



BOAT NOTES



GROTON BASE "FIRST AND FINEST" QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER 2018



“To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country, That their dedications, deeds, and supreme sacrifice serve as a constant source of motivation towards greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution”

HAPPY 118TH BIRTHDAY



GROTON BASE—ELECTIONS ON MAY 1, 2018 FOR VICE COMMANDER & SECRETARY NOMINATION CLOSE ON APRIL 1, 2018

THIS MONTH WE NEED TO TAKE WORKED TO MAKE US AS GREAT AS WE CAN BE.

TIME TO CELEBRATE WHO WE ARE AND THOSE WHO HAVE

WE ALSO NEED TO STOP TO REMEMBER ALL OF OUR LOST SHIPMATES, FOR THEIR SERVICE REQUIRES MORE THAN A “THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE”. We will always remember!

EVERY DAY WE HONOR AND REMEMBER OUR SHIPMATES LOST AT SEA THIS QUARTER WE REMEMBER ALL LOST ON THE THRESHER & SCORPION



Class: SSN 593 Commissioned: 8/3/1961 Launched: 7/9/1960
 Builder: Portsmouth Navy Yard Length: 279, Beam: 32
 #Officers: 16, #Enlisted: 96
 Fate: Thresher was lost while conducting sea trials off the New England coast. Probably due to a catastrophic flooding casualty. 129 men lost.



Class: SSN 588 Commissioned: 7/29/1960 Launched: 12/29/1959
 Builder: Electric Boat Co (General Dynamics) Length: 252, Beam: 32
 #Officers: 8, #Enlisted: 75
 Fate: Shortly after midnight of 22 May 1968, She indicated her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Her last transmission ended at 0302. Later information has determined the time of the hull collapse as 1842 UDT on 22 May, 1968 at a depth of 1525 f

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Webpage: Our webpage is
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Address Changes

Please keep your address up to date at all times. Having a correct address allows us to not only ensure Boat Notes gets to you, but all other important correspondence. It also allows us to save money on unnecessary postage.



Hello all I hope this finds both you and your family well. We have lot wonderful things planned for our organization in the upcoming few months one of the most important one we have planned is our annual Holland Club Induction ceremony.

Our Induction ceremony is planned for June 2nd and our committee is working hard to put on again a wonderful event for our inductees. If you never attend ceremony before please do, it is a very humbling event that is enjoyed by all.

We have two dinners planned this quarter, in may we have our Mongolian Barbecue (est 5/12/18) and our Summer Steak Dinner on June 1st, hosted by OLD SALTS to kick off the Holland Club Weekend.

Groton Base is still the only Base in the organization that maintains a clubhouse. USSVI (the clubhouse belongs to all of USSVI, not just Groton Base) is very fortunate and grateful to Joe Negri for what we have today. We would be remiss if we didn't mention that "The Club" has survived all these years through the many donations, and many hours of hard work, and tender loving care that many members have donated over the years. Renovations and improvements are ongoing. "The Club" has always been, and continues to be maintained by dedicated volunteers who selflessly devote their time and efforts towards keeping the building cleaned, and maintained for the rest of the membership. This is in keeping with our Creed to "Perpetuate the memory of our shipmates" by maintaining a place for all of us to gather amongst all the memorabilia and reminisce about the past and discuss the future.

Our Annual appeal has been sent to our members, and any donation received will be beneficial as we work to update and maintain the clubhouse. Our goals this year to replace the fire escape, repair the Heat and Air-conditioning system and the Dining room floors.

One other item of interest is this quarter we look to have Paranormal Investigators finish the investigation our historic clubhouse and look for those results in future BOAT NOTES.

Lastly if there is any event or item you wish to see please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a wonderful Spring and we look to see you at YOUR CLUBHOUSE!!!



U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES

*Bless those who served beneath the deep,
Through the lonely hours of vigil they had to keep,
May the eternal peace their mission ever be,
Bless each one we ask of thee,
Comfort those who at home who waited and prayed,
For their return night and day*

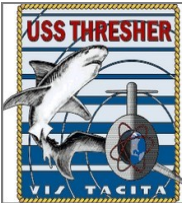
April



USS Pickerel (SS-177) Lost on April 3, 1943 with the loss of 74 officers and men, while on her 7th war patrol. She was lost off Honshu. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined, but her OP area contained numerous minefields.



USS Snook (SS-279) Lost on April 8, 1945 with the loss of 84 officers and men. Snook ranks 10th in total Japanese tonnage sunk and is tied for 9th in the number of ships sunk. She was lost near Hainan Island, possibly sunk by a Japanese submarine.



USS Thresher (SSN-593) Lost on April 10, 1963 with the loss of 112 crew members and 17 civilian technicians during deep-diving exercises. 15 minutes after reaching test depth, she communicated with USS Skylark that she was having problems. Skylark heard noises "like air rushing into an air tank" - then, silence. Rescue ship Recovery (ASR-43) subsequently recovered bits of debris, including gloves and bits of internal insulation. Photographs taken by Trieste proved that the submarine had broken up, taking all hands on board to their deaths in 1,400 fathoms of water, some 220 miles east of Boston



USS Gudgeon (SS-211) was probably lost on April 18, 1944 with the loss of 79 men SE of Iwo Jima, but may have been sunk on May 12, 1944 in another attack on an unidentified submarine and heard by several other submarines in the area. Winner of 5 Presidential Unit Citations, Gudgeon was on her 12th war patrol and most likely due to a combined air and surface antisubmarine attack. Gudgeon was the first US submarine to go on patrol from Pearl Harbor after the Japanese attack. On her first patrol, she became the first US submarine to sink an enemy warship, picking off the submarine I-173.



USS Grenadier (SS-210) Lost on: April 22, 1943 near Penang, with no immediate loss of life. She was on her 6th war patrol. While stalking a convoy, she was spotted by a plane and dove. While passing 130 feet, Grenadier was bombed, causing severe damage. She was lodged on the bottom 270 feet and the crew spent hours fighting fires and flooding. When she surfaced, she had no propulsion and was attacked by another plane. While she shot down the plane. When enemy ships arrived, the CO abandoned ship and scuttled the boat. Of the 76 crew members taken prisoner, 72 survived the war.



U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

May



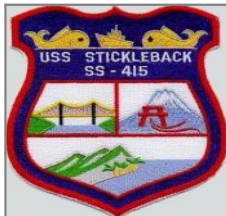
USS Lagarto (SS-371) Lost on May 3, 1945 with the loss of 86 men near the Gulf of Siam. On her 2nd war patrol, she is believed to have been lost to a radar equipped minelayer. This minelayer was sunk by the USS Hawkbill (SS-366) 2 weeks later.



USS Scorpion (SSN-589) was returning to Norfolk, VA. from a Mediterranean deployment. On May 22, 1968 she reported her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Scorpion was never heard from again. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined. 99 officers and men were lost.



USS Squalus (SS-192) Lost on: On May 23, 1939 USS Squalus suffered a catastrophic valve failure during a test dive off the Isle of Shoals. Partially flooded, the submarine sank to the bottom and came to rest keel down in 240 feet of water. Commander Charles Momsen and Navy divers on the USS Falcon (ASR-2) rescued 33 survivors use the diving bell he invented. 26 men drowned in the after compartments. Later Squalus was raised and recommissioned as the USS Sailfish. In an ironic turn of fate, Sailfish sank the Japanese aircraft carrier carrying surviving crew members from Sculpin, which had located Squalus in 1939. Only one of survived after spending the rest of the war as slave laborers in Japan.



USS Stickleback (SS-415) Lost on May 28, 1958 when it sank off Hawaii while under tow after collision with USS Silverstein (DE-534). The entire crew was taken off prior to sinking



U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)**June**

USS Herring (SS-233) Lost on June 1, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Matsuwa Island. Herring was on her 8th war patrol and was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted her and made 2 direct hits on her conning tower and causing her loss. Before being sunk, she had sank a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery.



USS R-12 (SS-89) Lost on June 12, 1943 with the loss of 42 men near Key West, FL during a practice torpedo approach. The cause was probably due to flooding through a torpedo tube. The CO and 2 other men on the bridge survived, as did 18 crew members on liberty at the time of the accident.



USS Golet (SS-361) Lost on June 14, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. On her 2nd war patrol, Golet was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu.



USS Bonefish (SS-223) Lost on June 18, 1945 with the loss of 85 men when sunk near Suzu Misaki. Winner of 3 Navy Unit Citations, Bonefish was on her 8th war patrol. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.



USS S-27 (SS-132) Lost on June 19, 1942 when it grounded off Amchitka Island. She was on the surface in poor visibility, charging batteries and drifted into the shoals. When she could not be freed and started listing, the captain got the entire crew to shore (400 yards away) in relays using a 3-man rubber raft. The entire crew was subsequently rescued.



USS O-9 (SS-70) Lost on Jun 20, 1941 with the loss of 33 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH.



USS Runner (SS-275) Lost between June 26 & July 4th 1943 with the loss of 78 men. Runner was on her 3rd war patrol probably due to a mine. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles. This boat's last known ship sunk happened on June 26th, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before July 4th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.

U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

*SHIPMATES PLEASE PAUSE TO REMEMBER THOSE OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO SAILED IN HARM'S WAY
AND DID NOT RETURN.*

*LORD, THESE DEPARTED SHIPMATES WITH DOLPHINS ON THEIR CHEST
ARE PART OF AN OUTFIT KNOWN AS THE BEST.*

MAKE THEM WELCOME AND TAKE THEM BY THE HAND.

YOU'LL FIND WITHOUT A DOUBT THEY WERE THE BEST IN ALL THE LAND.

SO, HEAVENLY FATHER THEIR NAMES ARE ON THE ROLLS

SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2018

*THERE IS A PORT OF NO RETURN
WHERE SHIPS MAY RIDE AT ANCHOR FOR A LITTLE SPACE AND THEN
SOME NIGHT THE CABLE SLIPS
LEAVING ONLY AN EDDY AT THE MOORING PLACE
GULLS VEAR NO LONGER,
SAILOR REST YOUR OAR*

Theodore Beals, QMCS(SS), qualified in submarines on USS Grouper (SS/SSK/AGSS214) in 1948, External Patrol 10/3/17

Lawrence Crowley, EMC(SS), qualified in submarines on USS R12 (SS89 in 1941, External Patrol

Earle M Forbes, Jr, TMC(SS), qualified in submarines on USS Remora (SS487) in 1959, External Patrol 1/13/18

Herbert Halpern, LCDR, qualified in submarines on USS Halfbreak (SS352) in 1961, External Patrol 1/6/18

Richard McGirr, Jr, ETCS(SS), qualified in submarines on USS Redfish (SS335) in 1961, External Patrol 1/12/18

Edlon K "Mac" McGuire, CWO4(SS), qualified in submarines on USS Tench (SS/AGSS417) in 1961, External Patrol 12/28/17

Silas D Ponder, ENC(SSS), qualified in submarines on USS Cero (SS225) in 1944, External Patrol 1/15/18

Herman Ruhlmann, ET2(SS), qualified in submarines on USS Grenadier (SS225) in 1954, External Patrol 1/6/18

LeRoy O Webb FTGCS(SS), qualified in submarines on USS Morny (SS300) in 1945, External Patrol 12/30/17

**SUBSCHOOL GRADUATIONS**

At every BESS, SOAC, and SOBC Naval Submarine School graduation, a SUBVETS Groton Base representative is present to participate in the Tolling of the Boats, or what is sometimes called the "Two Bell" ceremony. This event is conducted so that the students and future submariners, including the family members present, are exposed to this time honored ceremony of the Submarine Force.

During the Tolling of the Boats ceremony, the designated SUBVETS representative has a brief opportunity to talk to the students to tell them of the significance of the ceremony.

These programs are very important for us as an organization and for the students learning an important piece of their heritage.

At each BESS graduation, the SUBVETS representative presents a "Challenge Coin" and a Heritage Award certificate to the graduating BESS class leader. We provide a SUBVETS representative for a variety of functions at SUBSCHOOL, including BESS (Basic Enlisted Submarine School), SOAC (Submarine Officer Advanced Class), and SOBC (Submarine Officer Basic Course) Graduations. In addition, we also provide speakers for the (Machinist Mate, weapons) what we commonly call TMA, and the SCERF (Submarine Communications Electronic Rating Field), plus the SECF (Submarine Electronic Computer Field) graduations.

The BESS Graduations are usually held every other Friday at 0900. Location is Wilkinson Hall. SOAC and SOBC graduations are held at Bledsoe Hall when scheduled. The TMA, SECF and SCERF graduations are varied and scheduled as needed.

SUBMARINE HOMECOMINGS**Jack Gallimore**

While not a Chaplain item in particular, the "Red Hats" do provide a 7 Gun salute to each boat that comes back from a major deployment. The salute is rendered at Garbo's pier near E.B. Each member of the Red Hat brigade is notified as security allows. Interim person to contact for the Red Hat brigade is the Chaplain.

CHAPLAIN INFORMATION**Jack Gallimore**

For many years now, members of the Honor Detail and the Chaplain have provided services for submarine veterans when requested. Groton Base Honor Detail members provide Honors Detail as we hear of a shipmates passing. We attempt to send a letter of condolence and an Eternal Patrol certificate to those out of area. Honor Detail members along with a few members of the WWII group provide for the WWII ceremonies when required.

The Chaplain also provides Invocations and Benedictions or prayers at numerous ceremonies held at the WWII memorial, for VITAS, the Holland Club induction, and for many other well known organizations that support those of the military, whether they are retired or active. We also provide Eternal Light services for wives of SubVets shipmates who had passed. Unfortunately, we do not always hear of a passing of one of our shipmates.



As spring is quickly rounding the corner and warmer days are on the horizon, I would like to remind you to visit your club often and take part in the upcoming events and camaraderie that you can only get at 40 School Street.

A little further into the warmer weather will come our May dinner. This is our annual Mongolian BBQ, and the prices and details will come a little later. With the longer summer days that follow that, we will have the June Summer Steak Dinner. This is also a popular dinner, so signing up early is a good idea. We will again be grilling the steaks outside on the grill rather than on the flat top in the kitchen. This makes for a most delicious steak!

Pay attention to the base broadcasts from the Base Commander, as well as our Facebook pages for further detail on upcoming dinners and events at the club. Those pages can be found by searching Facebook for "SubvetsGroton" and "USSVI Groton Base".

As many of you have noticed over the last few months, we have a nice shiny, durable, and more stable bar top installed at the club. There are plans to have arm rests installed in the coming months. Beyond that improvement, the BoT and the Eboard are beginning to discuss shutting the pump room (dining room) down at some point in the summer to have the flooring redone. It is definitely in need of an up- grade.

Don't forget that we have DJ Jim hosting Karaoke every Friday night, and it is always a great time. Come down and show off your singing skills, or just hang out to laugh at those who don't have any! It's all about having fun

Please visit your club often, stay longer, and as always.... See ya there!

Joseph Smith
Chairman, Board of Trustees
USSVI Groton Base
"First and Finest"





Groton Base's Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team continues to bring comfort and joy to sick Children, and their families!

The smiles and excitement of the Kids, and their families, is the reward we received as we welcomed them into our Submariner family!

No Kap (SS) 4 Kid(SS) visits so far this year. Hospitals are not scheduling visits until the Flu epidemic is over.

At 1 PM on Tuesday, February 20th, Charlie Murray and I will conduct a Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program briefing to members of the command at the USS Nautilus Museum. Commander Boyd, the new OIC at the museum, and many other shipmates assigned there, were not in attendance the last time we gave this briefing. In the past, shipmates from the museum have gone on K4K visits with us, and the command gives Special Tours to any Honorary Submariner who visits the museum.

In talking with Commander Boyd at the February Groton Base monthly meeting, I feel confident that he will continue to support this arrangement.



ASSUMPTION SCHOOL HONORARY SUBMARINERS



Continued

In June of 2017, Shipmate and Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team Member Roy Wilkes was remembered and honored during a Special Ceremony in his memory at Assumption Elementary School in Ansonia, CT! We made 39 Kids and 10 adults Honorary Submariners! The children learned about Submarines and what Submariners do. The Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team will coordinate a visit of the Assumption School Honorary Submariners to the Nautilus Museum in the Spring.

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

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MEMBERSHIP	Alex Tufts, Membership Chair
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Membership numbers are down, but are coming back to where they were at the end of last year. We are getting more renewals every day, and have had 6 New Memberships this month. We hope to surpass last year's numbers before next renewal season.

Now is an ideal time to sign up your friends and co-workers who are Active Duty, because there is a huge discount on the first year of dues for all NEW Active Duty Military Members making the price \$25 total for the year. Other New and renewing members are still required to pay the full price of \$50 (with the exception of National Life and Dual Base members).

If you ever have questions regarding your membership please contact the Membership Chairman at mem-



GOLF TOURNAMENT	Jim Moulding
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Saturday, 14 July 2018, 1 PM (1300 Hours) Shotgun Start \$120 pp
 Noon to 1 PM Lunch— Dinner will be BBQ Ribs & Chicken
 Fenner Hill Golf Course in Hope Valley, RI POC: Jim Moulding 860.449.2289

**USS SCORPION SSN-589 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL
BE A SPONSOR—DONATE \$99 FOR 99**

We are still approximately \$10,000.00 short of our fund-raising goal to cover the food for the Family Banquet and breakfasts.

I encourage you to keep up your efforts to solicit donations and perhaps ask your local veterans groups for even a small donation. It all helps.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE SCORPIONFAMILY.COM

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CLUB MANAGER**Jill Tufts**

It's been a busy Winter here at the Clubhouse. It was a gathering place for many holiday parties and much fun was had by all. We thank all those that joined us! Call or stop into the clubhouse to reserve your next get together today! We welcomed the newest member of our staff, Todd, to the kitchen. He is in the kitchen Monday-Friday from 1100-1400, so stop down, grab some lunch, and say "Hi". We will continue to offer soup daily, until Memorial Day. We had a great turn-out at our first pool tournament in honor of the late 'Mac' McGuire. It was a wonderful night raising money for The American Cancer Society. The winners were Dotti Dillion and Megan Davis. We hope everyone will join us again next year!

Look for up and coming dinner nights! Mongolian barbecue is currently in the plans for April and Summer

SCHOLARSHIPS**Greg Kane**

The Deadline for submitting an application for a 2018 USSVI Groton Base Scholarship is **April 15th**.

The Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial assistance to outstanding eligible recipients seeking first time admission to an accredited institute of higher education and is between the age of 17 through 26, whose parent, step-parent, grandparent, step-grandparent or great-grandparent or step great-grandparent is a member or an associate member with a minimum of one year of membership in good standing of the (USSVI), Groton Base in the year of application, and has a "C" grade average or equivalent or has been home schooled and has an institution (church or private organization sponsored) certificate of completion of the home schooling program, in the year of application.

Additional information and applications can be found at <https://ussvigroton.org/documents/scholarship/>

There are two categories of applications, a general application and a Ladies Auxiliary Medical Field Scholarship for students seeking further education in a medical field.

Last year over \$15,000 in scholarships were awarded.

For additional information contact Groton Base Scholarship Chair Gregory Kane at gkane@aol.com or 860 989-1426.

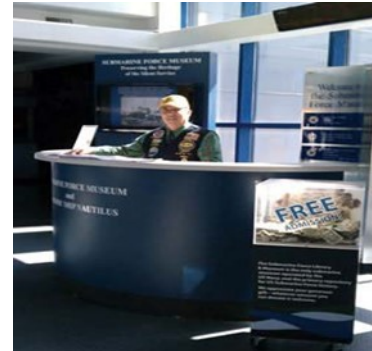
SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Fellow docents, attached is a first draft of the May 2018 watch bill. For those of you who I have assigned watches as per standing requests, please confirm that you are able and willing to take the watches as- signed. For those watches that are not yet assigned, please indicate which you would like to take. Also, there is no reason why you could not double up on a watch already assigned! We do not want to discourage any of you or let you think you are no longer needed!

Remember, you can always find the latest watchbill versions here in the Docent Dropbox:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/83cqtojnqiu9ge/AABffH_A2j4pgfESd1h683Wua

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NE Regional Director

Les Altschuler



The View from the Bridge

.First, I would like to thank Groton Base for the opportunity to submit an article as your North East Region Director. I was very glad to see that you are again publishing your fine newsletter "Boat Notes". The Groton Base leadership has been doing a really fine job in moving forward after all the problems that they have had between Groton Base and National. BZ.

I wish your base the best on your upcoming 118th Submarine Force Birthday Ball on April 14th. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend it this year as I'm already committed to a busy travel schedule in March and April. March 16-17 I will be in Orlando FL for the USSVI BOD Mid-Term, April 7th I will be attending the 55th Annual Thresher Memorial Ceremony in Kittery ME and on April 14th I will be at the Marblehead Base 118th Submarine Force Birthday Ball in Marblehead MA.

At my base NJ-North we celebrate the Submarine Force Birthday in a very different way. On April 11th each year base members meet at John Holland's graveside in Totowa NJ and have a ceremony that includes Tolling the Boats for all of our lost boats. After our ceremony we go out for refreshments. This ceremony was originally started many years ago by Gudgeon Chapter of WWII Submarine Veterans.



SUBMARINE BALL

THE SUBMARINE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD WILL Celebrate the **Submarine Force Birthday, Saturday, 14 April 2018, at The Fox Tower Premier Ballroom** (previously known as the MGM Grand Premier Ballroom) at Foxwoods Casino. Join us as we celebrate the 118th Birthday of the World's Finest Submarine Force.

2. TICKET PRICE IS \$65.00 PER PERSON and are available at the Joe Negri Club House. Tickets can be purchased via cash or check. Make checks payable to Submarine Birthday Ball. **Ticket purchases must be made by 06 April**

2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1800 - 1900 COCKTAILS

1900 - 2000 PROGRAM AND REMARKS FROM GUEST SPEAKER

2000 - 2050 DINNER

2050 - 2115 PROGRAM

2115 - 2400 DANCING/ENTERTAINMENT

4. There will be a competition for the best centerpiece during the Program. This year's Birthday Ball theme will celebrate 60 years of Arctic operations. In 1958 the USS NAUTILUS conducted a submerged Transit of the North Pole and the US Submarine Force has continued to conduct various operations in the Arctic since then. Create your centerpieces around this theme. Centerpieces are prohibited from containing alcohol or launching of projectiles. Centerpieces are required to be inspected prior to entry in the ballroom. Inspections will take place at the ballroom entrance door between 1600 and 1800.

Centerpiece entry will be denied if centerpiece contains alcohol, or is capable of launching projectiles or centerpiece arrives after 1800.

5. It is a violation of management policy to bring alcoholic Beverages on to casino grounds. Anyone attending the ball found to be in violation will be removed from the event.



THRESHER BASE INVITATION

You are cordially invited to attend the 55th Annual USS Thresher Memorial Service that will be held on Saturday, April 7 @ 1300 at the R.W. Traip Academy in Kittery, Maine.

Join us to help perpetuate the memories of the 129 men lost aboard USS Thresher and to provide your support to the attending USS Thresher Family & Former Crew members.

As a SubVet, please send your RSVP by March 10th to ThresherBase.CMDR@gmail.com so I can keep the family, former crew & VIP RSVP's separate on our external email address: ThresherBase@gmail.com

The auditorium doors will open to our guests at 11 a.m. I ask that you arrive prior to that to help greet our guests as they arrive. Please guide the family and former crew members to the reception desk for registration, picking up their name tags & roses. I encourage interaction with the family and former crew.

This year's focus will be on the first generation, as this could be last 5 year memorial service that some of them will be able to attend. In order to capitalize on educating attendees on what life aboard Thresher was like including the personalities of the men lost, capturing as many memories as possible, I will be asking the former crew members to conduct a pre-service Q&A sea story session, asking them to do so up on the stage @ 1220 for 30 minutes. We will need two portable microphones, one for the stage, and one for the attendees.

Kevin Galeaz
USSVI Thresher Base Commander
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Lives Lost Aboard the U.S.S. Thresher

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REMEMBER OUR SHIPMATES—LOST AT SEA - **USS *Thresher* (SSN-593)**

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Fred Philip Abrams*	Philip Harcourt Allen	Tilmon Joseph Arsenault
Ronald Clare Babcock	Ronald Eugene Bain	Daniel W. Beal, Jr.*
John Edward Bell	Robert Donald Biederman	John Hilary Billings
Edgar Solon Bobbitt	Gerald Charles Boster	George Bracey
Richard Paul Brann	Richard James Carkoski	Patrick Wayne Carmody
Steven George Cayey	Robert E. Charron*	Edward Christiansen
Larry William Claussen	Thomas Edward Clements	Merrill Francis Collier
Kenneth Ray Corcoran*	Kenneth James Critchley*	Francis Michael Cummings
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Robert Howard Gosnell	John Gilbert Grafton	William Edward Graham
Paul Alfred Guerette*	Aaron Jackie Gunter	Richard Charles Hall
John Wesley Harvey	Norman Theodore Hayes	Laird Glenn Heiser
Marvin Theodore Helsius	James John Henry, Jr.	Leonard Hogentogler Hewitt
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Thomas Benjamin Johnson	Richard William Jones	Edmund Joseph Kaluza
Thomas Charles Kantz	Robert Dennis Kearney	Ronald Dean Keiler
George John Kiesecker	Billy Max Klier	Robert Lee Krag
George Ronald Kroner	Donald William Kuester*	Norman Gilbert Lanouette
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Douglas Ray McClelland	Donald James McCord	Karl Paul McDonough
Sidney Lynn Middleton	Henry Charles Moreau*	Ronald Arthur Muise
James Alton Musselwhite	Donald Emery Nault	Walter Jack Noonis
John Daniel Norris	Chesley Charles Oetting	Franklin James Palmer*
Guy Carrington Parsons, Jr.	Roscoe Cleveland Pennington	James Glen Peters
James Frank Phillippi	Daniel Andrew Philput	Richard Podwell
Robert Dan Prescott*	John Sage Regan	James Patrick Ritchie
Pervis Robison, Jr.	Glenn Alva Rountree	Anthony Alexander Rushetski
James Michael Schiewe	Benjamin Nathan Shafer	John Davis Shafer
Joseph Thomas Shimko	Burnett Michael Shotwell	Alan Dennison Sinnen
John Smarz, Jr.	William Harry Smith, Jr.	James Leonard Snider
Ronald Hal Solomon	Donald T. Stadtmuller*	Robert Edwin Steinel
Roger Edwin VanPelt	Joseph Alfred Walski	David Allan Wasel
Lawrence Eugene Whitten*	Charles Louis Wiggins	John Joseph Wiley
Donald Edward Wise	Ronald Eugene Wolfe	Jay Henry Zweifel

REMEMBER OUR SHIPMATES—LOST AT SEA - **USS SCORPION (SS589)**

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 Michael Reid Blake
 James Kenneth Brueggeman
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 Samuel J. Cardullo
 Robert Lee Chandler
 Robert James Cowan
 Michael Edward Dunn
 William Ralph Fennick
 James Walter Forrester, Jr.
 Steven Dean Gleason
 Larry Leroy Hess
 Ralph Robert Huber
 Robert Johnson
 Patrick Charles Kahanek
 Rodney Joseph Kipp
 Max Franklin Lanier
 Kenneth Robert Martin
 Steven Charles Miksad
 Raymond Dale Morrison
 Dennis Paul Pferrer
 Earl Lester Ray, Jr.
 Richard George Schaffer
 Francis Atwood Slattery
 Robert Bernard Smith
 Joel Candler Stephens
 Richard Norman Summers
 James Frank Tindol, III
 Ronald James Voss
 Robert Westley Watson
 James Mitchell Wells
 Virgil Alexander Wright, III

Thomas Edward Amtower
 Michael Jon Bailey
 Robert Harold Blocker
 Robert Eugene Bryan
 Ronald Lee Byers
 Francis King Carey, II
 Mark Helton Christiansen
 Joseph Cross
 Richard Philip Engelhart
 Robert Walter Flesch
 Ronald Anthony Frank
 William Clarke Harwi
 Richard Curtis Hogeland
 Harry David Huckelberry
 Steven Leroy Johnson
 Donald Terry Karmasek, Sr.
 Dennis Charles Knapp
 John Weichert Livingston
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 Joseph Francis Miller, Jr.
 Michael Anthony Odening
 Gerald Stanley Pospisil
 Jorge Luis Santana
 William Newman Schoonover
 George Elmer Smith, Jr.
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 David Burton Stone
 John Driscoll Sweeney, Jr.
 Johnny Gerald Veerhusen
 John Michael Wallace
 James Edwin Webb
 Ronald Richard Williams
 Donald Howard Yarbrough

George Gile Annable
 Walter William Bishop
 Kenneth Ray Bocker
 John Patrick Burke
 Duglas Leroy Campbell
 Gary James Carpenter
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 Garlin Ray Denney
 George Patrick Farrin
 Vernon Mark Foli
 Michael David Gibson
 Michael Edward Henry
 John Richard Houge
 John Frank Johnson
 Julius Johnston, III
 Richard Allen Kerntke, Sr.
 Charles Lee Lamberth
 David Bennett Lloyd
 Michael Lee McGuire
 Cecil Frederick Mobley
 Daniel Christopher Petersen
 Donald Richard Powell
 Lynn Thompson Saville
 Phillip Allan Seifert
 Laughton Douglas Smith
 Daniel Peter Stephens
 John Phillip Sturgill
 John Charles Sweet
 Robert Paul Violetti
 Joel Kurt Watkins
 Leo William Weinbeck
 Robert Alan Willis
 Clarence Otto Young, Jr.

THE HOLLAND CLUB REPORT

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter and are looking forward to Spring.

As we get closer to the Spring season we also are gearing up for the 2018 Holland Club Induction Ceremony. Like in previous years the ceremony will be held at Dealey Center on the Submarine Base on 2 June 2018. The Leadership Team on the Submarine Base – Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, and Command Master Chief have again graciously allowed us to use their facilities and are very supportive of our ceremony and we are very appreciative.

We have 52 members eligible for the Holland Club this year. Initial letters were mailed to all eligible members in February. The first three Holland Club Planning Meetings were held the past three months. In addition to the ceremony on 2 June, there will be a social sponsored by the Submarine Base Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA) 1400, 1 June 2018 at the Fouled Anchor Club (CPO Club) to welcome the new Holland Club inductees and their families. This event is open to all Holland Club members and Groton Base SUBVETS. And don't forget our Summer Steak Night is the evening of 1 June also.

Our Holland Club Lunches continue to provide stimulating and informative speakers. The last three speakers included Captain Ollie Lewis, Commodore Submarine Squadron Twelve, Chief Michael Spellman, Chief of Police, City of Groton and Mr. Thomas Saadi, Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the State of Connecticut. All of our Holland Club lunches, where appropriate, include the Command's Chief of the Boat/Command Master Chief, Sailor of the Year and/or Junior Sailor of the Year. Each are recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Holland Club coin.

At our February luncheon we were also honored to have the family of one of our recently departed shipmates, Mickey Davidson, in attendance. Mickey was awarded posthumously, the Holland Club Volunteer of the Year Award.

I would like to recognize in this edition of Boat Notes the generous contribution of our Holland Club member, and a local Optometrist, Dr. Bob Kish. Each month from November 2017 through October 2018, he has agreed to perform a eye examination and provide a pair of eyeglasses (patient's choice) at no cost to a Holland Club member or their spouse. The lucky recipients of this generous offer and raffles thus far have been, Fran Atkins, Carl Hochstetler, Charlie Hall, and Bob Johnson. Thank you Bob! Your gesture is very much appreciated.

Lastly, it takes a dedicated team of hard working members to pull off a successful, meaningful, and memorable Holland Club Ceremony. In the past many of you have performed admirably. We are always looking for members who are willing to devote some time to assist in this event. If interested, please give me a call or shoot me an email. Pat Urello (757)639-4802, Patrick_urello@comcast.net.



Photo of Dr Bob Kish presenting gift certificate to Fran Atkins.

HOLLAND CLUB 1st Quarter 2018



Holland Club Chairman Pat Urello presenting certificates to COMSUBRON 12 Sailor of the Year (SOY), YNS1(SS) Eric Opitz, Command Master Chief Jason Avin, and USS PROVIDENCE SOY, MM2(SS) Eric James.



Holland Club Chairman presenting Certificate of Appreciation to guest speaker, CAPT Ollie Lewis, Commodore Submarine Squadron 12.



"On Eternal Patrol Memorial Reef" To Honor 66 Lost U.S. Submarines SARASOTA, FLA

As Veterans Day approaches, Eternal Reefs, Inc., a Sarasota-based 501c3 memorial organization, in partnership with Reef Innovations and The Reef Ball Foundation, announces plans to create the "On Eternal Patrol Memorial Reef." The new underwater reef will be a collection of 67 reef balls representing the first ever undersea memorial to honor the crews of all 66 U.S. manned submarines that never returned and remain On Eternal Patrol and one reef ball representing the crews and boats lost in non-sinking accidents. The On Eternal Patrol Memorial Reef will be dedicated in Sarasota, Fla. on Memorial Day 2018, almost 50 years to the day after the U.S. nuclear submarine USS Scorpion was lost with all 99 officers and crew on 22 May 1968.

"We can think of no more fitting memorial to these veterans who lost their lives serving our country beneath the waves and it's particularly impactful that we will make the dedication at the 50th anniversary of the loss of those 99 lives that were aboard the USS Scorpion," said George Frankel, Eternal Reefs CEO. "These submarines and their crews will continue to serve and protect our marine environment for the benefit of future generations."

Since the USS H.L. Hunley proved the potential of submarines in warfare, there have been 66 American manned submarines (representing more than 4,000 lost lives) missing at sea and never recovered. These submarines, crew members, and other officers and crew lost in non-sinking accidents, remain On Eternal Patrol. Many of these boats and crew members have never been recognized for their service and sacrifice.

Eternal Reefs has designed the first underwater memorial recognizing the work and sacrifice of submariners, "The Silent Service," made in protecting the United States. View a video of the On Eternal Patrol Memorial Reef project, including a full listing of all submarines with their date of loss, on YouTube. On Memorial Day, 28 May 2018, the Sarasota-based non-profit will unveil 67 Eternal Reef balls with plaques identifying each of the submarines still On Eternal Patrol and one additional Eternal Reef ball to represent submariners lost in non-sinking accidents.

A reef ball is a designed artificial reef, specifically engineered to mimic Mother Nature; when deployed to the ocean floor, the reef ball quickly assimilates into the ocean environment and begins to replenish the diminishing natural coral reefs. New marine growth begins in as little as three months. More than 700,000 reef balls have been placed in 70+ countries and, since 1998 nearly 2,000 Eternal Reefs have been placed in 25 permitted sites off the U.S. coastline. An Eternal Reef is a reef ball that incorporates a person's cremated remains giving family and friends a permanent underwater memorial for their

On Eternal Patrol Memorial Reef" (continued)

The 67 Eternal Reefs in the On Eternal Patrol project will contain no cremated remains, only a bronze plaque on each, recognizing the lost veterans and their boats.

An honor guard will present flags next Memorial Day to representatives for the lost submariners and for many of the lost submariners this will be the first time they've been recognized collectively for their contribution and sacrifice. Find a complete list of the 66 boats On Eternal Patrol and the boats lost in non-sinking events at <http://www.OnEternalPatrol.com>.

"The idea of an underwater memorial for all the boats and submariners still On Eternal Patrol is perfect because that's where they are," said Al Smith, a submarine veteran who survived the 11 August 1949 sinking of the USS Cochino (SS-345).

Shortly after Memorial Day 2018, the 67 reef balls will be deployed to the ocean off the coastline of Sarasota in a permitted artificial reef site, creating the On Eternal Patrol Memorial Reef, the world's only undersea memorial to submarines and their crews who remain On Eternal Patrol.

Eternal Reefs is accepting outside funding to support the On Eternal Patrol Memorial Reef. Interested parties should call [888-423-7333](tel:888-423-7333) or email [info \(at\) Eternal Reefs \(dot\) com](mailto:info@EternalReefs.com).

About Eternal Reefs : The Genesis Reef Project dba Eternal Reefs, Inc. is a Sarasota-based non-profit organization that provides a creative, environmentally-enhancing way to memorialize the cremated remains of a loved one. Eternal Reefs incorporates cremated remains into a proprietary concrete mixture used to cast artificial reef formations which are then dedicated as permanent memorials which bolster natural coastal reef formations. Eternal Reefs pioneered the concept of reef memorialization and, since 1998, the organization has placed nearly 2,000 Memorial Reefs in 25 locations off the coasts of Florida (North Atlantic, South Atlantic, Gulf Coast and Panhandle), Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia, substantially increasing the ocean's diminishing reef systems. Memorial reefs can only go in properly permitted locations by the U.S. Government.

Eternal Reefs has strategic partnerships with the Reef Ball Foundation and Reef Innovations



United States Submarine Veterans Inc.
Groton Base "First and Finest"
Home of USSVI and Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse

Dear Shipmate:

I am sending this letter to ask for your support with our Annual Appeal. As you may or may not know, USSVI National is the sole owner of the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse at 40 School Street in Groton Connecticut. Groton Base "First and Finest" was the first Base in the organization; this is where USSVI originated. Groton also was the home of USSVI Corporate Headquarters until a decision was made to move to the West Coast. Groton Base has been the sole caretaker of the building and the land it sits on ever since.

Therefore, the purpose of this annual appeal is to help support the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse operating fund.

Groton Base annual dues simply aren't enough to meet the Clubhouse expenses. While our goal is to continue to provide the services to our members, it has become more difficult to keep the doors open. For example, the cost for utilities (electricity, heating oil and propane), building liability insurance, and required maintenance is greater than what we generate from membership dues and donations. In addition, our financial plan includes restricted funds whose donations to our charitable funds (Memorial Fund, Holland Club Fund, KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS), and Scholarship Fund) while greatly appreciated, cut into our revenue stream to pay for Clubhouse expenses.

The Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse is the only tangible asset USSVI has. We are ALL members of USSVI - the building belongs to all of you. We must depend on the entire organizational membership to assist in meeting the Clubhouse's financial obligations.

I'm personally reaching out to each of you as members of USSVI and asking for your help by sending a donation. There is no minimum donation. Every little bit will help. You can make a one-time donation or if you like, pledge your donation in monthly or quarterly installments.

Please complete the Annual Appeal response form below and mail all donations to the Clubhouse, attention: USSVI Groton Base Annual Appeal. Checks should be made out to USSVI Groton Base.

We are truly depending on your help making a difference. Thanking you in advance.

Jeff Walsh

Commander USSVI Groton Base

Annual Appeal Response Form

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THE DOMINIC "JOE" NEGRI MEMORIAL CLUBHOUSE OPERATING FUND.

One-time donation (Cash or Check)

Pledge (Check one) Monthly Quarterly

Donate online with PayPal / credit card: <https://ussvigroton.org/donations/>

Total amount of your donation: \$ _____

Your Name: _____

Your Mailing Address: _____

City, State and Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

"Contributions or gifts to US Submarine Veterans, Inc. are not tax deductible as charitable contributions"

2017 Revenue and Expenses, 2018 Capital Needs

On the reverse side you will see a summary of last year's revenue and expenses. We did not have an Annual Appeal in either 2016 or 2017, resulting in a net loss of \$23,000 each year causing a serious depletion of the Base's reserve funds. Without an Annual appeal, the cost of operations of the clubhouse far exceed income from Base dues and fund-raising activities such as the Thanksgiving Care & Sharing event. To remain operating at our current level requires an additional \$20,000 or more every year. This is the primary driver of the Joe Negri Memorial Clubhouse Annual Appeal.

Also facing USSVI this year are two major expenses which will need to be addressed; the replacement of the rear fire escape and the central air conditioning and heating unit shown below. We do not have estimates of either expense at this point, but we are budgeting at least \$10,000 for each.

Other improvements if possible will be a new rear door in the pump room (see above) along with a new keyless entry system which is needed to enforce "members and guests only" entry to the clubhouse.

Finally, we'd like to emphasize the statement from the Base Commander, the Joe Negri Memorial Clubhouse belongs to ALL USSVI members. It is part of every member's legacy, and we all owe it to keep the Clubhouse alive. Every week, members of SUBSCHOOL and active duty Submariners visit the Clubhouse. They see firsthand the history their world was built one, the deeds and accomplishments of you, the United States Submarine Veteran.

REVENUE

Category	(\$) Amount	%
Donations	73,155	47%
Program Sales (Bar)	64,000	41%
Dues	17,705	12%
Total	\$154,860	

EXPENSES

Salaries	70,841	40%
Facility & Equipment	35,876	20%
Contract Services	29,050	16%
Grants & Donations	18,600	11%
Other Expenses	23,000	13%
Total	\$177,225	

2018 Second Quarter & into Spring at SUBVETS!

It has become apparent that the task of House Committee Chairman, a lower tier function of the Jr. Vice Commander, far exceeds that talent of most Submariners so I will repeat the requirements here. The Chairman of the House committee shall be appointed by the Base Commander with the approval of the Executive Board. He shall inherit the right to vote with appointment to his position.

Responsibilities:

He shall have a working fund on hand no less the five hundred dollars (\$500.00)

He shall administrate all activities and functions of the base as directed by the Executive Board.

He shall appoint chairmen for the Building Committee, Ways and Means Committee and Activities Committee, or any other committees as deemed necessary for the fulfillment of his responsibilities.

He will make himself and his committees available to the permittee/Board of Trustees for special occasions whenever needed.

He shall submit a report to the Executive Board by the 15th of each month. This report will reflect what has been completed and what is planned for the ensuring months.

It is time for a talented submariner to relieve the watch!

Brunches every Sunday

Every Sunday we serve brunch from 10:00 AM to 12:00PM, with the First Sunday being Steak and Eggs. Come out and join us. As we continue to serve our membership we us maintain a wait staff to support the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays and let the 4th and 5th Sundays for special events and allow membership organizations to come in and grace us with an exceptional brunch. Donations/tips to the wait staff are normally for those serving you, but that does not stop you from donating to one of Groton Base's donor organizations, i.e., Kap(SS)4Kid(SS), Groton Base Scholarship Fund, Building Fund, etc. Please feel free to split your tips/donations with the staff and our other donor organizations.

Dinners/Special Events almost every month

April: 7th Submarine Birthday Memorial Service and 48TH ANNIVERSARY of lost of USS THRESHER at National Submarine Veterans WWII Memorial East reception

April: 14th Submariners' Birthday Ball at Foxwoods Resort MGM Grand Ballroom

May: 28th Memorial Day reception

June: 1st SVGB Summer Steak Dinner

2nd Holland Club reception

23rd Subvets Fleet Reserve Association Family Picnic, Groton Elks

Clubhouse Maintenance: There are a number of events at our Clubhouse and we need to maintain it through our all volunteer work force, the Membership. Any time there is a field day/clean-up planned try to plan on helping Building and Maintenance spruce up our building and its grounds.

Remember, the House Committee works for the membership to put on brunches, dinners and social events that you and your families and friends can attend and enjoy. Our secondary function is to help the Base by making a little money to help cover the costs of doing business. We look forward to serving you, and seeing you either as a volunteer, or a customer, or both.

Have a great New Year. Contact me either direct at (860)-884-8857, or email at house@ussvigroton.org or leave a message at the club (860) 445- 5262.

Finally, I would like to thank all the membership for their support during my tenure as House Committee chairman. This is a reminder that we voted on a change to our By-Laws requiring that another member take the position as House Committee Chairman and the responsibility thereto. This is my final word from me in this position. I hope the selection of the next House Committee Chairman provides you with entertainment that I did. Thanks, Stan

APRIL 2018 -- Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Month; Month of the Military Child; Members Update Biography in National Database; See website for updates at www.ussviroton.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Westover Senior NCO/CPO Dining-In, The Log Cabin, Holyoke, MA
01 Easter Sunday 10 - 12 Steak 'n Eggs Brunch	02 1830 Monthly Meeting	03	04	05	06	07 THRESHER Memorial Service at Portsmouth, NH, 1300 Submarine Birthday Memorial Service and 55TH ANNIVERSARY of lost of USS THRESHER at National Submarine Veterans WWII Memorial East, 1300
08 10-12 Brunch	09	10	11	12 27th of Nissan, Holocaust Remembrance Day - Yom Hashoah	13	14 1900-2030, SVGB Dinner Mongolian Barbeque Last night USSVI National and SVGB Scholarship applications due Submariners' Birthday Ball at Foxwoods Resort MGM Grand Ballroom
15 10-12 Brunch	16 1900, GB Westport Satellite Group Meeting	17 1130 Holland Club luncheon 1700, Board of Trustees	18	19 Chairman reports due to Sec	20	21 Spring Field Day at Clubhouse 09-1200 08-1200 COMCAST Cares Day (TBD)
22 10-12 Brunch	23	24 1700 Holland Club Plng Mtg	25 Administrative Professionals Day	26	27	28 Memorial Preparations Cleanup etc
29 10-12 Brunch All Award nominations (with exception of Newsletter Award) must be received by the National Awards Committee Chairman.	30 Uniform Change/ CNRMA Zone 2: CT, ME, MA, NH RI, VT, DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA, WV					

MAY 2018 -- MAY is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Jewish American Heritage Month and Military Spouse Appreciation Month; See website for updates at www.ussvigroton.org 						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Armed Forces Week 2nd Saturday in May Armed Forces Day 3rd Saturday in May Peace Officer Memorial Day 15 May Police Week is week of 15 May		01 Captain of Color Guard register for Groton's 4th of July Parade 1800, E-Board Meeting	02	03 National Day of Prayer	04 BATTLE OF CORAL SEA, 4-8 MAT, 1942	05
06 10 - 12 Steak 'n Eggs Brunch	07 1830, Monthly Meeting	08 VE-DAY, 8 May 1945	09	10	11	12 Armed Forces Week Starts
BATTLE OF CORAL SEA, 4-8 MAT, 1942						
13 10-12 Brunch Peace Officer Memorial Day; Police Week starts Mother's Day	14 Deadline for submission of Newsletters for Newsletter of the Year Award.	15 1130, Holland Club luncheon 1700, Board of Trustees Peace Officer Memorial Day	16	17	18 Boat Note input due 1 June	19 Armed Forces Day
20 10-12 Brunch	21 1900, GB Westport Satellite Group Meeting	22 1700, Holland Club Png Mtg	23 1830, 4th July Parade Png	24 Chairman reports due to Sec	25 Boat Note input due 1 June	26
27 10-12 Brunch	28 Memorial Day 1100, Memorial Service and USS SCORPION remembrance at Natl Sub Memorial East; guest speaker: TBD	29 1800, E-Board Meeting	30	31	National Day of Prayer First Thursday www.Victory in Europe - May 08, 1945 - HISTORY.com Military Spouse Day or Military Spouse Appreciation Day is celebrated on the Friday before Mother's Day in the United States.	

JUNE 2018 -- See website for updates at www.ussvigroton.org						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					01 1730-2100, SVGB Dinner Summer Steak Night	02 0900, Holland Club Ceremony at Dealey Center, Subase; Holland Club reception at Club- house
					Boat Note input due	
03 10am Steak & Egg Brunch	04 1830, Monthly Meeting	05	06 D-Day, June 6, 1944 1800, 4th July Parade Plng	07	08	09
BATTLE OF MIDWAY, 4-7 JUNE 1942						
10 10-12 Brunch	11	12	13	14 Flag Day U.S. Army Birthday, June 14, 1775	15 13-1500 VITAS Honor and Re- membrance at Historic Ship Nautilus/SFLM (TBD)	16
17 10-12 Brunch Father's Day	18 1900, GB Westport Satellite Group Meeting	19 1130, Holland Club luncheon 1700, Board of Trustees	20 4:30pm Scholar- ship Golf Tourna- ment Final Plng 6:00pm, 4th July Parade Plng 7:00pm Thanksgiv- ing/Caring & Shar- ing Prog Plng	21 Chairman reports due to Sec 8am 53rd Anniv Scholarship Golf Tournament Fund Raiser	22	23 1200 - 1700, Annual Family Picnic Groton Elks Club (TBD)
24 10-12 Brunch	25	26 1800, E-Board Meeting	27 1800, 4th July Parade Plng	28 8am 53rd Anniv Scholarship Golf Tournament Fund Raiser (backup date)	29	30

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