

Membership Meeting

Minutes Rev. a
2026-08-03

**USSVI Groton Base**

860.445.5262
40 School St., Groton CT

CALL TO ORDER:

Base Commander (BC) (Steve Ricard) called the meeting to order at (1830). A quorum was present. Members in attendance (23). ZOOM Attendance (9). Pledge of Allegiance was led by (Kirk Haugland). Opening prayer by Base Chaplain (Chaplain Earl Colella). SUBVETS Creed was led by (BC Steve Ricard). Tolling of the Boats presented by JVC (Jim Lawton).

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

RECOGNITION OF VIP AND GUESTS:

Introduced and recognized New Members & First Meeting participants
Recognized National Officers
Recognized former Base Commanders
Recognized WWII Members present
Recognized Holland Club Members
Recognized Chris Quijada Distinguished Member of the year
Recognized Joe Negri Recipients
Recognized Robert Link Recipients

MEMBERSHIP SOUND-OFF:**BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING:****EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS:****BC REPORT:**

BC Ricard stated that Connecticut Maritime Heritage Festival is being held September 11, 12, 13. On the 9-11 will have a flag retirement ceremony on City Pier. 9-13 SUBVETS will conduct a Tolling of the Boats ceremony. Also, a reception hosted by Outer Light will follow at their business in Groton on Bridge Street.

BC announced New London Veterans Affairs will be hosting its annual Military Appreciation Day at Ocean Beach Park in New London. All veterans and active duty and their families can enter the park free by showing their ID at the gate.

TREASURERS REPORT:

BT announced that all bills are paid, the Dining room carpet has been replaced. He is checking into runners to save high traffic areas. This year's Annual Appeal has been completed and he wishes to thank all contributors who donated so generously. He reiterated that it is his intent it is intended to start renovating ladies' room at the end of August.

SECRETARY REPORT/ARCHIVES:

Minutes for the July membership meeting were approved without objection. Submitted to Webmaster to post on SUBVETS website. There was no correspondence to report.

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BS reports that our organization bylaws are due for a review to bring the document up to the way USSVI Groton Base does its business. I will be asking committee chairs to review their content in the bylaws as well as their respective Policy & Procedure manuals to make changes to reflect the current way they are conducting committee business. I intend to set up a subcommittee of 3 to 5 members to perform this much-needed review. If anyone would like to work with me in supporting this effort, please see me after tonight's meeting, text or call me at 860-460-0027. This subcommittee will attempt to present all changes, corrections, and deletions to the EBoard by the end of this calendar year.

Please remember to vote for our national officers.

He also requested members in attendance to sign the membership meeting attendance sheet. These numbers are very important because National requires an annual report on base attendance.

SR. VICE REPORT:

SVC mentioned most of his attention was to support the Old Salts Pig Roast. He noted that attendance was not as good as in past years but states the event was a success.

JR. VICE REPORT:

JVC reiterated an appeal to the membership to read BOAT NOTES to know what's going on at SUBVETS, Visit the Website calendar, be informed for club events and brunches. The meeting agenda's and minutes are posted on the website for your convenience.

He also reminded members to be conscious about spills on the new carpeting in the Tom Connors dining room.

NATIONAL OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Jeff Walsh reported on the upcoming election. All portions are running unopposed. Most important matter before the members is to vote in favor of the bylaw change regarding providing Associate members LIFE membership. He also mentioned that base dues to national needs to be updated. Finally, he reminded that the national convention in Corpus Christi TX Sept 6-12.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**MEMBERSHIP:** Jim Radie

Category	June	July	Aug
Total Membership	1047	1049	1049
National Life Membership	858	809	
Groton Base Life Membership	404	404	

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Holland Club Membership	657	657	
Associate Membership	61	61	

SUBSCHOL GRADUATION SCHEDULE: BC Ricard

BC Ricard continues to make an appeal to the membership for members to step forward to assume leadership of the committee.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Earl Colella/John Carcioppolo**Honors Detail**

EN2(SS) Dale MacKay Departed on Eternal Patrol on 27 May. Honors were held on 12 June. Present were John Carcioppolo, Alex Ducette, Bob Dulin, Dennis Hopkins, Mark Kashar, Bob Sharpe, Joe Wread

FTCM(SS) Robert "Bob" Edward Christina Departed on Eternal Patrol on 11 July. Honors were held on 19 Jul. Present were John Carcioppolo, Earl Colella,

Rob Davis, Alex Ducette, Bob Dulin, David Gustafson, Al Kinsall, Steve Ricard and Bob Sharpe

EMCS(SS) Albert A. Osswald III Departed on Eternal Patrol on 24 June. No Honors Detail were Held

Eternal Light

Sadly we lost the following spouses of members this last month

Janice Stern Wife of Mark Stern entered Eternal Life on 4 July 2026.

Ella Mae Kuzel Widow of Norm Kuzel entered Eternal Life on 4 July 2026

Alice Gallimore Widow of Jack Gallimore entered Eternal Life on 12 July 2026

Our deepest condolences to our members and their families.

Kenneth King Jones Husband of Marian Galbraith entered Eternal Life on 4 July 2026. Honors Detail has been requested for the Celebration of Life Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 11:00 am at the Groton Lodge of Elks, 700 Shennecossett Road in Groton.

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HOLLAND CLUB: John Carcioppolo

Jul Lunch

Total Meals 65 total includes 5 comps

Total Income

Meals \$900

50/50 \$260

Donation \$70

Total \$1230

Total Expenses

Meals (\$10 x 65) \$650

Gratuities (\$1 x 50) \$50

50/50 \$130

Total \$845

Net \$385

21 July Guest Speaker – We had a great luncheon in July with 65 people in attendance. Commander Daniel W. Goodwin CO, USS SOUTH DAKOTA (SSN 790) was the guest speaker. He was accompanied by XO LCDR Jacqueline “Juggernaut” M. Penichet and COB ITRCS(SS) Jonathan E. Nogaj. All three are top performers in our Submarine Force and the CO was a ball of positive energy. He spoke a great deal about his crew on SDK and how they are continuing our legacy. Tonja Strobe who won \$130

A special thank you to Jim and Angie Lawton and Heather Norton. In the absence of SUBSCHOOL Students with help from the SDK COB they put on the luncheon and fed everyone. It was an outstanding effort on their part.

UPCOMING HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHESES

- 18 August Guest Speaker – Mayor Jill Rusk, Mayor City of Groton
- 15 September Guest Speaker – CO/COB PCU ARIZONA (SSN 803)
- 20 October Guest Speaker – Damien Cregeau the author of "Portraits of Patriots"

HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHEON RSVP Cut off Thursday 13 August.

HOLLAND CLUB 2027 We have confirmed and locked in the date for the 2027 Holland Club Induction Ceremony. We are a go for Saturday 5 June 2027 on SUBASE New London at Dealey Center Theatre.. Invite has been sent to the CNO Admiral Caudle



COLOR GUARD REPORT: Bob Sharpe

Reported on the 4th of July parade, thanking all who participated.

EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM: Jim Weaver

No report

SMALL STORES: Alex Doucette

Chairman reported that he will be ordering SUBVET Jacket for sale to members. Anyone wishing to obtain one, please contact him.

DOCENT COORDINATOR: Al Kinsall

BC appointed Al Kinsall to this position

DMV LIAISON: Michael Hodges

No report

KAP (SS) 4 KIDS PROGRAM: John Riley

Bob Dulin reported that John is still south on a family matter.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Marion Galbraith

Dick Wornock reported that the memorial is in summer mode

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER: Jim Lawton

Again asked members to use the Website as a means for obtaining what is going on at the clubhouse.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Greg Kane

Latest in formation is on Boat notes.

VETERAN AFFAIRS: Brian Hague

Chairman Hague reported that the side entrance to the West Haven VA hospital parking garage is scheduled to be open for use. He also reported that on September 10-13 the Wall that Heals will be displayed in Putnam CT behind the Putnam High School.

WEST PORT SATGRP: Paul Grammer

No Report

STAN MATHIS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Paul Skalski

BC Ricard reported that Paul Skalski chairman will be stepping down. He appeals for someone to step forward and take over this very important committee.

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CLOSING EVENTS:

GOOD OF THE ORDER -

Jewett City VFW Tuesday evening TOCO Tuesday 4-7PM

17 Sept John C will induct 8 members of the George C. Marshall reunion into the Holland Club

Reminder that August 21 is New London Veterans Advisory committee coffee house. Includes full breakfast and camaraderie.

Attendance drawing (COIN/HAT)– Winner Bob Sharpe

50/50 Drawing Harold Haugland Donated winings \$68 back to the club.

Closing Prayer Chaplain Colella

Meeting adjourned: adjourned at 1937.

Submitted by: Alvin G. Kinsall, Base Secretary

Minutes Approved by membership:

Date:

NEXT MEETING September 14, 2026