



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



Shipmates, Families, and Friends

Another Thanksgiving has come and gone at the Dominic "Joe" Negri Clubhouse, your clubhouse. What an event, some say one for the ages. SubSchool Student took back to the barracks more than what they ate during sit down. This could not have been possible without the hard work of all the volunteers from inside the organization and from our friends outside SubVets.



For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, Hometown Foundation's HungerLESS Holidays provided us with the opportunity to help our Junior Sailors and their families with the holidays.

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**United States Submarine Veterans Inc.**





**WHO WE ARE:** We are all United States Submariners! members Whether currently Active Retired Reserve or an Honorably discharged veteran we all were, and some still are 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.

**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.*

**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."

### Lost Boats – December

	USS Capelin	Lost on Dec 2, 1943, with the loss of 76 men. She was on her 1st war patrol, but her exact location, date and cause of loss remain a mystery. She may have been lost to mines or an operational casualty.
	USS Sealion (SS-195)	Lost on Dec 10, 1941, with the loss of 4 men. To prevent her from falling into enemy hands, she was scuttled in Manila Bay after incurring severe bomb damage during the initial Japanese attack. One other Sealion man was later captured and died in POW camp.
	USS F-1/ Carp (SS20)	Lost on December 17, 1917, with the loss of 19 officers and men when it was sunk after collision with the USS F-3 (Pickerel (SS-22)) off San Clemente, CA.
	USS S-4 (SS109)	Lost on December 17, 1927, with the loss of 40 officers and men when it was sunk after being rammed by USCG Paulding. Salvaged in 1928 and recommissioned.

### Plan of the Month, December 2024

DATE	TIME	ACTION	DESCRIPTION
12-1	10:00	Brunch	Old Salts Brunch with visit from Santa
12-2	18:30	Meeting	Monthly Meeting
12-3	14:00	Event	Reenlistment PR
12-5	19:00	Event	SCMC
12-6		Event	Holiday Party Idaho TS
12-6	11:00	Event	Retirement
12-7	12:30	Event	Peral Harbor Remembrance Ceremony – SVWWI Memorial East
12-12	18:00	Event	SQ12 Hoilday Party
12-13	17:30	Event	Arizona Holiday Party
12-14	noon	Event	USS Indiana Holiday Party
12-15	10:00	Brunch	Pancakes with Santa
12-17	11:30	Event	Holland Club Luncheon
12-19	13:00	Event	SubSchool Retirement Party
12-20	14:00	Event	Steve Fritzler Holiday Party PR

<b>12-23</b>	11:00AM	Event	Eternal Patrol Service - Ledyard Congregational Church
<b>12-24</b>		Closed	Club Closed Christmas Eve
<b>12-25</b>		Closed	Club Closed Christmas
<b>12-31</b>		Closed	Club Closed New Year Eve
<b>1-1</b>		Closed	Club Closed New Year Day
<b>TBD</b>	TBD	Event	January Diner Date/Time to be Announced at January Meeting

*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 each month, a USSVI Groton Base member participated in Basic Enlisted Submarine School (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 three graduations on 1, 15 & 27 November. I would like to thank SubSchool leadership for allowing us to participate in this milestone event.

The following information is for BESS Class 24500, named after the USS Albacore SS 218. The information provided comes from various sources including Naval History and Heritage Command and Wikipedia. Follow the links for additional details.



On November 1<sup>st</sup> the BESS class was named after the USS Albacore (SS-218). USS Albacore (SS-218) was a Gato-class submarine. Albacore’s keel was laid on 21 April 1941 by the Electric Boat Company in Groton, Connecticut. She was launched on 17 February 1942, sponsored by Mrs. Elise Riles Cutts, and commissioned on 1

June 1942. She served in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II, winning the Presidential Unit Citation and nine battle stars for her service. During the war, she was credited with sinking 13 Japanese ships (including two destroyers, the light cruiser Tenryū and the aircraft carrier Taihō) and damaging another five; not all of these credits were confirmed by postwar Joint Army–Navy Assessment Committee (JANAC) accounting. She also holds the distinction of sinking the highest warship tonnage of any U.S. submarine. She was lost in 1944, probably sunk by a mine off northern Hokkaidō on 7 November.

Albacore was the second vessel of the United States Navy to be named for the albacore.

More on the USS Albacore can be found at [USS Albacore \(SS-218\) – Wikipedia](#) and [Wreck of WWII Submarine USS Albacore Discovered off Japan - USNI News](#)



Albacore, BESS Class 24500, had 125 students with a 75% average and 1 student 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: FT1(SS) Styles, ETVC(SS) Lechuga, and STS1(SS) Kaytes. Thank you for using your background, training, and

experience in guiding these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was SubSchool Command Master Chief, Dean Marvin. Guest Speaker was CMDCM Jason Hays from my old stomping ground Naval Submarine Support Facility (NSSF). Squadron Chaplain CDR McGraw gave the Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Groton Base Commander and Holland Club Member Steve Ricard was the SubVet Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin SR(SU) Jonavin Williams. The Heritage Award is given to the student who demonstrates performance of their duties above and beyond the call of the average student.

The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented by STSCS (SS) Gerald Carin, to SR(SU) Alexander Umfuhrer. This award is given to the student who shows academic achievement and personal improvement through the course of instruction.

The class Honor Graduate Award was presented to FR(SU) James Horton by CMC Dean Marvin. The honor graduate is the student with the highest academic average who maintained outstanding military bearing over the course of instruction.

The Navy Core Values Award was presented by CMDCM Hays to SR(SU) Natajah Hatten. This award is giving to the student who best embodies the U.S. Navy Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. 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.



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On 15 November, the BESS class that graduated was named after the USS Kamehameha (SSBN-642).



USS Kamehameha (SSBN-642) was a Benjamin Franklin-class ballistic missile submarine and the only ship in the United States Navy to be named after Kamehameha I, the first King of Hawaii (c. 1758–1819). She is one of only two United States ships named after a monarch. She was later reclassified as an attack submarine and re-designated SSN-642.

The contract to build Kamehameha was awarded to Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, California on August 31, 1962. The Kamehameha was sponsored by Mrs. Pauline Nawahineokalai King (née Evans), widow of Samuel Wilder King, the eleventh Territorial Governor of Hawaii, and commissioned on December 10, 1965 with Commander Roth S. Leddick in command of the Blue Crew and Commander Robert W. Dickieson in command of the Gold Crew. Construction began on May 2, 1963 and she was launched on January 16, 1965.

Conducting deterrence patrols during the Cold War, Kamehameha's armament was 16 Poseidon ballistic missiles plus 10–12 Mark 48 heavy torpedoes non-ADCAP (advanced capability).

More on the USS Kamehameha (SSBN-642) can be found at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Kamehameha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Kamehameha) and <https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhhc/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/k/kamehameha.html>



USS Kamehameha (SSBN-642). class #24520 had 115 students with an average 79% and 7 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 FT1(SS) Styles,



STS2(SS) Oakley, and ETVC(SS) Gaberial Lechuga. Thank you for using your background training and experience in training these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was SubSchool Executive Officer CDR Paul Danos. CMDCM Zach Neilsen, COB PCU Utah. SubSchool Chaplain LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.

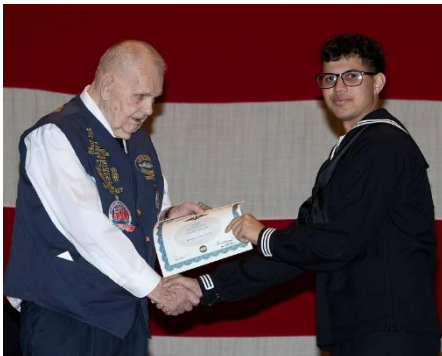
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Heritage Award: YNSSR(SU) Lilianna Martinez



William H. Purdum Award: SR(SU) JamieGrace Hinton



Honor Graduate: SN(SU) Dylan Morris



Core Value Award: SN(SU) David Lizeski

## BESS Graduation Schedule

Here is the current graduation schedule for BESS. There are still many 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	Notes
25040	USS Tautog (SS-199)	DOT		Bob Sharpe	13-Dec-24	On Christmas Eve 1942, she spotted a freighter in the Ombai Strait. Early in the morning on Christmas Day, <i>Tautog</i> deployed three <b>torpedoes</b> sending <i>Banshu Maru</i> to a watery grave. Merry Christmas.
25060	Steelhead (SS-280)	CO		Steve Ricard	2025-JAN-10	<b>1944:</b> The submarines Seawolf (SS-197) and Steelhead (SS-280) attacked a Japanese convoy, sinking three ships
25080	Blackfin (SS-322)	XO		Frank White	2025-JAN-24	<b>1945:</b> The submarine Blackfin (SS 322) sank the Japanese destroyer Shigure in the Gulf of Siam
25100	Growler (SS-215)	CMC			2025-FEB-07	<b>1943</b> On February 7, 1943, a Japanese gunboat closed in on the USS Growler and prepared to ram it
25120	USS Triton (SS-201)	DOT			2025-FEB-21	The USS Triton (SS 201) sank a Japanese merchant cargo vessel on February 21, 1942
25140	USS Skate (SSN-578)	CO		Bob Sharpe	2025-MAR-07	The USS Skate (SSN-578) becomes the first submarine to surface at the North Pole
25160	USS S-3 (SS-107)	XO			2025-MAR-21	The USS S-3 operated off the eastern coast of the United States and Cuba and made a voyage to the Asiatic Fleet in the Philippine Islands. In 1923, the USS S-3 moved to New London, Connecticut, where it conducted experiments at the Submarine School.
25180	USS Haddock (SS 231)	CMC			2025-APR-04	<b>3 April SS Haddock:</b> Sank the Japanese fleet tanker Arima Maru north of Palau
25200	USS Holland	DOT			2025-APR-18	April 11th is National Submarine Day in the United States, which commemorates the day in 1900 when the US Navy acquired its first modern submarine, the USS Holland

25220	USS Barb (SS-220)	CO		Frank White	2025-MAY-02	On May 3, 1945, the USS Barb was in San Francisco Bay near the Mare Island Navy Yard. The USS Barb was a decorated submarine in World War II and is credited with sinking 17 Japanese ships, including the aircraft carrier Unyo. The USS Barb is also the only submarine to have ever sunk a train.
25240	USS Guitarro (SSN-665)	XO			2025-MAY-16	On May 15, 1969, the nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Guitarro (SSN-665) sank while docked at the San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard
25260	USS Holland	CMC		Bud Atkins or Steve Ricard	2025-JUN-06	Holland Club Induction.
25280	USS Nautilus (SSN-571)	DOT		Bob Sharpe	2025-JUN-20	On June 14, 1952, the keel for the USS Nautilus (SSN-571), the first nuclear-powered submarine, was laid by Electric Boat Company in Groton, Connecticut. The USS Nautilus was launched 18 months later and commissioned in September 1954
25300	USS Thresher (SSN 593)	CO			2025-JUL-04	On July 9 <sup>th</sup> , the USS Thresher (SSN 593) was launched in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Also, the name's for the sake of the most decorated submarine in history.
25320	USS Grunion (SS-216)	XO			2025-JUL-18	On July 15 <sup>th</sup> , the USS Grunion (SS 216) sinks the Japanese submarine chasers (25 and 26) off Kiska, Aleutian Islands.
25340	USS Silversides (SS-236)	CMC			2025-AUG-01	On July 28 <sup>th</sup> , USS Silversides sank a 4,000-ton transport with many more to follow.
25360		DOT			2025-AUG-15	
25380		CO			2025-AUG-29	
25400		XO			2025-SEP-05	
25420		CMC		Bob Sharpe	2025-SEP-19	
25440		DOT		Frank White	2025-OCT-03	

Finally, here are the dates for BESS graduations for 2025. If your boat has a reunion in 2025 let me know and well try to coordinate their schedule with your reunion dates and get the BESS Class named after your boat. If you see a date that you are available, please let me know.

We have also been asked to support Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) and Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC). Again if you see a date that you would like to be the SubVet Representative at one or more of these graduations, please let me know.

**Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC) Dates:**

25010 Graduate on 06 December: Bob Kish	25020 Graduate on 07 February
25030 Graduate on 21 March	25040 Graduate on 16 May: Bob Sharpe
25050 Graduate on 18 July	25060 Graduate on 12 September

**Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC) Dates:**

24050 Graduate on 13 Dec 2024: Bill Sheehan	24060 Graduate on 21 Feb 2025
25010 Graduate on 25 Apr 2025	25020 Graduate on 20 Jun 2025
25030 Graduate on 15 Aug 2025	25040 Graduate on Oct 2025
25050 Graduate on 12 Dec 2025: Bob Sharpe	25060 Graduate on 20 Feb 2026
26010 Graduate on 01 May 2026	26020 Graduate on 18 Jun 2026
26030 Graduate on 14 Aug 2026	26040 Graduate on 23 Oct 2026
26050 Graduate on 11 Dec 2026	

*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, time to renew 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.

On Monday November 4th our Monthly Membership meeting was held at 1830 in the hall. Over 40 members joined the monthly meeting both in person and via Zoom. Thank for joining us each month. We offer Zoom so all of our, almost 1200 members can attend.

Executive Board members gave an update on the status of the club finances, and upcoming events to be held at the clubhouse. Each committee chair gave updates on events during the month and plans for the upcoming months. Many new things are planned for 2025. Including Groton Base elections for Base Commander, Treasurer, and Junior Vice. Please consider stepping up to the plate.

Speaking of plates, we are looking for a member willing to take over as the CT SubVet license plate POC (point of contact). Without someone stepping forward, the CT DMV will not allow us to submit applications for SubVet License plates.

Prior to the meeting a social hour/holiday stress relief was held in the pump room. Hot dogs and SubVet chili are available at a very reasonable price. With the invention of Zoom, you’d think more members would attend the meeting.

Join us next month on Monday December 4th for our monthly membership meeting starting at 1830. The Zoom link will be published prior to the meeting.

On Monday November 11th we held a Veterans Day, Tolling of the Boats, and Wreath Laying Ceremony at the City of Groton Municipal Building. The ceremony opened with parading of the colors by the Silver Dolphins and the National Anthem sung by Master Chief Chip Alger. Our special guest speaker was Rear Admiral Michael R. Van Poots, Commander Undersea Warfighting Development Center. USSVI Northeast Regional Director, Jeffrey Walsh. We were joined by local official, from the City and Town of Groton, retired military, and WWII SubVet Bill Scarano and his wife Annie. The wreath laying was conducted by Debbie McAteer and Heather Mayernik.



The stars of the ceremony were the SubSchool students. Who for the most part just graduated from Bootcamp. We also had the pleasure of four Australian Navy SubSchool Students join us in the ceremony and participate in the Tolling of the Boats.

As with each ceremony all are invited back to the clubhouse where a burger burn was prepared by Paul Skalski, Dave Larson, and Tom Hickey. A big thanks to Dee Carcioppolo, Fran Kinsall, Elaine Ricard, Estelle Rivera, Carol Skalski, Shirley Patenaude, and others who

provided desserts and side dishes.



On Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>, we held our monthly Holland Club Luncheon with over 50 people in attendance with guest speaker Brian Morrissey from Decedent Affairs on Military Funerals and Honors and what his office provides. Katrina cooked up a fine stew with rice for lunch and a truly decadent apple dump-it-cake.

On Wednesday 20 November SubVets Groton Base was fortunate to receive 300 turkeys and 150 pounds of potatoes thanks to Hometown Foundation's HungerLESS Holidays program. This generous donation helps us provide turkeys to military families that could use a little assistance during the holidays.

A big thanks to Monaco Ford, and duty drivers Mike Monaco and Steve Dresty, for again this year supporting us in the pickup and delivery of the generous donation from Hometown Foundation.



I would also like to thank Subbase Commissary for helping out again this year in assisting with the distribution of turkeys for the annual Subbase Caring and Sharing program.

25-29 November, Thanksgiving Week. This is our 24<sup>th</sup> year of hosting Thanksgiving dinner for our Junior Sailors, Boats on the river or at EB, SubVet members, Veterans, First Responders, and friends, , and one amazing effort that could not be accomplished without the support of What can I say, a very busy week.

- On Monday, we delivered 46 turkeys, 420 lbs. of potatoes, 200+lbs. of butternut squash, stuffing, and all the seasoning needed to make a fantastic Thanksgiving dinner to the Subbase Galley, Cross Hall. A big thanks to the Subbase Galley, specifically MSS2(SS) Chiado and MSS2(SS) Janes for the extra effort in getting the food prepped and delivered on time. And I might add, pretty tasty.
- Tuesday, we picked up 50 turkeys from the Subbase Commissary for deep frying at the clubhouse.
- Wednesday, we had over 30 volunteers help set up clubhouse for Thanksgiving. Bravo Zulu to Dominion Power Millstone, Rand Whitney Container, and SubVets Groton Base Members for their dedication and support again this year.



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 you to have one or more of your reunion functions at the club. Contact our Event Coordinator Ashley via email at [events@ussvigroton.org](mailto: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**

**Subject: Important Update: 2025 Budget & Club Price Changes**

Hello Shipmates,

We're working hard at preparing for the 2025 budget! To ensure the continued success of our club and its services to Groton Base and all USSVI members, we need your help.

**Committee Chairs:** If you haven't submitted your committee's 2025 budget request, please do so ASAP. Your timely input is crucial to this process.

**Proposed Price Changes:** Please review Jr. Vice Commander's report below detailing proposed price changes for 2025. These changes include an adjustment to the cost of food and liquor. This proposal is the result of careful analysis and consideration of the club's financial needs. The 2025 budget will reflect these necessary adjustments to ensure we can keep our doors open and continue to serve our members.

**Membership Dues Prices:** As you may know, the USSVI National Board of Directors voted to raise the price of membership dues. The 2025 Groton Base Budget will reflect the price of Base dues which are always the same as National dues.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact me at [vice@ussvigroton.org](mailto:vice@ussvigroton.org). This includes helping to prepare your 2025 budgets by providing you with the committee's actual 2024 revenue and expenditures. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact me at [vice@ussvigroton.org](mailto:vice@ussvigroton.org)

Bob Perritt  
Vice Commander

**JR VICE COMMANDER**

**Paul Skalski**

Hello Shipmates

Thanksgiving was a huge success. Thank you to all who helped organize, delivered, carved, cooked served and cleaned up

The clubhouse is being transformed from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

December is a busy month with two brunches and many holiday and retirement parties.

**Winter hours (starting 11/5)**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

**11:00 – 17:00**

We will be open late for meeting nights, special events, catered events, Karaoke.

**Lunch hours**

Tuesday 11:00 – 16:30

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11:00 – 14:30

Food and liquor prices are constantly going up. After careful and thoughtful analysis of our food and liquor prices it will be necessary to raise our prices. All liquor and food items will be increased by approximately 10%. Beer, wine, and soda will remain the same.

Our fund for replacing the ceiling tiles in the kitchen continues to grow. Currently we are at \$413 of our \$500 goal. Every little bit helps.

The clubhouse will be closed 12/24, 12/25, 12/31 & 1/1 for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Check out Web Site, Facebook page, monthly Calander and our rolling raspberry at the Clubhouse as new events are added.

### **Be Part of the Solution, VOLUNTEER**

**Paul Skalski**

*Jr. Vice Commander*

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### **BASE SECRETARY**

**David Frease**

The November Meeting was attended by (in person (30) and Zoom (5) for a total of 35 members.

Discussed details of Thanksgiving dinner arrangements to provide dinners at the Clubhouse and delivery of meals to veterans and first responders.

Discussed Base Coin Holder, belongs to Groton Base. Coin holder made by Tom Swanepoel. Coins are given to Base Officers but belong to Groton Base. Will find an appropriate place in the clubhouse to have reside.

Discussed Various Veterans Day celebrations throughout the area.

### **UPCOMING HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHESES**

**17 December Guest Speaker** Tentative RADM Van Poots Commander, Undersea Warfighting Development Center (UWDC) and his CMC CMDCM(SS) Nick Harr.

**21 Jan Guest Speaker** Captain Heath Johnmeyer & COB Mark Shipley from USS District of Columbia

**HOLLAND CLUB 2025** – 29 Potential Inductees.

**Meeting 50/50 DRAWING** – \$172.00 / \$86.00 to Tom Swaenpoel Donated to Groton Base Building Fund.

David Frease

Base Secretary

[secretary@ussvigroton.org](mailto:secretary@ussvigroton.org)

**2024 THANKSGIVING & HOLIDAY APPEAL**

A final email has been sent to any member who may not have had time to donate to this year's Thanksgiving & Holiday Appeal. We appreciate of your donations received to date to support our Thanksgiving and Holiday events.

**BATHROOM RENOVATIONS**

We can report that we have temporarily set aside \$9000 for this renovation. I hope that we can finalize the renovation costs and receive funds to do this during first quarter of 2025. Our members have indicated that the Hall bathroom be done before the Ladies Room. Members and their guests using the Hall for a variety of events feel that this is important for them to continue to rent the Hall.

HOW CAN YOU DONATE? 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>.

Option 5: we will install a kiosk that can be used to donate directly to the USSVCF Groton Building Fund.

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.

**IMPORTANT NEW OPTION AVAILABLE – IF YOU WANT A TAX DEDUCTION**

You can use one of the Links below to send directly to the Charitable Foundation

1. Option to get donations applied and available for Groton.
2. Option to get donations applied to the Brotherhood Fund

[https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MTc1MjU4](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTc1MjU4)

Brotherhood

[https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MjI0NjU0](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MjI0NjU0)

Thanksgiving Appeal

If you need more information about any fund-raising options please contact [Treasurer@ussvigroton.org](mailto:Treasurer@ussvigroton.org)

We are actively searching for a new treasurer and collaborating with me now will give you exposure to our records and accounts and assuming the position in July 2025 will be much easier. If you are interested, please contact me. This is your opportunity to provide leadership to the Groton organization.

**Charlie Murray, Treasurer, 860 830 9605**



Honors Detail – John “Gumba” Carcioppolo [gumba700@comcast.net](mailto:gumba700@comcast.net)  
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The following is the Honors Detail activity from 24 October 2024.

**There were 3 Eternal Patrols as follows:**

**Commander David G. Lees** Passed on 18 October. The Honors Detail has been requested to present Honors for Shipmate Lees. The Honors Detail will muster at the Celebration of Life to be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, December 23, 2024, at Ledyard Congregational Church, 722 Colonel Ledyard Hwy, Ledyard, CT.

**MM1(SS) Wayne Harding** Passed on 24 October. Honors Detail was held on 15 November. Participants included Alex Ducette, Bob Dulan, Charlie Murray, and Bob Sharpe

**FTGC(SS) Phillip O. Turgeon** Passed on 2 November. No Honors Detail

Many thanks to the members of the Honors Detail who support the rendering of 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.

The information for the Eternal Patrol bios comes from the USSVI National Webpage Membership section. What you have there is what I put out. If you don't have all the right stuff, then that's what we are going to 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 Base Commander Steve Ricard at [commander@ussvigroton.org](mailto:commander@ussvigroton.org).

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.colella@comcast.net](mailto:earl.colella@comcast.net) or John Carcioppolo 860-514-7064 [gumba700@comcast.net](mailto:gumba700@comcast.net) and if possible provide a link to the obituary.

Keep your eyes open. If you know of a member 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 timelier 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 all you really have to do is let me know and show up. We prefer you to have the SUBVETS vest, but that is not a hard requirement.

***What we do matters*** Below is an email received after Wayne Harding's Honors Detail

*Thank you John and fellow submariners for the special and memorable ceremony you and your men conducted for my husband Wayne Harding on November 15, 2024, in Glastonbury, CT. The service was meaningful, thoughtful, and patriotic in a way that proved why Wayne was so proud to be part of the Submarine Service. The support your group gave our family and me also proved to our extended family and friends how special submariners really are, as well as recognized them for their dedication to do*

*what is expected of them in the line of duty. Your comments regarding Wayne and his accomplishments during his six years of Naval Submarine Duty were a wonderful reflection of the wonderful man I married 60 plus years ago. Thank you for dedicating the time to compose the ceremony as well as performing the service for everyone present at the Calling Hours for Wayne. You men are among the finest!*

*Sincerely, Barbara Harding*

**RED HAT CEREMONY** There is a Homecoming scheduled in the next few weeks. Watch your emails. I often receive requests to be added to the homecoming notifications. I do not have a specific list for homecomings. I just send them to the entire membership, so I don't miss anyone. If you get all the regular Base Broadcasts from the Base Commander, Eternal Patrol Broadcasts, etc. etc. then you should get the Homecoming notifications. If you are not getting the Broadcasts, you will not get the Homecoming notifications, and you should contact the Base Commander to ensure that we have the correct email address on file.

John "Gumba" Carcioppolo  
Honor Detail  
(860) 514 – 7064

### **HOLLAND CLUB Report - John Carcioppolo**



*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.*

### **November 2024 Holland Club Report**

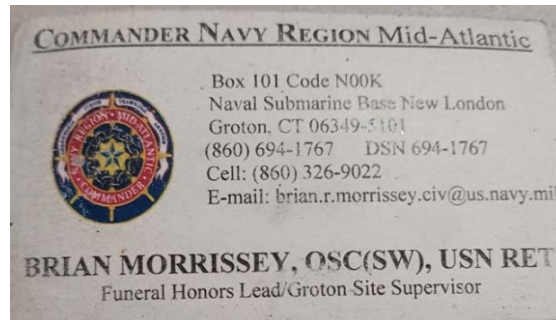
#### **HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHEONS**

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Our November Holland Club Luncheon had 51 people in attendance. Well done and thank you to all who RSVPd so that I could give Katrina and Ashley an accurate head count.

We hosted guest speaker Brian Morrissey, the head of Decadent Affairs for Commander, Naval Region Mid Atlantic on the Submarine Base. He gave a brief but informative presentation on Honors and Funerals and what his office offers. His card is below. Thanks Brian. After speaking with Brian after the luncheon he said that *"He was honored to speak to the Holland Club Members, and he will not forget the impressions that the Holland Club Members made on him."*





The 50-50 was won by Dave Gustafson.

Many thanks to Katrina and Ashley for a great meal with some great help from some of the members.

**Many Thanks Shipmates. BZ!**

If you missed them the rest of the pictures are here <https://link.shutterstock.com/93sAyC5JK1> Thank you Kimberlee Beagle.

We now have speakers booked out through February.

December we will have RADM Van Poots Commander, Undersea Warfighting Development Center (UWDC) and his CMC CMDCM(SS) Nick Harr. January, we have the CO/CMC of PRECOMUNIT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Captain Heath Johnmeyer & COB Mark Shipley. And in February we have SUBSCHOOL CMC Dean Marvin and his relief CMC Michael Miceli.

Again, as a courtesy, please contact me when I put out the call each month if you plan to attend so we can continue to give an accurate head count to our cook and staff.

### **Holland Club Members and Dues**

It's time to renew your membership dues for 2025, and yes even if you are a Life Member there is a requirement for Base Dues. If you went into the Holland Club 2015 or earlier, you are grandfathered and have no dues requirements. If you went into the Holland Club after 2015, Base Dues are required. We don't want to lose you for non-renewal so please renew your dues.

For those members who are expecting to go in the Holland Club in 2025, to be completely eligible for the Holland Club you must pay your dues for 2025. Again, even if you are a Life Member of USSVI, there are Base Dues that are required. So either please pay your dues before the end of the year or take advantage of the new Base Life Membership so that it's one less thing I must worry about in the last six months before induction.

If you have questions about your dues status, or want information on the Base Life Membership, please contact Base Commander Steve Ricard.

In closing I want to wish each of you and your families a very **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

John "Gumba" Carcioppolo  
Holland Club Chair  
(860) 514 – 7064  
Holland@ussvigroton.org

**COLOR GUARD**

**Bob Sharpe**

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – Color guard, Honor guard and Homecoming details, with the assistance of the Memorial committee, will conduct the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony at WWII Submarine Memorial East. This ceremony is in honor of all those who lost their lives on that eventful day. This is a USSVI Groton Base scheduled event that opened to the public. This event starts at approximately 12:30 and should end around 1:10 p.m.

Our ceremony will consists of Opening Remarks and Dedication Prayer, followed by 7 one-minute interval cannon shots starting at 12:55 ending with the playing of Taps. The recommended dress code for this event is appropriate attire. USSVI members should wear their Subvets Vest.

The Color Guard detail needs a few members to assist in our scheduled events. If you are interested, please email me at bobsharpe@hotmail.com or on my Cell at (860) 501-6161 and leave a message.

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Vacant**

**RENEW NOW FOR 2025**

Reminder that it is time to renew annual membership. If you are a USSVI Life member you still owe Groton Base dues (unless you are Groton Base Life). Renew now before the price increase in January. Check with Base Commander for your status.

**Membership Update**

- Members – 1163
- Life National Members – 857
- Base Life Members - 341
- Holland Club – 628
- Associate Members – 75

Active Duty, new members only, Base and National Dues their first calendar year are free.

**Groton Base Life Membership Option**

Groton Base is now offering a Life membership option. Over the next few months, we will implement this option in stages being fully ready by October 1 for the 2025 membership renewal period. Over this time, we will modify our forms and online dues payment system to reflect the new option. For the near-term, forms will be available at the clubhouse, or you can modify a current form as shown in the sample below - For the first phase you must be a current National Lifetime member. As we build the system, members will be able to pay for both National and Base lifetime memberships at the same time. The cost mirrors the National life Memberships just like the rest of our Groton Base dues structure.

Base Life Membership Cost	Through age 45 - \$600
46-55 - \$500	56-65 - \$360
66-75 - \$240	76 and older - \$120

When completing a form, please include your full name, address, phone, and email so we can verify and update your information if needed.

**USSVI GROTON BASE “SILENT SERVICE”** **Vacant**

SUBVETS LICENSE PLATE Contact [commander@ussvigroton.org](mailto:commander@ussvigroton.org)

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



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

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** **Greg Kane**

There are more benefits associated with a student receiving a scholarship beyond academic. Researchers have identified numerous benefits including the following.

**Financial Benefits:**

- **Reduced Financial Burden:** Scholarships directly alleviate the financial stress associated with higher education, enabling students to focus more on their studies and less on financial worries.
- **Increased Access to Education:** Scholarships can make higher education more accessible to students from low-income backgrounds, potentially increasing their chances of completing their degrees.

**Academic Benefits:**

- **Improved Academic Performance:** Scholarship recipients often demonstrate higher GPAs and better academic performance overall. This could be attributed to reduced financial stress, increased motivation, and the opportunity to engage in more enriching academic experiences.
- **Higher Graduation Rates:** Scholarship recipients have higher graduation rates compared to non-recipients, indicating that scholarships can help students persist in their studies and complete their degrees on time.

**Non-Academic Benefits:**

- **Enhanced Self-Esteem and Confidence:** Receiving a scholarship can boost a student's self-esteem and confidence, leading to increased motivation and resilience.
- **Increased Engagement in Extracurricular Activities:** Scholarship recipients are more likely to participate in extracurricular activities, such as clubs, organizations, and volunteer work, which can contribute to their overall development and well-roundedness.
- **Greater Career Success:** Scholarship recipients often have better career outcomes, including higher-paying jobs and greater career satisfaction. This could be due to the increased opportunities and networks that scholarships can provide.



**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](mailto:brian.hague@ussvigroton.org)

Hey Navy, Happy Thanksgiving. Hopefully, I'll see a good number of you at the club to help out on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Pass on the stories to the kids far from home...that's an order.

Don't get caught off guard when it comes to newer VA log-in requirements.  
<https://news.va.gov/133159/prepare-for-vas-secure-sign-in-changes/>

What to stay active without the crazy workout? <https://news.va.gov/131368/five-virtual-resources-older-veterans-active/>

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 plan 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 submarine 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 stop to help a child."**

**Abraham Lincoln**



**On November 8th**, the Groton Base K4K Team of Bob Dulin, Paul Grammer, and John Riley conducted our annual **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Week** visit to Yale New Haven Children's Hospital.

We gave the Kids our newest Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program gift offering: **K4K Teddy Bears!** The bears were a huge hit with all the Kids! Below is a picture of an overjoyed Penny, who hugged her bear and excitedly named it Honey!



Since 2009, at child health care facilities throughout Connecticut, the **Groton Base's Kaps 4 Kids Program** has brought Comfort and Joy to over **2,500** sick Kids and their families!



**Visit to Shriners Hospital June 2016**



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, Wrist Bands and Teddy Bears. 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 give 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: INFO / VIDEO / DONATE**

<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 "DECEMBER" BIRTHDAY LIST**

*Happy Birthday to all who continue to celebrate.*

12/01	Brian	Anderson	12/20	Jeremiah D.	Ross
12/01	Stephen V.	Brooke	12/20	Paul J.	Weir
12/01	Ronald E.	Hanson	12/21	John C.	Franzoni
12/02	William J.	Dwyer	12/21	Alexander M.	Hay
12/02	Owen E.	Key	12/21	James M.	Healey
12/02	Dimetrius	Winks	12/21	Dale	Liggett
12/03	Jason G.	Breen	12/21	Robert J.	Price
12/03	Luke E.	Kilgore	12/21	William J.	Ramey
12/03	William E.	Short	12/21	Thomas D.	West
12/03	Michael	Vincent	12/23	David R.	Aiken
12/04	Paul	Gonsalves	12/23	Joseph	Forte
12/04	John R.	Vernotzy	12/23	James C.	Hedtke
12/05	John J.	Cunnally, Jr.	12/24	James F.	Moulding

12/05	John	Harworth	12/24	Chad	Underkoffler
12/05	Edward	Hyne	12/25	Jason	Rusk
12/06	Thomas E.	Vernon	12/25	George H.	Williams Jr.
12/07	Paul V.	Rohanna	12/26	John L.	Kloner
12/08	Peter J.	Mazanec	12/26	Herman W.	Schnabe
12/09	Brian E.	Bell	12/26	George H.	Schalk
12/09	William L.	Henry	12/26	Tim J.	Shannon
12/09	Larry L.	Oiler	12/26	James	Standish
12/10	Norman E.	Holiman	12/26	Richard A.	Johnson
12/10	William B.	Konakowitz	12/27	Steven B.	Bastien
12/11	James A.	Adams	12/27	Phillip A.	DeRose
12/11	Charles Wayne	Juoni	12/27	Jeff	Kelly
12/11	David J.	Latta	12/27	Marc	Kashar
12/12	Nicholas	Cross	12/27	David G.	Lees
12/12	Harold P.	Egbert, Jr.	12/27	Anthony E.	Myrill
12/12	John T.	Leahy	12/27	George H.	Skiles
12/12	Walter William	Roye, Jr.	12/28	Charles D.	Bennett
12/12	Robert J.	Sniper	12/28	Willard T.	Burkett, Jr.
12/13	John	Palmer	12/28	Wayne N.	Ferrugson
12/13	James G.	Spinner	12/28	Manuel J.	Misarski
12/13	John	Ward	12/29	Kenneth D.	Brown
12/14	Frederick	M. Hooker, Jr	12/29	Stephen D.	Chickering
12/15	David	Baratko	12/29	David M.	Hernadez
12/15	Gerald	Domahowski	12/29	Daniel C.	Hubert
12/15	Leo O.	Falardeau	12/29	Marvin Daniel	Stuart
12/16	Scott	Lang	12/29	B.K.	Thompson
12/16	Curtis L.	Thomas	12/30	Edward J.	Cedor, Jr.
12/17	David G.	Balcom	12/30	William B.	Dumbauld
12/17	Donald F.	Terry	12/30	Charles F.	Masterson
12/18	Paul B.	Bissey	12/30	Thomas D.	Rodgers
12/18	Robert J.	Burns	12/30	Robert G.	Stephens
12/18	John A.	Moulson	12/30	Barry R.	Strauss
12/18	Thomas P.	Traxler	12/30	Michael	Yacovino
12/19	Corey A.	Bender	12/31	James T.	Custer
12/19	Kie	Brown	12/31	Francis A.	Englehart (IV)
12/19	Barry	Cohen	12/31	Joseph J.	Falman
12/19	Bryan J.	Ersek	12/31	John C.	Ketcham
12/19	David P.	Foret	12/31	Timothy P.	Potter
12/19	Jeff	Heck			
12/19	Joseph J.	Radecki			

### **USSVI GROTON BASE "DECEMBER" ETERNAL PATROL LIST**

12/01/2008	Allen	Bryson	12/06/2007	Thomas	Hurley
12/01/2017	LeRoy	Webb	12/07/2019	Kreso	Paskov
12/01/2004	Daniel	Westhusin	12/10/2015	William	Dersham
12/01/2013	Raymond	Stanis	12/10/2018	Edmond	Diamantini
12/02/2022	Richard	LaCombe	12/11/2019	John	McElroy
12/03/2018	Louis	Baldi Jr.	12/11/2012	John	Kurrus
12/03/2002	Howard	McPherson	12/12/2021	Mark	Schraer
12/03/2012	Abraham	Sanchez	12/13/2021	William	Deer
12/04/2014	Philip	Marshall	12/13/2018	Stephen	Flynn
12/04/2011	Ronald	Trahan	12/14/2017	Mickey	Davidson
12/04/2020	John	Howard	12/14/2018	Francis	Kruszka
12/05/2010	John	Jennerwein	12/14/2008	Benjamin	Travisano
12/06/2011	Stanley	Alexander	12/14/2011	James	Zimble

12/15/2012	Ralph	Brown	12/22/2022	Donald	Tennant
12/15/2007	William	Budding, Jr.	12/22/2022	Donald	Best
12/15/2016	Larry	Yering	12/22/2018	Frank	Thompson
12/16/2018	Frank	Holden	12/22/2005	Donald	Wright, Sr.
12/16/2023	Stephen	Madigosky	12/24/2022	Terry	Donald F.
12/16/2015	Glenn	Suttle	12/24/2021	Norman	Kuzel
12/17/2009	Bruce	Anderson	12/24/2020	Donn	Law
12/18/2021	George	Patenaude	12/25/2007	Ronald	Brewer
12/18/2014	Rollie	Stephens	12/25/2019	Carl	Hochstetler
12/18/2018	Lionel	Walling	12/25/2006	George	MacGregor
12/19/2015	Frank	Cima Sr.	12/26/2020	Ted	Anthony
12/19/2015	Ernest	Plantz	12/26/2010	William	Carlen
12/20/2018	Eugene	Bassette	12/27/2019	Michael	Doherty
12/20/2003	Daniel	Hale	12/27/2016	Roy	Wilkes
12/21/2023	PW	Louthain	12/28/2017	Eldon	McGuire



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

## Thames River Heritage Park

Upcoming in the Park...Holiday Family Portraits, Pop-Up Market, Magic Show, Gallery Reception, Tea Party, Free Family Fun and More

[New London Maritime Society](#)



## What's Up at the Custom House?

December 1, 2024

We had six Brooklynites visit Harbor Lighthouse on Saturday. *Three were cats!*  
Photo, above: Christina Carcoran.



Download our **2024 ANNUAL APPEAL** pdf.



The Custom House is Open Thurs.- Fri. 1-5 PM,  
Sat. 10 AM-5 PM (we close at 2 PM Dec 7 for the  
Annual Meeting), & Sun. 1-5 PM.

The **2024 NLMS ANNUAL MEETING** takes place next  
Saturday, December 7 at 2:30 PM at the Custom  
House. *All are welcome.*

NLMS thanks our MEMBERS!

& cheers to our sponsors: Anthony and Elizabeth Enders Fund - Charter Oak Credit Union - Chelsea Groton Foundation - Community Foundation of Eastern CT - Frank Loomis Palmer Fund, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee - Kozmik Music Services - Ludwick Family Foundation - Maco Family Fund - Louise Novitch - Robinson+Cole - Veolia/NL Water Authority. *Thank you!*

## Holidays at the Custom House

Whether visiting for the first time or bringing family to the museum -- or up into Harbor lighthouse -- as an annual tradition, here are five ways to make the most of your visit in December.

- **Enjoy a free concert**

Tune in to Tubas at the Custom House for a fresh take on cherished classics. Our holiday tuba/euphonium singalong has some jazzy adaptations and surprising syncopations.



Photos: Gary Buttery & friends will be back at the museum for a free holiday singalong, with tubas, Saturday, December 7, at 4 PM.



- **Catch a Special Exhibition**

Our two temporary exhibitions disappear January 1! Don't miss Richard Stremme: The Scrimshaw/Tattoo Connection and Christian Fiedler: Beacons through Time.

The pinhole photographs in Christian's lighthouse exhibition are available for purchase through December 22.



- **Pick out the Perfect Gift**

We have your gifts covered. Shop for locally made products, children's toys, modern home decor, exceptional books, and more. Photo, right: Snowscape: A Winter Pop-Up Book.

Plus: NLMS members always enjoy 10 percent off.



- **Bring the Whole Family**

Kids, grandparents, maritime lovers or lifelong learners, they all can enjoy a visit to the Custom House and New London Harbor Light.

(The knitted cap, right, is from our Shop.)

Support NL's maritime museum this



# NAUTILUS SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM



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

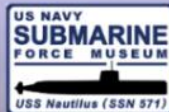
**HISTORIC SHIP NAUTILUS SSN-571  
SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM (SFM) IS ACTIVELY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS  
FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO SERVE AS DOCENTS.**

**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 MUSEUMS 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 SHIPS 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.

#### **POINTS OF CONTACT:**

**OFFICER IN CHARGE AND SFM DIRECTOR:** [BRYAN.R.CHAPMAN6.MIL@US.NAVY.MIL](mailto:BRYAN.R.CHAPMAN6.MIL@US.NAVY.MIL)  
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**EDUCATION DIRECTOR (ACTING):** [KEVIN.WILLY.MIL@US.NAVY.MIL](mailto:KEVIN.WILLY.MIL@US.NAVY.MIL)  
**RESEARCH AND ARCHIVES:** [WENDY.S.GULLEY.CIV@US.NAVY.MIL](mailto:WENDY.S.GULLEY.CIV@US.NAVY.MIL)



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

## 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. The COT was opened on December 3, 1944, 79 years ago 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.”

*80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*  
**Chapel on the Thames**

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*December*  
**03**

**1:30** *in the afternoon*

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**Chapel on the Thames**

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Dress Requirements

Participants:	Attendees:
<i>Service Dress Blues w/ ribbons</i>	<i>Uniform of the Day</i>
<i>(equivalent for civilians/other service branches)</i>	<i>Appropriate Civilian Attire</i>