



USSVI Groton Base
"First and Finest"
Home of Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse



Shipmates, Families, and Friends

Greetings from the Dominic "Joe" Negri clubhouse located at 40 School Street in the beautiful City of Groton. In April we celebrated the birth of the Submarine Service one hundred and twenty-four years ago.



Submarines have a long history in the United States, beginning with Turtle, during the American Revolution. The world's first combat submarine, invented by David Bushnell, was devised as a means of breaking the British blockade of Boston Harbor but was unsuccessful on multiple attempts. The U.S. Navy officially joined the undersea world when it purchased USS Holland (SS-1) on 11 April 1900, and commissioned her on 12 October 1900. The boat, designed by John P. Holland, proved valuable for experimental purposes during her 10-year career.

The month of May is significant for USSVI and USSVI Groton Base, as this is where it all began, sixty years ago. Our history, our heritage, and our personal pride is here, at the Joe Negri Clubhouse. I hope that you are all considering joining us as we celebrate United States

Submarine Veterans Incorporated's 60th Anniversary. I have been assured it will be a great time. So put it on the calendar 29 May – 2 June in Groton, the home of the "First and the Finest".

Here is a link to some historical information on 40 School St
http://www.northofseveycorners.com/infolink/40skool/negri_2.htm

So come join us and celebrate this milestone in USSVI history. Many activities have been for planned. Keep an eye out for registration information. Hope to see you all there.

United States Submarine Veterans Inc.

WHO WE ARE: We are all United States Submariners! Whether currently Active Retired Reserve or an Honorably discharged veteran we all were, and some still are members of the elite underseas fighting force of the United States Navy. We are all volunteers who passed stringent testing challenging training and we proved our mettle when we earned the coveted designation "QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES". Whether your dolphins are gold or silver there is no expiration date on the back of that precious pin.

ABOUT US: Groton Base was established as the first USSVI Base 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."

United States Submarine Veterans Creed

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country that their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

Lost Boats – May



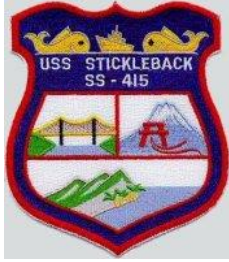
Lost on May 3, 1945 with the loss of 86 men near the Gulf of Siam. On her 2nd war patrol, she is believed to have been lost to a radar equipped minelayer. This minelayer was sunk by the USS Hawkbill (SS-366) 2 weeks later.



USS Scorpion (SSN-589) was returning to Norfolk, VA. from a Mediterranean deployment. On May 22, 1968 she reported her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Scorpion was never heard from again. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined. 99 officers and men were lost.



On May 23, 1939 USS Squalus suffered a catastrophic valve failure during a test dive off the Isle of Shoals. Partially flooded, the submarine sank to the bottom and came to rest keel down in 240 feet of water. Commander Charles Momsen and Navy divers on the USS Falcon (ASR-2) rescued 33 survivors use the diving bell he invented. 26 men drowned in the after compartments. Later Squalus was raised and recommissioned as the USS Sailfish. In an ironic turn of fate, Sailfish sank the Japanese aircraft carrier carrying surviving crew members from Sculpin, which had located Squalus in 1939. Only one of survived after spending the rest of the war as slave laborers in Japan. Photographs taken by Trieste proved that the submarine had broken up, taking all hands on board to their deaths in 1,400 fathoms of water, some 220 miles east of Boston.



Lost on May 28, 1958 when it sank off Hawaii while under tow after collision with USS Silverstein (DE-534). The entire crew was taken off prior to sinking.

Plan of the Month May 2024

DATE	TIME	ACTION	DESCRIPTION
5/03	0900	Event	SubSchool Graduation
5/04	1700	Event	Kentucky Derby Pot Luck
5/05	1000	Brunch	NSS CPO Association
5/06	1830	Meeting	Monthly Membership Meeting
5/07	0900	Event	Holland Club Induction Planning Meeting - Subase
5/16	1730	Meeting	Holland Club Induction Planning Meeting
5/17	0900	Event	SubSchool Graduation
5/17	2000	Event	Karaoke
5/19	1000	Brunch	Old Salts
5/21	1130	Event	Holland Club Luncheon
5/27	1730	Meeting	Executive Board Meeting
5/29	1600	Event	USS Nathanael Greene Gathering
5/30	0700	Event	60 th Anniversary Scholarship Golf Tournament
5/30		Event	USSVI Groton Base 60 th Anniversary 30 May – 2 June
5/30	1800	Event	Anniversary WELCOME RECEPTION SUBVETS Higham Hall (Upstairs) Reservation required
5/31	1700	Event	Steak Night 1700 & 1830 Reservations required
5/31	0900	Event	SubSchool Graduation
6/1	0900	Event	Holland Club Induction Ceremony Dealey Center SUBASE
6/1	1700	Event	Anniversary Grand Banquet Ocean Beach Banquet facility in New London Reservation required
6/2	1000	Brunch	Anniversary farewell brunch – SUBVETS Tom Connors Dining Room

Part of the Submarine Veterans Creed/Purpose is to endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."



Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS) Updates

During the month of March, a USSVI Groton Base member joined BESS graduation as the SubVets Representative presenting the "Heritage Award" and a SubVet Challenge coin to the class leader. In this month's issue of Boat Notes, we will highlight two graduations on 5 & 19 April. I would like to thank SubSchool leadership for allowing us to participate in this milestone event.

The following information is for BESS Class 24200, named after USS Alabama SSBN 731. The information provided comes from various sources including Naval History and Heritage Command and Wikipedia. Follow the links for additional details.



On 5 April BESS class that graduated was named after the US Navy's sixth Ohio-class nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, and the seventh United States vessel to be named for the state of Alabama. The boat's motto duplicates the state's motto, Audemus Jura Nostra Defendere ("We dare defend our rights"). After commissioning, Alabama departed Connecticut to conduct her shakedown cruise off the coast of Florida. After several domestic maneuvers and crew changes, Alabama visited Mobile, Alabama, before heading for the Panama Canal and from there to Bangor,

Washington. Alabama operated out of Bangor until mid-May 1986, when she embarked on her first strategic deterrent patrol. Operating from the Pacific Northwest, Alabama conducted four deterrent patrols between June and December 1986.



More on the USS Alabama SSBN 731 can be found at [USS Alabama Completes 100th Patrol > Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet > News Admin \(navy.mil\)](#) and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Alabama_\(SSBN-731\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Alabama_(SSBN-731)).

The USS Alabama SSBN 731 BESS class # 24200 had 83 students with an 81% average and 8 graduating with distinction. Congratulations to this class of future Submariners have finished one of many milestones in their Navy career and are anxiously waiting for their next assignments whether "A" School or direct assignment to their first submarine. Instructors for this were: STS1(SS) Mota ETV2(SS) Miller-Nunez and STS2(SS) Hess. Thank you for using your background training and experience in guiding these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was Executive Officer of SubSchool Commander Paul Dano and Guest Speaker was ITSCM(SS) George Harrison. SubSchool Chaplain LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Groton and USSVI Life Member ICC(SS)(Retired) Pat Roche was the SubVet Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin SR(SU) Alexandera Allen. The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented to CSSR(SU) Gabriel Hayes. The class



Honor Graduate Award was presented to SN(SU) Troy Tran. The Navy Core Values Award was presented to SR(SU) Julian Barrera. Congratulations and good luck as you begin the next phase of your submarine career. Looking forward to all these fine Sailor joining our organization when they receive their fish.



Heritage Award: SR(SU) A. R. Allen



William H. Purdum Award: CSSR(SU) Gabriel Hayes



Honor Graduate: SA(SU) Troy Stinson



Core Value Award: SR(SU) Julian Barrera

On April 19, BESS class that graduated was named after the USS Texas (SSN 775).

USS Texas (SSN-775) is a Virginia-class submarine, and the fourth warship of the United States Navy to be named after the US state of Texas.



The contract to build her was awarded to the Northrop Grumman Newport News shipyard (then called Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co.) on 30 September 1998 and her keel was laid down on 12 July 2002. She was christened on 31 July 2004 by Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States. She was launched into the James River on 9 April 2005, and commissioned as a US Navy warship in Galveston, Texas on 9 September 2006.

Texas arrived at Galveston Bay on 4 September 2006 and was escorted into the harbor by Elissa. With a

crowd of 10,000 in attendance, Texas was commissioned in Galveston, Texas, and joined the US Atlantic Fleet on 9 September 2006.

The boat departed from New London Naval Submarine Base at Groton for Pearl Harbor on 16 September 2009. On her way to Pearl Harbor, Texas traveled to the Arctic Ocean and surfaced near the North Pole's ice pack. Texas arrived at her new home port on 23 November 2009.

The submarine departed Pearl Harbor for her first three-month operational patrol on 27 October 2010.

More information on the USS Texas can be found [USS Texas \(SSN-775\) - Wikipedia](#) or [USS Texas \(SSN 775\) \(navy.mil\)](#).

USS Texas class # 24220 had 100 students with a 79% average and 5 students graduating with distinction. Congratulations and "Well Done." These future Submariners have finished that first significant milestone in their Navy career and are anxiously waiting for their next assignments ranging from "A" School to direct assignment to their first submarine. Running this class through their paces were instructors STS1(SS) Mota, FT2(SS) Eaton and STS2(SS) Hess. Thank you for using your background training and experience in training these future Submariners.



The Command Representative was SubSchool Command Master Chief, Dean Marvin. Guest Speaker was FTCS(SS) Shane Atkins. SubSchool Chaplain LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.

USSVI Groton Base Member, John Carcioppolo RMCM(SS) USN (Ret) was the SubVets Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage

Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SA(SU) Michael Santori. The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented to SA(SU) Jake Huffman. The class Honor Graduate award went to SN(SU) Clint Richardson. The Navy Core Values Award was presented to FN(SU) Isaiah Coronado.



Congratulations and good luck as you begin the next phase of your submarine career. Looking forward to all these fine Sailor joining our organization when they receive their fish.



Heritage Award: SA(SU) Michael Santori



William H. Purdum Award: SA(SU) Jake Huffman



Honor Graduate: SN(SU) Clint Richardson



Core Value Award: FN(SU) Isaiah Coronado

Here is the current graduation schedule for BESS. There are still a few dates available to be the SubVet Representative. If interested please let me know.

BESS Graduation Schedule & SubVet Representative

Class No.	Class Name	Command Rep	Guest Speaker	SUBVETS Rep	Graduation Date
24240	Providence	DOT		Bob Sharpe	3-May-24
24260	Rickover	CO		Bill Cavanagh	17-May-24
24280	Tautog	XO		Bud Atkins	31-May-24
24300	Barb	CMC		Pat Roche	14-Jun-24
24320	Wahoo	DOT		Bud Atkins	28-Jun-24
24340	Turtle	CO		Steve Ricard	12-Jul-24
24360	Nautilus	XO		Gary Schmid	26-Jul-24
24380	NR1	CMC		Bob Sharpe	9-Aug-24
24400	Dolphin	DOT		Frank White	23-Aug-24
24420	Harder	CO			6-Sep-24
24440	George C. Marshall	XO		Greg Kane	20-Sep-24
24460	Cavalla	CMC		Pat Roche	4-Oct-24
24480	Jimmy Carter	DOT		Gary Schmid	18-Oct-24
24500	Albacore	CO		Steve Ricard	1-Nov-24
24520	Kamehameha	XO		Bud Atkins	15-Nov-24
24540	Sturgeon	CMC		John Carcioppolo	29-Nov-24
24560	LA	DOT		Bob Sharpe	13-Dec-24

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates USSVI provides a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The USSVI supports a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

So, what has been going on since the last Broadcast?



The clubhouse is open Tuesday-Friday 1100-1900 with lunch served from 1200 - 1430. Thanks to Katrina, Heather, Ashley, Mika, Shelia, and Sarah for all the hard work, dedication and for keeping our clubhouse a go to destination. Luncheon specials and regular menu items are available. Check out our menus <https://www.ussvigroton.org/menus>. Stop in and renew some old friendships. Speaking of renewing your Groton Base and USSVI National memberships. We are also hosting “Happy Hour” Tuesday & Wednesday 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Come on down and try some drink specials.

April has been a quiet month in the pumphoom and the kitchen, elsewhere in the club it’s been turned out to be a very busy month, several organizations held various events from reunions to PCU Committee events, Christening events, celebrations, and in-house events. I want to thank all for choosing SubVets for their special event, it truly brings home the feeling of family and the Submarine Community. We appreciate your patronage.

On Monday April 1st our Monthly Membership meeting was held at 1830 in the club hall. Over 30 members joined the monthly meeting both in person and via Zoom. The Executive Board gave their update on the status of the club finances, and upcoming events to be held at the clubhouse. Each committee chair gave updates on happenings during the month and plans for the upcoming months. Many new things are planned for 2024 including USSVI Groton Base 60th Anniversary. Prior to the meeting a social hour/holiday stress relief was held in the pump room.

Join us next month on Monday May 6th for our monthly membership meeting starting at 1830. The Zoom link will be published prior to the meeting.



On Tuesday 2 April the Club was host for the American Legion National Commander, Daniel J. Seehafer and his travel team. They had finished a tour of Electric Boat and stopped by the club for lunch. National Commander Seehafer was onboard to speak about the very important work that the American Legion is doing



in Suicide Prevention <https://www.legion.org/betheone>.

We thank SubVet members Bob Dulin, Bob Sharpe, Brian Hague, and Bob Washington for taking time out of their busy day to join us for lunch.



On April 8th, Connecticut was in the path of the total eclipse. It was a beautiful day in the southeastern part of the state to watch the solar eclipse.



The Foxwoods Grand Ballroom was the venue for the 124th Submarine Birthday Ball. It was a great evening where hundreds of Sailors came together to party and have fun.

During the evening's festivities our own Paul Skalski was presented the "Honored Guest" award. Congratulations Paul on a job well done and for all you do for SubVets Groton. The award was presented by Captain Mathew Fanning, Commanding Officer of Naval Submarine School.



The evening would not have been complete without the traditional cutting of the Sub Ball cake. This year cutting the cake was the newest qualified Submariner and two of the longest qualified attendees, Captain Bill Skinner USN (Retired) and TMCM(SS) Bud Atkins USN (Retired).

Here is a link to more pictures from that evening. Big thanks to John Carcioppolo for taking these great pictures.

<https://link.shutterfly.com/3FhJMSnHNIb>



On Tuesday 16 April we held our monthly Holland Club Luncheon. A big thank you to Katrina and Ashely for doing a fantastic job cooking up another great lunch. Four future Submariners assisted us, ITSSA(SU) Jason Novinger, ITSSA(SU) Brett Nowlin, ITSSN(SU) Atsuona Artison, and STSSR(SU) Robert Manchester. Thank you for making the day a little more special. Our guest speaker was SubVet member and Naval Historian Ryan Walker. Ryan is currently putting the final additions to a book on the Submarine Service's first and only enlisted Medal of Honor recipient TM2(SS) Henry Breault.



The clubhouse received a surprise donation from Matt Heft, owner of Tin Cup Sign Co. <https://www.etsy.com/shop/tincupsigns> made a donation to the Clubhouse of two sets of Submarine Dolphins. Matt made these of cast stone with a faux bronze patina. These meticulously designed masterpieces pay homage to the valor, dedication, and expertise of the US Navy's Submarine fleet. Thanks Matt for thinking of SubVets Groton Base to display your artwork.



On Saturday 20 April USSVI Groton Base held a Memorial and Tolling of the Boats Ceremony honoring the tragic loss of the USS Thresher SSN 593 and marking the 124th Anniversary of the US Submarine Service. Our guest speaker was RADM John Padgett, USN (Retired). Honor Guests were Neal Collier, son of Thresher crew member LT Merrill Francis Collier, Mrs. Alice Gallimore and daughter Dee



Gallimore Perry. Wife and daughter of Jack Gallimore. A big thanks to SubSchool Silver Dolphins and over twenty SubSchool students for participating in this Memorial Ceremony. After the event everyone made it to the clubhouse for a reception hosted by SubVettes and grill master Paul Skalski,



Thank you to all who helped provide sides and volunteer time. Here is the link for more pictures <https://link.shutterfly.com/SvgNsuptZlb>.

On Sunday 28 April the Naval Submarine Base First Class Petty Officers Association cooked up a fantastic Sunday Brunch. It was their first-time cooking at SubVets, but they did a fabulous job, and we all hope they decide to return soon.



We have a lot of major events planned for the coming months so keep an eye out for announcements Facebook postings or Plan of the Month posted in the clubhouse. I hope to see you at the Anniversary. If you have any ideas on how to put butts in seats at **YOUR** club let any of us know. Stop on by the clubhouse have lunch renew your membership and say “Hi.”

Boat Reunion



Anyone having a boat reunion in the “Submarine Capital of the World” soon or coming up soon reach out and let us know. We would love for you to have one or more of your reunion functions at the club. Contact our Event Coordinator Ashley via email at

events@ussvigroton.org. As mentioned at SubSchool graduations, the friendship, and the bonds that you make while



onboard your boat will last forever. I want to thank the boats who have stopped by the club “your club” to renew friendships and to check on our many updates since your last visit.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**Robert Perritt**

Hello Shipmates!

Below is a summary of income and expenses for the months of January and February:

Category	Actual	Budget	Over Budget
Income	36,669	24,680	11,988
Cost of Goods Sold	11,666	11,666	-
Expenses	29,619	26,306	3,313
Net Income	-4,616	-13,329	8,674

Our financial performance in January and February was strong, with income exceeding the budget by \$11,988. Despite expenses also running higher than anticipated, our net income surpassed projections by \$8,674. This indicates excellent early-year performance.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact me at

Respectfully

Bob Perritt

vice@ussvigroton.org

JR VICE COMMANDER**Paul Skalski**

Hello Shipmates

I am writing to you today asking for your help. We need volunteers to augment our paid bartenders. If you are interested in part time bartending, please let Heather know. We will train you on how to use our square system along with the ins and outs of bartending. It's as easy as pouring a draft beer, opening bottle beer, and pouring shots. We will show you the opening and closing procedures. I only ask for a six-month commitment. Looking for members to help in the afternoon, maybe some morning along with some weekends.

If you like brunch, we need brunch crews to host brunch twice a month.

Dinner crews. Volunteer cooks, servers, cleanup crew. Events determine the days and hours needed.

Many hands make for light work for everyone involved.

The raffle for the Blackstone grill has been extended to 6/1/2024. Tickets \$10 each or 3/\$20.00, See the bartender for ticket sales.

Paul Skalski

Jr. Vice Commander

jvice@ussvigroton.org

860.823.9641





BASE SECRETARY

Alvin (Al) G. Kinsall

Nominations for 2024 election cycle for Base Secretary and Sr. Vice Commander are close. Election results will be announced at the May Membership meeting.

There is still time to complete and send in your 2024 SUBVETS 60th Anniversary registration package. The DEADLINE is May 15th. You and take advantage of our registration and payment online. Go to <https://www.ussvigroton.org>

For the Welcome reception, our featured speaker is CAPT Kenneth Curtin, Commanding Officer US Naval Submarine Base New London. To top off the event the featured speaker for the Holland Club Induction and Grand Banquet on Saturday June 1, 2024, is Albert H. (Al) Konetzni Jr., VADM USN (Ret).

Come join in the fun filled week celebrating 60 years USSVI Groton Base.

V/r

Alvin G. Kinsall

Base Secretary

secretary@ussvigroton.org

2024 ANNUAL APPEAL

First week donations received and very much appreciated.

Here are some comments received with your donations.

- *In memory of my husband...*
- *Sorry I can't be more active, but health issues, and weather.... keep up the good work.*
- *"First & Finest" - still true after 60 years....*
- *I miss my (husband) after 3 years, we loved having lunch there (at the club)..*
- *Your team continues to do a fine job.*
- *Thank you for all you do for all of us!*

There are a few ways you can donate.

Option 1: You can mail a check to SUBVETS GROTON 40 School St Groton CT 06340

Option 2: You can donate Via PayPal at <https://www.ussvigroton.org/donations>

You can donate to our Annual or Thanksgiving Appeals, to our Scholarship, Holland Club, Memorial Fund, Capital Improvements and Kaps4Kids.

Note: Contributions to SUBVETS GROTON are not tax deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

Option 3: You can mail a check to USSV Charitable Foundation PO Box 1063 Groton CT 06340-1063

Option 4: You can donate online at <https://www.ussvcf.org/donate.html>.

Note: **Contributions to USSVI Charitable Foundation are tax deductible.** And you can indicate that you are donating to any of the Funds or to a specific GROTON Fund.

SPECIAL NOTE: we send thank you emails and letters for every donation. I do my best to get this done often but recently due to work on Connecticut Elections I was at least 3 weeks behind, so my apology for those who had to wait, for our thank you messages. I expect to be up to date by May 4th.

Additionally, yes our thank you messages are generic and the same messages go out for Annual Appeal, Thanksgiving, 60th Anniversary and any other donation reason. But never think that we don't seriously appreciate your donations, your work, and your involvement.

FINANCES

- Most of our Quickbook issues are now fixed
- All bills have been paid.
- I expect to be able to provide other options to pay on line in addition to PayPal in a few months.

Furniture Available

We have an office table and chairs, metal office desk and filing cabinets available. These items are available now. You will need to remove them from the 2nd level. As always this is available to you as a member no charge, but you can always donate. Call Charlie 860 830 9605 to finalize pick up.

Pricing for non-members.

- *Metal office desk \$50*
- *Metal file cabinet \$25 each*
- *Desk Chairs \$15 each*

This will be my last year as base treasurer, so we need you to volunteer soon so that you can learn to do this job successfully. This is a very rewarding position. Contact me if you have any interest.

Charlie Murray, Treasurer

Cell 860.830.9605

CHAPLAINS REPORT

Earl Colella & John Carcioppolo



Honors Detail – John “Gumba” Carcioppolo gumba700@comcast.net

There was 5 Eternal Patrol as follows:

MT1(SS) Roger Schmuck 12/8/2023 No Honor Detail

Associate Member Ken Hochstetler 03/24/2024 No Honors Detail

ICCS(SS) Martin “Ed” Davis 03/29/2024 No Honors Detail

YNC(SS) Herbert G. Horne Jr. 3/30/2024 Honors Detail TBD

EMCM(SS) Michael Gilbert 15 April Honors Detail 28 April 2024

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

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

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

Also with regards to information if we don't know of a members passing, we cannot provide the information or present Honors.

Please ensure that your families know that when you have passed to contact Groton Base Chaplain Earl Colella 734-730-1026 earl.coella@comcast.net or John Carcioppolo 860-514-7064 gumba700@comcast.net and if possible provide a link to the obituary.

Keep your eyes open. If you know of a members passing or see an obituary of a Submariner who passed and maybe a member, do not hesitate to pass that info along. We will figure out if he is a member and conduct business accordingly. A link to the obituary is always good to have.

The sooner we know the information the more timely we can react and put out the notices and hopefully have the Honors Detail render honors.

All too often we find out about the passing of a member long after the funeral and do not get the chance to provide honors for our Shipmates.

We are always looking for potential new members of the Honors Detail to supplement those who participate. If you are interested in being part of the Honors Detail please contact me or the Base Commander, Steve Ricard.

HOLLAND CLUB REPORT

Rich Cheatham Chairman

*AN EXCLUSIVE GROUP WITHIN OUR SUBMARINE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION
WHERE THE CORE REQUIREMENT FOR ELIGIBILITY IS THE DESIGNATION
"QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES" FOR A MINIMUM OF FIFTY YEARS.*



May 2024 Holland Club Report

Luncheons

We had **44** members and guests attend our **April 16,**

2024 Holland Club Luncheon.

Our Guest Speaker was **Ryan C. Walker**, Submariner/ Naval Historian / Author. Ryan provided a comprehensive history of TM1(SS) Henry Breault the first submariner, and the only enlisted submariner, recipient of the Medal of Honor.



Our May 21 Luncheon Guest Speakers will be Naval Submarine School **Command Master Chief Dean Marvin**, United States Navy and **Warrant Officer Jason Steward**, Royal Australian Navy.

Remember to let me know if you plan to attend the Luncheon.

<https://link.shutterfly.com/dCQEOvVfRlB>

Induction

The 2024 Holland Club Induction is on Saturday, **June 1, 2024**, at **0900** at Dealey Center.
Mark your Calendar.

If you want to attend / volunteer for the Induction Ceremony on June 1, 2024, but do **not** have access to Subbase and, please let me know so we can get you vetted through Base Security.

Rich Cheatham
Holland Club Chair

COLOR GUARD

Bob Sharpe



The color guard was in stand-by to present the colors at the Groton Base's U.S. Submarine Birthday celebration and the U.S.S. Thresher SSN-593 Memorial service. The colors were presented by the by the Naval Submarine School's Silver Dolphins Color Guard.

The color guard next scheduled muster will be on May 27, 2024 for the Groton Base's Memorial Day/U. S. S. Scorpion (SSN-589) memorial service and a 60th Anniversary event. The detail needs at least two members to assist in the May events. If you are interested, please contact me at bobsharpe@hotmail.com or on my Cell at (860) 501-6161.

MEMBERSHIP

Jeff Flesher

Membership Update

RENEW NOW FOR 2024

Members – 1130

Life National Members – 851

Holland Club – 623

Associate Members - 72

New Members April 2024

ET1(SS) George Hutnan, Qualified 1983, USS Ray
RM2(SS) Stephen Chickering, Qualified 1976, USS Kamehameha
EMC(SS) Thomas Allgeier, Qualified 1972, USS Dace

Active-Duty

TMC(SS) John Silvers, Qualified 2003, USS Montpelier
FTSN(SS) Peyton Archer, Qualified 2022, USS Oregon

Associate

Active-Duty Royal Australian Navy
Warrant Officer Jason Steward, Qualified 1999,
HMAS Dechaineux

New Active Duty free for Base and National Dues their first calendar year of membership!!

Are you a current member who wants to pay base and/or national dues for 2024 or beyond? If so, you can skip the forms and use PayPal from our website. You do not need a PayPal account, choose the guest option. Of course, you can still also pay at the Clubhouse or by mail. You can renew on the Groton Base website - <https://www.ussvigroton.org/dues-renewal>

Please contact.
Jeff Flesher
Groton Base Membership Chairman
membership@ussvigroton.org
Thank you to all renewing members!!



USSVI GROTON BASE “SILENT SERVICE”

Robert Segal

SUBVETS LICENSE PLATE Contact Robert Segal rsegal000@citymail.cuny.edu

See Our Website: <https://www.ussvigroton.org/linksofinterest>.



Applications are available at the clubhouse next to the bulletin board in the pumproom.

These Are Faces Of Groton Base USSVI Scholarship Recipients 2020.



It is only through Donations from Shipmates like you that the Groton Sub-Vets Base is able to provide financial support to our member's family members as they move on to post-secondary education. Some go on to attend colleges and universities, some community colleges, and some formal technical education programs. Any donations go toward your organization ensuring our Creed "**To Perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country**", continues to become a reality by supporting our shipmate's families future generations.

Please support your Groton Base Scholarship Program by forwarding a check identifying "**For the Scholarship Program**" to the Groton Base USSVI Scholarship Program 40 School Street, Groton, CT 06340.

Groton Base

Any questions, contact Greg Kane, Scholarship Chair at 860 989-1426.

Save the Date!!!

SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT








Thursday May 30, 2024

Elmridge Golf Course, Stonington, CT

7:00AM Registration/8:00AM Scramble Format/Shotgun Start

\$135 per player

Signup and Sponsor sheets

 UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.  GROTON BASE 60TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT Thursday May 30, 2024 Elmridge Golf Course, Stonington, CT 7:00AM Registration/8:00AM Scramble Format/Shotgun Start \$135 per player Includes: Greens Fee, Golf Cart, Coffee and pastry during registration, lunch at the turn, and buffet lunch Hole in One \$10,000 prize on Red #5 160 yds Special Hole in One Prizes: Red #7 167 yds, Blue #6 192 yds Blue #8 128 yds <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"><thead><tr><th>Name</th><th>Email</th><th>Phone #</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr></tbody></table> Payment Required by May 10, 2024 <p>Singles and doubles will be assigned the day of the event. Prizes, raffles, and auction items awarded at the luncheon. Proceeds go to the USSVI Scholarship</p> <p>Return form to: USSVI Groton Base c/o Scholarship Golf 40 School St Groton, CT 06340</p> <p>For more information: Steven Ricard: commander@ussvigroton.org Alvin Kinsall: anniversary@ussvigroton.org</p> 	Name	Email	Phone #																 USSVI-GROTON-BASE  60th Anniversary Golf Tournament 30 May 2024 Elmridge Golf Course Pawcatuck, CT ANNIVERSARY GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION <p>THE USSVI-GROTON-BASE SCHOLARSHIP FUND - The U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc., Groton Base provides scholarships to children, stepchildren and grandchildren of our members who want to continue their higher learning at a college and or university of their choice. We created this scholarship fund for these students. Please help us encourage the spirit of life-long learning!</p> Hole-in-One Sponsor <p>Red Hole #5: \$250 - Banquet program ad and tee sign Red Hole #6: \$100 - Banquet program ad and tee sign Blue Hole #6: \$100 - Banquet program ad and tee sign Blue Hole #8: \$100 - Banquet program ad and tee sign</p>  <p><small>See Chart</small></p> Other Sponsorship Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Golf Cart Sponsor - Your name on 4 golf carts and Banquet program recognition<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Tee Sponsor - Tee sign and Banquet program recognition<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron - Banquet program recognition<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Lost Boats with Boat Name (choose Sub at https://www.oneternalpatrol.com)<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 DBF with Boat Name<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Virginia Class with Boat Name<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Boomer Classes with Boat Name<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Fast Attack with Boat Name<input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Hole-in-One: Prize \$10,000<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Business Sponsor w/Business Name<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 In Memory of: _____ <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td>Business Name</td><td> </td></tr><tr><td>and Contact</td><td> </td></tr><tr><td>Address</td><td> </td></tr><tr><td>Phone</td><td> </td></tr><tr><td>Email</td><td> </td></tr><tr><td>Sponsorship Level</td><td> </td></tr></table> <p>Return form to: USSVI Groton Base c/o Scholarship Golf 40 School St Groton, CT 06340</p> <p>For more information: Steven Ricard: commander@ussvigroton.org Alvin Kinsall: anniversary@ussvigroton.org</p> 	Business Name		and Contact		Address		Phone		Email		Sponsorship Level	
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MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Marion Galbraith



A big thanks to the Memorial committee for a job well done!

Help support the installation of the Groton Sail by purchasing a paver. Be a part of the heritage for this great submarine.

HELP US BUILD A MONUMENT.

<https://grotonsail.com/paver-order-form/>



USS GROTON Sail Foundation

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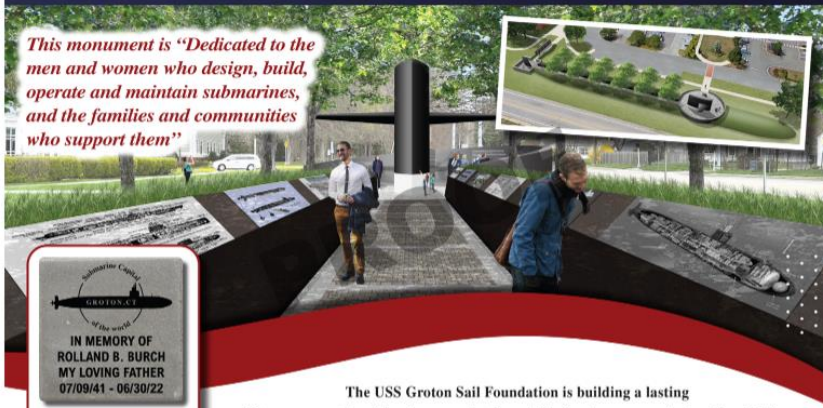
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This monument is "Dedicated to the men and women who design, build, operate and maintain submarines, and the families and communities who support them"



Order Your Personalized Paver today!

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Makes a great Holiday Gift!



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The USS Groton Sail Foundation is building a lasting public monument to celebrate our region's contribution to our country's national defense. To be located on Route 117, adjacent to the Groton Public Library & Thrive 55+ Center, the centerpiece for this 320 foot submarine replica will be the actual sail and rudder from the United States submarine USS Groton (SSN 694).

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A dedicated walkway, comprised of 8"x 8" custom, engraved pavers will be a major part of this monument.

Each paver will be engraved with 1 of 10 special custom logos and can have 4 lines of text with your choice of a name and/or text to recognize family, friends, service members, businesses, or something special to you.

Go to: grotonsail.com

Credit Cards and Checks accepted • Application forms also available at Groton Public Library

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

BRIAN HAGUE

From the desk of USSVI Groton Base Veterans Affairs

HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR VA BENEFITS?

DON'T KNOW IF YOU QUALIFY FOR VA BENEFITS?

Contact Brian Hague, USSVI Groton Base Veterans Affairs Representative (860)237-7323.

brian.hague@ussvigroton.org

Hey Navy, another cold month down a few more to go. The VA just put out their End-Of The-Year 2023 Veterans Benefit Update. <https://news.va.gov/127378/2023-end-of-year-veteran-benefits-update/>

Some good news for World War II Veterans. [All WWII Veterans are now eligible for VA health care - VA News](#)

The Department of Veterans Affairs issued a proposed rule outlining plans to expand the locations and time frames for which VA presumes exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides. <https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-presumes-exposure-agent-orange-herbicides/>

VA launches new nationwide surgery initiative. <https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-launches-new-surgery-initiative-across-the-nation-a-critical-step-to-saving-the-lives-of-veterans-considering-surgery/>

For those who like to track the West Haven Campus during the renovations, I'll leave up the link to the final Environmental Assessment Report from Dec 2022 it includes campus overlay: [VA OCFM - West Haven VAMC - NEPA Final Environmental Assessment - December 2022](#)

"The more you sweat in peacetime, the less you bleed in war." Get ahead of your final wishes and plan now for what you want. Do it now and no worries. [VA expands burial benefits for Veterans and their families](#)

Looking to travel, but with a good deal. Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC) might be for you and your family. <https://news.va.gov/124422/armed-forces-vacation-club-for-veterans/>

Are you a high-tech Sailor? The VA put out a helpful link to navigate their Apps. [How to use cool features in VA's official mobile app - VA News](#)

Here is an Oct 2019 study from the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory on Submarine Medicine. [An Overview of the Unique Field of Submarine Medicine \(dtic.mil\)](#)

Remember, if you want to see other info related to submariner medical issues let me know and I will track it down and post it. Hope to see you at the club!

<https://www.va.gov/>

Always a good place to start.

[Home - My HealtheVet - My HealtheVet \(va.gov\)](#)

Track your appointments, meds and more.

[Military and Veteran Benefits, News, Veteran Jobs | Military.com](#)

This is a great website for info on any Military and Veteran related.



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

Abraham Lincoln

On April 18th, the Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kids Team of Bob Dulin, Bob Sharpe, Paul Grammer and John Riley visited Yale New Haven Hospital's Child Psychiatric Unit. We made 13 Kids Honorary Submariners! As usual, we had lots of fun with the Kids as we welcomed the Kids into our Submariner Family.



Since 2009, at child health care facilities throughout Connecticut, the Groton Base's Kaps 4 Kids Program has brought Comfort and Joy to thousands of sick Kids!



These Children need caring attention, as much joy as we can give them, and reminders that they are so much more than their disease or condition.

We plan to continue this program as long as there are sick Kids in need of our support.

We visit Kids at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, The Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Yale New Haven Hospital's 2 Child Psychiatric Units, The Ronald McDonald House and The Connecticut Hospice. We continue to explore visiting Kids at other Connecticut child health care facilities.

We have Fun with the Kids and give them Honorary Submariner Certificates, Ball Kaps, Tattoos, Challenge Coins and Wrist Bands. They also receive a Nautilus Submarine Photo signed by our K4K Team, a Silent Service Coloring Book, 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.



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We gave them Therapeutic Relaxing Heart Shaped Squeeze Balls with the image of a Submarine stamped on them. These are always a big hit and we had fun playing throw and catch handing them out.

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

JOIN US IN BRINGING JOY TO SICK KIDS!



K4K VIDEO & INFO: <https://www.ussvcf.org/kapss-4-kidss-fund.html>

If the above link does not work, try copying and pasting it into your browser.

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

USSVI GROTON BASE "MAY" BIRTHDAY LIST

Happy Birthday to all who continue to celebrate.

1-May	Allan C Wirkala	18-May	Peter Berns Jr.
2-May	Brian Baldwin	18-May	Michael Bircumshaw
2-May	Sanford E. Cook III	18-May	Larry Lee Bright
2-May	Joseph S. Diedrich	18-May	Joseph J. Hawkins
2-May	Howard R. Hall	18-May	Ryan Kostritz
3-May	Raymond Johnson	18-May	John Proctor
3-May	Leo F. Miller	19-May	Guy French
4-May	Harold G. Bushar	19-May	Paul A. Johnson
4-May	Gerald J O'Neill	19-May	Hugo J. Klungler III
5-May	Forrest Cramer	20-May	Richard L. Fiske
5-May	James Henry	20-May	Brian K Morley
6-May	Tom Grove	21-May	Brian H Gibb
6-May	John R. Huff	21-May	Philip C. Patch
6-May	David R Seavers	21-May	Jerry M Tosh
7-May	Michael M. Dunn	22-May	Skylar A. Anderson
7-May	Paul M Savage	22-May	Michael J. O'Connor
8-May	Albert S. Jones	22-May	Robert A. Strohl Jr.
8-May	Douglas A. Wright	23-May	George E. Edwards II
9-May	Ralph Tacey	23-May	Edward T. Lyons
9-May	Cecil J Wayles	24-May	Richard R. Atkins
9-May	Larry M. Williamson	24-May	Hugh L. Bell Jr
10-May	Kent R. Brannon	24-May	Arnold L. Miliefsky
10-May	Albert Mancini	25-May	James Gilly
10-May	David E. Weller	25-May	Brian J Hague
10-May	Richard E. Wojtowicz	24-May	John F. Hall Jr.
11-May	Michael E. Bost	25-May	Kenneth H. Johnson
11-May	Seth E Williams	25-May	Edwin J. Maguire
12-May	Edward Berry	26-May	David Allen
12-May	Thomas D. Fritz	26-May	Justin T Hendrix
12-May	Dennis R. Latz	26-May	Owen John Jackson Jr
12-May	Kevin D McCarthy	26-May	William M Marion
13-May	Robert F. Dougherty	26-May	Richard Petsch
13-May	Mark J Matkovick	27-May	Stanley A. Cardinal
14-May	Jonie B. Hollis	27-May	Bryan Lockett
14-May	Marty L. Pyburn	29-May	Matthew B. Andersen
14-May	Paul J Roggemann, Jr.	29-May	Tyler J Craven
15-May	Roy Cruickshank	29-May	Bruce F. Putinas
15-May	Jason P Steward	30-May	Steven Bournique
15-May	Robert J Washington Jr	31-May	John Abel
16-May	Tudor Fred Davis	31-May	James R. Booth
16-May	Tom Gendreau	31-May	John P Chetney
16-May	Stanley Lintner		
17-May	Kathleen Clapp		
17-May	Gilbert Peel		

USSVI GROTON BASE "MAY" ETERNAL PATROL LIST

01-May-03	Matthew Chiappone	13-May-11	John Cook
01-May-03	Michael McFadden	13-May-12	Robert Gross, III
01-May-06	Robert Braman	14-May-08	James Mulholland
01-May-09	Floyd Ellis	14-May-23	Edward "Don" Porter
01-May-17	John Gantnier	15-May-05	Wayne Smith
01-May-18	Richard Kvietkus	15-May-19	Richard Harrison
01-May-19	Charles Fletcher	16-May-23	Robert Kuemper
02-May-01	Edward Awezec	17-May-00	Joseph Flatley
02-May-06	Adam Balwierczak	17-May-19	Terrance Pendergast
02-May-12	Barry Swafford	17-May-20	Jerry Bauer
03-May-07	Paul Drucker	18-May-03	James Allen
04-May-08	George Foster	18-May-22	Samuel Brody
04-May-12	Horace Lamb Jr	18-May-22	Charles Williams
04-May-14	Charles Gates	19-May-06	Julio De Los Santos
04-May-16	Mike Cuseo	21-May-11	William Andersen
05-May-07	Arthur Achtemeier	21-May-11	Robert Burr
05-May-10	Arthur Maccini Jr	22-May-15	Albert Baciocco Jr.
06-May-98	Charles Leonberger	23-May-12	Thomas Farnon
06-May-08	Robert Ruple	24-May-05	John Espeleta
06-May-09	Roy Lyons	25-May-23	Norman Main
07-May-06	Angelo Galli	27-May-23	Marshall Slayton
08-May-20	Donald O'Connor	28-May-11	Christopher Corona
08-May-22	Sterling "Jack" Higgins	29-May-05	Ronald Rosa
09-May-10	Ray Sanborn	30-May-09	Donn LaForce
09-May-11	Frederick Milbrandt	30-May-23	William McGann
09-May-18	Frederick Block	31-May-11	Pedro Catubig
10-May-12	Michael Skurat	31-May-13	Alfred Charette
12-May-12	John Wynn	31-May-17	Robert Lindsay
13-May-04	R. H. White		
13-May-05	Peter George		



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 keeps near Thyself the soul of every Submariner still on his final patrol.

Lord this departed shipmate with Dolphins on his chest, is part of an outfit known as the best.

Make him welcome and take him by the hand. You'll find without a doubt he was the best in all the land.

So heavenly Father add his name to the roll of our departed shipmates still on patrol. Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memories alive.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

THE CHAPEL ON THE THAMES

The Chapel on the Thames (COT) is located aboard Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton and offers both Protestant and Roman Catholic worship services for active-duty retired veterans and their families.

The COT was originally conceived and constructed as a memorial to submariners, Officers and Enlisted who lost their lives in the service of their country during the Second World War. It was dedicated 79 years ago on December 3, 1944, and in it you will find many submarine related themes including beautiful stained-glass windows and pews labeled with brass plates to memorialize specific submarines from World War II.

All with base access are welcome to participate in scheduled services which are on Sundays as follows: Protestant Service at 9:30 AM and Roman Catholic Mass at 11:30 AM. COT is located directly across the parking lot from Dealey Center movie theater. We hope you will take the time to visit us at this historic chapel.”

NAUTILUS SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM

**YOUR SERVICE IS
NEEDED *TODAY!***

HISTORIC SHIP NAUTILUS SSN-571
SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM (SFM) IS ACTIVELY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS
FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO SERVE AS DOCENTS.

THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DOCENT
TO GREET PEOPLE AS THEY ENTER THE MUSEUM AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM MUSEUM PATRONS.
THE DOCENT WATCH MAY ALSO GIVE GUIDED TOURS TO PATRONS OR COORDINATE WITH THE STAFF FOR GUIDED
TOURS AND EVENTS THAT ARE EITHER BY REQUEST OR PRE-ARRANGED BY THE MUSEUM'S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.
THE DOCENT WATCH IS NORMALLY A 4-HOUR COMMITMENT ON DAYS THAT THE MUSEUM IS OPENED, ROTATED AND
SHARED BY THE DOCENT TEAM

SINCE THE SHIP'S DRYDOCK OVERHAUL IN 2022
THE MUSEUM HAS CONSISTENTLY GROWN OUTREACH BY 300% TO 500% EVERY SIX MONTHS AND THE DEMAND
SIGNAL FOR SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS AND WITH VARIOUS ASSOCIATIONS IS CONTINUING TO GROW. DOCENTS AND
VOLUNTEERS HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OR CO-LEAD SOME OF THESE EVENTS WITH OUR EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT.

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* INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GENERAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.

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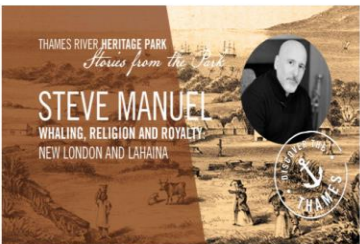


MAY IN THE PARK

Thames River Heritage Park



FEATURED EVENTS




**Whaling, Religion and Royalty:
New London and Lahaina**
WED, MAY 1 | 6PM-8PM
Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London

New London, the "Whaling City", was the third largest whaling port in the country during the height of whaling in the United States and for a short time, the second largest whaling port in the world. In 1850 alone over one million dollars in whale goods passed over the docks at New London. Used by New London and whalers from throughout New England for re-supplying their ships, Lahaina was one of the most significant whaling ports in the Pacific. Hear fascinating stories about New London's Elias Perkins II, a partner in the Perkins and Smith whaling firm who resided in Lahaina, the conflict between New England whalers and missionaries; and the influence of whaling on New London County. Artifacts gifted to the Perkins family from the royal family of Hawaii will be on display. The final lecture of this 5-part series will not disappoint. Historical lecture will be led by Stephen Manuel, Executive Director of New London County Historical Society.

Tickets include a 6PM reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres followed by the 7PM lecture. Grab your friends and family for this evening of fellowship and engaging conversation!

Island Affairs of the Thames is made possible thanks to grants from [CT Humanities](#) and



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