



**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC  
USSVI GROTON BASE MEETING AGENDA  
06 October 2025**

**JOIN IN-PERSON and ZOOM MEETING**

SubVetsGroton EBOARD is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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**The Monthly Membership meeting will be held on-line, and in the Clubhouse,  
Monday December 2nd @ 6:30 PM Eastern Time**

**Download your copy of (Website) [Meeting Minutes](#)  
Or Directly (Embedded) [HERE](#)**

You can call from any telephone, or use Zoom to connect via your PC, Tablet, or Smartphone. Opening the link below will launch directly into SubVets Meeting (Video & Audio Support): (*Update your Zoom Version to 6.2.6 (49050) to ensure your connection will function properly*):

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (MUSTER SHEETS, EXITS, NO SMOKING)**

**ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED**

OPENING EVENTS: (BASE COMMANDER)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

OPENING PRAYER – BASE CHAPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_

**USSVI CREED**

*TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE PURSUIT OF THEIR DUTIES WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. THAT THEIR DEDICATION, DEEDS, AND SUPREME SACRIFICE BE A CONSTANT SOURCE OF MOTIVATION TOWARD GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND TO PLEDGE LOYALTY AND PATRIOTISM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITS CONSTITUTION.*

**LOST BOATS**

TOLLING OF THE BOATS IS BEING PRESENTED ELECTRONICALLY BY PAO (JIM LAWTON)

**INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION OF VIP AND GUESTS**

*NEW MEMBERS & FIRST MEETING:* \_\_\_\_\_

*NATIONAL OFFICERS:*  
\_\_\_\_\_

*FORMER BASE COMMANDERS:* \_\_\_\_\_

*WWII MEMBERS:* \_\_\_\_\_

*HOLLAND CLUB MEMBERS:* \_\_\_\_\_

*CHRIS QUIJADA DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD:* \_\_\_\_\_

*PAST JOE NEGRI RECIPIENTS:*  
\_\_\_\_\_

*ROBERT LINK AWARD RECIPIENT:* \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**MEMBERSHIP SOUND OFF: (OPTIONAL) PLEASE STAND AND SOUND – OFF YOUR NAME AND YEAR QUALIFIED.**

**ANYONE QUALIFIED**

PRIOR TO 1946 =

1946 – 1989 COLD WAR BOATS =

1990 – 2024 =

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS =

## **BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING (ALL NON-MEMBERS ARE EXCUSED)**

**COMMANDER – STEVE RICARD**

### **TREASURER’S REPORT – CHARLIE MURRAY**

**2025 THANKSGIVING APPEAL** – letters are out, and you should have received a copy. We will have a copy of the letter, form and pictures attached to this newsletter if space is available.

We continue to call it the THANKSGIVING APPEAL – but this appeal provides support and food to our Submarine Community on Thanksgiving Day and over the December Holidays.

### **COMMITTEE WORKING WITH THE TREASURER**

Looking for:

**Media Coordinator** - This could include ensuring more visibility for members and the submarine community.

**Fund Raising Coordinator** - identify and manage other opportunities to help us in the Submarine Community

### **OPPORTUNITY**

**DONATIONS** – looking for 2 to 3 people to collaborate with me to manage our 2 donation appeals. Work isn’t difficult and can be done from home. This is important because keeping the doors open depends on donations and the goodwill of our members.

**MANAGEMENT OF OUR FUNDS** – looking for at least 1 person to collaborate with me to ensure bills are paid and that funds are available to pay our staff. Work isn’t difficult and can be done from home. - This will include ensuring tracking and thank you messages to all our donors.

### **BUILDING INTERIOR CLEANUP:**

1. The balcony office cleaning and reorganizing efforts continue. In September we removed at least 4 garbage bags of identified obsolete financial records for shredding.
2. Work on the 3rd floor will continue in October, with scrapping old paint off one area walls, repainting
  - a. Possible relocation of items to improve area usage
3. Old auditorium chairs are being to be removed from attic and the intent is to get more donations.
  - a. Initial evaluation is that there is some value
  - b. I believe we don’t have any use in our clubhouse for these, and it could be dangerous to keep them in the attic.
4. A new space to be identified on the 3rd floor for any donations that come into the club. I hope that they can be left in a central location we can more quickly evaluate whether or not to keep the donations.

**NOTE:** It's extremely hard not to accept these donations from navy families; remember the items were personal belongings to their family memb

**SECRETARY REPORT – DAVID FREASE**

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 08 SEPTEMBER 2025
- CORRESPONDENCE TO REPORT—NONE

**SR VICE COMMANDER REPORT:**

As planned, we continued to work on the Groton Base Membership program. We are adding new features and reports weekly, driven by ideas from our Base Treasurer.

**JR VICE COMMANDER REPORT:**

We will be open late for meeting nights, special events, catered events, Karaoke. Kitchen Lunch hours are implemented as of September 2 Stop by and check out the vittles and say hello to Dawn Andrelli, our new cook! Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11:00 – 14:30 Happy Hour Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 15:00 – 17:00 Special Dinner for October! BBQ Chicken Dinner Friday October 24 Starts at 6:00 PM. \$20.00 Per Person.

**NERD UPDATE:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: STEVE RICARD**

*DATA PROVIDED FROM USSVI NATIONAL DATA BASE*

<b>CATEGORY</b>	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	1134
NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERS	864
GROTON BASE LIFE MEMBERS	377
HOLLAND CLUB	646
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	63

- SUB SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHEDULE (STEVE RICARD)

- CHAPLAIN (EARL COLELLA/JOHN CARCIOPPOLO)
- HOLLAND CLUB (JOHN CARCIOPPOLO)

**HOLLAND CLUB Report – September 2025**

**Lunch**

61 total meals

**Total Income**

<b>Meals</b>	\$0.00
<b>50/50</b>	\$0.00
Donation	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$0.00

**Total Expenses**

<b>Meals</b>	(\$10 x 61)	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Gratuity</b>	(\$1 x 61)	<b>\$61.00</b>
<b>50/50</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>	Tom Algier
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>deposited</b>

**UPCOMING HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHESES**

- **21 October Guest Speaker** – The New Commanding Officer of Naval Submarine School, Captain Chance Litton
- I have invited the new Admiral at Undersea Warfare Development Center (UWDC) RDML John Stafford to be our guest speaker for November or December. The Admiral has committed to speak at whichever his schedule can support. His staff is reviewing his schedule and will confirm which one works.

**HOLLAND CLUB 2026 – 38 Potential Inductees.**

- HONORS DETAIL (JOHN CARCIOPPOLO)
- COLOR GUARD (BOB SHARPE)

Our Color Guard did not have any requests for the month of September. In October, we will present the colors at the USS Dallas Reunion.

The Color Guard may be requested to present the colors during Groton Base's Veteran Day celebration. This is dependent on the support that we get from Naval Submarine School and the availability of the Silver Dolphins Color Guard.

As always, the detail needs a few members to assist at 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.

- EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM COORDINATOR (JIM WEAVER)
- SMALL STORES (ALEX DOUCETTE)
- DOCENTS (ARTIE GAGER)

DMV LIAISON (MICHAEL HODGES)

- I continue to have steady inquiries from both our members as well as submarine veterans asking how to become a member and get our license plate for one or more of their vehicles. Since last month's report, I've responded to three new email inquiries, which resulted in mailing our plate application and instructions to one previous member who has now paid dues for 2025. I've also restocked our document holder at the clubhouse with plate applications and sent three completed plate applications to the DMV, one from an existing member and two from submarine veterans that joined USSVI last month to get our license plate.
- If you would like to display our unique "Silent Service" on your vehicle, please contact me and I would be glad to answer any questions and guide you through the process. If you have questions shoot a quick email to me at: [ctsubvetplates@ussvigroton.org](mailto:ctsubvetplates@ussvigroton.org).
- I'm also listed on our USSVI Groton Website under: <https://www.ussvigroton.org/linksofinterest>.
- Applications are also available at the clubhouse in the document holder next to the bulletin board in the pumphoom.

KAP (SS) 4 KID (SS) (JOHN RILEY)

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE (MARIAN GALBRAITH)

Summer is winding down, but the flowers are still blooming at the Memorial. Thanks to the Memorial Committee members, the gardens are weeded, and the flags are tended. This summer the Memorial has received increased attention as it has become a regular feature on the Thames River Heritage Park's Military Stories on the Thames River Boat Tour. Hopefully, this will result in an increase in visitors. With fall fast approaching, we will soon be turning our attention to fall clean up, but for now we will enjoy the flowers. Anyone wishing to join the Memorial Committee should contact Marian Galbraith at [mktgalbraith@gmail.com](mailto:mktgalbraith@gmail.com).

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER (JIM LAWTON)

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (GREG KANE)

- Applications for the Groton Base USSVI Scholarship Open on November 1, 2025  
<https://www.ussvigroton.org/scholarship-info>
- Eligibility for Consideration
  - A. Any student, between the age of 17 through 26, whose parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent or great-grandparent or step great-grandparent is a member or an associate member with a minimum of one year of membership in good standing of the (USSVI), Groton Base in the year of application, and has a "C" grade average or equivalent in the year of application.
  - B. Any student, between the age of 17 through 26, whose parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent or great-grandparent or step great-grandparent is a member or an associate member with a minimum of one year of membership in good standing of the (USSVI), Groton Base in the year of application, who has been home schooled and has an institution (church or private organization sponsored) certificate of completion of the home-schooling program.

VETERANS AFFAIRS (BRIAN HAGUE)

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.

- WEST PORT SATELLITE GROUP (PAUL GRAMMER). MEETING IS OCTOBER 2, AT PORT 5

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CLOSING EVENTS:**

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

MEETING ATTENDANCE DRAWING WINNER \_\_\_\_\_ COIN  
OR HAT

*(SEE ALEX DOUCETTE)*

50/50 DRAWING WINNER \$ \_\_\_\_\_ HOW MUCH \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CLOSING PRAYER: BASE CHAPLAIN

ADJOURN:

***NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 03 NOVEMBER 2025***