

# **BOAT NOTES**



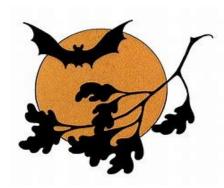
#### GROTON BASE "FIRST AND FIEST" QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country, That their dedications, deeds, and supreme sacrifice serve as a constant source of motivation towards greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution"



## HALLOWEEN

Halloween or Hallowe'en, also known as Allhalloween, All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve, is a celebration observed in a number of countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It begins the three-day observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints, martyrs, and all the faithful departed

It is that time of year where we are starting our preparation for our 18<sup>th</sup> annual Thanksgiving Dinner that we provided to our Veteran's, EMS Personnel and Sailors. Look for a separate broadcast with our Thanksgiving request. We will be asking for Volunteers, donations (Turkeys, pies and etc..). Last year we provided 1,100 meals - lets continue what we do best.





## **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Express the gratitude by sending **Merry Christmas** and **happy** New Year wishes **2018** or **Merry Christmas** and **happy** New Year messages **2018**. The most special and exciting time of the year is about to come and **Merry Christmas** and **happy** New Year is celebrated across the world.

#### ENJOY ALL YOUR HOLIDAYS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON REMEMBER OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE AWAY AT SEA

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Webpage: Our webpage is http://ussvigroton.org/

#### **Address Changes**

Please keep your address up to date at all times. Having a correct address allows us to not only ensure Boat Notes gets to you, but all other important correspondence. It also allows us to save money on unnecessary postage.

#### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Jeff Walsh



Hello Shipmates,

Hope you all had a wonderful safe summer.

I like to take this opportunity to thank the Naval Submarine School, their staff and students. This year they have provide tremendous support to both the club and organization and with their help we have been very successful in many of our projects.

In addition, the Command of Naval Submarine Base also provides outstanding support to our mission here at SUBVETS and we would not be able to do the many programs we have here without their support, such as Thanksgiving, Tours and Holland Club Inductions.

We are now entering the busy time of the year where we will start preparing for our annual Thanksgiving Caring and Sharing Program. Last year we served nearly 1000 meals to Sailors, Veterans, those who could not leave their homes, and first responders. We as an organization could not do this without the wonderful and kind contributions of our members and sponsors.

To keep doing the wonderful events and activities that we do here, we must rely on volunteers, without them we would not be able to hold our Brunches and Dinners, keep the clubhouse maintained. We need help, we need volunteers without your support we will not be able to do the great things that our organization does.

On behalf our the Leadership of Executive Board, I like to wish your family a wonderful Holiday Season

Base Commander Jeff Walsh commander@ussvigroton.org  $\bigcirc$ 

## **U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES**

Bless those who served beneath the deep, Through the lonely hours of vigil they had to keep, May the eternal peace their mission ever be, Bless each one we ask of thee, Comfort those who at home who waited and prayed, For their return night and day

October



SEAWOLF (SS-197) WAS LOST ON OCTOBER 3, 1944 WITH THE LOSS OF 100 CREW.



USS S-44 (SS-155) WAS LOST ON OCTOBER 7, 1943 WITH THE LOSS OF 56 CREW.



USS WAHOO (SS-238) WAS LOST ON OCTOBER 11, 1943 WITH THE LOSS OF 80 CREW



USS DORADO (SS-248) WAS LOST ON OCTOBER 12, 1943 WITH THE LOSS OF 77 CREW



USS ESCOLAR (SS-294) WAS LOST ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 17, 1944 WITH THE LOSS OF 82 CREW



USS SHARK (SS-314) WAS LOST ON OCTOBER 24, 1944 WITH THE LOSS OF 87 CREW



USS DARTER (SS-227) WAS LOST ON OCTOBER 24, 1944 WITH NO LOSS OF CREW.

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#### U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

#### **October (continued)**



USS TANG (SS-306) WAS LOST ON OCTOBER 25, 1944 WITH THE LOSS OF 78 CREW. THE TANG WAS UNDER THE COMMAND OF FAMED SUBMARINE COMMANDER AND CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT RICHARD H. "DICK" O'KANE WHO BE-CAME ONE OF THE NINE CREW TO BE TAKEN PRISONER; ALL NINE SURVIVED THE WAR.



USS O-5 (SS-66) WAS LOST ON OCTOBER 28, 1923 WHEN IT WAS SUNK AFTER A COLLISION WITH THE SS ABABGAREZ OFF THE PANAMA CANAL.

November



USS ALBACORE (SS-218) LOST ON NOV 7, 1944 WITH THE LOSS OF 85 MEN



USS GROWLER (SS-215) LOST ON NOV 8, 1944 WITH THE LOSS OF 86 MEN



USS SCAMP (SS-277) PROBABLY SUNK ON NOVEMBER 16, 1944 WITH THE LOSS OF 83 MEN NEAR TOKYO BAY.



USS CORVINA (SS-226) LOST ON NOV 16, 1943 WITH THE LOSS OF 82 MEN



USS SCULPIN (SS-191) LOST ON NOV 19, 1943 WITH THE LOSS OF 43 MEN

#### U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

#### December



USS CAPELIN (SS-289) was lost on or after December 2,1943 with the loss of 76 crew while on her 2nd war patrol.



USS SEALION (SS-195) was lost on December 10,1941 with the loss of 4 crew when she was struck by two bombs while in the Navy Yard at Cavite (near Manila Bay), Philippines.



USS F-1 (SS-20) [ex-CARP] was lost on December 17, 1917 with the loss of 19 crew when she was accidentally rammed and sunk by USS F-3 (SS-22) while maneuvering in exercises off San Diego, California.



USS S-4 (SS-109) was lost on December 17,1927 with the loss of 40 crew when she was accidentally rammed by the US Coast Guard destroyer PAULDING off Cape Cod near Provincetown, Massachusetts

#### U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

SHIPMATES PLEASE PAUSE TO REMEMBER THOSE OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO SAILED IN HARM'S WAY AND DID NOT RETURN. LORD, THESE DEPARTED SHIPMATES WITH DOLPHINS ON THEIR CHEST ARE PART OF AN OUTFIT KNOWN AS THE BEST. MAKE THEM WELCOME AND TAKE THEM BY THE HAND. YOU'LL FIND WITHOUT A DOUBT THEY WERE THE BEST IN ALL THE LAND. SO, HEAVENLY FATHER THEIR NAMES ARE ON THE ROLLS OF OUR DEPARTED SHIPMATES STILL ON PATROL. LET THEM KNOW THAT WE WHO SURVIVE WILL ALWAYS KEEP THEIR MEMORIES ALIVE

#### **SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2018**

#### THERE IS A PORT OF NO RETURN WHERE SHIPS MAY RIDE AT ANCHOR FOR A LITTLE SPACE AND THEN SOME 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

Theodore Beals, QMCS(SS), qualified in submarines on USS Grouper (SS/SSK/AGSS214) in 1948, External Patrol 10/3/17

Edlon K "Mac" McGuire, CWO4(SS), qualified in submarines on USS Tench (SS/AGSS417) in 1961, External Patrol 12/28/17

LeRoy O Webb FTGCS(SS), qualified in submarines on USS Morny (SS300)in 1945, External Patrol 12/30/17

Herbert Halpern, LCDR, qualified in submarines on USS Halfbreak (SS352) in 1961, External Patrol 1/6/18

Herman Ruhlmann, ET2(SS), qualified in submarines on USS Grenadier (SS225) in 1954, Externat Patrol 1/11/18

Lawrence Crowley, EMC(SS), qualified in submarines on USS R12 (SS89 in 1941, External Patrol 1/11/18

Richard McGirr, Jr, ETCS(SS), qualified in submarines on USS Redfish (SS335) in 1961, External Patrol 1/12/18

Earle M Forbes, Jr, TMC(SS), qualified in submarines on USS Remora (SS487) in 1959, External Patrol 1/13/18

Silas D Ponder, ENC(SSS), qualified in submarines on USS Cero (SS225) in 1944, External Patrol 1/15/18

Gordon D Clark , ETR3(SS) , qualified in submarines on the USS Daniel Webster (SSBN-626) in 1967, External Patrol 1/30/18

William T. Lee , FTG3(SS) , qualified in submarines on the USS Sam Rayburn (SSBN-635) in 1969, External Patrol 2/12/2018

#### U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

#### **SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL 2018**

David F Katusha Sr, LCDR, qualified in submarines on USS SKATE (SS305) in 1946, External Patrol 3/4/18

Edouard N Cadoret, EMCS(SS), qualified in submarines on USS KINGFISH (SS234) in 1935, External Patrol 3/10/18

John Truman , MT2(SS) , qualified on USS SEA LEOPARD (SS483), USS GEORGE BANCROFT (SSBN643), External Patrol 3/23/2018

Harold H McCain, YNC(SS), qualified in submarines on USS GUAVINA (SS362) IN 1953, External Patrol 4/5/18

Richard J. Kvietkus, TM3(SS), qualified in submarines on USS ROBERT E LEE (SSBN602) in 1962, External Patrol 5/1/18

Frederick R Block, ETC(SS), qualified in submarines on USS CORSAIR (SS435) in 1956, External Patrol 5/9/18

Rodney D Bellman , QM2(SS) , qualified in submarines on the USS Alexander Hamilton (SSBN-617) in 1968, External Patrol on 7/16/2018

Leo A. Amero , SN(SS) , qualified in submarines on the USS Chivo (SS-341) in 1956, External Patrol 7/21/2018

Charles Henry Cushman Jr , CAPT , qualified in submarines on the USS Cochino (SS-345) in 1949, External Patrol 7/23/2018

Merrill L. Talbott , CDR, qualified in submarines on the USS Spikefish (SS-404) in 1960 , External Patrol 8/8/2018

Warren Freeman Wildes , EM3(SS) , qualified in submarines on the USS Flying Fish (SS-229) in 1945, External Patrol 8/8/2018

John C. Wagner, qualified in submarines on the USS Tecumseh (SSBN-628) in 1964, External Patrol 8/22/2018





## John McCain, War Hero, Senator, Presidential Contender, Dies at 81

NEWS-01: Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 8/30/2018

We remember John McCain as a Naval Officer, a Vietnam Veteran and a POW, for

those achievements alone he deserves our respect and the condolences of our membership. His Father and Grandfather were both highly regarded Submarine Admirals and out of respect for them I say Sailor rest your Oar on behalf of the USSVI membership. John Markiewicz

National Commander

#### SUBSCHOOL GRADUATIONS

Jack Gallimore



At every BESS, SOAC, and SOBC Naval Submarine School graduation, a SUBVETS Groton Base representative is present to participate in the Tolling of the Boats, or what is sometimes called the "Two Bell" ceremony. This event is conducted so that the students and future submariners, including the family members present, are exposed to this time honored ceremony of the Submarine Force. During the Tolling of the Boats ceremony, the designated SUBVETS representative has a brief opportunity to talk to the students to tell them of the significance of the ceremony. These programs are very important for us as an organization

and for the students learning an important piece of their heritage. At each BESS graduation, the SUBVETS representative presents a "Challenge Coin" and a Heritage Award certificate to the graduating BESS class leader. We provide a SUBVETS representative for a variety of functions at SUBSCHOOL, including BESS (Basic Enlisted Submarine School), SOAC (Submarine Officer Advanced Class), and SOBC (Submarine Officer Basic Course) Graduations. In addition, we also provide speakers for the (Machinist Mate, weapons) what we commonly call TMA, and the SCERF (Submarine Communications Electronic Rating Field), plus the SECF (Submarine Electronic Computer Field) graduations.

The BESS Graduations are usually held every other Friday at 0900. Location is Wilkinson Hall. SOAC and SOBC graduations are held at Bledsoe Hall when scheduled. The TMA, SECF and SCERF graduations are varied and scheduled as needed.

#### SUBMARINE HOMECOMINGS

Jack Gallimore

While not a Chaplain item in particular, the "Red Hats" do provide a 7 Gun salute to each boat that comes back from a major deployment. The salute is rendered at Garbo's pier near E.B. Each member of the Red Hat brigade is notified as security allows. Interim person to contact for the Red Hat brigade is the Chaplain.

#### **CHAPLAIN INFORMATION**

Jack Gallimore

For many years now, members of the Honor Detail and the Chaplain have provided services for submarine veterans when requested. Groton Base Honor Detail members provide Honors Detail as we hear of a shipmates passing. We attempt to send a letter of condolence and an Eternal Patrol certificate to those out of area. Honor Detail members along with a few members of the WWII group provide for the WWII ceremonies when required.

The Chaplain also provides Invocations and Benedictions or prayers at numerous ceremonies held at the WWII memorial, for VITAS, the Holland Club induction, and for many other well known organizations that support those of the military, whether they are retired or active. We also provide Eternal Light services for wives of SubVets shipmates who had passed. Unfortunately, we do not always hear of a passing of one of our shipmates.

#### MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Marian Galbraith, Chair

On Friday, August 31, crew members of the USS Providence took on the long awaited task of painting and shining the periscope shears on the Flasher at the SUBVETS WWII National Memorial East. At the suggestion of SUBVETS member Dominick Grimaldi, Chief Selects Justin Hendrix and Andrew Reyes adopted this much needed project as part of their preparation for becoming the newest chiefs on the USS Providence. Josh Ivory of the City of Groton Public Works department operated the bucket truck and up they went. A full day of hard work resulted in newly painted, rust-free, and shined shears.

Memorial Chair Marian Galbraith attended their pinning ceremony and presented each with a Memorial Challenge Coin to recognize their efforts.

Our next ceremony is on Veterans Day, November 11. If you are interested in working with the Memorial Committee, please contact Marian Galbraith at mgalbraith@tvcconnect.net.



For more information or to volunteer, please call Marian Galbraith at 860-460-8740.

#### AREA MILITARY AND VETERANS GET A FREE DAY AT NEW LONDON OCEAN BEACH PARK By: Alvin G. Kinsall, VETREP – New London Veterans Affairs-Advisory Committee, Chairman

New London Veterans Affairs, Ocean Beach Park Management and the New London City Council conducted its First Annual Military Appreciation Day at Ocean Beach Park. It was an all-day event on August 18, 2018 for Active Duty, Retired Military and Area Veterans. Access and parking to the beach was FreE. All they had to do is show some form of military ID or provide their DD-214, or Military Discharge Certificate to the gate attendant.

During this all-day event a Medal Awards Ceremony for those veterans who served during a war-time period such as, World War II- December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; Korean Hostilities- June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955; Vietnam- February 28 to July 1, 1975. The awards ceremony included Korean Ambassa-dor for Peace Medal, Connecticut Veterans Wartime Service Medal, Vietnam lapel pin and certificates of appreciation presentations. The ceremony was held on the boardwalk at 3:00pm. Officiating with the presentation ceremony were LT Governor Nancy Wyman, U.S. Representative Joe Courtney, U.S. Army CAPT and Veteran Service Officer Emily Hein, CT Department of Veterans Affairs.

Pre-empting the start of the program, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Class of 2022 entered the beach finishing its SWAB run led by Rear Admiral (RADM) James Rendón, 41st Superintendent US Coast Guard Academy and Michael Passero, Mayor of New London. RADM Rendón addressed the beach goers, veterans and active duty military where he introduced the Class of 2022 to the community.

The program commenced with the United States Submarine Veterans Groton Base Color Guard presentation of our Nations colors and the singing of our National Anthem by SPC Thomas Linevitch, 102 U.S. Army National Guard Band Lead Vocalist. During the program over 400 military, veterans and beach-goers heard remarks by LT Governor Wyman, Mayor of New London Michael Passero, LT Commander (LCDR) Christian Beisel Executive Officer- U. S. Naval Submarine Base New London and featured speaker U. S. Representative Joe Courtney. At the end of the official ceremony the 102nd US Army NG Jazz Band conducted a concert on the boardwalk.

Navy Federal Credit Union was the event sponsors. Alvin G. Kinsall, the event coordinator said, "the event committee volunteer's instrumental in making the event successful were the United States Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London, General Dynamics/ Electric Boat, CT Department of Veterans Affairs, Southeastern CT Chamber of Commerce - Military Affairs Council, CT Patriot Guard Riders and New London Veterans Affairs - Advisory Committee. In addition, a special thank you goes to Fast Signs of Waterford, Walmart, Ocean Beach Park, Lee Elci Show 94.9FM, Cumulus Media Co. 104.7FM, Dolphin / Hearst Media, New London Fire Department, Groton Comcast Public Access, New London Police Department, Atlantic Broadband Public Access, 102nd CT ARMYNG Jazz Band, Thames Valley Communication Advertising, and all the Volunteers that made the event a success."

Dave Sugrue, Mgr of Ocean Beach Park said, "It's been a long time since New London has embarked on an activity such as this that benefited our veterans. The City of New London and Ocean Beach Park Management have been wanting to do something like this for some time. All we needed was someone to pull it all together. We plan to make it an annual event to support of our military."

Alvin G. Kinsall O: 860-440-6691, C: 860-460-0027, E: dva@ci.new-london.ct.us https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ek0f5D24kxU&feature=youtu.be

#### **Board of Trustees**

#### Joe Smith, Chair

Hello friends,

Unfortunately, summer is coming to an end, and the crisp air of fall and cold of winter is on the horizon. We had a great summer here at the club and look forward to serving you all throughout the remainder of 2018.

Todd has done a great job in the kitchen cooking up lunches, and will continue to bring you the best. Also, soups are back! Pay attention to the specials board for the soup of the day!

Our Mongolian dinner back in July went off without a hitch, and was enjoyed by many. If you missed out, make sure you don't do that again, as it was a great time with some really good grub.



September saw the Steak and Lobster dinner, and it was another packed house enjoying the best surf and turf and bidding farewell to the summer months.

We will have a lot of command Christmas and holiday parties coming up in the next few months and into next year, so if you are planning to utilize the upstairs, or the bar and pump room for your festivities, it is best to go see Jill to book it as soon as possible! We did so many last year, that they were scheduled right on top of each other, and we expect and welcome the same this year.

We still have DJ Jim every Friday night for karaoke, so come join us for a fun night of singing with friends.

Pay attention to the broadcasts from the Base Commander, as well as our Facebook pages for further details on upcoming dinners and events at the club. Those pages can be found by searching Facebook for "SubvetsGroton" and "USSVI Groton Base".



Please visit your club often, stay longer, and as always... See ya there! Joseph Smith

Chairman, Board of Trustees USSVI Groton Base "First and Finest"

#### Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS)

John Riley Chairman



#### "No one stands so tall as when they stoop to help a child" Abraham Lincoln



Groton Base's Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team continues to bring comfort and joy to sick Children, and their families!

On August 29th, 15 Kids and 1 staff member in Yale New Haven Psychiatric Hospital's Adolescent In-Patient Unit became Honorary Submariners!



Yale New Haven Psychiatric Hospital provides brief, acute inpatient care to adolescents and young adults with a broad spectrum of psychiatric problems, such as mood disorders, psychotic disorders, substance abuse, eating disorders.



It is always a rewarding experience for our Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team to bring joy to the teenagers in Yale Hospital's Adolescent Psych unit because they are all dealing with very challenging problems.

Active Duty Submariners Lance Carmack EMN1(SS) and William Moore YNS2(SS), from the USS Nautilus Museum Command in Groton, CT, visited the Kids with us.

They made it lots of fun engaging with these teenagers. There were many questions directed to Lance and William and they eagerly answered them in an entertaining way.

After our slide and video presentation we gave the Kids personalized and framed Honorary Submariner Certificates, Ball Caps, Doo Rags, Challenge Coins, Signed Nautilus Submarine Photos, Tattoos and Wristbands. We also told the Kids that Lance, William, or their Shipmates, would give them a personal tour of the free Nautilus Submarine and Museum in Groton, if they visited the museum.

In addition to Lance and Will, our K4K Team included John & Jackie Riley.

On July 25th, we visited Kids in the Children's Psychiatric Unit at Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH).



YNHH's Children's Psychiatric In-Patient Unit is for children with neuropsychiatric, developmental and behavioral problems. It provides comprehensive psychiatric, psychosocial and educational evaluation and short-term treatment for children ages 4 to 14.



We made 17 Kids, 2 interns and one new staff member Honorary Submariners! We gave them the items we give our new Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Submariner Family members: Honorary Submariner Certificate, Ball Kap / Doo Rag, Tattoo, Challenge Coin, Wrist Band, Signed Nautilus Submarine Photo.

When we arrived at the hospital the Kids gave us a Submarine Art Masterpiece! Each Kid drew a beautiful Submarine, and the staff connected them all together with string! We thanked them for the Wonderful surprise and let them know how much we appreciated their gift.

During our slide and video show presentation the Kids, interns and staff were very engaged and had lots and lots of questions, and we enjoyed answering them.

Active Duty Submariners Lance Carmack EMN1(SS) and Andrew Rikard CS3(SS), from the USS Nautilus Museum Command in Groton CT, visited the Kids with us and were a big hit! It was great having these young Submariners join us!

In addition to Lance and Andrew, our Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team consisted of Mike & Jackie DeLeo and John & Jackie Riley.



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

FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/kaps4kidsconnecticut K4K VIDEO: https://www.youtube.com/embed/DaHOrDe4U5E kaps4kids@ussvigroton.org 203 668-9131

#### SUBMARINE MUSEUM DOCENTS

**KEN JOHNSON** 

#### Subject: Docent Volunteer Background Checks

Due to changes in our larger world, there is now a requirement to do a background check of all volunteers/docents who come here to help us out, even those who are ex-military, and military retirees.

Fortunately this is been smoothed along by our NHHC Security Manager and has been reduced to filling out a form with a few pieces of information.

My thought process is that if the docent/volunteer who show up here at the museum to do a Watch, can fill out the paperwork with us or they can fill it out and bring it in with them .

I understand some of the docents/volunteers may not wish to provide the information, however, they will no longer be able to be docents/volunteers at the museum.

Thank you/Steve

V/r Stephen Finnigan Managing Director/Supervisory Curator USN Submarine Force Museum 860-694-5631 FX:860-694-4150 Stephen.Finnigan@navy.mil

#### IMPORTANT

DOCENTS SHOULD CONTACT STEVE FOR FORMS TO COMPLETE OR WITH ANY QUESTIONS......

Please be advised that the Submarine Force Museum will be going to winter hours as of 1 October and will close at 1600 vs 1700. This means that October docent watches will be 0900 – 1230 for AM watche4s and 1230 – 1600 for PM watches.

Remember, you can always find the latest watchbill versions here in the Docent

Dropbox: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/83cqtojnjqiu9ge/AABffH\_A2j4pgfESd1h683Wua

Contact Ken Johnson at oakhamgraphics@charter.net

NEWS-01: Associate Membership re-instatement Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 6/13/2018

#### Shipmates,

As of this date, June 12, we are still 145 members short of regaining War Veteran Status. We will get that status back at some point in time in the future, but since we have not gained any ground since the moratorium was put in place and it has not had a significant impact on that status, the Board of Directors discussed at length and voted unanimously to lift the moratorium on the acceptance of Associate Members. This means that we will be accepting Associate Membership applications regardless of their Prior War veteran status. Spouses and other non submarine candidates that were turned down because of the moratorium should resubmit their applications if they still wish to do so. Make sure their applications are complete, including their sponsor and Base membership preference, along with appropriate dues check and submit it to the National Office, PO Box 3870, Silverdale, Wa. 98383-3870.

#### **Bill Andrea**



### Join us at TVCCA's RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse

"A comfortable location for ALL Veterans to meet, socialize, receive Supported information regarding Vet benefits & services"

Norwich Wednesdays 9 – 11 am United Congregational Church, 87 Broadway

Groton 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 9 – 11 am Groton Human Services 2 Fort Hill Rd

New London 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays 9 – 11 am Senior Center 120 Broad St

Mystic 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 9 – 11 am Masonicare 45 Clara Dr

Pawcatuck 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 9 -11 am PNC, 27 Chase St

ALL Vets Welcome! Information at 860-425-6617

#### JOE NEGRI MEMORIAL CLUBHOUSE





#### **Clubhouse & Bar Hours**

Sunday 10AM to 6 PM Monday 11AM to 5 PM\*\* Tuesday 11AM to 9:PM Wednesday 11AM to 9:PM Thursday 11AM to 9:30PM Friday 10AM to 12:30 AM Saturday Closed\*\*

\*\* Open/expanded Saturdays and Mondays Evenings for Scheduled Events

If interested in hosting your own reunion at the Clubhouse, please contact our Club Manager, Jillian at 860-445-5262.

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#### "Groton Hosts the 2018 Reunion of the USS George C. Marshall SSBN 654

"On August 15th through the 18th Groton was the site of the 2018 reunion of the USS George C. Marshall SSBN 654. Over 104 shipmates traveled from all corners of the United States and abroad to share sea stories and experiences with friends and in some cases family.

Headquartered in the Groton Inn and Suites the attendees began the reunion activities with a pizza party and karaoke at the Sub Vets Club on School Street and an lively atmosphere once back at the reunion hospitality suite.

On Thursday following a day of shipmates visiting their old snake ranches, the gathering reconnected with recent arrivals at the formal Welcome Aboard cocktail party. At the gathering crew members connected with friend and in some cases their old commanding officers including Captains Mike Gray and Bill McGonegel.

Friday started early with 85 shipmates being bussed from the Museum parking lot to the BESS graduation of the USS George C. Marshall class. At the graduation, George C. Marshall was the guest speaker and Master Chief Bud Aitkins the Groton Base Sub Vets presenter. The Crew of the Marshall presented the submarine School XO with a framed print by submarine artist and Marshal crew member Ed Denton, of the George C as a token of their appreciation for hosting the mornings activities After graduation and many conversations with the graduating class and their dependents and guests the group toured the DC Wet Trainer, Torpedo Tube and Weapons Trainer, Submarine Escape Trainer and the Firefighting trainer. Following the tours, the shipmates were bussed to the Galley for lunch and back to the museum and Inn.

Friday evening over 175 attended the Reunion banquet which began with the presentation of Colors by the Groton Base USSVI color Guard followed by a special Holland Club Induction Ceremony performed by National Holland Club chair Bud Aitkins and Groton Base Holland Club Chair Pat Urello. MMCM (SS) Pet Thompson, TM2 (SS) David Kleinberg, and Captain Bill McGonegel. The Guest Speaker for the occasion was Former Mayor Marian Gailbraith who shared with the attendees what submarines and submariners mean to Groton and all the surrounding towns. Marian was presented with a framed print of the USS Groton by Ed Denton as thank you for her inspiring speech. After the banquet once again the hospitality suite was filled with stories of Marshal exploits.

On the last day, a select group of shipmates was invited to tour the USS Minnesota which by all was identified as the highlight of their trip.

The reunion was coordinated by co-chairs, Greg Kane of the Groton Base USSVI, Neal Santangelo of the Boston Base USSVI and Jeff Flesher of Chicago.

All this was made possible with the help of Management and staff of the Groton Inn and Suites, Local School Bus company, and most importantly the Submarine Base Groton Security, Police Force, Submarine School Officers and staff, Sub School PAO, Subvets Club Manager Jill and the Holland Club Chairs, Bud Aitkins and Pat Urello

#### **Gregory Kane**

Adjunct, CCSU School of Engineering and Technology Education ITEEA/CTEEA Affiliate Representative CTEEA Workshop Coordinator, Connecticut VEX IQ Coordinator Connecticut SeaPerch Coordinator, Cell 860 989-1426, **MARBLEHEAD BASE AUTHORS** 

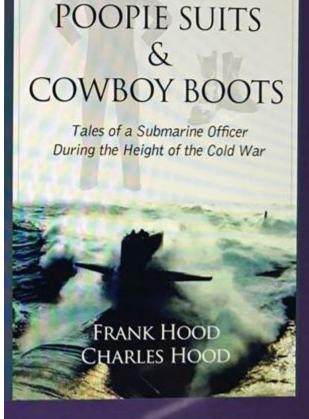
#### Marblehead Base Authors

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www.marbleheadbaseussvi.org/01C\_Base\_Authors.htm

This was posted by Marblehead Base Secretary Peter Koester and it features 2 books about serving on submarines from members of our Base. The first is about service during WWII and ours is about service during the Cold War. Check them out.

The workings of a modern American nuclear submarine have always been cloaked with mystery, in part because the military missions in which these vessels routinely participate are highly classified. Still, there is much that the public does not know about the day-to-day routine of life aboard a nuclear-powered submarine. In this book, brothers Frank Hood and Charles Hood team up to paint an accurate portrait of what it was really like to serve aboard a submarine during the height of the Cold War between 1969 and 1972. Told from Frank's perspective, the work traces his journey from initial Navy training in college, through commissioning, and onto intense preparation for submarine duty at several training sites across the United



States. The story culminates with a richly detailed account of Frank's nearly three years of service as a junior officer aboard the USS Seahorse, one of the Sturgeon-class "fast attacks". Readers who have wondered about how such a modern submarine actually operated, how the crew worked together to navigate the vessel, avoid dangers, and gather information, and how they dealt with the tremendous pressure of life under the sea will enjoy Frank's tremendous recall of his days aboard the Seahorse. Often funny, other times serious, and occasionally wistful, this volume is jammed with enlightening stories that provide an entertaining window into the "Silent Service."

Written by USSVI Marblehead Base Vice Commander Frank Hood, with co-author Charles Hood.

http://www.blurb.com/b/8477358-poopie-suits-cowboy-boots (Hard Cover & Soft Cover Available) https://www.amazon.com/Poopie-Suits-Cowboy-Boots-Submarine-ebook/dp/B078WKV2FW (Kindle Only) All proceeds from the sale of this book benefit the USSVI Scholarship Fund

#### **Scholarship Chair**



Did you know when you have VA health care, there is support for your caregiver, too?

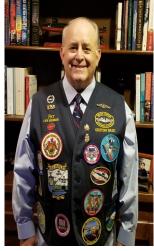
Caregivers of Veterans of all eras can access peer mentoring, a support phone line, a local Support Coordinator and more. These licensed professionals can provide useful information about available services and connect caregivers with other resources in their community.

For injured Post-9/11 Veterans, VA provides caregivers support through the Program for Family Caregivers. This includes enhanced services such as access to health insurance and financial assistance. With the implementation of the VA MISSION Act, the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) will expand to eligible Veterans from all eras of service. Post-9/11 Veterans have benefited greatly from this program and expansion will occur in two phases, starting with those who were injured on or before May 7, 1975. The timeline for this expansion is still under development.

Take the first step by enrolling in VA health care and experience the many services VA can provide to you and your family caregiver. Visit Explore.VA.gov or click the button below to learn more. Explore VA health care

#### THE HOLLAND CLUB REPORT

Pat Urello



I hope all enjoyed the summer and are enjoying the beginning of the Fall Season. As described in our last issue of Boat Notes, the Holland Club Induction Ceremony held on 2 June 2018 was the highlight of the year. I do not want to recap what had already been said about the ceremony but I would like to share an observation from a civilian with no military experience who attended the ceremony as a guest.

"On 2 June 2018 I had the distinct honor of being invited to attend the Holland Club Induction Ceremony at the U.S. Submarine Base in New London. After the usual welcome and opening remarks, the inductees on the stage were presented, after which the Color Guard Silver Dolphins from Submarine School presented the colors.

The Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem followed and everyone in the theater participated to the fullest. For me, it was an emotional several minutes and I found myself getting a bit teary eyed as the Colors were retired. Each inductee was then called to center state to receive various certificates presented by the Squadron Commander. You could literally feel the pride in that room. The Submarine Veterans WWII Creed was then read followed by the USSVI Creed. We all stood. The Sailor's Creed was next and it virtually took one's breath away. Every Sailor in the theater especially what appeared to be several hundred in the balcony vocalized this at an astonishing volume. The room became quiet for a moment and then exploded in applause. I was honored to have been invited to attend such a wonderful ceremony and witness the induction of submarine veterans into the prestigious Holland Club".

On 17 August 2018, in conjunction with the USS GEORCE C. MARSHALL (SSBN 654) Reunion, Bud Atkins, our National Holland Club Chairman and myself were honored to be invited to induct three GEORGE C. MARSHALL shipmates into the Holland Club during a portion of their farewell banquet. The USSVI Color Guard participated by presenting the Colors at the banquet. Over 150 shipmates and guests observed the induction of one of the former Commanding Officers, Captain Bill McGonegal, former Chief of the Boat, CWO4 Pete Thompson, and Torpedoman David Kleinberg.

Our Holland Club lunches continue to be very well attended. The guest speakers do a outstanding job of keeping us informed of current issues both in the Navy and in the surrounding communities and the State. Some of our recent speakers have been Squadron Commanders, Chiefs of Police, CT Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, Commanding Officers and Chief of the Boats, Brigadier General from the CT National Guard, OIC, Historic Ship Nautilus, and Mayor of the City of New London.

Come on out and join us. The lunches are the third Tuesday of every month at 1130. Please call Bud Atkins, email: <u>bud-tmcm-ss@sbcglobal.net</u>, 860-823-7108. or Pat Urello, email: <u>Patrick urello@comcast.net</u>, 757-639-4802. to let us know you are interested in attending so we can plan for the proper number of meals. Hope to see you there.



United States Submarine Veterans Inc. Groton Base "First and Finest" Home of USSVI and Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse

Dear Shipmate;

I am sending this letter to ask for your support with our Annual Appeal. As you may or may not know, USSVI National is the sole owner of the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse at 40 School Street in Groton Connecticut. Groton Base *"First and Finest"* was the first Base in the organization; this is where USSVI originated. Groton also was the home of USSVI Corporate Headquarters until a decision was made to move to the West Coast. Groton Base has been the sole caretaker of the building and the land it sits on ever since.

Therefore, the purpose of this annual appeal is to help support the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial

Clubhouse operating fund.

Groton Base annual dues simply aren't enough to meet the Clubhouse expenses. While our goal is to continue to provide the services to our members, it has become more difficult to keep the doors open. For example, the cost for utilities (electricity, heating oil and propane), building liability insurance, and required maintenance is greater than what we generate from membership dues and donations. In addition, our financial plan includes restricted funds whose donations to our charitable funds (Memorial Fund, Holland Club Fund, KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS), and Scholarship Fund) while greatly appreciated, cut into our revenue stream to pay for Clubhouse expenses.

The Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse is the only tangible asset USSVI has. We are ALL members of USSVI - the building belongs to all of you. We must depend on the entire organizational membership to assist in meeting the Clubhouse's financial obligations.

I'm personally reaching out to each of you as members of USSVI and asking for your help by sending a donation. <u>There is no minimum</u> <u>donation</u>. <u>Every little bit will help.</u> You can make a one-time donation or if you like, pledge your donation in monthly or quarterly installments.

Please complete the Annual Appeal response form below and mail all donations to the Clubhouse, attention: USSVI Groton Base Annual Appeal. Checks should be made out to USSVI Groton Base.

We are truly depending on your help making a difference. Thanking you in advance,

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Commander USSVI Groton Base

#### Annual Appeal Response Form

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THE DOMINIC "JOE" NEGRI MEMORIAL CLUBHOUSE OPERATING FUND.

One-time donation (Cash or Check)	Pledge (Check one) 🗆 Monthly 🗖 Quarterly

Donate online with PayPal / credit	card: https://	/ussvigroton	.org/donations/

Total amount of your donation: \$		
Your Name:		
Your Mailing Address:		
City, State and Zip code:		
Phone:	Email:	

"Contributions or gifts to US Submarine Veterans, Inc. are not tax deductible as charitable contributions"

2017 Revenue and Expenses, 2018 Capital Needs

On the reverse side you will see a summary of last year's revenue and expenses. We did not have an Annual Appeal in either 2016 or 2017, resulting in a net loss of \$23,000 each year causing a serious depletion of the Base's reserve funds. Without an Annual appeal, the cost of operations of the

clubhouse far exceed income from Base dues and fund-raising activities such as the Thanksgiving Care & Sharing event. To remain operating at our current level requires an additional \$20,000 or more every year. This is the primary driver of the Joe Negri Memorial Clubhouse Annual Appeal.

Also facing USSVI this year are two major expenses which will need to be addressed; the replacement of the rear fire escape and the central air conditioning and heating unit shown below. We do not have estimates of either expense at this point, but we are budgeting at least \$10,000 for each.

Other improvements if possible will be a new rear door in the pump room (see above) along with a new keyless entry system which is needed to enforce "members and guests only" entry to the clubhouse.

Finally, we'd like to emphasize the statement from the Base Commander, the Joe Negri Memorial Clubhouse belongs to ALL USSVI members. It is part of every member's legacy, and we all owe it to keep the Clubhouse alive. Every week, members of SUBSCHOOL and active duty Submariners visit the Clubhouse. They see firsthand the history their world was built one, the deeds and accomplishments of you, the United States Submarine Veteran.

REVENUE		
Category	(\$) Amount	%
Donations	73,155	47%
Program Sales (Bar)	64,000	41%
Dues	17,705	12%
Total	\$154,860	

#### EXPENSES

EXTENSES		
Salaries	70,841	40%
Facility & Equipment	35,876	20%
Contract Services	29,050	16%
Grants & Donations	18,600	11%
Other Expenses	23,000	13%
Total	\$177,225	

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Stan Mathis

New Calendar Events (https://ussvigroton.org/events/)

TVCCA Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Coffeehouses, search "TVCCA/RSVP". Look for similar programs outside of Connecticut and Rhode Island.

#### Brunches every Sunday

Every Sunday we serve brunch from 10:00 AM to 12:00PM, with the First Sunday being Steak and Eggs. Come out and join us. As we continue to serve our membership we us maintain a wait staff to support the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays and let the 4th and 5th Sundays for special events and allow membership organizations to come in and grace us with an exceptional brunch. Donations/tips to the wait staff are normally for those serving you, but that does not stop you from donating to one of Groton Base's donor organizations, i.e., Kap(SS)4Kid(SS), Groton Base Scholarship Fund, Building Fund, etc. Please feel free to split your tips/donations with the staff and our other donor organizations.

Clubhouse Maintenance: There are a number of events at our Clubhouse and we need to maintain it through our all volunteer work force, the Membership. Any time there is a field day/clean-up planned try to plan on helping Building and Maintenance spruce up our building and its grounds.



ASW training for surface warriors

#### 2019 SUBRON SIX DIESEL BOAT REUNION IN LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS

We now have an official NEWSETTER and SIGNUP SHEET which is for the 1 August 2019 - 4 August 2019 (Thursday through Sunday) REUNION POSTED ON THE SIRAGO WEBSITE. I know you guys (we all) are getting old but we're still a group, and we still have "some" energy left in those batteries under the deck plates to drag ourselves to a diesel boat reunion. This reunion is our SSSBS Reunion which is conducted once every 4 years and 2019 is our year.

The USS Razorback (which was briefly in SUBRON SIX at PIER 22) is now in North Little Rock and we will visit her there and have a GREAT time reliving our days aboard those old WW2 -vintage boats. We will also have some competition between our boats to see who earns the COVETED "E" award.

To get to the SIGNUP SHEET and NEWSLETTER announcing everything go to: <u>WWW.SIRAGO.COM</u> and then take the NEWSLETTER tab to the left and you will see the latest newsletter we have up on the WEB (labeled Winter/Spring 2018) and right under it is the SIGNUP SHEET. Print out a couple of copies of the SIGNUP SHEET and fill the both out and RETAIN ONE for your records if you are planning to come. The newsletter and the signup sheet pretty much say it all.

I DO need to tell you, that IF you have already received a HARD COPY of this same newsletter, there is a TY-PO in the SIGNUP SHEET (but this has been corrected in the WEB VERSION). The TYPO was on the TOLL-FREE Number to call for the HOTEL in N. Little Rock where we are staying. Assuming you have that manually delivered newsletter AND this notice too, please change the last 4 digits of that TOLL FREE number FROM 4485 to the correct 4458. Actually, I would prefer you to call the local number beginning with area code 501 because it always goes to RESERVATIONS and the TOLL FREE guys are not necessarily there at the hotel.

OK - enough said. We already have over 70 crew members from various boats saying they "intend to attend" so now is the time to do something about that.

Thanks

Mike Bickel - Your Reunion Pom-Pom Girl 3rd Class (PPG3).

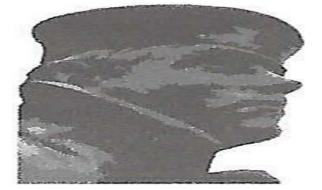
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At the September Membership Meeting, John G. Casey gave a presentation of the US Navy Memorial and how YOU should become part of it. Over the next few broadcasts, we will present more information about this program.

Contact Jack directly at leprecondo@aol.com <leprecondo@aol.com>;

John G. Casey, Jr., 378 Meridian St Ext. Unit 23, Groton, CT 06340-4142



## **Calling all U.S. Sea Service Shipmates!**

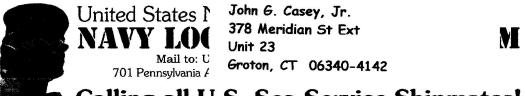
The U.S. Navy Memorial invites you to archive your personal U.S. Sea SetVice history on our U.S. Navy log for FREE!

The Navy Log is the permanent register of all U.S. Sea SetVice men and women who have enrolled into the Log by themselves, by their friends, or honored by their families. Add your name and record your setVice history into the USNM Log Archive. Open to all Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine veterans, regular or reserve, living or deceased.

Names in the Log are displayed electronically on video screens located in the Log room of the Naval Heritage Center, Washington, DC. Visitors are invited to search for individual records which are instantly displayed, showing name, branch of setVice, rate or rank, dates of setVice, place of birth, duty stations and personal awards.

The Navy Log can also be accessed and searched *over* the internet. Visit The Navy Log at www.navylog.org.

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#### **FREE ENROLLMENT!**

You can also enroll via the Internet at <u>www.navy</u> or by calling 1.800.628.9564		GEORGE HERBERT	VALKER BUSH
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#### PATRIOT DAY

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The following was received from one of our District Commanders, I could not have said it better so I will simply post his message:

17 years ago today I had been residing and working as a contractor to the Royal Saudi Naval Forces at the King Abdul Aziz Naval Base in Al-Jubail, KSA. Like me, each of us has an exact time/place memory which will forever be etched in our souls of the events that would unfold inside the next 24 hours.

On September 11, 2001 at 0846 (EST) was our current generation Pearl Harbor-equivalent. In that moment, life changed for everyoneat home and abroad, ashore, at sea, and submerged wherever their duty calls. In my current industry, the USA PATRIOT Act was born of this event. And, life has changed in so many other ways. For those who did not return to their loved ones, make connecting flights, did not escape the hell of the World Trade Center, Pentagon, or an empty field in PA we owe a them a prayer and moment of silence.

To the men and women who would go into harm's way to thwart terrorism and an ideology that would prefer we are not amongst the living we owe them an equal prayer and debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice. Perhaps it's time to take pause from the political wrangling across our Nation and simply be grateful we're alive to experience it all - it's wonderful beauty, majesty, and appreciate the flag of our great nation flying free. God Bless America, and thank you, Shipmates and your families, for your continued commitment, service, and dedication to the United States Submarine Veterans, and the Base you call home.

Pride Runs Deep! Peter T. Juhos MMCS(SS/SS1), USN (Ret). Commander, Western Region District 5 United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

#### Members of USSVI Northeast Region D-1 Bases,

Fraternally, Peter J. Koester District Commander USSVI Northeast Region District One E-mail: subguyss@verizon.net



NEWS-01: Groton Base's Annual Thanksgiving Caring and Sharing notification. Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 9/27/2018

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#### Shipmates,

In keeping with our creed and in appreciation of our Active Duty Sailors who are serving our country, we are once again planning on providing our Thanksgiving Dinner at the Clubhouse. We estimate feeding nearly 1300 people including Active Duty Sailors, Submarine Veterans and our Local and State Law enforcement for their continued service to our community and country.

Contributions or gifts are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes.

The Thanksgiving Committee cannot accomplish this alone. This is a huge endeavor which takes donations, and many volunteers. We are asking our members to assist in this worthy cause. There are many areas where we need your help. Please take a moment to review the following list and, if possible, choose a task and volunteer a little time, food or monetary donation. We ask you to respond at your earliest convenience. We need your response no later than November 14th, 2018 so we may plan accordingly.

. Monetary Donations, no amount is too small.

. Volunteers for Thanksgiving Fundraiser at Groton Wal-Mart Saturdays 9/29/2018 and 11/03/2018 from 10:00am-4:00pm (2 hour shifts, if possible)

- . Pickup/Delivery of supplies Thanksgiving week.
- . Delivery of meals on Thanksgiving Day.
- . Provide a homemade dessert (Thanksgiving Eve, or Thanksgiving morning).
- . Donate a 14-16 pound fresh or thawed turkey (donating a fellow

Member does not count) or donations of turkeys larger than 16 pounds.

Donations may be made at the club up to 6 days prior to Thanksgiving. We need time to thaw frozen birds.

. Donations of cooked and unstuffed turkeys larger than 16 pounds (including drippings) either the night before or morning of Thanksgiving.

. Volunteers to cook large turkeys (larger than 16 pounds) and return to club either the night before or morning of Thanksgiving.

. Set-up the day before, serving during Thanksgiving Day, clean-up after Thanksgiving dinner or clean-up the next morning (Friday).

. We also need your help in identifying homebound who we can help by delivering them a meal. We cannot provide a meal to someone if we don't know about them.

Member/Donor Name:	
Monetary donation amount:	Other Donation:

Volunteering for: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Times you can Volunteer\_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_(

Please Print Clearly) Please fill out and either return to the club or email to one of the POCs below.

Thank you in advance for all you do for SUBVETS Groton Base.

POCs: thanksgiving@ussvigroton.orgStan Mathis (860) 884-8857, Jeff Walsh cell: (860) 449-2103

This is an official email communication from the United States Submarine Veterans. If you don't want to receive these E-Grams, please contact William C. Andrea (<u>NJVC@USSVI.ORG</u>).

Sat 4 Oct	Thanksgiving Fundraiser @ Groton Walmart	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Sun 5 Oct	Brunch - Steak and Eggs	10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Mon 6 Oct	USSVI-Groton Chapter Monthly Meeting	6:30 PM
Wed, 8 Oct	Thanksgiving Planning Meeting	6:00:PM - 7:00 PM
Sun 12 Oct	Brunch	10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tue 14 Oct	SV WWII Meeting/Luncheon	10:30 AM
Sat 18 Oct	SVGB - Steamship Round	5:30 PM - 10:30 PM
Sun 19 Oct	Brunch	10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tues 21 Oct	Board of Trustees/Club Officers Meeting Westport Satellite Group Meeting	6 PM 6:30 PM—8:45 PM
Wed 21 Oct	HOLLAND Club Meeting	11:30 PM
Wed 22 Oct	Thanksgiving Planning Meeting	6:00:PM - 7:00 PM
Sat 25 Oct	CO/XO/COB Dinner	6:00:PM - 10:00 PM
Sun 26 Oct	Brunch	10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Mon 27 Oct	EBOARD Meeting	6:30 PM
Wed, 29 Oct	Thanksgiving Planning Meeting	6:00:PM - 7:00 PM



Sat 1 Nov	Thanksgiving Fundraiser @ Groton Walmart	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Sun 2 Nov	Brunch - Steak and Eggs	10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Mon 3 Nov	USSVI-Groton Chapter Monthly Meeting	6:30 PM
Wed 5 Nov	Thanksgiving Planning Meeting	6:00:PM - 7:00 PM
Sun 9 Nov	Brunch	10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tues 11 Nov	Veterans Day - Memorial Service at WWII Memorial	11;00 AM
	East plus reception to follow at club	
Tue 11 Nov	SV WWII Meeting/Luncheon	10:30 AM
Wed 12 Nov	Thanksgiving Planning Meeting	6:00:PM - 7:00 PM
Sun 16 Nov	Brunch	10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tues 17 Nov	Board of Trustees/Club Officers Meeting	6 PM
	Westport Satellite Group Meeting	6:30 PM—8:45 PM
Tues 18 Nov	HOLLAND Club Luncheon	11:30 AM
Wed 19 Nov	Thanksgiving Planning Meeting	6:00:PM - 7:00 PM
Sat 22 Nov	Fall Clean Up	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Sun 23 Nov	Brunch	10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Sun 23 Nov	Christmas Tree Trimming	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Mon 24 Nov	EBOARD Meeting	6:30 PM
Wed 26 Nov	Thanksgiving Setup	5:30 PM
Thurs 27 Nov	Thanksgiving	
Fri 28 Nov	Thanksgiving Field day	8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Sun 30 Nov	Brunch is CANCELLED	CANCELLED

#### Thanksgiving Fundraiser

Without volunteers, the fundraiser simply cannot happen. Please consider donating a little of your time to help feed over 1,000 active-duty submariners a Thanksgiving meal they'll never forget!

Mon 1 Dec	USSVI-Groton Chapter Monthly Meeting	6:30 PM
Thurs 4 Dec	Thanksgiving Reception	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Sun 7 Dec	Brunch - Steak and Eggs	10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tue 9 Dec	SV WWII Meeting/Luncheon	10:30 AM
Sat 13 Dec	Children's Christmas Party	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Sun 14 Dec	Brunch	10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Sun 14 Dec	Toys for Tots Christmas Party	4:00 Pm - 6:00 PM
Tues 15 Dec	Board of Trustees/Club Officers Meeting Westport Satellite Group Meeting	6 PM 6:30 PM—8:45 PM
Tues 16 Dec	HOLLAND Club Luncheon	11:30 AM
Sun 21 Dec	Brunch	10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Thurs 25 Dec	MERRY CHRISTMAS	
Sun 28 Dec	Brunch is CANCELLED	CANCELLED
Mon 29 Dec	EBOARD Meeting	6:30 PM



#### ABOUT USSVI

United States Submarine Veterans Inc.

Our purpose is "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. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

Groton Base was the first USSVI Base established 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.

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