



USSVI Groton Base
Membership
Draft Meeting Minutes 03 November 2025

The meeting was called to order by the Base Jr. Vice Commander J. Lawton at 1830.

In attendance (in person (20) and Zoom (14)) for a total of 34 members.

Kirk Haughland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Base Chaplin led the opening prayer.

The Base Jr. Vice Commander led the **SUBVETS CREED**.

The Tolling of the Lost Boats was prepared and presented by PAO Jim Lawton.

BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING.

Base Jr. Vice Commander Jim Lawton;
Introduced and recognized New Members & First Meeting participants:
Recognized National Officers present:
Recognized Former Base Commanders present:
Recognized WWII Members present:
Recognized Holland Club Members present:
Recognized Chris Quijada Distinguished Member of the Year Award:
Recognized past Joe Negri Recipient:
Recognized Robert Link Recipients:

• **PRESENTATIONS:** NONE

Base Treasurer Report – Charlie Murray:

Base Secretary Report – David Frease:

The Minutes for the 03 October 2025 Membership meeting were approved by the members present without objection.

Correspondence to Report – None.

Sr. Vice Commander Report:



USSVI Groton Base
 Membership
 Draft Meeting Minutes 03 November 2025

Jr. Vice Commander Report: Jim Lawton:

November Plan of the Month posted in the bar area.
 November 7th – Robert Perritt Honors Detail 1200 – 4:00 PM
 November 11th EB Veterans Brunch 1000 – 1200 Municipal Building
 November 12th Active-Duty Hotdogs and Beans Free – 11:00 – 2:00 PM
 November 18th – Holland Club Luncheon

NERD UPDATE:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Steve Ricard)

DATA PROVIDED FROM USSVI NATIONAL DATA BASE

Total Membership:	1134
National Life Members:	862
Groton Base Life Members:	379
Holland Club:	643
Associate Members:	65

- SUB SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHEDULE: (Steve Ricard)
- CHAPLAIN: Reported on members departed on Eternal Patrol.
- HOLLAND CLUB: John Carcioppolo – October 21st luncheon for Holland Club Members.

Lunch

61 total meals
Total Income
Meals \$915.00
50/50 \$285.00
Donation \$0.00
Total \$1095.00

Total Expenses

Meals (\$10 x 61) **\$610.00**
Gratuity (\$1 x 50) **\$61.00**
50/50 **\$140.00** Was not claimed and \$140.00 was put back into the fund. Thank you to our silent donator.



USSVI Groton Base
Membership
Draft Meeting Minutes 03 November 2025



Total \$811.00

Net Deposited: \$529.00

UPCOMING HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHES

- **18 November Guest Speaker** - Captain Dave Roberts (Retired) Dave oversees Facilities at Electric Boat.
- I have invited the new Admiral at Undersea Warfare Development Center (UWDC) RDML John Stafford to be our guest speaker for November or December. The Admiral has committed to speak at whichever his schedule can support. His staff is reviewing his schedule and will confirm which one works.

HOLLAND CLUB 2025: 38 Potential Inductees.

- HONORS DETAIL (John Carcioppolo)
- COLOR GUARD: (Bob Sharpe)
- EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM COORDINATOR: (Jim Weaver)
- SMALL STORES: (Alex Doucette)
- DOCENTS (Artie Gager)
- DMV LIAISON: (Michael Hodges)

Since last month's report, I have responded to one new email inquiry and mailed our plate application and instructions to two submarine veterans who are working with our Membership Chairman to complete the process of applying for membership. In addition, we have one new member who has joined USSVI to order our "Silent Service" license plate, the 8th so far this year!

If you would like to display our unique "Silent Service" on your vehicle, please contact me and I would be glad to answer any questions and guide you through the process. If you have questions shoot a quick email to me at: ctsubvetplates@ussvigroton.org. I am also listed on our USSVI Groton Website under: <https://www.ussvigroton.org/linksofinterest>.

Applications are also available at the clubhouse in the document holder next to the bulletin board in the pumphouse.

- KAPS4KIDS: (John Riley)



USSVI Groton Base
Membership
Draft Meeting Minutes 03 November 2025

Since its inception in 2009, Groton Base's Kap (SS) 4 Kid (SS) Program has provided comfort and joy to over 2,500 Children facing illness, and their families. Provided Power Point presentation from Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital

- MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: (Marian Galbraith)

November 11 is just around the corner, so plans are underway for the Veterans Day Observance. Preparations are being made to hold the observance in the City of Groton Municipal Building at 295 Meridian Street. Thanks to all who helped get the beds ready for Spring. Anyone wishing to join the Memorial Committee should contact Marian Galbraith at mktgalbraith@gmail.com.

- PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER: (Jim Lawton)
- SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Greg Kane)
- VETERANS AFFAIRS: (Brian Hague)
- WEST PORT: (Paul Grammer) Next meeting is November 6, at 18:30 at Port 5, 69 Brewster Street, Bridgeport, CT
- STAN MATHIS MEMORIAL HOUSE COMMITTEE (Paul Skalski)

Base Commander Steve Ricard and the EBoard wanted to reactivate the old House Committee which was chaired by the late Stan Mathis and asked me to be the chairman which I accepted. My first order of business is to organize monthly dinners at the clubhouse.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS – NONE.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

CLOSING EVENTS:

Meeting Attendance Drawing Winner: 2024 Coin or Hat to Jim Lawton

50/50 DRAWING Winner: \$69.00/\$70.00 to Steve Chisim.



USSVI Groton Base
Membership
Draft Meeting Minutes 03 November 2025



CLOSING PRAYER – SVGB Chaplain

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Frease, Base Secretary

Approved: **by the membership present and voting.**