



**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC**  
**USSVI GROTON BASE MEETING AGENDA**  
**06 NOVEMBER 2023**  
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**CALL TO ORDER:**

**a. ANNOUNCEMENTS (MUSTER SHEETS, EXITS, NO SMOKING)**

**b. ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED**

**2. OPENING EVENTS: (CHAPLAIN)**

a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

b. OPENING PRAYER –Base Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_

**3. USSVI CREED**

*TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE PURSUIT OF THEIR DUTIES WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. THAT THEIR DEDICATION, DEEDS, AND SUPREME SACRIFICE BE A CONSTANT SOURCE OF MOTIVATION TOWARD GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND TO PLEDGE LOYALTY AND PATRIOTISM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITS CONSTITUTION.*

**4. LOST BOATS**

**(TOLLING OF THE BOATS is being presented electronically by PAO (Jim Lawton)– please direct your attention to the screen on the stage)**

**5. INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION OF VIP AND GUESTS**

1. *New Members & First Meeting* \_\_\_\_\_

2. *National Officers* \_\_\_\_\_

3. *Former Base Commanders:* \_\_\_\_\_

4. *WWII Members:* \_\_\_\_\_

5. *HOLLAND Club Members* \_\_\_\_\_

6. *Chris Quijada Distinguished Member of the Year Award:* \_\_\_\_\_

7. *Past Joe Negri Recipients:* \_\_\_\_\_

8. *Robert Link Award Recipient:* \_\_\_\_\_

**6. PRESENTATIONS:**

**7. MEMBERSHIP SOUND OFF -**

Please stand and sound-off your name and year qualified.

**(Optional)**

Anyone qualified 1971 -1990 =

Qualified 1991 - 2020 =

Anyone qualified in 2021=

Associated Members =

**8. BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING** (All non-members are excused)

**a. COMMANDER/EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

- Thanksgiving Planning Briefing

**b. TREASURER’S REPORT:**

- Base Dues
- - bills and cash accounts
- - building improvements
- - national office relocation
- - thanksgiving appeal
- - building records and office cleaning
- Financial Report
- Capital Improvements Tracking

**d. SECRETARY REPORT:**

- Approval of minutes 02 OCT 2023
- Status of GB booth at the Retirement Seminar – Dealey Center and Morton Hall Gym.
- PLAN OF THE MONTH
- 2024 Election of officers
- Correspondence to report—None

**E. SR VICE COMMANDER REPORT:**

- **2024 BUDGET PRESENTATION TO MEMBERSHIP**

**F. JR VICE COMMANDER REPORT:**

**G. MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Jeff Flesher

*(Data provided from USSVI National Data Base)*

CATEGORY	NOV
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	1169
HOLLAND CLUB	613
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	74
NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERS	851

**H. NRED1 UPDATE:**

**I. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Boat Sponsorship (P. Skalski)
- Chaplain (Earl Colella/John Carcioppolo)

- Color Guard (Bob Sharpe)
- Eagle Scout Program Coordinator (Paul Orstad)
- Small Stores (Alex Doucette)
- Sub School Graduation Schedule (S. Ricard))
- Docents (Artie Gager)
- DMV Liaison (R. Rusczyk)
- Holland Club (R. Cheatham)
- Kap (SS) 4 Kid (SS) (J. Riley)
- Memorial Committee (M. Galbraith)
- Public Affairs Officer (J. Lawton)
- Red, White & Blue Mass (Paul Dillion)
- Scholarship Committee (G. Kane)
- Veterans Affairs (Brian Hague)
- West Port Satellite group (Paul Grammer)

**9. OLD BUSINESS:**

**10. CLOSING EVENTS**

- a. Good of the Order:
- b. Meeting attendance Drawing
- c. 50/50 drawing =
- d. Closing Prayer = Base Chaplain
- e. Adjourn

***NEXT MEETINGS: MEMBERSHIP MEETING 04 DECEMBER 2023***

#### Add-Ins

#### **TREASURER REPORT October 29 2023 EBOARD**

- 1 Financial report - all bills paid thru October 29th.
2. Status of national relocation:
  - waiting on a date from Michael to finish the rest of the renovations. Still estimate by year end.
- 3 EBAY – still have plaques left but we will escalate efforts to sell by year end.

[https://www.ebay.com/str/ussubvetsgrotonbase?mkcid=16&mkevt=1&mkrid=711-127632-2357-0&ssspo=wvsyp\\_d8rpe&sssrc=3418065&ssuid=wvsyp\\_d8rpe&widget\\_ver=artemis&media=EMAIL](https://www.ebay.com/str/ussubvetsgrotonbase?mkcid=16&mkevt=1&mkrid=711-127632-2357-0&ssspo=wvsyp_d8rpe&sssrc=3418065&ssuid=wvsyp_d8rpe&widget_ver=artemis&media=EMAIL).

4. Black ties for honor detail – available, suggested that John C control any distribution
  - FYI in the past we didn't charge for these but gave them to serious honor guard members
- 5 Thanksgiving Appeal – 338 donations received \$32,146. We are ahead of prior years
- 6 Budget – I believe this is ready for membership
  - need to finalize who will present it
7. Art Vine is now cleaning the lower level of the club, he has completed 2 weeks as of October 30.
  - cost is \$105 per week
  - no contract for this service so we can cancel if this doesn't meet our needs

#### NATIONAL OFFICE

I hope that the entire project to build out the space to be completed by the year end. National Office Manager and Assistant Manager hired to start once renovations & training completed.

#### NEW OPPORTUNITY

The Treasurer is looking for 3 to 5 members or friends who want to be more involved with how we acquire donations, make clubhouse improvements, and provide reporting to our members. If you are interested, please contact me (Charlie at treasurer@ussvigroton.org)

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#### **RETIREMENT SEMINAR SUMMARY**

I want to thank you for supporting this morning's event. We made a great team. That said, I would like to offer a few suggestions for next time. Your comments are welcomed.

- No need to muster and set up our booth before 1000-1030
- Most people attending the seminar do not make purchases. Therefore, I believe attempting to sell small stores is a waste of time and effort.
- While we had pen's, business cards, candy grab and go, and American Submariner magazines to give away, I would offer we also give away Subvet logo decals, windshield dolphin decals, or make a SUBVET potholder, etc.
- Perhaps we need to provide better signage related to membership registrations.
- I would also recommend we highlight a cause for soliciting donations. A JAR on the table may not be the best way to beg for donations.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT AND ALL YOU DO FOR SUBVETS.

**AI Kinsall**

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## NOVEMBER 2023 PLAN OF THE MONTH

DATE	TIME	ACTION	DESCRIPTION
1	1600	Event	Ray Powell Pump Room
2	1700	Event	Motorcycle Club Meeting Pump Room
3	0900	Event	SubSchool Graduation
5	0200	Action	Daylight Savings Time Ends
6	1730	Social	Pre-meeting Attitude Adjustment Social
6	1830	Meeting	SUBVETS Monthly/Business Meeting
9	1100	Event	SubSchool Hail and Farewell Pump Room
11	1100	Event	Veterans Day Service City of Groton Municipal Building
12	1000	Event	Brunch SubSchool CPO Association
13	1730	Meeting	60th Anniversary and Holland Club Induction Planning Meeting
14	1130	Luncheon	Holland Club Monthly luncheon
17	0900	Event	SubSchool Graduation
17	2000	Social	Karaoke
18	0830	Action	Pre-Thanksgiving event Field Day
19-25	Closed	Event	Club Closed for Thanksgiving prep work
23	0600	Event	Thanksgiving Dinner
24	0800	Action	Thanksgiving Dinner Clean up
26	1000	Event	Brunch Old Salts
27	1730	Meeting	Executive Board Meeting
29	1830	Meeting	Thanksgiving Event wrap up meeting

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## **2024 USSVI Groton Base Scholarship Applications Available**

The Scholarship Committee shall accept applications for consideration from:  
Any student, between the age of 17 through 26, whose parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent or great-grandparent or step great-grandparent is a member or an associate member with a minimum of one year of membership in good standing of the (USSVI), Groton Base in the year of application, and has a C grade average or equivalent in the year of application.

Any student, between the age of 17 through 26, whose parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent or great-grandparent or step great-grandparent is a member or an associate member with a minimum of one year of membership in good standing of the (USSVI), Groton Base in the year of application, who has been home schooled and has an institution (church or private organization sponsored) certificate of completion of the home-schooling program.  
*(From the USSVI Groton Base PPM)*

The 2024 Scholarship Application is posted on the Groton Base Website.  
The deadline for submission is April 15, 2024.

Gregory Kane, USSVI Groton Base Scholarship Chair  
[Gkane@aol.com](mailto:Gkane@aol.com)

### **USSVI Groton Base Eternal Patrol**

#### **September/October**

Shipmate James D. Rohen, departed on Eternal Patrol on 18 August 2023  
Shipmate Thomas R. Connors, departed on Eternal Patrol on 24 Sept 2023  
Shipmate Matthew Mark Thomson, departed on Eternal Patrol on 11 Sept. 2023  
Shipmate Bruce A. Selby departed on Eternal Patrol on 14 Sept. 2023  
Shipmate James J. Wallace, departed on Eternal Patrol on 2 Oct. 2023  
Shipmate William R. Beagle, departed on Eternal Patrol on 21 Oct. 2023

Let us have a moment of silence for our Shipmates on Eternal Patrol  
"Sailor's, rest your oar's. We have the watch. Fair Winds and Following Seas." Thank you for your service to our country. Amen

If you know of any member who is in the hospital or very ill, please notify me or John Carcioppolo.

Base Chaplain Earl Colella

We recently received word from his wife Judith of the passing of her husband Groton Base Member James J. Wallace His obituary is <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/berkshire/name/lcdr-wallace-obituary?id=53268590>

LCDR James J. Wallace joined the Navy in 1954. After Boot Camp he went to Sonar "A" School in Key West Fl. He initially served in the Surface Navy aboard USS WREN (DD 568) from 1955 – 1958. After those 3.5 years he left the Navy and worked on a construction gang in Springfield, MA. It took him all of two months to decide that the Navy looked a lot better than construction work. The Navy Recruiter in Springfield was a QM1(SS) named Ralph LaChance. He convinced him that the Submarine Force was a service that presented opportunities if he took advantage of them. He took LaChance's advice and. joined the Submarine Force it was a turning point in his life. He attended Basic Submarine School in 1958. Mr. Wallace initially Qualified in Submarines onboard USS CAVALLA (SS 244) in 1959 as a SOS2(SS). He served extensively during the Viet Nam Era, and the Cold War aboard USS CATFISH (SS 339) 1962 – 1963; and USS JAMES MONROE (SSBN 622). Mr. Wallace eventually received a commission at Officer Candidate School in 1961, and later transferred to the Supply Corps and served the rest of his career in the Submarine Service. Shore duty assignments included FBM Training Center, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Fleet Service Officer/Squadron 8 Supply Officer, COMSUBRON 16 Staff in Rota Spain, Naval Postgraduate School where he Received a BS degree in Business Administration.. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 1975 retiring from the Navy as a LCDR with 22 years.. He joined USSVI Groton Base in 2001 as a Life Member and was inducted into the prestigious Holland Club in 2009. In preparation for his HOLLAND Club Induction Ceremony Mr. Wallace said "It was a good life and still is!"

**There will be no Honors Detail for Shipmate Wallace.**

On behalf of Groton Base our sincere condolences to Shipmate Wallace's wife Judith and his family.

Hand Salute

"There is a port of no return where ships may lay at anchor for a little space.  
And then some starless night the cable slips leaving only an eddy at the mooring space.  
Gulls veer no longer, Sailor rest your oar.  
No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore."

LCDR Wallace  
Rest Your Oar!  
Ready Two.

Sincerely  
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**Honors Detail** – John “Gumba” Carcioppolo [gumba700@comcast.net](mailto:gumba700@comcast.net)

The following is the Honors Detail activity from 27 September – 24 October 2023 There were 4 Eternal Patrols as follows:

EM2(SS) James D. Rohen – **18 Aug 2023 No Honors Detail**

MMCM(SS) Bruce A. Selby – **14 Sep 2023 – Honors Detail 30 Sep 2023. There were 9 SUBVETS for the Honors Detail John Carcioppolo, Earl Colella, Alex Doucette, Bob Dulin, Al Kinsall, Stan Mathis, Buck-o Padgett, Bob Sharpe, Paul Skalski. We were joined by members of the Silent Service Motorcycle Club.**

CWO3 Matthew Mark Thomson – **24 Sep 2023 – Honors Detail 14 Oct 2023. There were 4 SUBVETS for the Honors Detail John Carcioppolo, Rob Davis, Alex Doucette, Al Kinsall, Stan Mathis.**

LCDR James J. Wallace – **02 Oct 2023 – No Honors Detail**

EMCM(SS) William R. Beagle – **20 Oct 2023 – Honors Detail 28 Oct 2023. Earl Colella, Bob Dulin, Rob Davis, Alex Ducette, Bob Gustofson, Al Kinsall, Stan, Mathis, Steve Ricard.**

Our condolences to the families of our departed Shipmates.

Many thanks to the members of the Honors Detail who continue to participate in rendering honors to our Shipmates and to Earl Colella for his admin support in the preparation and mailing of the Eternal Patrol Certificates and prayers at the ceremonies.. We couldn't render honors to our shipmates without all of your support.

I get the information for the Eternal Patrol bios from the USSVI National Webpage Membership section. What you have there is what I put out. Additionally some of the info comes from old bios from Holland Club inductions. If your info is not up-to-date either update it or ask Membership Chairman Jeff Fletcher to update it. Jeff can be contacted at [membership@ussvigroton.org](mailto:membership@ussvigroton.org).

If **you** don't have all the right stuff then that's what we are going to put out.

Also with regards to information if we don't know of a members passing, we can not 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](mailto:earl.colella@comcast.net) or John Carcioppolo 860-514-7064 [gumba700@comcast.net](mailto:gumba700@comcast.net) and if possible provide a link to the obituary.

Keep your eyes open. If you know of a members passing or see an obituary of someone who may be a member don't hesitate to pass that info along. A link to the obituary is always good to have.

The sooner we know the information the more timely 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 please contact me or the Base Commander, Steve Ricard.

Also if you need an Honors Detail tie, please contact John C.

**Saluting Canons** – We are looking for donations of .10 gauge blank shotgun shells needed for the saluting canons. We are starting to run low and are looking for someone to donate to the cause. If you would like to donate, please contact either John Carcioppolo or Base Commander Steve Ricard.

Hello from West Port

Our holiday party date and time has finally been determined so you can save the date. It will be at Riverview Bistro, 946 Ferry Blvd, Stratford. The date will be Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:00 pm, (1700). Details on cost and menu will be sent out shortly. Based on feedback it was determined the weekend would be best for this year. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Thanks

Paul