



USSVI Groton Base
Membership
Meeting Minutes 13 December 2025



The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander S. Ricard at 1400.

In attendance (in person (64) and Zoom (2)) for a total of 66 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

Thanksgiving “Caring and Sharing” Volunteers prepped, packed, and delivered over 600 to-go meals to on-duty personnel, local first responders, Veterans, shut-ins, and neighbors.

Set up the hall for a family style dinner that served over 500 meals to our junior Sailors, their families, our SubVets family, neighbors, and volunteers. What is a little less clear is the number of to-go meals that were filled for the junior Sailors. A quick count had another 210 containers leave the hall in the hands of our future Submariners. Total for the meal, roughly 700 plus.

Base Secretary – David Frease

Correspondence to Report – None.

Sr. Vice Commander – Vacant

Jr. Vice Commander – Jim Lawton

January Plan of the Month posted in the bar area.

December 16th – Holland Club Luncheon

NERD UPDATE:



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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
 Holland Club: 643
 Associate Members: 65

- SUB SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHEDULE: (Steve Ricard)
- CHAPLAIN: Reported on members departed on Eternal Patrol.
- HOLLAND CLUB: John Carcioppolo – December 16th luncheon for Holland Club Members.

Lunch

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|---------------------|-----------|
| Total Meals: | 61 |
| Total Income | |
| Meals | \$840.00 |
| 50/50 | \$245.00 |
| Donation | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$1085.00 |

Total Expenses

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Meals (\$10 x 61) | \$610.00 |
| Gratuity (\$1 x 50) | \$81.00 |
| 50/50 | \$120.00 |
| Total | \$692.00 |

Net Deposited \$393.00

UPCOMING HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHESES

HOLLAND CLUB 2026: 41 Potential Inductees.

- HONORS DETAIL (John Carcioppolo)
- COLOR GUARD: (Bob Sharpe)



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- EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM COORDINATOR: (Jim Weaver)
- SMALL STORES: (Alex Doucette)
- 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) January's Meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be held on February 5th at Port 5.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

GOOD OF THE ORDER

CLOSING EVENTS:

Meeting Attendance Drawing Winner: 2024 Coin to – Not Awarded

Raffle Baskets

Steve Ricard, Carol Skalski, Harold Haugland, Julz Zipp, Kevin Castleberry



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50/50 DRAWING Winner: \$150.00/\$75.00 to John Carcioppolo

CLOSING PRAYER – SVGB Chaplain

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1600.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Frease, Base Secretary

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