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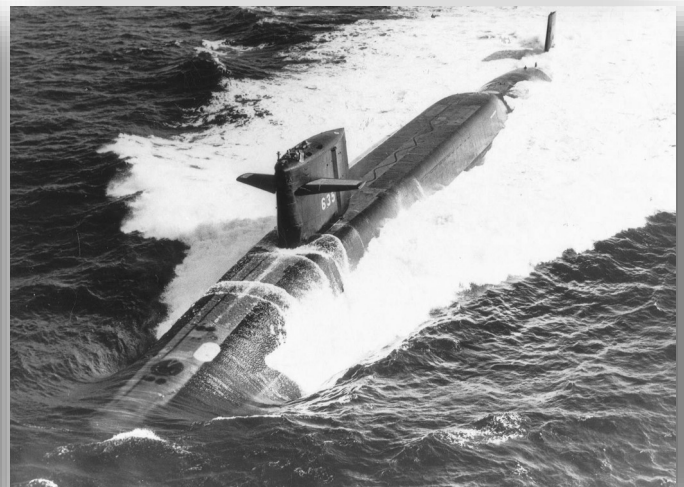
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NOTICES & ALERTS

**“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 serve as a constant source of motivation towards greater accomplishments.
Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution”**

NOW HEAR THIS!

**THE CLUB HOUSE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS.
Until State and Local COVID restrictions are lifted,
MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER THE BUILDING**

**SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT, BUSINESS MEETING, PROMOTION PINNING, RE-ENLISTMENT OR LUNCHEON
BY CALLING 860-445-5262. ASK FOR JILL OR LAURA**

**OUR HOURS OF OPERATION ARE
MONDAY & TUESDAY 1100—1400
WEDNESDAY 1100—1700
THURSDAY & FRIDAY 1100 TO 1900.**

LUNCHES ARE SERVED DAILY FROM 1130 TO 1400

**Have a specialty trade?
We need you!**

Electrician, Plumber, Carpenter, Painter, data entry, bookkeeper
Contact Charlie Murray at treasurer@ussvigroton.org

COMING SOON: Submarine—SUBVET Memorabilia, extra boat, base plaques, pictures, etc. are being set up as a fund raiser to help defray the maintenance expense of the club house. Presently we are preparing an inventory listing with prices that will be posted in the 2022 first quarter edition of Boat Notes. When published, if your boat is listed and you would like to obtain a plaque of your boat, contact the temporary archivist at secretary@ussvigroton.org.

Thanksgiving donations

Make your check out to: SUBVETS USSVI Groton Base

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We provide a lot of information in regards to USSVI Groton Base via email and if you are not on the Base's email listing contact us and we will ensure you are on it.

Webpage: Our webpage is
<https://ussvigroton.org/>

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,

Welcome to September, Labor Day, and the official end to summer. It's hard to believe that we are already heading into the last quarter of 2021, what a year. Since our last edition of Boat Notes things around the clubhouse have started to pick up.

First let me say thank you to all the volunteers that have made the last 3 months a success here at SUBVETS Groton Base.

Without you it would be hard to accomplish what we do day in and day out. Your support and dedication is very much appreciated.

We've hosted several successful events that included Sunday Brunches, Holland Club Luncheons, USS San Juan Families and Friends Meet and Greet, Vermont Commissioning Committee gathering, USS Providence decommissioning crew/plank owner gathering and the Hyman G. Rickover SSN 795 reception. These types of events and gatherings are what SUBVETS Groton Base is all about. Part of the USSVI Creed is to "provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice." I personally think we do a fantastic job providing that path to friendship and camaraderie. Can we do more? I think yes and it starts with us, the volunteers, the backbone behind SUBVETS Groton Base.

In order to do this, we need your help to rebuild our membership. It is every USSVI member's responsibility to help us grow. Just like when we were on active duty, ID and train your replacement. Every time I meet a Veteran, especially a Submariner, I ask the standard questions; when were you in, what boat(s) were you on, what's your rate, what year did you qualify, do you know about the Holland Club? Then I ask the hard question; are you a member of SUBVETS Groton Base? I'm surprised by the responses I get; they range from what's that? I

don't drink, they smoke there, I use to be a member when I was on Active Duty or nobody ever did a follow-up. Then I tell them about who we are and what we do for the local submarine community. Sometimes it works and we get new members. Every one of us has the same opportunity to bring in a former member or a new one. Let's talk up and boast about our clubhouse and what we do for the submarine community. I'm proud of the accomplishment that we continue to do year after year.

It was stated at the 2021 USSVI Convention that the average age of our membership is 71 years old. We have an opportunity to start reversing that trend by bringing in more Activity Duty Sailors. We do that by hosting more events at the clubhouse.

As we close out summer here in southeastern Connecticut there is an uptick in new COVID cases. The political leaders of the City of Groton, Town of Groton and the City of New London have all issued a mask mandate for all businesses in those areas. Unfortunately, or fortunately, that includes the clubhouse. So, when entering the clubhouse please wear a mask.

I hope that you all remain healthy and safe and I look forward to seeing each one of you at the Joe Negri clubhouse soon.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven A. Ricard".

Steve Ricard

REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED

Wear RED on Friday

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 we 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.

JR VICE COMMANDER**Patrick Sullivan**

As Jr. Vice I continue to serve as Liaison between the EBOARD and Club Operations Committee regarding the operations of the club house. We are proud of the progress the volunteers have made over the past eighteen months to improve the appearance, cleanliness and general maintenance of the facility. The smoke smell no longer exists and more members are commenting that it's a pleasure to come to the club with friends and family.

Maintaining the Base calendar is a challenge with all the events that are now being booked. We ask you if you are thinking about organizing an event to book your event for use of the dining room (pump room) or the main hall through the bar managers.



UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC.
Thanksgiving/Caring and Sharing Committee
40 School Street, Groton, CT 06340-3940



10 September 2021

I hope this letter finds you well and proud of your Submarine heritage. Many great things get accomplished at USSVI Groton Base, the home of the "Joe Negri" clubhouse, "The First and the Finest". Part of the USSVI Creed is to "provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice".

One of our long-standing traditions is providing Thanksgiving dinner to our Sailors that cannot be with family and friends during the holiday. In keeping with our creed and in appreciation of those who are serving our country, we will once again celebrate Thanksgiving at the Groton Base Clubhouse.



Last year, due to the pandemic, we were limited in the number of Sailors that could attend dinner. We served meals at the Clubhouse to 550 Sub School Students, delivered several meals to home bound Veterans, to first responders and to a family in need. All the extra food was donated to local food banks, meal centers, and to veterans' organizations.

<https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/pandemic-doesnt-stop-sailors-from-getting-a-taste-of-home-this-thanksgiving/2371034/?amp>

This year, we plan to serve Thanksgiving Dinner at the Groton Clubhouse for Active-Duty Sailors and their families, Submarine Veterans, first responders, and others. Our goal in 2021 is to serve as many meals as we can and to reach out to our Submarine Community.

Over the past 20 years we have served 900 to 1150 to-go and sit-down meals each year. Sailors have said we provide a feeling like they are spending Thanksgiving at home and that the Groton Base members and volunteers provide camaraderie. Remember your past Thanksgivings away from home and try to remember what it was like if you were at sea or stationed at US Naval Submarine Base New London.

The Thanksgiving Committee needs your help to accomplish our goal. It is a huge endeavor requiring donations and many volunteers. We need your help with this project. Please take a moment to review the attached list and, if possible, choose a task and volunteer a little time, or make a food or give monetary donation.

We ask you to respond at your earliest convenience. Please complete the attached form ASAP but no later than November 12, 2021, so we can make this happen.

Sincerely,

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2021 Thanksgiving Chair
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2021 USSVI GROTON BASE THANKSGIVING APPEAL

Please respond ASAP but no later than November 12, 2021, so we can make this happen.

Your Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____ Monetary donation amount: _\$ _____

Other donations: Pies # _____ Type _____ # Other _____

(Be specific & deliver to clubhouse by Tuesday before Thanksgiving)

Frozen Turkeys (14 – 16) pound # _____

(Deliver to the clubhouse up to 6 days prior to Thanksgiving. We need time to thaw frozen birds)

Volunteering for check the items below:

Pickup/delivery of supplies Thanksgiving week; Day/Time you can volunteer

Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____

- Assist in setting up Wednesday 10 AM _____

Thanksgiving Day 10 AM _____ Noon _____ 2 PM _____ 4 PM _____

- Assist in serving food at the Clubhouse

Thanksgiving Day 10 AM _____ Noon _____ 2 PM _____ 4 PM _____

- Assistance in delivering of meals on Thanksgiving Day Noon _____

- Clean-up on Thanksgiving Day 4 PM _____ Friday 9 AM _____

We also need your help in identifying homebound veterans who we can help by bringing them a meal.

Veteran's name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Please fill out and return to the club.

**USSVI GROTON BASE
THANKSGIVING APPEAL
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GROTON, CT 06340**

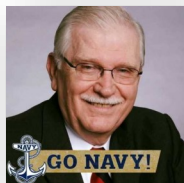
IF MAKING A MONETARY DONATION, PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK WITH THIS FORM

One-time donation (Cash or Check) **Make your check out to: SUBVETS USSVI Groton Base**

OR MAKE YOUR DONATION VIA <https://www.ussvigroton.org/donations>

We appreciate your support and Thank You.

Note: Contributions or gifts are not tax deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

Base Secretary**Alvin G. Kinsall**

In putting this newsletter together I look for ways to improve its content and make it more enjoyable for you the reader. Here are a couple of my thoughts:

1. The first is to support a 10% increase in Groton Base membership that includes providing a inlet for members who have not renewed their membership for whatever reason. This will allow current members, friends and shipmates the opportunity to contact them, asking them as shipmates to renew their membership to become active again as Brothers and Sisters of the Phin. This suggestion is in the process of being programmed and should be ready for your reading enjoyment in the 2022 first quarter edition.

It will provide a listing of new members for the quarter. It will include their name, rate/rank, qual date and whether the new member is Active Duty or not.

It will also provide a list of members dropped (who haven't paid their dues to continue their membership).

2. Another suggestion improving our newsletter is to have all its articles written in easy-to-read font and font size.
3. We welcome your comments, feedback, anything that will make BOAT NOTES newsletter a more enjoyable read. Send me your stories (In MSWORD format) along with your photo's (in JPEG format) of your events. Our members enjoy reading your articles. Send your articles to secretary@ussvigroton.org.

HOOYA, stay healthy and thank you for being a member of the First and Finest Groton Base.

WESTPORT SATELLITE GROUP**Paul Grammer**

West Port Satellite Celebrates its summer picnic at Port 5, National Association of Naval Veterans, in Bridgeport Connecticut.



HOLLAND CLUB**Rich Cheatham, Chair****Holland Club Update****Holland Club Luncheons**

Our Holland Club luncheons have re-started - They are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 11:30, at the Club. Please email or call if you plan to attend. September with Kathy Marrow Lotring, US Submarine Force Museum Executive Director & RADM Arnold Lotring, USN RET., as our speakers.

The 2021 Holland Club Induction Update

We met with SUBASE leadership team on September 13 to get an update on SUBASE HPCON level. An increase of the SUBASE Health Protection Condition (HPCON) level, from HPCON B+ to HPCON C, requires too many changes to occur for this year's Induction to held on SUBASE in October. A SUBASE HPCON C level makes Dealey Center a no-go for October. The Holland Club Induction Planning Committee members were unanimous in the decision that if Dealey Center is a no-go, we will postpone the 2021 induction until a later date.

The Friday October 1 afternoon reception at the Fouled Anchor (Chief's Club), and Saturday October 2 afternoon reception at SUBVETS have also been canceled.

Please note, not all is lost; the Friday October 1 night Steak dinner is still on at SUBVETS. Please contact the club (860 445-5262) if you plan to attend the Steak dinner.

CHAPLAIN & RED HAT (Homecoming)**Jack Gallimore Chaplain, Red Hat Chair**

Since the middle of March 2020 up through September 2021 members of the Honor Detail and the Chaplain have not been able to provide regular services for submarine veterans due to the virus. Now that the vaccine is out, we'll see!!! The Chaplain provides Invocations and Benedictions or prayers at numerous ceremonies held at the WWII memorial when able, due to the virus; Since the middle of March 2020 during the Covid pandemic we have been severely restricted in our activities. We sent those families of the deceased that we had addresses for. Unfortunately, we do not always hear of a passing of one of our shipmates or mailing addresses, however we do let the next of kin know when we do hear of someone departing on Eternal Patrol and offer our condolences.

Folks who have passed recently (to the best of my knowledge.) William Haines TM2(SS) 8/2/21, Richard French MMCS (SS) 8/22/21 God bless shipmates, RIP.

Red Hats: I wish to thank members of the Red Hats detail who were able to make it to the event on 24 August, The San Juan made it home safely after a long deployment. The Providence departed Groton on 30 August for the last time...She will have her reactor removed, God bless them both!



Shipmates on Eternal Patrol during 2021— As of end of 3rd Quarter

*I apologize for the poor quality of the graphic below.
The next edition it will be improved.*

Date Died	Last Name	Base	Member From	Ships	Bio
1/8/2021	Lane, David W.	Groton		SS-477, SSBN-609, SSBN-618, SSN-606, SSN-692, SSN-694, SSBN-659, SSN-690	Cold War Submarine Veteran, David Lane was born June 19, 1943, in a farm house, Worth County, Misso ...
1/24/2021	Burchfield, Edward L.	Groton		SS-580, SSN-591, SSN-678, SSN-592, SSN-700	Cold War Submarine Veteran, Edward L. Burchfield 65, of Hampton died Sunday evening January 24, 2021 ...
1/18/2021	Welsh, Jr., William	Groton	1994	SS-349, SS-435, SS-420, SSN-585, SSN-637	Qualified in submarines on the USS Diodon (SS-349) in 1950 and was a TMCS(SS) when he left the Navy.
2/5/2021	Gilbert Jr, Joseph William	Groton	2005	SS-435, SS-385, SS-269	Cold War Submarine Veteran, Joseph W. Gilbert Jr., 88, of Orlando, Fla. died Friday, Feb. 5, 2021, in Altam ...
2/15/2021	Brinkman, Gerald Adelbert	Groton		SSBN-634, NR-1, SSN-710, SSN-711	Cold War Submarine Veteran, Gerald Adelbert Brinkman passed away on February 15, 2021. Born August ...
2/20/2021	Costa, Louis	Groton	2000	SSN-578, SS-420, SS-489, SSN-587, SS-298, SS-348, SS-394, SSN-665	Cold War Submarine Veteran, Louis Costa (84) went home to God on Saturday, February 20, 2021, after ...
2/23/2021	Friesse, Walter Jacob	Groton	2001	ARS-7, AT-114, ARS-23, SS-405, SSN-597, SS-365, SSN-668, SS-385	Cold War Submarine Veteran, Walter Jacob Friesse, 85, of Gales Ferry passed away the evening of Feb. ...
2/22/2021	Sinacore, Leonard F.	Long Island	1973	SS-297, SS-566	Cold War Submarine Veteran, Leonard "Lenny" Sinacore, 72, of Central Islip, NY departed 2/22/2021 on his fin ...
2/27/2021	Paul, Richard Monroe	Groton		DD-700, SS-83, AS-24	WWII Submarine Veteran, Mr. Richard (Dick) M. Paul, age 95, of Dalton, MA passed away on February 27 ...
3/10/2021	Hansen, Carl J.	New Jersey North	2002	SS-352, SSBN-599	Qualified in submarines on the USS Halfbeak (SS-352) in 1964 and was a ETR2(SS) when he left the Nav ...
3/18/2021	Stafford, Fred Russel	Groton	1998	SS-341, SS-564, SS-420, SSN-578, SSN-584, SSN-588, SSBN-655	Cold War Submarine Veteran, Fred Russel Stafford, 90 years young, died March 18, 2021. He was the ch ...
3/17/2021	Simmons, Harvey Farrar	Groton	2000	SSBN-619	Qualified in submarines on the USS Andrew Jackson (SSBN-619) in 1976 and was a MMCS(SS) when he left ...
4/6/2021	Fazio, Peter Joseph	Groton	2004	SS-343, SSN-674, SSN-710	Cold War Submarine Veteran, Peter Joseph Fazio, USN (Ret.) of Mumford Cove, Groton, CT passed away p ...
4/9/2021	McCannes, Richard D.	Groton	2001	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, ...
4/20/2021	Jewell, David F.	Groton	1999	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.
6/13/2021	Massey, III, Thomas F.	Mid-Atlantic	1992	SS-378, SS-394	MASSEY, Thomas, III, 97, of North Chesterfield, VA, formerly of Wilmington, DE, died June 13, 2021. ...
6/22/2021	Dennis, Ronald W.	Groton		SSN-672, SSN-689, SSN-667, SSBN-622, SSBN-659	Cold War Submarine Veteran, Ronald W. Dennis, 76, of Niantic CT departed 6/22/2021 on his final and eternal p ...
7/19/2021	Mariano, Jr, Raymond Joseph	Groton	2000	SSR-572	Cold War Submarine Veteran, Raymond Joseph Mariano, Jr., age 80, of Marietta, Georgia, passed a ...
1/4/2021	Rudelt, Donald G.	Groton	2002	SSBN-644, SSBN-735, SSBN-737, SSN-774, SSN-769	Qualified in submarines on the USS Lewis and Clark (SSBN-644) in 1988 and was a MMCS(SS) when he left the Navy.
8/3/2021	Haines, William L.	USS Springfield	2002	SS-365	Qualified in submarines on the USS Hardhead (SS-365) in 1967 and was a TML(SS) when he left the Navy.

Screenshot of a web browser displaying the "Submariners on Eternal Patrol" website. The page shows a list of submarine veterans, including details like Date Died, Last Name, Base, Member From, Ships, and Bio. The page is titled "Submariners on Eternal Patrol" and includes a search bar and navigation links. The list of veterans is displayed in a table format, with columns for Date Died, Last Name, Base, Member From, Ships, and Bio. The page is currently on page 2 of 2.

Date Died	Last Name	Base	Member From	Ships	Bio
8/22/2021	French, Richard E.	Groton	1999	PCF-477, SS-322, SS-407, SS-348, SS-374, SSN-459, AS-33	Qualified in submarines on the USS Amberjack (SS-322) in 1960 and was a MMCS(SS) when he left the Navy.
8/27/2021	Olson, John David	Groton	2002	SS-484, SS-477, SS-328, SS-407	Cold War Submarine Veteran, J. David Olson, age 81, beloved husband of 29 years to Joyce (Wiener) ...
9/19/2021	Peterson, John D.	Beverly	1993	SS-196, SSBN-616, SSN-187, SSBN-612, SS-581, SSN-652, SSBN-620	Cold War Submarine Veteran, John D. Peterson, of Anna HI, born on January 26, 1936 and passed away on 9 ...

U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES

OCTOBER



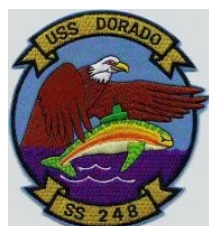
Seawolf was announced overdue from patrol and presumed lost with all hands (83 crew and 17 U.S. Army) when it was mistaken for a Japanese submarine and sunk by friendly destroyers just North of Morotai, Republic of the Philippines.



S-44 was sunk by a Japanese destroyer in the Northern Kuril Islands 7 Oct. 1943. 56 men lost. Two men picked up by Japanese destroyer, repatriated at end of war.



Sunk near the La Perouse Strait near Northern Japan, 11 Oct 1943 80 men lost



Lost off Atlantic Coast 12 Oct 1943 to unknown cause. 77 men lost.



Escobar's last communication was with Perth on 17 October- she was never heard from again. It is assumed that she struck a mine and sank with all hands. 82 men lost.



Shark was reported as presumed lost with 87 men.

U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

OCTOBER CONTINUED



Grounded 24 Oct.1944. 31 Oct. 1944 was destroyed by deck gun of USS Nautilus



Photo # 101-42215 USS Tang off the Mare Island Navy Yard, December 1943



Tang's last torpedo broached and curved to the left in a circular run. Tang fishtailed to clear the turning circle of the torpedo, but it struck her abreast the after torpedo room approximately 20 seconds after it was fired. Tang sank by the stern.



O-5 was sold for scrap.

U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

NOVEMBER



Albacore was assumed to have been lost. According to Japanese records captured after the war, a submarine assumed to be Albacore struck a mine very close to the shore off north-eastern Hokkaido on 7 November. 85 men lost.



The wolfpack, headed by Growler, closed a convoy for attack. The order to commence attacking was the last communication ever received from Growler. She was listed as lost in action against the enemy, cause unknown. 86 men lost.



From records available after the war, it appears that Scamp was sighted by Japanese planes and reported depth charged by a coast defense vessel to the South of Tokyo Bay. 83 men lost.



Corvina topped off with fuel at Johnston Island and was never heard from again. Sunk by Japanese submarine south of Truk on 16 Nov 1943. 82 men lost.

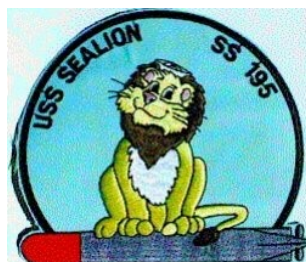
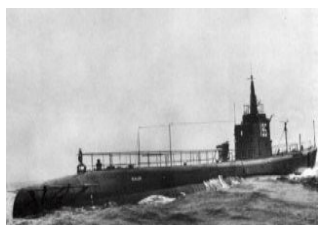


Scuttled in the Gilberts Archipelago on her 9th patrol. The Commanding Officer CDR. Connaway was killed. Capt. Cromwell went down with the ship and was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his act of heroism and devotion to country.

GROTON

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

Lost in December 1943 in the Celebes Sea, on her 1st war patrol, with 76 men lost. Cause of loss unknown.



The destruction of the Navy Yard made repairs impossible, and Sealion was ordered destroyed. All salvagable equipment was taken off, depth charges were placed inside, and the explosives were set off to prevent her from being made useful to the enemy.



While maneuvering in exercises at sea, F-1 and F-3 collided, the former sinking in 10 seconds, her port side torn forward of the engine room. 19 of her men were lost, while 3 others were rescued by the submarines with whom she was operating.



S-4 was destroyed by sinking.

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*

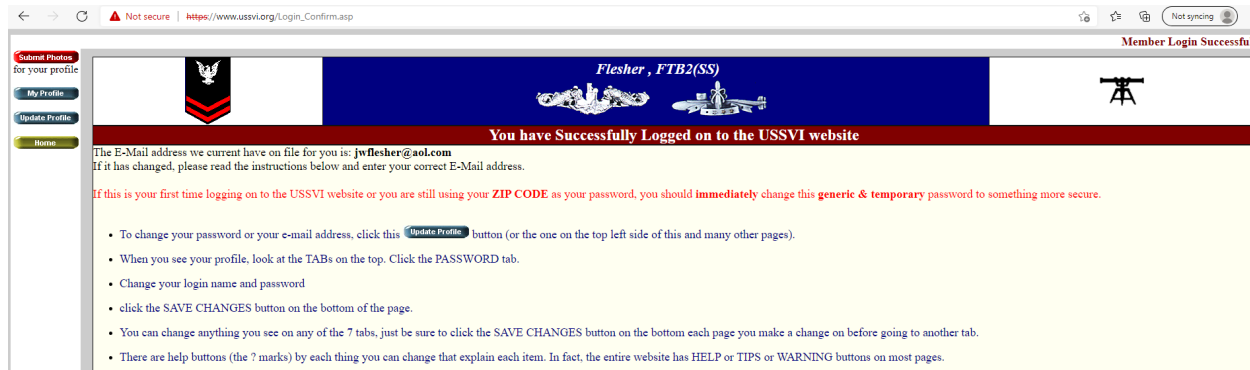
I have one consolation that lives with me today.
That God is near to them, in his own special way.
So God in all Your mercy, keep near Thyself the soul,
Of every Submariner, still on his final patrol.

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

And in the American Submariner Magazine

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**Jeff Flesher, Chair**

Did you know that you can update most of your information in the USSVI national database yourself? This database is our official membership record and when we add new members our local databases are refreshed completely so when you make updates in the national system, we have those also updated in our Base files too. All you need to do is log into your national account and choose what you like to update. You can also add more information about your career, pictures, and search for old shipmates. Below is the screen you will see when you login and directions to make updates to your profile:



A few membership reminders:

- We can pay dues by check through mail (include a membership form), online with PayPal, and in person at the clubhouse.
- You don't have to wait until next year to renew. You can also renew for multiple years with a discount.
- Even if you are a Life Member with National Subvets. you still need to pay Groton Base dues.
- We don't have an option for Life Memberships with Groton Base, only National.
- An Associate Member must have a qualified sponsor and sponsors may only support one Associate member.
- Associate Members can't be Life members with National although they can purchase multiple year memberships.

And finally – please do check your records with National occasionally so that we can keep in touch with your correct email and phone numbers. Thank you Shipmates!

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**Marian Galbraith, Chair**

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

Members of the Membership committee took part in Groton Heights Open House Day on August 7. All the historic institutions on Groton Heights were open to visitors, and we were no exception with SUBVETS on hand to greet our guests. Volunteers from SUBSCHOL also volunteered for the day.

In the weeks ahead we will be holding a meeting to determine our budget for next year and to set a date for another painting party. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact me at mktgalbraith@gmail.com.

Marian Galbraith

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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**Alvin Kinsall, Chair****From the Desk***Alvin G. Kinsall**USSVI Groton Base Secretary/Veterans Rep*

Retirees and Disabled Vets Due for Record Raise Next Year



17 Aug 2021: Military.com | By [Jim Absher](#)

Military retirees and disabled veterans could see their monthly checks jump by hundreds of dollars each month in 2022, the largest increase since 1983.

The annual inflation-based Cost of Living Adjustment, or COLA, soon will be determined by the government, and all the figures point to an increase of at least 6%, and maybe more, beginning in 2022.

That means that next year, military retirees will see their monthly retirement check increase, with the average monthly check going up by around \$160. Veterans receiving disability compensation from the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) also will see their monthly [disability payments](#) increase, with the average monthly amount increasing by nearly \$100.

According to the [Defense Department](#), there are around 1.87 million military retirees, with an annual average retirement payment of \$30,265. The [VA says](#) nearly 5.1 million veterans receive disability compensation, with an annual benefit of \$18,549.

The annual COLA increase is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is measured by the Department of Labor. That agency measures the costs of a select group of goods and services and compares those costs to the previous year. If there is an increase, retirees and many others receiving government benefits see an increase in their monthly payments for the upcoming year. If those costs go down, the government payments will remain the same in the upcoming year.

In 2021, costs for most goods and services have gone up much faster than they have in the past. The [most recent data from the Department of Labor](#) is showing a 5.4% increase from last year, and there are two more months left in the current fiscal year, which ends on Sept. 30.

So, unless there is a major turnaround of the economy, with prices dropping dramatically in the next month or so, next year's government payments should see a hefty increase.

The CPI also is used to determine federal employee retirement and social security COLA adjustments as well as other federal benefit programs, so the CPI increase will affect over 50 million Americans.

Next year's COLA is scheduled to be announced in early October. ■

AN INTERESTING READ –

Changes from Boot Camp to Shipyards Are Coming in the Wake of the Bonhomme Richard Fire



A helicopter from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 3 combats a fire aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) at Naval Base San Diego, July 14, 2020. (Garrett LaBarge/U.S. Navy)

18 Aug 2021: Military.com | By [Konstantin Toropin](#)

The [Navy](#) is making major changes to its after-hours security and shipyard procedures in the wake of the Bonhomme Richard fire, sailors told Military.com.

The fire aboard the Bonhomme Richard, which was undergoing shipyard maintenance, broke out on [July 12, 2020](#), a Sunday morning when the [amphibious assault ship](#) was manned only by the duty section. It began in the ship's "lower V" cargo hold and lasted for [four days](#), burning at more than 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. The incident is considered the Navy's worst U.S. war-ship fire outside of combat in recent history.

One of the key changes the Navy is putting in place is an increase in how often senior leaders in duty sections -- sailors who stay aboard when the rest of the crew is off -- walk through the entire ship looking for safety or security issues.

The ship's "engineering duty officer, the fire marshal, the command duty officer and the section leader -- they all have to rove," Senior Chief David Mafoka said during a ship tour of the littoral combat ship Kansas City.

The four leaders, typically senior enlisted personnel or officers, "all have to rove [around the ship] three times a day and they can't do them all together," he explained. "They have to rove through all the engineering spaces, and they're focusing on the firefighting equipment."

A search warrant application unsealed earlier this month revealed that [the Navy suspects a disgruntled sailor](#) -- Ryan Sawyer Mays -- of starting the Bonhomme Richard fire.

According to the court document, Lt. Cmdr. Felix Perez, the officer in charge of the ship's damage control efforts, told investigators less than a week after the blaze was put out that three of the four fire stations in the upper and lower V compartments "were not in their normal configuration," adding that he thought that they "appeared to have been purposely tampered with and/or disconnected."

Mafoka said that some requirements for the fire marshal position, the sailor charged with fire safety in the duty section, have been changed to require extra schooling.

Previously, the Navy required only one sailor to patrol the ship, looking for problems. They were typically junior sailors and held no leadership role in the duty section. The change increases both the frequency of the required walkthroughs, as well as the seniority of the sailors tasked with doing so.

VETERANS AFFAIRS Continued**Al Kinsall, Chair**

The move is "increasing the risk of finding something and decreasing the risk of somebody doing something that they're not supposed to do," Rear Adm. Robert Nowakowski, the [deputy commander of the Naval Education and Training Command](#), explained to Military.com.

Mafoka said there also have been "a lot of additional requirements for when you go into the yards."

That includes a stipulation to place quick disconnect fittings on the hoses and pipes that are run throughout a ship undergoing maintenance. The lack of those fittings is believed to have contributed to the spread of the fire on the Bonhomme Richard.

"One of the problems on BHR was they tried to compartmentalize some of the spaces, and we found out that there was hoses going in-between space to space to space -- they couldn't shut the doors," Nowakowski said.

"You couldn't set the boundaries [to stop the fire from spreading]," he added.

Nowakowski said the Navy is considering increasing how much firefighting training sailors get in boot camp in the wake of the catastrophe.

"We're looking at expanding [boot camp] from an eight-week curriculum to a 10-week curriculum," he said.

The hope is to use some of that extra time to provide "additional firefighting and damage control training to the sailors," he added.

On July 29, the Navy [announced that Mays had been charged](#) under Article 110, wrongful hazarding of a vessel, and Article 126, aggravated arson, of the [Uniform Code of Military Justice](#) in connection with the blaze.

Gary Barthel, the defense attorney for the accused sailor, said that his "client is [adamant that he's not guilty](#) of anything that he's been charged with."

"He maintains his innocence," he added.

Dismantling of the Bonhomme Richard [began April 15](#) after it was determined it would take at least \$2.5 billion and five years to fix the ship. ■

GROTON SCHOLARSHIP 2021**Greg Kane, Chair**

Groton Base USSVI Scholarship Committee awarded Eight 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
Shelby Myers	Bowling Green State University, Ohio

Letter received from Griffin Snell

Dear Mr. Kane and the SubVets Scholarship Committee

Thank you for selecting me as the recipient of this meaningful scholarship. The SubVets meant a great deal to my Grandad and I am honored to be recognized by this special organization. Your generous gift is greatly appreciated, and helps me reduce the financial burden of college. Thank you once again, it truly means a lot to me.

Sincerely, Griffin Snell

Dear SubVets Scholarship Committee

I am writing to thank you for your generous scholarship award. I was very happy and appreciative to receive this honor. I will put your scholarship to good use as I complete my studies at UCONN—Avery Point.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Levandoski
2020 Recipient



IMPORTANT: Funding for the annual scholarships is provided totally through membership donations. Over the past few years the funds have been dwindling and all Groton SUBVET members are encouraged to donate to the scholarship fund through a stand alone donation or as part of their annual giving. Supporting the scholarship and our shipmates children and grandchildren is a powerful way to as stated in our creed, perpetuate the memory of our shipmates. The 2022 Scholarship Applications will

be available on November 1st on the Groton Base USSVI website. For additional information contact Groton Base Scholarship Chair, Gregory Kane at Gregory.Kane@ccsu.edu.

Groton USSVI Base Awards Scholarships to Eight Students for 2021 On June 23rd the Groton Base held a virtual and in person scholarship awards ceremony honoring this years recipients. The Awards committee comprised of Sandra and Ed Butcher, Jack Gallimore, Rob Davis and Pat Urello selected the students based on their academic, extracurricular and volunteer accomplishments.

This year's recipients include; **Lucas Nelson** of Waybridge, Vermont, son of Peter and Michelle Nelson. Lucas was sponsored by his grandfather John S. McKenzie SR. Lucas will be attending Macalester College in St. Paul Minnesota where he will major in mathematics. He is a standout athlete and a volunteers at Friday Night Community Suppers, Senior High Youth Group and Thanksgiving Food Drives. On his application Lucas wrote " My grandpa has been a role model for me all my life and is someone I admire greatly. His dedication, sacrifice and hard work is a constant source of motivation in my life".

The next recipient is **Reece Harding** of New York City. Reece, the son of Donald and Katherine Harding was sponsored by sub vet Wayne Harding. He will be attending Lafayette College Easton Pennsylvania majoring in economics. For his junior year playing tennis hr was awarded the John J Pat Rooney Scholarship award for an undefeated season. Reece volunteered as a Language Teacher for Catholic Charities, Sous chef for community service organization and worked as a tennis coach at Sag Harbor. When writing about his grandfather submarine stories, he wrote, "Amidst all of the positive memories we must never forget these veterans put their lives on the line for all of us".

Griffin Snell of Dillon Colorado sponsored by his grandfather Thomas Russell III is the son of Suzanne and Kevin Snell. Griffin will attend Colorado Mountain College where he will major in Fire Service Science. He was a member of the National Honor society, Spanish Honor society, Tri Music Honor society District Honor Band and Jazz band, All-State Band and Academic All State First Team Men's Soccer. Griffin volunteered as a Camp Counselor for 4th graders and the Copper Mountain Ski Patrol. He shared "I learned from my grandad that it is VERY important to do the right thing no matter what. He spent 20 years in the service of our country with the Navy and he always strived to do what was right even after he retired."

Also awarded a scholarship was **Megan Bost** of Richmond Hill Georgia The daughter of Bryan and Christine Lynch was sponsored by John Joseph Lynch her grandfather. She will attend University of North Florida, majoring in health sciences. Megan was a High Honors and Personal Finance Award Recipient and Captain of the Girls Cross Country, Soccer and Track and Field Teams. When sharing what the creed means to her she wrote The Submarine Veterans Creed represents a devotion to hard work and perseverance, things that I am willing to demonstrate during my time at the University of North Florida. "I want to work to create a better life for others and have the ability and opportunity to use my dedication to assist those in need."

Son of Michael and Kimberly Solt of Andover, Massachusetts, **Nicholas Solt** was sponsored by Harrison Solt III his Grandfather. He will attend Northern Essex Community College where he will start his formal preparation to become an educator. Nicholas dedicated untold hours to moving through the ranks of the Boy Scouts of America and has reached the rank of Life. The lesson he shared from his interpretation of the SUBVETS Creed was "there is a lesson in the creed for all of us. We should live our lives with a thought and goal that we emulate these gallant men and live our lives with a dedication to the highest standard these men set as ciXzen patriots to our country and its future."

Benjamin Perrin Westerly Rhode Island, son of Bradley and Debora Perrin scholarship application was sponsored by his father. Ben will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts where he will major in Mechanical Engineering. During high school his awards and honors include High School Honor Roll, Academic pin and letter, Sherman sportsmanship award, most improved midget driver of the year. Ben contributed to his community be volunteering for Always Adopt Adoption Day, Relay for Life and the North Stonington Elementary School Drama Club fundraiser. Benjamin included in his application, "if I am selected as a scholarship award, he I pledge during my time at Worcester Polytechnic Institute to actively research capture in document evidence of submariner's contributions toward preserving liberty in the United States of America."

Sarah Hodgdon of Niantic, Connecticut, daughter of Don and Kristen Hodgdon was sponsored by her father. Sarah will be attending George Washington University, Washington DC majoring in psychology. Her high school honors include American History Award, Art CO-OP Award, National honor society Algebra II Class Award, High honors. Sarah provided many hours to community service including Soccer Coach, Town Data Collection, Concession Stand Volunteer, Easter Bunny Breakfast Helper, High School Tour Guide, Local Toy Drive Volunteer, Freshman Orientation tour Guide, Tri-Athlon course Director Blood Drive Volunteer Public Library Volunteer, Toy for Tot Toy Drive Coordinator, Submarine Veterans Thanksgiving Turkey Collection. In her essay she stated "serving my community and supporting my country is important to me in something that has been instilled in my values growing up in a military family dating back to World War II."

The final awardee was **Shelby Meyers** of Maume, Ohio the daughter of Greg and Tammy Myers. Sponsored by her grandfather, Hugo J Klungler Shelby will be attending Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green Ohio where she will begin training to become a Physician's Assistant. Her honors include NLL Academic Award, United Soccer Coaches Senior Excellence Award and National Honor Society. She was busy with her extracurricular Activities including Student Superintendent Advisory Club, Interact Club, Ski club, Soccer, Basketball, and coaching youth soccer. In her essay she noted, "As I plan on continuing my academic career the USSVI Creed has educated me and force me to consider what sacrifices I make towards my friends' family members professors and all of those around me."

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

Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS)

"No one stands so tall as when they stoop to help a child"

Abraham Lincoln



GROTON BASE CONDUCTS FIRST IN-PERSON K4K VISIT TO KIDS IN OVER 18 MONTHS!

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

On July 29th, following Yale New Haven Hospital's masking and social distancing requirements, we conducted our first Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) in person visit in over eighteen months!

Our USSVI Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team consisted of Bob Dulin, Bob Sharpe and John Riley.

We visited with 4 to 12 year old Kids in Yale New Haven Hospital's Child Psychiatric In-Patient Unit for children with neuropsychiatric, developmental, and behavioral problems.

We made 12 Kids Honorary Submariners!

The staff was very happy for us to be there in person, and so were we! Even though our many Zoom visits with the Kids during this pandemic made a difference, it was obvious to us and the staff that in person visits are a much better way to bring comfort and joy to these Kids.

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

As usual, we had lots of fun with the Kids and staff as we shared information about life on-board a Submarine, showed Submarine related pictures and videos, and answered their many, many questions!

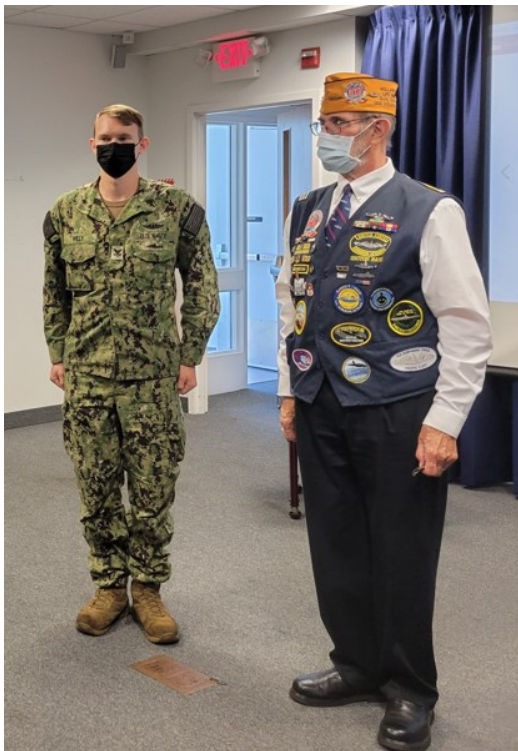
We gave the Kids items we give all our new Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Submariner Family Members: An Honorary Submariner Certificate, Ball Kap, Tattoo, Challenge Coin and Wrist Band. They also received a Nautilus Submarine Photo signed by our K4K Team, a map showing the location of all US Submarine Museums, and information brochures from the USS Nautilus Submarine Museum, and the WWII Submarine Memorial in Groton, CT.

We additionally gave them Therapeutic Relaxing Heart Shaped Squeeze Balls, which were a big hit!

We let them know that they would get a Special Tour and Challenge Coin from Active Duty Submariners if they visit the free USS Nautilus Submarine Museum in Groton, Connecticut.

On August 25th, Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team members Bob Dulin and John Riley gave a K4K presentation to the USS Nautilus Museum Command.

After the presentation Bob Dulin was asked to pin Petty Officer Willy's First Class insignia on him during a Frocking Ceremony conducted by Commander Derek Sutton, Officer In Charge of the USS Nautilus Museum Command.



"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://drive.google.com/file/d/14v-LAYJSFAzhx_RXVenVyjOlla7k7jTa/view?usp=drive_web

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS**Jim Lawton, PAO**

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 & Sharing & Groton Scholarship

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.



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!!!

OCTOBER 2021 -- BREAST CANCER AWARENESS, FIRE AWARENESS & PREVENTION, and DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS Month; Continue Membership Renewals; See website for updates at www.ussvigroton.org

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SUNDAY Club Hours 1000-1800	MONDAY Club Hours 1100-1700**	TUESDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	WEDNESDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	THURSDAY Club Hours 1100-2130	FRIDAY Club Hours 1100-0030	SATURDAY Club Hours – Closed**
10am Steak & Eggs Brunch American Submariner & Newsletter/Boat Note inputs due 1 December	1800 SOY/JSOY RECEPTION (TBS)		01 HANUKKAK 6:30pm Thanksgiving/Caring & Sharing Prog Wrap-up Mtg; Jan 09, 2022 take down Christmas tree 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse, Willimantic 0900-1100, non-RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse, Norwich	02 HANUKKAK 6pm GB Westport Satellite Group Christmas Party & GB Westport Satellite Group Meeting (TBS) 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Mystic	03 HANUKKAK 1700 (TBD) CT Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, LOB Hartford, CT 6:00pm Thanksgiving Sponsor Reception 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, New London	04 HANUKKAK 9AM-11AM, Colchester Veterans' Coffeehouse
05 HANUKKAK 10am Steak & Eggs Brunch 12PM Annual Christmas Party Dessert & Toys for Tots Donation	06 HANUKKAK 1830 Monthly Business Meeting Hanukkah ends this evening	07 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony, 12:48 PM 0900-1100, Norwich RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse	08 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse, Willimantic 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Montville 1800-2000 non-RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse, East Lyme	09 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck	10 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Groton	11 10-1PM, SV Children Christmas Party
12 10-12 Brunch	13	14 0900-1100, Montville RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse 0900-1100, non-RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse, Waterford	15 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse, Willimantic 0900-1100, non-RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse, Norwich	16 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Mystic	17 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, New London	18
19 10-12 Brunch	20	21 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse, Norwich Holland Club luncheon, 1130 1600 Clubhouse Operations Plng Mtg	22 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse, Willimantic 0900-1100, non-RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse, Norwich	23 Chairman reports due to Base Secretary 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck	24 Club Closes at 1600 for Christmas Eve 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Groton	25 Christmas Club Closed
26 KWANZAA begins 10-12 Brunch	27 KWANZAA 1700, E-Board Meeting	28 KWANZAA	29 KWANZAA 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse, Willimantic 0900-1100, non-RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse, Norwich 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Montville	30 KWANZAA	12/31/2021 KWANZAA SUNDAY BRUNCHES 1000 - 1200 New Year's Eve	01/01/2022 KWANZAA ends Christmas Party - Second Sunday Dec; Kids Party the Saturday following.

This is a planning calendar, events and date may change

COMMITTEE CHAIRS**2021****COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Archives (Al Kinsall) Temporary appointment

Boat Notes (Al Kinsall)

Boat Sponsorship (Paul Skalski)

Build/Maintenance/Small Stores (T. Connors)

Color Guard (Paul Skalski)

Docents (Artie Gager)

DMV Liaison (Harry Solt)

Eagle Scout Chair (Paul William Orstad)

Finance/Budget Development (Treasurer/Vice)

Holland Club & Membership (Rich Cheatham)

Kap(SS)-4-Kid(SS) (John Riley)

Memorial Committee (Marian Galbraith)

Public Relations (Jim Lawton)

Red, White and Blue Mass (Paul Dillon)

Scholarship Committee (Greg Kane)

Chaplain & Home Coming (Jack Gallimore)

West Port Satellite group (Paul Grammer)

Veterans Affairs Report (Al Kinsall)

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

Brunches and lunches continue 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. Here are a few things going on at the club. Lunches every Monday through Friday 11:30AM to 2:00PM.

Oct 1	Steak Dinner	Two sittings
Oct 10	Brunch	10:00AM to Noon
Oct 23	Vendor Fair	TBD

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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

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