



**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC
USSVI GROTON BASE MEETING AGENDA
06 April 2026**

JOIN IN-PERSON and ZOOM MEETING

SubVetsGroton EBOARD is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: SubVets Groton Monthly Zoom Meeting

Date/Time: Apr 06, 2026, 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Every month on the First Mon, until Dec 4, 2028, 46 occurrence(s)

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Meeting ID: 893 4441 0040
Passcode: 8604455262

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89344410040>

**The Monthly Membership meeting will be held on-line, and in the Clubhouse,
Monday April 6, 2026 @ 6:30 PM Eastern Time**

**Download your copy of (Website) [Meeting Minutes](#)
Or Directly (Embedded) [HERE](#)**

You can call from any telephone, or use Zoom to connect via your PC, Tablet, or Smartphone. Opening the link below will launch directly into SubVets Meeting (Video & Audio Support): *(Update your Zoom Version to 6.2.6 (49050) to ensure your connection will function properly):*

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CALL TO ORDER:

ANNOUNCEMENTS (MUSTER SHEETS, EXITS, NO SMOKING)
ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

OPENING EVENTS: (BASE COMMANDER)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: _____

OPENING PRAYER – BASE CHAPLAIN _____

USSVI CREED

TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE PURSUIT OF THEIR DUTIES WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. THAT THEIR DEDICATION, DEEDS, AND SUPREME SACRIFICE BE A CONSTANT SOURCE OF MOTIVATION TOWARD GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND TO PLEDGE LOYALTY AND PATRIOTISM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITS CONSTITUTION.

LOST BOATS

TOLLING OF THE BOATS IS BEING PRESENTED ELECTRONICALLY BY PAO (JIM LAWTON)

INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION OF VIP AND GUESTS

NEW MEMBERS & FIRST MEETING: _____

NATIONAL OFFICERS: _____

FORMER BASE COMMANDERS: _____

WWII MEMBERS: _____

HOLLAND CLUB MEMBERS: _____

CHRIS QUIJADA DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD: _____

PAST JOE NEGRI RECIPIENTS: _____

ROBERT LINK AWARD RECIPIENT: _____

PRESENTATIONS:

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 =

BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING (ALL NON-MEMBERS ARE EXCUSED)

COMMANDER – STEVE RICARD

TREASURER’S REPORT – CHARLIE MURRAY

NEW IDEAS FOR APRIL

- Baby Diaper drive for our submarine community families & provide diapers by Mother’s Day
- Weekly giveaways at lunchtime

ANNUAL APPEAL 2026

The Appeal Letters are out and you should have received yours, please consider a donation to support our efforts to maintain the building, keep it open and a place for the submarine community.

COINS:

Another collector’s item probably could be..... but give one to a buddy and watch for the reaction, it’s worth a million.

The cost remains \$10 again this year...

FINANCIALS:

Check our website for current financial statements.

Suggested Groton Building Improvements:

- 1st level ladies' room
- Fix the front door, get back to using the buzzer
- Add locks to provide additional security to in building doors
- Hall create storage area for tables and chairs
- Outside storage building or shipping container for items used once or twice a year.
- Propane storage rack
- Gutters

Note: if you have ideas or suggestions, please let us know

DONATIONS:

DONATIONS ARE NOT ONLY IMPORTANT BUT CRITICAL. Our National and local bases need donations to keep activities available to our submarine communities. For Groton it’s keeping the doors open but just one visit and you can see the difference individual donations have made in maintaining the building and improving services to all of us!

YOU CAN DONATE TO SUBVETS GROTON OR THE NATIONAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

SECRETARY REPORT – DAVID FREASE

- Base Elections – Sr. Base Vice Commander, Base Secretary – Nominations
- Nominations opened at the 02 February
- Membership Meeting Nominations will be closed on 15 April 2026
- Balloting will take place following the closing of Nominations

- Approval of minutes – 02 March 2026

New Correspondence to report—None

SR. VICE COMMANDER REPORT: (VACANT)

JR. VICE COMMANDER REPORT:

We are working hard to maintain and improve your Clubhouse.

Please notify me if you find a discrepancy.

General comments for consideration can be sent to my email below. If it is a material deficiency, ask the bartender for the Maintenance Deficiency Log to document it.

This log will be maintained by me to document issues.

This document is Appendix B of the Club Operations Policy and Procedures manual available on our USSVI Groton Website - <https://www.ussvigroton.org/bylaws-ppm> (PPM - USSVIGB - Groton Base Clubhouse).

NERD UPDATE:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: STEVE RICARD

DATA PROVIDED FROM USSVI NATIONAL DATA BASE

CATEGORY	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	1105
NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERS	864
GROTON BASE LIFE MEMBERS	404
HOLLAND CLUB	668
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	64

On March 23, at the close of the business day Groton Base had 1179 members. As of March 24 at the start of the business Groton Base had dropped to 1105. So, what does that mean to the Regular/Annual Members; it means you missed the renewal window and National dropped you. How will you know; you'll no longer receive a copy of the American Submariner or notices from USSVI. How to rectify; renew your membership ASAP. 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

If you are NOT a USSVI National Life Member: Dues are \$80 /year (\$40 USSVI National and \$40 Groton Base)

If you are a USSVI National Life Member: Groton Base dues are \$40

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

- SUB SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHEDULE: **STEVE RICARD**
- CHAPLAIN: **EARL COLELLA/JOHN CARCIOPPOLO**

The following members departed on Eternal Patrol since the last newsletter.

RM3(SS) Michael M. Dunn Departed on Eternal Patrol on 6 December 2025.
BM3(SS) William "Bill" Scarano Departed on Eternal Patrol on 20 March 2026.
EM1(SS) Charles S. Wilkinson Jr. Departed on Eternal Patrol on 22 March 2026
HMCS(SS) James Moseley Departed on Eternal Patrol 1 April 2026.

- HOLLAND CLUB: **JOHN CARCIOPPOLO**

HOLLAND CLUB LUNCH

April	
Lunch	
Income	
	\$0.00
50/50	\$0.00
Donation	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00
Expense	
Meals (\$10.00 X 0)	\$0.00
Gratuuity (\$1.00 X 0)	\$0.00
50/50	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00
Net Deposited	\$0.00

Additional Expenses:

UPCOMING HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHESES

- 21 April Guest Speaker – OIC Historic Ship Nautilus LCDR Lucas
- 19 May Guest Speaker – Groton Sail Foundation

HOLLAND CLUB 2026 42 Potential Inductees.

Second letter went in the mail 15 March 26, RSVP by 15 April 2026

- HONORS DETAIL: **JOHN CARCIOPPOLO**
- COLOR GUARD: **BOB SHARPE**

During the month of March, the color guard presented our National Stars and Stripes along with the USSVI flag during our U. S. S. Texas SSN-775 home coming salute. We thanked her crew for a job well done and for bringing her home safely from deployment.

The Color Guard next scheduled muster will be in April 2026 for the Groton Base's USS Thresher (SSN-593) memorial service. The color guard detail will consist of flag carriers for the U. S. National, U. S. Navy, USSVI flags and two flag escorts.

We are now registered for the Town of Groton's USA's 250th Anniversary 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.

I am looking for people to help me decorate the 'People Mover' trailer with posters and banners. Let me know if you can help.

As part of our reunion event plans, for hosting your reunion with the Joe Negri Clubhouse, our color guard can also present the National Colors at your banquet. Email Ashley at events@ussvigroton.org for more information.

- EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM COORDINATOR: **JIM WEAVER**
- SMALL STORES: **ALEX DOUCETTE**
- DOCENTS: **ARTIE GAGER**
- DMV LIAISON: **MICHAEL HODGES**

The pace has picked up quite a bit since last month's report, and we've received eight new inquiries and gained three new USSVI/Groton base members (with a fourth who is active duty and in the process of joining). I've mailed DMV applications with instructions to five of the new inquiries and received back one that I'm presently processing to send on to the DMV. We've also received an email from one member to say they were very happy with the new plates.

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 pumphoom.

- KAP (SS) 4 KID (SS): **JOHN RILEY**

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.

- MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: **MARIAN GALBRAITH**
- PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER: **JIM LAWTON**
- SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: **GREG KANE**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2026 SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2026.

Please contact Gregory Kane, Groton Base Scholarship Chair, at 860-989-1426 or via email at

Gregory.Kane@CCSU.Edu.

VETERANS AFFAIRS: **BRIAN HAGUE**

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.

WEST PORT SATELLITE GROUP: **PAUL GRAMMER**

NEXT MEETING IS MAY 7TH AT PORT 5

STAN MATHIS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: **Paul Skalski**

Polish night April 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm. \$20 per person. The signup sheet is at the bar.

Menu: Ham, Kielbasa, Lazy Pierogi, Red Cabbage, Rye Bread

Volunteers are welcome to help set up, wash dishes/pots and pans, cook, and breakdown. Contact the House committee chairman, Paul Skalski

Many hands make for light work

If the dinner needs to be rescheduled due to bad weather or cancelled, a notification will be posted on Facebook, the club website, with the new date.

OLD BUSINESS:

CLOSING EVENTS:

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

MEETING ATTENDANCE DRAWING WINNER _____ COIN
OR HAT

(SEE ALEX DOUCETTE)

50/50 DRAWING WINNER \$ _____ HOW MUCH \$ _____

CLOSING PRAYER: BASE CHAPLAIN

ADJOURN:

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 04 MAY 2026