



# BOAT NOTES



GROTON BASE "FIRST AND FINEST" QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

2022 Issue 1



## WELCOME TO BOAT NOTES Your quarterly newsletter

### Pioneers of the Cold War



USS Becuna SS-319



USS Tullibee SSN-597



USS Triton SSRN-586



USS George Washington SSBN-598



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## NOTICES & ALERTS

### OUR CREED:

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

### COMING IN FEBRUARY

SUBMARINE—SUBVET Memorabilia  
Extra boat plaques, Base plaques, and framed pictures, etc.  
Presently we are preparing an inventory listing with prices.

Items go on SALE starting February 2022.  
If you are looking for a plaque of your boat, or base, squadron, etc.  
contact Groton Base Archivist at [secretary@ussvigroton.org](mailto:secretary@ussvigroton.org).

**FOR UPCOMING EVENTS, CONSULT OUR WEB SITE**  
[www.ussvigroton.org](http://www.ussvigroton.org)

Photo # NH 97019 USS Pickrel emergency surface test off Hawaii, 1952



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Please keep your contact information 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 helps us save on unnecessary postage*

# GROTON BASE CLUBHOUSE OPERATIONS

## HOURS OF OPERATION

**MONDAY & TUESDAY 1100–1400**

**WEDNESDAY 1100–1700**

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY 1100 TO 1900.**

**LUNCHESES ARE SERVED MONDAY THRU FRIDAY FROM 1130 TO 1400**

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## Deadlines for submission

### Articles of Interest Sea Story's

1st Quarter ~ December 1  
2nd Quarter ~ March 1  
3rd Quarter ~ June 1  
4th Quarter ~ September 1

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We provide a lot of information in regards to USSVI Groton Base via email and if you are not on the Base's email listing contact us and we will ensure you are on it.

**Webpage:** Our webpage is  
<https://ussvigroton.org/>

**COMMANDER'S CORNER****Steve Ricard**

Shipmates, Families, and Friends,



I want to wish you and your families an extremely healthy (emphasis on healthy) and prosperous New Year. I hope that 2022 is a successful year for USSVI Groton Base "Domenic "Joe" Negri Clubhouse. Your outpouring of support to our organization has been tremendous and as

good stewards of your clubhouse, we continue to make improvements both inside and out. Again, without your help, this would not be possible, and I thank you for your generosity and volunteerism.

The Executive Board (EBOARD), Permittee, and Club Managers will be working hard again this year to have monthly brunches, dinners, and Karaoke with our own DJ "Jammin" Jim Lawton. If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of the House Committee that helps plan these events, please let us know. We can always use more support. Already on the calendar for January is a spaghetti dinner supporting our Scholarship program. Stay tuned for details as our Scholarship Chairman, Greg Kane, will be putting out additional information.

We are keeping our collective fingers crossed that we will be able to hold a combined 2020, 2021, and 2022 Holland Club Induction ceremony in June. But, as in the past two years, the decision to hold the Induction Ceremony will be driven by the latest COVID variant. Holland Club Chair Rich Cheatham and his committee will be publishing the 2022 Inductees list later this month.

We completed major improvements over the last year. Club Treasurer Charlie Murray has kept everyone apprised of the upkeep and installations as they

continue. We installed six (6) new steel exterior doors that were required to bring us up to code with the local fire marshals and building inspectors. I would like to thank shipmate Larry Williamson who worked a deal with Home Depot on the doors and required installation materials, and for his extra effort in making the rectangular doors fit into 126-year-old not so rectangular openings. I would also like to thank his crew, Shipmates Charlie McMullin, Artie Gager, Stephen Chisholm, Alex Doucette, and Rob Davis for assisting with the installation. The doors look great.

I want to give a big "thank you" to all that made this year's Thanksgiving dinner a tremendous success. I know it is difficult trying to juggle having to be in two places at once, but you succeeded and helped serve over 1500 meals this year. It is events like this that allow us to uphold our creed "*...provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment.*"

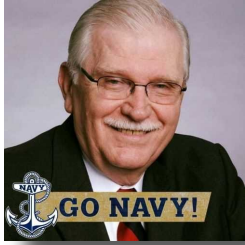
We wrapped up the year on an extremely high note for the club with First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden and Secretary of the Navy, Carlos Del Toro visiting and meeting with the families of the USS Delaware as part of the "United Through Reading" program. It was a memorable evening for the club and the families of the USS Delaware.

I will finish this up by again wishing you all good health and happiness for the coming year. Remember this is your club and we are only as successful as our members help make it.

Steve Ricard

**REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED**

**Wear RED on Friday**

**Base Secretary****Alvin G. Kinsall****Message from USSVI Groton Base Secretary—**

Well, 2021 is finally behind us . We hope 2022 proves to be less stressful and challenging. Attendance at our monthly membership business meetings have been improving each month as fears of contracting the COVID virus lessen among our fully vaccinated members. We encourage all members to stop by the club house and checkout the renovations. You can feel confident that it's safe and welcoming to you and your family. We are starting up monthly dinners again and hope you'll join us as we enter the new year.

We hope to see you at our monthly meetings. Please stay healthy and take care of yourself, and those around you.

**Boat Notes**

*(Your quarterly New Letter)*

As we try to improve its content and make it an enjoyable read and often a reference as to what's going on at the club, the improvements in content next quarter will include new members, dropped members and members who have gone on Eternal Patrol.

We welcome your comments, feedback, anything that will make this newsletter will caught the readers eye.

Later in this newsletter, we hope you'll enjoy reading some of our members sea stories or most memorable days while on their boat.

Send me your stories (In MSWORD format) along with your photo's (in JPEG format) of your events. Our members enjoy reading your articles. Send your articles to [secretary@ussvigroton.org](mailto:secretary@ussvigroton.org).

**OLD GLORY**

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/3c7GqpoM6wU>

**HOOYA, stay healthy and thank you for being a member of the First and Finest Groton Base.**

**Base Secretary Continued****Alvin G. Kinsall****ELECTION 2022**

This year two positions are up for election

**Sr. Vice Commander & Base Secretary**

These two positions are vital to the overall operation of Groton Base  
Nominations open at the 07 February Membership Meeting  
Nomination will be closed 15 April 2022  
Balloting will take place following the closing of Nomination

**Base Sr. Vice-Commander Position description**

- Shall be responsible for membership rolls in the manner prescribed by the Executive Board to show always, the names of the members of this organization, alphabetically arranged, their respective places of residence, their post office address and the year when each person became a member.
- Shall be responsible for the promulgation of all pertinent information to the officers of the base.
- Shall be the Chairman of the Base Finance Committee.
- During the absences and/or inability of Base Commander to render and perform his duties, or exercise powers, as set forth in these bylaws, or in the laws under which the corporation is organized, the same shall be performed and exercised by the Sr. Vice Commander. And when so acting, they shall have all the powers given to, or imposed upon, the Base Commander.
- Shall provide oversight, guidance and counsel for those individuals and entities assigned to this Office in the USSVI Groton Base Organization Chart.

**Base Secretary Position description**

- Shall keep a record of the meetings of the general membership and of the Executive Board.
- Shall be the custodian of the records and of the seal and affix the latter when required.
- Shall be responsible for the contents, publication and distribution of the newsletter.
- Shall maintain, change and or modify events in the Base Calendar as needed or requested
- Shall present to the Executive Board at its stated meetings, all communications addressed to Secretary officially by the Base Commander or any other officer or member of the base.
- Shall attend to all correspondence and perform all duties incident to their office.
- Secretary shall draft calls of meetings, conduct the election of the base officers and be responsible for the giving of notice thereof as required by these bylaws.
- Shall provide oversight, guidance and council for those individuals and entities assigned to this Office in the USSVI Groton Base Organization Chart

**ANY MEMBER INTERESTED IN SEEKING EITHER OF THESE OFFICER POSITION,  
PLEASE REVIEW THE INFORMATION ON THE PAGE THAT FOLLOWS**

**Base Secretary Continued****Alvin G. Kinsall****NOMINATION OF BASE OFFICERS**

- The Election Master or chairman of the Base Nominating Committee, as assigned, shall conduct the nominations for the (5) elected officers.
- The Election Master or Chairman of the Groton Base Nominating Committee shall issue a call for nominations of eligible candidates for Groton Base Officers to all Members in good standing no later than the date of the February membership business meeting.
- Nominations will remain open until April 15th.
- Nominations, when called for, may be made from the floor at the meeting(s) and shall be accepted upon the oral or written consent of the nominee that they accept the nominations and will serve if elected.
- Nominations may be submitted by any Member of Groton Base in good standing.
- Nominations submitted to the Election Master or chairman of the Nominating Committee, if not submitted by the nominee, must be accompanied by a written consent of the nominee that they will accept the nominations and will serve if elected. The qualifications of the nominee, not to exceed 100 words, may accompany nominations.
- Upon close of nominations the Election Master or Nominating Committee shall make wide distribution of the names and qualifications, in alphabetical order, of all candidates properly nominated using both print and electronic means as viable.

**ELECTION OF BASE OFFICERS**

- The Base Secretary shall conduct the election for the (5) elected officers except in the even year when the election of Secretary is held.
- In the even years an Officer not up for election or the Election Master will conduct the election providing all required documents to the Secretary upon conclusion of the election.
- Every bona fide candidate for Groton Base office, or their authorized delegate, may address the membership at a regular meeting for not more than five (5) minutes.
- After the close of nominations, should the Slate of Officers in nomination include only one name for each Office a voice vote, in lieu of a secret ballot vote may be entertained and conducted at the May membership business meeting.
- Electronic voting via internet is the standard method used for Elections, with mail-in paper ballots sent to the Base Secretary for inclusion in the electronic tally for those without internet access.
- If electronic voting via internet is not available, the voting shall be by paper ballot.
- Electronic and paper ballot voting, if utilized, Cut-off shall be no later than at 2359 hours on the last Monday of May.
- Ballots, ballot forms and envelopes as hereafter prescribed shall be mailed by the Base Secretary not later than May 1st to each Groton Base Member in good standing and who the Secretary does not have a validate email address then to their last known US Mail address. The names, in alphabetical order, of all qualified candidates shall be printed or typed on the ballot with one ( 1) additional space for write-in vote, opposite of which shall be a box to be filled in by the member voting to signify the candidates of their choice. Such ballot shall also set forth in electronic media, printed or typed form such instructions as the Base Secretary considers necessary to insure the secrecy of the ballot and its execution and mailing, or personal delivery at the meeting within the prescribed period. The instructions shall also include directions that there may be no voting by proxy.
- Election results, if not voice voted, will be announced by the Secretary at the June monthly business meeting.

**Base Treasurer****Charlie Murray**

## TREASURER'S REPORT 4<sup>TH</sup> ISSUE OF BOAT NOTES 2021

We have had a successful year for fundraising for both our Annual Appeal and Thanksgiving Appeal.

1. Annual Appeal provided the resources to maintain the Clubhouse and to continue to renovate.
  - a. We have installed 6 exterior doors. Our old doors did not fully meet current code
  - b. We replaced the bolts on the fire escape and repainted it. Reason: fire escape while not often used was not safe.
  - c. We repaired damaged exterior walls and chimney, included repointing the brick work
  - d. We bricked in all exterior lower level windows, previously covered with plywood.
  - e. Overall donor participation slight increase
2. Thanksgiving Appeal
  - a. Increased donor participation by 25%
  - b. Allowed us to continue to provide a Thanksgiving meal to 1500 sailors, families, first responders and friends
  - c. Will provide funds for us to donate to the Subbase Caring & Sharing to provide Christmas Hams to Navy families
  - d. We received extensive media coverage for this event
3. Administrative
  - a. We transitioned to a new member database
    - i. This allows us to track monetary donations but also any goods and services (such as Turkeys & Pies)
    - ii. Will provide faster electronic (email) thank you messages to members and other donors
    - iii. Will provide a more formal US Mail thank you response to anyone who does not have email access.

I want to thank everyone who supported the Clubhouse this past year. Without your donating your time and dollars we would not have accomplished as much as we have.



**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER****Scott Howard**

With the financial audits ongoing, we continue to strive for excellence by improving our financial position and club house operations. It has been very busy working our way through this process and finally we can see a light at the end of the tunnel.

On Saturday mornings we hold our weekly clean up of the Bar and Kitchen area. I want to thank the members who have been donating their time to help keep the club clean. We plan to start using one of the monthly Saturdays to do some deep cleaning (Field Day) to make sure the Club House does not fall into disrepair. To that end, I am asking for additional volunteers to assist during these Saturday morning clean-ups. We start at 9:00 and end at noon. Coffee and donuts are always available.

**JR VICE COMMANDER****Patrick Sullivan**

As Jr. Vice I continue to serve as Liaison between the EBOARD and Club Operations Committee regarding the operations of the club house. We have had a good 4th quarter with increased activity at the club house. We have had qualification pinning's, chief select pinning's, boat gatherings, crew holiday parties, not to mention the First Lady visit to the club house to speak with the families of the crew of the USS Delaware.

SUBVETS Groton Base has turned into a show case and welcomes members, their families and friends to visit it frequently and enjoy the atmosphere with fellow shipmates.

**CHAPLAIN & RED HAT (Homecoming)****Jack Gallimore Chaplain, Red Hat Chair**

Call, send a note, or a visit - A phone call or a visit from a shipmate means a lot, even if you don't know the person. If anyone knows of a shipmate that should be added, Please let me know.

A reminder, there are many who have recently had or are having scheduled surgery or may have been in the hospital recently. In most cases they have asked that I don't put their names on this list. Your thoughts and prayers however, are requested for each of them.

I do try to send an Eternal Patrol certificate and a letter of condolence to the spouse or next of kin of a Groton Base member whenever I hear of their passing and I have an address. National does a fine job of letting me know, however, some fall through the cracks. Let me know if you hear of one's passing. Please say a prayer for all who may also be under the weather including spouses and relatives.

**Special note:**

This should include those who are suffering from some debilitating illness, and may be in a nursing home, etc. Let me know if you know of someone.



God bless Jack

## SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2021

“THERE IS A PORT OF NO RETURN, WHERE SHIPS MAY RIDE AT ANCHOR FOR A LITTLE SPACE. AND THEN SOME STARLESS NIGHT THE CABLE SLIPS, LEAVING ONLY AN EDDY AT THE MOORING PLACE. GULLS VEAR NO LONGER, SAILOR REST YOUR OAR. NO TANGLED WRECKAGE WILL BE WASHED ASHORE.”

*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 OF OUR DEPARTED SHIPMATES STILL ON PATROL.*

*LET THEM KNOW THAT WE WHO SURVIVE WILL ALWAYS KEEP THEIR MEMORIES ALIVE*

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

<b>MemberName</b>	<b>EternalPatrol</b>	<b>MemberName</b>	<b>EternalPatrol</b>
LT Douglas R. Crandall	11/11/2019	TMC(SS) Edward L Burchfield	1/24/2021
EMC(SS) Earl Roberts	11/26/2019	SN(SS) Joseph W Gilbert Jr	2/5/2021
EMCS(SS) Edward I Childs	11/27/2019	ETCM(SS) Gerald Brinkman	2/15/2021
EM3(SS) Kreso Sam Paskov	12/7/2019	STS2(SS) Michael Costa	2/20/2021
ETC(SS) John D. McElroy	12/11/2019	ICC(SS/DV) Louis Costa	2/20/2021
MMCS(SS) Carl H Hochstetler	12/25/2019	TM1(SS) Leonard E Sinacore	2/22/2021
IC1(SS) Michael C. Doherty	12/27/2019	RMC(SS) Walter J. Friess	2/23/2021
FTC(SS) James P Keaveny	1/5/2020	QM3(SS) Richard M. Paul	2/27/2021
TM2(SS) Francis Joseph Duntz	1/13/2020	ETR2(SS) Carl J. Hansen	3/10/2021
CWO2 Allen V. Polhemus	1/13/2020	MMCS(SS) Harvey F. Simmons	3/17/2021
SK2(SS) David D. Dlugo	1/17/2020	ENCS(SS) Fred R. Stafford	3/18/2021
QMC(SS) Kenneth T Pitman	1/24/2020	STSCS(SS) Peter J. Fazio	4/6/2021
MOMM1(SS) Solomon Swiman	1/26/2020	RMC(SS) Richard D McCannes	4/9/2021
RMC(SS) Roy J Callahan	2/5/2020	TM2(SS) Thomas A Toland	4/10/2021
ET1(SS) Michael B. Brown	2/20/2020	EMCM(SS) David F. Jewell	4/20/2021
ETR1(SS) James N. Horne	2/21/2020	MMCM(SS) James Newman	5/29/2021
ET2(SS) Charles Lawrence Fenick	3/5/2020	RMCS(SS) Walter A Patrick	6/8/2021
SOS2(SS) Frank J. Chesky Jr	3/15/2020	MTCM(SS) Joseph J Pow	6/8/2021
ET1(SS) Richard Eng	3/18/2020	CDR Ronald Davis	6/22/2021
EM3(SS) Ronald A. Karpus	3/25/2020	EM2(SS) Raymond J Margiano Jr	7/19/2021
TM3(SS) Roy Joseph Charlette	3/26/2020	William L "Bill" Haines	8/2/2021
LCDR Ronald Edward Williams	3/27/2020	IC3(SS) Percy A Smith III	8/18/2021
EM3(SS) Thomas F Massey III	3/30/2020	MMCS(SS) Richard E French	8/22/2021
EM2(SS) Douglas L Maynard	3/30/2020	EMCS (SS) John D Olsson	8/27/2021
CMDR Joseph M Paskale	4/9/2020	Captain John D Peters	9/19/2021
QM3(SS) Elmer J. Holmes	4/11/2020	Captain James A Patton Jr.	9/27/2021
QMCM(SS) Howard J Jones	4/21/2020	TM2 (SS/DV) Rolland B. Jackson Jr	9/28/2021
EMP3(SS) Gilbert H. Engels	4/27/2020	Captain William A Miller	9/28/2021
EN2(SS) Michael Trombley	4/28/2020	Captain Gordon Lange	10/1/2021
ENC(SS) Donald A O'Connor	5/8/2020	ETR2(SS) Stephen A Hallquist	10/3/2021
LT Jerry F. Bauer	5/17/2020	MMCM (SS) Dee C Cheshire	10/4/2021
EN3(SS) Thomas A Majewski	6/12/2020	TM1(SS) John Manuilow	11/21/2021
QMCS(SS) James C. Weitlauf	6/29/2020	ICCS (SS) Dennis M Hamilton	11/21/2021
CDR Thomas P. Guilfoil	7/2/2020	TM3(SS) Benjamin J Heck	11/22/2021
MM2(SS) Robert C. Young	7/11/2020	TMC (SS) George A. Patenaude	12/18/2021
MMCM(SS) Charles J. Sladky	7/19/2020	LT (SS) Norman E. Kuzel	12/24/2021
ENCS(SS) Joseph H Kabulis	7/24/2020		
WO1 Joseph A Hanzel Sr	7/28/2020		
MMCS(SS) William H Woolcott	8/6/2020		
QM3(SS) Frederick L. Allen	9/6/2020		
QM2(SS) Douglas D. Law	9/8/2020		
EMCS(SS) Donald E. Schoolcraft	10/1/2020		
ICCS(SS) James E. Payette	10/2/2020		
QM2(SS) David W. Holland	10/5/2020		
EN2(SS) Ronald L. Alt	11/4/2020		
EMC(SS) Charlie Dwight Ketner	11/7/2020		
ENCS(SS) John H Tregoning	11/22/2020		
ETR2(SS) Dennis B. Halstead	11/27/2020		
EMCS(SS) John A. Howard	12/4/2020		
EM2(SS) Donn Law	12/24/2020		
SOC(SS) Ted A. Anthony	12/26/2020		
FT1(SS) Jon-David Edwards	12/30/2020		
MMC(SS) Donald G Rudelt	1/4/2021		
EMCM(SS) David Lane	1/8/2021		
TMCS(SS) William Welsh, Jr.	1/18/2021		

Gordon Davis assoc  
The wife of Steve Bell. ("Ma" Bell) passed away at the National meeting.

**HOLLAND CLUB****Rich Cheatham, Chair****Holland Club Update**

An update on where the 2021 Holland Club Induction stands. The 2021 Holland Club Induction was scheduled for October 2, 2021 but was postponed...again. A meeting was held with the SUBASE leadership team for an update on the SUBASE Health Protection Condition (HPCON) level. The increase in the HPCON level required too many changes to occur for the Induction Ceremony to held at Dealey Center on October 2. The Holland Club Induction Planning Committee members were unanimous that if Dealey Center was a no-go, we would postpone the 2021 induction until a later date. We do not have a date at this time - but we are hopeful that we will be able to hold our formal Induction Ceremony at Dealey Center in 2022. All 2020 and 2021 Holland Club Inductees will be invited and honored at the next Induction.

While we have yet to conduct a “formal” induction ceremony, we do have forty new Groton Base Holland Club members. Please join me in recognizing our newest Holland Club members:

- Harrison **Baker**, Jr., qualified on USS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (SSBN 657) in 1971;
- Anthony C. **Basilio**, qualified on USS JALLAO (SS 368) in 1970;
- George L. **Botts**, III, qualified on USS CUBERA (SS 347) in 1971;
- Steven **Bournique**, qualified on USS LEWIS AND CLARK (SSBN 644) in 1971;
- Stephen B. **Chisholm**, qualified on USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659) in 1971;
- Michael A. **DeLeo**, qualified on USS BONEFISH (SS 582) in 1971;
- David J. **Dorn**, Sr., qualified on USS LAPON (SSN 661) in 1971;
- Alex Walter **Doucette**, qualified on USS EN-TEMEDOR (SS 340) in 1971;
- Ted E. **Dubay**, qualified on USS HENRY CLAY (SSBN 625) in 1971;
- Michael M. **Dunn**, qualified on USS THOMAS A. EDISON (SSBN 610) in 1971;
- Joseph R. **Franks**, qualified on USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571) in 1971;
- Richard S. **Geddes**, qualified on USS DANIEL WEBSTER (SSBN 626) in 1971;
- Lawrence **Gleason**, qualified on USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659) in 1971;
- David B. **Gustafson**, qualified on USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN 616) in 1971;
- Marc **Kashar**, qualified on USS GEORGE C MARSHALL (SSBN 654) in 1970;
- Howard W. **Kligge**, qualified on USS SAM HOUSTON (SSBN 609) in 1971;
- Roger A. **Kuemper**, qualified on USS TULLIBEE (SSN 597) in 1971;
- Craig S. **Megargle**, qualified on USS DANIEL BOONE (SSBN 629) in 1971;
- Raymond H. **Meloche**, Jr. (Eternal Patrol), qualified on USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571) in 1971;
- Keith M. **Middlesworth**, qualified on USS GEORGE C. MARSHALL (SSBN 654) in 1971;
- Robert E. **Neill**, qualified on USS PARGO (SSN 650) in 1971;
- Barry **Odgers**, qualified on USS STONEWALL JACKSON (SSN 634) in 1969;
- Robert A. **Perritt**, qualified on USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SSBN 618) in 1971;
- Thomas D. **Ponko**, qualified on USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602) in 1971;
- Timothy A. **Quinn**, qualified on USS THOMAS A EDISON (SSBN 610) in 1971;
- Jerry L. **Ramsey**, qualified on USS WOODROW WILSON (SSBN 624) in 1970;
- John R. **Ranelli**, qualified on USS JALLAO (SS 368) in 1971;
- Howard **Ratzky**, qualified on USS TENCH (SS 417) in 1964;
- Roy R. **Rimmele**, Jr., qualified on USS AMBER-JACK (SS 522) in 1971;
- William J. **Shaw**, qualified on USS SAM RAYBURN (SSBN 635) in 1971;
- Leonard E. **Sinacore** (Eternal Patrol), qualified on USS TROUT (SS 566) in 1971;
- Alfred **Singleman**, Jr., qualified on USS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (SSBN 657) in 1971;
- George H. **Skiles**, qualified on USS LEWIS AND CLARK (SSBN 644) in 1969;
- Roy M. **Springer**, Jr., qualified on USS CORSAIR (SS 435) in 1953;
- Thomas H. **Stevens**, III, qualified on USS JOHN MARSHALL (SSBN 611) in 1971;
- Raymond **Theobald**, qualified on USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON (SSBN 617) in 1970;
- Raymond G. **Tripodina**, qualified on USS HARD-HEAD (SS 365) in 1970;
- Chad **Underkoffler**, qualified on USS DACE (SSN 607) in 1971;
- James F. **Weaver**, qualified on USS DACE (SSN 607) in 1971;
- Richard L. **Willis**, qualified on USS GEORGE BANCROFT (SSBN 643) in 1971.

**HOLLAND CLUB CONTINUED—**

The monthly luncheons continue to be popular and very well attended, averaging 45 Holland Club members and guests. Our September **luncheon** guest speakers were Kathy Morrow Lotring, US Submarine Force Library & Museum, Executive Director, and Rear Admiral Arnold Lotring, USN Ret., Submarine Force Library & Museum *Association*, Director. We had 2 speakers, as well, for our October **Holland Club Luncheon**. **LT Ashley Paek and LT Bradli Howard, both from the Undersea Warfighting Development Center**. They spoke about their experiences as some of the first females Qualified in Submarines. Our November speaker was Rear Admiral Richard Seif, Commander of Undersea Warfighting Development Center. Admiral Seif married into a Submariner family - his wife's grandfather served on the USS Flasher (SS 249) in WWII.

We have some interesting speakers scheduled for the new year, beginning with Ms. April Tischler, Navy Gold Star Program Coordinator in January, followed by LCDR Derek Sutton, OIC Historic Ship NAUTILUS / Director US Submarine Force Library & Museum in February and then Dr. Brian Maguire from the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory in March. If you have not been to a monthly luncheon recently, I urge you to attend.

Sincerely,  
 Rich Cheatham,  
 HOLLAND CLUB Chairman, USSVI Groton Base



**USSVI Groton Base—WESTPORT SATELLITE GROUP**

**Paul Grammer**

December 9th, 2021  
 Meeting replaced by Christmas Party 5:30 (17:30)  
**A good time was had by all!**



**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE****Jeff Flesher, Chair****New Members for Q4 2021****New Members**

MMC(SS) Michael O'Connor qualified USS Timosa 1985

Chief Stephen Eberle qualified USS Montpelier 2007

MMCM(SS) Stanley Clerici qualified USS Dace 1975

STS2(SS) Melvin Green qualified USS Tennessee 2002

MMC(SS) Robert Fedder Qualified USS Kamehameha 1973

**New Active Duty Members**

MMN1(SS) Adam Cassidy qualified USS Alexandria 2013

ITSCS(SS) Seth Williams qualified USS Maine 2005

ITSC(SS) Jonathan Nogas qualified USS Olympia 2013

ITSC(SS) Michael Davis qualified on USS Helena 2013

ETVC(SS) Dan Fineran qualified USS Pasadena 2012

ETVC(SS) Colin Kasper qualified USS Asheville 2012

STSC(SS) Jason Koppelman qualified USS Rhode Island 2007

LSSC(SS) William Huffman qualified USS Key West 2005

CSSC(SS) Nicholas Turk qualified USS Mississippi 2013

MMAC(SS)(Select) qualified USS Toledo 2012

MMAC(SS) Todd Lewis qualified USS Wyoming 2010

ETVC(SS) Alex Oleszak qualified USS Georgia 2015

YNSC(SS) Nicholas Suggs qualified USS Henry M. Jackson 2010

ETVC(SS) Dan Fineran qualified USS Pasadena 2012

ETVC(SS) David Gordon qualified USS Greeneville 2010

LT Brandli Howard Qualified USS Texas 2017

LT Ashley Paek Qualified USS Ohio 2019

ITS1(SS) Ryan Shields Qualified USS Jacksonville 2012

STS1(SS) Robert Kaiser Qualified USS Rhode Island 2005

TMC(SS) Troy Wagner Qualified USS Olympia 2014

**New Associate Member**

YNC(SW/AW) Kyle Alldredge

**KAP(SS)4KID(SS)****John Riley Chair**

## **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Visit to Kids in Yale New Haven Children's Hospital**

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Groton Base's Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team of Bob Dulin, Bob Sharpe and John Riley, visited Kids at Yale New Haven Hospital's Children's Hospital (YNHCH). This was the first In-Person K4K visit in almost 2 years!

We had been conducting Zoom K4K visits during the pandemic.

We brought comfort and joy to the Kids in the hospital's Teen Center and the hospital Zoomed our presentation, including photos and videos, to Kids in their rooms!

We gave the Kids items we give all our new Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Submariner Family Members: An Honorary Submariner Certificate, Ball Kap, Tattoo, Challenge Coin and Wrist Band. They also received a Nautilus Submarine Photo signed by our K4K Team, a map showing the location of all US Submarine Museums, and information brochures from the USS Nautilus Submarine Museum, and the WWII Submarine Memorial in Groton, CT.

The Manager of the Arts & Healing Program at YNHCH sent us the following email the next morning:

**Hi John: It was such a pleasure to see you and "the Bob's" back on the unit yesterday. The patients who attended enjoyed the experience, each in their own way. We had two 20 year old's who participated remotely who spoke highly of the program and learned new information about submarines!**

**Thank you for all the care you put into this program. Loved the big TV and the all the visuals you have integrated into the program.**

**With much appreciation for our inaugural program and the many that have preceded.**

**Janice Baker**

**Manager, Arts for Healing**

**Yale New Haven Children's**

**Hospital Child Life Program**





## VETERANS BENEFITS

**Whether you are retired or not, you need to register with the VA HealthCare System  
It's a benefit you have earned. Let's talk to see if its right for you. No obligation.**

**It's easy!**

**Just Call Al at 860.440.6691**

**Check out Groton Base Bi-weekly broadcast for  
Veterans Benefits 101**

### Veterans Receive Free Entrance to National Parks, Public Recreation Space

Entrance fees for the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and standard amenity recreation fees for the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sites **are waived for current Military Service-members and their dependents, Veterans and Gold Star Families.**

They now have free access to approximately 2,000 public locations spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands, which host activities to fit any lifestyle, from serene to high octane, including hiking, fishing, paddling, biking, hunting, stargazing, camping, and much more.

Are you eligible?

For purposes of this program, a Veteran is identified as an individual who has served in the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and is able to present one of the following forms of valid (unexpired) identification:

- **Department of Defense Identification Card**  
[Veteran Health Identification Card \(VHIC\)](#)  
[Veteran ID Card](#)
- **Veterans designation on a state-issued U.S. driver's license or identification card**

Gold Star Families are next of kin of a member of the United States Armed Forces who lost his or her life in a "qualifying situation," such as a war, an international terrorist attack, or a military operation outside of the United States while serving with the United States Armed Forces. The America the Beautiful – the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass (Interagency Pass) Program

The Interagency Pass Program already includes a free annual pass for active duty members of the U.S. Military and

their dependents. Current Military Service-members must show a valid (unexpired) Department of Defense ID. Dependents of current Service-members must show a valid (unexpired) DD Form 1173 AD or DEC.

The annual Military Pass has been expanded to include Veterans and Gold Star Family members. Other free or discounted passes, including some lifetime passes, are available for persons with permanent disabilities, fourth grade students, volunteers, and senior citizens age 62 years or older.

#### Now to get your Interagency Pass

Interagency Passes can be obtained in person while visiting a participating site. Visit [Places to Get Interagency Passes](#) for a searchable list and be sure to contact the site before you go, to make sure they are open and have passes in stock. In addition, Military passes, as well as those for seniors and persons with permanent disabilities, are available online through the [USGS Online Store](#).

For more information about eligibility and passes, visit [Free Entrance to National Parks for Veterans and Gold Star Families \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#).

The participating agencies also offer several fee-free days for everyone throughout the year to mark days of celebration and commemoration. Examples of fee-free days include the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., National Public Lands Day, Veterans Day, and the signing of the Great American Outdoors Act.

Fee-free days and fee policies vary among the agencies, so it's best to check the agency website or contact the site you plan to visit in advance of your trip.

[APPLY FOR A VETERAN ID CARD](#)

[APPLY FOR A VETERAN HEALTH IDENTIFICATION CARD \(VHIC\)](#) ■

## U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES

### JANUARY



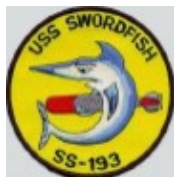
USS SCORPION (SS-278) Lost on Jan 5, 1944 with the loss of 77 officers and men in the East China Sea, on her 4th war patrol. It is assumed she was sunk by a mine.



USS ARGONAUT (APS-1/SS-166) Lost on Jan 10, 1943 with the loss of 102 officers and men off Rabaul, on her 3rd war patrol. While attacking a convoy, she torpedoed a Jap destroyer who along with 2 other destroyers depth charged her. As she tried to



USS S-36 (SS-141) Lost on Jan 20, 1942 with no loss of life, on her 2nd war patrol. She ran hard aground on a reef and radioed for help. The entire crew was rescued by a Dutch ship



USS SWORDFISH (SS-193) Lost on Jan 12, 1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men somewhere near Okinawa, on her 13th war patrol. Probably was lost to a mine.



USS S-26 (SS-131) Lost on Jan 24, 1942 with the loss of 46 officers and men in the Gulf of Panama, on her 2nd war patrol. She was rammed by the USS PC-460 and sunk within seconds. The CO, XO and one lookout on the bridge, were the only survivors.

## U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

FEBRUARY



USS Barbel (SS-316) Lost on Feb 4, 1945 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 4th war patrol. Based on Japanese records, she was bombed near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage. The day before, she reported she survived 3 depth charge attacks.



USS Shark I (SS-174) Lost on Feb 11, 1942 with the loss of 59 officers and men on her 1st war patrol. Shark was the 1st US submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific. She was most likely sunk by depth charges.



USS Amberjack (SS-219) Lost on Feb 16, 1943 with the loss of 72 officers and men on her 3rd war patrol Off Rabaul, she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane, attacked by a torpedo boat and then depth charged by a subchaser. One additional man was killed earlier on the last patrol.



USS Grayback (SS-208) Lost on Feb 26, 1944 with the loss of 80 officers and men on her 10th war patrol. She appears to have been caught on the surface in the East China Sea by a Japanese carrier plane whose bombs made a direct hit. During this patrol she sank 4 ships totaling 21,594 tons and was tied for 11th in the number of ships sunk.



USS Trout (SS-202) Lost on Feb 29, 1944 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 11th war patrol. She was sunk by escorts in the middle of the Philippines Basin after sinking a passenger-cargoman and damaging another in a convoy. She carried out several notable special missions, including carrying over two tons of gold bullion out of Corregidor in February 1942.

## U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

### MARCH



**USS Perch (SS-176)** Lost on March 3, 1942 near Java with no immediate loss of life, while on her 1st war patrol. She survived 2 severe depth chargings in less than 200 feet of water by 3 Japanese destroyers. The crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 59 officers and men taken prisoner, 53 survived the war and six died as POWs.



**USS Grampus (SS-207)** Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 71 officers and men, on her 6th war patrol. She was lost in Vella Gulf, sunk after engaging 2 Japanese Destroyers.



**USS H-1 (SS-28)** Lost on March 12, 1920 with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to shore after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. Vestal (AR-4), pulled H-1 off the rocks in the morning of 24 March, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water. She was



**USS Triton (SS-201)** Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men. She was sunk north of the Admiralty Islands during a fight with 3 Japanese Destroyers. Triton was the 1st boat to engage the enemy in December 1941 off Wake Island, sinking 9 ships, 1 submarine and a destroyer.



**USS Kete (SS-369)** Lost on March 20, 1945 with the loss of 87 officers and men at the end of her 2nd war patrol. Probably sunk near Okinawa, by a Japanese submarine that itself was subsequently lost.



**USS F-4 (SS-23)** Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men. She foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu when acid corrosion of the lead lining of the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. She was raised in August 1915.



**USS Tullibee (SS-284)** Lost on March 26, 1944 with the loss of 79 officers and men, on her 4th war patrol. It's believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.



**USS Trigger (SS-237)** Lost on March 26, 1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men, on her 12th war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft. Trigger ranked 7th in total tonnage sunk and tied for 8th in number of ships sunk.



## Your Originals—“Sea Stories at their best” *and this ain’t no S#@%!*

### “I REMEMBER— he says...”

During my first long run, the Captain would occasionally call for the crew to man their battle stations. Since I was new, my sole job was to man the 3M Wollensak reel-to-reel tape recorder in Control. It was a big machine and placed forward of the periscope which was manned by the Captain. Our submarine was on station, and we were observing a Soviet surface ship preparing to launch a missile so the Captain manned battle stations. We were rigged for red since it was dark outside. The tape recorder could only hold three hours of recording on each side. We were on station for about three hours and I noticed that the supply reel was almost out of tape. I looked around and things seemed pretty calm so I decided to switch reels by lifting up the take-up reel and then the supply reel and reversing them so that I wouldn’t have to rethread the new take-up reel. Just as I pressed the “Stop” button and lifted up the take-up reel, the Captain yelled “Missile Away!” So I pressed the “Start” button but now the tape was winding around the little spindle which held the reel! I tried to keep flipping the reel to untwist the tape, but it was useless. As I was doing this, the Captain hollered to me: “Mr. Hedtke, are you recording this?” I dutifully responded “Yes, Sir!” We shipped all of our recordings to Washington and I kept wondering for the next several months if this was the end of my Naval career!

Oh, and

During a long run to the Barents Sea, my training consisted of standing the EOOW (Engineering Officer of the Watch) training watch. During this particular watch, Vic Linck was the EOOW. Now Vic was a typical Annapolis graduate, meaning that there was a distinct line between Academy officers and enlisted men. (Me? I was a NUPOC or Nuclear Power Officer Candidate and graduated from OCS.) While we were on the surface going out to sea, we couldn’t dive until we reached the 100-fathom line. So all of Maneuvering was relaxed with no urgency to do anything. Somehow, the Throttleman got a hold of a large funnel and a nickel. He then told the rest of Maneuvering that he was going to show them that he could put the nickel on his forehead into the funnel, which was tucked into his poop suit, more than the rest of us. He tried 10 times and got it in 5 times. The Reactor Operator then grabbed the funnel and nickel and did the same trick. He got the nickel into the funnel 6 times. The Electrical Operator then grabbed the funnel and said that he could do better than any of us. He got the nickel into the funnel 7 times. (Remember that the funnel was always tucked into the person’s poop suit.) The Electrical Operator then handed the funnel to me and asked me to try. I didn’t know what was going on, but I knew enough not to play these kind of games with enlisted men. So I said to them: “No thanks. I’m not very good at these games.” Vic Linck, the Annapolis graduate and EOOW, said: “Give me that funnel. I’ll show you who’s better!” After he placed the funnel in his poopy suit and placed the nickel on his upturned forehead, the Throttleman, Reactor Operator and Electrical Operator all took their full cups of coffee and poured them into the funnel at the same time! Coffee was running down his pants legs and he was livid! He called forward to get a relief since this was the start of a 6-hour watch. But no one would come back to relieve him.

Courtesy of James Hedtke, LT(SS)

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Send your sea stories to Groton Base Secretary. You can also write your comments about this and other sea story published in Boat Notes—“your quarterly magazine.” Just follow the below link.

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

## **ANYONE KNOW WHERE WE ARE?**

During a UNITAS goodwill run to South American, by USS SHARK (SSN-591). I was the Chief Quartermaster/Assistant Navigator. The charts that we had were from surveys conducted in 1898,

Needless to say, these charts were not very accurate! In fact it was very dangerous to use these charts. So, I combined the fathom curves and soundings from the modern and highly accurate bottom contour charts to the 1898 charts. These charts were in direct scales, so it took a lot of math and nautical knowledge to “merge” these charts into one accurate and useful navigation tool; thereby making a safer journey.

Needless to say the boat had a safe and successful voyage, especially since our radar, Fathometer, and NAVSAT were down; And there was no Loran coverage. The only tools of navigation that were available to us were Celestial Navigation, and a hand sounding lead, that we used as we approached shallow waters.

Artie Gager

QMCS (SS)/LCDR, USN Retired

## **The Christening of the U. S. S. Remora SS-487**

On 12 July 1945, during the last year of World War II, the USS Remora (SS 487) was launched. The Remora was sponsored by Mrs. T. W. Samuels, III of T. W. Samuels & Son Distillery, Bardstown, KY. It is a great honor to be named the Sponsor of a United States Navy Ship. A “Ship’s Sponsor” is the title given to a prominent citizen, chosen to christen a naval vessel. She bestows the ship’s name while smashing the ceremonial bottle of champagne on the bow.

So how did Mrs. Samuels get to be that prominent citizen? Prohibition shut down the American distilleries till December 1933. Once they reopened, they did not get a chance to fully reestablish themselves before many were again shut down and retooled to produce industrial alcohol (180 proof Ethanol Alcohol (Torpedo Propulsion Fuel, AKA Torpedo Juice) to be used for the war effort during World War II.

The Samuels & Son Distillery efforts in producing alcohol for the war effort is probably what got them on the navy’s sponsor list. The bourbon produced by them (1940 – 1941) was said to have a ‘rough spirit’. Mrs. Samuels would often say, “Drink it and that sh\*! will blow your ears off.” Telling it like it is, using those words, is probably what got her on the submarine’s sponsors list.

Mrs. William T. Samuels, III, better known as Margie or Marge Samuels was Remora’s sponsor and the creator of Maker’s Mark Bourdon Whisky. A noted collector of fine English pewter, she knew the “maker’s mark” was a symbol of handcrafted quality. She created the unique red wax that drips down the neck of the bottle she designed, as well as the label and lettering that’s now an internationally recognized font type.

## **A Remora Sea Story**

During one of Remora’s reunions, Mr. William Samuels Jr. provided us with the following fascinating story that we cannot confirm or deny as an actual fact. However, the story was published in ‘SeaTrade Cruise News’ and you can read it on the internet so it must be true.

“On the night before the commissioning Bill Samuels Sr. and his wife Margie were entrusted with a box containing a bottle of Champagne encased in a metal container that was to be used the next day during the christening ceremony of the USS Remora (SS 487).

Later that night they were visited by a fellow bourbon drinker Felix Edward Hébert, the longest serving US representative from Louisiana. Over drinks, one thing led to another and they decided that they would secretly substitute a bottle of bourbon for the champagne that was to be used to christen the submarine Remora. As he tells it, Mom christened the submarine with a swing that is usually reserved for a Louisville Slugger. One swing is all it took to spray bourbon all over the Remora and unfortunately over her too. His father also claimed that throughout the day people commented on the fact the Mrs. Samuels’ clothes had a very distinct smell that was not associated with champagne, but more like whiskey.

He said that his dad claimed “that is how the USS Remora became the first US warship came to be doused with a bottle of Kentucky bourbon.”

The U. S. Navy has declared it a sea story. But it’s your call!

**JANUARY 2022 -- See website for updates at [www.ussvigroton.org](http://www.ussvigroton.org)**

SUNDAY Club Hours (TBS)	MONDAY Club Hours 1100-	TUESDAY Club Hours 1100	WEDNESDAY Club Hours	THURSDAY Club Hours 1100-1900	FRIDAY Club Hours 1100-1900	SATURDAY Club Hours – Closed**
<p>** Clubhouse Hours Expanded/ Open on Mondays and Saturdays Evenings for Scheduled Events; Contact</p>						<p>01 New Year's Day (Holiday)</p> <p>Sked Annual Picnic (694-3238 to reserve 2nd Saturday in August)</p> <p>9AM-12PM, Colchester Veterans' Coffeehouse</p>
02 10 - 12 Steak 'n Eggs Brunch	03 1830 Monthly Business Meeting	04 0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse  0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich	05 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic	06 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck	07 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Groton	08
09 10-12 Brunch  11am - 1pm, Take down	10 0900-1100, Waterford Veterans Coffeehouse	11 0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	12 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic	13 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Mystic	14 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, New London	15
16 10-12 Brunch	17 MLK Day  1900, GB Westport Satellite Group Meeting, via zoom	18 1130 Holland Club luncheon  1600 Clubhouse Operations Mtg  0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich 1830 Holland Club Plng Mtg via zoom	19 0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse  0900-1100, Willimantic Veterans' Coffeehouse	20 Chairman reports due to Base Secretary  9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck	21 (TBS) SUBBASE CPO/ GACPOA Dining-In at Groton Elks POC: CMDCM NAVSUB-SUPPCEN NLON  9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Groton	22 1730-2100, SVGB Surf 'n Turf Dinner (tbd)
23 10-12 Brunch	24	25 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich  RE-sked-1700 Holland Club Plng Mtg	26 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day	28	29
30 10-12 Brunch	31 1730, E-Board Meeting					

**FEBRUARY 2022 -- FEBRUARY is Black/African American History and American Heart Month;  
See website for updates at [www.ussvigroton.org](http://www.ussvigroton.org)**

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		Base Archivist Submit annual report to Historical Center for USS SEA OWL Ship's Bell		2020 Awards Program starts February 1st, 2021; Check Awards Manual (2019_USSVI_Awards_Manual.pdf)		
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		01 0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse  0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Nor-	02 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic 1830-2100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	03 Four Chaplains Day 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Mystic	04 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, New London	05 9AM-12PM, Colchester Veterans' Coffeehouse
06 10 - 12 Steak 'n Eggs Brunch  Accepts SVGB Scholarship applications until 15 April SVGB Super Bowl Party Potluck. Contact Clubhouse for more information at 860-445-5262.	07 1830 Monthly Business Meeting	08 0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse  0900-1100, Waterford Veterans Coffeehouse	09 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic	10 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck	11 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Groton	12 1730-2100, SVGB Dinner (TBD)  American Submariner & Newsletter inputs due

13 10-12 Brunch	14 VALENTINE'S	15 0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse; 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Nor-  1130 Holland Club luncheon. Guest speaker: TBD 1600 Clubhouse Operations Png Mtg	16 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich  0900-1100, Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic  Ash Wednesday	17 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Mystic  Chairman reports due to Base Secretary	18 American Submariner & Newsletter inputs due 1 March  9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, New London  GROTON CPOA Dining In.	19
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20 10-12 Brunch	21 President's Day  GB Westport Satellite Group Meeting, 1900	22 1700 Holland Club Png Mtg  0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	23 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic	24 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck	25 American Submariner input & Newsletter inputs due. 1 March 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse,	26 17-2100 Old Salts Pasta Dinner (TBD/TBS)
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27 10-12 Brunch	28 1730, E-Board Meeting					
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**MARCH 2022 -- MARCH is National Women's History Month; See website for updates at [www.ussvigroton.org](http://www.ussvigroton.org)**

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13 10-12 Brunch  0200 Daylight Savings Time begins	14	15 1130, Holland Club luncheon. Guest speaker  0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich 1600 Clubhouse Operations PIng Mtg	16 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic	17 St. Patrick's Day 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Mystic	18 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, New London	19
20 10-12 Brunch	21 1900, GB Westport Satellite Group Meeting	22 1700 Holland Club PIng Mtg  0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	23 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Willimantic 1830 Monthly Meeting; Plan for SUBFEST Booth & Crew	24 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck Chairman reports due to Base Secretary	25 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Groton	26 6pm Dinner Guest Speaker Prog (\$10.00 TBD)
27 Korean War Ended (1953) 10-12 Brunch	28 World War I Began (1914)  1730, E-Board Meeting	29 NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS WELCOME HOME Day 0900-1100, Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse	30 CT VIET NAM VETERANS WELCOME HOME Day	31	** Clubhouse Hours Expanded/Open on Mondays and Saturdays Evenings for Scheduled Events; Contact Club Manager.	

This is a planning calendar, events and date may change

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS****Jim Lawton, PAO**

**MEMBER SERVICES** - VISIT OUR WEB SITE—[www.ussvigroton.org](http://www.ussvigroton.org) You can Chat with us any-time.

\*\*\* We now have direct Chat Options via the WIX App, where the PAO is monitoring for your questions. You can install the WIX applications yourself for quick access. Go to <https://www.ussvigroton.org/> and click on box in lower corner.

\*\*\* Photographs are uploaded regularly to the “Gallery” tab!  
<https://www.ussvigroton.org>


Members Update Biography in National Database in National Database at  
<https://www.ussvi.org>

Donate \$\$\$ to the Groton Clubhouse, Memorial, Kap4Kids, Annual Appeal, Thanksgiving Caring & Sharing & Groton Scholarship

## Have you checked out our Facebook Page?

(Click link here) <https://www.facebook.com/ussvigroton/>

Please **“like”** our Facebook Page and **“share”** posts and photos with friends and members.



**Get Involved, Stay Involved!!!**

**Want to join a committee?**

**Want to help or run a Club event?**

**Want to get involved in the administrative side of the Base? Become an Officer?**

**Contact any Base Officer to get more information and to get involved!!!**

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS****2021**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives (Al Kinsall/Marian Galbraith) Temporary appointment  
 Boat Notes (Al Kinsall)  
 Boat Sponsorship (Paul Skalski)  
 Build/Maintenance/Small Stores (T. Connors/Alex Doucette)  
 Color Guard (Paul Skalski)  
 Docents (Artie Gager)  
 DMV Liaison (Richard Rusczyk)  
 Eagle Scout Chair (Paul William Orstad)  
 Finance/Budget Development (Treasurer/Vice)  
 Holland Club & Membership (Rich Cheatham)  
 Kap(SS)-4-Kid(SS) (John Riley)  
 Memorial Committee (Marian Galbraith)  
 Public Relations (Jim Lawton)  
 Red, White and Blue Mass (Paul Dillon)  
 Scholarship Committee (Greg Kane)  
 Chaplain & Home Coming (Jack Gallimore)  
 West Port Satellite group (Paul Grammer)  
 Veterans Affairs Report (Al Kinsall)

**GROTON CLUB****Laura Byrne & Jill Henry, Club Managers**

Brunches and lunches continue ramping up again after a long wait due to the COVID 19 pandemic. In addition, monthly dinners are being scheduled to bring members back to the club. Here are a few things going on at the club. Lunches every Monday through Friday 11:30AM to 2:00PM.

**ABOUT USSVI**

United States Submarine Veterans Inc.

Our Creed— "To Perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution."

Groton Base was established he 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."

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

There are a number of Facebook sites dedicated to our experiences....

Some are listed below.....

Old War Submarine Veterans

Eternal Patrol by USSVI

silent service motorcycle club international

US Submarine Veterans

Run Silent, Run Deep

Of course, we want you to visit us in Groton.... <https://www.ussvigroton.org/>

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