



**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC
USSVI GROTON BASE MEETING AGENDA**

07MAR2022

1830

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Executive Board invites you join Zoom Meeting

Topic: SUBVETS Groton Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 568 848 8784

Passcode: 8604455262

1. **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 – GTNBASCHAP John Moore/SUBASECHAP Dave Duprey, CDR USN

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. 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

USS Perch (SS-176)

USS Kete (SS-369)

USS Grampus (SS-207)

F-4 (SS-23) (Ex Skate)

USS H-1 (SS-28) Seawolf

USS Tullibee (SS-284)

USS Triton (SS-201)

USS Trigger (SS-237)

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:*



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6. **PRESENTATION: TBD**

7. **MEMBERSHIP SOUND OFF -**

Please stand and tell us 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. ACTION Item

i. **Approval of minutes 07FEB2022**

b. **COMMANDER/EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

i. Nominations are open for the elections: Sr. Vice and Secretary positions – *Forward nominations to Commander, Secretary or Treasurer.*

ii. Awards

iii. March St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef and Cabbage scheduled for Saturday 19MAR – \$18pp – Signup sheet at the bar – seating 1700 and 1830

c. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Current Club operating bank accounts as of Saturday March 5th
Ops \$6476

ATM bank \$3713

ATM machine \$ 1200

Petty cash \$2000

Payroll \$908

Scholarship \$4,328

Kaps 4 Kids \$2,146

Holland \$1,287

Building \$1,000

Memorial \$86,350

Edward Jones \$23,806

Pending payments: \$9325

\$800 Larry Williamson for supplies to install doors

\$1474 insurance payment due to National

\$3406 credit card for recent utility expenses

\$ 750 payment for R&B Apparel for shirts, vests and hats (estimate)



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\$1230 payment to National for February dues
 \$1000 payment for Annual Appeal letters & mailing (estimate)
 \$665 CT Sales Taxes (due March 31st)

Other:

Donation \$250 to Groton Dolphin Scholarship Auction

Donation \$400 to Groton Little League sponsor Tee-Ball and Field of Dreams Sponsor

Addition report:

Cleaning of building	Treasurer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clearing the balcony 2. Cleaned office, remove obsolete materials 3. Moved excess shelving to third floor 4. Moved any records to office file cabinets 5. Need to collaborate with Tom on his & any archive files and documents 6. Annual Appeal letters are in the mail
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Clubhouse PPM	Permittee Treasurer	UPDATE – updated version provided by C. Murray and pending review by Permittee and Commander. Note: Base bylaws changes identified before Feb 28th
Create article on renovations to submit to Submarine magazine by Feb 2022	Commander Treasurer	Submitted to National on Feb 28 2022
Finance PPM	Treasurer	STATUS – in draft stage PPM requires updating to reflect our current practices. Suggest a committee to review by end of 2ndQuarter 2022. Have asked Harry Solt for his review.
NEW - Base Personnel Manual 1/31/22	Treasurer	Manual provided first draft to Commander and Permittee
NEW - Base Job Descriptions 1/31/22	Treasurer	Drafts submitted to Commander and Permittee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cook & Assistant Cook - Bartender - Bar Manager - Bar Back - Add Job Description for Club Manager
Fundraising	Commander Treasurer	Appeal letters in the mail. Goal \$60,000 to \$80,000 Working on how to get more visibility Clubhouse, membership and Capital Improvements. Early stages of discussion. Thanksgiving appeal planned for September 1 st . Goal \$35,000



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Front Center Double Doors winterize	Treasurer	Alan Williams & Larry Williamson both volunteered to work together and will fabricate and install new door trim with a weather seal soon. DELAYED LARRY HAD SURGERY
NEW - Ramp and access	Treasurer	On site meeting with one vendor: UpLifts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ramp to dining room door can be temporary. We do have a metal ramp now stored by shuffleboard Ramp can be installed on side of building to Hall door, estimate \$6,500 Note: Jack Kavanaugh years ago did sign a letter giving us access. Jack will see if can find it; Tom does not know where it is.
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		
List of suggested improvements	Treasurer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> REPLACE FURNACE GENERATOR HALL RAMP HALL BATHROOM STAIRWAY BATHROOM LADIES BATHROOM NEW DISHWASHER UPGRADE OVERHEAD PROJECTOR & UPGRADE AUDIO FUNCTIONS IN HALL ELECTRICITY TO 3RD LEVEL
1. REPLACE FURNACE	Treasurer	Have contacted other vendors estimates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Renshaw plumbing Spicer Nutmeg Mechanical Tom with contact RC Mechanical before end of Feb Nutmeg Mechanical estimate \$17,618 Spicer estimate \$12,054.77 Renshaw estimate \$8,600
2. GENERATOR	Treasurer	ON HOLD – not viewed as a significant or immediate need. Internal wiring will be complex but propane can be available
3. Ramp & Access	Treasurer	On site meeting with one vendor: UpLifts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ramp to dining room door can be temporary. We do have a metal ramp now stored by shuffleboard. ACTION: Need to move from shuffle board to area close to dining room door Ramp can be installed on side of building to Hall door, UpLifts estimate \$6,477.80 Note: Jack Kavanaugh years ago did sign a letter giving us access. Jack will see if can find it; Tom does not know where it is.



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		Note: Jack has a tentative sale pending on his building. Commend on all bathrooms – not an immediate need but providing better access desired. Note: working with Alan Williams to identify how we can develop floor plans may need a design person or architect.
4 Hall Bathroom	Treasurer	NOT STARTED
5 Stairway Bathroom	Treasurer	NOT STARTED
6 Ladies Bathroom	Treasurer	NOT STARTED
7 New Dishwasher	Treasurer	Not an immediate problem Estimate cost \$8,000
8. Hall A/V Initial work to repair Future work to upgrade	Treasurer	David Baratko all set I have the 5 CD hooked up as well as the cordless microphone. May replace the speaker cables

d. **SECRETARY REPORT:**

i. **Nominations** for Secretary and Sr. Vice Commander elections

- a. Nominations are open NOW 07FEB2022
- b. Nominations will close 15APR2022 at 2359
- c. Balloting will take place on 02MAY2022
- d. Contact Commander, Secretary or Treasurer with your nominations

ii. **BOAT NOTES Article** input due to me NLT 15 MAR 2022

e. SR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: **SEE NEW BUSINESS**

f. JR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: **SEE NEW BUSINESS**

g. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: **1218 ON ROLES**

h. EBOARD ADVISOR UPDATE: S. Mathis

i. **NERD-1 Report** – J. Walsh

j. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Archives (Al Kinsall/Marion Galbraith) **Report attached**
- Boat Sponsorship/Color Guard (P. Skalski)
- Build/Maintenance/Small Stores (T. Connors)
- Chaplain (J. Gallimore)
- Clubhouse Report** (J. Walsh)



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- Sub School Schedule (J. Walsh)
- Docents (Artie Gager)
- DMV Liaison (R. Rusczyk)
- Finance/Budget Development (Treasurer/Vice)

- Holland Club (R. Cheatham)

- Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) (J. Riley)

- Memorial Committee (M. Galbraith)
- Public Relations/Newsletter (J. Lawton)
- Red, White and Blue Mass (P. Dillon)
- Scholarship Committee (G. Kane)

- Sub School Schedule (J. Walsh)
- Veterans Affairs (A. Kinsall) **Report Attached**
- West Port Satellite group (Paul Grammer)

9. OLD BUSINESS:

10. NEW BUSINESS: ACTION -- Membership approval of Executive Board selection for Sr. Vice Commander – to fill remainder of current term (**Robert Perritt**)

iv. **ACTION** - Membership approval of Executive Board selection for Jr. Vice Commander – to fill remainder of term (**Paul Skalski**)

v. **ACTION** - Membership approval of creation of two new standing committee – *MINOR Bylaw change required* -

1. West Port Satellite Group
2. USSVI Groton Base Auxiliary

11. CLOSING EVENTS

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

NEXT MEETINGS: MEMBERSHIP MEETING 04APR2022



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COMMITTEE REPORT

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Memorial Committee is pursuing a possible funding source for work in the Flasher. Since the sail belongs to the Naval History and Heritage Command, it is possible that we will be able to receive funds for necessary work to address corrosion of sail. In order to pursue the funds, we have one month remaining to perform an assessment and assemble quotes. The committee is working on meeting this schedule. Meetings have taken place with a representative of the History and Heritage Command, the OIC and XO of the Museum, and potential contractors. Marian Galbraith, Mktgalbraith@gmail.com, 860-460-8740

February 2022 Holland Club E-Board Report



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Luncheons

The January Luncheon was cancelled - due to the Covid closure.

Our first Holland Club Luncheon of the new year was Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

We had 39 Holland Club members and guests (plus therapy dog, Rosie) attending.

USSVI Nation Holland Club Chairman Bud Atkins presented Groton Base Chaplain, Jack Gallimore, a Certificate of Appreciation from USSVI National Holland Club which proclaims Gallimore USSVI Holland Club Volunteer of the Decade.

Our Luncheon speaker was LCDR Derek Sutton, Officer In Charge of HS NAUTILUS/Director of Submarine Force Museum.

LCDR Sutton briefly discussed his naval career path- from enlisted to becoming a Maverick via the US Naval Academy. He provided an update on several of the improvements to the Submarine Museum building and various displays including the new submarine Model Wall and the new Augmented Reality displays. Some of these Augmented Reality displays feature the NAUTILUS and Admiral Rickover. These new high tech displays hopefully help keep the public engaged while NAUTILUS is in dry dock.

Sutton also spoke about the HS NAUTILUS maintenance availability. "She looks good" Sutton said. She will have her hull repainted, will undergo some interior work and have her wooden deck replaced. Mystic Seaport is providing assistance with the decking. Target date to get NAUTILUS re-opened to the public is Labor 2022.

LCDR Sutton entertained a number of interesting questions about NAUTILUS and the Museum. He invited all to stop by and get reacquainted with the Submarine Museum.

Induction 2022

The 2022 Induction Planning Committee has been stood up.

The first Committee meeting was February 22.

The plan is for the Committee to start meeting monthly with the 2022 Induction Ceremony being held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 (awaiting confirmation from sub base) ...this date is TENTATIVE.

An alternate date being looked at is October 1, 2022.

All 2020 and 2021 Inductees will be invited to participate in the 2022 Induction... 2020 and 2021 combined equal about 75 invitees.

Inductee 2022 Status

We currently have **12** potential new Inductees who meet *all* of the eligibility criteria. Plus **three** members that have some Dues issues.

Plus **one** member from another base who lives locally.

For a **total** of **16** potential 2022 Inductees.

ACHIVES REPORT

During this reporting period we have received request for plaques from a number of members. A total of 29 requests are being reviewed in inventory to determine availability. Of the 29 requests, 10 plaques are under



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review while 19 plaques are not available. Presently we have received donation for two plaques totaling \$125 with another one pending at \$100.

VETERANS REPORT

VA Caregiver Program Update 74: **Changes Being Reconsidered Amid Complaints** - 22 - Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough said top officials will re-evaluate ongoing changes to the department's caregiver support program which could take away stipends from thousands of families over the next year. "I am worried about the feedback we're getting," McDonough told reporters at his monthly press conference on VA issues. "We work for caregivers; we work for the veterans. We want to make sure that they're getting the information they need and clarity about why we're making the decisions we're making." Earlier this month, a coalition of 15 veterans service organizations presented formal objections to planned department changes in the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers, which provides stipends to family members who provide home care to elderly or infirm veterans. Among the complaints were that the new rules "drastically changed the program's eligibility criteria" resulting in "harsh impacts" for families. About 33,000 individuals are currently enrolled in the program, which provides support services and monthly stipends to caregivers of veterans unable to perform basic self-care activities. The stipend is set to expand in October to include families of veterans who served between the Vietnam War and the Afghanistan War, prompting the department work to ensure that existing program participants are being treated equitably. VA officials announced last fall that they expected around 6,700 families would be dropped from the program under the changes, but that no families would see any financial payouts decreased or ended before October. The idea was to ensure that individuals would have time to prepare for the financial impact of losing the stipends, which can total more than \$3,000 a month. But advocates objecting to the changes have nonetheless called them too restrictive and unforgiving, aimed more at culling families from the program than balancing veterans' medical and emotional needs. McDonough said that in coming weeks, Deputy Secretary Donald Remy will head up a review on the work so far "to make sure that we're learning everything we can from and that we're making best use of investments Congress has made in this program." On the criticism the department has received, McDonough said he is unsure if it represents widespread communication problems with staff and participants, or simply a small minority unhappy with the personal impact on their families. The secretary said officials do not have authority under the law to include veterans with non-service injuries (individuals must have a VA disability rating of 70 percent or more to qualify) but do have more flexibility in how they evaluate whether full-time caregiver services are needed to improve a veteran's quality of life. He expects Remy's review to take several weeks, and look both at changes to the program and how they are being communicated to the families involved. "[Caregivers] will be a bigger part of the backbone as our aging veterans demonstrate that they, like the rest of the country, want to age in place," he said. "And so we want to get this right." [Source: MilitaryTimes | Leo Shane III | February 16, 2022 ++]

VA Disability Ratings Update 06: **Sleep Apnea, Mental Health, & Tinnitus Proposed Changes** The Schedule of Disability Ratings in the Code of Federal Regulations is primarily a guide in the evaluation of disability resulting from all types of diseases and injuries encountered as a result of or incident to military service. The percentage ratings represent as far as can practicably be determined the average impairment in earning capacity resulting from such diseases and injuries and their residual conditions in civil occupations. Generally, the degrees of disability specified are considered adequate to compensate for considerable loss of working time from exacerbations or illnesses proportionate to the severity of the several grades of disability. For the application of this schedule, accurate and fully descriptive medical examinations are required, with emphasis upon the limitation of activity imposed by the disabling condition. Over a period of many years, a veteran's disability claim may require



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ratings in accordance with changes in laws, medical knowledge and his or her physical or mental condition. It is thus essential, both in the examination and in the evaluation of disability, that each disability be viewed in relation to its history. The Department of Veterans Affairs is proposing changes to the Schedule specifically pertaining to the respiratory, auditory and mental disorders body systems. The proposed updates to the rating schedule for these conditions will enable VA to incorporate modern medical data and terminology to provide Veterans with more accurate and consistent decisions. Veterans who currently receive compensation for a service-connected condition in these body systems will not have their disability rating impacted when the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities is updated. Updating the rating schedule allows Veterans to receive decisions based on the most current medical knowledge relating to their condition. By incorporating modern medical data in the assessment of disabilities and how they impact earning capacity, Veterans will receive evaluations which more accurately compensate them for their service-connected disabilities. Proposed updates include: - 25 –

- Modernizing the evaluative rating criteria for sleep apnea, using developments in medical knowledge to evaluate it based on its responsiveness to treatment, bringing the rating criteria for sleep apnea more closely in line with the stated purpose of the rating schedule.

- Evaluating tinnitus (ringing in the ears) as a symptom of the underlying disease which causes it, rather than as a stand-alone disability.

- Evaluating mental health conditions based on a more robust and holistic approach that assesses how impactful the disability is to cognition, interpersonal relationships, task completion, life activities and self-care. Additionally, the proposed evaluation criteria include a 10% minimum evaluation for having one or more service-connected mental health conditions and will no longer require “total occupational and social impairment” to attain a 100% evaluation.

No change to a Veteran’s current rating would occur due to these proposed changes. If the proposed changes are finalized, Veterans who currently receive compensation for a service-connected condition can apply for increased compensation, but no reductions shall be made unless an improvement in the Veteran’s disability is shown to have occurred. The public has 60 days to provide comments to VA regarding the two proposed updates via the Federal Register notices located at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/VA-2022-VBA-0009-0001> and <https://www.regulations.gov/document/VA-2022-VBA-0010-0001>. VA must receive comments on or before April 18, 2022. Comments may be submitted through www.Regulations.gov. Comments received will be available at www.Regulations.gov for public viewing, inspection or copies. [Source: DVA Director, Northeast District | Thomas J. Murphy | February 15, 2022 ++].

MILITARY DRAFT

Update 09: Males 18 through 25 Are Still Required to Register. The Selective Service System wants you to know that the requirement to register for the draft did not go away with the end of the Vietnam War. Under the law, virtually all male U.S. citizens, and male aliens living in the U.S., who are ages 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service. While there is no draft currently in effect, men who are not classified as unfit for military service, disabled men, clergymen, and men who believe themselves to be conscientiously opposed to war must also register. Penalties for Failure to Register for the Draft Men who do not register could be prosecuted and, if convicted, fined up to \$250,000 and/or serve up to five years in prison.¹ In addition, men who fail to register with Selective Service before turning age 26, even if not prosecuted, will become ineligible for:

- Student Financial Aid - including Pell Grants, College Work Study, Guaranteed Student/Plus Loans, and National Direct Student Loans.
- U.S. Citizenship - if the man first arrived in the U.S. before his 26th birthday.



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- Federal Job Training - The Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) offers programs that can train young men for jobs in auto mechanics and other skills. This program is only open to those men who register with Selective Service.
- Federal Jobs - men born after December 31, 1959, must be registered to be eligible for jobs in the Executive Branch of the Federal government and the U.S. Postal Service. - 44 –

In addition, several states have added additional penalties for those who fail to register. Refer to <https://www.sss.gov/register/state-commonwealth-legislation>. You may have read or been told that there is no need to register because so few people are prosecuted for failing to register. The goal of the Selective Service System is registration, not prosecution. Even though those who fail to register may not be prosecuted they will be denied student financial assistance, federal job training, and most federal employment unless they can provide convincing evidence to the agency providing the benefit they are seeking, that their failure to register was not knowing and willful.

Who Does NOT Have to Register for the Draft? Men who are not required to register with Selective Service include; nonimmigrant aliens in the U.S. on a student, visitor, tourist, or diplomatic visas; men on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces; and cadets and midshipmen in the Service Academies and certain other U.S. military colleges. All other men must register upon reaching age 18 (or before age 26, if entering and taking up residence in the U.S. when already older than 18).

What About Women and the Draft? While women officers and enlisted personnel serve with distinction in the U.S. Armed Forces, women have never been subject to Selective Service registration or a military draft in America. On January 1, 2016, the Department of Defense removed all gender-based restrictions on military service, thus allowing women to serve in combat roles. Despite this change, Selective serviced continued to register only men, ages 18 through 25.

However, on February 22, 2019, Senior Judge Gray Miller of the U.S. District Court in Houston, Texas, ruled that the practice of requiring only men to register for the military draft was unconstitutional. Finding that the male-only provision of the Selective Service Act violated the equal protection provisions in the Constitution's 14th Amendment, Judge Miller stated that while discriminatory treatment of women in the military may have been justified in the past, it longer was. "If there ever was a time to discuss 'the place of women in the Armed Services,' that time has passed," he wrote, citing the Supreme Court's earlier decision in the case of Rostker v. Goldberg. In the 1981 case, the Court ruled that requiring only men to register for the draft did not violate the Constitution since, at that time, only men were eligible to serve in combat.

The government is likely to appeal Judge Miller's ruling to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. However, if Miller's ruling is upheld, one of three things might happen:

- Women would have to register for the draft under the same rules as men;
- Selective Service and the draft would be eliminated; or
- Registration for Selective service would become voluntary for men and women.

Congress Weighs Requiring Women to Register for the Draft On September 23, 2021, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the \$768 billion 2022 National Defense Authorization Act. The essential annual appropriations bill included an amendment by Pennsylvania Democrat Chrissy Houlahan and Florida Republican Michael Waltz that would require women to register for the draft. However, the final version of this year's annual



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National - 45 - Defense [sic] Authorization Act (NDAA) approved by Congress on 14 DEC 2021 makes no change to the provisions of the Military Selective Service Act (MSSA) which authorize the president to order men, but not women, to register with the Selective Service System (SSS) for a possible military draft.

While some proponents of adding women to the draft are seeking gender equality, others cite the benefits of millions more prospective draftees in the case of global warfare. Some opponents of the move are simply opposed to the draft in general—regardless of gender. Other opponents believe women need to be protected from the potential dangers of military service. Psychologists call this benevolent sexism—the idea that women need to be protected by men—and consider it a factor adding to problem of gender bias. The ACLU has criticized the sexism of a male-only draft, calling the current system, “one of the last examples of overt sex discrimination written into our federal law.” A March 2020 study by the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service recommended registering women for the draft, stating, “The next time America must turn to a draft, it will need to include everyone who is capable and qualified. It would be harmful to the Nation’s security to leave out the skills and talents of half of the U.S. population.”

What is the Draft and How Does it Work? The "draft" is the actual process of calling men between ages 18–26 to be inducted to serve in the U.S. military. The draft is typically used only in the event of war or extreme national emergency as determined by the Congress and the president.

Should the President and the Congress decide a draft was needed, a classification program would begin. Registrants would be examined to determine suitability for military service, and they would also have ample time to claim exemptions, deferments, or postponements. To be inducted, men would have to meet the physical, mental, and administrative standards established by the military services. Local Boards would meet in every community to determine exemptions and deferments for clergymen, ministerial students, and men who file claims for reclassification as conscientious objectors. Men have not actually been drafted into service since the end of the Vietnam War.

How Do You Register? The easiest and fastest way to register with Selective Service is to register online at [sss.gov](https://www.sss.gov) or complete the form at <https://www.sss.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Form-1-RegistrationFillable.pdf>. You can also register by mail using a Selective Service "mail-back" registration form available at any U.S. Post Office. A man can fill it out, sign (leaving the space for your Social Security Number blank), affix postage, and mail it to Selective Service, without the involvement of the postal clerk. Men living overseas may register at any U.S. Embassy or consular office. Many high school students can register at school. More than half the high schools in the United States have a staff member or teacher appointed as a Selective Service Registrar. These individuals help register male high school students. [Source: ThouhtCo. | Robert Longley | January 02, 2022 ++

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NOTICE

2022 Welcome home Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony will be conducted Wednesday March 30 at 1100 in the Main Auditorium at the CT DVA, 287 West Street, Rocky Hill CT 06067 Anyone interested in attending contact Al Kinsall, Veterans@ussvigroton.org or dva@newlondonct.org.