconsider.

### **60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

- I'm working to finalize both expenses and income from what was an outstanding event.
- In addition to participation, we received scholarship donations for the Groton Base scholarship and for donations for us to forward to the National Charitable Foundation for the Groton scholarship account held by the Foundation.
- The Golf tournament also raised funds for the Groton Base scholarship program.

### **BANK OF AMERICA**

- Due to an administrative error which occurred many years ago, we were required to open all new bank accounts, which we did in June

- This resulted in cancelling old accounts and debit cards, opening new accounts and reissue of debit cards, contacting all of our vendors to be use that we didn't miss any payments.

- This is a clear reminder that we are a business that requires attention to details.

## CLUBHOUSE FOYER

- By the time you read this issue of boat notes, the work will be completed
- We received donations from members and friends to pay for this work
- There will be a separate broadcast early in June with photos of the completed work and a special thanks you to all who donated to make this happen.

- We are fortunate to have Michael Shusta as our contractor. Michael and Oscar completed the work over 3 weeks. Michael continued like it our other renovation projects were able to acquire donations of drywall, paint and especially a new double front door for the clubhouse.

- Over the last week of June it was discovered major damage to the stairs to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, which required Michael to remove a large portion of the stairs including rotten wood and to rebuild the stairs.

HELP US – need a couple of hours over 2 weeks.

- In 2023 thanks to Bill Cavanagh we provided duplicate ship plaques via eBay to many veterans
- We need 3 or 4 people to help us sort other memorabilia so we can do the same program in 2024. Please contact me if you can help 860 830 9605 or [treasurer@ussvigroton.org](mailto:treasurer@ussvigroton.org).

## 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

Option 4: You can donate online at <https://www.ussvcf.org/donate.html>.

Note: **Contributions to 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.

## Seeking Veterans to Assist with Upcoming Elections: Earn Up to \$200 Per Day

- Veterans can receive around \$200 per day serving as a county poll worker.
- More than 50% of counties report a shortage of poll workers during an election cycle.
- It's easy for Veterans to [apply to be poll workers](#).

Charlie Murray, Treasurer

Cell 860.830.9605



## CHAPLAINS REPORT

Earl Colella & John Carcioppolo



Honors Detail – John “Gumba” Carcioppolo [gumba700@comcast.net](mailto:gumba700@comcast.net)

### **There were no Eternal Patrol announcements this month.**

That’s either really great news that no members passed, or really bad news because we didn’t get any inputs and missed something. I’m hoping that it’s the first option of really good news that no members passed.

Many thanks to the members of the Honors Detail who support the rendering of 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.

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 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](mailto:membership@ussvigroton.org).

Also with regards to information if we don’t know of a members 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](mailto:earl.colella@comcast.net) or John Carcioppolo 860-514-7064 [gumba700@comcast.net](mailto: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 a Submariner who passed and may be 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 please contact me or the Base Commander, Steve Ricard.

Also if you need an Honors Detail tie, please contact John C.

**Saluting Canons** – Brian Hague recently purchased 100 rounds of .10-gauge Shotgun shells and our cannons have been refurbished. With the 100 rounds we should have enough for all of the homecomings through the remainder of the year and next year.

**Burial at Sea 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 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.

## **HOLLAND CLUB REPORT**

**John Carcioppolo Chairman**



*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.*

### **July 2024 Holland Club Report**

I have relieved Rich Cheatham as Chairman of the Groton Base Holland Club Committee. My personal thanks to the Executive Board for their confidence in selecting me. Rich Cheatham has set the bar very high for those who follow him.

For those who do not know, I have been behind the scenes for several Holland Club Chairmen assisting with the tracking and the Power Point Presentation and hope to live up to the standards that Rich set.

## **HOLLAND CLUB INDUCTION CEREMONY**

As briefly reported last month the 2024 Holland Club Ceremony is in the books, again it was an impressive, amazing, and impressive sequence of events.

On behalf of Rich and myself a hearty THANK YOU and BZ to all who attended, participated, and supported this event. We knocked it out of the park in all respects.

The ceremony was blended in with the 60th Anniversary Celebration. It started with a Basic Submarine School Graduation of the Joe Negri Class. Following graduations the Holland Club members were treated to a Submarine Trainers and Window tour of SUBASE. Then a reception hosted by the Groton Area Chief Petty Officer Association (GACPOA) at Reunions Pub. All that was on Friday 31 May. The main event was on Saturday 1 June. The ceremony at Dealey Center was very well attended and we had 24 Inductees present, and posthumously recognized one Holland Club Inductee. Following the Ceremony there was a reception in Dealy Plaza and another reception at the clubhouse hosted by the SubVettes.

Many thanks to VADM Konetzni, Naval Submarine Base Leadership as well as the Security Department and MWR Department, Naval Submarine School Leadership, staff, and students, GACPOA, National Holland Club Commander Jim Irwin, the SUBVETTES, and the Staff of the Clubhouse just to name a

few. . There are many individuals that helped get this big event across the finish line and If I started naming individuals I would surely miss someone. So I'll simply say thank you, one and all.

The planning for 2025 starts now. Looking ahead we are planning on Saturday 7 June for the 2025 ceremony. More to follow.

## HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHEONS



Our June Holland Club Luncheon was a full house including several first timers who were inducted just a few weeks earlier.

I had the privilege of presenting Rich with a plaque for his service as Holland Club Committee Chair. Many thanks to Kevin Castleberry for putting this together. Our Guest Speaker was Subase CO Captain Kenneth Curtin, and he was accompanied by CMDCM(SS) Gary Stephenson and SUBASE Public Affairs Officer Chris Zendan. The Captain gave a great presentation on his background and what Subase does. In true Subase style it was OUTSTANDING!

Our July Holland Club Luncheon will be on Tuesday 16 July and our guest speaker will be Major General Francis Evon who serves as the CT Adjutant General for the CT National Guard.

In closing I look forward to serving our present Holland Club Members. You are my Heroes and I also look forward to serving our future Holland Club Members as well.



John "Gumba" Carcioppolo

Holland Club Chair

## COLOR GUARD

Bob Sharpe

On May 27th, at the Groton Base's Memorial Day/U. S. S. Scorpion (SSN-589) memorial service was held at the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII Memorial – East. The color guard presented the U. S. National Flag along with the Prisoner of War, U. S. Navy, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. and the Submarine Veterans of World War II flags. Color guard members also assisted in the memorial program.



Robert Dulin, sounded the bell during the 'Tolling of the Boats'; Alex Doucette, sounded 'Taps' and Robert Sharpe read 'Lonely Piers' a poem by Richard Murphy IC3 (SS) that describes the pier that no longer welcomes the U.S.S. Scorpion home.

On May 30th, at the USSVI Groton Base's 60th Anniversary Welcome Reception event, the color guard presented the U.S. National Flag along with the U. S. Navy, and the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. flags.

Groton Bases' next big event is our community involvement in the Town of Groton's 4th of July Parade. Groton base members, the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII Memorial – East committee and Naval Submarine School staff, students and Silver Dolphins Color Guard and Drill Team will provide the parade with a U. S. Submarine Service presentation.

The color guard needs members to assist in the 4th of July Parade. If you are interested, please contact me at bobsharpe@hotmail.com or on my Cell at (860) 501-6161.

## MEMBERSHIP

Jeff Flesher

### **Membership Update**

#### **RENEW NOW FOR 2024**

Members – 1143

Life National Members – 852

Holland Club – 628

Associate Members - 74

New Members May 2024

FTG3(SS) John Atkinson, Qualified 1983, USS Nathanael Greene

MMN1(SS) Joseph Frederick, Qualified 2017, USS Asheville

New Active Duty Members

FTC(SS) Corey Bender, Qualified 2010, USS Ohio

New Active Duty free for Base and National Dues their first calendar year of membership!!

Are you a current member who wants to pay base and/or national dues for 2024 or beyond? If so, you can skip the forms and use PayPal from our website. You don't need a PayPal account, choose the guest

option. Of course, you can still also pay at the Clubhouse or by mail. You can renew on the Groton Base website - <https://www.ussvigroton.org/dues-renewal>

Please contact.  
Jeff Flesher  
Groton Base Membership Chairman  
membership@ussvigroton.org  
Thank you to all renewing members!!



### **USSVI GROTON BASE “SILENT SERVICE”**

**Robert Segal**

SUBVETS LICENSE PLATE Contact Robert Segal [rsegal000@citymail.cuny.edu](mailto:rsegal000@citymail.cuny.edu)

See Our Website: <https://www.ussvigroton.org/linksofinterest>.



Applications are available at the clubhouse next to the bulletin board in the pumphoom.

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Greg Kane MEMORIAL**

Scholarship Committee Update

We are pleased to announce that two Groton Base USSVI Scholarships will be awarded this year. The Award Ceremony will take place at June 1st Holland Club Induction on the Submarine Base. Vice Admiral Al. Konetzni, USN (ret), will present the checks to the two students.

More information and pictures will be posted in the next Monthly Boat-Notes.

Donations to the Groton Base Scholarship made payable to Groton Base Scholarship can be sent to Groton Base USSVI Scholarship, 40 School ST, Groton, CT 06340



The Memorial Committee is looking for help to do some flower bed weeding. Date to be determined.

Help support the installation of the Groton Sail by purchasing a paver. Be a part of the heritage for this great submarine.

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MY LOVING FATHER  
07/09/41 - 06/30/22

The USS Groton Sail Foundation is building a lasting public monument to celebrate our region's contribution to our country's national defense. To be located on Route 117, adjacent to the Groton Public Library & Thrive 55+ Center, the centerpiece for this 320 foot submarine replica will be the actual sail and rudder from the United States submarine USS Groton (SSN 694).

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A dedicated walkway, comprised of 8"x 8" custom, engraved pavers will be a major part of this monument.

Each paver will be engraved with 1 of 10 special custom logos and can have 4 lines of text with your choice of a name and/or text to recognize family, friends, service members, businesses, or something special to you.

**Go to: [grotonsail.com](https://grotonsail.com)**

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***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@ussvigroton.org](mailto:brian.hague@ussvigroton.org)

Hey Navy, Happy July. In the warmer months, make sure you're drinking water and keeping cool. Make sure you are keeping an eye on your VA ID Card expiration date. You can update it online and the VA will send you a new one. Follow the instruction on the website.

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 health care - VA News](#)

The Department of Veterans Affairs issued a proposed rule outlining plans 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 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 to travel, 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 submariner medical issues let me know and I will track it down and post it. Hope to see you at the club!

<https://www.va.gov/>

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.



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

**Abraham Lincoln**

**On June 27th**, the Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kids Team of Bob Dulin, Peyton Jones MMN1(SS) from the Historic Ship USS Nautilus Museum Command, and John Riley, visited Yale New Haven Hospital's In-Patient, Child Psychiatric Unit. We made 4 Kids Honorary Submariners! We had lots of fun with them as we welcomed the Kids into our Submariner Family. It was a great visit, the Kids were very engaged and voiced strong interest in visiting the USS Nautilus Museum as Honorary Submariners.





**Since 2009**, at child health care facilities throughout Connecticut, the Groton Base's Kaps 4 Kids Program has brought Comfort and Joy to thousands of sick Kids!



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.

We plan to continue this program as long as there are sick Kids in need of our support.

We visit Kids at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, The Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Yale New Haven Hospital's 2 Child Psychiatric Units, The Ronald McDonald House and The Connecticut Hospice. We continue to explore visiting Kids at other Connecticut child health care facilities.

We have Fun with the Kids and give them Honorary Submariner Certificates, Ball Kaps, Tattoos, Challenge Coins and Wrist Bands. They also receive a Nautilus Submarine Photo signed by our K4K Team, a Silent Service Coloring Book, 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.



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We give them Therapeutic Relaxing Heart Shaped Squeeze Balls with the image of a

Submarine stamped on them. These are always a big hit and we had fun playing throw and catch handing them out.

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

**K4K VIDEO & INFO:** <https://www.ussvcf.org/kapss-4-kidss-fund.html>

*If the above link does not work, try copying and pasting it into your browser.*

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

USSVI GROTON BASE "JULY" BIRTHDAY LIST

*Happy Birthday to all who continue to celebrate.*

7/1	Peter Babins	7/19	Randy L Tiede
7/1	Harold L Cokayne	7/20	John M. Borders
7/1	Francis Frederick Whitty	7/20	William W. Borysewicz Sr
7/1	Charles R. Williams	7/20	Richard L. Nankee
7/2	Ronald W Pelletier	7/21	Terry A. Dettman
7/5	Earl Colella	7/21	Robert Frizzola
7/5	Barry Bernard Russack	7/21	Patrick J. Maloney
7/5	Rick Wise	7/21	Mark S. Mordecai
7/6	Anthony W. Frabutt	7/22	Joseph J. Buff
7/7	Kenneth L Hirt	7/22	Herbert A Holmstedt
7/7	Frederick B Nellums	7/23	Robert S. Finley
7/7	Ronald Reinhart	7/23	Kirk M. Haugland
7/8	Thomas L. Johnson	7/23	Raymond E. Kreul
7/8	Danny T. Rier	7/23	Bob Neill
7/8	Ryan C Walker	7/23	Dale R. Probasco
7/9	Claud F. Cantrell, Jr.	7/23	James Stephen Tierney, Jr
7/9	John Hartigan	7/24	Jhean M. Breard
7/9	Raymond Zujus	7/25	Gary R. Stephenson
7/10	Charles H. Dotts	7/25	Richard A. Warnock
7/10	Angel L. Sepulveda	7/26	Robert F Coates
7/11	Vincent Delmore	7/26	Alvin G. Kinsall
7/11	Maxwell Gray	7/26	Lawrence H. Miller
7/11	Delbert Wayne Hayden	7/26	Raymond Theobald
7/11	William Lawrence Shipman	7/27	Anthony P Ferrigno Sr.
7/14	Craig O. Amborn	7/27	David K. Hackett
7/15	Jeffrey Flesher	7/27	Michael John Kenny
7/15	Alan Ginglardi	7/27	Richard Rusczyk
7/15	Charles C. Groomes	7/28	Barry Cole
7/15	Sterling J Redding	7/28	Charles L. Ford
7/15	William G. Ryan	7/28	Mark Schwartzel
7/15	Michael Savageaux	7/28	Norman A. Staples
7/15	Randall C. Stein	7/28	Dexter White
7/16	Ethan J. Bloodworth	7/29	George J Fetkin
7/17	Clarence A. Golden	7/29	Arthur K. Weinberger
7/17	Allen Hynek	7/29	Edward C. Wylie
7/17	Jacob T Miller	7/30	Mike Holland
7/17	Ralph A Schmidt	7/30	George Kenyon
7/17	James F. Weaver	7/30	Alfred L. Petta
7/18	Michael W. Hodges	7/30	Jimmy C Schumate
7/18	Robert E. Neill	7/31	Kevin J. Ganns
7/19	Robert A. Croft	7/31	Gary Schneider
7/19	Wayne E. Pickett		

## USSVI GROTON BASE "JUNE" ETERNAL PATROL LIST

7/1/2011	Joseph Impellizeri	7/18/2014	Robert Hamilton
7/1/2011	Warren Valero	7/19/2015	Jack Neighbors
7/1/2014	Bernard Flanagan	7/19/2016	John McPhilly
7/1/2019	Alexander Paterson	7/19/2020	Charles Sladky
7/2/1998	Harry Yost	7/19/2021	Raymond Margiano Jr
7/2/2012	Robert Richardson Sr	7/20/2010	John Temple, Jr
7/2/2014	Clare Billing	7/20/2012	John Mehalick
7/2/2020	Thomas Guilfoil	7/20/2014	Richard Dennis
7/6/2003	Christopher Quijada	7/21/2007	Daniel Cooper, Jr
7/7/2017	Richard Tomac Sr	7/21/2016	Arnold Herrington
7/8/2008	Harry Caldwell	7/21/2018	Charles Sutton Jr
7/8/2008	John Brazil	7/22/2018	Leo Amero
7/8/2008	William Shipman	7/23/2008	Howard Wright
7/8/2009	Claude Lamanque Jr.	7/23/2018	Charles Cushman Jr
7/8/2014	Dex Armstrong	7/24/2003	Frank Logano
7/10/2014	Walter Bennett	7/24/2020	Joseph Kabulis
7/10/2016	Herbert Swedin	7/25/2009	Stephen Nevel
7/11/2020	Robert Young	7/26/2002	Harry Hawk
7/13/2009	Raymond Hackett	7/26/2016	Frank Walters
7/13/2014	Advah Reynolds Jr	7/26/2016	Richard Lukas(iewski)
7/15/1999	Roland Schirch	7/26/2017	Paul Serabian
7/16/2005	Jimmie Calverley	7/27/2001	Andrew Feindt
7/16/2016	Roy Ator	7/28/2020	Joseph Hanzel Jr
7/16/2018	Rodney Bellman	7/29/2006	Ian Black
7/18/2010	Byron Smith	7/31/2015	Boyd Losee
7/18/2013	Victor Liddon		



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.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### 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. It was dedicated 79 years ago on December 3, 1944, 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.”

### NAUTILUS SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM

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DEPARTMENT.

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