



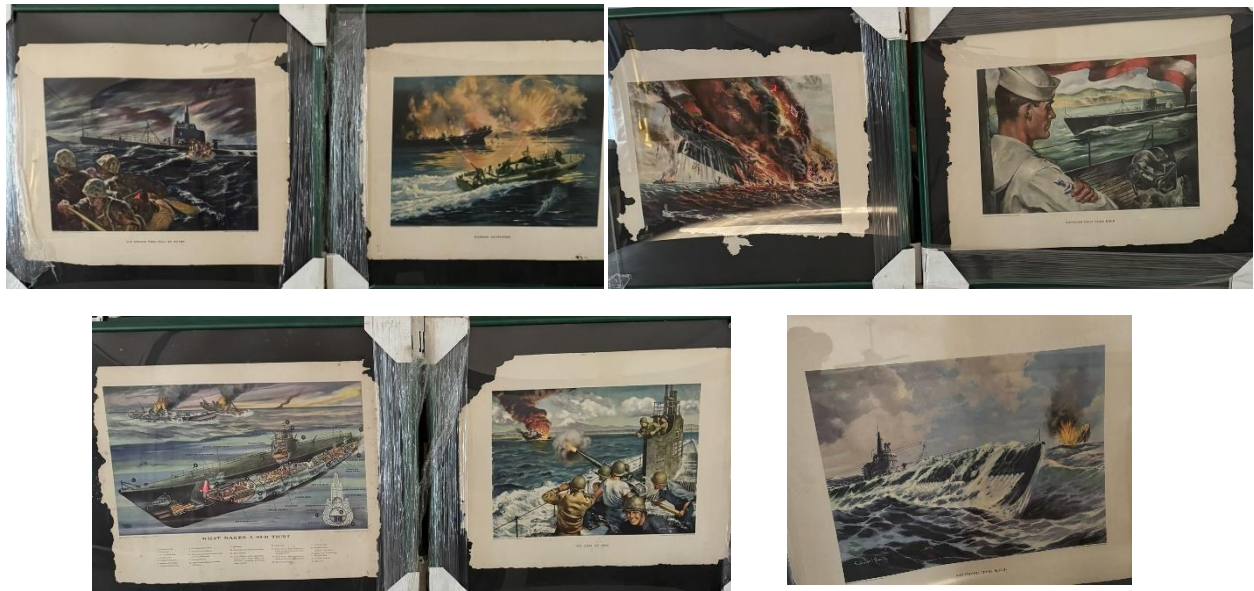
USSVI Groton Base
"First and Finest"
Home of Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse



Shipmates, Families, and Friends

Another month has come and gone at the Domenic "Joe" Negri Clubhouse, your clubhouse. Your home were the sea stories all begin the same way "This is a no....., come down and add your sea story. Welcome to October and the last quarter of 2024. So far this year we have crossed a number of items off the to-do list and have a few more before we reach the end of the calendar year. Right now we need to get a list of volunteers together for Thanksgiving at SubVets. I know that the Thanksgiving Appeal letter is on its way to your mailbox. Without your generosity and support we would not be able to put on a great dinner, year after year, for our junior Sailors. Please consider supporting this all-important appeal.

Earlier in September we received some framed WWII prints from member, Mike Sibiga, thank you for your generous donation.



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 – October



Lost on Oct 3, 1944 with the loss of 83 officers and men and 17 US Army troops when she was sunk just north of Moritai by USS Rowell, a Destroyer Escort (DE). In this tragic error, Rowell mistook Seawolf for a Japanese submarine that had just sunk another Destroyer. Seawolf ranks 7th for enemy ships sunk.



Lost on Oct 7, 1943 with the loss of 56 men when it was sunk off Paramushiru, Kuriles. S-44 was on her 5th war patrol after attacking a target thought to be a merchant on the surface, S-44 found herself in a losing gun battle with a heavily armed Japanese destroyer. Two men were taken prisoner and survived the war.



Lost on Oct 11, 1943 with the loss of 80 men near La Perouse Strait. Under command of one of the great sub skippers of World War II, LCDR "Mush" Morton, Wahoo was on her 7th war patrol. Wahoo had won a Presidential Unit Citation and ranks 5th in the number of enemy ships sunk. She was lost to depth charges dropped by a Japanese patrol aircraft



Lost on Oct 12, 1943 with the loss of 77 men when she was sunk in the western Atlantic near Cuba. Newly commissioned, she had departed New London and was enroute to Panama. She may have been sunk by a U.S. patrol plane that received faulty instructions regarding bombing restriction areas or a German U-boat that was in the vicinity.



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Lost on Oct 24, 1944 when she became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan and was then destroyed to prevent her falling into enemy hands intact. The entire crew was rescued by USS Dace. Winner of one Navy Unit Commendation, Darter had sunk a heavy cruiser and damaged another and went aground while attempting an "end around" on an enemy formation in hopes of getting in an attack on a battleship



Lost on Oct 25, 1944 with the loss of 78 men in the Formosa Strait. Tang was on her 5th war patrol. Tang ranks 2nd in the number of ships sunk and 4th in tonnage, and had won two Presidential Unit Citations. During a daring night surface attack, Tang was lost to a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. Nine of the crew were taken prisoner, including CDR. O'Kane and five who had gained the surface from her final resting place 180 feet below. All survived the war, and CDR O'Kane was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



Lost on October 29, 1923 the USS O-5, submarine collided with the steamship Abangarez and quickly sank. Three of her crew were lost in this tragic accident, and two others spent many hours on board the sunken O-5 until they could be rescued. For his "heroism and devotion to duty" in assisting a shipmate in the sinking submarine, Torpedoman 2nd Class Henry Breault received the Medal of Honor. O-5 was raised soon after her loss, but she was too badly damaged to be worth repairing and was sold for scrapping in December 1924.

Plan of the Month October 2024

DATE	TIME	ACTION	DESCRIPTION
Oct 1	17:00	Event	Commissioning Conor Gagliardi
Oct 2	11:00	Event	Alexander Hamilton Reunion lunch Pump Room
Oct 3	10:30	Event	Veterans History Project. Interview with Bill Scarano and Congressman Courtney
Oct 3-4		Event	Cavalla Reunion Meet and Greet Pump Room
Oct 7	18:30	Event	Meeting Night
Oct 10	15:00	Event	Submarine Command Course Pump Room
Oct 12	17:00	Event	Baby Shower
Oct 15	11:30	Event	Holland Club Luncheon
Oct 16	10:00	Event	Retirement Ryan Wilson
Oct 19	1000	Event	Subase Retirement Seminar
Oct 19	16:00	Event	Birthday Party

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."

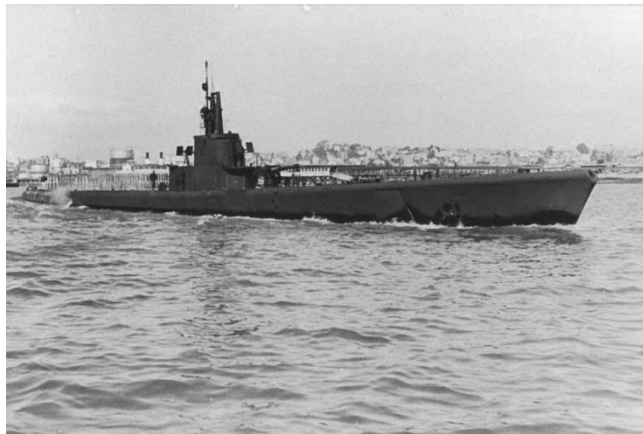


Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS) Updates

During the month of August, 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 6 & 20 September. I would like to thank SubSchool leadership for allowing us to participate in this milestone event.

The following information is for BESS Class 24420, named after the USS Harder (SS-257). The information provided comes from various sources including Naval History and Heritage Command and Wikipedia. Follow the links for additional details.

On September 6th the BESS class was named after the USS Harder (SS-257). USS Harder (SS-257), a Gato-class submarine, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the harder, a fish of the mullet family found off South Africa. One of the most famous submarines of World War II, she received the Presidential Unit Citation. Her commanding officer throughout her service, the resolute and resourceful Commander Samuel D. Dealey (1906–1944), "a submariner's submariner", was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, as well as four Navy Crosses during his lifetime.



Harder's keel was laid down by the Electric Boat Company in Groton, Connecticut, on 1 December 1941. She was launched on 19 August

1942, sponsored by Miss Helen M. Shafroth, daughter of Rear Admiral John F. Shafroth Jr., and commissioned on 2 December 1942. Harder performed shakedown off the United States East Coast, then headed for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, via the Panama Canal. While crossing the Caribbean Sea on the surface in a designated safety lane on 2 May 1943, she sighted an approaching U.S. Navy PBY Catalina flying boat at a range of 5,000 yards (4,600 m). She flashed that day's recognition signal at the PBY, which responded by opening machine-gun fire along Harder's starboard side. As Harder crash-dived and made a hard turn to port, the PBY dropped two bombs, the first of which shook Harder. Harder was able to continue her voyage to Pearl Harbor.

More on the USS Harder can be found at [USS Harder \(SS-257\) - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Harder_(SS-257)) and <https://www.history.navy.mil/research/library/online-reading-room/title-list-alphabetically/u/united-states-submarine-losses/harder-ss-257.html>.



The Harder, BESS Class 24420, had 57 students with a 76% average and 3 students 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: STS2(SS) Hess, ETV(C)(SS) Lechuga, and ITSC(SEL)(SS) Lee. Thank you for using your background,

training, and experience in guiding these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was SubSchool Commanding Officer, Captain Matthew Fanning. Guest Speaker was Submarine Squadron Four (CSS 4) CMC Adam Goulas. SubSchool Chaplain LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Groton Base Associate Member and crew member of the USS Harder SS568, Gordon Palmer was the SubVet Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin SR(SU) Sierra Trim. The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented by CMC(SS) Michael Micheli, to SR(SU) Logan Waters. The class Honor Graduate Award was presented to SN(SU) Braydon Stock by CO Captain Matthew Fanning. The Navy Core Values Award was presented by CMC Goulas to SN(SU) Devon Elkhay. 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) Sierra Trim



William H. Purdum Award: SR(SU) Logan Waters



Honor Graduate: SN(SU) Braydon Stock



Core Value Award: SN(SU) Devon Elkhay

On 20 September, the BESS class that graduated was named after the USS George C. Marshall (SSBN 654).



USS George C. Marshall (SSBN-654), a Benjamin Franklin-class ballistic missile submarine, was the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for General of the Army George C. Marshall (1880-1959), who served as U.S. Secretary of State from 1947 to 1949 and as U.S. Secretary of Defense from 1950 to 1951.

Construction and commissioning

The contract to build George C. Marshall was awarded to Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in Newport News, Virginia, on 29 July 1963 and her keel was laid down there on 2 March 1964. She was launched on 21 May 1965, sponsored by Katherine Tupper Marshall, widow of General Marshal. At the launching ceremony, former U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson (1893–1971) eloquently described George C. Marshall's strategic deterrent role in the Cold War in this way: "... the waves set up by this launching will go to the furthest reaches of our foreign relations. The very existence of this ship, her power, her mission, her orders, her competence to execute them, will affect more computations, more decisions, than we can readily imagine. Far beyond the Pentagon, the State Department, and the White House, she will add a new factor, a new magnitude, to the correlation of forces by which the communists determine their decisions."

George C. Marshall was commissioned on 29 April 1966, with Commander Warren Richardson Cobean, Jr. in command of the Blue Crew and Commander Willard Edward Johnson in command of the Gold Crew.

[More information on the USS George C. Marshall can be found](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_George_C._Marshall#:~:text=Pre-commissioning%20photograph%20of%20USS%20George%20C.%20Marshall%20(SSBN-654)%20underway%20off#:~:text=Pre-commissioning%20photograph%20of%20USS%20George%20C.%20Marshall%20(SSBN-654)%20underway%20off)

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USS George C. Marshall (SSBN 654). class #24440 had 67 students with an 77% average and 5 students graduated 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 FT1(SS) Styles, FT1(SS) Wheelwright, and ETVC(SS) Gaberial



Lechuga. Thank you for using your background training and experience in training these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was Executive Officer of SubSchool CDR Paul Danos . Guest Speaker was CMC Undersea Warfighting Development Center, Nicholas Harr. SubSchool Chaplain LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.

USSVI Groton Base Member, Scholarship Chairman, and Holland Club Member, Frank White was the SubVets Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SR(SU) Gabereil Harmon. 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 to SR(SU) Khushi Kullar. This award is given to the student who shows academic achievement and personal improvement through the course of instruction. The class Honor Graduate award went to SN(SU) Liam Grace. 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 to CSSSN(SU) Daniel Estrada. 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.



Heritage Award: SR(SU) Gabereil Harmon



William H. Purdum Award: SN(SU) Krishon Allen



Honor Graduate: SN(SU) Liam Grace



Core Value Award: CSSSN(SU) Daniel Estrada

BESS Graduation Schedule

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.

Starting in August we will also be the SubVet Representative at the Submarine Officers Basic Course (SOBC) and later in October the Submarine Officers Advance Course (SOAC).

BESS Graduation Schedule & SubVet Representative

Class No.	Class Name	Command Rep	Guest Speaker	SUBVETS Rep	Graduation Date
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

Finally, I was given the possible dates for BESS graduations for 2025. If your boat has a reunion in 2025 let me know and well try to coordinate their schedule with your reunion dates.

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>. Stop in and renew some old friendships. Speaking of renewing 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 Sunday, 8 September SubSchool Chiefs and Chief Selects hosted a Sunday Brunch Buffett. The meal was served with the style and grace of a Chief Select. Over 70 happy diners enjoyed scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage(maybe) patties, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, French toast, and fresh fruit. Great job and good luck in the next step in your Navy career.



On Monday September 9th our Monthly Membership meeting was held at 1830 in the club hall. Over 45 members joined the monthly meeting both in person and via Zoom.

During the meeting Alan Williams was presented with the Robert Link Award. This award is the USSVI's "Navy Commendation Medal" from the National Commander and was previously known as the Robert Link National Commander's Award, "USSVI's Letter of Commendation." for dedicated support in the upkeep and maintenance of the Groton Clubhouse.

Our Membership Chairman, Jeff Flesher attended his last meeting prior to moving west, back to the Chicago area. Jeff did a fantastic job running Base Membership for over 3 years. He worked diligently on simplifying the membership form and the catalyst behind reinstating Life Membership for Groton Base members. For his dedication to Groton Membership Jeff received a certificate of appreciation and a Home Depot gift certificate.



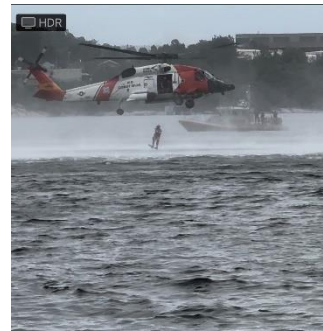
Executive Board members gave an update on the status of the club finances, and upcoming events to be held at the clubhouse. Each committee chair gave updates on events during the month and plans for the upcoming months. Many new things are planned for the remainder of 2024. This month's prize winners were.



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.

Join us next month on Monday October 7th for our monthly membership meeting starting at 1830. The Zoom link will be published prior to the meeting.

New London Maritime Heritage Festival was held September 7th & 8th. This festival celebrates the maritime heritage of New London and the surrounding area.



September 11th, the Naval Submarine Base New London held a memorial ceremony marking the 22nd anniversary of the worst terrorist attack on the United States since Peral Harbor. It was a solemn ceremony with our Groton Base SubVets Chaplain Earl Colella gave a thoughtful and prayerful Invocation and Benediction.

Chief Selects performed a flag retirement and a flag passing ceremony. Both were very moving.





On Tuesday September 17th, we held our monthly Holland Club Luncheon with over 60 people in attendance and hosted guest speaker Ms. Alison Weir, the Executive Director for Connecticut Veterans Legal Center, and a Lieutenant Colonel USAF (Ret).



Steak night returned to SubVets on Friday 20 September. The night had over 65 happy meat eaters, a 50/50 Raffle, and a Raffle Basket. Steaks were grilled to perfection by Celebrity Chefs Dave Larson, Paul Skalski, and Steve Ricard. Cocktails, wine, and beer were served by Club Manager Heather and Mikela. Thanks to all who joined us for the evening.



For the first time ever USSVI Groton Base hosted an evening for Chief Select Spouses and Significant others. The event featured, a night of Karaoke, Pizza, Unity, and Celebration. Katrina and Ashley did a great job putting this evening together, Thank You.



On Friday 27 September, the Naval Submarine Base New London pinned Anchors on over 30 newly minted Chiefs. Congratulations and good luck. BZ to the Outer Light Brewery Company, Beertender, STSC(SS) Keith Maulbeck on his promotion to Chief. While over at the Clubhouse there were five pinning ceremonies held by various commands. Katrina, Ashely, and Heather put together a buffet breakfast for newly minted Chiefs, their families, friends, and Shipmates. It was a very nice touch to a fantastic day.



On Monday 30 September, the Naval Submarine Base New London celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the Commissioning of the USS Nautilus SSN 571. SubVet Chaplain Earl Colella gave the Benediction and the Invocation, OIC of the Nautilus LCDR Bryan Chapman was the Master of Ceremony, Guest Speaker was RADM (Ret) Sam Cox, Director, Naval History and Heritage Command.



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



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 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.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Robert Perritt

Hello Shipmates!

The 2025 Budget planning season has started at Groton Base. Below is a copy of the budget process from Finance PPM:

The USSVI Groton Base annual budget will be developed as follows:

Utilizing Form IV-H-1, all Organizational committees will identify their coming year budgetary needs and requests to the Finance Committee on or before September 15.

The Finance Committee will create, consolidate, and collate an Organizational budget for presentation to the Executive Board on or before the October Executive Board meeting.

The Executive Board will make the annual budget available to the membership at the November meeting. Membership suggested changes to the budget shall be provided, in writing, to the Finance Committee chairman by the 15th of November.

The Finance Committee will provide a revised budget to the Executive Board on or before the December Executive Board meeting.

The Executive Board will provide the final approved budget to the membership at the first monthly business meeting following receipt of the revised budget from the Finance Committee.

Committee chairs were required to submit their budgets to the finance committee in September, however we acknowledge that the notice to committees should have been in last month’s Boat Notes.

Please send your budget to vice@ussvigroton.org as soon as possible. Thank you!

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact me at vice@ussvigroton.org. This includes helping preparing your 2025 budgets by providing you with the committee’s actual 2024 revenue and expenditures. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact me at vice@ussvigroton.org

Bob Perritt
Vice Commander

JR VICE COMMANDER

Paul Skalski

Hello Shipmates

Fall has arrived with cooler temperatures and vivid color.

A few housekeeping items to note.

- 1.) Guest book. All entries need to be complete. No dittos, arrows please
- 2.) Parking. Please remember do not park on Denison court.

We kicked off a fund to replace the ceiling tiles in the kitchen. Goal is \$500. As of September 24, 2024, we collected \$110.00. Please drop off a few dollars in the jar at the bar.

Check out Web Site, Facebook page, monthly Calander and our rolling raspberry at the Clubhouse as new events are added.

Be Part of the Solution, VOLUNTEER

Paul Skalski

Jr. Vice Commander

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BASE SECRETARY

David Frease

As you know I assumed the duties and responsibilities as your secretary. I will be coming up to speed over the next few months and look forward to a successful term.

V/R

David Frease

Base Secretary

secretary@ussvigroton.org

BASE TREASURER

Charlie Murray

2024 THANKSGIVING APPEAL

Appeal letters have been mailed to you. We appreciate your donations to support our Thanksgiving and Holiday events.

This year you might consider a \$25 donation instead of delivering a frozen turkey.

Note that the return envelopes have the incorrect zip code. Our zip code in Groton is 06340.

FUTURE EXPENSES

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

I was recently asked why this is important, has anyone asked us to do this work.

We have been saying it's the Ladies Room and in poor condition, so that has been my answer.

Giving it some thought I think a better answer is that we need a clubhouse that everyone can use without concerns that our facilities could be inadequate.

That I know some members who use walkers (and wheelchairs) don't come because they don't want to be seen as needing assistance.

Personally, I think, the purpose of the Clubhouse is not just to have a beer but a place all members are Welcome!

Joe might have said 'it's a place for us to gather so of us on Eternal Patrol can be remembered.'

KITCHEN CEILING TILES

There is a donation jar on the bar to help with paying for the cost, consider \$1.

HOW CAN YOU DONATE? 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>.

New Option 5: we will install a kiosk that can be used to donate directly to the USSVCF Groton Building Fund. In the first 2 weeks since it was installed, \$65 has been donated.

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.

We are actively searching for a new treasurer and collaborating with me now will give you exposure to our records and accounts and assuming the position in July 2025 will be much easier. If you are interested, please contact me.

Charlie Murray, Treasurer call 860 830 9605



Honors Detail – John “Gumba” Carcioppolo gumba700@comcast.net

The following is the Honors Detail activity for August and September 2024.

There was 1 Eternal Patrol:

QM3(SS) Richard (Rick) Rice 8/29/2024, No Honors Detail

STCM(SS) Tim Salmon Honors Detail 9/12/2024 Participants besides myself included Alex Ducette; Bob Dulan; David Gustafson; Mike Hagerman; Jim Lawton; Steve Ricard; Bob Sharpe; Casey White

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 to update it.

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 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, 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.

RED HAT CEREMONY There are no homecomings scheduled until December.

I often receive requests to be added to the homecoming notifications. I do not have a specific list for homecomings. I just send them 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.

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.

September 2024 Holland Club Report

HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHEONS

Our September Holland Club Luncheon was a complete sell out with 64 people in attendance. Well done and thank you to all who RSVPed so that I could give Katrina and Ashley an accurate head count. We had 65 RSVPs, with 2 no shows and one additional person who showed up. It doesn't get much closer than that. We hosted guest speaker Alison Weir, the Executive Director, Connecticut Veterans Legal Center (CVLC). Katrina and Ashley served a wonderful meal of pasta. It was delicious. Thank you ladies.



Alison spoke of Legal Services provided for Veterans through her organization. I've included a flyer she provided for the audience for your information.

Also at the luncheon we celebrated Tony Faella's 102 Birthday, which was a few days earlier. AMAZING!

As always, we had tremendous support from Naval Submarine School students in serving and cleaning up the meal. This month we were supported by the following four Sailors: Reed Cavallaro, Raleigh, NC ETV, I.E. Barry, Tampa, FL STS; B.M. Harvey, Lakeview, MI MMA and W.J. Sheik, Lewiston, CA MMA. Many Thanks Shipmates. BZ!

We have speakers booked out through November.

Our October Holland Club guests will be Captain Austin Duff and CMC Brian Bellefeuille. They are the Commanding Officer and CMC for Officer Training Command Newport RI. Our November Holland Club Luncheon guest speaker will be Brian Morrissey, the head of Decadent Affairs for Commander, Naval Region Mid Atlantic on the Submarine Base. We are pursuing RADM Van Poots Commander, Undersea Warfighting Development Center (UWDC) and his CMC CMDCM(SS) Nick Harr.

Again, as a courtesy, please contact me when I put out the call each month if you plan to attend so we can continue to give an accurate head count to our cook and staff.

Holland Club Ceremony 2025

Looking ahead to 2025, we have locked in 7 June 2025 at 0900 at Dealey Center Theatre for the 2025 Holland Club Ceremony. Put that date in your calendars.

We are up to 29 inductees for 2025. The following members have been added to the list: David R. Aiken; Glenn Appleton; Lonnie Lee Barham; Patrick E Boyle; Stanley L Clerici; Douglas Del Biondo; Peter Dellarco; Joseph P. Di Luzio; David A Dvorak; Stephen C. Garmon; Wayne Gates; Ronald G Giuliani; John P. Held; James C. Hedtke; Dan Hubert; William Keel; Doug Kostian; Dennis R. Latz; David G. Lees; Frederick B Nellums; Maurice L Price II; Ronald Reinhart; Robert G Stephens; Mark V Stern; Scott M. Thompson; Robert Walker. If your name is not on this list and you Qualified in Submarines in 1975 or earlier and should be on this list, then please contact me so we can sort this out.

To be completely eligible for the Holland Club you must pay your dues for 2025. Even if you are a Life Member, there are Base Dues that are required. So please pay your dues before the end of the year so that it's one less thing I have to worry about in the last six months before induction.

For the rest of the HOLLAND Club Members, if you went into the Holland Club after 2015, Base Dues are required. We don't want to lose you for non-renewal.

Check the membership section of the newsletter for additional information and there is now a Groton Base Life Membership available to consider so that you don't have to worry about dues again.

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

COLOR GUARD

Bob Sharpe

On September 20th the color guard mustered for the presentation of colors and the playing of Taps at the George Marshall's reunion banquet.

This color guard presentation can be requested through the Submarine Veteran's Clubhouse Events coordinator Ashley - events@ussvigroton.org Land line: 860-445-5262. Please contact Ashley for further information.

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

Membership Update**RENEW NOW FOR 2025**

Members – 1158

Life National Members – 855

Base Life Members - 320

Holland Club – 627

Associate Members – 74

New membership, Active Duty free for Base and National Dues their first calendar year.

Groton Base Life Membership Option

Groton Base is now offering a Life membership option. Over the next few months, we will implement this option in stages being fully ready by October 1 for the 2025 membership renewal period. Over this time, we will modify our forms and online dues payment system to reflect the new option. For the near-term, forms will be available at the clubhouse, or you can modify a current form as shown in the sample below - For the first phase you must be a current National Lifetime member. As we build the system, members will be able to pay for both National and Base lifetime memberships at the same time. The cost mirrors the National life Memberships just like the rest of our Groton Base dues structure.

Base Life Membership Cost

Through age 45 - \$600

46-55 - \$500

56-65 - \$360

66-75 - \$240

76 and older - \$120

When completing a form, please include your full name, address, phone, and email so we can verify and update your information if needed.

commander@ussvigroton.org



USSVI GROTON BASE "SILENT SERVICE"

Robert Segal

SUBVETS LICENSE PLATE Contact Robert Segal 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 pumproom.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Greg Kane

2024 Groton Base USSVI Scholarship Awardees

Please join me in congratulating the 2024 Groton Base USSVI Scholarship winners Xavier Quinn and Justin Couture.



Xavier was sponsored by his grandfather, Groton Base member David Gustafson. He is the son of Kristin and Michael Quinn of Norwich, Connecticut. Xavier is a graduate of Norwich Technical High School and will be attending Three Rivers Community College as he begins his journey on becoming a Nuclear Engineer.

During high school, along with his normal academic studies, Xavier became certified in OSHA, the Fluke Meter, and Multimeter and is a licensed recreational drone pilot. His honors include membership in the National Society of High School Scholars, and he has succeeded in numerous AP-level classes. Xavier is graduating with a 3.7 Grade Point Average.

When asked to write "What the SubVets Creed Means to Me," he included, "The SUBVETS Creed underscores the importance of camaraderie and solidarity among submariners. It reflects the deep-seated trust placed upon one another in the quarters of a submarine, where teamwork is not just a choice but a necessity for survival. Through shared experiences and mutual support, submariners form bonds that transcend time and distance, creating a sense of belonging and brotherhood that endures long after their service has ended."



Justin Couture is the son of Chris and Jarnel Couture and lives in Sherill, New York. Justin was sponsored by his grandfather, Robert Gustafson, a member of the Groton Base of the USSVI. He graduated from Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School and will be attending Utica University, where he will major in digital marketing for sports.

During high school, he was the Captain of his Varsity Soccer Team and a Sectional qualifier in Indoor and Outdoor Track and field. He also Volunteers for the Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation and the Second Chance Boxer Rescue Organization. Justin also works at two food service establishments where he is both a kitchen helper and a server for special occasions.

Justin responded to What the USSVI Creed Means to me in part with, "As a varsity soccer team captain, it's important to honor the legacy of past leaders and teammates while also gaining inspiration from their accomplishments. Leading by example and, showing my dedication to my sport, showing discipline sets a positive tone for the younger athletes and my teammates to emulate. Showing loyalty and commitment to the team provides a sense of unity, strengthening the team's collective spirit. By embodying these principles on and off the field, a captain motivates younger players to strive for greatness and uphold the standards of those who came before them."

Groton Base has a proud tradition of providing scholarships to members of our member's families. This can only be made possible by financial donations from individuals like you. Please help keep this program alive by sending your donations made payable to the Groton Base USSVI Scholarship fund to our Clubhouse at 40 School Street. Groton, Connecticut.

Gregory Kane
Groton Base Scholarship Chair.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Marion Galbraith



Memorial looks great thanks to the hard work and dedication of the committee,

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

HELP US BUILD A MONUMENT.

<https://grotonsail.com/paver-order-form/>



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, remember if you set up an appointment for a disability claim YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to have that appointment as close to your home as possible. Take it from me, make the scheduler do their job and get you something closer.

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. [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 submarine 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 stop to help a child."

Abraham Lincoln

On September 4th, the **Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team** of Bob Dulin, Bob Sharpe, Paul Grammer, Mike Hagerman, Jackie, and John Riley, visited Kids at Yale New Haven Hospital's In-Patient Child Psychiatric Unit.

Mike Hagerman is a new and welcome member of our K4K Team!

Jackie Riley has returned to K4K visits after being sidelined by the COVID-19 pandemic! She provides a comforting environment when we visit sick Kids and was deeply missed.

This 16-bed in-patient unit treats Children with neuropsychiatric, developmental, and behavioral problems. It provides comprehensive psychiatric, psychosocial, and educational evaluation and treatment for Children ages 4 to 14. We made 8 Kids, Happy Honorary Submariners!

We regularly visit the Kids in this unit and have done so for over 13 years.

We always have lots of Fun with them. The staff again thanked us and informed us that our visits made a positive difference with the Kids. They also told us that it gives the staff a welcome and entertaining break from their daily routine. We shared with the staff that our visits also positively impact our lives!





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.

JOIN US IN BRINGING JOY TO SICK KIDS!



K4K: INFO / VIDEO / DONATE

<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

Karaoke Held August 16, 2024

We had a smaller group than usual, but probably due to boats not being in port. Hopefully, we will get more next time! If you want to have me host karaoke more often, contact the events coordinator or JR Vice!



USSVI GROTON BASE “OCTOBER” BIRTHDAY LIST”

Happy Birthday to all who continue to celebrate.

DOB	FirstName	LastName
10/1	Craig J	Conklin
10/2	Eric	Bookmiller
10/2	Dennis E.	Curtis
10/2	Merlyn N.	Dalebout
10/2	Jeffrey A.	DeClerck

10/2	Sergio	Rivera
10/2	Leonard W	Robbins
10/2	Keith M	Varcoe
10/2	Arthur C.	Wiesemann, III
10/3	Jaisyn A	Buckley
10/3	Mike A.	Haumer

10/3	Robert P	Heist Sr
10/3	George P	Hyland
10/4	Jon E.	Bruce
10/4	Robert L	Diani
10/4	Johnathan	Nogas
10/5	Edwin F.	Atkins
10/5	Joseph	Hundley
10/5	Kipp S.	Sturgeon
10/5	Theodore W.	Ward
10/5	Frank A	White
10/5	Billy	Whitehead
10/6	Paul W.	Anderson
10/6	David M	Goebel
10/6	Mark V	Stern
10/7	Donald	Decker
10/7	Garry	Higgins
10/7	Robert H	Nelson
10/7	Gerald	Peters
10/7	Robert F.	Small
10/7	Thomas A.	Toland
10/8	David E.	Boe
10/8	William J.	Glueck Jr.
10/9	James R	Gregg
10/9	James	Lubs
10/9	Frederick L.	Obman
10/10	David H.	Boyd
10/10	Kerry F.	Gentry
10/10	Richard P	Hartl
10/10	David L.	Snyder
10/10	Gilles	St George
10/10	Robert L.	Wetzel
10/11	William	Linne
10/11	John Stephen	McKenzie Sr
10/11	Dudley G	Rider
10/11	Joe Wendell	Roberts
10/12	John Arthur	Burley
10/12	George H.	Carner
10/12	Robert E	Hansen
10/12	Brian P	Stevens
10/13	James R.	Engle
10/13	Michael D.	Neubauer
10/13	Dale O.	Waldron
10/14	Robert D.	Confer

10/14	Sean	Farrell SR
10/14	Richard	Moore
10/15	Lyle B.	Gabor
10/15	Rene J.	Lopez
10/16	David H.	Booth
10/17	William L.	Bohannon
10/17	Mary	Harrison
10/17	Paul A	Johnson
10/18	Kevin M	Patton
10/18	Gary R	Tewksbury
10/19	John Keller	Norris
10/19	Jeffrey	Schwarz
10/20	Charles B	Clark
10/20	F. Terry	Jones
10/20	Robert A.	McMullin
10/20	Allen E.	Pope
10/21	Randall M.	Kurtzman
10/22	Frederick M.	France Jr.
10/22	Joel A	Tortoriello
10/23	Steve	Moreau
10/23	Raymond	Powell
10/23	Robert G	Sharpe
10/23	Fred	Smith
10/24	Ronald	Kadlecik
10/25	Reynaldo A	Amuan
10/25	Jamie	Mordarski
10/25	Bradley S.	Perrin
10/25	Kenneth C	Vining
10/26	John F	Durkin
10/26	Bryan	Lockett
10/26	Glenn	Reichart
10/27	Richard W.	Poole
10/27	Stephen D.	Reiff
10/27	David	Webster
10/28	Harrison	Baker Jr.
10/28	Paul	Skalski
10/29	Joseph R	Cefaratti
10/30	Edward J	Stack
10/31	Gerald R	Blonigen
10/31	Thomas G	Hickey
10/31	Anthony J.	Jacobs

USSVI GROTON BASE “OCTOBER” ETERNAL PATROL LIST”

10/1/2003	Robert	Schram
10/1/2020	Donald	Schoolcraft
10/1/2021	William	Lange
10/1/2021	W Gordon	Lange
10/2/2007	Ralph	French
10/2/2017	Salvatore	Platia
10/2/2020	James	Payette
10/2/2023	Wallace	James J
10/3/2005	Earl	Harris
10/3/2010	Elton	Nolan
10/3/2015	Waldo	Rankin, Jr
10/3/2017	Theodore	Beals
10/3/2021	Stephen	Hallquist
10/4/2009	James	Mulcahy
10/4/2015	Robert	Ostrander
10/4/2021	Dee	Cheshire
10/4/2022	Wulftange	William
10/5/2011	Martin	Petersen
10/5/2020	David	Holland
10/6/1998	Edward	McAteer
10/6/2017	Jefferson	Harris
10/6/2022	Barber	Donald
10/8/2017	John	Hogan
10/9/2006	Donald	Terrill
10/9/2011	James	Bowen

10/9/2013	Frank	Limpert
10/11/2014	Earle	Falvey, Jr.
10/11/2014	Earle	Falvey, Jr.
10/12/2009	Jack	Glendening
10/15/2018	Kenneth	Scott
10/17/2016	Adrien	Paquette
10/18/2008	Rufus	Weaver
10/19/2003	William	Davidson
10/19/2020	Gordon	Davis
10/20/2019	Leon	Beaudoin
10/21/2011	Donald	Mueller Jr.
10/21/2013	Harry	Glover
10/21/2021	Roger	Labrecque
10/21/2023	William	Beagle
10/22/2017	Frederick	Philipp
10/22/2022	Kitchens	Billy
10/23/2011	Frank	Alton
10/23/2013	William	Beaman
10/24/2012	Michael	Sergio, Sr
10/24/2013	William	Fitzpatrick
10/25/2004	Richard	Emery
10/25/2013	Kenneth	Wheeler
10/26/2017	Peter	Kukish, Jr
10/28/2009	Harold	Ludy
10/29/2004	Toni	Zimmerman



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.

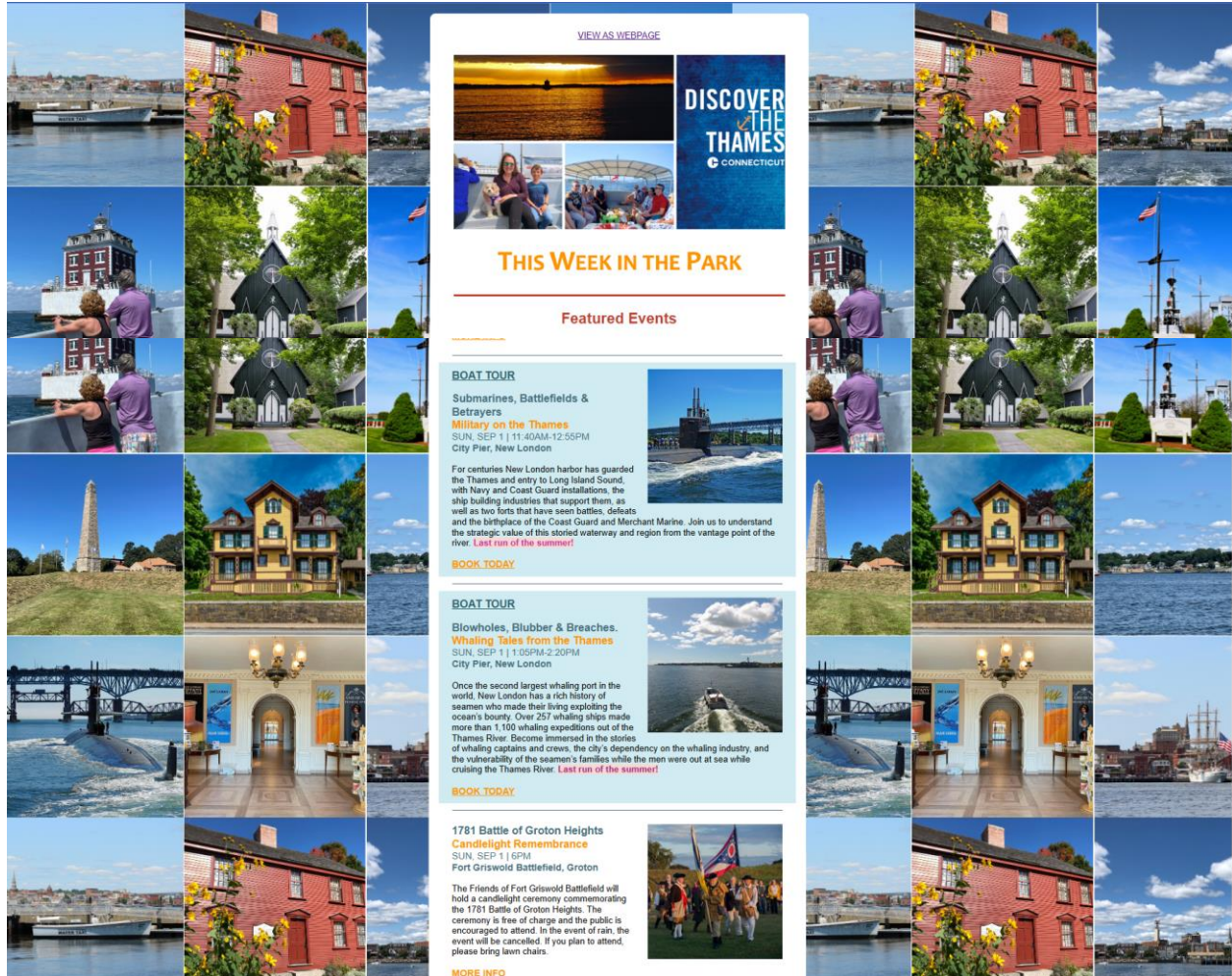
Lord this departed shipmate with Dolphins on his chest, is part of an outfit known as the best.

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

Thames River Heritage Park



[VIEW AS WEBPAGE](#)

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARK

Featured Events

BOAT TOUR
Submarines, Battlefields & Betrayers
Military on the Thames
SUN, SEP 1 | 11:40AM-12:55PM
City Pier, New London

For centuries New London harbor has guarded the Thames and entry to Long Island Sound, with Navy and Coast Guard installations, the ship building industries that support them, as well as two forts that have seen battles, defeats and the birthplace of the Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. Join us to understand the strategic value of this storied waterway and region from the vantage point of the river. **Last run of the summer!**

BOOK TODAY

BOAT TOUR
Blowholes, Blubber & Breaches.
Whaling Tales from the Thames
SUN, SEP 1 | 1:05PM-2:20PM
City Pier, New London

Once the second largest whaling port in the world, New London has a rich history of seamen who made their living exploiting the ocean's bounty. Over 257 whaling ships made more than 1,100 whaling expeditions out of the Thames River. Become immersed in the stories of whaling captains and crews, the city's dependency on the whaling industry, and the vulnerability of the seamen's families while the men were out at sea while cruising the Thames River. **Last run of the summer!**

BOOK TODAY

1781 Battle of Groton Heights
Candlelight Remembrance
SUN, SEP 1 | 6PM
Fort Griswold Battlefield, Groton

The Friends of Fort Griswold Battlefield will hold a candlelight ceremony commemorating the 1781 Battle of Groton Heights. The ceremony is free of charge and the public is encouraged to attend. In the event of rain, the event will be cancelled. If you plan to attend, please bring lawn chairs.

MORE INFO

[Upcoming in the Park...Labor Day Weekend Activities, Yoga at the Garde, Historic Boat Tours, Gallery Exhibitions, Farmers Market & More! \(constantcontact.com\)](#)

CT Maritime Heritage Festival Sept 7&8



CT MARITIME HERITAGE FEST

Port of New London
City Pier + Fort Trumbull
Sept. 7+8, 2024

Presented by
AZCORP
a CIAMBRO company

FREE Family Fun!

Explore Historic & Working Boats
Sea Services Showdown / Live Music
Little Mermaids & Sea Monsters Parade
Flock Theatre's Burning of Benedict Arnold
Food Trucks / Children's Entertainment
Fishing Clinic / Much, Much More!

QR code for more information

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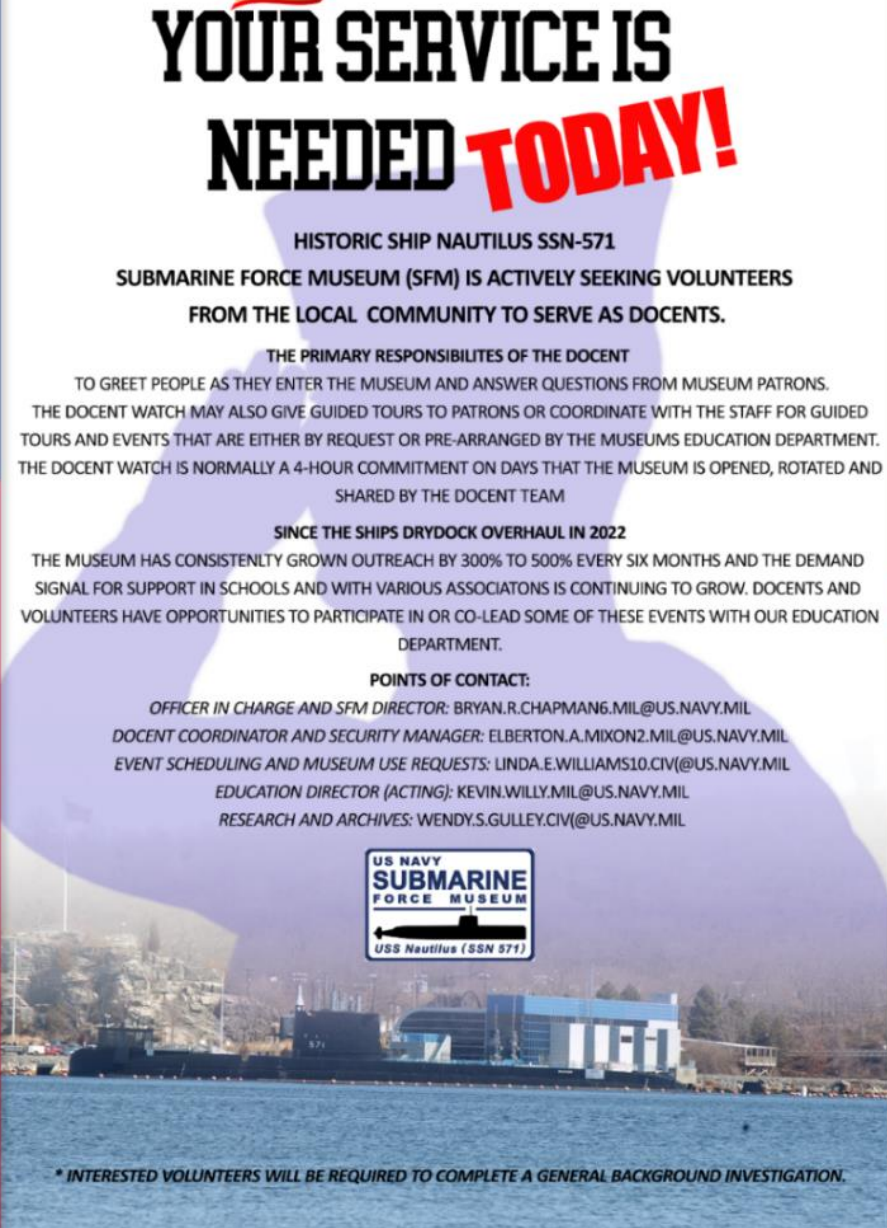







ctmaritimefest.com

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://visitnewlondon.org/ct-maritime-heritage-festival/>

NAUTILUS SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM






YOUR SERVICE IS NEEDED **TODAY!**

**HISTORIC SHIP NAUTILUS SSN-571
SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM (SFM) IS ACTIVELY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS
FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO SERVE AS DOCENTS.**

THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DOCENT
TO GREET PEOPLE AS THEY ENTER THE MUSEUM AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM MUSEUM PATRONS.
THE DOCENT WATCH MAY ALSO GIVE GUIDED TOURS TO PATRONS OR COORDINATE WITH THE STAFF FOR GUIDED
TOURS AND EVENTS THAT ARE EITHER BY REQUEST OR PRE-ARRANGED BY THE MUSEUMS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.
THE DOCENT WATCH IS NORMALLY A 4-HOUR COMMITMENT ON DAYS THAT THE MUSEUM IS OPENED, ROTATED AND
SHARED BY THE DOCENT TEAM

SINCE THE SHIPS DRYDOCK OVERHAUL IN 2022
THE MUSEUM HAS CONSISTENTLY GROWN OUTREACH BY 300% TO 500% EVERY SIX MONTHS AND THE DEMAND
SIGNAL FOR SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS AND WITH VARIOUS ASSOCIATIONS IS CONTINUING TO GROW. DOCENTS AND
VOLUNTEERS HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OR CO-LEAD SOME OF THESE EVENTS WITH OUR EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT.

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*** INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GENERAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.**

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, 79 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.”