



USSVI Groton Base
Membership
Meeting Minutes 04 August 2025



The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander Steve Ricard at 1830.

In attendance (in person (19) and Zoom (11)) for a total of 30 members.

Kirk Haugland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Base Chaplin led the opening prayer.

The Base 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 COMMANDER STEVE RICARD

Introduced and recognized New Members & First Meeting participants:

Recognized National Officers present:

Recognized Former Base Commanders present: A. Kinsall, J. Carcioppolo, S. Mathis

Recognized WWII Members present:

Recognized Holland Club Members present: Many.

Recognized Chris Quijada Distinguished Member of the Year Award:

Recognized past Joe Negri Recipients: J. Carcioppolo

Recognized Robert Link Recipients:

• PRESENTATIONS: NONE

Anyone interested in a Coats of Valor See Steve after the meeting.

How many would like to get the Connecticut Veterans Wartime Service Medal – See Steve for an application.

Anyone interested in attending the 37th Anniversary of the WWII Submarine Veterans Widows Memorial Ceremony in Kings Bay, Ga. Steve has the applications. Starts November 4th and runs through Saturday the 8th.

We do not have a cook for the month of August. Will bring in a celebrity cook to serve Hot Dogs and Hamburgers 11:00 – 3:00. Need to get the freezer in the kitchen replaced.

USSVI Barb Base crew that does a cruise (part of a cruise line) onboard the Horizon – 8 nights - Caribbean April 11 – 19, 2026. Flyer posted on bulletin board.

Base Treasurer Report – Charlie Murray –

Passed out and explained the Jan – Aug Profit and Loss Report.

Base Secretary Report – David Frease

The Minutes for the 04 August 2025 Membership meeting were approved by the members present without objection.

Correspondence to Report – None.



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Sr. Vice Commander Report – Robert Perritt

Budget forms need to be filled out prior to Sept meeting.

Jr. Vice Commander Report – Jim Lawton

Karaoke Night will be Friday, 08 August.
 Calendar of Events will posted throughout Clubhouse
 Chief Selectees will be up here rather than in the bar/dining room area.
 New London Military Appreciation Day – August 16 at Ocean Beach Park.

NERD UPDATE – Jeff Walsh

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Steve Ricard)

DATA PROVIDED FROM USSVI NATIONAL DATA BASE

Total Membership:	1130
National Life Members:	865
Groton Base Life Members:	376
Holland Club:	648
Associate Members:	63

- SUB SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHEDULE: (Steve Ricard)
- CHAPLAIN: Reported on members departed on Eternal Patrol.
- HOLLAND CLUB: John Carcioppolo

Lunch

Total Meals	70
Total Income	
Meals	\$ 1050.00
50/50	\$320.00
Donation	\$ 160.00 Back
Total	\$ 1390.00

Total Expenses

Meals (\$10 x 61)	\$ 700.00
Gratuity (\$1 x 50)	\$ 70.00
50/50	\$ 160.00
Total	\$ 770.00

Net Deposited \$ 620.00

UPCOMING HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHES



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19 Aug Guest Speaker Captain Kenneth Curtin, CO Naval Submarine Base and CMDCM(SS) Gary Stephenson. The menu will be hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, and potato salad.

23 September Guest Speaker Mike Holland, Retired Rear Admiral.

Please note the date. Our Holland Club Luncheons are normally on the third Tuesday of the month. However, because of the Chief Petty Officer Pinning's throughout the day on 16 September, I have moved the September Holland Club Luncheon back a week. This is for September only. In October we will go back to the third Tuesday of the month.

HOLLAND CLUB 2026

We are already starting our planning for the 2026 HOLLAND Club Induction Ceremony. 34 people have been identified so far to be inducted into the HOLLAND Club.

At a recent meeting with the SUBASE Leadership Team it was agreed that the 2026 Ceremony will be on Saturday, 06 June 2026. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly.

- HONORS DETAIL (John Carcioppolo)
- COLOR GUARD: (Bob Sharpe) No Requests this month. Tolling of Boats – Labor Day, September 6 at the WWII Memorial East.
- EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM COORDINATOR: (Jim Weaver)
- SMALL STORES: (Alex Doucette) – Plenty of T-Shirts
- DOCENTS (Artie Gager)
- DMV LIAISON: (Michael Hodges)
- KAPS4KIDS: (John Riley) Visited Hartford and Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital
- MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: (Marian Galbraith)
- PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER: (Jim Lawton)
- SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Greg Kane)
- VETERANS AFFAIRS: (Brian Hague) Be careful of scams through Text Messages. VA still looking for Middletown Cemetery space.
- WEST PORT: (Paul Grammer) Next Meeting is September 4th, 1830, at Port 5.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS – NONE.



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GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Part of 250 Anniversary – Thames River Heritage Park wants to have some events next year – called Freedom, Victories, Promises and Potentials of 1776. Put together Think Tank Committee and see what we can do. Thinking Turtle.

Applications for the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame are available on the CT Web site. If you would like to nominate someone for that go to the website and start working on it.

CLOSING EVENTS:

Meeting Attendance Drawing Winner: 2025 Coin to Dave Frease

50/50 DRAWING Winner: \$54.00/\$55.00 to Rob Davis – Donated to Kaps 4 Kids Teddy Bear Fund

CLOSING PRAYER – SVGB Chaplain

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1940

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Frease, Base Secretary

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