



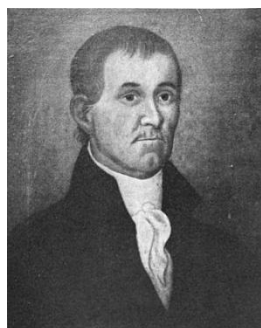
**USSVI Groton Base  
"First and Finest"  
Home of Dominic "Joe" Negri  
Memorial Clubhouse**

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Well it looks like we are rounding third (month of summer) headed for home (fall) here at the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse. It has been one hot summer, as my lawn can attest: brown and crunchy. The Executive Board, and I send our well wishes to all U.S. Submarine Veterans and hope you have a fantastic month of September with family gatherings and fun in the sun. Remember to stay hydrated and cool down in the air-conditioned clubhouse.

Some very significant events happened in the month of August for the U.S. Submarine service and with Boat Notes.



*Era Lee Pilot American Turtle*

On September 7, 1776, during the Revolutionary War, the American submersible craft Turtle attempts to attach a time bomb to the hull of British Admiral Richard Howe's flagship Eagle in New York Harbor. It was the first use of a submarine in warfare.



American Turtle at the SFML



USS LOS ANGELES, the fourth naval ship to be named after the City of Los Angeles, was the lead ship of her class. Designed as a follow-on to the STURGEON - class submarines built during the 1960s, the LOS ANGELES - class incorporates improved sound quieting and a larger propulsion plant than previous classes. Completed first seatrials in September 1976.

## 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 – September

	<p><b>USS S-5 (SS-110)</b></p>	<p>Lost on September 1, 1920, when a practice dive went wrong and she sank bow-first, with her stern showing above the water. In a dramatic adventure, her exhausted crew was rescued during the next few days. Salvage attempts were unsuccessful, S-5 settled to the bottom and was abandoned.</p>
	<p><b>USS Grayling (SS-209)</b></p>	<p>Lost on Sept 9, 1943, with the loss of 76 men near the Tablas Strait. Grayling was on her 8th war patrol and sank two ships before being lost.</p>
	<p><b>USS Pompano (SS-181)</b></p>	<p>Pompano was sunk (between Sept 17 and Oct 5) with the loss of 77 men while on her 7th war patrol. Possibly lost on Sept 17, 1943. Japanese records show that a submarine was sunk in her patrol area on 17 September by air &amp; depth charge attack off the Aomori Prefecture near Shiriya Zaki. Before being lost, she sank two enemy cargo ships. The exact cause of her loss remains unknown, but she probably was sunk by the air/sea attack above or fell victim to a mine on or after 9/25/1943. This boat's last recorded ship (Taiko Maru) sunk happened on Sept 25th, so she probably hit a mine on or after that date but before Oct 5th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.</p>
	<p><b>USS S-51 (SS-162)</b></p>	<p>Lost on Sept 25, 1925, with the loss of 33 men when it was sunk after collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island.</p>

	<b>USS Cisco (SS-290)</b>	Lost on Sept 28, 1943, on her first war patrol with the loss of 76 men in the Sulu Sea west of Mindinao.
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### Plan of the Month, September 2025

Date	Time	Action	Description
9/1-9/6		Event	USSVI National Convention, Orlando
9/6	10:00	Event	80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VJ Day at Custom House Pier New London
9/8	18:30	Meeting	Monthly Meeting (note date change)
9/12	18:30	Event	Prime Rib Dinner
9/16	All Day	Event	CPO Pinning
9/19		Event	Karaoke
9/20		Event	Khaki Ball After Party
9/23	11:00	Event	Holland Club Lunch (note day change)

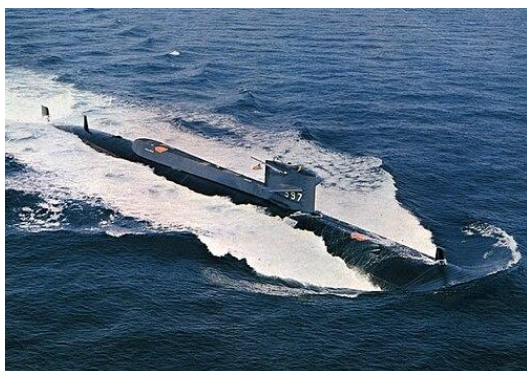


*Part of the Submarine Veterans Creed/Purpose is to endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."*

### 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 three graduations held on 8 & 22 August. I would like to thank SubSchool leadership class instructors and coordinators for allowing us to participate in this milestone event.

The following information is for BESS Class 25360, named after the USS Tullibee SSN 597. The information provided comes from various sources including Naval History and Heritage Command and Wikipedia. Follow the links below for additional details.



A unique submarine, was the second Tullibee (SSN-597) was laid down on 26 May 1958 at Groton, Conn., by the Electric Boat Div. of the General Dynamics Corp.; launched on 27 April 1960; sponsored by Mrs. John F. Davidson, the widow of Comdr. Charles F. Brindupke; and commissioned on 9 November 1960, Comdr. Richard S. Jortberg in command.

Following her shakedown in January 1961, Tullibee engaged in sonar evaluations and nuclear submarine tactical exercises with Submarine Developmental Group 2, operating out of New London, Conn., into 1963. During this period, the ship visited Bermuda on several occasions, as well as San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In July 1964, Tullibee participated in fleet exercises in antisubmarine warfare (ASW) tactics with NATO units. The submarine resumed developmental work in 1965 and operated in this capacity into the fall of that year. On 28 October, her home port was temporarily changed to Portsmouth, N.H., when the ship entered the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine, for an extensive overhaul. She remained in drydock for 754 days, emerging on 2 January 1968.

At 273 feet long and 2,640 tons displacement, USS Tullibee was the smallest nuclear-powered attack submarine in the US submarine fleet, although she was originally designed mainly for the anti-submarine (ASW) 'hunter-killer' role and was redesignated an attack submarine when the two roles were merged. The initial manning complement was 7 officers and 60 enlisted men. However before inactivation, the crew included 13 officers and over 100 enlisted men.

During her career, Tullibee achieved much and conducted many submarine firsts. During her commissioned service she submerged and surfaced 730 times and traveled approximately 325,000 nautical miles (602,000 km; 374,000 mi) equal to the distance from the Earth to the Moon and halfway back.

More on the USS Tullibee SSN 597 can be found [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Tullibee\\_\(SSN-597\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Tullibee_(SSN-597)), and <https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhhc/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/t/tullibee-ii.html>.

The August 8<sup>th</sup> BESS Class named after USS Tullibee SSN 597 had 57 with a class average was 78% and 4 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: ITR1(SS) GAULT, STS2(SS) Farrell, and STS2(SS) Wright. Thank you for using your background, training, and experience in guiding these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was SubSchool Director of Training, Captain Robinson. Guest Speaker was CMDCM Kevin Swanson. SubSchool Chaplain, LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Groton Base and Holland Club Member, Chris Callahan was the SubVet Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SA(SU) Morgan Harris. 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 MMACS(SS) Lee to SR(SU) Kaleb Rogers. 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 SR(SU) Annamarie Gillispie by SubSchool DOT, Captain 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 CMDCM Kevin Swanson to SR(SU) Garret Dingman. This award is given 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 Sailors joining our organization when they receive their fish.

On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the BESS class that graduated was named after the USS Harder (SS-257).



Commissioned on 2 December 1942 at Electric Boat Company in Groton, CT, USS HARDER (SS-257) set off from Pearl Harbor on her first war patrol just seven months later. What followed was a streak of incredibly successful patrols, notably the fifth, which some have called the most brilliant patrol of the entire war. Over the course of four days in the area around the Japanese anchorage at Tawi-Tawi, HARDER sank four destroyers and damaged a fifth. Perhaps more importantly, the sheer number of attacks and submarine sightings convinced

Japanese Admiral Soemu Toyoda that subs were swarming over the anchorage, although HARDER was the only boat in the area. Fearing further sinkings, he sent the fleet out from Tawi-Tawi a day early, thus upsetting battle plans and contributing to the Japanese defeat in the Battle of the Philippine Sea.

On 5 August 1944, HARDER stood out from Fremantle, Australia, along with USS HAKE (SS-256) and USS HADDO (SS-255). Two weeks later, passing into the South China Sea, they joined up with USS RAY (SS-271), USS GUITARRO (SS-363), and USS RATON (SS-270) in a wolfpack that cost the Japanese four cargo ships. The next day HARDER and HADDO were at it again, sending three coastal defense vessels and two frigates to the bottom. After crippling an enemy destroyer with her final torpedo, HADDO left HARDER and HAKE on their own to head to Biak, an island north of Papua, to take on additional supplies and weaponry.

Dawn on 24 August 1944 found the two subs prowling the waters around Hermana Mayor Island, which lies off the Philippine island of Luzon. Just before six in the morning they sighted what was later identified as the Japanese vessel PB-102 and its escort. (PB-102 was actually USS STEWART (DD-224), an American destroyer that the Japanese had raised from a sunken dry dock in Surabaya, Indonesia, overhauled, and commissioned as their own.) PB-102 entered nearby Dasol Bay; the escort remained outside the harbor, pinging for subs. Then the escort swung in HAKE's direction. "Figured he had contacted us so started deep and rigged ship for silent running," HAKE's commanding officer wrote in his patrol report. "He kept pinging in our direction.... He apparently had two targets and couldn't decide what the score was." The other target was, of course, HARDER. At around 1730 HAKE heard the enemy escort drop fifteen depth charges in quick succession, none of which was close by. Unfortunately, the charges were close to HARDER. Though HAKE didn't know it at the time, her sister sub had gone down. HAKE's C.O. noted in confusion that the escort "made no more drops although he seemed to have us fairly well located." In all probability the Japanese Sailors were, in the words of a report examined after the war, too busy watching "oil, wood chips, and cork" rise to the surface above HARDER's grave to go after HAKE.

Thus ended HARDER's incredible run as one of the war's most successful submarines; seventy-nine men remain on eternal patrol with her. The boat received six battle stars for her service, as well as the Presidential Unit Citation. In accordance with Navy tradition, the citation was presented to the crew of USS HARDER (SS-568) when she was commissioned on 19 August 1952.

HARDER never was heard from again. Her periscope was last sighted at 15° 43'N, 119° 43'E. Japanese records reveal that an anti-submarine attack was made on the same day at 15° 50'N, 119° 43'E with 440 pound depth charges. The enemy said, "much oil, wood chips and cork floated in the neighborhood". Presumably HARDER perished in this depth charge attack.

HARDER was officially credited with having sunk 20.5 enemy ships, (The half credit was given for a ship sunk cooperatively with HADDO). This gave HARDER a total of 82,500 tons sunk and she damaged seven ships for 29,000 tons.

The wreck of USS Harder was recently discovered in 3,000 feet of water off the Philippine Islands by an exploration team led by Tim Taylor.

More on the USS Harder can be found at <https://ussnautilus.org/the-loss-of-uss-harder/> and <https://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-harder-257.htm>.

The USS Harder (SS-257), class #25380 had 84 students with an average of 79% and 4 students 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**

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Command Rep</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>SUBVETS Rep</b>	<b>Graduation Date</b>	<b>Notes</b>
25400	USS Finback	XO		John Carcioppolo	2025-SEP-05	
25420	USS Barbero	CMC		Bob Sharpe	2025-SEP-19	
25440	USS Nautilus	DOT		TBD	2025-OCT-03	
25500	USS Dallas	CO		John Carcioppolo	2025-OCT-17	
25520	USS Andrew Jackson	XO		Bill Cavanaugh	2025-OCT-31	
25540		CMC		Bob Sharpe	2025-NOV 14	
25600		DOT		John Carcioppolo	2025-DEC 5	

#### **Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) Dates:**

25060 Graduate on 12 September: TBD

#### **Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC) Dates:**

25040 Graduate on 24 Oct 2025 Steve Ricard

25060 Graduate on 20 Feb 2026

26020 Graduate on 18 Jun 2026

26050 Graduate on 11 Dec 2026

25050 Graduate on 12 Dec 2025: Bob Sharpe

26010 Graduate on 01 May 2026

26030 Graduate on 14 Aug 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. Thanks to Heather, Ashley, Jessica, Erin, Olivia, 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.

With the kitchen in standby mode we are basically serving chili and chili dogs for lunch. That is unless you can talk a celebrity chef into volunteering their time. Below are some of the volunteers who have spent time slinging the burgers and making the donuts.



So if you want something other than chili and hot dogs for lunch. Let us know when you can man the grills and fryers.

On Monday August 4<sup>th</sup> 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 September 8<sup>th</sup> for our membership meeting starting at 1830. The Zoom link will be published prior to the meeting. The date change is because of the Labor Day Holiday.



On Thursday 7 August the USS Tullibee Reunion visited the clubhouse and served up fingerfoods in the hall. We appreciate them coming to SubVets for a portion of their festivities and for the donation towards the addition of a new bathroom in Hingman Hall.

On Friday 8 August the “non mess cooks” took over the galley cooking up a wonderful lunch selection (off the menu) for the USS Sea Leopard Reunion. We appreciate them coming to SubVets for a portion of their festivities.



On Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup>, we held our monthly Holland Club Luncheon where the house was packed with 62 attendees. Our guest speaker was from Subbase CO, Captain Ken Curtin. Skipper was accompanied by CMC Gary Stephenson. This will probably be the last time the Captain speaks at our Holland Club luncheon as the CO Subbase, as he will transition to his next duty station, Undersea Warfighting Development Center (UWDC) as Chief of Staff.



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



On Sunday 17 August our Shipmates from USS Hyman G. Rickover returned to the galley cooking up a wonderful Sunday Brunch. With a couple of great specials, and homemade sausage gravy and biscuits. Thanks again for support our submarine community.

On Sunday 24 August our SubSchool Chiefs and their Chief Selects managed to cook up a reasonable buffet style Sunday Brunch. The Chiefs did most of the work as the selectees mingled with the breakfast crowd. It was nice to see some of them actually dared to talk to Genuine Chiefs.





On Sunday 31 August 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 corned beef hash.

Thanks again for support our submarine community.

I would also like to say thank you to the SSEP Chiefs Mess for the very generous donation of a “Conveyor Toaster” to help speed up the toast making process.

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](mailto: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](mailto:pao@ussvigroton.org)

<https://www.ussvigroton.org/boatreunions>

Big thanks to the USS Tullibee and the USS Sea Leopard for having a portion of their reunion gatherings at the clubhouse. Both reunion committees gave a generous donation to the Groton “Building Fund,” your donation is greatly appreciated. It is always great to see Shipmates after many years. friendships and to see the Joe Negri clubhouse.



**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**

**Robert Perritt**

Greetings Shipmates,

As planned, we continued to work on the Groton Base Membership program during May. I wish I could write some interesting and exciting news about the progress we’re making, but that’s not to be I’m afraid. We are adding new features and reports weekly, driven by ideas from our Base Treasurer.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact me at [vice@ussvigroton.org](mailto:vice@ussvigroton.org)

Bob Perritt  
Vice Commander

**JR VICE COMMANDER**

**Jim Lawton**

Hello Shipmates,

**Clubhouse hours (starting 3/1/2025)**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

**11:00 – 19:00**

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

**Lunch hours Kitchen Will re-open September 2**

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

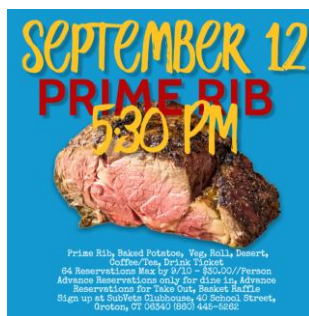
**Happy Hour**

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

I am excited to announce we have hired a new Lunch Cook!

Please Welcome Dawn Andrelli as she starts cooking lunches September 2!

Come join us for Prime Rib! Paul Skalski will be cooking up Prime Rib



**The needs of a few do not outweigh the needs of the many.**

**Be Part of the Solution, VOLUNTEER**

**Jim Lawton**

*Jr. Vice Commander*

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**BASE SECRETARY****David Frease**

The August Meeting was attended by (in person (19) and Zoom (11)) for a total of 30 members.

**David Frease**  
**Base Secretary**

[secretary@ussvigroton.org](mailto:secretary@ussvigroton.org)

**BASE TREASURER****Charlie Murray**

**2025 ANNUAL APPEAL SUCESS** – great job by all and those who live far away and never get to visit and use the Clubhouse. It's a great loss to all of us because it doesn't provide their ability to meet up with the active-duty sailors and the rest of us who have access to the Clubhouse.

**2025 HOLIDAY – THANKSGIVING APPEAL** – The letters will be in the mail by the first week of September. Check out the NBC Video (link in the letter) and the pictures of a few of the volunteers and guests; included with the appeal letter package.

**BATHROOM RENOVATIONS**

The Hall Bathroom renovations have started and are expected to be completed by mid-September. This will provide facilities requested by our members and by many of those who wanted to use our Hall for their celebrations. We appreciate all of your donations and especially the recent large donations from 2 members.

We are grateful to all our donors. Recently we presented Ring's End general manager, Eddie Abbiati with an award for his support of our last 4 renovations and their support of the Submarine Community. The number of donors who are helping with the hall bathroom is increasing and we will identify all of them once the bathroom is completed.



Photo above: Charlie Murray Groton Treasurer, Michael Shusta, our renovation contractor, Eddie Abbiati from Ring's End and Steve Ricard Groton Commander; taken on Friday September 29, 2025, after we thanked Eddie & Ring's End for their donations and service to the Submarine Community.

Going forward we will work to identify vendors that provide donations that benefit our Base and our membership.

Keep us in mind for your planned celebrations and reunions, we offer our building for many submarine-related events, but we need to continue to improve our facilities.

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

#### ADDITIONAL Coins

1. Pending should be available early September – a 125 Anniversary coin designed for Groton. The dolphin will be replaced with one silver and one gold, like the one above.



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

Option 4: You can donate online at <https://www.ussvcf.org/donate.html>.

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.
2. Option to get donations applied to the Brotherhood Fund

[https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MTc1MjU4](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTc1MjU4) Brotherhood

If you need more information about any fund-raising options, please contact [Treasurer@ussvigroton.org](mailto:Treasurer@ussvigroton.org)

**Charlie Murray, Treasurer, 860 830 9605**

#### COMMITTEE WORKING WITH THE TREASURER

Committee members:

Online eBay coordination – Bill Cavanagh  
 Memorabilia – photos and documents – Marian Galbraith  
 Donor communications – Harold Haugland Sr

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. Cleaning over 3 weekends in August resulted in 9 trips to the dump, filling the dumpster 3 times. Moved out the items that initially will be offered (for a donation) on eBay in October.
2. Expect to work a few Saturdays in September to organize the area on the 3rd floor for more efficient storage.
3. We are considering limiting access to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor storage in order to protect items stored which include the Lost Boat Flags (which are used for majority events).
4. The balcony office cleaning and reorganizing efforts have started and greatly improve the area.

Thanks again to our members & friends who spent 3 Saturday mornings working on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor clean up.

Alex Doucette, Rob Davis, Steve Chisholm, Obie Hill, David Frease, Rich Cheatham,

Jamie Cartagena, Shane Short



**Chaplains Report/Honors Detail - John Carcioppolo 860-514-7064**

[Gumba700@comcast.net](mailto:Gumba700@comcast.net) T

The following is the Honors Detail activity from 26 July 2025. T

**LCDR Stanley W. Mathis** – Shipmate Stan Mathis departed on Eternal Patrol on 27 August 2025. There will be a Memorial Service with full Military Honors for Stan at the Clubhouse on Sunday 14 September at 1300. Uniform: black pants, tie, short sleeve white shirt, and garrison cap. If you do not have the uniform, you are still welcome to join us as we pay our respects to the Mathis Family. Please contact me if you can be there for this. Following the service there will be a pot-luck reception. Not required, but if you can bring a dish that would be great, if not that's fine too.

**Celebration of life Fred and Dolly Stafford**

**ENCS(SS) Fred R. Stafford** Passed 18 March 2021 – There will be a combined Honors Detail for Fred and a Light Ceremony for his wife Dolly Stafford who recently passed on 21 June. The Celebration Of Life for both will be on Saturday 13 September 2025 at their residence at 783 Buddington Road in Groton. Muster time will be 1145 and we will go on at noon to start the Celebration of Life. Uniform: black pants, tie, short sleeve white shirt, and garrison cap. If you do not have the uniform, you are still welcome to join us as we pay our respects to the Stafford Family. Please contact me if you can be there for this.

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](mailto: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](mailto:earl.colella@comcast.net) or John Carcioppolo 860-514- 7064 [gumba700@comcast.net](mailto: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 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.

**RED HAT CEREMONIES** There will be two homecomings in the fall 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.



### **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 2025*

#### **Holland Club Report**

#### **September 2025 Holland Club Report**

Welcome to the start of the "Ber" Months.

**LUNCHEONS** Our August Holland Club Luncheon had 61 people in attendance. I had a couple of hiccups in the tracking of RSVPs. My apologies to Charlie Bates and John Proctor for missing them.

Speaking of Charlie Bates, he showed up with his new bride Butterfly. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

As previously mentioned the Dining Room capacity is restricted to 64 people by the fire code. At past luncheons, we have added chairs and even a table to accommodate the extra people who show up. This endangers not only our guests, but our students who are walking around the room serving and cleaning up.

The good news is that things are moving forward with the upstairs head so this problem will soon be behind us as we can hold our monthly Holland Club luncheons topside with head facilities.

Until I know for sure, that the head is completed up there I will take reservations as I have in the past, but I will cut off the lunches when I have RSVPs for 55 people. Beyond 55 people will be placed on a standby listing until we are at 64 people. People who do not RSVP will have to eat at the tables in the bar area.

If there are no show's we will fill the seats in the dining room until we are at capacity.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I'm open to any suggestions on how we can do business better.

Our Guest Speaker was Captain Kenneth M. Curtin Jr, the outgoing Commanding Officer of SUBASE New London and he was accompanied by CMDCM(SS) Gary Stephenson. Captain Curtin's theme for his remarks were about the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII and the contributions of the WWII SUBVETS. He also spoke about the relationship between SUBVETS and SUBASE and how SUBVETS help in the overall mission of the Base. His Change of Command is on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. He is not going far. Just up the hill to the Undersea Warfare Development Center (UWDC) where he will serve till his retirement as the Chief of Staff. We wish him the very best and again thanks for all of his support to SUBVETS.

50-50 was won by Tom Harvey who won \$120. Way to go Tom.

Many thanks to Steve Ricard and Dave Frease who in the absence of a cook, fired up the grill and cooked up burgers and dogs for a great meal with some great help from SUBSCHOOL Students Skylee Miller from OH; Trinity Crumer from St. Louis MO; Jayson Cadenaa from Dallas TX and CY Lewis from AZ, and a return student who has been here the last two months SN Christina Ingram also from AZ



**Newlyweds Mr. And Mrs. Charlie Bates**



**Captain Curtin and CMDCM(SS) Stephenson**



**Grill Master Dave Frease**



**Grill Master Steve Ricard**



**Our Amazing SUBSCHOOL Volunteers**

**The rest of the pictures can be viewed at**

**<https://link.shutterfly.com/ULmLzaC39Vb>**

We have speakers booked out through September. Upcoming speakers are as follows:

- **23 September Guest Speaker** Mike Holland, Retired Rear Admiral. Please note the date. Our Holland Club Luncheons are normally on the third Tuesday of the month. However, because of the Chief Petty Officer Pinning's throughout the day on 16 September, I have moved the September Holland Club Luncheon back a week. This is for September only. In October we will go back to the third Tuesday of the month.
- I have invited the new Admiral at Undersea Warfare Development Center (UWDC) RDML John Stafford to be our guest speaker for October, November, or December. The Admiral has committed to speak at whichever his schedule can support. His staff is reviewing his schedule and will confirm which one works.

**HOLLAND CLUB 2026** The 2026 Ceremony will be on Saturday, 6 June 2026. Mark your calendars and plan accordingly. If you Qualified in 1976 or earlier and have not been inducted into the HOLLAND CLUB please make sure your Base and National Dues for 2026 are paid up.

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

**VJ Day** This is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ day and the surrender of Japan. As with every VJ Day here is my poem in honor of the Submarine Veterans of WWII.

**SUBVETS WWII – By John Carcioppolo**

As you take her down, and take her deep  
And level off at 400 feet.

Remember well those who went before  
who rest in peace on the ocean floor.

Their boats rust in silence, and yearn to tell their  
story  
of how the crew died defending Old Glory.

It's up to us to always remember  
how you fought the war after 7 December

"The Submarines are all we have left" it was told  
As boats departed on war patrols.

"It was to the Submarine Force that we turned"  
after the Pacific Fleet was sunk and burned.

While the fleet rebuilt you held the lines.  
and kept sinking targets time after time.

From Pearl out to Midway and the Sea of Japan  
You all were committed down to a man.

Slowly but surely and one by one.  
You sank the ships with the Rising Sun.

All enemy ships you did attack  
Sadly one in five boats did not come back.

You cleared the seas of enemy shipping.  
And their mighty warships were also slipping

beneath the waves to the ocean floor  
to attack Americans never more.

You did great things in that long war.  
as you filled the history books with your lore.

If things went well a broom you'd fly.

But if things went wrong shipmates would wait  
and cry.

You won this war with nerves of steel and veins  
of ice.  
But our Submarine Force paid a heavy price.

It started with SEA LION in late forty-one  
And ended with BULLHEAD before it was  
done.

PERCH, TRITON, and KETE to name a few  
And don't forget others like TROUT and  
WAHOO.

Names like Morton and Dealey were some of  
the best.  
But just as important are all the rest.

Lockwood said "they went down fighting"  
to depth charge attacks that were always  
frightening.

We lost 52 boats during World War Two.  
Over 3600 men, but none of you.

You are the ones who did survive.  
And have always kept their memories alive.

For 60 years you have tolled the bell  
For all your shipmates who fought like hell

And now as you all turn gray and old  
We will tell the stories that we've been told.

We have the watch and will always remember  
The Submariners who served after 7 December.

We will toll the boats and tell the story.  
Of our Brothers of the Phin who went down in  
glory.

Today as our Submarines put out to sea.

We reflect on your impact on history.

On every boat and on every day  
We'll always remember you paved the way

For you are our heroes and there is no doubt  
Living up to your standards is what it's about

When we wear our dolphins with pride on our chest  
it's because of you that we are the best.

Like the Marines you are the Proud and the Few  
Who served your country in a Submarine Crew

You are shining examples of our great Nation  
And reverently called the Greatest Generation.

This poem is my humble tribute to you  
My heroes . . . The Submarine Veterans of  
World War Two

**USS DALLAS (SSN 700) 2025 Reunion** – Reunion for all crew members from Plank Owners to Decom Crew. 16 – 18 October 2025 Groton CT. Contact John “Gumba” Carcioppolo [gumba700@comcast.net](mailto:gumba700@comcast.net) for more information.

### Fleet Reserve Branch 20 Building Dedication



## John “Sully” Sullivan Building Dedication

Come celebrate Sully and all his contributions  
towards the Fleet Reserve Association

We will have refreshments and food available

Saturday September 6th  
Starting at 2pm  
Located at  
242 Thames Street  
Groton CT

Our Shipmates at FRA Branch 20 will be dedicating their Building at 242 Thames Street Groton CT in honor of Shipmate ETC(SS) John “Sully” Sullivan on Saturday 6 September 2025. The FRA has extended an invitation to all members of SUBVETS to attend the building dedication on September 6, at 1400. The dedication will be followed by a reception at which we will have a cookout. SUBVETS are encouraged to wear their SUBVET vests to represent, especially since Sully was a SUBVET and Holland Club member.

**COLOR GUARD****Bob Sharpe**

Our Color Guard did not have any request for the month of August. We currently have no request for September. In October, we are still looking for flag carriers to present the colors at the USS Dallas Reunion on Saturday 18 October 2025.

As noted last August's Boat Notes, I am the co-chairman for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Victory in Japan. This event is now part of the Op Sail CT Maritime Heritage Fest New London. Our ceremony, consisting mainly of the tolling of the World War II lost boats and the reading of the poem 'My Heroes,' will start immediately after the 10:00 a.m. opening presentation on the Customs House pier.

As always, the detail needs a few members to assist at scheduled events. If you are interested, please email me at [bobsharpe@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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).

**Membership Update**

Members – 1,130  
 Life National Members – 865  
 Base Life Members - 376  
 Holland Club – 648  
 Associate Members – 63

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

New Active-Duty Members:

MMN2(SS) Micah Buck Qual Boat USS Arizona SSN 803 in 2025

**LOOKING FOR A MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

**USSVI GROTON BASE “SILENT SERVICE” DMV LIAISON****Michael Hodges**

I was away on vacation with family to the UK for a little more than half of the period since last month's update, but I've responded to five email inquiries and one through the Pump Room. From these inquiries we've gained one new member. I've mailed two plate applications with instructions to our new member and an existing USSVI member and sent three completed plate applications to the DMV. In addition, I was able to help one of our members that currently has our "Silent Service" plate with the process for replacing damaged 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](mailto: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.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE****Greg Kane**

Celebrating Educational Support for Our Community (2011- 2025)

Since 2011, the Groton Base of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) has proudly supported the educational aspirations of its members' children and grandchildren through the Groton SubVets Scholarship Fund. Over the past 15 years, this initiative has awarded scholarships to 90 students, totaling an impressive \$142,750 in financial support.

These scholarships reflect the Groton Base commitment to honoring service and investing in future generations. Each award not only eases the financial burden of higher education but also strengthens the bond between our submarine community and the values we hold dear: dedication, perseverance, and excellence.

#### Why Your Support Matters

The continued success of this scholarship program depends on the generosity of our

members and supporters. Every donation helps ensure that deserving students can pursue their academic goals and carry forward the legacy of the submarine service. Whether large or small, your contribution makes a meaningful difference.

#### Scholarship Recipients (2011- 2016)

2011: Katherine Pietras, Melissa Bourque, Taylor Kersteen, Brendan Perry, David Cristo, Erin Sturgeon

2012: Jeffrey Merla

2013: Kaelan Coates, Brian Olsen, Kelsey Davis, Kristen Streichert

2014: Megan Roberts, Wyatt Antoine, Mabrey Mae Coutur, Erica Ruddell, Chase Lettrich, Austin Russel, Avalon Foret

2015: Christina Kane, Andrew Charette, Camille Kuzel, Hayley Schneider, Adam Butler, Brendan Davis, Michael Bost

2016: Mark Bowler

Please make donations payable to:

*Groton SubVets Scholarship Fund*

*40 School Street, Groton, CT 06340*

## **MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

**Marian Galbraith**

Summer is winding down, but the flowers are still blooming at the Memorial. Thanks to the Memorial Committee members, the gardens are weeded, and the flags are tended. This summer the Memorial has received increased attention as it has become a regular feature on the Thames River Heritage Park's Military Stories on the Thames River Boat Tour. Hopefully, this will result in an increase in visitors. With fall fast approaching, we will soon be turning our attention to fall clean up, but for now we will enjoy the flowers. Anyone wishing to join the Memorial Committee should contact Marian Galbraith at [mktgalbraith@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:brian.hague@ussvigroton.org)

Hey Navy, that fall weather is starting to creep in. 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. [All WWII Veterans are now eligible for VA health 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: [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 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. [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. 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.

[Military and Veteran Benefits, News, Veteran Jobs | Military.com](#) This is a great website for info on any Military and Veteran related issues.

KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS)John Riley - National & Groton Base Chairman

**"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.



We create memorable experiences for Children by introducing them to the world of Submarine Service.

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.

We inform them about the opportunity to enjoy a Special Tour and receive a USS Nautilus Challenge Coin from Active-Duty Submariners upon their visit to the complimentary USS Nautilus Submarine Museum.

Our latest gift addition is the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Teddy Bear, which consistently brings Joy and Excitement to the Children!

**JOIN US IN BRINGING JOY TO SICK KIDS!**

K4K: INFO / VIDEO / DONATE

<https://ussvcf.org/kapss-4-kidss-fund/>



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

**Public Affairs Officer (pao@ussvigothon.org)**

**Jim Lawton**

Karaoke Night Success!

Stop by for Karaoke on Friday, September 19, 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

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 SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST***Happy Birthday to All Who Continue to Celebrate*

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>DOB</b>
Akesson	Mark A.	16	Kjellander	Thomas	20
Baptiste	Dennis A.	01	Koontz	Stephen G.	18
Blankenship, Jr.	Sterling L.	06	Labbe	Lawrence R.	01
Brann	Warren B.	17	Lamb Jr.	Earl T.	01
Brown	Reginald J.	18	Leonaitis	James A.	06
Clerici	Stanley L.	29	Levandoski	Charles F.	27
Cohen	Bruce A.	22	Lindbeck	Donald	14
Congdon	Joe	25	Liwski	Piotr P.M.	21
Davis	Robert E.	12	Luers	Scott	17
DeLeo	Michael A.	30	Malloch	Wayne Douglas	27
Doe	Barry	12	Mazza	Timothy	13
Dominy	Richard A.	30	McHale	Paul F.	07
Dorn, Sr	David J.	19	Nickerson	Austin L.	24
Duprey	David L.	30	Palmer	Gordon	10
Dvorak	David A.	17	Pelish	Eric H.	02
Emblidge	John M	30	Peterson	Todd A.	13
Faella	Antonio William	08	Phillips	Matthew Kopcza	05
Farina	Carl	16	Pierpaoli	Joseph	19
Farmer	Stanley M.	05	Pollick	Raymond J.	23
Fauver	Arthur D. Jr.	22	Ranelli	John R.	25
Folio	Curtis P.	22	Read	Kenric	01
Fox	Donald	19	Reiner	Braden	12
Francis	Gary R.	05	Riley	John P.	10
Galeaz	Kevin M.	12	Roach	Lawrence	18
Giuliani	Ronald G.	01	Rosenberger	Ralph L.	27
Gonzales	Pedro L.	11	Rowe	Frank J.	27
Gordon	John, Joseph	19	Sabin	Wallace Albert	01
Graham	Bradley W.	11	Sauerwein	Richard A.	26
Grant	Walter	13	Saul	Phillip W.	09
Greaney	Michael	28	Scaduto	Jack Lee	21
Grimaldi	Dominick	27	Scairpon	John	06
Hadovski	William L.	17	Schuldt	Gerald L.	07
Hall	Charles R.	04	Schumann	John	18
Hartman	Richard H.	11	Sheehan	John Wilfred	11
Harvey	Thomas	12	Sherman	Edward B.	18
Hespeler	Thomas	08	Stangeland	H.L.	27
Heyer	Alfred	03	Steinford	Margil L.	30
Hodge Jr.	Floyd E.	04	Stevens	Paul	07
Hubbard	Michael	21	Swafford	William R.	26
Hutnan	George R.	09	Tarbox, Jr.	Harold Chester	24

Ingraham	Gary L.	13	Vinyard Jr.	Jackie W.	14
Jenkins	Christopher W.	15	Walsh	Sharon	07
Jennings	Gordon	13	Watson	Joel S.	17
Jensen	Ronald L.	13	White	Casey L.	24
Kesling	Timothy C.	26			

**USSVI GROTON BASE SEPTEMBER ETERNAL PATROL LIST**

09/15/98	Richard	Higham
09/08/01	Fred	Davis
09/14/04	Morgan	Bailey
09/24/04	Ellsworth	LeFevre
09/24/05	Edward	Skinner III
09/08/07	William	Ruhlman
09/25/07	Robert	Beers
09/02/08	William	Nixon
09/27/08	Wilbur	Powers
09/16/09	Henri	Baxter
09/11/10	Wilburn	Lomax
09/15/10	Allen	Hayes
09/22/10	James	Broyles
09/03/11	Edward	Dillow
09/09/11	Alan	Donn
09/25/11	Wilbert	Dettmann
09/24/12	Henry	Ohlmann
09/17/13	Charles	Grant, Jr.
09/18/13	Richard	Lightle
09/07/14	David	Pinkham
09/07/15	Louis	Ulrich
09/16/15	Edward	Hernandez
09/14/16	Ch. J.	Garrett
09/03/17	Kristian	Kristian (Kostyna)
09/23/17	John	Hanniford
09/04/18	Emil	Vestuti
09/16/18	James	Dickensheets
09/26/18	Perry	Randall
09/04/19	Robert	Hall
09/06/19	Paul	McGrath
09/11/19	John	Sleboznick
09/21/19	Douglas	Baker
09/26/19	David	Ferrell
09/06/20	Frederick	Allen
09/08/20	Douglas	Law
09/19/21	John	Peters
09/12/21	Kevin P.	Keegan

09/27/21	James	Patton Jr.
09/28/21	William	Miller
09/28/21	Rolland	Jackson, Jr.
09/02/22	Curry	Paul
09/09/22	Rosenbluh	Davidson
09/13/22	Sullivan	James
09/19/22	Breen	William Lee
09/20/22	Kimball	Kenwood Jordon
09/29/22	Serruto	Marvin
09/11/23	McGonegal	William
09/14/23	Selby	Bruce
09/24/23	Thomson	Matthew
09/29/02	Wooten	Walters



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

### CT Maritime Heritage Festival

<https://ctmaritimefest.com/>



An Official CT Event  
Port of New London  
September 6 & 7, 2025

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SAVE THE DATE  
SEPT 6 - 7, 2025  
**MARITIME HERITAGE FESTIVAL**  
FORT TRUMBULL STATE PARK and NEW LONDON WATERFRONT PARK

#### **Celebrate Connecticut's rich maritime history and our connection to the sea!**

This fun-filled weekend has Military and Private Ships, Flock Theatre's Burning of Benedict Arnold, Mermaid & Privateer Children's Walking Parade, Coast Guard Helicopter Search and Rescue Demonstration, Sea Service Showdown – a Maritime Skills Challenge, Breezeline's Reel Time with Kids- Fishing Clinic, Kids Nautical Zone, Chowder Challenge, Live Music, Local Vendors, Big Bite Food Trucks, Celebration of 50th Anniversary of the movie JAWS and the 250th Anniversary of America Navy!

### Thames River Heritage Park

**Thames River** Heritage Park  
ONE RIVER. A THOUSAND STORIES.




*Next in the Park: September 1st-15th*

<https://www.thamesriverheritagepark.org/>


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


<https://nlmaritimesociety.org/>

### CUSTOM HOUSE MARITIME MUSEUM



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Located in downtown New London, a short walking distance from the City's railroad, bus & ferry transportation hub, the **Custom House Maritime Museum** is open year-round, Thursday-Sunday, 1 - 5 PM, Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM.

Telling the stories of New London's waterfront, the Custom House offers lighthouse tours and boat trips, an annual chowda'fest, artifacts relating to local lighthouses, US Customs and the Amistad, along with changing exhibitions and a great [Museum Shop](#).

**ADDRESS:** 150 Bank Street, New London, CT 06320.

★ **HOURS:** We're open Thursday through Sunday, from 1—5 PM, Sat. 10-5, or by appointment. call: **860-447-2501**.

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#### **Charity Meet & Greet**

**Michael Sterling**

FRI, SEPT 5 | 6PM

**Garde Arts Center, New London**

Prior to the double-screening of Jaws, you can purchase tickets for a special Meet & Greet with the Builder of the ORCA (replica), Michael Sterling. Sterling is famously known amongst Jaws enthusiasts due to his dedication of bringing this ship back to life. This event is in collaboration with the CT Maritime Heritage Festival.



[MORE INFO](#)

#### **50th Anniversary Double Screening**

**Jaws (1975)**

FRI, SEPT 5 | 7PM & 10PM

**Garde Arts Center, New London**

We're going to need a bigger boat. And a bigger theater! Return to Amity Island and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jaws re-released in high definition 4k and surround sound on the Garde movie palace giant screen. Enjoy this FREE classic movie brought to you by generous community sponsors.



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## 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, 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.”