



UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC.
USSVI Groton Base
Membership
Meeting Minutes 05 January 2026



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

In attendance (in person (22) and Zoom (11)) for a total of 33 members.

Kirk Haugland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Base Chaplin led the opening prayer.

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

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

BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING.

BASE COMMANDER: STEVE RICARD

Introduced and recognized New Members & First Meeting participants

Recognized National Officers present

Recognized Former Base Commanders present

Recognized WWII Members present

Recognized Holland Club Members present

Recognized Chris Quijada Distinguished Member of the Year Award

Recognized past Joe Negri Recipients

Recognized Robert Link Recipients

Membership Sound Off: (Optional) Please stand and sound off – Your name and Year Qualified.

ANYONE QUALIFIED

PRIOR TO 1946

1946 – 1989 COLD WAR BOATS

1990 – 2024

Associate Members

• PRESENTATIONS: NONE

Discussed Monthly Meeting changing or remaining on the first Monday of the month.

Thank you to the Saturday morning Cleanup Crew.

Sun Jan 11 – Volunteer Thank You reception.

Ted Dubay – Poll for anyone interested in tours of Nautilus Engineering spaces – Have a petition out to be signed by members.

Discussed land out back by dumpster to put cargo container for outside storage. Container cost approximately \$1100.00.



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Base Treasurer: Charlie Murray

Discussed Jan – Dec 2025 Profit and Loss Report by Month.
Will take to end of Jan to Audit finances for the year.
Tour of building – Recognition by National of renovations of Building.

Base Secretary Report – David Frease

The Minutes for the 03 November and 06 December 2025 Membership meeting were approved by the members present without objection.

The Election Master shall issue a call for nominations of eligible candidates for Sr. Base Vice Commander, and Base Secretary to all Members in good standing no later than the date of the February membership business meeting.

Discussed Boat Notes inputs and dates for information to be submitted.
Correspondence to Report – None.

Sr. Vice Commander Report: Open.

Jr. Vice Commander Report: Jim Lawton

January Plan of the Month posted in the bar area.
Jan 11th 1500 – Volunteer Thank You Reception
January 20th Holland Club Luncheon
January 22nd Monthly Dinner (Mongolian BBQ)

Discussed Winter Bar Hours – Closed Monday and Tuesday
Open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 11:00 - 1700

NERD UPDATE:

Discussed National Elections being held this year.
Discussed John Riley being replaced as National Officer for Kaps for Kids

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Steve Ricard)

DATA PROVIDED FROM USSVI NATIONAL DATA BASE

Total Membership:	1152
National Life Members:	865
Groton Base Life Members:	389



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Holland Club: 643
 Associate Members: 65

- SUB SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHEDULE: (Steve Ricard)
- CHAPLAIN:
- HOLLAND CLUB: John Carcioppolo

Holland Club Lunch

November	
Lunch	
Income	
70	\$995.00
50/50	\$335.00
Donation	\$0.00
Total	\$1330.00
Expense	
Meals (\$10.00 X 70)	\$700.00
Gratuity (\$1.00 X 70)	\$70.00
50/50	\$150.00 (Donated back by Dennis Hopkins)
Total	\$770.00
Net Deposited	\$630.00

December	
Lunch	
Income	
58	\$875.00
50/50	\$295.00
Donation	\$580.00
Total	\$875.00
Expense	
Meals (\$10.00 X 58)	\$580.00
Gratuity (\$1.00 X 100)	\$100.00
50/50	\$150.00 (Donated by Carl Franzoni)
Total	\$680.00
Net Deposited	\$985.00

UPCOMING HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHESES



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20 January Guest Speaker – Commander, Submarine Squadron Four Captain Thomas Flaherty, and his CMS Adam Goulas.

17 February Guest Speaker – Commander Adam Nebanzahl, CO USS Albany (SSN753).

HOLLAND CLUB 2026: 41 Inductees.

HONORS DETAIL (John Carcioppolo)

USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750) departing Groton for Norfolk, VA

COLOR GUARD: (Bob Sharpe)

EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM COORDINATOR: (Jim Weaver)

SMALL STORES: (Alex Doucette) – Shirts Available

DOCENTS (Artie Gager)

DMV LIAISON: (Michael Hodges)

KAPS4KIDS: (John Riley)

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: (Marian Galbraith)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER: (Jim Lawton)

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Greg Kane)

VETERANS AFFAIRS: (Brian Hague)

WEST PORT: (Paul Grammer) Next Meeting is February 5th, 1830, at Port 5.

STAN MATHIS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: (Paul Skalski)

Thursday, Jan 22nd 6:00 PM Mongolian BBQ

Friday, February 13th, 6:00 PM – Valentine’s Day Italian Dinner

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:



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Mike Allen – Discussed Pictures of State of Idaho for PCU Idaho, and PCU UTAH Commissioning's,

Tickets will be available in the next couple of weeks.

Golf Tournament – start looking into.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

CLOSING EVENTS:

Meeting Attendance Drawing Winner: 2026 Coin or Hat to Robert Segal.

50/50 DRAWING Winner: \$138.00/\$69.00 to Jim Lawton (Donated to KAPS FOR KIDS)

CLOSING PRAYER – USSVIGB Chaplain

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1935

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Frease, Base Secretary

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