



BOAT NOTES



GROTON BASE "FIRST AND FINEST" QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country, That their dedications, deeds, and supreme sacrifice serve as a constant source of motivation towards greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution"

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Address Changes

Please keep your address up to date at all times. Having a correct address allows us to not only ensure Boat Notes gets to you, but all other important correspondence. It also allows us to save money on unnecessary postage.

COMMANDER'S CORNER**Steve Ricard**

Shipmates, Families, and Friends,

My name is Steven Ricard, and I am honored to take over as Base Commander. I qualified onboard the USS Nathanael Greene SSBN 636 in August 1973. I joined USSVI Groton Base in October 2000 and became a USSVI National Life member in December 2004. I retired from the US Navy Reserves in October 2005 after more than 30 years both Active Duty and Reserve time.

This is my first input to Boat Notes since being elected as your USSVI Groton, Base Commander. Thank you for the opportunity to support and lead this historical institution, the "First and the Finest." I can only hope that we will continue to grow in membership and support of our Submarine Community. With your help we can achieve both.

I would like to give my sincere thanks to our outgoing Base Commander, Jeff Walsh. Over the past five (5) years Groton Base seen its share of difficulties, thank goodness mainly ups. Jeff handled them with all, with the leadership skills learned over the years, both in the Navy and Electric Boat. 2020 was one of his toughest challenges. The day after our 2020 St. Patrick's Day Dinner the state of Connecticut shutdown due to COVID and on March 19th we shut the doors to the "First and the Finest". In May 2020, the decision was to start renovating the Joe Negri Clubhouse. Jeff appointed Charlie Murray as the construction organizer and as Jack Gleason use to say...."and away we go." Through Jeff's leadership and his strong working relation with USSVI National a group of volunteers and some paid contractors began a yearlong renovation project of the clubhouse. I'm not going to list all the projects completed to-date as there are many and you have heard from us all along the way. But I do want to say thanks (again) to the SubVets COVID Renovation Team for a job well done. As Joe Negri and the early members of SubVets Groton Base put their mark on the clubhouse, you have added your mark to the history of this USSVI landmark.

At the June Membership Meeting we held Base elections, we elected Charlie Murray as Base Treasurer, Pat Sullivan as Jr. Vice Commander, and Al Kinsall as Base Secretary. Congratulations to all and thank you in advance for your service. Charlie Murray was also awarded the Chris Quijada Distinguished Member of the Year Award for the countless hours he dedicated organizing the improvements of our clubhouse .

In the coming months, as our Base continues to shake off the year plus of being shut down there are some upcoming events that will start moving us back towards normal operations. First in line was the Steak Dinner hosted by Old Salts. It was a great evening with over 120 tickets sold. Going forward we will be adding more events at the clubhouse. Did I tell you that it has been renovated? In the coming month we will participate in the Groton 4th July parade. On Sunday 11 July, the USS Hartford will cook up brunch. USSVI Groton Base EBoard will host a summer BBQ on 17 July and Holland Club luncheons will start on the 3rd Tuesday of July. So, if you are a Holland Club member reach out to Rich Cheatham, he will have additional information. August and September events will be posted on our website, <https://www.ussvigroton.org/>, Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/SubvetsGroton/>, and in Bi-weekly and Special Broadcasts. Getting back to normal will be a challenge, but with your help, we will succeed.

In closing I want to ask you for your assistance. The club cannot succeed without volunteers. Volunteers make up the backbone of USSVI Groton Base. There are many areas that we could use the help whether it is serving on a committee, picking up a paint brush, or clean up on Saturday mornings. Please consider lending a hand.

Have a great summer everyone. Stop by the clubhouse and say hello.

VR/ Steve

USSVI Groton Base Commander

USSVI North East Regional District 1 Commander

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HOLLAND CLUB**Rich Cheatham, Chair**

Welcome Back, Shipmates.

Let me introduce myself, my name is Rich Cheatham. I am honored and humbled to take on the duties of the chairmanship of the Holland Club. I am looking forward to continuing in Pat and Steve's footsteps.

Many of you know me from my time as Groton Base PAO and Club Manager, but a brief introduction is in order for those who don't. I joined USSVI Groton Base in May 2013 and became a National Life Member in December 2013. I qualified in submarines on Flag Day 1979 aboard USS Kamehameha SSBN 642 (Blue) while on my 2nd patrol in the Atlantic.

I have served on various Groton Base committees, many brunch crews, and as Groton Base PAO, Boat Notes Editor, and Club Manager.

We are re-starting our monthly luncheons with 20 July 2021 being the next. Our lunches will be the third Tuesday of every month at 1130 at the club. Mark your calendar and come join us. Please contact Rich Cheatham, holland@ussvigroton.org, 860 271-6608 to let us know you are interested in attending so we can plan for the proper number of meals. Hope to see you there.

Our 2021 Holland Club Induction Ceremony has been re-scheduled to be held at 0900 on 02 October 2021 in Dealey Center on the Submarine Base. We currently have 42 members eligible for Holland Club induction this year. This year's ceremony will include all 2021 eligible members, plus those 2020 Inductee who would like to be formally inducted.

Preparations for the 2021 Holland Club Induction Ceremony are underway. The first two Holland Club planning meetings have been held with monthly meeting going forward. Arnie Lotring, Rear Admiral, USN (RET) has agreed to be this year's Guest Speaker. We have met with the SUBASE leadership team - Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, and Command Master Chief and many of their support team members - they are very supportive of our ceremony and have once again graciously allowed us the use of their facilities.

Our next Holland Club Induction Planning Meeting will be held on the 4th Tuesday, of the month. Anyone interested in assisting in the preparation for the ceremony is encouraged and welcome to attend.

In addition to the Induction Ceremony on 02 October, there will be a social sponsored by the Submarine Base Chief Petty Officers Association to welcome the new Holland Club inductees and their families. It is scheduled for 1400, 01 October 2021 at the Fouled Anchor Club (CPO Club). This event is open to all Holland Club and Groton Base SUBVETS members. And don't forget our Fall Steak Night is later that evening at the club.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT**Jeff Flesher, Chair****USSVI Groton Base Membership July 2021**

Here we are, the fourth week of summer; already! We have survived getting our COVID vaccines, made it through three or four brunches, at least one dinner, a Memorial Day ceremony or two and the 4th of July parade and celebration. One thing remains constant with all those events are Submariners and their families. I want to thank you all for your continued support.

OK so where are we in membership totals? [Since the last issue of Boat Notes we have made up some significant ground. We are now up to 1128 members. We are now taking renewals and new memberships at the clubhouse. See the bartenders or Tom for the application. Cost remains the same \\$50/year if you are an Annual/Regular member. We do have Active Duty specials as well with free National dues your first year and Base dues \\$25.](#)

The following numbers are what National has in their database for Groton.

Groton Base

# Members:1,128	# Holland Club: 599	# with E-mail: 1020
# Regular Annual: 196	# Reg Associate: 38	# Owe National Dues: 137
# USSVI Life Members: 852	# Life Associate: 28	# Owe Base Dues: 383
# Base Life Members: 397	# Charter Members: 3	

Over the next month we will be test driving a new membership portal that may be a little easier for you, our members, to make changes and updates.

For Groton Base to survive we need everyone to be an active part in order to sustain and maintain our clubhouse. As we continue to say "This is your Club".

U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES

July



USS S-28 (SS-133) Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where S-28 dove. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.



USS RUNNER (SS275) assumed sunk by IGN Naval Forces. July 11, 1943 will the loss of 75 crew members.



USS ROBALO (SS-273) Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk.



USS GRUNION (SS-216) Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Grunion's mangled remains were found in the Bering Sea in 2006 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska.



G2 formerly known as **USS TUNA (SS27)** sunk mysteriously at her moorings 232 Channel Niantic July 30, 1919. with the loss of 3 crew members

U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

August



USS BULLHEAD (SS-332) LOST ON AUGUST 6, 1945 WITH THE LOSS OF 84 CREW MEMBERS



USS FLIER (SS-250) LOST ON AUGUST 13, 1944, WITH THE LOSS OF 78 CREW MEMBERS



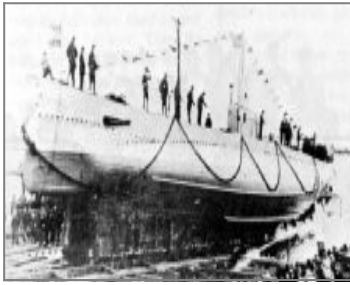
USS S-39 (SS-144) LOST ON AUGUST 13, 1942 AFTER GROUNDING ON A REEF SOUTH OF ROSSEL ISLAND WHILE ON HER 3RD WAR PATROL. THE ENTIRE CREW WAS ABLE TO GET OFF AND WAS RESCUED BY THE HMAS KATOOMBA.



USS HARDER (SS-257) LOST ON AUGUST 24, 1944 WITH THE LOSS OF 79 CREW MEMBERS



USS COCHINO (SS-345) LOST ON AUGUST 26, 1949 AFTER BEING JOLTED BY A VIOLENT POLAR GALE OFF NORWAY CAUSED AN ELECTRICAL FIRE AND BATTERY EXPLOSION. AFTER A 2ND BATTERY EXPLOSION, ABANDON SHIP WAS ORDERED AND COCHINO SANK. USS TUSK (SS 426) RESCUED ALL OF COCHINO CREW.

U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)**September**

SS-S5 (SS110) Lost on September 1, 1920 when a practice dive went wrong and she sank bow-first, with her stern showing above the water. Water unexpectedly entered the submarine through the main air induction system pouring into the control room, engine room, torpedo room, and the motor room. S-5 sank, but the entire crew managed to escape. In a dramatic adventure, her exhausted crew was rescued during the next few days. Salvage attempts were unsuccessful, S-5 settled to the bottom and was abandoned.



USS POMPANO (SS-181) - Pompano was sunk (between Sept 17 and Oct 5) with the loss of 77 men while on her 7th war patrol. Possibly lost on Sept 17, 1943. Japanese records show that a submarine was sunk in her patrol area on 17 September by air & depth charge attack off the Aomori Prefecture near Shiriya Zaki. Before being lost, she sank two enemy cargo ships. The exact cause of her loss remains unknown, but she probably was sunk by the air/sea attack above or fell victim to a mine on or after 9/25/1943. This boat's last recorded ship (Taiko Maru) sunk happened on Sept 25th, so she probably hit a mine on or after that date but before Oct 5th, when she was scheduled back at Midway



USS GRAYLING (SS-209) - Grayling was lost between 9 and 12 September 1943 either in Lingayen Gulf or along the approaches to Manila. 76 men lost



USS S-51 (SS-162) Lost on Sept 25, 1925 was rammed and sunk off Block Island, N.Y., by the merchant steamer, City of Rome, off Block Island. Only three survivors of the 36 men on board the ill fated submarine were recovered.



USS CISCO (SS-290) - Lost on Sept 28, 1943 on her first war patrol with the loss of 76 men in the Sulu Sea west of Mindinao. Japanese records tell of sighting a submarine leaking oil in the area where was known to have been on duty. Japanese records state she was sunk by bombs and depth charges. 76 men lost.

SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2021

THERE IS A PORT OF NO RETURN, WHERE SHIPS MAY RIDE AT ANCHOR FOR A LITTLE SPACE. AND THEN SOME STARLESS NIGHT THE CABLE SLIPS, LEAVING ONLY AN EDDY AT THE MOORING PLACE.

GULLS VEAR NO LONGER, SAILOR REST YOUR OAR.
NO TANGLED WRECKAGE WILL BE WASHED ASHORE.

PLEASE PAUSE TO REMEMBER THOSE OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO SAILED IN HARM'S WAY AND DID NOT RETURN.

LORD, THESE DEPARTED SHIPMATES WITH DOLPHINS ON THEIR CHEST ARE PART OF AN OUTFIT KNOWN AS THE BEST.

MAKE THEM WELCOME AND TAKE THEM BY THE HAND.

YOU'LL FIND WITHOUT A DOUBT THEY WERE THE BEST IN ALL THE LAND.

SO, HEAVENLY FATHER THEIR NAMES ARE ON THE ROLLS OF OUR DEPARTED SHIPMATES STILL ON PATROL.

LET THEM KNOW THAT WE WHO SURVIVE WILL ALWAYS KEEP THEIR MEMORIES ALIVE

I have one consolation that lives with me today.
That God is near to them, in his own special way.
So God in all Your mercy, keep near Thyself the soul,
Of every Submariner, still on his final patrol.

Go to the following for additional information on Eternal Patrol
https://www.ussvi.org/Eternal_Boat.asp?NewSearch=*

And in American Submariner.....

SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2021

[Peter Joseph Fazio, STSCS\(SS\)](#)

Passed away on **4/6/2021**

USSVI Base: Groton

Dual member: CLAMAGORE

Served on: SS-343, SSN-674, SSN-710

Cold War Submarine Veteran, Peter Joseph Fazio, USN (Ret.) of Mumford Cove, Groton, CT passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Peter was the loving husband of 56 years to Kathleen (Wolf) Fazio.

Born on March 29, 1944 in Lakewood, OH he was the son of the late Anthony and Theresa (Molfetta) Fazio. Peter grew up in OH, attending local schools, where he first met Kathleen in the 6th grade, and their journey began together for the next six and a half decades. At Garfield Heights High School, they were voted 'Steady Senior Couple'. During his school days, Peter was admired for his sporting ability on the football field and wrestling mat, but was most famous for his sense of humor, earning him the accolade of 'Most Mischievous'. Following his high school graduation, he attended Miami University in Oxford, OH where he was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. Peter continued his education and graduated from the University of Connecticut.

Peter was a U.S. Navy Veteran enlisting in 1965, proudly serving aboard the USS Clamagore (SS-343), the USS Trepang (SSN-674) and the USS Augusta (SSN-710).

Peter qualified in submarines on the USS Clamagore (SS-343) in 1967 and was a STSCS(SS) when he left the Navy.

He retired in January of 1986 as Senior Chief Petty Officer. Shortly after his honorable discharge, he went to work at Analysis & Technology in CT for 17 years, and thereafter, he worked for the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in RI up until his final retirement in 2009.

He loved to play golf, enjoyed fishing, gardening and was an avid traveler to many unforgettable destinations throughout the US, Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and the North Pole. Peter loved Key West the most and fancied himself a modern-day Hemingway, enjoying his days at the 'Southernmost Point' with a cigar and cocktail. He and Kathy spent their winters in Key West for over a decade, and it was always one of his favorite places on earth. Peter was larger than life, impacting many with his wise counsel, steady support and of course, constant humor. He will be deeply missed.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his two children, Anne Marie Fazio Bresman (Henrik) and Peter Vincent Fazio (Nada) his two sisters, Marianne Falcone (Tim) and Theresa Myers (Don) two brothers, Vincent Fazio (Sue) and John Fazio (Tracy); his beloved three grandchildren, Elsa and Max Bresman and Peter Emmanuel Fazio. He will also be missed by his many nieces and nephews.

Born on March 29, 1944 - Entered into Eternal Patrol on April 6, 2021.

SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2021

[Richard D McCannes, RMC\(SS\)](#)

Mechanicsburg, PA

Passed away on **4/9/2021**



USSVI Base: Groton

Served on: SS-483, SS-282, SS-368, SSBN-633, SSN-613

Cold War Submarine Veteran, Richard D. McCannes, 85, peacefully went to be with the Lord on Friday, April 9, 2021. He was born June 10, 1935 in Jackson, Michigan to the late Victor and Gladys McCannes Haughie. He was the stepson of the late William Haughie. Richard has been a resident of Mechanicsburg for the past 10 years.

He was retired from the US Navy where he proudly served for 20 years, part of which time was spent in Hawaii on submarine duty. His sub, the USS Flasher, traveled to several countries on secret missions during treacherous times. Thankfully, he and his crew returned home safely each time.

Mac qualified in submarines on the USS Sea Leopard (SS-483) in 1956 and was a RMC(SS) when he left the Navy.

Prior to retirement, he transferred to Groton CT, Submarine Base, and he and his wife took up residence in North Stonington, CT for 40 years. During that time, he was employed by Sonalysts, Inc. and General Dynamics, Submarine Division, lending his expertise in electronics. They moved to Mechanicsburg, PA 10 years ago to be near family. Richard was loved by his entire family and his legacy will live on forever. He possessed a genuine love of God which came from deep within him. He was a member of Immanuel Christian & Missionary Alliance Church for 8 years and served as Trustee and operated the sound booth in the evening. Richard is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Connie (Calzaretta) McCannesa daughter Christine Pruden (David) 3 grandchildren, Robert Noon (Kelli), Amanda Burzynski, and Nichole Noon; 5 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins

SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2021

[David F. Jewell, EMCM\(SS\)](#)

Somersworth, NH

Passed away on **4/20/2021**

USSVI Base: Groton

Served on: AS-11, AKA-34, SSBN-602, SSBN-657, SSBN-599, SSN-703

Qualified in submarines on the USS Abraham Lincoln (SSBN-602) in 1965 and was a EMCM(SS) when he left the Navy.

[Thomas F Massey, III, EM3\(SS\)](#)

Wilmington, DE

Passed away on **6/13/2021**



USSVI Base: Mid-Atlantic

Dual member: GROTON, SVWWII

Served on: SS-394, SS-378

WWII Submarine Veteran, Thomas Massey, III, age 97, of North Chesterfield, VA, formerly of Wilmington, DE, passed away on June 13, 2021.

Born in Wilmington in 1924 he was the son of the late Albert L. and Helen S. Massey. He was a graduate of Mercersburg Academy and Wharton School University of Pennsylvania. He served in the Navy and made five war patrols in Japanese waters aboard submarine Razorback during WWII.

Tom qualified in submarines aboard the USS Razorback (SS-394) in 1944 and was a EM3(SS) when he left the Navy.

Predeceased by his wife Lois J. Massey, daughter Martha "Mimi" M. Wilson, son Thomas F. Massey, brothers Albert L. Jr. and Emlin S. Massey. Survived by his granddaughters Melissa Fischer, Jenna Westbrook, Tracey Huckins, and great grandson Gabriel Wilfong.

He was a Life and Holland Club USSVI Member of Groton and Mid-Atlantic Bases, and of SVWWII.

Born in Wilmington, DE 6/4/1924, SVWWII card #00628. Entered into Eternal Patrol on June 13, 2021.

Sailor, Rest your oar.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS**2021**

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**GROTON CLUB****Laura Byrne & Jill Henry, Club Managers**

Brunches and lunches are ramping up again after a long wait due to the COVID 19 pandemic. In addition, monthly dinners are being scheduled to bring members back to the club.

Brunch 11 July—being hosted by USS Hartford crew.

Brunch 1 August Hosted by NIAD

Brunch 15 August Hosted by your Eboard

Dinner 17 July, 2 sittings—5PM and 6PM

Menu—Pulled Pork, coleslaw, etc.

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, French Fries

Costs—\$12/person

Tricare Premiums for Dependents Under Age 26

9 Jun 2021, Military.com | By [Patricia Kime](#)

Momentum is growing in Congress to allow military dependents to stay on their parents' [Tricare](#) health plan until age 26 without paying monthly premiums.

Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont. chairs the powerful Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Defense -- the panel that holds the purse strings for the Department of Defense. His backing, along with a companion bill in the House that has 45 co-sponsors, enhances the likelihood of the [Health Care Fairness for Military Families Act](#) making it into law this year.



"Our bipartisan bill allows every military child under the age of 26 to continue receiving steady coverage under their parents' plan, enabling these young adults to finish school or start their careers without worrying about what happens if they get sick," Tester said in a release.

The Affordable Care Act allows children up to age 26 to remain on their parents' health insurance plans at no additional cost.

Need help enrolling in VA Health Care system? Contact me at veterans@ussvigroton.org

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White House Taps Former Destroyer Captain Carlos Del Toro as Navy Secretary

The White House has selected Carlos Del Toro, a [Naval Academy](#) graduate and former commanding officer of a destroyer, as its nominee for [Navy](#) secretary. In its announcement Friday, the Biden administration pointed to Del Toro's nearly 40 years of experience in national security and naval operations, budgeting and acquisition. He served 22 years in the Navy and retired as a commander.

Where In the World

Courtesy of NSL

USS Bremerton (SSN 698)

the longest serving nuclear attack submarine, was decommissioned on 5/21/21 at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

USS Chicago (SSN 721),
USS Columbia (SSN 771),
USS Connecticut (SSN 22),
USS Missouri (SSN 780)

and other submarines deployed on 5/27/21 to the Pacific for Exercise Agile Dagger 2021

USS Hartford (SSN 768)

arrived at Electric Boat on 6/4/21 for an Engineering Overhaul

USS Nebraska (SSBN 739)

Some of the BLUE crew from USS Nebraska (SSBN 739) may be in the state 6/15-22/21 for a namesake visit

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SUBSCHOOL GRADUATIONS**Jack Gallimore, Chairman**

Often referred to as the SHIPMATES REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY, SUBVETS is actively involved with Submarine School graduation ceremonies for the Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS), Submarine Officers Advanced Class (SOAC), and Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) as regular participants.

Additionally, SUBVETS provides volunteer speakers for some of the advanced graduating classes, i.e. Submarine Electronics Computer Field (SECF), Submarine Communications Electronic Rating Field (SCERF), and Torpedoman "A" School as requested. Both programs will start up again

SubSchool is passed to Jeff Walsh, (THANK YOU JEFF!), should break loose soon.

CHAPLAIN INFORMATION & RED HATS**Jack Gallimore, Chaplain & Chairman**

Honor Detail is beginning to take off. Red Hats in a couple on months.

Groton Base Honor Detail members provide Honors Detail. The Chaplain sends a letter of condolence and an Eternal Patrol certificate to the surviving member of the family when asked. Unfortunately, we do not always hear of the passing of one of our shipmates, or have an address for the next of kin, but we do try.

The Chaplain provides Invocations and Benedictions or prayers at numerous ceremonies held at the WWII memorial, the Holland Club induction, and for many other well known organizations that support those of the military, whether they are retired or active.

While not a Chaplain item in particular, the "Red Hats" do provide a 7 Gun salute to each boat that comes back from a major deployment except during winter months. The salute is rendered at Puffin's restaurant. Each member of the Red Hat brigade is notified as security allows.

Interim person to contact for the Red Hat brigade is the Chaplain.



MEMORIAL SPRING BEAUTIFICATION**Marian Galbraith, Chair**

It takes volunteers to maintain this memorial. Join us All skills needed. We will train you!

The Memorial Committee welcomed back SUBSCHOL when 32 sailors joined us for a painting party on June 29. Many thanks to Naval Submarine School and the Memorial Committee members who also worked on June 21 and 28 in preparation for painting the benches, pedestal, torpedo, railings, chains and stanchions. It fairly glistened when we were finished.



The Memorial Committee is always ready to welcome volunteers and new committee members.

Call Marian Galbraith at 860-460-8740 for details.

GROTON SCHOLARSHIP 2021**Greg Kane, Chair**

Groton Base USSVI Scholarship Committee awarded seven remarkable young students who are entering college for the first time a scholarship.

These students all sponsored by Groton Base submarine veterans, each demonstrated strong academic and social involvement as well as a clear understanding of the meaning of the Submarine Veterans Creed.

These scholarships are only possible because of the generosity of our members and local support. Like all other programs supported 100% by donations we are running low on funds and without continued monetary support from our members, this program is in danger of ending in the near future.

Donations can be made online or by mailing them to the Groton Base USSVI Scholarship, 40 school Street, Groton, Connecticut 06340.

2021 – 2022 Groton Base USSVI Scholarship Awardees

STUDENTS NAME	Attending
Lucas Nelson	Macalester College, Minnesota
Reece Harding	Lafayette College, Pennsylvania
Benjamin Perrin	Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts
Sarah Hodgdon	The George Washington University, DC
Griffin Snell	Colorado Mountain College, Colorado
Megan Bost	University of North Florida, Florida
Nicholas Solt	Northern Essex Community College, Massachusetts

Letter received from Griffin Snell

Dear Mr. Kane and the SubVets Scholarship Committee

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Unfortunately, K4K visits are on hold until the safety of the Kids and the Sub Vets can be assured.

Groton Base's Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team continues to bring comfort and joy to sick Children, and their families!

WE VISIT KIDS AT:

Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Yale New Haven Children's Hospital

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for 4 - 13 year old Kids

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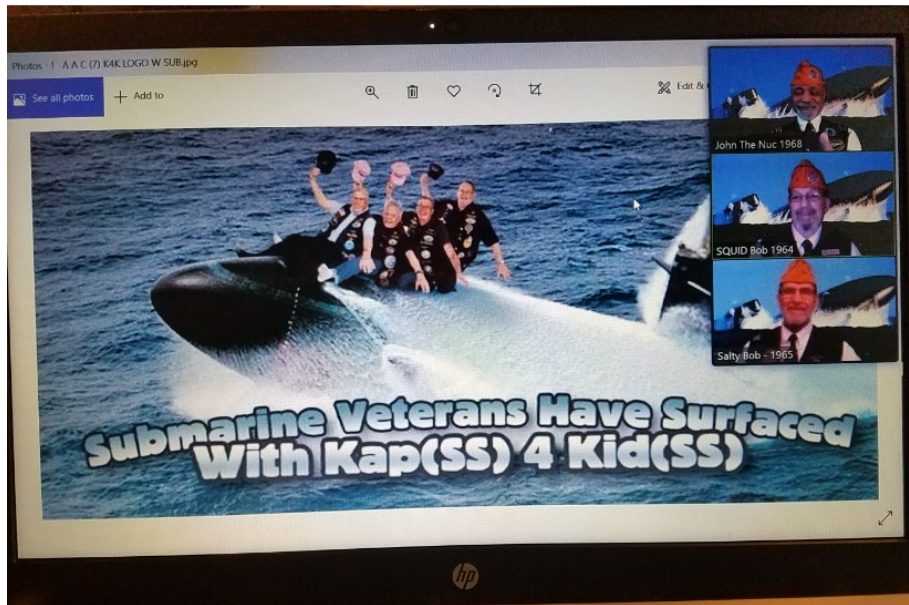
for 13-18 year old Kids

The Ronald McDonald House

The Connecticut Hospice

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GROTON BASE CONTINUES KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) ZOOM VISITS



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Using ZOOM, the Groton Base's Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team continues to bring comfort and joy to sick Children and their families during the COVID-19 Pandemic!

Prior to our ZOOM visits we mail or drop off K4K Blue & Pink Caps, K4K Surgical Kaps, Honorary Submariner Certificates, Challenge Coins, Wristbands, Tattoos, USS Nautilus Photos, US Sub Museum Location Maps and Brochures from the USS Nautilus Museum & WWII Memorial East.

Our Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team for the below visits consisted of Bob Dulin, Bob Sharpe and John Riley

16 NEW HONORARY SUBMARINERS!

KAP(SS)4KID(SS)**John Riley Chair**

On April 7th, 16 Kids in Yale New Haven Hospital's Inpatient Child Psychiatric Unit for 4-12 year-olds were made Honorary Submariners by Groton Base's Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team.

We have been visiting the Kids in this unit 2 to 4 times a year for about 10 years and it is always a rewarding experience for us. The staff tells us that bringing comfort and joy to these Kids makes a positive difference because they are all dealing with very challenging problems.

We are visiting more often via Zoom during the COVID-19 pandemic. The need for this psychiatric unit has always been high but is greater than normal for this 16 bed facility due to COVID-19.

After our slide and video presentation we called each of the Kids up to the camera where the staff gave them their Honorary Submariner Certificate. When they all had their certificates, we had them stand as a group and officially swore them in as Honorary Submariners. We then welcomed them into our Submarine Veteran Family!

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All the Kids had questions that we happily answered. At the end of the visit, they were each given an Honorary Submariner Challenge Coin. We let them know that they could use it to get a Special Tour by Active-Duty Submariners at the USS Nautilus Submarine and Museum in Groton, Connecticut, when it opens back up. We told them that they would also get a USS Nautilus Challenge Coin during their tour.

KAP(SS)4KID(SS)**John Riley Chair**

In addition to the gifts we traditionally give to the Kids, we also gave them WORLD GLOBE Therapeutic Relaxing Squeeze Balls. After the visit the staff informed us that these were big hits with the Kids!

16 MORE HAPPY HONORARY SUBMARINERS!

KAP(SS)4KID(SS)**John Riley Chair**

On May 25th, 16 Kids in Yale New Haven Hospital's Inpatient Child Psychiatric Unit for 4-12 year-olds, were made Honorary Submariners by Groton Base's Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team.

We once again visited the Kids in this unit via Zoom because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The hospital would like us to resume the in person visits when the Kids and staff are no longer required to wear face masks. We would still use Zoom visits in the future during times when access is restricted.

After our slide and video presentation we called each of the Kids up to the camera where the staff gave them their Honorary Submariner Certificate. When they all had their certificates, we had them stand as a group and officially swore them in as Honorary Submariners. We then welcomed them into our Submarine Veteran Family!

KAP(SS)4KID(SS)**John Riley Chair**

As usual, all the Kids had questions that we happily answered. They were each given an Honorary Submariner Challenge Coin and we let them know that they could use it to get a Special Tour by Active-Duty Submariners at the USS Nautilus Submarine and Museum in Groton,. We also let them know that they would get a USS Nautilus Challenge Coin during their tour.

We informed the Kids that, after being shut down for over a year due to the pandemic, the museum would open-up the very next day.

KAP(SS)4KID(SS)**John Riley Chair**

In addition to the other gifts we traditionally give the Kids, we also gave them HEART SMILEY FACE Therapeutic Relaxing Squeeze Balls. These were an even bigger hit than the Globe Squeeze Balls that we gave Kids during our last Zoom visit in April! The staff said that they liked them better also because they don't bounce around the room like the globes do.

"We began by imagining that we are giving to them; we end by realizing that they have enriched us" - Pope John Paul II

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/kaps4kidsconnecticut>

K4K VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/DaHOrDe4U5E>

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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**Scott Howard**

With the financial audits ongoing, we continue to strive for excellence by improving our financial position and club house operations. It has been very busy working our way through this process and finally can see a light at the end of the tunnel.

On Saturday mornings we hold our weekly clean up of the Bar and Kitchen area. I want to thank the members who have been donating their time to help keep the club clean. We plan to start using one of the monthly Saturdays to do some deep cleaning (Field Day) to make sure the Club House does not fall into disrepair. To that end, I am asking for additional volunteers to assist during these Saturday morning clean-ups. We start at 9:00 and end at noon. Coffee and donuts are always available.

MEMBER SERVICES - You can Chat with us anytime, thanks to our PAO Jim Lawton

*** We now have direct Chat Options via the WIX App, where the PAO is monitoring for your questions. You can install the WIX applications yourself for quick access.
Go to <https://www.ussvigroton.org/> and click on box in lower corner.

*** Photographs are uploaded regularly to the "Gallery" tab!
<https://www.ussvigroton.org>

Members Update Biography in National Database in National Database at
<https://www.ussvi.org>

Donate \$\$\$ to the Groton Clubhouse, Memorial, Kap4Kids, Annual Appeal, Thanksgiving Caring &

Have you checked out our Facebook Page?

(Click link here) <https://www.facebook.com/ussvigroton/>

Please **"like"** our Facebook Page and **"share"** posts and photos with friends and members.

Help us get the great work we do out there!



Get Involved, Stay Involved!!!

Want to join a committee?

Want to help or run a Club event?

Want to get involved in the administrative side of the Base? Become an Officer?

Contact any Base Officer to get more information and to get involved!!!

RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse news!

Our veteran coffeehouses have opened! So far five out of six....

Masks to be worn entering building/can be removed once in coffeehouse room.

New London Veterans Coffeehouse. We had a great reopening gathering Friday, 18 June. Steve Ricard with the New London Veterans Affairs spoke about community veteran events coming up this summer, updated us on the expansion project at the New London Veterans outpatient clinic at Shaws Cove and answered questions about other topics. We want to thank Alex Marku, President of the New London Rotary for donating food for our first meeting back! Meetings are the 1st & 3rd Friday each month. New London Senior Center / 120 Broad Street. Cafeteria room.

Groton Veterans Coffeehouse: 9-11 am. / 2 Fort Hill Rd, Groton Human Services building. Conference room as you walk up the stairs. Meetings to resume to twice a month in July; the 2nd and 4th Friday.

Mystic Veterans Coffeehouse:

The meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Meeting takes place in activity room. /9-11am/45 Clara Dr. Mystic. Per Masonicare health and safety guidelines to be followed: All guests must check in at front desk, temp taken, and brief health questionnaire.

Pawcatuck Veterans Coffeehouse: Our first meeting is Thursday, July 8th! We will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center (PNC) at 27 Chase Street / 9-11 am

Norwich Veterans Coffeehouse: Our first meeting is Tuesday, July 20th! We will resume with twice a month: 1st and 3rd Tuesday in August. 9-11 am / Rose City Senior Center, 8 Mahan Drive.

We look forward to welcoming you back & seeing everyone!

Non-RSVP Coffeehouse Meetings

Waterford: Hosted by Jim Reid - The Waterford Veterans Coffeehouse will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is July 13th at Filomena's Restaurant, 262 Boston Post Road in Waterford from 0900 to 1100. A great breakfast is always served. Thanking Mike and his team for their tremendous support for our veterans.

East Lyme: Hosted by Brian Burrige. Second Wednesday of the month / 6-8 pm. VFW 39 Columbus Ave, Niantic.

Norwich: Wednesdays: at the Norwich Alliance Church, off Rt. 82 behind the Hartford Health Care Facility Plaza 9-11am every Wednesday. Go up the stairs to the basement meeting hall.

Contact us with any questions!

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*If you or someone you know needs us, please call,
We have access to a multitude of resources and
can head you in the right direction !*

Sincerely,
Gina

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For other Connecticut towns, contact your local town halls for Veterans Coffee Houses in your area.
Newington Wednesdays 9 am to 2 pm
Colchester Saturday July 2, August 6 & September 4
Somers/Ellington starts on July 16

Out of Connecticut—if you have information please let us know at Secretary@ussvigroton.org

JULY 2021 -- Begin Membership Renewals; See website for updates at www.ussvigroton.org						
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				01	02	03
04 INDEPENDENCE DAY July 4th Parade and Reception at Clubhouse	05	06 1830, Monthly Business Meeting	07	08	09	10
11	12	13		15	16	17
18 10-12 Brunch	19 1900, GB Westport Satellite Group Meeting	20 1130, Holland Club luncheon 1600 Clubhouse Operations Plng Mtg	21 Committee Budget submittals due to Base Treasurer NLT 3 September	22 Chairman reports due to Base Secre- tary	23	24
25	26 1700, E-Board Meeting	27 Re-sked from 21 Apr-1730, Holland Club Plng Mtg		29 5PM CT Veterans Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony, CT State Armory, Hartford, CT	30	31

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AUGUST 2021 -- Continue Membership Renewals; Members Update Biography in National Database; See website for updates at www.ussvigroton.org

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08 1200-1800, GB Westport Satellite Group Annual Family Picnic & Meeting, Naval Veterans Club Port 5, Bridgeport, CT	09	10 Agent Orange Day, established by its first use in Viet Nam in 1961	11 6:00pm Thanksgiving/Caring & Sharing Prog Plng	12 KURSK lost, 2000	13	14 V-J DAY, 1945
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SEPTEMBER 2021 -- Continue Membership Renewals; HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, 15 SEP - 15 OCT; Third Friday of September is NATIONAL POW/ MIA RECOGNITION DAY; See website for updates at www.ussvigroton.org

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12 1830 Monthly Business Meeting	13	14	15 Yom Kippur begins at sunset	16 Yom Kippur ends at nightfall	17 NATIONAL POW/ MIA RECOGNITION DAY	18 U.S. Air Force Birthday 1947
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26 Hoshana Rabbah begins at sunset	27 1800, E-Board Meeting Hoshana Rabbah ends at nightfall Uniform Change	28	29 6:30pm Thanksgiving/ Caring & Sharing Prog Png	30		

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ABOUT USSVI

United States Submarine Veterans Inc.

Our purpose is "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.

Groton Base was the first USSVI Base established in 1964 following the tragic loss of the USS Thresher SSN-593. Our creed serves to remember them and all US Submariners on Eternal Patrol.

SOCIAL MEDIA

There are a number of Facebook sites dedicated to our experiences....

Some are listed below.....

Old War Submarine Veterans

Eternal Patrol by USSVI

silent service motorcycle club international

US Submarine Veterans

Run Silent, Run Deep

Of course, we want you to visit us in Groton.... <https://www.ussvigroton.org/>

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