



USSVI Groton Base
Membership
Meeting Minutes 02 December 2024



The meeting was called to order by Base Commander S. Ricard at 1820.

In attendance (in person (28) and Zoom (6)) for a total of 34 members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kirk Haugland.

Opening prayer was by Base Chaplin Earl Colella.

SUBVETS CREED was led by BC S. Ricard.

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

BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING.

BASE COMMANDER STEVE RICARD – Discussed Thanksgiving Dinner at the Clubhouse. Kim did a fantastic job in preparation of meal deliveries to various Police Departments in the area along with 750 meals to go and 250 meals served at the clubhouse.

Introduced and recognized New Members & First Meeting participants: 1

Recognized National Officers present:

Recognized Former Base Commanders present:

Recognized WWII Members present:

Recognized Holland Club Members present: Many

Recognized Chris Quijada Distinguished Member of the Year Award: R. Cheatham, C. McMullen

Recognized past Joe Negri Recipients: J. Carcioppolo

Recognized Robert Link Recipients:

• **PRESENTATIONS:** None.

Base Treasurer Report – Charlie Murray – Pretty good year, we had three fund raisers (Annual Appeal, Holland Club and Thanksgiving). Letters have been sent out to recognize people who have donated cash, pies and turkeys.

Base Secretary Report – David Frease

The Minutes for the 04 November 2024 Membership meeting were approved without objection.

Correspondence to Report – None.

Discussed Bylaws for upcoming nominations for new Base Commander, Treasurer, and Junior Vice Comander. The Election Master 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.



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Nominations will remain open until April 15th.

Sr. Vice Commander Report: Robert Perritt – Nothing to Report.

Jr. Vice Commander Report: Paul Skalski

December 3 – Decorate Subvets Clubhouse – Need Volunteers

December 15th – Pancakes with Santa at the Clubhouse

December 17th – Holland Club Meeting

December 24/25 – Clubhouse Closed

January Dinner – Date TBD

January 5 – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Need Volunteer

IAW USSVI National Web Site Membership is:

Total Membership: 1143

Holland Club: 629

Associate Members: 74

National Life Members: 849

Groton Base Life Members: 322

NRED1 UPDATE:

Jeff Walsh reminded members that there is a National Election and don't forget to vote for National Officers.

National Convention will be in Cleveland, Ohio August 20-24, 2024

Commended Al Kinsall for Service to SUBVETS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAPLAIN: Reported on Eternal Patrol for the month of November.

COLOR GUARD: Reported on honors details performed. What we do matters to the families of the Veterans that we honor.

EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM COORDINATOR: (Jim Weaver)

SMALL STORES: Alex Doucette – Have plenty of Blue and Gold Hats, Coins.

SUB SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHEDULE: STEVE RICARD – "A" Schools – Lots of Blanks in the upcoming Graduation Schedule. If available please sign up.



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DMV LIAISON: Need Volunteer – if no one steps up the Subvets plate program may be discontinued by DMV.

HOLLAND CLUB: John Carcioppolo – December 17th luncheon for Holland Club Members.

KAPS4KIDS: Bob Dulin – Spoke and showed a video presentation.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Marian Galbraith

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER: Jim Lawton – Nothing to report.

VETERANS AFFAIRS: Brian Hague –

WEST PORT: Paul Grammer – Next Meeting is January 02 at Port 5.

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS – NONE.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

CLOSING EVENTS:

Meeting Attendance Drawing Winner: Coin to Harold Haugland Winner.

50/50 DRAWING – \$143.00/\$72.00 to Bob Fedder. Donated to Building Fund.

CLOSING PRAYER – SVGB Chaplain – Earl Colello

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1940

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Frease, Base Secretary

Approved:

by the membership present and voting.