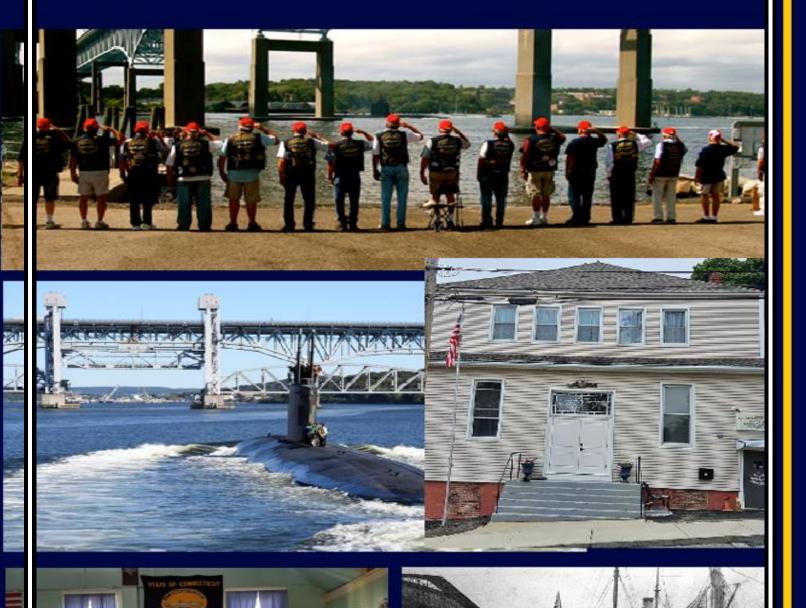
November 2025





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



Greetings Shipmates, families, and friends. The month of November is upon us and it's the unofficial start of the "holiday season" here at the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse. There is a lot of stuff going on during the month of November and as usual we can use your help with various activities and fund raising. The Executive Board, and I send our well wishes to all U.S. Submarine Veterans and hope you have a fantastic month of November with family gatherings and remembrances. So, if you have the time to pitch in let us know at the clubhouse and or reach out to the EBoard.

Sealion and Archerfish Net Big Catches!

November is a lucky month to strike it big if you're a submarine on war patrol. The USS *Sealion* (SS-315) sank the Japanese battleship *Kongo* on November 21, 1944, becoming the only American submarine to sink an enemy battleship, but that would be surpassed in the same month!

On November 29, 1944, USS Archerfish (SS-311) etched her name into the annals of submarine warfare



by sinking the largest warship ever destroyed by a submarine: the Japanese aircraft carrier *Shinano*. This historic feat remains unmatched in terms of tonnage.

Under the command of Commander Joseph F. Enright, *Archerfish* departed Pearl Harbor on October 30, 1944, with orders to provide lifeguard support for the first B-29 raids over Tokyo. After a brief stop in Saipan for voyage repairs, she headed toward the Japanese home waters. On November 28, with no air raids scheduled, *Archerfish* was free to patrol near Tokyo Bay.

That evening, her lookouts spotted what appeared to be a tanker escorted by destroyers. It was soon revealed to be a massive aircraft carrier—screened by three destroyers—slipping out of the bay under cover of darkness. Enright made the bold decision to track the formation from ahead, maneuvering *Archerfish* into a firing position over the course of six tense hours.

At approximately 03:20 on November 29, *Archerfish* fired six torpedoes, four of which struck true. Enright had set them to run shallow, aiming to breach the hull higher up and increase the likelihood of capsizing the vessel. As Archerfish dove to 400 feet to evade counterattack, the crew heard the unmistakable sounds of a ship breaking apart—noises that continued for nearly an hour.

Initially, Naval Intelligence believed *Archerfish* had sunk a cruiser. But Enright's detailed sketches and observations led to the boat being credited with sinking a 28,000-ton carrier. Only after the war did the full truth emerge: the target was *Shinano*, a 72,000-ton supercarrier originally laid down as the third *Yamato*-class battleship. Converted after Midway, *Shinano* was still incomplete and poorly crewed, making her vulnerable to Archerfish's well-placed salvo.

The carrier lost power around 0600 and, unable to contain the flooding, capsized just before 1100. For this extraordinary action, Archerfish received the Presidential Unit Citation, and Commander Enright was awarded the Navy Cross.

To this day, *Shinano* remains the largest warship ever sunk by a submarine—a testament to the skill, daring, and resolve of the *Archerfish* crew.

In November, other significant events in submarine history include:



"I know too much." The USS *Sculpin* (SS-191) was heavily damaged and sunk by a Japanese destroyer. Captain John P. Cromwell chose to go down, along with 12 members of Sculpin's crew, with the ship to prevent information from falling into enemy hands, a sacrifice for which he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. BLDG 607 in SUBASE NLON is named Cromwell Hall and houses Submarine Learning Center.

The launch of USS Cuttlefish

(SS-171), a *Cachalot*-class vessel and a "Fleet-Boat" design that would that helped shape the future of undersea warfare. On November 21, 1933,



Cuttlefish slid down the ways at Electric Boat Company in Groton, Connecticut—becoming the first submarine built entirely at EB's Groton facility (for the USN) and using welding that would become standard over previous riveted hull construction. Cuttlefish's legacy lives on not only in her service, but in the pride of Groton's shipbuilders and the enduring tradition of excellence that continues to define the Silent Service.

United States Submarine Veterans Inc.

WHO WE ARE: We are all United States Submariners! members Whether currently Active Retired Reserve or an Honorably discharged veteran we all were, and some still are 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.

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.

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."

Lost Boats - November



USS Albacore (SS-218)

Lost on Nov 7, 1944, with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her eleventh war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.

22-512, 22-512, 22-512, 22-512, 23-512, 24-512	USS Growler (SS-215)	Lost on Nov 8, 1944, with the loss of 86 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 12th war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy, probably as a result of a depth charge attack or victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes.
THE SCAME OF THE S	USS Scamp (SS-277)	Probably sunk on November 16, 1944, with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay. On her 8th war patrol, she may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate and destroy her with depth charges.
WSS CONVINA-118-	USS Corvina (SS-226	Lost on Nov 16, 1943, with the loss of 82 men when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was on her 1st war patrol and appears she was lost to the torpedoes of a Japanese submarine.
SCULPIN SS. III	USS Sculpin (SS-191)	Lost on Nov 19, 1943, with the loss of 43 men near Truk. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. 41 men were taken prisoner but only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT Cromwell, aboard as a potential wolfpack commander, he rode the Sculpin down, fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Plan of the Month, November 2025

Date	Time	Action	Description
11/3	1830	Meeting	Membership Meeting
11/5	1630- 1900	Dinner	Beans & Weenies
11/7	CLOSED		Clubhouse Closed for Lunch Bob Perritt Memorial Topside Noon – 4 PM
11/9	1000	Brunch	EB Veterans Network
11/11	1100	Event	Veterans Day Ceremony – Groton Municipal Building
11/14	0900	Event	BESS Graduation - SubVet Rep Bob Sharpe
11/14	2000- 2359	Event	Karaoke With DJ Jammin' Jim
11/16	1100	Event	Marzee Retirement Topside
11/18	1100	Meeting	Holland Club Luncheon
11/21	0900	Event	BESS Graduation - SubVet Rep Steve Ricard
11/25-11/28	8		Clubhouse Closed – Thanksgiving Meal 11/27
11/30	1000	Event	Old Salts Brunch
12/6	1400	Event	Groton Base Christmas Party and Membership Meeting
12/13	1100	Event	Wreaths Across America – Jordan Cemetery, Waterford, CT



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 each month, a USSVI Groton Base member participated 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 held on the 3rd & 17th of October. I would like to thank SubSchool leadership, CO Captain Chance Litton, and CMC Michael Micheli, Senior Chief David Lee, and MMAC(SS) Kik Roberts, class instructors and coordinators, for allowing us to participate in this milestone event.

The following information is for BESS Class 25440, named after the USS Henry L. Stimson SSBN 655. The information provided comes from various sources including Naval History and Heritage Command and Wikipedia. Follow the links below for additional details.



USS Henry L. Stimson (SSBN-655), a Benjamin Franklin class fleet ballistic missile submarine, was the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for Henry L. Stimson (1867–1950), who served as U.S. Secretary of State (1929–1933) and U.S. Secretary of War (1911–1913, 1940–1945).

The contract for the construction of Henry L. Stimson was awarded on 29 July 1963, and her keel was laid down on 4 April 1964 by the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut. She was launched on 13 November 1965, sponsored by Grace Murphy Dodd, wife of Connecticut Senator Thomas J. Dodd, and was

commissioned on 20 August 1966 with Captain Richard E. Jortberg commanding the Blue Crew and Commander Robert H. Weeks commanding the Gold Crew.

Following shakedown, Henry L. Stimson prepared for her role as one of the Navy's nuclear-powered submarines silently and invisibly roving the seas as a mighty deterrent against agression, preserving peace and protecting freedom.

Assigned to Submarine Squadron 16, Henry L. Stimson departed Charleston, S.C., 23 February 1967 on her first deterrent patrol. After successfully completing patrols in her assigned areas with each of her two

crews, she continues in mid-1967 to serve the Nation as part of the first line of defense against any hostile power.

More on the Stimson can be found https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Henry_L. Stimson, and https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/h/henry-l-stimson-ssb-n-655.html.

The October 3rd BESS Class named after USS Henry L. Stimson (SSBN-655) had 96 students with a class average was 78% and 5 graduated with Distinction. Congratulations to this class of future Submariners who 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 involved with today's ceremony included were: MMAC(SS) Roberts, FT1(SS) Williams, and STS2(SS) Farrell. Thank you for using your background, training, and experience in guiding these future Submariners.



The Command

Representative was SubSchool Director of Training, Captain Mark Robinson. Guest Speaker was LCDR Ron Testa, Stimson crewmember. SubSchool Chaplain, LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Groton Base and Holland Club Member and Stimson crewmember, John Glaub was the SubVet Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SN(SU) Jonathan Fisher. The Heritage Award is given to the student who demonstrates performance of their duties above and beyond the call of the average student.

The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented by Master Chief Esteban Vargas to SN(SU) Shardae Styles. This award is given to the student who demonstrates academic achievement and personal improvement through the course of instruction.





The class Honor Graduate Award was presented to RAN SMN (SU) Joshua Forgan by SubSchool DOT, Captain Mark Robinson. The honor graduate is the student with the highest academic average who maintained outstanding military bearing over the course of instruction.

The Navy Core Values Award was presented by LCDR Testa to STS2(SU) Wade Duncan. This award is giving to the student who best embodies the U.S. Navy Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.



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.

On October 17th, the BESS class that graduated was named after the USS Dallas (SSN-700).



USS Dallas (SSN-700) was a Los Angeles-class nuclear-powered attack submarine of the United States Navy. She was the Navy's second vessel of that name, and the first to be named after the city of Dallas, Texas. The first Dallas, a destroyer, was named for 19th century US Naval Officer Captain Alexander Dallas. Another two ships with the name were scheduled but never completed. On 4 April 2018, after nearly 37 years of commissioned service, the boat was

decommissioned at the Controlled Industrial Area of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. The defueled vessel will eventually undergo recycling.

The contract to build Dallas was awarded to the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut, on 31 October 1973 and her keel was laid down on 9 October 1976. She was launched on 28 April 1979, sponsored by Mrs. Rita Crocker Clements, wife of former Deputy Secretary of Defense Bill Clements, and commissioned on 18 July 1981 she was the 13th of 62 boats that make up the Los Angeles class. Dallas was the first submarine of the Los Angeles class to be originally built with an all-digital fire control (tracking and weapon) system and sonar system. After commissioning, Dallas was attached to Submarine Development Squadron 12 in New London, Connecticut.

The submarine was somewhat unique at the time of her acceptance into the fleet as she was the first fast attack submarine to feature an all digital combat systems suite, making her a force to be reckoned with during the waning years of the Cold War.

The USS Dallas had a brush with Hollywood fame in the 1990 Sean Connery and Alec Baldwin thriller, but did not make an appearance in the film — the USS Houston played the part of the Dallas in the movie. The Houston also recently left service and was inactivated in July.

More on the USS Dallas can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Dallas_(SSN-700) and https://www.twz.com/16755/famous-nuclear-submarine-that-starred-in-hunt-for-red-october-has-been-retired.



Dallas (SSN-class #25460 students with an of 81% and 10 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. A big shout out to the instructors for this class for teaching them and giving them insight to their future onboard submarines. Thank you for using your background training and experience in training these future Submariners.



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BESS Graduation Schedule

Here is the current graduation schedule for BESS. There are still many 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	Notes
25540	USS Nevada	CMC		Bob Sharpe	2025-NOV 14	
25520	USS Sea Lion			Steve Ricard	2025 NOV 21	
25540		DOT		Bob Sharpe	2025-DEC 5	
25560						

Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) Dates:

25060 Graduate on 14 November: Bill Sheehan

Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC) Dates:

25050 Graduate on 12 Dec 2025: Bob Sharpe

 25060 Graduate on 20 Feb 2026
 26010 Graduate on 01 May 2026

 26020 Graduate on 18 Jun 2026
 26030 Graduate on 14 Aug 2026

 26050 Graduate on 11 Dec 2026
 26040 Graduate on 23 Oct 2026

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

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.



The clubhouse is open Tuesday-Friday 1100-1900 with lunch served from 1100 – 1430 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Come in and welcome Dawn. Thanks to Heather, Ashley, Jess, Erin, Ollie, and Julz for all the hard work, dedication and for keeping our clubhouse a go to destination. September, the galley may be returning to normal operations. Please stand by as we transition to a fall menu and break in a new cook.

Check out our menus https://www.ussvigroton.org/menus.

Stop in and renew some old friendships. Speaking of renewing, time to renew 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.



On Friday October 3rd the USS Henry L. Stimson SSBN 655 held a reunion luncheon at the club. A big thanks to the 655 Reunion committee for stopping in and renewing friendships and swap a few sea stories.

On Monday October 6th we held our Monthly Membership meeting at 1830 in the hall. Thirty members joined the monthly meeting both in person and via Zoom. Thank you for joining us each month.





Executive Board members gave updates on the status of the club finances, and upcoming events to be held at the clubhouse. Each chairperson provided updates on committee activities during the month and plans for the upcoming months.

Prior to the meeting, a social hour/holiday stress relief was held in the pump room. Hot dogs and SubVet chili are available at a very reasonable price. With the invention of Zoom, you'd think more members would attend the meeting. We offer Zoom so all of our, almost 1200 members, can attend.

Join us next month on Monday November 3rd for our membership meeting starting at 1830. The Zoom link will be published prior to the meeting.

October 16th & 17th the USS Dallas SSN 700 held a reunion at the club. A big thanks to the reunion committee for stopping in and renewing friendships and swap a few sea stories.





On Saturday 18 October SubVets Groton Base participated in the Retired Activities Office Annual Retirement Seminar. We had our stellar team on the court in the Morton Hall Gym. We handed out membership applications and gave away candy and American Submariner Magazines, A big thanks to Jim Lawton, Bob Dulin, Bob Gustafson, and Al Ducette for once again volunteering their time.



On Tuesday October 21st we held our monthly Holland Club Luncheon for the first time in the Richard "Dick" Higham Hall named after the first USSVI Groton Base Commander. There were plenty of seats for the over 70 members and guests that attended the luncheon. Our guest speaker was SubSchool CO, Captain Chance Litton. Heather and Dawn along with the help of 10 SubSchool Students did a fantastic job putting together a delicious buffet style luncheon.

John will cover the highlights further on in this edition of Boat Notes.

Friday 24 October, the Commissioning Committee for PCU UTAH SSN 801 hosted a "Crew Rally" at SubVets. What a treat it was to see the crew of the latest Virgina Class submarine that was Christened on Saturday, 25 October at Electric Boat.



Congratulations to the crew of the PCU UTAH SSN 801.

Friday 24 October we held the second of our featured "Monthly" dinners. Heather and her "Crew" Wes, Harllow, Athena, and Hodge did would have made Chef Tell proud. Delicious Pie Dawn, thank you! Thank you for all the hard work, delicious food, and great raffle prizes. This dinner was followed by an evening of Kareoki with DJ Jammin Jim.



On Sunday 26 October our Shipmates from SSEP returned to the galley cooking up a wonderful Sunday Brunch. With a couple of great specials, the famous PFA Failure and homemade sauasge gravy and biscuits. Thanks again for support our submarine community.

We have a lot of major events planned for the last third of 2025, so keep an eye out for announcements, Facebook postings or Plan of the Month posted in the clubhouse. 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

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. 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.

https://www.ussvigroton.org Update:

Finding it difficult to find a good list of Submarine Reunions? So, the PAO has added a new calendar to the website for finding Submarine Reunions. Should you become aware of one, please send me the information and I will add it to this calendar. Jim Lawton, Webmaster / PAO – pao@ussvigroton.org

https://www.ussvigroton.org/boatreunions

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Robert Perritt



Rest in Peace Shipmate

With the recent loss of our Shipmate, we a looking for someone to step forward and take over the remainder of Robert's term. If interested please let the EBoard know.

JR VICE COMMANDER

Jim Lawton

Hello Shipmates,

Clubhouse hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

11:00 - 19:00

We will be open late for meeting nights, special events, catered events, Karaoke.

Kitchen Lunch hours are implemented as of September 2

Stop by and check out the vittles and say hello to Dawn Andrelli, our new cook!

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11:00 – 14:30

Happy Hour

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 15:00 – 17:00

We are planning our Thanksgiving Day Meal - November 27, 2025. Please check with me, or Commander Steve Ricard to volunteer.

The needs of a few do not outweigh the needs of the many. Be Part of the Solution, VOLUNTEER

Jim Lawton

Jr. Vice Commander

jrvice@ussvigroton.org

860.984.5497

BASE SECRETARY David Frease



The October Meeting was attended by (in person (31) and Zoom (5)) for a total of 36 members.

David Frease Base Secretary secretary@ussvigroton.org

BASE TREASURER Charlie Murray

2025 THANKSGIVING APPEAL – a 2nd appeal letter has been sent out to anyone whose donation was not received and deposited by October 19th. While there is a requested donation due date of November 1st, you can make your donation after that date, if that's best for your personal planning.

We have the November 1st date only so that we can budget for the event and know that funds are available to purchase food and remain open for the holiday season

We continue to call it the THANKSGIVING APPEAL – but this appeal provides support and food to our Submarine Community on Thanksgiving Day and over the December Holidays

Here is CT NBC 30 link to last year's feast.

Thanksgiving tradition serves sailors away from home for the holiday – NBC Connecticut https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/video/news/local/thanksgiving-tradition-serves-sailors-away-from-home-for-the-holiday/3443455/

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

The Hall Bathroom renovations are complete. Renovations include a new Hall area bathroom and a renovated bar. In order to build the new bathroom, we had to reduce the space for the hall bar, which required new plumbing and electrical work. The electrician corrected some newly identified electrical issues at this time.

This will provide facilities requested by our members and by many of those who want to use our Hall for their celebrations. We look forward to more reservations and use of the Hall and other spaces in our building. We appreciate all of your donations.

We are grateful to all our donors.

Keep us in mind for your planned celebrations and reunions, we offer our building for many submarinerelated events, and we will continue to improve our facilities to provide services to our members and the submarine community.

Our Connecticut Liquor Laws limit the Clubhouse use to our members.

- Liquor commission did state that they use by groups like the Red Cross are allowed
- We have a number of requests by other groups, not directly related to our organization but key in supporting the Submarine and other Military organizations, so I am investigating other options including a review of other liquor licenses
 - We strongly believe we are ONE community and should be available to support those that served

ADDITIONAL Coin is now available \$10 each no price increase

For 2026 – if you would like to submit a design please send it to the Treasurer so we can consider your ideas.

YOU CAN DONATE TO SUBVETS GROTON OR THE NATIONAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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

- please indicate that your donation is for Groton Building or Groton Thanksgiving

IF YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE ADDITIONAL DONATIONS THAT WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER DONATING DIRECTLY TO THE USSVI CHARITABLE FOUNDATION.

Note: Contributions to the 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.

IMPORTANT NEW OPTION AVAILABLE - IF YOU WANT A TAX DEDUCTION

You can use one of the Links below to send directly to the Charitable Foundation

- 1. Option to get donations applied and available for Groton.
 - a. Indicate that the donation is for Groton Building or Groton Thanksgiving
 - b. https://ussvcf.org/groton-base-thanksgiving-appeal/
 - c. <u>Additional funds are listed for Groton: Scholarship</u>, Building Fund, Thanksgiving or WWII Memorial East

d.

- 2. Option to get donations applied to the Brotherhood Fund or any of the Funds that benefit USSVI members.
 - a. Donate Support Our Top Donation Campaign USSVCF

Brotherhood supports all of our national members including Groton with assistance in their time of need.

If you need more information about any fund-raising options, please contact Treasurer@ussvigroton.org

Charlie Murray, Treasurer, 860 830 9605

COMMITTEE WORKING WITH THE TREASURER

Looking for:

Media coordinator

- This could include ensuring more visibility for members and the submarine community.

Fund raising coordinator.

identify and manage other opportunities to help us in the Submarine Community

OPPORTUNITY.

DONATIONS – looking for 2 to 3 people to collaborate with me to manage our 2 donation appeals. Work isn't difficult and can be done from home. This is important because keeping the doors open depends on donations and the goodwill of our members.

MANAGEMENT OF OUR FUNDS – looking for at least 1 person to collaborate with me to ensure bills are paid and that funds are available to pay our staff. Work isn't difficult and can be done from home.

- This will include ensuring tracking and thank you messages to all our donors.

BUILDING INTERIOR CLEANUP:

- 1. The balcony office cleaning and reorganizing efforts continue. In September we removed at least 4 garbage bags of identified obsolete financial records for shredding.
- 2. Work on the 3rd floor will continue in October, with scrapping old paint off one area walls, repainting
 - a. Possible relocation of items to improve area usage
- 3. Old auditorium chairs are being to be removed from attic, and the intent is to get more donations.
 - a. Initial evaluation is that there is some value
 - b. I believe we don't have any use in our clubhouse for these, and it could be dangerous to keep them in the attic.
- 4. A new space to be identified on the 3rd floor for any donations that come into the club. I hope that in left in a central location we can more quickly evaluate whether or not to keep the donations. NOTE: it's extremely hard not to accept these donations from navy families; remember the items were personal belongings to their family member.

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC. Thanksgiving/Caring and Sharing Committee 40 School Street, Groton, CT 06340-3940

September 1, 2025

Greetings! As summer starts to wind down at the Dominic "Joe" Negri clubhouse it is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. The Executive Board hopes this letter finds you well and proud of your Submarine heritage. Many wonderful things continue to be accomplished at USSVI Groton Base, and they will continue to happen throughout the years to come. Part of the USSVI Creed states "provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice."

One of our long-standing traditions is providing Thanksgiving dinner to our Sailors that cannot be with family and friends during the holiday. In keeping with our creed and in appreciation of those who are serving our country, we will once again celebrate Thanksgiving at the Groton Base Clubhouse. We will again support Navy families in need over the holiday season.

In 2024, we served or provided over 2700 meals. At the Clubhouse to over 350 Sub School Students, their families, and volunteers, delivered over 900 meals to-go, military watch standers, to home bound Veterans, to first responders and to a family in need. Additionally, we provided 300 turkeys for Navy families: which provided another 1,500 meals. All the extra food was donated to local food banks, meal centers, and to veterans' organizations.

Here is CT NBC 30 link to last year's feast.

<u>Thanksgiving tradition serves sailors away from home for the holiday – NBC Connecticut</u>
https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/video/news/local/thanksgiving-tradition-serves-sailors-away-from-home-for-the-holiday/3443455/

Again, this year, we plan to serve Thanksgiving Dinner at the Groton Clubhouse for Active-Duty Sailors and their families, Submarine Veterans, first responders, and others. Our goal in 2025 is to serve as many meals as we can and to reach out to our Submarine Community.

Over the past 28 years we have served between 900 and 1400 to-go and sit-down meals each year. Sailors have said we provide a feeling like they are spending Thanksgiving at home and that the Groton Base members and volunteers provide camaraderie. Remember your past Thanksgivings away from home and try to remember what it was like if you were at sea or stationed at US Naval Submarine Base New London.

The Thanksgiving Committee needs your help to accomplish our goal. It is a huge endeavor requiring donations and many volunteers. We know that the cost of all goods continues to spiral out of control, so we need your help with this project. Please take a moment to review the attached list and, if possible, choose a task and volunteer a little time, or provide a turkey or pie, or give a monetary donation. So, help us get the word about Thanksgiving to our entire Submarine community.

We ask you to respond at your earliest convenience. Please complete the attached form ASAP but no later than November 1, 2025, so we can make this happen.

Steven Ricard, Groton Base Commander Cell 860.460.0963

Sheven a. Ricard

Email: commander@ussvigroton.org

Charlie Murray
Charlie Murray, Groton Base Treasurer
Cell 860.830.9605

Email: treasurer@ussvigroton.org

2025 USSVI GROTON BASE THANKGIVING APPEAL

Please respond ASAP but no later than November 1, 2025, so we can make this happen.

Your Name:
Your Address:
Your City/State/Zip:
Email address:
Phone:Phone #2
Monetary donation amount: \$
Other donations: Pies # # Other Items
(Be specific & deliver to clubhouse by Tuesday November 19th, 2 days before Thanksgiving)
Frozen Turkeys (12 – 16) pound How Many (We need time to thaw frozen birds) (Deliver to the clubhouse between November 20 and 21st. That's at least 6 days before Thanksgiving.
Volunteers are needed each year to make this a success. Please consider volunteering in the afternoon to help serve and to clean up at the end of the day. Bring your family and have dinner with the crew and check the items below:
 Pickup/delivery of supplies Thanksgiving week; Day/Time you can volunteer. Monday (deliver food to the Subase) Tuesday Wednesday Wednesday: Assist in setting up.
Veteran's name Their email
Their Address Their Phone
Please fill out and return to the club. USSVI GROTON BASE, THANKSGIVING APPEAL, 40 SCHOOL STREET; GROTON, CT 06340 Note: Contributions or gifts are not tax deductible for Federal income tax purposes. Note: Contact the Groton Treasurer if you need to have your donation be tax deductible.
Please indicate that you will allow us to use just your name in a list of 2025 Holiday Appeal Donors. I give my approval for SUBVETS GROTON to identify me as a Donor please initial

CHAPLAINS REPORT

Earl Colella & John Carcioppolo



Chaplains Report/Honors Detail - John Carcioppolo 860-514-7064 <u>Gumba700@comcast.net</u> The following is the Honors Detail activity from 26 September 2025.

The following members departed on Eternal Patrol during this period.

QMC(SS) Dale Liggett Departed on Eternal Patrol on 06 May 2025

MM1(SS) Stuart Temple Departed on Eternal Patrol 23 June 2025

MMC(SS) Jack Scaduto Departed on Eternal Patrol 24 September 2025.

STS2(SS) Dave Lombardi –Departed on Eternal Patrol on 01 October 2025. Honors Detail 25 Oct 1245. Participants John Carcioppolo, Rich Cheatham, Earl Colella, Rob Davis, Bob Dulin, Alex Ducette, Al Kinsall, Jim Lawton,

YN3(SS) Timothy Mazza Departed on Eternal Patrol on 8 October 2025

ET1(SS) Robert A. Perritt Departed on Eternal Patrol on 13 October. Honors Detail/Memorial Service scheduled for 7 November at the clubhouse 15 1145.

EM1(SS) Tony Faella Departed on Eternal Patrol 23 October

MMC(SS) Jack Scaduto Departed on Eternal Patrol 24 September 2025

Honors Detail Pictures









Pictures from Dave Lombardi's Honors Detail 25 Oct 2025

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 on the National Web Page is not up to date either update it or ask Base Commander Steve Ricard at commander@ussvigroton.org. Also, with regards to information, if we don't know of a member 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 or John Carcioppolo 860-514- 7064 gumba700@comcast.net and if possible, provide a link to the obituary.

Keep your eyes open. If you know of a member passing or see an obituary of a Submariner who passed and maybe a member doesn'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 all you really have to do is let me know and show up. We prefer you to have the SUBVETS vest, but that is not a hard requirement.

Honors Detail Policy

From the Honors Detail Policy and Procedures Manual (PPM): "the Honors Detail will provide a Groton Base member, in good standing, an Honors Detail or an Eternal Light ceremony for the spouse, significant other or a family member." In the past we have provided Honors for Members who were not current Members of Groton Base. Moving forward, we will stick with the guidance in the PPM and only provide Honors for current members in Good Standing. We will continue to provide announcements of past member of Groton Base to keep you informed, but we will not be conducting Honors Details if they aren't a current member.

Upcoming Honors Details:

Robert Perritt There will be a Memorial Service for Robert on Friday 7 November. Robert's wife Susan has requested the Groton Base Honors detail to start the Memorial Service. The Honors Detail will muster topside at the clubhouse at 1145 and will kick off the Memorial Service once the family arrives from the

Cemetery (between 1200 - 1230). Unfortunately, many of the normal members of the Honors Detail will be out of town at the WWII Memorial Service in Kings Bay GA including myself. So I'm asking others who might not normally be part of the Honors Detail to please step up and fill the ranks for Roberts Family. The goal is to get as many members as possible to honor Robert. If you can attend, please contact me.

Following the Memorial Service there will be a pot-luck reception Again Dee will be coordinating the reception remotely. We are asking people to bring a pot-luck dish to share for the reception. If you can bring a dish for the reception, please contact Dee at 860-514-8770.

Tony Faella There will be a celebration of Life at the RI SUBVETS Christmas Party. Tony's wife Betty will be there. The RI SUBVETS Christmas Party will be held on 7 December at Spumoni's restaurant at 1537 Newport Avenue Pawtucket RI starting at noon. It will be a joint USSVI RI Base and USSVI Groton Base Ceremony. If you would like to attend the Holiday Party, please contact Jay at jaygrey@verizon.net or 401 450 5809. You do not need to attend the party to participate in the Celebration of Life, but I assure you that it is a GREAT Meal.







EM1(SS) Tony Faella

RED HAT CEREMONIES There will be two homecomings before Thanksgiving. Watch your emails for word on the Homecomings.

I often receive requests to be added to the Homecoming notifications. I do not have a specific email list for homecomings. I just send the notifications to the entire membership, so I don't miss anyone. If you get all the regular Base Broadcasts from the Base Commander, Eternal Patrol Broadcasts, etc. etc. then you should get the Homecoming notifications. If you are not getting the Broadcasts, you will not get the Homecoming notifications, and you should contact the Base Commander to ensure that we have the correct email address on file.

Also, due to classification restrictions I can only put the word out 2 days in advance. However, I use the Welcome Home signs at the front gate of the Naval Submarine Base as a guide. If the signs go up that's my signal to send out the notification.

Groton Sail Memorial and the Lost Boats Associate Member Jim Streeter has committed to purchase a paver at the Groton Sail Memorial to honor all of the Lost Boats. He will have one paver for each of the 65 Lost Boats. At \$250 a paver the total cost will be \$16,25.00. The least that we can do to show our appreciation to Jim for this endeavor is to help him fill out the paperwork for each of the Lost Boats. There will be a working party to fill out the paperwork sometime after Veterans Day. With a couple of bodies we will be done filling out the paperwork for the 65 Lost Boats in a short matter of time. The working party will be announced by email.

For additional information on the Groton Sail Memorial and to purchase pavers or donate, please go to https://grotonsail.com

HOLLAND CLUB Report - John Carcioppolo



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.

November 2025 Holland Club Report

Welcome to November

LUNCHEONS Our October Holland Club Luncheon had 61 people in attendance

It was our first Holland Club Luncheon topside in Higham Hall since the upstairs bathroom was completed, and it went over very well. There was plenty of room for everyone and it wasn't crowded. Next month we will serve from both sides of the table, so the line moves faster.

Our Guest Speaker was Captain Chance Litton, CO Naval Submarine School, who provided great input on running one of the largest Navy School Houses and many of his challenges.

50-50 was not claimed and \$140 was put back in the fund. Thank you to our silent donator. Our cook Dawn put together a great chicken parm dinner for us.



Bar Manager Heather Norton in the new bar



SUBSCOL Volunteers



Captain Chance and his SUBSCOL STUDENTE



Captain Chance and John C.

Additional Pictures are here: https://link.shutterfly.com/vzKES0IeNXb

We have speakers booked out through November. Our next speaker is are as follows:

18 November Guest Speaker Captain Dave Roberts (Retired) Dave is in charge of Facilities at Electric Boat.

I have invited the new Admiral at Undersea Warfare Development Center (UWDC) RDML John Stafford to be our guest speaker for December if his schedule can support. His staff is reviewing his schedule and will confirm if that works.

<u>HOLLAND CLUB 2026</u> The 2026 Ceremony will be on Saturday, 6 June 2026. Mark your calendars and plan accordingly. If you are scheduled to go into the Holland Club in 2026, you will receive correspondence from us in the January time frame that starts the process. The only thing that you have to do before you receive that letter is to make sure that your dues are paid for 2026. **Reminder** that even if you are a National Life Member, there is still a requirement for Base Dues.

John "Gumba" Carcioppolo Holland Club Chair (860) 514 – 7064 Holland@ussvigroton.org

COLOR GUARD Bob Sharpe

In October, we presented the colors at the USS Dallas SSN-700 Reunion banquet. This is one of the services that we can provide when scheduling your ship's reunion through the Groton Base's Club Events (events@ussvigroton.org (860) 445-5262).

Our color guard has been asked again by the Griswold Middle School to present the colors during their Veterans Day Assembly on Friday, November 7, 2025. Breakfast is provided at 7:45 a.m. at Griswold Middle School, and the assembly starts around 8:30 a.m. A minimum of 3 flag bearers are required. If you are interested, please contact me.

Ous color guard will present the colors during Groton Base's Veteran Day celebration scheduled for 11 November 2025. This year we'll be joined by Naval Submarine School Australian sailors that will fly the Australian National Flag.

I have requested, via email, flag carriers, and color guards for this event. If you are planning on attending and are interested, please contact me.

As always, the detail needs new members to assist at scheduled events. If you are interested, please email me at bobsharpe@hotmail.com or on my Cell at (860) 501-6161 and leave a message.

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MEMBERSHIP Vacant

RENEW NOW FOR 2025

Reminder that it is time to renew annual membership. If you are a USSVI Life member, you still owe Groton Base dues (unless you are Groton Base Life). If you are trying to find out if you are a member in good standing, drop me a line commander@ussvigroton.org. Here is the link to renew your membership. Dues Renewal | USSVI Groton

New rates are \$80 /year (\$40 USSVI National and \$40 Groton Base).

It's never too early to renew memberships for 2026. Please do not get dropped for not renewing your Base and national dues.



Membership Update

Members – 1,145 Life National Members – 862 Base Life Members - 379 Holland Club – 643 Associate Members – 65

Active Duty, new members only, Base and National Dues for their first calendar year are free.

LOOKING FOR A MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

LETTER TO REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Shipmates,

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline for annual dues is approaching.

Membership Dues Period: January 1 – December 31



Regular Members: Annual membership fee of \$80 (\$40 to National and \$40 to Groton Base)



USSVI Life Members: Renew Groton Base membership only (\$40)

Your dues are essential to the continued success of our organization. They help sustain operations, fund activities, and support our mission to "perpetuate the memory of our shipmates." They also help us attract new, younger members to carry that mission forward.

To renew, please visit https://www.ussvigroton.org/dues-renewal.

You'll find convenient payment options and downloadable forms. Be sure to review the dropdown menu for the correct renewal category. There you will also find the option to become a Life Member of both USSVI National and Groton Base.

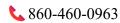
Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our submarine community.

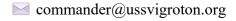
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Steve Ricard

USSVI-Groton Base Commander

"First and Finest"







PS: If you do not know your status, ask.

Since last month's report, I've responded to one new email inquiry and mailed our plate application and instructions to two submarine veterans who are working with our Membership Chairman to complete the process of applying for membership. In addition, we have one new member who has joined USSVI to order our "Silent Service" license plate, the 8th so far this year!



If you would like to display our unique "Silent Service" on your vehicle, please contact me and I would be glad to answer any questions and guide you through the process. If you have questions shoot a quick email to me at: ctsubvetplates@ussvigroton.org.

I'm also listed on our USSVI Groton Website under: https://www.ussvigroton.org/linksofinterest.

Applications are also available at the clubhouse in the document holder next to the bulletin board in the pumproom.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Greg Kane

Groton Base USSVI Scholarships

Applications for the Groton Base USSVI Scholarship Open on November 1, 2025

https://www.ussvigroton.org/scholarship-info

Eligibility for Consideration

A. Any student, between the age of 17 through 26, whose parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent or great-grandparent or step great-grandparent is a member or an associate member with a minimum of one year of membership in good standing of the (USSVI), Groton Base in the year of application, and has a "C" grade average or equivalent in the year of application.

B. Any student, between the age of 17 through 26, whose parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent or great-grandparent or step great-grandparent is a member or an associate member with a minimum of one year of membership in good standing of the (USSVI), Groton Base in the year of application, who has been home schooled and has an institution (church or private organization sponsored) certificate of completion of the home-schooling program.

Gregory Kane, Groton Base Scholarship Chair

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Marian Galbraith



Warm weather disappeared followed by the October winds. The fall cleanup has been completed, and the beds are ready for Spring. However, the calendar marches on. November 11 is just around the corner, so plans are underway for the Veterans Day Observance. Preparations are being made to hold the observance in the City of Groton Municipal Building at 295 Meridian Street.

Thanks to all who helped get the beds ready for Spring.

Anyone wishing to join the Memorial Committee should contact Marian Galbraith at mktgalbraith@gmail.com.

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Brian Hague

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

Hey Navy, Thanksgiving is upon us. I hope to see a lot of you at Thanksgiving Dinner. There's a scam going around on text message saying you haven't paid your CT Toll charge. If I'm not mistaken tolls in CT ended in the 1980's. **DON'T FALL FOR IT.**

It's also a good time to start to winterize your life. Take advantage of the good weather to clean the gutters, trim some branches, and put some winter equipment in the vehicle i.e., jumper cables/jumper pack, blankets, a set of warm clothes, small toolbox, etc.

Don't get caught off guard when it comes to newer VA log-in requirements. https://news.va.gov/133159/prepare-for-vas-secure-sign-in-changes/

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. <u>All WWII Veterans are now eligible for VA health</u> care - VA News

The Department of Veterans Affairs issued a proposed rule outlining a plan 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 a 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: <u>VA OCFM - West Haven VAMC - NEPA Final Environmental Assessment - December 2022</u>

"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. <u>VA expands burial benefits for Veterans and their families</u>

Looking forward to travelling, 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. <u>How to use cool features in VA's official mobile app - VA News</u>

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 submarine medical issues, let me know and I will track it down and post it. I 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.

<u>Military and Veteran Benefits, News, Veteran Jobs | Military.com</u> This is a great website for info on any Military and Veteran related issues.





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

Abraham Lincoln

Since its inception in 2009, Groton Base's Kap (SS) 4 Kid (SS) Program has provided comfort and joy to over 2,500 Children facing illness, and their families.

Our K4K Team visits young patients at various facilities, including Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, Connecticut Children's Hospital, the Child Psychiatric Units at Yale New Haven Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House, Connecticut Hospice, and other designated locations.

We are committed to continuing this program as long as there are children in need of our support.



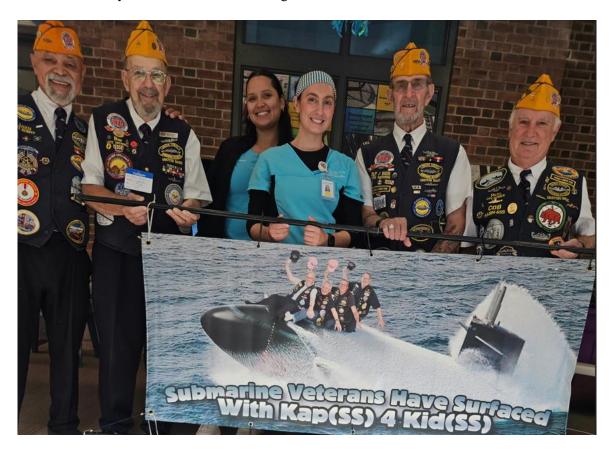
On September 30th, the Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team of Bob Dulin, Bob Sharpe, Paul Grammer, and John Riley conducted a visit to 4 to 13-year-old Kids in Yale New Haven Hospital's Inpatient Child Psychiatric Unit.

One of the Children we met during our June visit this year shared that it was the best day of her life, and that she would remember it forever!

At the end of our recent visit, she thanked us again and mentioned that her K4K Teddy Bear was sleeping in her Honorary Submariner cap, with her K4K Stress Relief Heart. She even let us take a picture of them alongside her Honorary Submariner Certificate!

As always, our visit was filled with fun and joy for both the Kids and the staff. We shared insights about life aboard a Submarine, showcased submarine-related pictures and videos, and answered their many questions with enthusiasm.

These visits are always memorable and rewarding!



During these interactions, we address their questions and provide them with Honorary Submariner Certificates, Ball Kaps, Tattoos, Challenge Coins, and Wristbands. Additionally, they receive Therapeutic Heart-Shaped Squeeze Balls featuring a Submarine design, as well as a photo of a Submarine signed by our K4K Team.











Each Child also receives a Silent Service Coloring Book, a map detailing the locations of all US Submarine Museums, and informative brochures from the USS Nautilus Submarine Museum and the World War II Memorial in Groton, Connecticut.



DONATE TO SUPPORT GROTON BASE'S KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) PROGRAM VIA THIS LINK

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

Karaoke Night Success!

Stop by for Karaoke on Friday, October 24, 8PM-Midnight!







After the last meeting Joe Wread approached me, informing me that it was often difficult to hear what is being put out. He told me about a theater he recently went to that was broadcasting the movie's audio out to the audience via Bluetooth to hearing aids. He also told me that he would be willing to purchase said technology should I find something to support this dueing our meeting. I was very suprised to hear this personally, as I was unaware of the use of this. I am happy to announce that I have found such a device! I have replaced this device and will have it for the meeting for August 4th.

Here are some details about the device I will be setting up, so you can be prepared:



HomeSpot BA210 v2 Bluetooth Auracast Transmitter, LC3, AptX Lossless, AptX HD, Optical & 3.5mm Inputs, Compatible with Galaxy Buds 2 Pro, Buds 3, JY300 JM320, Hearing Aids and Bluetooth Headphones

This table provides the details:

Auracast-compatible Hearing Aids Supported by BA210 v2

THROUGH MANUFACTURER'S APP	
Resound	Nexia / Savia / Vivia
Jabra	Enhance Pro 20 / Pro 30
Beltone	Serene / Envision / Commence
danalogic	Extend
Danavox	Brisa
NEED QK ASSISTANT / ANDROID BA	
Jabra	Enhance Select 500
StarKey	Edge AI

LE Audio-capable hearing aids without Auracast and **NOT** supported by BA210 v2

Rexton	Reach
Signia	Pure Charge&Go IX / Styletto IX / Active Pro IX
Widex	Allure
Oticon	Intent
Philips	Hearlink 9050

Events and are posted in the Clubhouse on the Raspberry display above the cash register, On the opening splash page of our website https://www.ussvigroton.org , and on our Events page https://www.ussvigroton.org/events.

USSVI GROTON BASE NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST

Happy Birthday to All Who Continue to Celebrate

Last Name	First Name	DOB	Last Name	First Name	DOB
Agolio	Alfonso	11/12	King	Franklin Gary	11/01
Alcantara	Jason R.	11/23	Konetzni, Jr.	Albert H.	11/16
Alvarado	Victor M.	11/23	Korenstra	Xavier	11/16
Appleton	Glenn	11/16	Kozerefski	Martin W.	11/22
Arturo	Rocco Nicholas	11/12	Le Anna	Myron L.	11/14
Barham	Lonnie Lee	11/13	Lemoi	Claude C.	11/05
Baska	Harold T.	11/15	Lewis	Murray P.	11/14
Bates	Charles K.	11/12	Litzendorf	Willaim	11/13
Berns	Peter	11/02	Longman	William F.	11/04
Biemiller	Eric C.	11/08	MacGregor	Robert	11/25
Brauer	William	11/22	Maranell	Donald R.	11/08
Bret	Ralph	11/01	McLarrin	Maureen A.	11/18
Brooks	John M.	11/03	McPherson	James A.	11/12
Brown III	Howard Haines	11/22	Mendelson	Richard B.	11/12
Brown	Raymond	11/07	Moravsik	Richard C.	11/04
Carlson	Owen D.	11/21	Moreau	Caroline M.	11/12
Caton II	Bernard W.	11/01	Moyer	George E.	11/07
Chabot	William E.	11/14	Mullin	Jack A.	11/17
Chase	Donald M.	11/19	Murphy, Jr.	Francis J.	11/06
Chavez	Enrique	11/18	Olsowy	Timothy F.	11/08
Coburn	Harold E.	11/10	Plenninger	J. Peter	11/18
Colavechio	Cal	11/05	Pond	Joseph H.	11/17
Crisman	Kevin K.	11/28	Post	Keith F.	11/22
Crone	Lewis E.	11/30	Rader	Durrell B.	11/14
Cyrul	Gerald	11/14	Ransom	Michael C.	11/25
Daley	John A.	11/13	Roberts	Jason	11/21
DeFrehn	Bruce	11/14	Roberts	Robert E.	11/06
Dellarco	Peter	11/29	Roch	John	11/09
Dieter	R. Lloyd	11/05	Rodolewicz, Jr.	John	11/06
Dombrowsk	Jack	11/12	Rogers	William T.	11/07
Dugas	Kenneth J.	11/17	Ross	Gregg	11/10
Duke	Robert A.	11/15	Schorr	Craig T.	11/09
Ellis	David	11/21	Sibiga	Michael	11/12
Flanagan	Elmer F.	11/13	Smith	Marshall H.	11/02
Fugate	Roger L.	11/23	Spaide	Eugene R.	11/21
Gardner	Scott F.	11/23	Stober	Jeffry L.	11/14
Garmon	Stephen C.	11/08	Stone	James F.	11/19
Grammer	Paul	11/11	Streeter	James	11/15
Gran	Bruce H.	11/07	Swaenepoel	Edward T.	11/28
Hall	Gary H.	11/02	Tarr	James	11/27
Hanner	Michael T.	11/09	Temple	Stuart W.	11/30
Hanson	Gordon L.	11/24	Thompson	Scott M.	11/22

Harness	Roy C.	11/28	Tripodina	Raymond G.	11/20
Hayes	Alan	11/19	Vanicek	Errol D.	11/01
Holmstrom	Erik	11/16	Vary, Jr.	Carroll M.	11/21
Howse	Dell A.	11/22	Walker	Kelly	11/04
Hurley	Paul	11/14	Walters	Dale E.	11/17
Jagaczewski	Al	11/24	Waters	Jeffrey	11/27
Johnson	Edward Y.	11/14	White	Reginald I.	11/19
Johnson	Philip	11/23	Whittingslow	Walter	11/02
Kelsey Jr.	James E.	11/22	Young	Ralph H.	11/17

USSVI GROTON BASE NOVEMBER ETERNAL PATROL LIST

Date	Last Name	First Name	Date	Last Name	First Name
11/16/16	Aldrich, Jr.	Charles	11/20/96	Jackson, Jr.	John
11/04/20	Alt	Ronald	11/05/12	Johnson	David
11/11/00	Baker	Edward	11/23/00	Jones	Malone
11/09/13	Bess	Luther	11/07/20	Ketner	Charlie
11/26/22	Booth, Jr.	Howard	11/16/16	Lancaster	Robert
11/28/17	Boyd, Jr.	Robert	11/27/16	Laskey (Laskowski)	Walter
11/21/09	Bryson	Patrick	11/25/11	Law	Robert
11/01/22	Buchan	Danny	11/26/10	Lenartz	Robert
11/19/18	Campbell	Robert	11/19/08	Lewis	Bertman
11/09/03	Carmenati	Joseph	11/21/21	Manuilow	John
11/15/15	Carr	Kenneth	11/20/08	Marcoux	Ronald
11/24/09	Chiffer	John	11/17/06	Martin	William
11/27/19	Childs	Edward	11/28/21	Miller	William
11/20/23	Cochran, Jr.	Miles	11/26/09	Mollohan	Andrew
11/05/16	Connolly	Jerome	11/04/14	Murphy	Alfred
11/09/22	Cordero	Richard	11/23/08	O'Leary	Jack
11/11/19	Crandall	Douglas	11/21/10	Owens, Jr.	James
11/06/21	Davis	Lawrence	11/02/15	Primeaux	Ronald
11/30/11	Davis	Robert	11/22/10	Redd	William
11/23/18	Dow	Richard	11/01/17	Rickmond, Jr.	Burnette
11/03/18	Drozdz	Jim	11/26/19	Roberts	Earl
11/10/22	Elnicki	Adrew	11/10/18	Seeley, Sr.	Robert
11/05/18	Faustino	Aquiles	11/25/16	Sieveking	Stanley
11/26/01	Fogarty	Edward	11/2/06	Springer	Peter
11/30/21	Frye	Christoper	11/20/13	Stapleford	Frankie
11/06/11	Gaudet, Jr.	Joseph	11/13/09	Starratt	David
11/18/18	Gentry	James	11/28/15	Striffler	Thomas
11/26/06	Gilliland	Wiley	11/07/10	Sumner	John
11/11/13	Gleason, Jr.	James	11/22/20	Tregoning	John
11/01/21	Gran	Barry	11/30/18	Trubee	John
11/27/20	Halstead	Dennis	11/16/20	Wallen	Allen Paul
11/21/21	Hamilton	Dennis	11/06/00	Wheat	Elbert
11/22/21	Heck	Benjamin	11/23/06	Young	Emery
11/26/17	Heller	Norman	11/27/23	Zeimet	Michael
11/19/22	Hengerer	Daniel			

11/19/82	Hercules	Nicholas
11/30/06	Holmes	Joseph
11/16/16	Ivy	Eldon



always keep their memories alive.

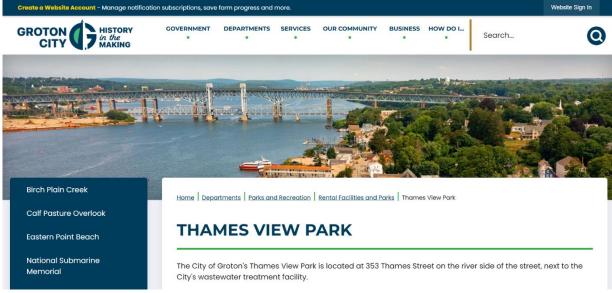
I have one consolation that lives with me today. That God is near to them in his own special way. So, God in all Your mercy keeps near Thyself the soul of every Submariner still on his final patrol.

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

Thames River Heritage Park



https://www.thamesriverheritagepark.org/

Custom House Maritime Museum/New London Maritime Society (NLMS)

https://nlmaritimesociety.org/



Garde Arts Center

Performance Theater in New London, Connecticut



All Events | Garde Arts Center (click for more info)

Nautilus Submarine Force Museum



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. The COT was opened on December 3, 1944, 80 years ago 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."

Stan Mathis Memorial House Committee

Paul Skalski

Base Commander Steve Ricard and the EBoard wanted to reactivate the old House Committee which was chaired by the late Stan Mathis and asked me to be the chairman which I accepted. My first order of business is to organize monthly dinners at the clubhouse. Stay tuned.

Base Christmas Party In lieu of December monthly meeting

December 6, 2025 Saturday 2:00 pm RSVP by Wednesday December 3, 2025

\$30 per person paid in advance at the bar

Basket raffle, 50/50 raffle

Photo Booth and Santa Courtesy of Creative Sounds

Coat Drive

Looking for gently used or new coats, hats, gloves, scarves for children who come to school without. There are several area schools who need these items.

Donated items can be placed in the Christmas decorated box in the upstairs hall starting 3 November 2025. Items will be accepted up to and including the Christmas party.

(Elementary up to 6th grade, sizes 6 to 16)

Agenda

Welcome by Base Commander Steve Ricard
Pledge of Allegiance
Opening Prayer
December Lost Boats
Eternal Patrol Ornaments after dinner

Menu

Shrimp cocktail Charcuterie board

Roast beef, baked potato, vegetable, rolls/butter, coffee/tea, hot chocolate. **Asking everyone who is attending to bring a favorite dessert to share**

See the bartender to RSVP \$30 per person paid in advance at the bar