



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



Greetings from the conning tower of the USS Flasher WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial East. The Memorial Committee, the Executive Board, and I send our well wishes to a fantastic month of May in Groton CT. Some very significant events happened in the month of May for the U.S. Submarine service.

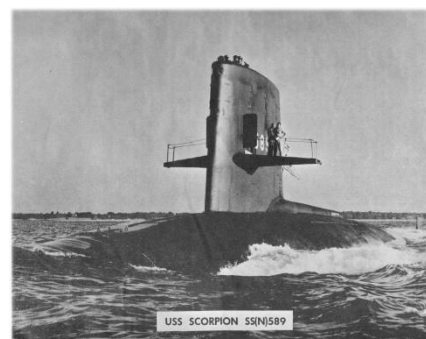


8 May 1929: The first device to provide a means to escape a sunken submarine undergoes its first testing. Developed by Lieutenant Charles B. Momsen, Chief Gunner Clarence L. Tibbals, and civilian engineer Frank Hobson, the so-called Momsen Lung consists of a rubber bag containing a canister of soda lime that removes carbon dioxide from exhaled air and replaces it with oxygen. Inhalation tubes and exhalation tubes attach to a mouthpiece. It will be used successfully in the escape of crewmen from the submarine Tang (SS-306) when it sinks to a depth of 180 feet during World War II.

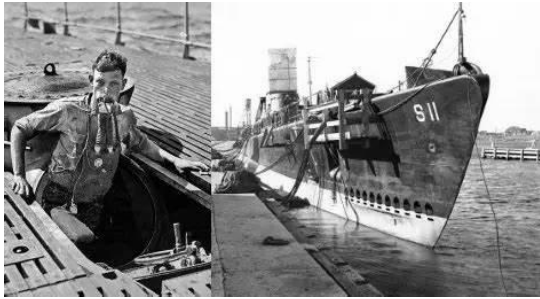


10 May 1960: The nuclear-powered submarine Triton (SSRN-586) completes an epic 84-day voyage, in which it becomes the first submarine to circumnavigate the globe submerged. Its sail breaks the surface only once during its time at sea, to transfer a sick sailor to the cruiser Macon (CA-132). Triton receives the Presidential Unit Citation for the voyage, which is recounted in the 1962 book *Around the World Submerged* by the submarine's skipper, Captain Edward L. Beach, Jr.

21 May 1968: The nuclear-powered submarine Scorpion (SSN-589) sinks 400 miles southwest of the Azores Islands with the loss of 99 members of its crew. A survey of the wreckage results in the opinion that the cause of its sinking is a torpedo that begins running in its tube, is launched, and circles back to hit the submarine.



23 May 1939: The submarine Squalus (SS-192) sinks while executing a practice dive off Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Employing the new McCann Rescue Chamber, rescuers are able to bring 33 of 59 crew members to the surface. The boat is subsequently raised, repaired, and renamed Sailfish.



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31 May 1944: The submarines Barb (SS-220) and Herring (SS-233) combine to sink all five ships of an enemy convoy off Matsuwa in the Kurile Islands, Japan. The next day, after Herring sinks the Japanese freighter Hiburi Maru, shore batteries sink Herring.



As I said last month it is a big year for the Submarine Service. Come on down, enjoy the atmosphere, camaraderie, and renew some friendship. Pride Runs Deep!

United States Submarine Veterans Inc.




WHO WE ARE: We are all United States Submariners! members Whether currently Active Retired Reserve or an Honorably discharged veteran we all were, and some still are of the elite underseas fighting force of the United States Navy. We are all volunteers who passed stringent testing challenging training, and we proved our mettle when we earned the coveted designation "QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES". Whether your dolphins are gold or silver there is no expiration date on the back of that precious pin.

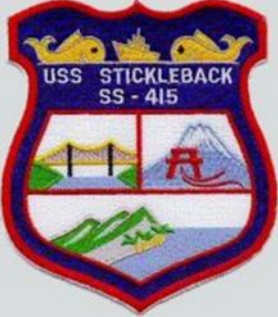
United States Submarine Veterans Creed

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country that their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

ABOUT US: Groton Base was established as the first USSVI Base in 1964 following the tragic loss of the USS Thresher SSN-593. Our creed serves to remember them and all US Submariners on Eternal Patrol."

Lost Boats – April

	USS Lagarto (SS-371)	<p>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.</p>
	USS Scorpion (SSN-589)	<p>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.</p>
	USS Squalus (SS-192)	<p>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 using 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.</p>

	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.
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Plan of the Month, May 2025

DATE	TIME	ACTION	DESCRIPTION
5/3	5:45-9	Event	Kentucky Derby Party
5/4	10:00	Event	Brunch- EB Veterans Network
5/5	18:30	Meeting	Monthly Meeting
5/6	16:00	Meeting	Holland Club Induction Planning Meeting
5/15	16:00	Meeting	Old Salts
5/18	10:00	Event	Brunch-Sub School
5/20	11:00	Event	Holland Club Luncheon
5/22	16:00	Meeting	Holland Club Induction Planning Meeting
5/23	17:00	Event	Old Salts Pasta Dinner
5/23	20:00	Music	Karaoke With DJ Jammin' Jim
5/24	13:00	Event	USS Albuquerque Reunion
5/26	12:00	Event	Memorial Day Burger Burn

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

Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS) Updates

During each month, a USSVI Groton Base member participated in Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS) graduation as the SubVets Representative presenting the "Heritage Award" and a SubVet Challenge coin to the class leader. In this month's issue of Boat Notes, we will highlight two graduations held on 4 & 18 April. I would like to thank SubSchool leadership for allowing us to participate in this milestone event.



The following information is for BESS Class 25180, named after the USS Portsmouth (SSN 578). The information provided comes from various sources including Naval History and Heritage Command and Wikipedia. Follow the links for additional details.



USS Portsmouth (SSN-707) is a decommissioned Los Angeles-class submarine. She was the fourth ship of the United States Navy to be named for Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The contract to build her was awarded to the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut on 10 December 1973 and her keel was laid down on 8 May 1980. She was launched on 18 September 1982 sponsored by Mrs. Helen Poe Goodrich, and commissioned on 1 October 1983, with Commander Donald M. Olson in command. The ceremony took place at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, just east of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, her namesake city.

Three weeks after commissioning Portsmouth began her first mission, supporting rescue operations in Grenada. She was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for that action.

In 1984 Portsmouth entered her homeport of Groton, Connecticut, which she left for her permanent homeport at Ballast Point Submarine Base in San Diego. En route she transited through the Panama Canal and made a quick dash south for her first transit across the equator.

In 1985 Portsmouth commenced her first Western Pacific operations that included port-calls in Japan and Australia and became the first American nuclear-powered warship to visit Fiji. Years later she became the first to make a liberty call to communist Chinese reunified Hong Kong.

On 10 September 2004 Portsmouth decommissioned at Norfolk, Virginia and was scrapped at the shipyard in nearby Portsmouth, her other namesake city. While the submarine was only halfway through her design lifespan, her reactor core required refueling. Decommissioning was chosen as a cost-saving measure.

More on the USS Portsmouth (SSN 707) can be found

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Portsmouth_\(SSN-707\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Portsmouth_(SSN-707)) , and [USS Portsmouth SSN-707 Los Angeles class attack submarine US Navy](#)

The April 4th BESS Class 25180 named after USS Portsmouth had 123 students with an 80% class average and 12 students graduating with distinction. Congratulations to this class of future Submariners have finished one of many milestones in their Navy career and are anxiously waiting for their next assignments whether “A” School or direct assignment to their first submarine. Instructors involved with today’s ceremony included were: MMAC(SS) Roberts, STS1(SS) Mota, and STS1(SS) Ortiz. Thank you for using your background, training, and experience in guiding these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was SubSchool Executive Officer, CDR Paul Danos. Guest Speaker was Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON12) Retired, Rick West. SubSchool Chaplain, LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.





USSVI Groton Base member and Holland Club Chairman John Carcioppolo was the SubVet Representative and would have presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SN(SU) Devon Guerrier. The Heritage Award is given to the student who demonstrates performance of their duties above and beyond the call of the average student.

The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented by MMACM(SS) Vargas to SR(SU) Cale Erbstoesser. This award is given to the student who shows academic achievement and personal improvement through the course of instruction.

The class Honor Graduate Award was presented to SA(SU) Rowan McKenney by SubSchool Command Master Chief Mike Micheli. The honor graduate is the student with the highest academic average who maintained outstanding military bearing over the course of instruction.

The Navy Core Values Award was presented by MCPON12 Retired Rick West to SA(SU) Nerissa Morgan. This award is given to the student who best embodies the U.S. Navy Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

Congratulations and good luck as you begin the next phase of your submarine career. Looking forward to all these fine Sailors joining our organization when they receive their fish.



Heritage Award: SN(SU) Devon Guerrier



William H. Purdum Award: SR(SU) Cale Erbstoesser



Honor Graduate: SA(SU) Rowan McKenney



Core Value Award: SA(SU) Nerissa Morgan

On April 18th, the BESS class that graduated was named after the USS Holland (S-1).



USS Holland (SS-1) was the United States Navy's first submarine, although not its first underwater watercraft, which was the 1775 submersible Turtle. The boat was originally laid down as Holland VI at the Crescent Shipyard of Elizabeth, New Jersey for John Philip Holland's Holland Torpedo Boat Company, and launched on 17 May 1897. She was acquired by the USN on 11 April 1900 and commissioned on 12 October 1900, Lieutenant H. H. Caldwell commanding.

Lieutenant Lewis Nixon's Crescent Shipyard of Elizabeth, New Jersey for John Holland's Holland

Torpedo Boat Company, which became the Electric Boat company in 1899. On 16 October 1900, USS Holland (SS-1) left Newport under tow of tug Leyden for Annapolis where she trained cadets of the Naval Academy as well as officers and enlisted men ordered there to receive training so vital in preparing for the operation of other submarines being built for the Fleet.

USS Holland (SS-1) proved valuable for experimental purposes in collecting data for submarines under construction or contemplation. Her 166-mile surface run from Annapolis to Norfolk 8 to 10 January 1901 provided useful data on her performance underway over an extended period.

Except for the period 15 June to 1 October 1901, which was passed training cadets at the Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I., USS Holland (SS-1) remained at Annapolis until 17 July 1905 as a training submarine. USS Holland (SS-1) finished out her career at Norfolk. Her name was struck from the Navy Register of Ships on 21 November 1910.

More on the USS Holland can be found at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Holland_\(SS-1\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Holland_(SS-1)) and <https://www.history.navy.mil/our-collections/photography/us-navy-ships/alphabetical-listing/h/uss-holland--submarine-torpedo-boat--1-0.html>



USS Holland (SS-1), class #25200 had 115 students with an average 77% and 7 students graduating with distinction. Congratulations and “Well Done.” These future Submariners have finished that first significant milestone in their Navy career and are anxiously waiting for their next assignments ranging from “A” School to direct assignment to their first submarine. A big shout out to the instructors for this class for teaching them and giving them insight to their future onboard submarines. Thank you for using your

background training and experience in training these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was SubSchool Director of Training, Captain Litty. MMACS(SS) James Blevins, MMA School was the Guest Speaker. SubSchool Chaplain LT Level gave Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Groton Base Commander and Holland Club Member, ETCM(SS/DV) Steven Ricard USNR (Ret) was the SubVets Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SR(SU) Michael Mills. The Heritage Award is given to the student who demonstrates the performance of their duties above and beyond the call of the average student.

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Heritage Award: SR(SU) Michael Mills



William H. Purdum Award: SR(SU) Rico Kelly



Honor Graduate: RAN ABMTSM(SU) Dylan



Core Value Award: RAN AB(SU) Riley

BESS Graduation Schedule

Here is the current graduation schedule for BESS. There are still many dates available to be the SubVet Representative. If interested please let me know.

BESS Graduation Schedule SubVet Representative

Class No.	Class Name	Command Rep	Guest Speaker	SUBVETS Rep	Graduation Date	Notes
25220	USS Barb (SS-220)	CO		John Carcioppolo	2025-MAY-02	On May 3, 1945, the USS Barb was in San Francisco Bay near the Mare Island Navy Yard. The USS Barb was a decorated submarine in World War II and is credited with sinking 17 Japanese ships, including the aircraft carrier Unyo. The USS Barb is also the only submarine to have ever sunk a train.
25240	USS Guitarro (SSN-665)	XO		Pat Roche	2025-MAY-16	On May 15, 1969, the nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Guitarro (SSN-665) sank while docked at the San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard
25260	USS Alburquerque (SSN 706)	CMC		Jack Gedney	2025-May-29	USS Albuquerque (SSN-706) was a Los Angeles-class attack submarine of the United States Navy. She was the second U.S. warship to be named for Albuquerque, New Mexico.
25280	USS Nautilus (SSN-571)	DOT		Gary Schmid	2025-JUN-13	On June 14, 1952, the keel for the USS Nautilus (SSN-571), the first nuclear-powered submarine, was laid by Electric Boat Company in Groton, Connecticut. The USS Nautilus was launched 18 months later and commissioned in September 1954
25300	USS Thresher (SSN 593)	CO		Steve Ricard	2025-JUN-27	On July 9 th the USS Thresher (SSN 593) was launched in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

						Also, the name's sake of the most decorated submarine in history.
25320	USS Grunion (SS-216)	XO		John Carcioppolo	2025-JUL-11	On July 15 th the USS Grunion (SS 216) sinks the Japanese submarine chasers (25 and 26) off Kiska, Aleutian Islands.
25340	USS Silversides (SS-236)	CMC		Steve Ricard	2025-JUL-25	On July 28 th the USS Silversides sank a 4,000-ton transport with many more to follow.
25360	Sea Leopard (SS-483)	DOT		Chris Callahan	2025-AUG-08	
25380		CO		Bud Atkins	2025-AUG-22	
25400		XO		John Carcioppolo	2025-SEP-05	
25420		CMC		Bob Sharpe	2025-SEP-19	
25440		DOT			2025-OCT-03	
25500	USS Dallas	CO		John Carcioppolo	2025-OCT-17	
25520		XO		Steve Ricard	2025-OCT-31	
25540		CMC		Bob Sharpe	2025-NOV 14	
25600		DOT		John Carcioppolo	2025-Dec 5	

We have also been asked to support Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) and Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC). Again if you see a date that you would like to be the SubVet Representative at one or more of these graduations, please let me know.

Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) Dates:

25040 Graduate on 16 May: Bob Sharpe
25060 Graduate on 12 September

25050 Graduate on 18 July: Bill Sheehan

Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC) Dates:

25020 Graduate on 20 Jun 2025 Bill Sheehan
25030 Graduate on 15 Aug 2025
25050 Graduate on 12 Dec 2025: Bob Sharpe
26010 Graduate on 01 May 2026
26030 Graduate on 14 Aug 2026
26050 Graduate on 11 Dec 2026

25040 Graduate on Oct 2025
25060 Graduate on 20 Feb 2026
26020 Graduate on 18 Jun 2026
26040 Graduate on 23 Oct 2026

So, what has been going on since the last Broadcast?

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates USSVI provides a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The USSVI supports a strong U.S. Submarine Force.



The clubhouse is open Tuesday-Friday 1100-1900 with lunch served from 1100 – 1430 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Thanks to Katrina, Heather, Ashley, Mika, Shelia, and Jessica for all the hard work, dedication and for keeping our clubhouse a go to destination. Luncheon specials and regular menu items are available. Check out our menus <https://www.ussvigroton.org/menus>. Stop in and renew some old friendships. **Speaking of renewing, time to renew your Groton Base and USSVI National memberships.** We are also hosting “Happy Hour” Tuesday & Wednesday 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Come on down and try some drink specials.



April 3-5 was USS Iowa SSN 797 welcome to the Submarine Force. Thursday's festivities were held at Outer Light Brewing Company (OLBC). It was a mingling of friends, former Shipmates, Commissioning Committee, and crew. OLBC's Kurt Delany did a fantastic job putting this event together. Navy Vet and BBQ Champion pitmaster Moe Cason worked his magic on the vittles. A

collaboration brew with Big Grove Brewery produced Underway Rack Stowed, a Cream Ale made with Corn (from Iowa) for the special occasion.



On Friday, 4 April the USS Iowa crew, family, and friends dropped anchor at the clubhouse for a Meet and Greet. On tap was Underway Rack Stowed. BBQ provided by Willie Rays Q Shack and sides were prepped and served in the hall for all to enjoy.



On Saturday, 5 April at 1000 the USS Iowa SSN 797 officially join the Submarine Force. The latest Apex Predator was commissioned. Big thanks to Tony and Betty Faella, Eddy Dobbs, Charlie Murray, Sean Peoples, Frank, and Laura Rowe for braving the elements to attend this special occasion.



SubVets had a few members attend the 125 Submarine Birthday Ball at Foxwoods. What a great night...so I hear. Thanks for the great pictures John!



On Monday 7 April we held our Monthly Membership meeting at 1830 in the hall. Over 30 members joined the monthly meeting both in person and via Zoom. Thank you for joining us each month.

We offer Zoom so all of our, almost 1200 members can attend.



Executive Board members gave an update on the status of the club finances, and upcoming events to be held at the clubhouse. Each committee chair gave updates on events during the month and plans for the upcoming months. Many new things are planned for 2025. Including Groton Base elections

for Base Commander, Treasurer, and Junior Vice. Please consider stepping up to the plate.

Prior to the meeting a social hour/holiday stress relief was held in the pump room. Hot dogs and SubVet chili are available at a very reasonable price. With the invention of Zoom, you'd think more members would attend the meeting.

Join us next month on Monday May 7th for our membership meeting starting at 1830. The Zoom link will be published prior to the meeting. Sunday Brunch was held on April 13th with the Chiefs from SSEP cooking up a fabulous brunch. These Chiefs are becoming a regular crew here and we greatly appreciate them. SSEP, looking forward to another return next month. Thanks for all you do in support of our Submarine community.

On Tuesday April 18th, we held our monthly Holland Club Luncheon where the house was packed with 59 attendees. Our guest speaker was CDR Roger Hart, Executive Officer Submarine Learning Center and was accompanied by CMC(SS) Norman Clarke.

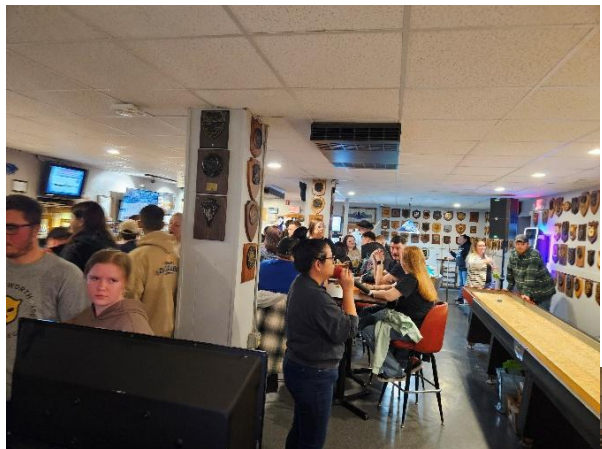


John will cover the highlights further on in this edition of Boat Notes.

On Saturday 19 March a heartfelt and very moving memorial ceremony was held marking the 62nd Anniversary of the loss of the Thresher on April 10th, 1963. A big thank you to John Carcioppolo, Bob Sharpe, and Marion Galbraith for organizing and a successful ceremony. Mrs. Victoria Sallade, granddaughter of USS Thresher crewmember, FTG1(SS) Charles Wiggins was our guest speaker. Past Base Commander, USSVI Thresher Base, Kevin Galeaz read a portion of the shipmates lost. Thank you to all who attended.



Friday April 25th was a quiet Karaoke night! We had a few returning singers, there were so few that I did not take any additional photos. Next Karaoke is scheduled for May 23! - DJ Jammin' Jim Lawton – pao@ussvigroton.org



We have a lot of major events planned for 2025, so keep an eye out for announcements, Facebook postings or Plan of the Month posted in the clubhouse. If you have any ideas on how to put butts in seats at **YOUR** club let any of us know. Stop on by the clubhouse have lunch renew your membership and say “Hi.”

Boat Reunion



Anyone having a boat reunion in the “Submarine Capital of the World” soon or coming up soon reach out and let us know. We would love you to have one or more of your reunion functions at the club. Contact our Event Coordinator Ashley via email at

events@ussvigroton.org. As mentioned at SubSchool graduations, the friendship, and the bonds that you make while



onboard your boat will last forever. I want to thank the boats who have stopped by the club “your club” to renew friendships and to check on our many updates since your last visit.

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

Finding it difficult to find a good list of Submarine Reunions? So the PAO has added a new calendar to the website for finding Submarine Reunions. Should you become aware of one, please send me the information and I will add it to this calendar. Jim Lawton, Webmaster / PAO – pao@ussvigroton.org

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

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Robert Perritt

Greetings Shipmates,

During April – same as March, we continued work on the Groton Base Membership program.

We are happy that Bill Sheehan is back with us now that Tax season has wound down. He has compiled a Draft Audit Checklist for the Finance Committee which will be used to further update the Finance PPM. Not as exciting as BESS or the Submarine Ball - but having some type of audit will bring confidence to you, the membership, that your dues and donations are used as expected.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact me at vice@ussvigroton.org

Bob Perritt
Vice Commander

JR VICE COMMANDER**Paul Skalski**

Hello Shipmates,
Spring is in the air.

Spring hours (starting 3/1/2025)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

11:00 – 19:00

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

Lunch hours

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

Happy Hour

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

My term as Jr Vice comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone who volunteers their time to help the clubhouse succeed. We need volunteers to help; without volunteers there may not be a Groton Base. Remember Groton Base is the First and Finest and will always be. It all started here with Joe Negri raffling off a Cadillac.

It has been an honor and a privilege being your Jr Vice for the past 3 ½ years. We need younger members with fresh ideas to help lead the clubhouse and Groton Base into the future; I'll still be around the clubhouse helping when I can. Otherwise, you may find me on a fishing pier with my grandkids.

Be Part of the Solution, VOLUNTEER**Paul Skalski***Jr. Vice Commander*jrvice@ussvigroton.org

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BASE SECRETARY**David Frease**

The April Meeting was attended in person by (22) and Zoom (8)) for a total of 30 members.

ELECTION 2025**This year three positions are up for election:****Base Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, and Base Treasurer**

These three positions are vital to the overall operation and success of USSVI Groton Base. Nominations opened at the 03 February Membership Meeting and closed on 15 April 2025. Balloting will take place following the closing of the Nominations.

Please reach out to our current EBoard members if you are interested or have questions about running for any of these positions.

BASE COMMANDER

- Shall preside at all meetings of the general membership and Executive Board.
- Shall be present at all meetings of the Executive Board and, at the duly called meeting of the membership, present a report on the conditions of the business of the base.
- Shall cause to be called regular and special meetings of the membership and the Executive Board, in accordance with these bylaws.
- Shall, with consideration of the Permittee's input, appoint and remove employees and discharge and fix the compensation of all servants, agents, employees, and clerks of this base, all subject to the approval of the Executive Board.
- Shall sign and make all contracts and agreements in the name of the Base.
- Shall sign all certificates, notes, drafts, or bills of exchange, warrants or other orders for the payment of money duly drawn by the Base Treasurer, except as these bylaws otherwise provided for, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.
- Shall be the primary point of contact, or have delegated in writing his authority, for all matters dealing with the U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS INC. at the District, Regional and National levels of the organization.
- Shall be responsible for ensuring that all required reports to U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS INC at the District, Regional and National levels of the organization are submitted properly and on time.
- Shall be responsible for causing an annual budget to be prepared and submitting it to the Base membership for approval.
- Shall provide oversight, guidance and counsel for those individuals and entities assigned to this Office in the USSVI Groton Base Organization Chart.

BASE TREASURER

- Shall have the care and custody of and be responsible for all the funds and securities of the base and deposit all such funds in the name of the base in such bank or banks, trust company or trust companies or safe deposit vaults as the Executive Board may designate.
- Shall serve and perform the functional duties of the Base Financial Manager.
- Shall sign, make, and endorse in the name of U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS INC. Groton Base, all checks, drafts, warrants, and orders for the payment of money and pay out and dispose of the same and receipt; therefore, under the direction of the Base Commander and Executive Board.
- Shall exhibit at all reasonable times the Base Organizational and Club financial books and electronic records to any member of the Executive Board or any member of the Base, upon application.
- Shall render a statement of the condition of the finances of the Base and Club at each regular monthly meeting of the general membership and at such other times as may be required of him.
- Shall keep such records at a place to be designated by the Executive Board.
- Shall do and perform all the duties pertaining to the office of Treasurer.
- The treasurer shall, if required by the Executive Board, give to the Base such security for the faithful discharge of his duties as the board may direct.
- Shall provide oversight, guidance and counsel for those individuals and entities assigned to this Office in the USSVI Groton Base Organization Chart.

BASE JR. VICE COMMANDER

- Shall serve as a liaison between the EBoard and Club Operations Committee on the operation of the Joe Negri Clubhouse.
- Shall maintain, change and or modify events in the Base Calendar as needed or requested.
- During the absence and/or inability of the Base Commander or the Base Sr. Vice Commander to render and perform their duties or exercise their powers as set forth in these bylaws, the same shall be performed or exercised by the Base Jr. Vice Commander; and when so acting the Jr. Vice Commander shall have all the powers and be subject to all the responsibilities heretofore given to or imposed upon the Base Commander or the Base Sr. Vice-Commander.
- Will be responsible for updating and maintaining the Joe Negri Clubhouse Operations Policy and Procedures Manual.
- Shall provide oversight, guidance and counsel for those individuals and entities assigned to this Office in the USSVI Groton Base Organization Chart.

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.

Correspondence to Report – None.

David Frease
Base Secretary
secretary@ussvigroton.org

2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

Letters mailed to all. If you haven't got yours please contact me. This is the first of two appeals and without your continued support the Clubhouse and Thanksgiving just don't happen.

Annual Appeal is an ask for your support to keep the Clubhouse open. It's more than a place to have a quick lunch or after work beverage. It's in fact, a reminder to all of us of all the Lost Boats and all the pat members who are now on Eternal Patrol. There is just history on every floor and it's your history.

NEW ATM

We expect that this new ATM will provide you with your ability to get cash and will eliminate any days when there are no funds.

Thanks to Chelsea Harvey, Manager, Branch Operations, Groton, and her staff. Keep Navy Federal Credit in mind for all your banking needs.

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

Everything is on HOLD; we need the funds to go forward.

We offer our building for many submarine-related events, but we need to continue to improve our facilities. I don't think any of us consider our clubhouse is 2nd-rate facilities or services. Yet we have limited bathroom facilities, which limits the availability to our membership.

WHY do the Hall bathroom first? Because we believe it will be an asset in renting or in any use of the Hall. We now do retirements, pinning ceremonies, family parties but we will be able to get more disabled people to use the space, we can work to get organizations like the Blood Bank to use the Hall.

The more we do with other organizations the more visibility we will have within the Navy and Groton communities.

2025 COIN featuring Medal of Honor winner Henry Breault the only enlisted Submariner to receive this honor – you need to have this coin. Supply is limited and the cost is only \$10 a coin.

**PLEASE READ – VOLUNTEER OR NOMINATE SOMEONE**

We are actively **searching for a new treasurer** and collaborating with me now will give you exposure to our records and accounts and assuming the position on July 1, 2025, will be much easier.

While I can't continue as Treasurer after June 30th, I have offered to continue to do all fund raising.

I'm available now to help train anyone who is interested in doing this. If you are interested, please contact me. This is your opportunity to provide leadership to the Groton organization.

YOU DONATE TO SUBVETS GROTON OR THE NATIONAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

There are a few ways you can donate.

Option 1: You can mail a check to SUBVETS GROTON 40 School St Groton CT 06340

Option 2: You can donate Via PayPal at <https://www.ussvigroton.org/donations>.

You can donate to our Annual or Thanksgiving Appeals, to our Scholarship, Holland Club, Memorial Fund, Capital Improvements and Kaps4Kids.

Note: Contributions to SUBVETS GROTON are not tax deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

Option 3: You can mail a check to USSV Charitable Foundation PO Box 1063 Groton CT 06340-1063

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

Note: Contributions to USSVI Charitable Foundation are tax deductible. And you can indicate that you are donating to any of the Funds or to a specific GROTON Fund.

IMPORTANT NEW OPTION AVAILABLE – IF YOU WANT A TAX DEDUCTION

You can use one of the Links below to send directly to the Charitable Foundation

1. Option to get donations applied and available for Groton.
2. Option to get donations applied to the Brotherhood Fund

https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTc1MjU4 Brotherhood

If you need more information about any fund-raising options please contact Treasurer@ussvigroton.org

Charlie Murray, Treasurer, 860 830 9605



Honors Detail – John “Gumba” Carcioppolo

gumba700@comcast.net

The following is the Honors Detail activity from 27 March 2025.

There was 1 Eternal Patrols as follows:

PAST GROTON BASE MEMBER

ETCS(SS) Charles E. Pilcher Passed away on April 20th, 2025, Honors Detail 3 May 2025, 1400, New London Motorcycle Club, 330 Moxley Road, Montville

The information for the Eternal Patrol bios comes from the USSVI National Webpage Membership section. What you have there is what I put out. If you don't have all the right stuff, then that's what we are going to put out.

Additionally, some of the info comes from old bios from Holland Club inductions. If your info on the National Web Page is not up to date either update it or ask Base Commander Steve Ricard at commander@ussvigroton.org.

Also, with regards to information, if we don't know of a member passing, we cannot provide the information or present Honors.

Please ensure that your families know that when you have passed to contact Groton Base Chaplain Earl Colella 734-730-1026 earl.colella@comcast.net or John Carcioppolo 860-514-7064 gumba700@comcast.net and if possible provide a link to the obituary.

Keep your eyes open. If you know of a member passing or see an obituary of a Submariner who passed and maybe a member doesn't hesitate to pass that info along. We will figure out if he is a member and conduct business accordingly. A link to the obituary is always good to have.

The sooner we know the information the timelier we can react and put out the notices and hopefully have the Honors Detail render honors.

All too often we find out about the passing of a member long after the funeral and do not get the chance to provide honors for our Shipmates.

We are always looking for potential new members of the Honors Detail to supplement those who participate. If you are interested in being part of the Honors Detail all you really have to do is let me know and show up. We prefer you to have the SUBVETS vest, but that is not a hard requirement.

Burial at Sea Burials at Sea are coordinated in major Ports of Embarkation depending on your area. The major Ports of Embarkation are Norfolk VA, Jacksonville FL on the East Coast, and Bremerton WA, San Diego CA, and Honolulu HI on the West Coast.

Groton Base has a web page that contains the guidance, and procedures to be used to request Burial at Sea. The web page link is <https://www.ussvigroton.org/burialatsea> and there are two documents there.

The Information and Authorization Form and How To Package and Ship Cremated Remains.

If your preference is to be Buried at Sea from a Submarine, first we strongly recommend that you print the guidance and the two documents and put it with your important documents like your DD-214. Next, we recommend you let your loved ones know your desires are and where all of the paperwork is.

Finally, to ensure that the Burial is from a Submarine on the Information and Authorization Form where it says, "Special Requests" put in "Request Burial at Sea from a Submarine" and the Decadent Affairs folks will ensure that happens.

Follow these instructions and make it as easy as possible for your family to fulfill your wishes of Burial at Sea.

RED HAT CEREMONIES The next homecoming will be in June.

I often receive requests to be added to the Homecoming notifications. I do not have a specific email list for homecomings. I just send the notifications to the entire membership, so I don't miss anyone. If you get all the regular Base Broadcasts from the Base Commander, Eternal Patrol Broadcasts, etc. etc. then you should get the Homecoming notifications. If you are not getting the Broadcasts, you will not get the Homecoming notifications, and you should contact the Base Commander to ensure that we have the correct email address on file.

Also, due to classification restrictions I can only put the word out 2 days in advance. However, I use the Welcome Home signs at the front gate of the Naval Submarine Base as a guide. If the signs go up that's my signal to send out the notification.



HOLLAND CLUB Report - John Carcioppolo

AN EXCLUSIVE GROUP WITHIN OUR SUBMARINE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION WHERE THE CORE REQUIREMENT FOR ELIGIBILITY IS THE DESIGNATION "QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES" FOR A MINIMUM OF FIFTY YEARS.

May 2025 Holland Club Report

Welcome to Spring, pollen and all that comes with Spring.

HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHEONS Our April Holland Club Luncheon we had 56 people in attendance Well done and thank you to all who RSVP'd so that I could give Katrina and Ashley an accurate head count. Our Guest Speaker was CDR Roger Hart, Executive Officer Submarine Learning Center who stood in for Captain Sager who had another commitment that came up. CDR Hart was accompanied by CMC(SS) Norman Clarke. Together they talked about the mission of SLC and their integration with the various learning centers and the training of our Submarine Sailors for the future.

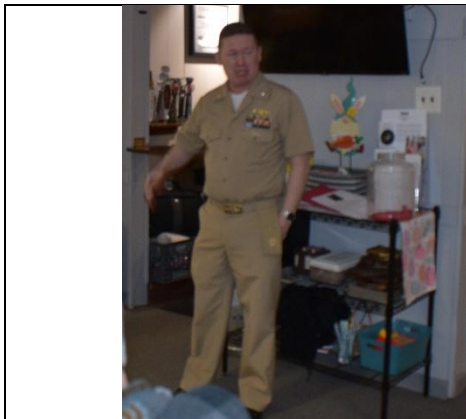
50-50 was won by Eddy Dobbs.

Many thanks to Katrina and Ashley for a great meal with some great help from SUBSCHOOL Students CSSR Abigail Lee from Nashua NH; MMASR Traylon Russ from Springdale AR; TMSR Brayden Spaulding from Columbus OH and MMA Dylan Savage from Gold Coast Australia.

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

- **20 May Guest Speaker** CT Veterans Administration Commissioner Ron Welch
- **17 Jun Guest Speaker** City of Groton Mayor Keith Hedrick
- **22 Jul Guest Speaker** Navy Legal Service Office, SUBASE New London CT Senior Enlisted Leader LNC(SW/AW) Nina A. Kettles

Again, as a courtesy, please contact me if you plan to attend so we can continue to give the best count possible to our cook and staff.



CDR Richard Hart



CMDCM(SS) Norman Clarke



The rest of the pictures can be viewed here: <https://link.shutterfly.com/M19WJYb4HSb>

HOLLAND CLUB 2025 2025 Holland Club Ceremony is rapidly approaching. We are just about a month away. Our final list has 41 inductees for our ceremony on 7 June 2025, 34 of which are attending and will be on the stage.

The following is the remaining Meeting Schedule for 2025

*Tue 06 May 25 10:30 am SUBASE

Tue 22 May 25 4:00 pm Clubhouse

*SUBASE Meetings to be held at SUBASE HQ, Ramage Hall, Building 86, Commanding Officer's Conference Room

There will also be a Full Rehearsal, and a Tech Run following the meeting on 22 May. Also there will be a Hot Wash scheduling to be determined in the weeks after the ceremony.

Finally, in closing I would like to thank the following individuals who have donated to this year's Holland Club Ceremony: Obie Hill, Mikey Allen and Al Kinsall who recently gave back their 50/50 winnings at the Holland Club Luncheon as a donation. Also, the following people who have made donations to cover the cost of the ceremony and reception. Your donations are greatly appreciated, and every dollar goes to covering the expenses involved in this undertaking. Patrick Boyle; Linda Burwell; Alfred DeSimone; Joseph DiLuzio; David Dvorak; Dale Flemming; Steve Garmon; Wayne Gates; Barry Gillen; Ronald Giuliano; Jim Hedtke; Rex Henderson; Dan Hubert; Charles Kappelman; Doug Kostlan; Dennis Latz; James Lavoie; Stan Miller; Robert Nelson; Richard Poole; Robert Stevens; Scott Thompson and John Wallace; Richard Wojtowicz

John "Gumba" Carcioppolo

Holland Club Chair (860) 514 – 7064

Holland@ussvibroton.org

COLOR GUARD

Bob Sharpe

On Saturday April 19, 2025, the color guard presented the colors at the USSVI Groton Base Thresher Memorial Service held at the Submarine Veterans World War II National Memorial East, Groton, CT.

The Color Guard has been requested to present the colors at the USSVI Groton Base's Memorial Day and USS Scorpion Memorial Service, on Monday May 26, 2025.

This event is being held at the Submarine Veterans World War II National Memorial East, Groton, CT., starting at 11:00 am. We will muster at 10:30 a.m. I would like to have six (6) flag carriers for this event.

Preferred Uniform:	Black pants	White shirt, long sleeve	SubVet Dolphin tie
SubVet vest	Black shoes	Garrison cap.	

Please let me know if you are planning to attend this event and can support being part of this detail.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Vacant

RENEW NOW FOR 2025

Reminder that it is time to renew annual membership. If you are a USSVI Life member you still owe Groton Base dues (unless you are Groton Base Life). If you are trying to find out if you are a Member in good standing, drop me a line commander@ussvigroton.org. Here is the link to renew your memberships.

[Dues Renewal | USSVI Groton](#)

New rates \$80 /year (\$40 USSVI National and \$40 Groton Base).



Membership Update

Members – 1094
Life National Members – 861
Base Life Members - 366
Holland Club – 640
Associate Members – 59

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

USSVI GROTON BASE “SILENT SERVICE”

Michael Hodges

Since last month's report I've responded to seven new inquiries and mailed applications to three of those (one member and two former submariners) who are joining USSVI Groton Base.

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'm also listed on our USSVI Groton Website under:
<https://www.ussvigroton.org/linksofinterest>.

Applications are available at the clubhouse next to the bulletin board in the pumphoom.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Greg Kane

Help a Shipmate's Family Member Succeed

Receiving a scholarship sponsored by a family member can have profound psychological and financial impacts on a student. Psychologically, it can instill a deep sense of gratitude and motivation, knowing that a loved one believes in their potential and is willing to invest in their future. This support can boost the student's confidence and reduce the stress associated with financial burdens, allowing them to focus more on their studies and personal growth. Financially, the scholarship alleviates the pressure of tuition fees and other educational expenses, enabling students to pursue their academic goals without the constant worry of debt. This financial relief can also open opportunities for students to engage in extracurricular activities, internships, or other experiences that enrich their education and career prospects. Overall, such a scholarship can be a transformative gift, fostering emotional well-being and academic Success.

Please donate today by sending your contribution made payable to the Groton Base Scholarship Fund and mail to 40 School Street, Groton, CT 06340.

Scholarship applications are now being accepted, and the forms are located on the Groton Base website at <https://www.ussvigroton.org/scholarship-info>.

Drop off or mail your donation made payable to Groton Base Scholarship Fund. 40 School Street, Groton, CT 06340.



May is a busy month for the Memorial. Sprucing up the flower beds, planting flowers, and prepping for Memorial Day. When the request for volunteers to support the cleanup and the planting please volunteer your time. We're all old, tired, and busy and it can't be left to the few.

GSM NEWS: VOL 2, ISSUE 1

USS GROTON SAIL MONUMENT NEWS

Mission Statement: Dedicated to the men and women who design, build, operate, and maintain our Nation's submarines and the families and communities who support them.

[View our video](#)

Electric Boat and USS Groton Sail Foundation Announce Partnership in Support of Monument

The USS Groton Sail Foundation recently announced its partnership with Electric Boat. Electric Boat, a General Dynamics Company, will donate 25,000 hours of labor to be used in the restoration of the sail and rudder which will be the centerpiece of the Groton Sail Monument. These hours represent approximately \$2,500,000 in donated labor costs.

“Without this generous donation of time and talent, construction of this monument would not be possible,” said John Padgett, Chairman of the USS Groton Sail Foundation. “This donation is a critical step in helping to recognize these men and women and we are incredibly grateful for the partnership with Electric Boat and their generous gift.”

“We are honored to help restore USS GROTON's sail to its former glory as it was originally built by Electric Boat prior to being commissioned in 1978,” said Mark Rayha, President of Electric Boat. “Electric Boat is enjoying a period of once-in-a-generation growth. Giving our shipbuilders-in-training the opportunity to work on this historic namesake mutually benefits Electric Boat and our region. Once complete, the proposed monument will serve as a beautiful site for visitors and residents alike to learn about submarines and the Silent Service while reflecting on the contributions made by all to our Nation's defense.”

Preparing A Home for Monument Fundraising Efforts Full Steam Ahead

With the news EB' generous gift, the USS Groton Sail Foundation, is well over the halfway mark in its fundraising goal and is vigorously engaged in seeking individual and corporate gifts. To meet the rising costs of construction and an endowment for future maintenance we have our eyes set on raising another 2 million. That leaves us with plenty to do. If you're interested in donating or helping with the effort, visit our website at www.grotonsail.com.

[Click Here To Make A Donation](#)

How can you support the project?

Sponsor A Tree

Our site plan calls for 13 trees each of which can be purchased to honor someone special. To date 9 of those trees have been purchased at a cost of \$10,000 each. Who has purchased them? Families, businesses and individuals

have purchased trees to honor loved ones or to show the support of a business or family. For information on purchasing a tree, visit our website at www.grotonsail.com.

SPONSOR A TREE

Buy A PAVER

Don't forget to put your own name or the name of a loved one on one of our pavers. In the years to come, you and your loved ones will take particular pleasure in finding the paver and knowing that their contribution isn't forgotten. Choose from one of ten logos and add your own text. Whether you want to memorialize your own efforts or those of a friend, co-worker, or loved one, you can purchase a paver which will be part of the walkway.

[Buy A Paver](#)

Looking For Volunteers

We are currently in need of volunteers to assist us in donor research, assembling and mailing promotional material, along with fundraising efforts. You do not necessarily need to live in the Groton area. Click on the link below and tell us where and how you would like to help.

[Sign Up To Volunteer](#)

From the desk of USSVI Groton Base Veterans Affairs**HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR VA BENEFITS?****DON'T KNOW IF YOU QUALIFY FOR VA BENEFITS?**

Contact Brian Hague, USSVI Groton Base Veterans Affairs Representative (860)237-7323.

brian.hague@ussvigroton.org

Hey Navy, we're getting closer to warmer weather. I have intel on the parking garage at West Haven VA, finish date is the end of Feb. Now they didn't say what year, but hopefully it's this one.

Don't get caught off guard when it comes to newer VA log-in requirements.

<https://news.va.gov/133159/prepare-for-vas-secure-sign-in-changes/>

What to stay active without the crazy workout? <https://news.va.gov/131368/five-virtual-resources-older-veterans-active/>

Some good news for World War II Veterans. [All WWII Veterans are now eligible for VA health care - VA News](#)

The Department of Veterans Affairs issued a proposed rule outlining plan to expand the locations and time frames for which VA presumes exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides.

<https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-presumes-exposure-agent-orange-herbicides/>

VA launches new nationwide surgery initiative. <https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-launches-new-surgery-initiative-across-the-nation-a-critical-step-to-saving-the-lives-of-veterans-considering-surgery/>

For those who like to track the West Haven Campus during the renovations, I'll leave up the link to the final Environmental Assessment Report from Dec 2022 it includes campus overlay: [VA OCFM - West Haven VAMC - NEPA Final Environmental Assessment - December 2022](#)

"The more you sweat in peacetime, the less you bleed in war." Get ahead of your final wishes and plan now for what you want. Do it now and no worries. [VA expands burial benefits for Veterans and their families](#)

Looking forward to travelling, but with a good deal. Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC) might be for you and your family. <https://news.va.gov/124422/armed-forces-vacation-club-for-veterans/>

Are you a high-tech Sailor? The VA put out a helpful link to navigate their Apps. [How to use cool features in VA's official mobile app - VA News](#)

Here is an Oct 2019 study from the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory on Submarine Medicine. [An Overview of the Unique Field of Submarine Medicine \(dtic.mil\)](#)

Remember, if you want to see other info related to submarine medical issues let me know and I will track it down and post it. Hope to see you at the club!

<https://www.va.gov/>

Always a good place to start.

[Home - My HealtheVet - My HealtheVet \(va.gov\)](#)

Track your appointments, meds and more.

[Military and Veteran Benefits, News, Veteran Jobs | Military.com](#)

This is a great website for info on any Military and Veteran related.



"No one stands so tall as when they stop to help a child."

Abraham Lincoln



Since 2009, at child health care facilities throughout Connecticut, the Groton Base's Kaps 4 Kids Program has brought Comfort and Joy to over 2,500 sick Kids and their families!



These Children need caring attention, as much joy as we can give them, and reminders that they are so much more than their disease or condition.



We plan to continue this program as long as there are sick Kids in need of our support.

We visit Kids at **Yale New Haven Children's Hospital**, **The Connecticut Children's Medical Center**, **Yale New Haven Hospital's 2 Child Psychiatric Units**, **The Ronald McDonald House** and **The Connecticut Hospice**. We continue to explore visiting Kids at other Connecticut child health care facilities.



We have Fun with the Kids and give them Honorary Submariner Certificates, Ball Kaps, Tattoos, Challenge Coins, Wrist Bands and Teddy Bears. They also receive a Nautilus Submarine Photo signed by our K4K Team, a Silent Service Coloring Book, a map showing the location of all US Submarine Museums, and information brochures from the USS Nautilus Submarine Museum and the WWII Submarine Memorial in Groton, CT.

We give them Therapeutic Relaxing Heart Shaped Squeeze Balls with the image of a Submarine stamped on them. These are always a big hit, and we had fun playing throw and catch, handing them out.

We also let them know that they would get a Special Tour and a USS Nautilus Challenge Coin from Active-Duty Submariners if they visit the free USS Nautilus Submarine Museum.

JOIN US IN BRINGING JOY TO SICK KIDS!



K4K: INFO / VIDEO / DONATE

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

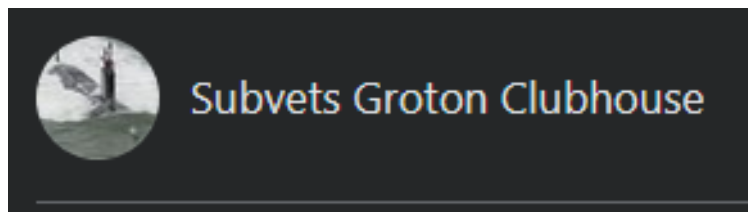
If the above link does not work, try copying and pasting it into your browser.

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

Public Affairs Officer (oao@ussvigroton.org)

Jim Lawton

Recently I was asked via the Website how a member can get information about changes and events that USSVIGroton holds. A great deal of information is posted on our Facebook Account – Look for .



However, you should also know that Events and are posted in the Clubhouse on the Raspberry display above the cash register, On the opening splash page of our website <https://www.ussvigroton.org> , and on our Events page <https://www.ussvigroton.org/events>.



Something else of note, we now have a new ATM in the Clubhouse courtesy of Navy Federal!

USSVI GROTON BASE MAY BIRTHDAY LIST

Happy Birthday To All Who Continue To Celebrate

Allan C.	Wirkala	05/01	Andrae N.	Williams	05/16
Brian	Baldwin	05/02	Kathleen	Clapp	05/17
Sanford E.	Cook III	05/02	Gilbert	Peel	05/17
Joseph S.	Diedrich	05/02	Peter	Berns Jr.	05/18
Howard R.	Hall	05/02	Thomas Michael	Bircumshaw	05/18
Robert	Walker	05/02	Larry Lee	Bright	05/18
John B.	Atkinson	05/03	Joseph J.	Hawkins	05/18
Raymond	Johnson	05/03	Ryan	Kostritza	05/18
Leo F.	Miller	05/03	John	Proctor	05/18
Harold G.	Bushar	05/04	Guy	French	05/19
Forrest	Cramer	05/05	Paul A.	Johnson	05/19
James	Henry	05/05	Hugo J.	Klungler III	05/19
Tom	Grove	05/06	Richard L.	Fiske	05/20
John R.	Huff	05/06	Brian K.	Morley	05/20
Raymond J.	Mitchell	05/06	Brian H.	Gibb	05/21
David R.	Seavers	05/06	Philip C.	Patch	05/21
Michael M.	Dunn	05/07	Jerry M.	Tosh	05/21
Paul M.	Savage	05/07	Skylar A.	Anderson	05/22
Albert S.	Jones	05/08	Michael J.	O'Connor	05/22
Douglas A.	Wright	05/08	Robert A.	Strohl Jr.	05/22
Ralph	Tacey	05/09	George E.	Edwards II	05/23
Cecil J.	Wayles	05/09	Edward T.	Lyons	05/23
Larry M.	Williamson	05/09	Richard R.	Atkins	05/24
Kent R.	Brannon	05/10	Hugh L.	Bell Jr.	05/24
Albert	Mancini	05/10	John F.	Hall Jr.	05/24
David E.	Weller	05/10	Arnold L.	Miliefsky	05/24
Richard E.	Wojtowicz	05/10	James	Gilly	05/25
Michael E.	Bost	05/11	Brian J.	Hague	05/25
John W.	Silvers	05/11	Kenneth H.	Johnson	05/25
Matthew R.	Sweet	05/11	Edwin J.	Maguire	05/25
Seth E.	Williams	05/11	David	Allen	05/26
Edward	Berry	05/12	Justin T.	Hendrix	05/26
Thomas D.	Fritz	05/12	Owen John	Jackson Jr.	05/26
Dennis R.	Latz	05/12	William M.	Marion	05/26
Kevin D.	McCarthy	05/12	Richard	Petsch	05/26
Robert F.	Dougherty	05/13	Stanley A.	Cardinal	05/27
Mark J.	Matkovick	05/13	Bryan	Lockett	05/27
John E.	McGunnigle	05/13	Matthew B.	Andersen	05/29

Jonie B.	Hollis	05/14	Tyler J.	Craven	05/29
Marty L.	Pyburn	05/14	Bruce F.	Putinas	05/29
Paul J.	Roggemann, Jr.	05/14	Steven	Bournique	05/30
Roy	Cruickshank	05/15	John	Abel	05/31
Jason P.	Steward	05/15	John P.	Chetney	05/31
Robert J.	Washington Jr.	05/15	Booth	James R.	05/31
Tom	Gendreau	05/16			
Stanley	Lintner	05/16			

USSVI GROTON BASE MARCH ETERNAL PATROL LIST

05/06/1998	Charles	Leonberger	05/01/2019	Charles	Fletcher
05/17/2000	Joseph	Flatley	05/15/2019	Richard	Harrison
05/02/2001	Edward	Awezec	05/17/2019	Terrance	Pendergast
05/01/2003	Matthew	Chiappone	05/08/2020	Donald	O'Connor
05/01/2003	Michael	McFadden	05/17/2020	Jerry	Bauer
05/18/2003	James	Allen	05/05/2022	Arthur	Richardson Sr.
05/13/2004	R. H.	White	05/08/2022	Sterling "Jack"	Higgins
05/13/2005	Peter	George	05/18/2022	Samuel	Brody
05/15/2005	Wayne	Smith	05/18/2022	Charles	Williams
05/24/2005	John	Espeleta	05/14/2023	Edward "Don"	Porter
05/29/2005	Ronald	Rosa	05/16/2023	Robert	Kuemper
05/01/2006	Robert	Braman	05/25/2023	Norman	Main
05/02/2006	Adam	Balwierczak	05/27/2023	Slayton	Marshall
05/07/2006	Angelo	Galli	05/30/2023	William	McGann
05/19/2006	Julio	De Los Santos	05/02/2024	Michael	Gallagher
05/03/2007	Paul	Drucker	05/12/2024	James	Montgomery
05/05/2007	Arthur	Achtemeier			
05/04/2008	George	Foster			
05/06/2008	Robert	Ruple			
05/14/2008	James	Mulholland			
05/01/2009	Floyd	Ellis			

05/06/2009	Roy	Lyons
05/30/2009	Donn	LaForce
05/05/2010	Arthur	Maccini, Jr.
05/09/2010	Ray	Sanborn
05/09/2011	Frederick	Milbrandt
05/13/2011	John	Cook
05/21/2011	William	Andersen
05/21/2011	Robert	Burr
05/28/2011	Christoper	Corona
05/31/2011	Pedro	Catubig
05/02/2012	Barry	Swafford
05/04/2012	Horace	Lamb, Jr.
05/10/2012	Michael	Skurat
05/12/2012	John	Wynn
05/13/2012	Robert	Gross, III
05/23/2012	Thomas	Farnon
05/31/2013	Alfred	Charette
05/04/2014	Charles	Gates
05/22/2015	Albert	Baciocco, Jr.
05/04/2016	Mike	Cuseo
05/01/2017	John	Gantnier
05/31/2017	Robert	Lindsay
05/01/2018	Richard	Kvietkus
05/09/2018	Frederick	Block



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

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

Make him welcome and take him by the hand. You'll find without a doubt he was the best in all the land.

So heavenly Father add his name to the roll of our departed shipmates still on patrol. Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memories alive.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

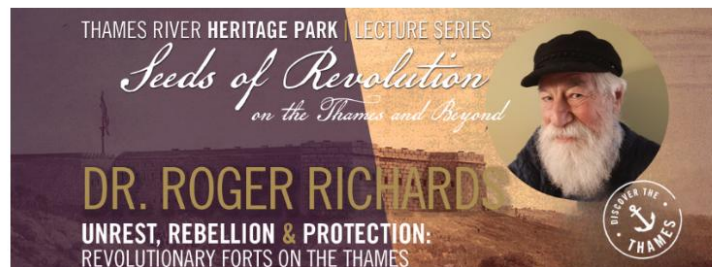
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Thames River Heritage Park

ONE RIVER. A THOUSAND STORIES.



MAY IN THE PARK



2025 TRHP Lecture Series

Wednesday, May 14

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London

Thames River Heritage Park, New London County Historical Society and Lyman Allyn Art Museum are pleased to present the 2025 Lecture Series: "Seeds of Revolution on the Thames and Beyond."

Final Lecture:

May 14th: Unrest, Rebellion and Protection with Dr. Roger Richards

A reception featuring wine and light hors d'oeuvres will kick off each evening at 6pm and the lecture will promptly follow at 7pm.

Score a discounted ticket price with an active membership with TRHP, LAAM or NLCMS. Early-bird rates also apply one week prior to the lecture!

Evening Hours at the Museum

First Thursday

THU, MAY 1 | 5-8PM

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London

Enjoy FREE admission while exploring the galleries and getting creative. This month's craft is *Light and Shadow*: use charcoal to practice representing light and shadow with the museum's still-life set-up or make something of your own. Guests of all ages are invited to join our monthly evening art night led by a member of the Learning & Engagement Department.



MORE INFO

Bring Your Best Onstage

Open Mic Night

THU, MAY 1 | 5:30-7PM

Hygienic Art, New London

Poetry, comedy, spoken word...all talents are welcome to participate. Comedians and poets can hit the stage for a 5-minute time slot. Musicians can perform 2 songs total. There is no cover charge, but donations are always appreciated. First Thursday of each month and hosted by Hygienic artists.



MORE INFO

Garde Arts Center

Performance Theater in New London, Connecticut

All Events | Garde Arts Center (click for more info)

The banner features a cartoon illustration of four women in tropical attire (hawaiian shirts, leis, and swimwear) dancing on a beach. A pink flamingo is also part of the illustration. In the background, there's a blue ocean with a white life preserver and a white sailboat. The text on the banner reads: "Menopause The Musical 2: Cruising Through 'The Change'® WED, APR 30, 2025 | 7:30 PM". Below the main illustration, there are four smaller images: a group of people, a large crowd, a person in a boat, and two people sitting. The website navigation bar at the top includes links for EVENTS, VISIT, RENT, SUPPORT, EDUCATION, and ABOUT, along with a "Donate" button and a "Get Email Updates" link.

Nautilus Submarine Force Museum

The poster is titled "YOUR SERVICE IS NEEDED TODAY!" in large, bold, black and red letters. Above the title is a red banner with the words "Join our Team". Below the title, it says "HISTORIC SHIP NAUTILUS SSN-571" and "SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM (SFM) IS ACTIVELY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO SERVE AS DOCENTS." The poster lists the primary responsibilities of the docent, including greeting people, giving guided tours, and coordinating with the staff. It also mentions that the docent watch is normally a 4-hour commitment. The poster includes contact information for the Officer in Charge and SFM Director, the Docent Coordinator and Security Manager, the Event Scheduling and Museum Use Requests, the Education Director (Acting), and the Research and Archives. At the bottom, there is a logo for the US Navy Submarine Force Museum and a photo of the Nautilus submarine in the water. The poster is decorated with a vertical strip of stars on the left and a vertical strip of stripes on the right.

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

SINCE THE SHIPS DRYDOCK OVERHAUL IN 2022

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

POINTS OF CONTACT:

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USS Nautilus (SSN 571)

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

The Chapel On The Thames



The Chapel on the Thames (COT) is located aboard Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton and offers both Protestant and Roman Catholic worship services for active-duty retired veterans and their families. The COT was originally conceived and constructed as a memorial to submariners, Officers and Enlisted who lost their lives in the service of their country during the Second World War. The COT was opened on December 3, 1944, 80 years ago and in it you will find many submarine related themes including beautiful stained-glass windows and pews labeled with brass plates to

memorialize specific submarines from World War II.

All with base access are welcome to participate in scheduled services which are on Sundays as follows: Protestant Service at 9:30 AM and Roman Catholic Mass at 11:30 AM. COT is located directly across the parking lot from Dealey Center movie theater. We hope you will take the time to visit us at this historic chapel.”