



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



Shipmates, Families, and Friends



Another month has come and gone at the Dominic "Joe" Negri Clubhouse, your clubhouse. Your home were the sea stories all begin the same way "This is a no.....; come down and add your sea story to the mix. Welcome to November and the eleventh month of 2024. We celebrated a couple of significant events last month, Chief earning their new shiny anchors or in most cases a set handed down from a mentor. Happy 249th Birthday of the United States Navy.

Happy 249th Birthday

The wheels are already in motion for our annual Thanksgiving Caring and Sharing feast at SubVets. This has been a tradition since 2001, and it just keeps getting better thanks to our volunteers and the donations we receive. For the 3rd year in a row, Hometown Foundation's HungerLESS Holidays has provided us with the opportunity to help our Junior Sailors and their families with the holidays. We are looking forward to another full house again this year.



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 overseas 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 – November



Lost on Nov 7, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her eleventh war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.



Lost on Nov 8, 1944 with the loss of 86 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 12th war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy, probably as a result of a depth charge attack or victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes.



Probably sunk on November 16, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay. On her 8th war patrol, she may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate and destroy her with depth charges.



Lost on Nov 16, 1943 with the loss of 82 men when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was on her 1st war patrol and appears she was lost to the torpedoes of a Japanese submarine.



Lost on Nov 19, 1943 with the loss of 43 men near Truk. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. 41 men were taken prisoner but only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT Cromwell, aboard as a potential wolfpack commander, he rode the Sculpin down, fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Plan of the Month November 2024

DATE	TIME	ACTION	DESCRIPTION
11-1	20:00	Event	Club Halloween Party / Karaoke
11-4	18:30	Meeting	Monthly Meeting
11-5		Event	Election Day Gei out and Vote
11-7	12:30	Event	Webb Retirement Ceremony
11-9	noon	Event	Idaho FRG Chile Cookoff
11-11	11:00	Event	Veteran Day Memorial
11-11	12:15	Event	Burger burn, Topside
11-14	19:00	Event	SCMC
11-19	11:30	Event	Holland Club Luncheon Beef Stew
11-22	10:30	Event	Retirement Ceremony Top Side
11-25		Closed	Thanksgiving Prep
11-26		Closed	Thanksgiving Prep
11/27		Closed	Thanksgiving Prep
11-28		Event	Thanksgiving Dinner
11-29		Closed	Thanksgiving Cleanup

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 August, a USSVI Groton Base member participates 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 two graduations on 4 & 18 October. I would like to thank SubSchool leadership for allowing us to participate in this milestone event.



The following information is for BESS Class 24460, named after the USS Henry Clay SSBN 625. The information provided comes from various sources including Naval History and Heritage Command and Wikipedia. Follow the links for additional details.

On October 4th the BESS class was named after the USS Henry Clay (SSBN 625). USS Henry Clay (SSBN-625), a Lafayette class ballistic missile submarine, was the only ship of the United States Navy to



be named for Henry Clay (1777–1852), the American statesman and orator. The contract to build Henry Clay was awarded to Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in Newport News, Virginia on 3 February 1961 and her keel was laid down there on 23 October 1961. She was launched on 30 November 1962, sponsored by Mrs. Anna Gratz "Nannie" (Clay) Gibson, and commissioned on 20 February 1964, with Commander Thomas A Bryce in command of the Blue Crew and Commander John C. Lewis in command of the Gold Crew. In 1989, in

preparation for its final deterrent patrol, the Henry Clay crew spent just three days in Holy Loch, Scotland for its refit (instead of the normal three-week refit period), and unloaded 250,000 pounds of food. Henry Clay spent a record 121 days (April–August) beneath the North Atlantic waves on deterrent patrol. It made two short back-to-back port calls in Plymouth and Portsmouth, England, respectively. After its successful patrol, the Henry Clay pulled into Norfolk, VA for a brief rest and to pick up many of the crew's (male) family members for a three-day, fun "Tiger Cruise" to her home port of Charleston, South Carolina. Henry Clay was decommissioned on 5 November 1990 and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register the same day. She entered the Nuclear-Powered Ship and Submarine Recycling Program in Bremerton, Washington, for scraping, which was completed on 30 September 1997.

More on the USS Henry Clay can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Henry_Clay and <https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/h/henry-clay.html>.



Henry Clay, BESS Class 24460, had 98 students with a 73% average and 5 students 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 TM1(SS) Martinez. 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 James Harvey Captain USN (Ret). SubSchool Chaplain LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.

USSVI Groton Base and Holland Club Member Pat Roche was the SubVet Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin SR(SU) Autum Shumaker. 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 CMC Michael Micheli, to SR(SU) Cameron Smith. 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 SN(SU) Andrew Nikodem 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 Captain James Harvey USN (Ret) to SN(SU) Nicholas Parson-Santiago. This award is given 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.



Heritage Award: SR(SU) Autum Shumaker



William H. Purdum Award: SR(SU) Cameron Smith



Honor Graduate: SN(SU) Andrew Nikodem



Core Value Award: SN(SU) Nicholas Parson-Santiago

On 18 October, the BESS class that graduated was named after the USS Jimmy Carter (SSN-23).



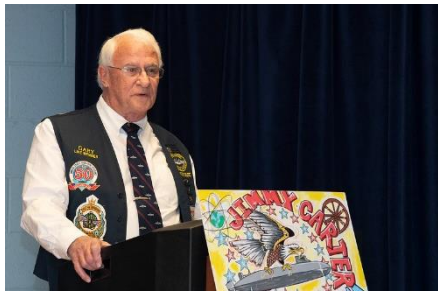
USS Jimmy Carter (SSN-23) is the third and final Seawolf-class nuclear-powered fast-attack submarine in the United States Navy. Commissioned in 2005, she is named for the 39th president of the United States, Jimmy Carter, the only president to have qualified on submarines. The only submarine to be named for a living president, Jimmy Carter is also one of the few vessels, and only the third submarine of the US Navy, to be named for a living person. Extensively modified from the original design of her class, she is sometimes described as a subclass unto herself.

The contract to build Jimmy Carter was to the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut on 29 June 1996, and her keel was laid on 5 December

1998. Original schedules called for Jimmy Carter to be commissioned in late 2001 or early 2002. Electric Boat was awarded an \$887 million extension to the Jimmy Carter contract on 10 December 1999 to modify the boat for testing new submarine systems and classified missions previously carried out by USS Parche. During modification, her hull was extended 100 feet (30 m) to create a 2,500-ton supplementary middle section which forms a Multi-Mission Platform (MMP). This section is fitted with an ocean interface for divers, remotely operated vehicles (ROVs), and special operation equipment; ROV handling system, storage, and deployment space for mission systems, and a pressure-resistant passage between the fore and aft parts of the submarine to accommodate the boat's crew.

Jimmy Carter was christened on 5 June 2004, and the ship sponsor was former First Lady Rosalynn Carter. One result of the changes was that Jimmy Carter was commissioned more than six years after USS Connecticut and almost four months after the commissioning of USS Virginia, the first of the Virginia-class subs.

More on the USS Jimmy Carter can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Jimmy_Carter and <https://www.csp.navy.mil/jimmycarter/>.



USS Jimmy Carter (SSN 23). class #24480 had 103 students with an average 76% and 1 student 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, ITEC(SS) Lee, and ETVC(SS) Gaberial

Lechuga. Thank you for using your background training and experience in training these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was Director of Training Captain Craig Litty . CMDCM Micheli. SubSchool Chaplain LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.



USSVI Groton Base Member and Holland Club Member, Gary Schmid was the SubVets Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to YNSSR(SU) Lilianna Martinez. 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 to SR(SU) Jamie grace Hinton. This award is given to the student who shows academic achievement and personal improvement through the course of instruction. The class Honor Graduate award went to SN(SU) Dylan Morris. 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 to SR(SU) Holly Fuentes. This award is giving to the student who best embodies the U.S. Navy Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

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



Honor Graduate: SN(SU) Dylan Morris



Core Value Award: SR(SU) Holly Fuentes

BESS Graduation Schedule

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.

Starting in August we will also be the SubVet Representative at the Submarine Officers Basic Course (SOBC) and later in October the Submarine Officers Advance Course (SOAC).

BESS Graduation Schedule & SubVet Representative

Class No.	Class Name	Command Rep	Guest Speaker	SUBVETS Rep	Graduation Date
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

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.

Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS)

Graduate on Jan-10	Graduate on Jan-24
Graduate on Feb-07	Graduate on Feb-21
Graduate on Mar-07	Graduate on Mar-21
Graduate on Apr-04	Graduate on Apr-18
Graduate on May-02	Graduate on May-16
Graduate on May-30	Graduate on Jun-13
Graduate on Jun-27	Graduate on Jul-11
Graduate on Jul-25	Graduate on Aug-08
Graduate on Aug-22	Graduate on Sep-05
Graduate on Sep-19	Graduate on Oct-03
Graduate on Oct-17	Graduate on Oct-31
Graduate on Nov-14	Graduate on Nov-26

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)

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

Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC) Dates:

24050 Graduate on 13 Dec 2024	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	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 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 Thursday, October 3rd SubVets hosted a Veteran’s History Project. This was an interview conducted between USSVI/Groton Base Life Member WWII Submarine Veteran William “Bill” Scarano and Congressman Joe Courtney recorded by the University of Connecticut. Bill Scarano qualified onboard the USS Sealion SS-315 in 1944 and made 6 war patrols. Bill shed some light on what life onboard the Sealion was like during the war. The interview was recorded for the Library of Congress. It was enlightening, and Bill relayed a wealth of experiences about his life onboard the boat and his life after his discharge in 1946. We’re hoping that we will receive a copy of the interview to post on the clubs website. Bill will turn 100 in February 2025.



Monday October 7th our Monthly Membership meeting was held at 1830 in the club hall. Over 35 members joined the monthly meeting both in person and via Zoom.

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 the remainder of 2024.

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 November 7th for our monthly membership meeting starting at 1830. The Zoom link will be published prior to the meeting.



Captain Austin Duff and CMC Brian Bellefeuille, CO/CMC of Officer Training Command Newport RI.

On Tuesday October 15th, we held our monthly Holland Club Luncheon with over 60 people in attendance and hosted guest speaker



Saturday 19 October, it was a great day at the Subbase Annual Retiree Seminar. A big thanks Right Bob, Al, John, Center Bob, Earle, and Steve for volunteering to man the SubVet booth. It was nice seeing old friends and making new ones. Thanks to all who stopped by to say Hi and drop a couple dollars into the donation bucket for annual SubVets Thanksgiving feast.



October 20th SubSchool Chiefs hosted a Sunday Brunch in the Tom Connors Memorial Dining Room. The newly minted Chief served up a great meal with style and grace. Over 70 happy diners enjoyed scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage(maybe) patties, biscuits and gravy, pumpkin pancakes, French toast, and

fresh fruit. Great job and come on back anytime, we love it when someone else cooks. The pumpkin pancakes were so good people arm wrestled over the last two.



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. 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 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 the 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. 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

Bob Perritt
Vice Commander

JR VICE COMMANDER

Paul Skalski

Hello Shipmates

This weekend we turn back the clocks one hour. It'll be dark by 5:00 pm.

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. New menus will be printed and ready by Tuesday 11/5.

Our fund for replacing the ceiling tiles in the kitchen continues to grow. Currently we have \$279, a little more than halfway to our goal of \$500. Every little bit helps.

The clubhouse will be closed 11/25, 26, 27 and 11/29 so we can get ready for our annual Thanksgiving feast on Thursday 11/28.

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 October Meeting was attended by (in person (29) and Zoom (7) for a total of 36 members.

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

Discussed devastation caused by hurricane Helene to the Carolinas and a motion was passed to send money from Groton Bases portion of the 50/50 raffle, Holland Club Luncheon 50/50 raffle and club funds to USSVI Bases in need. (7 Bases in the Carolinas) charitable foundation.

UPCOMING HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHESES

19 November Guest Speaker Brian Morrissey, Mid-Atlantic Decedent Affairs

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 – \$138.00 / \$69.00 to Bob Gustofson – Donated to Hurricane Disaster Relief.

Holland Club Luncheon 50/50 DRAWING – \$278.00 / \$139.00 to David Frease – Donated to Hurricane Disaster Relief

David Frease
Base Secretary

secretary@ussvigroton.org

BASE TREASURER

Charlie Murray

2024 THANKSGIVING APPEAL

A second request for the Appeal has been mailed to those who had not donated. We appreciate your donations to support our Thanksgiving and Holiday events.

This year you might consider a \$25 donation instead of delivering a frozen turkey.

Note that the return envelopes have the incorrect zip code. Our zip code in Groton is 06340.

UPDATE: we have received less than half of the donations for our Holiday Dinners that last year. I hope that the remainder will get additional donations before mid-November. If you have donated we thank you very much.

FUTURE EXPENSES

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

Recently, we have received feedback that what we need is that a 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>.

New 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.

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

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CHAPLAINS REPORT

Earl Colella & John Carcioppolo



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

The following is the Honors Detail activity for September 2024 and October.

There was 1 Eternal Patrol:

There was 1 Eternal Patrol as follows:

FN(SS) James Robert “Bob” Booth Passed on 27 September. Honors Detail Participants included Earl Colella, Alex Doucette, Bob Dulin, Mike Hagerman, and Doug Wood.

MOMM2(SS) Edward Tulinski Sr. (SV WWII) Passed on 04 October. No official Honors Detail but Paul Grammer and Craig Megargle from the Westport Satellite Group represented Groton Base in paying respects to the family.



Former Member Francis A. Englehart IV Passed on 09 October.

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.

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 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 the obituary of a Submariner 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 helpful.

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.

RED HAT CEREMONY There are no homecomings scheduled until December. 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
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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.

October 2024 Holland Club Report

HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHEONS

Our October Holland Club Luncheon was another complete sell-out with 63 people in attendance. Well done and thank you to all who RSVP'd so that I could give Katrina and Ashley an accurate head count.

We hosted guest speaker Captain Austin Duff and CMC Brian Bellefeuille, CO/CMC of Officer Training Command Newport RI. The Captain is Surface Warfare qualified, and the CMC is Seabee Combat Warfare qualified. Both brought a different perspective to our audience. The Captain did his homework and provide some great remarks about our Submarine Force and the Navy in general. They also brought three OCS candidates who are headed to Submarines so that they could experience some of the heritage of the Submarine Force.

The CMC remarked "my CO and I had the privilege of experiencing an incredible day with the Submarine Force in Groton, filled with inspiration and connection. Our OCS Sub-nuke candidates joined us for a tour of California, SSN 781, and a visit to the innovative Submarine Learning Center. The true highlight was lunch at the Holland Club, where we were warmly welcomed by SubVets, whose unbreakable bond and camaraderie left a lasting impression. Thank you, John Gumba Carcioppolo, for orchestrating this enriching experience and our honorary membership in the Holland Club; your community is truly remarkable."



Also as part of the luncheon we helped TCMC(SS) Bud Atkins celebrate his 90th Birthday with a surprise birthday cake from his daughter Mary. Again Happy Birthday Bud.

Many thanks to Katrina and Ashley for a great meal and as always, we had tremendous support from Naval Submarine School students in serving and cleaning up the meal. This month we were supported by the following six Sailors: STS Ely

from Colorado; STS Canaan Smith from Madison Ohio; ITS Eduardo Bosque from Chile living in Orlando Florida; STS James Rozman from Milwaukee, Wisconsin; MT Shane Randall from Moab, Utah; FT Harman from Washington Texas. Many Thanks Shipmates. BZ!



If you missed them the rest of the pictures are here <https://link.shutterfly.com/sag0UkEjJNb> Thank you Kimberlee Beagle

We now have speakers booked out through January.

Our November Holland Club Luncheon guest speaker will be Brian Morrissey, the head of Decadent Affairs for Commander, Naval Region Mid Atlantic on the Submarine Base. December we will have RADM Van Poots Commander, Undersea Warfighting Development Center (UWDC) and his CMC CMDCM(SS) Nick Harr. And in January we have the CO/CMC of PRECOMUNIT DISTRICT OF COUMBIA Captain Heath Johnmeyer and COB Mark Shipley.

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

The year is winding down and with that it's time to renew your membership dues for 2025, and yes even if you are a National Life Member you are required to pay Groton Base 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 Groton Base dues for 2025. Again, even if you are a Life Member of USSVI, you need to pay Groton Base dues. So please pay your dues before the end of the year so that it's one less thing I must worry about in the last six months before induction.

Check the membership section of the newsletter for additional information and there is now a Groton Base Life Membership available to consider so that you don't have to worry about dues again. If you have questions about your dues status, please contact Base Commander Steve Ricard.

In closing I want to thank each of you for your service as Veterans Day approaches and wish each of you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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

COLOR GUARD

Bob Sharpe

This color guard presentation can be requested through the Submarine Veteran's Clubhouse Events coordinator Ashley - events@ussvigroton.org Land line: 860-445-5262. Please contact Ashley for further information.

The detail needs a few members to assist in events. If you are interested, please email me at bobsharpe@hotmail.com or on my Cell at (860) 501-6161 and leave a message. The detail needs a few members to assist in 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 – 1164
Life National Members – 858
Base Life Members - 330
Holland Club – 628
Associate Members – 74

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

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**

2025 Groton Base Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted.

The Groton Base Scholarship applications are being accepted as of November 1st. Applications are available at <https://www.ussvigroton.org/scholarship-info>.

We also are accepting donations to the Groton Base Scholarship Fund. Please mail or drop off your Scholarship Donation made Payable to the Groton Base Scholarship Fund at the clubhouse or by mailing it to Groton Base USSVI 40 School Street, Groton, CT, 06340

By supporting the scholarship fund, you will be supporting shipmates' sons, daughters, and grandchildren.

Gregory Kane
Groton Base Scholarship Chair

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE **Marion Galbraith**



Memorial looks great thanks to the hard work and dedication of the committee,

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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CREDIT CARD DONATION

MAIL A DONATION IN

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USS GROTON SAIL MONUMENT

Engraved Walkway Pavers

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!

Limited Number Available

\$250

Makes a great Holiday Gift!



Scan QR Code for info

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).



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

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, Happy Thanksgiving. Hopefully, I'll see a good number of you at the club to help out on the 28th. 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

Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Week is a special initiative where Submarine Veterans visit children in Child Health Care Facilities around Veterans Day to bring joy and comfort during their challenging times.

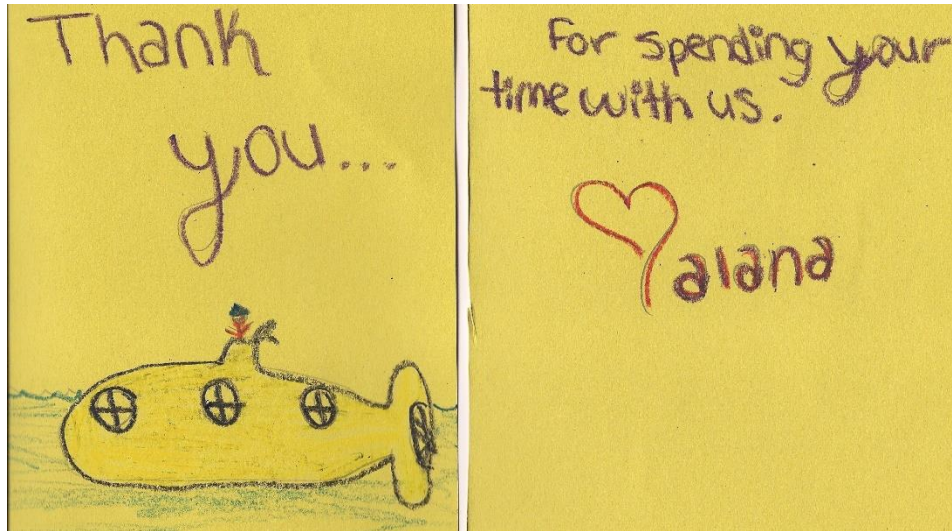
On Veterans Day in 2009, Groton Base's K4K Team conducted our **very first visit!** We visited Kids at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital. We have been visiting Kids there around Veterans Day every year since. In 2013 **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Week** was born to encourage other USSVI Bases to do the same.

This year, our K4K Team will visit Kids at Yale Hew Haven Children's Hospital on November 8th, continuing our tradition of bringing hope and cheer.

Below is a picture from our 2009 visit. Colin is the young boy in the picture. We remember him as having lots of fun drawing pictures of submarines. It's facinating to consider that he is probably around 25 years old now! Our K4K Team in 2009 left to right: Paul Grammer, Paul Dillon, Roy Wilkes, Mike DeLeo, and John Riley.



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 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 "NOVEMBER" BIRTHDAY LIST

Happy Birthday to all who continue to celebrate.

1-Nov	Christopher	Battaglino	5-Nov	Cal	Colavechio
1-Nov	Ralph	Bret	5-Nov	R. Lloyd	Dieter
1-Nov	Bernard W.	Caton II	5-Nov	Claude C.	Lemoi
1-Nov	Franklin Gary	King	6-Nov	Francis J	Murphy, Jr.
1-Nov	Robert A.	Perritt	6-Nov	Robert E.	Roberts
1-Nov	Errol D.	Vanicek	6-Nov	John	Rodolewicz, Jr.
2-Nov	Peter	Berns	7-Nov	Raymond	Brown
2-Nov	Gary H.	Hall	7-Nov	Bruce H.	Gran
2-Nov	Matthew S	Seidl	7-Nov	George E.	Moyer
2-Nov	Marshall H.	Smith	7-Nov	William T	Rogers
2-Nov	Richard L.	Strader	8-Nov	Eric C.	Biemiller
2-Nov	Walter	Whittingslow	8-Nov	Stephen C.	Garmon
3-Nov	John M	Brooks	8-Nov	Donald R.	Maranell
4-Nov	William F	Longman	8-Nov	Timothy F	Olsowy
4-Nov	Richard C	Moravsik	9-Nov	John	Roch
4-Nov	Kelly	Walker	9-Nov	Craig T.	Schorr

11-Jan	Harold E.	Coburn	18-Nov	J. Peter	Plenninger
10-Jan	Gregg	Ross	19-Nov	Donald M.	Chase
11-Nov	Paul	Grammer	19-Nov	Alan	Hayes
11-Nov	Alfonso	Agolio	19-Nov	James F	Stone
12-Nov	Rocco Nicholas	Arturo	20-Nov	Craig	Camerer
12-Nov	Charles K	Bates	20-Nov	Raymond G.	Tripodina
12-Nov	James A.	McPherson	21-Nov	Owen D.	Carlson
12-Nov	Richard B.	Mendelson	21-Nov	David	Ellis
12-Nov	Caroline M	Moreau	21-Nov	Jason	Roberts
12-Nov	Michael	Sibiga	21-Nov	Eugene R	Spaide
13-Nov	Lonnie Lee	Barham	21-Nov	Carroll M	Vary, Jr
13-Nov	John A	Daley	22-Nov	William	Brauer
13-Nov	Elmer F	Flanagan	22-Nov	Howard Haines	Brown III
13-Nov	Willaim	Litzendorf	22-Nov	Dell A.	Howse
14-Nov	Gerald	Cyru	22-Nov	James E.	Kelsey Jr
14-Nov	Bruce	DeFrehn	22-Nov	Martin W.	Kozerefski
14-Nov	Paul	Hurley	22-Nov	Keith F.	Post
14-Nov	Edward Y	Johnson	22-Nov	Scott M.	Thompson
14-Nov	Myron L	Le Anna	23-Nov	Jason R.	Alcantara
14-Nov	Murray P	Lewis	23-Nov	Victor M.	Alvarado
14-Nov	Durrell B.	Rader	23-Nov	Roger L	Fugate
14-Nov	Jeffry L	Stober	23-Nov	Philip	Johnson
15-Nov	Harold T.	Baska	23-Nov	Athos C	Macris
15-Nov	Robert A	Duke	24-Nov	Gordon L.	Hanson
15-Nov	James	Streeter	24-Nov	Al	Jagaczewski
16-Nov	Glenn	Appleton	25-Nov	Robert	MacGregor
16-Nov	Erik	Holmstrom	25-Nov	Michael C.	Ransom
16-Nov	Albert H.	Konetzni, Jr.	27-Nov	James	Tarr
17-Nov	Kenneth J	Dugas	27-Nov	Jeffrey	Waters
17-Nov	Jack A	Mullin	28-Nov	Taylor R.	Gilbert
17-Nov	Joseph H.	Pond	28-Nov	Roy C.	Harness
17-Nov	Dale E.	Walters	28-Nov	William	Keel
17-Nov	Ralph H.	Young	28-Nov	Edward T	Swaenepoel
18-Nov	Michael	Brawner	29-Nov	Peter	Dellarco
18-Nov	Enrique	Chavez	30-Nov	Lewis E.	Crone
18-Nov	Maureen A.	McLarrin	30-Nov	Stuart W.	Temple

USSVI GROTON BASE "NOVEMBER" ETERNAL PATROL LIST"

			1-Nov-2022	Buchan	Danny
1-Nov-2017	Burnette	Rickmond Jr.	2-Nov-2006	Peter	Springer
1-Nov-2021	Barry	Gran	2-Nov-2015	Ronald	Primeaux
			3-Nov-2018	Jim	Drozd

4-Nov-2014	Alfred	Murphy	21-Nov-2009	Patrick	Bryson
4-Nov-2020	Ronald	Alt	21-Nov-2010	James	Owens Jr
5-Nov-2016	Jerome	Connolly	21-Nov-2021	Dennis	Hamilton
5-Nov-2018	Aquiles	Faustino	21-Nov-2021	John	Manuilow
6-Nov-2000	Elbert	Wheat	22-Nov-2010	William	Redd
6-Nov-2011	Joseph	Gaudet Jr	22-Nov-2020	John	Tregoning
6-Nov-2021	Lawrence	Davis	22-Nov-2021	Benjamin	Heck
7-Nov-2010	John	Sumner	23-Nov-2000	Malone	Jones
7-Nov-2020	Charlie	Ketner	23-Nov-2006	Emery	Young
9-Nov-2003	Joseph	Carmenati	23-Nov-2008	Jack	O'Leary
9-Nov-2013	Luther	Bess	23-Nov-2018	Richard	Dow
9-Nov-2022	Cordero	Richard	24-Nov-2009	John	Chiffer
10-Nov-2018	Robert	Seeley, Sr	25-Nov-2011	Robert	Law
10-Nov-2022	Adrew	Elnicki	25-Nov-2016	Stanley	Sieveking
11-Nov-2000	Edward	Baker	26-Nov-2001	Edward	Fogarty
11-Nov-2013	James	Gleason, Jr	26-Nov-2006	Wiley	Gilliland
11-Nov-2019	Douglas	Crandall	26-Nov-2009	Andrew	Mollohan
13-Nov-2009	David	Starratt	26-Nov-2010	Robert	Lenartz
15-Nov-2015	Kenneth	Carr	26-Nov-2017	Norman	Heller
16-Nov-2016	Charles	Aldrich, Jr	26-Nov-2019	Earl	Roberts
16-Nov-2016	Eldon	Ivy	26-Nov-2022	Howard	Booth Jr
16-Nov-2016	Robert	Lancaster	27-Nov-2016	Walter	Laskey
16-Nov-2020	Allen Paul	Wallen	27-Nov-2019	Edward	Childs
17-Nov-2006	William	Martin	27-Nov-2020	Dennis	Halstead
18-Nov-2018	James	Gentry	27-Nov-2023	Zeimet	Michael
19-Nov-1982	Hercules	Nicholas	28-Nov-2015	Thomas	Striffler
19-Nov-2008	Bertman	Lewis	28-Nov-2017	Robert	Boyd, Jr
19-Nov-2018	Robert	Campbell	28-Nov-2021	William	Miller
19-Nov-2022	Daniel	Hengerer	30-Nov-1921	Christoper	Frye
20-Nov-1996	John	Jackson, Jr	30-Nov-2006	Joseph	Holmes
20-Nov-2008	Ronald	Marcoux	30-Nov-2011	Robert	Davis
20-Nov-2012	David	Johnson	30-Nov-2018	John	Trubee
20-Nov-2013	Frankie	Stapleford	30-Nov-2021	Christoper	Frye
20-Nov-2023	Cochran Jr	Miles			



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.

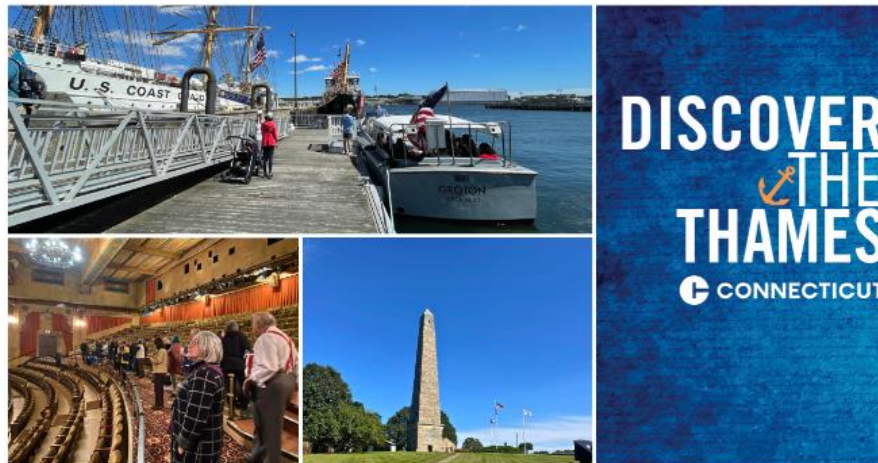
ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

[VIEW AS WEBPAGE](#)

Thames River Heritage Park ONE RIVER. A THOUSAND STORIES.



NOVEMBER IN THE PARK

Free First Saturday

Collaged Quilts

SAT, NOV 2 | 11AM-1PM

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London

Enjoy free admission all day at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum on the first Saturday of every month! Family artmaking takes place in the art studio and be sure to dress for mess! Take inspiration from the art of Gee's Bend Quilters, featured in the Personal to Political exhibition. Design your own colorful quilt using collage materials.



[MORE INFO](#)

Live Music for All

World Kindness Day Kickoff

SAT, NOV 2 | 2-6PM

Hygienic Art, New London

The festivities for November 13th's World Kindness Day will begin with a special fundraising concert hosted by Dot Ames. The event will feature performances by 16 duos and solo artists, with a suggested donation of \$10 for admission. All proceeds will go toward supporting New London's first-ever World Kindness Day celebration.



[MORE INFO](#)

Grab Your Crew

Holiday Family Portraits

FRI, NOV 1 | 5PM-7PM

SAT, NOV 2 | 10AM-3PM

Bill Memorial Library, Groton

Take your family's holiday photo at the library this year! Staff will provide the holiday-themed backdrop and you take the photos. Patrons are welcome to bring their own props. Sign up for 10-minute time slots. Reservations are required! Pets are welcomed on Friday, Nov 1.



[MORE INFO](#)

Witches Double-Feature

Hocus Pocus LIVE

FRI, NOV 1 | 8PM

SAT, NOV 2 | 11AM


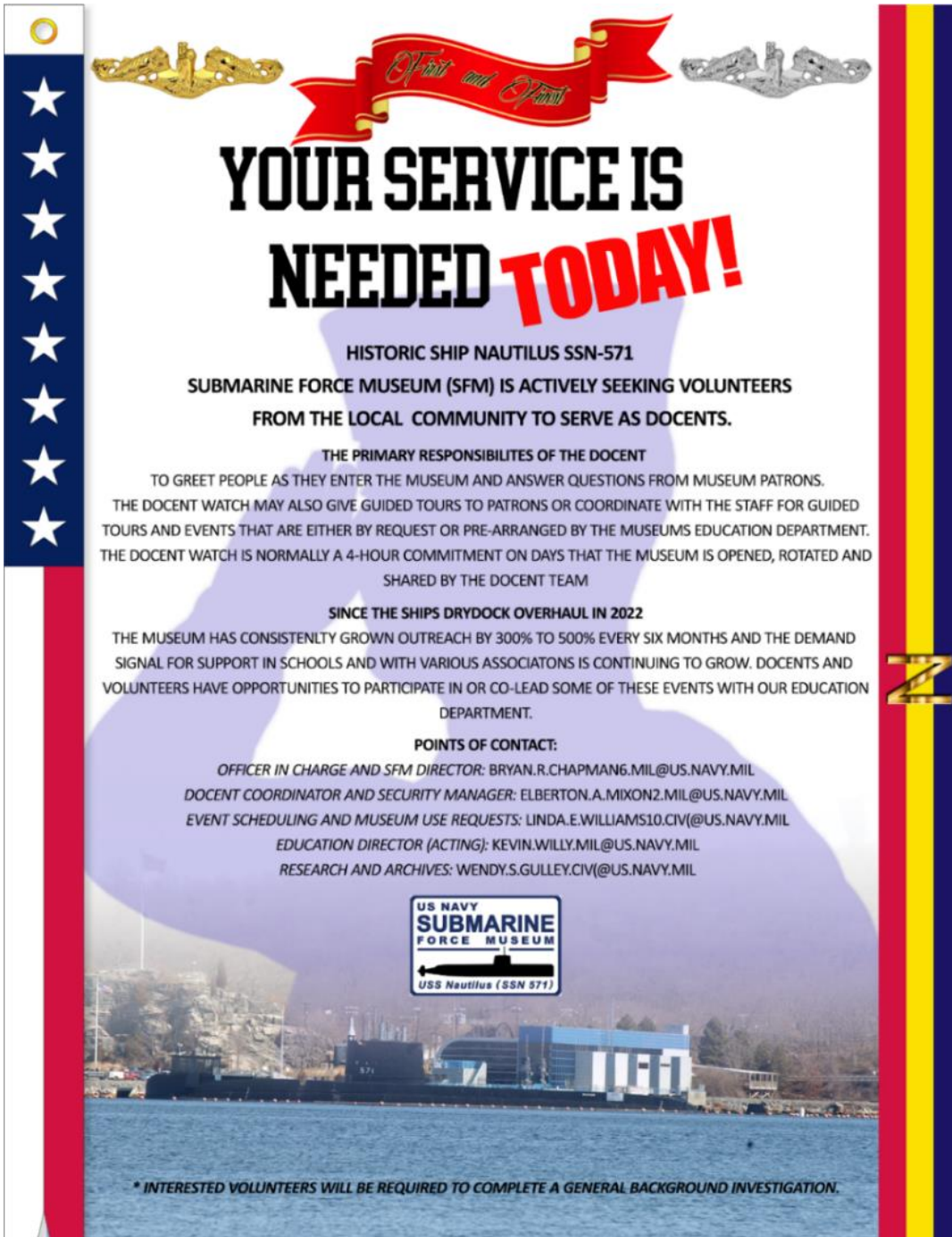
Garde Arts Center, New London

A full length theatrical musical parody production based on the cult classic Disney film. A tribute production like no other filled with hilarious comedy, special effects, live singing, magic and surprises. The original production from the zany and creative mind of Summer Orlando!



[BUY TICKETS](#)

NAUTILUS SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM




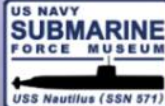
YOUR SERVICE IS NEEDED **TODAY!**

**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.

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RESEARCH AND ARCHIVES: WENDY.S.GULLEY@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.”