



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



Shipmates, Families, and Friends

Welcome to the new monthly Boat Notes newsletter. The EBoard sincerely hopes that you will enjoy the new format and get back to us with your thoughts and recommendations.

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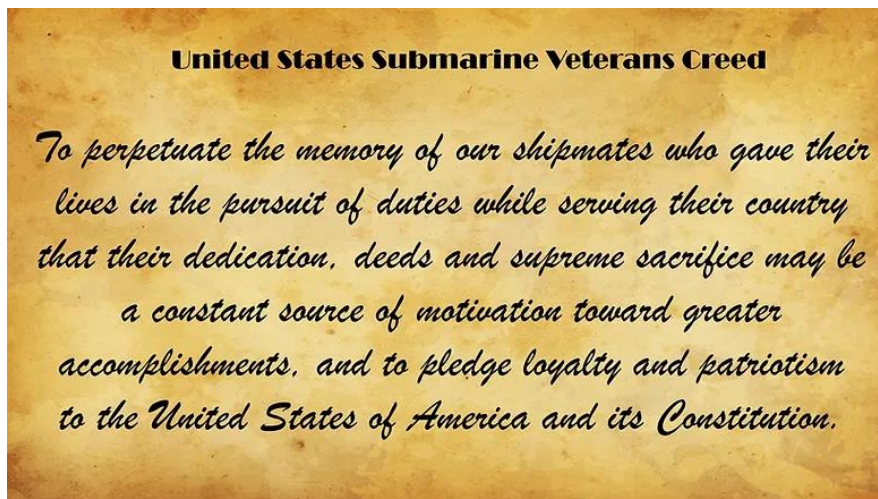
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United States Submarine Veterans Inc.

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

ABOUT US: Groton Base was established 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 – July



USS S-28 (SS-133) Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where S-28. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.



USS Robalo (SS-273) Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk.



USS Grunion (SS-212) Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two submarines and damaged a third but was never heard from again. Grunion's mangled remains were found in the Bering Sea in 2006 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska.

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



Over the past month, USSVI Groton Base has joined BESS graduation as the SubVets Representative presenting the "Heritage Award" to the class leader. This month there were three graduations 2nd and 16th of June. The following information was provided by Naval History and Heritage Command.

<https://www.history.navy.mil/our-collections/photography/us-navy-ships/alphabetical-listing/h/uss-holland--submarine-torpedo-boat--1-0.html> and Wikipedia

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Holland_\(SS-1\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Holland_(SS-1)). Follow the links for additional details.

On June 2, BESS class that graduated was named after the first U.S. Navy Submarine, the USS Holland (SS-1). This graduation also coincided with the 2023 USSVI Groton Base Holland Club Induction marking 50 years qualified in the US Submarine Service.

USS Holland (SS-1) was the United States Navy's first modern commissioned submarine, although not the first military submarine of the United States, which was the 1775 submersible Turtle. The boat was originally laid down as Holland VI at the Crescent Shipyard of Elizabeth, New Jersey for John Philip Holland's Holland Torpedo Boat Company, and launched on 17 May 1897. She was acquired by the USN on 11 April 1900 and commissioned on 12 October 1900, Lieutenant H. H. Caldwell commanding.



USS Holland class # 23280 had 40 students with an 86% average 12 graduated with distinction. This class of future Submariners have finished that first 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 MMN1(SS) Hudson, MMA1(SS) Harrison, ETV1(SS) Oser.

The Command Representative was CO SubSchool, Eric M Sager, Guest Speaker was STSCM(SS) Aaron Packnick.

TMCM(SS) Bud Atkins USN (Retired), USSVI Life Member, Holland Club member was the



USSVI Groton Base representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SN (SU) Conner L Rowin. The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented to SN (SU) Joshua L Davis. The class Honor Graduate award went to HM2 (FMF/SW/AW) Justin T. Tanco, and Navy Core Values Award was presented to SR (SU) Kafi F. Obeng. Congratulations to all. SubSchool Chaplain, LT Aly gave the Invocation and Benediction. Congratulations

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

On June 16, the graduating BESS class was named after the USS George Bancroft (SSBN 643). The Bancroft, a Benjamin Franklin class (or "640-class") fleet ballistic missile submarine, was the fourth ship a of the United States Navy to be named in honor of George Bancroft (1800-1891), United States Secretary of the Navy (1845–1846) and the founder of the United States Naval Academy. The contract to build George Bancroft was awarded to the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut, on 1 November 1962 and her keel was laid down there on 24 August 1963. She was launched on 20 March 1965, sponsored by Mrs. Jean B. Langdon, great, great-granddaughter of Secretary Bancroft, and Mrs. Anita C. Irvine, his great, great, great-granddaughter, and commissioned on 22 January 1966, with Captain Joseph Williams in command of the Blue Crew and Commander Walter M. Douglass in command of the Gold Crew. More on the Bancroft can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_George_Bancroft or <https://www.history.navy.mil/our-collections/photography/us-navy-ships/alphabetical-listing/g/uss-george-bancroft--ssbn-643--0.html>.

Bancroft class # 23300 had 27 students with an 81% average 3 graduated with distinction. This class of future Submariners have finished that first milestone in their Navy career and are anxiously waiting for their next assignments, ranging from “A” School to direct assignment to their first submarine. Running this class through their paces were instructors STS1(SS) Vazquez, FT2(SS) Morales and MMN2(SS) Curliss.



The Command Representative was CMC Dean Marvin, Guest Speaker was CMDCM(SS) Kellen Voland from Subase New London CMC.

Chief USN (Retired) Pat Roche, USSVI Life Member, Holland Club member was the USSVI Groton Base representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SN (SU) Kaden L. Marvin.



The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented to SN (SU) Samuel R. Musick. The class Honor Graduate award went to SN (SU) Stephen B. Wagner, and Navy Core Values Award was presented to SR (SU) Thomas E. Hayes. Congratulations to all. SubSchool Chaplain, LT Aly gave the Invocation and Benediction. Congratulations and good luck as you begin the next phase of your submarine career. Looking forward to all of these fine Sailor joining our organization when they receive their fish.

SubSchool Graduation Schedule and SubVet Representative for 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class Name</u>	<u>SubVet Rep</u>
14 JUL	USS Louisville	Frank White/Steve Ricard
28 JUL	TBD	Bob Kish
11 AUG	TBD	Bud Atkins
25 AUG	USS Archerfish	John Carcioppolo
8 SEP	TBD	Al Kinsall
22 SEP	TBD	Bob Sharpe
5 OCT	TBD	Bud Atkins
20 OCT	USS James K. Polk	Guest Speaker Captain Curtin, Subase CO Walter Newton (SubVet Rep)
3 NOV	TBD	Gary Schmid
17 Nov	TBD	Steve Ricard
1 Dec	TBD	Bud Atkins
15 Dec	TBD	Bob Sharpe

If you are interested in being the SubVet Representative and taking part in the graduation ceremony, let me know commander@ussvigroton.org .

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?



It's official, for the summer at least, the clubhouse will be open Tuesday-Friday, for lunch and business, 1100-1900. Thanks to everyone's hard work and dedication, Katrina, Heather, Lei, Shelia, Ashley, and Mika, we will keep it up for another month or two. Luncheon specials and regular menu items are available. Check out our menus <https://www.ussvigroton.org/menus>. Stop in and renew some old friendships. We are also hosting "Happy Hour" Tuesday & Wednesday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Come on down and try some drink specials.

During the month of June groups from the Subbase have been holding various events. I want to thank them for choosing SubVets for their special events such as pinning's, promotions, and retirements. We greatly appreciate your patronage.



The first weekend of June we honored 44 new inductees into the prestigious Holland Club. The weekend kicked off on Friday with BESS graduation of the USS Holland. It was followed with tours of the 688-dive trainer and Damage Control Fire Fighting trainer. Groton Area Chief Petty Officers Association

(GACPOA) took us on a guided window tour of the Subbase something that many had not seen since they graduated from SubSchool back in the day (50 plus years ago). We then gathered at Reunions Pub for a meet and greet with the Chief's Mess. It was a great way to kick off the weekend.



The festivities then headed to the Joe Negri Clubhouse for the unveiling of the "Holland Club Lager" brewed by our own Groton brewery "Outer Light Brewing Company."

That evening Old Salts cooked up a delicious steak dinner with all of the trimmings. About 95 family and friends enjoyed the meal.

Saturday morning at Dealey Center USSVI Groton Base held its annual Holland Club Induction Ceremony. Guest Speaker was Rear Admiral

Arnie Lotring USN (Ret). Holland Club Chairman, Rich Cheatham, and his dedicated committee put together a stellar program honoring USSVI's latest inductees. Following the ceremony, the SubVettes hosted a burger burn at the clubhouse providing delicious sides and deserts to the Inductees, family, and friends. Thank you Dee, Richelle, Elaine, Sue, Marilyn, Jen, Isabela, Obie, Mark, Jan, Estelle, and Dennis.



Sunday 4 June, the First-Class Petty Officers Association from the Subbase cooked a delicious Sunday Brunch for over 85 satisfied customers. Great job Shipmates, I think you have developed a good following.

Tuesday 18 June, we held our monthly Holland Club Luncheon.

Our guest speaker was James Hodge, TVCCA Veteran Coffeehouse Coordinator. James talked about the need for Veterans to support Veterans by volunteering at your local coffeehouse.



SubSchool students on hand to support and talk with our Holland Club members were MMAFR(SU) Tyler Jackson, MMAFN(SU) Jacoy Murray, MMAFR(SU) William McManus, MMAFA(SU) Jake Allen, ETVSN(SU) Kaden Marvin.

We have a lot of great events planned in the coming months. There have been some discussions on reestablishing the CO/XO/COB gatherings at the clubhouse. 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 in the near future, reach out and let us know. We would love for you to have one or more of your reunion functions at the club. Contact our Event Coordinator, Jill Henry, via email at clubmanager@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.

We have heard from the following boats:

USS Groton, USS James K. Polk, USS George Bancroft, USS Archerfish, and USS Philadelphia.

We have a lot of great events planned in the coming months. Looking forward to opening on Tuesday again, starting in April. 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.”

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**Robert Perritt**

Hello Shipmates,

One of the roles as the Sr. Vice is to conduct audits of the club's finances. Over the next month I will be reviewing the Finance PPM. Once I have it finalized and approved by the EBoard I will be asking for volunteers to help conduct an internal audit of USSVI Groton Base finances.

V/r

Bob Perritt

vice@ussvigroton.org.

JR VICE COMMANDER**Paul Skalski**

Upcoming events for July

July 4 - Groton 4th of July Parade start time 10:00 long Route 1

Burger burn reception 1300.

July 14 – Karaoke with DJ Jammin Jim Lawton

July 18 - Holland Club luncheon, 11:00 - 2:00 pm

July 23 - Brunch 10:00 - noon, 1st Class Association

v/r,

Paul Skalski

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BASE SECRETARY**Alvin (Al) G. Kinsall**

Veterans are set to see cost-of-living increase to their benefits.

The law guarantees Veterans receive a compensation adjustment next year.

June 28, 2023

By Erik Dahlgren, Communications Specialist, Veterans Experience Office

On June 14, 2023, President Joe Biden signed into law the Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Act of 2023, which directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide a cost-of-living adjustment for Veterans benefits in 2024 equal to the COLA applied to Social Security benefits, as determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA).

The legislation, passed with bi-partisan support in the House and Senate, is an annual procedure for Congress but an important one, as it must be accomplished to ensure Veterans receive a COLA, and that it keeps pace with inflationary costs.

Which VA benefits will increase?

The COLA will affect certain VA benefits including, but not limited to disability compensation, clothing allowance and dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) for spouses and children. While the exact amount of next year's adjustment has not been determined, it's based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The CPI measures the average change in prices of goods and services to preceding years and is used by SSA to determine the annual COLA, which, by law, now applies to VA benefits as well.

The last adjustment in January 2023, which Veterans are currently receiving, saw an 8.7% increase following a second year of high inflation.

When can Veterans expect to see the adjustment?

Based on the timeline of previous years, SSA is expected to announce its 2024 COLA early in the next fiscal year, which begins on Oct. 1. VA will then set its compensation payment rates to match and Veterans can expect to see the new amounts starting with their January 2024 payment. To stay informed on when the COLA is announced and what it will mean for your VA benefits, subscribe to the #VetResources newsletter and #theSITREP podcast, where that topic and many more of interest to Veterans are discussed.

R/

Alvin G. Kinsall

USSVI Groton Base

Groton Base Secretary/Base Veterans Representative

Notary Public – My Commission expires 2/29/2028.

BASE TREASURER

Charlie Murray

TREASURER REPORT June 26, 2023

1 Financial report - all bills paid to date.

2 Status of national relocation:

- a. We have approval to do electrical work from the street to the 3rd floor for \$3000.
- b. Once this is completed, we will get approval for additional work.
- c. Looks like work will be in phases.
 - i. Decision on relocation & hiring a business manager delayed until mid-2024.

3 EBAY – income after expenses approx. \$3000

- a. Plaques for shipyards and commands are not selling so Bill is working on a promotion.
- b. Bill is working on this almost daily.

4. Working with Anderson Oil to schedule A/C upgrade for bar and dining area

- a. Alan Williams coordinating

5. Discussion on installation of improved light in back hallway stairs, liquor, and furnace rooms

- a. No cost identified, will try to stay under \$600.

6. With approval will order a Dell desktop for Base office, estimated cost \$550

7. Memorial Funds one CD matures on 6/28 (\$12,000 at 4.6%) to new CD will be at 5.3% for 6 months

8. Upgrade 1st bathroom tentatively scheduled for mid-July

- a. Need to review work with contractor.
- b. This is the bathroom at bottom of stairs from front door and before you get to the bar.
- c. As part of this we will review the ability to install at ramp from bar floor to this bathroom.

9. Appeal

- a. plan to promote work on bathroom, new A/C
- b. working to finalize a GoFundMe page, objective is to get to outside community and not directed to our current membership (our members already donate)
- c. GoFundMe is geared to major improvements with donations directed to Charitable fund (Groton)

CONTACT CHARLIE IF YOU HAVE TIME TO HELP WITH RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR BATHROOM UPGRADE.

The Clubhouse men's bathroom needs immediate repair. Frequent plumbing issues and difficulty in maintaining the area. Additional this is our first opportunity to provide for improved access for walkers and wheelchair users.

Make sure every member can use the Clubhouse.

NEW OPPORTUNITY

The Treasurer is looking for 3 to 5 members or friends who want to be more involved with how we acquire donations, make clubhouse improvements, and provide reporting to our members. If you are interested, please contact me (Charlie at treasurer@ussvigroton.org)

BATHROOM IMPROVEMENTS

We are planning to rebuild the men's bathroom in July. This renovation will provide a ramp access to the bathroom, allow for wheelchair access, handicap toilet and functional improvements. Your donations help us do this.

NATIONAL OFFICE

Electrical work is completed now. Work will be done in phases in order to control costs. I hope that the entire project to build out the space to be completed by the Fall of this year.

We are still looking for a business manager or an office staff person to work in the office, starting early 2024.

v/r,
Charlie Murray
Treasurer
USSVI Groton Base
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CHAPLAINS REPORT

Earl Colella & John Carcioppolo



The following is the Honors Detail activity from May through 17 June. There were 5 Eternal Patrols as follows:

EM1(SS) Edward "Don" Porter 14 May 23 No Honors Detail

SN(SS) Roger A. Kuemper 16 May 23 **Honors Detail/Reception Scheduled for 15 July at the Clubhouse 1300**

CAPT Marshall T. Slayton 27 May 23 No Honors Detail

CDR William C. McGann III 30 May 23 No Honors Detail

RM3(SS) Cecil Burner 01 Jun 23 Honors Detail conducted by Southern CO Base in Pueblo CO.

Caroline Plantz departed on Eternal Light 21 June 2023, the widow Of SUBVET WWII member and member of Groton Base Ernie Plantz. Ernie was a WWII POW survivor captured from USS PERCH.

The following members of Groton Base Honors Detail joined me for the Eternal Light for Caroline Plantz: Earl Colella, Alex Ducette, Bob Dulin, Tony Faella, Bob Gustafson, Al Kinsall, Jim Leonaitis, Captain Paul McHale, Stan Mathis. Paul Skalski, Ed Russell. The Plantz family greatly appreciated our presence and brief service. John C. (860) 514 - 7064

“THERE IS A PORT OF NO RETURN, WHERE SHIPS MAY RIDE AT ANCHOR FOR A LITTLE SPACE. AND THEN SOME STARLESS NIGHT THE CABLE SLIPS, LEAVING ONLY AN EDDY AT THE MOORING PLACE. GULLS VEAR NO LONGER, SAILOR REST YOUR OAR. NO TANGLED WRECKAGE WILL BE WASHED ASHORE.”

Many thanks to the members of the Honors Detail who participate in rendering honors to our Shipmates and to Earl Colella for his admin support in the preparation of the Eternal Patrol Certificates. We could not render honor to our shipmates without your support.

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

Remember Garbage In, Garbage Out. If we do not have all the right stuff then that is what we are going to put out.

Also, with regards to information if we do not know of a member's 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 chaplain@ussvigroton.org 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 member's passing or see an obituary of someone who may be a member do not hesitate to pass that info along. 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 please contact me or the Base Commander, Steve Ricard.

Red Hat Homecoming on Tuesday 06 June the Homecoming Detail Mustered to welcome home our Shipmates from USS SAN JUAN (SSN 751) returning home from Deployment. We had a good showing of members. Pictures from the Homecoming are posted here <https://link.shutterstock.com/RSfBOCVzIAb> Feel free to download or share as desired. The next homecoming is a couple of months out. Watch the broadcasts for information.

HOLLAND CLUB

Rich Cheatham, Chair

The Holland Club Report June 2023 Rich Cheatham Chair

Welcome to all our newest Groton Base Holland Club members:



James R. Bevill, Jon E. Bruce, Richard C. Chihocki, Philip J. Clerkin, Craig J. Conklin, Robert L. Diani, Robert F. Dougherty, Steven DuBois, James R. Engle, Frank A. Englehart (IV), Robert Fedder, John Fischetti, Carl Franzoni, Kevin J. Ganns, John I. Gedney III, Brian H. Gibb, John E. Glaub, David M. Goebel, Ronald T. Grabowski, Charles C. Grooms, Jack Harworth, Kenneth L. Hirt, Lawrence R. Labbe, Joe J. McIntyre, Wayne Mercer, Kevin M. Patton, James L. Ramage, Steven A. Ricard, Roderick Riessen, Robert E. Saenz, Stephen D. Salzman, Mark

Schwartzel, Gary Sievers, Bruce C. Smith, Fred Smith, Wayne M. Stanley, Rodney E. Totten, H. Patrick Urello, Charles E. Warrington, Dexter White, Edward C. Wylie, Jerry L. Walton and Michael T. Zeimet.

The 2023 USSVI Groton Base Holland Club Induction was held June 3, 2023, at Dealey Center Theater onboard US Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton CT. We inducted 44 Groton Base members this year into the Holland Club. We were joined by 29 Inductees and their guests, and the family of our Departed Shipmate Donald F. Terry.

We kicked off the Ceremony with Colors presented by the Naval Submarine School's Silver Dolphins Honor Guard, followed by James Mosley, leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, we were lucky to get from the Submarine Learning Center once again, Staff CMC Chip Alger, to sing the National Anthem. BZ Chip! Followed by Submarine Base New London Staff Chaplain, LT Kenneth Bomberger who lead us in our Invocation and Benediction. Our Inductees biography readers were John Moore, Riley French, and Joe Damm.

Rear Admiral Arnold O. Lotring was our Guest Speaker and Presenter. Bob Dulin led us in the World War Two Submarine Veterans Creed and USSVI National Commander Bill Andrea lead us in the USSVI Creed. We were honored to have the entire Basic Enlisted Submarine School students fill the balcony...Dealey Center Theater is still echoing from the Sailor Creed! BZ CMC Dean Marvin and SubSchool.

USSVI Leadership was very well represented with USSVI National Commander Bill Andrea, USSVI Northeast Regional Director Les Altschuler and New Jersey North Base Commander Dave Davis, USSVI National Holland Club Chairman Jim Irwin, immediate past USSVI National Holland Club Chairman Bud Atkins, and USSVI Northeast District One Commander Jeff Walsh attending.

We were also joined by several US Navy and community leaders including CMC Mike Hurley, USN retired, Mrs. David M. Goebel, Captain Thomas O'Donnell, Commodore, Submarine Squadron 12, Captain Kenneth Curtin, Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base New London, CMC Kellen Voland, Captain Paul Whitscarver, former Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base New London, USN retired, Mayor Keith Hedrick, City of Groton, Marian Galbraith, former Mayor City of Groton, Mayor Mike Passero, City of New London, Kate Atkinson four-year Trustee, Groton Elks and Big Al Atkinson, immediate past Exalted Ruler, Groton Elks.

All of these folks would have been disappointed had we not had the best on-stage team, led by stage manager Greg Kane and Master Chief Dominick Grimaldi, assisted by ITSC(SS/DV) Riley French and ITSC(SS/DV/IW) Jessica Barnes. And we would have no video presentation of the Inductees, shown on the two large screens at Dealey Center, without the support and assistance of our own Dave Baratko, Dave is always there. BZ shipmates!

A big shout out to the Groton Area Chief Petty Officers Association lead by Chief Rob Click, First Class Petty Officers Association lead by PO1 Hugh Gibson, Naval Submarine School Master Chiefs: Jeremiah Marzean, Mark Shipley, and Justin Jedwabney, and the Silver Dolphin Honor Guard for your continued support.

Finally, it takes a dedicated team of hard-working members to pull off a successful, meaningful, and memorable Holland Club Induction Ceremony. 2023 was no different. The 2023 Groton Base Holland Club Induction Planning Committee members were: Lenny Robbins, Alex Doucette, Dominick Grimaldi, Greg Kane, Robert Sharpe, Jessica Barnes, John Moore, Bob Dulin, Stan Mathis, Sue Sharpe, Al Kinsall, Bob Gustafson, Charles Murray, Fran Kinsall, Kirk Haugland, Marilyn Gustafson, John Carcioppolo, Phil Medberry, Jim Lawton, Dee Carcioppolo, Harold Haugland, Joel Kersteter, Joe Damm, Jim Bowman, Gary Schmid, Riley French, and Mark Jones. BZ Team!

MEMBERSHIP	Jeff Flesher
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Membership Update

Members – 1150

Life National Members – 856

Holland Club - 623

New Members May 1, – June 15, 2023

New Regular Members

CDR Anthony Quatroche, qualified 1982 USS Baton Rouge

EMNC(SS) Owen Key, qualified USS Jacksonville

New Active-Duty Members

CSS2(SS) Wesleigh Whitson, qualified 2016 USS Minnesota

New Associate Members

FN(SU) Kaylee Swiokla

Ms Kait Hodge

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

Are you a current member who wants to pay base and/or national dues for 2023 or beyond? If so, you can skip the forms and use PayPal from our website. You do not need a PayPal account, choose the guest option. Of course, you can still also pay at the Clubhouse or by mail. You can renew on the Groton Base website - <https://www.ussvgroton.org/dues-renewal>

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



USSVI GROTON BASE "SILENT SERVICE"

Richard Rusczyk

SUBVETS LICENSE PLATE Contact Richard Rusczyk (richardrusczyk@att.net)

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



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

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Greg Kane

USSVI Groton Base and USSVI National awarded scholarships to the following graduating seniors. Congratulations and good luck in pursuit of your educational dreams!!



Brandon Stevens



John Sullivan



Delaney G. Reck

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Marion Galbraith

The conning tower of the USS Flasher (SS-249) is currently undergoing a much-needed overhaul. We are hoping that all work will be completed by the end of August 2023.



USSVI GROTON BASE "JULY BIRTHDAY LIST"

Happy Birthday to all who continue to celebrate.

Francis Frederick Whitty 1-Jul	Jeffrey Flesher 15-Jul	Jhean M. Breard 24-Jul
Charles R. Williams 1-Jul	Randall C. Stein 15-Jul	Richard A. Warnock 25-Jul
Harold L Cokayne 1-Jul	William G. Ryan 15-Jul	John Fischetti 25-Jul
Peter Babins 1-Jul	Michael Savageaux 15-Jul	George E Bottum Jr 25-Jul
Ronald W Pelletier 2-Jul	Ralph A Schmidt 17-Jul	Gary R. Stephenson 25-Jul
Rick Wise 5-Jul	Clarence A. Golden 17-Jul	Lawrence H. Miller 26-Jul
Barry Bernard Russack 5-Jul	James F Weaver 17-Jul	Alvin G. Kinsall 26-Jul
Earl Colella 5-Jul	James Connors 17-Jul	Raymond Theobald 26-Jul
Anthony W. Frabutt 6-Jul	Robert E. Neill 18-Jul	Robert F Coates 26-Jul
Kenneth L. Hirt 7-Jul	Michael W. Hodges 18-Jul	Anthony P Ferrigno Sr. 27-Jul
Frederick B Nellums 7-Jul	Robert A Croft 19-Jul	Michael John Kenny 27-Jul
Ronald Reinhart 7-Jul	Wayne E. Pickett 19-Jul	David K. Hackett 27-Jul
Thomas L. Johnson 8-Jul	Randy L Tiede 19-Jul	Richard Rusczyk 27-Jul
Danny T. Rier 8-Jul	Richard L. Nankee 20-Jul	Charles L. Ford 28-Jul
Ryan C Walker 8-Jul	William W. Borysewicz Sr 20-Jul	Norman A. Staples 28-Jul
Claud F. Cantrell, Jr. 9-Jul	John M Borders 20-Jul	Barry Cole 28-Jul
Raymond Zujus 9-Jul	Mark S. Mordecai 21-Jul	Mark Schwartzel 28-Jul
John Hartigan 9-Jul	Terry A Dettman 21-Jul	Dexter White 28-Jul
Charles H. Dotts 10-Jul	Patrick J. Maloney 21-Jul	Adam M Cassidy 28-Jul
Joseph J McIntyre 10-Jul	Robert Frizzola 21-Jul	Edward C. Wylie 29-Jul
Angel L. Sepulveda 10-Jul	Herbert A Holmstedt 22-Jul	George J Fetkin 29-Jul
Delbert Wayne Hayden 11-Jul	Joseph J. Buff 22-Jul	Jimmy C Schumate 30-Jul
William Lawrence Shipman 11-Jul	James Stephen Tierney, Jr 23-Jul	Alfred L. Petta 30-Jul
Vincent Delmore 11-Jul	Raymond E. Kreul 23-Jul	George Kenyon 30-Jul
Maxwell Gray 11-Jul	Dale R. Probasco 23-Jul	Gary Schneider 31-Jul
Craig O Amborn 14-Jul	Robert S. Finley 23-Jul	Kevin J. Ganns 31-Jul
Sterling J Redding 15-Jul	Kirk M. Haugland 23-Jul	
Alan Ginglardi 15-Jul	Bob Neill 23-Jul	
Charles C. Groomes 15-Jul		

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Date Died	First Name	Last Name	Date	First Name	Last Name
			July 2, 1998	Harry	Yost
July 1, 2019	Alexander	Paterson	July 6, 2003	Christopher	Quijada
July 1, 2014	Bernard	Flanagan	July 7, 2021	George	Kazlauskas
July 1, 2011	Joseph	Impellizeri	July 7, 2017	Richard	Tomac Sr
July 1, 2011	Warren	Valero	July 8, 2014	Dex	Armstrong
July 2, 2020	Thomas	Guilfoil	July 8, 2009	Claude	Lamanque Jr.
July 2, 2014	Clare	Billing	July 8, 2008	John	Brazil
July 2, 2012	Robert	Richardson Sr	July 8, 2008	Harry	Caldwell

July 8, 2008	William	Shipman	July 21, 2018	Charles	Sutton Jr
July 10, 2016	Herbert	Swedin	July 21, 2016	Arnold	Herrington
July 10, 2014	Walter	Bennett	July 21, 2007	Daniel	Cooper, Jr
July 11, 2020	Robert	Young	July 22, 2018	Leo	Amero
July 13, 2014	Advah	Reynolds Jr	July 23, 2018	Charles	Cushman Jr
July 13, 2009	Raymond	Hackett	July 23, 2008	Howard	Wright
July 15, 1999	Roland	Schirch	July 24, 2020	Joseph	Kabulis
July 16, 2018	Rodney	Bellman	July 24, 2003	Frank	Logano
July 16, 2016	Roy	Ator	July 25, 2009	Stephen	Nevel
July 16, 2005	Jimmie	Calverley	July 26, 2017	Paul	Serabian
July 18, 2014	Robert	Hamilton	July 26, 2016	Richard	Lukas(iewski)
July 18, 2013	Victor	Liddon	July 26, 2016	Frank	Walters
July 18, 2010	Byron	Smith	July 26, 2002	Harry	Hawk
July 19, 2021	Raymond	Margiano, Jr	July 27, 2001	Andrew	Feindt
July 19, 2020	Charles	Sladky	July 28, 2020	Joseph	Hanzel Jr
July 19, 2016	John	McPhilmy	July 29, 2006	Ian	Black
July 19, 2015	Jack	Neighbors	July 30, 2022	John Paul	Anderson
July 20, 2014	Richard	Dennis	July 31, 2015	Boyd	Losee
July 20, 2012	John	Mehalick			
July 20, 2010	John	Temple, Jr			



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

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.