



**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC
USSVI GROTON BASE MEETING MINUTES**

2AUG2021
1830

1. CALL TO ORDER 1830

- a. Announcements (Muster sheets, Exits, No Smoking) 1830 BY COMMANDER STEVE RICARD

ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

2. OPENING EVENTS: (CHAPLAIN)

- a. Pledge of Allegiance Lead by Bob Sharpe
b. OPENING PRAYER
c. LOST BOATS
- i. **USS BULLHEAD (SS-332)** LOST ON AUGUST 6, 1945 WITH THE LOSS OF 84 CREW MEMBERS
 - ii. **USS FLIER (SS-250)** LOST ON AUGUST 13, 1944, WITH THE LOSS OF 78 CREW MEMBERS
 - iii. **USS S-39 (SS-144)** LOST ON AUGUST 13, 1942 AFTER GROUNDING ON HER 3RD WAR PATROL. THE ENTIRE CREW WAS ABLE TO GET OFF AND WAS RESCUED.
 - iv. **USS HARDER (SS-257)** LOST ON AUGUST 24, 1944 WITH THE LOSS OF 79 CREW MEMBERS
 - v. **USS COCHINO (SS-345)** LOST ON AUGUST 26, 1949 AFTER BEING JOLTED BY A VIOLENT POLAR GALE OFF NORWAY CAUSED AN ELECTRICAL FIRE AND BATTERY EXPLOSION. AFTER A 2ND BATTERY EXPLOSION, ABANDON SHIP WAS ORDERED AND COCHINO SANK. USS TUSK (SS 426) RESCUED ALL OF COCHINO CREW.

d. **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. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its constitution.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION OF VIP AND GUESTS

*(Base Chaplain LCDR David Duprey
invite 1SEPChapel on Base for
Promotion to CDR)*

*New Members & First Meeting (Philip
Johnson and Bob Washington),*

*National Officers –Bud Atkins, John
Riley*

*Former Base Commanders – Stan
Mathis, John Carcioppolo, Alvin
Kinsall*

WWII Members - None

*HOLLAND Club Members- 0
Chris Quijada Distinguished -3
Member of the Year Award-1
Past Joe Negri Recipients – John C.
Robert Link Award Recipient- 3*

3. PRESENTATION: NONE



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4. MEMBERSHIP SOUND OFF -

Please stand and tell us your name and year qualified.

(OR)

- a. WWII Veterans =0
- b. Holland Club = 17
- c. Anyone qualified 1971 -1990 =1
Qualified 1991 - 2020 =
- d. Anyone qualified in 2021=
- e. Associated Members = 2
- f. ZOOM 4

Total attendance 32

5. BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING (All non-members are excused)

a. ACTION ITEMS

i. Approval of meetings minutes = (Motion by= John C. Seconded By = C. Murray Voted Unanimous)

ii. Treasurer's Report

Operations \$11932

ATM in building need to count ~~(\$1,600)~~(\$800)

Bank on site for Holland Club \$300

Bank on site for Club need to count there is now 6 banks (est. \$3,000)

KAPS \$2287

Memorial \$86,295

E Jones \$24,947

Scholarship \$3,777

Building (temporarily includes Holland Club)

\$4950 total

Doors \$2,400

Chimney \$350

Holland Club \$2,200

Payroll total \$737

NOTE: Weekly expenses \$850-1100

iii. Secretary Report

1. 06JUL21 Membership meeting minutes posted on the WEB.

2. Committee chairs are requested to provide their monthly reports by the last Monday of the month. If no activity, email secretary@ussvigroton.org (NO REPORT)

3. **REMINDER - Committee chairs** that Boat Note 4th Quarter articles are due no later than SEPTEMBER 1.

iv. Vice Commander Report: Budget season is upon us. Please submit you budget requests NLT September 1st.

v. Jr Vice Commander Report: No report



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- vi. Membership Report (Total Members 1150 +-)
- vii. Eboard Advisor Update (No report)
- viii. Executive Board Report
 - 1. Continuing to Work on CO-XO-COB luncheon
 - 2. Brunch 15AUG2021 NIOD Host
 - 3. SUB BALL Ticket on sale at SUBVETS.
 - 4. Voted to increase hourly wages for bartenders to \$13 to comply with State of Connecticut statutory requirements

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archives (Vacant) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kaps(SS)4Kids(SS) (J. Riley) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Sponsorship/Color Guard (P. Skalski) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Memorial Committee (M. Galbraith) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Build/Maintenance/Small Stores (T. Connors) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Relations/Newsletter (J. Lawton) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chaplain (J. Gallimore) | <input type="checkbox"/> Red, White and Blue Mass (P. Dillon) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Docents (Artie Gager) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> West Port Satellite group (Paul Grammer) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DMV Liaison (R. Rusczyk) | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Committee (G. Kane) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Budget Development (Treasurer/Vice) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sub School Schedule (J. Walsh) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holland Club (R. Cheatham) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs Report (A. Kinsall) |

CANCELLED FOR 2021

K4K report – John Riley

On July 29th, Groton Base's Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team of Bob Dulin, Bob Sharpe and John Riley, made 12 Kids in Yale New Haven Hospital's (YNHH) Inpatient Child Psychiatric Unit for 4-12 year-olds, Honorary Submariners! This was our K4K Team's first in person visit to the Kids at YNHH in over 18 months! The staff was very happy for us to be there in person, and so were we! Even though our many Zoom visits with the Kids over the last 10 months made a difference, it was obvious that in person visits are a much better way to bring comfort and joy to these Kids.

Holland Club – Rich Cheatham

Holland Club Luncheon have re-started - to be held at 11:30, the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Club. We had 54 members and guests, including Barry Russack's therapy dog, Rosie. attend our July 20th meeting.

We were pleased to be joined, as well, by several USSVI Rhode Island base Holland Club members and their guest, including WWII Submarine Veterans Nick Calderiso and Tony Faella and his wife Betty. Our Guest speaker was CDR Gordon Conrad II. He provided an interesting and thought-provoking talk about the latest musing concerning the Loss of the USS Scorpion (SSN 589).

A delightful summer meal was enjoyed by all thanks to Jillian Tufts and her staff and assisted by five SUBSCOL student assistants. Liquid libations were served up by our own Laura Byrne and Jill Henry. Bravo Zulu to all!

Our next Luncheon is scheduled for 17 August 2021, with SUBASE CO, CAPT Todd Moore as our speaker. Please email or call if you plan to attend.

2021 Holland Club Induction preparation are ongoing; Induction scheduled for 02 October 2021 at Dealey Center.



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The next Induction Planning committee meeting is scheduled for Tomorrow, Tuesday 27 July 2021 at 1830 at the clubhouse.

2021 Holland Club Induction Numbers (as of July 26, 2021)

48 Total 9 (8)
2020
29 Yes
Attending
(12) 10 Not
Attending
1
Deceased
1
Undetermined
(6) 8 No
Responses

And finally,
Since our last Meeting, we have been notified of **NO** Holland Club members who have departed on Eternal Patrol. **Next HC planning meeting 24AUG21 1830**

Veterans Report – Al Kinsall
SITREP/02AUG2021

2021 RETIREMENT SEMINAR
16 OCTOBER 2021
U. S. NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE NEW LONDON
Look for more info in next month’s edition

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AMERICAN FORCES TRAVEL PRIVILEGES EXTENDED TO ELIGIBLE VETERANS

GOOD INFO THAT MAY OR MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU
AS OF JULY 16, 2021

The Department of Defense announced today a policy change to the current shopping privileges on the American Forces Travel website. As directed by acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and



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Readiness Virginia S. Penrod in a memo signed April 12, 2021, the department will extend online access to the website to honorably discharged veterans of the uniformed services.

On average, customers save 35-40% compared to commercial travel pricing by using AFT. This includes discounted rates on hotels (up to 60%), airfare, rental cars, vacation packages, event tickets, and cruises.

“Sixteen million veterans will now be able to access the American Forces Travel website, joining the 10 million active duty, Guard and reserve service members, family members, DOD civilians, and other patrons who are already receiving the benefit,” said Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy Patricia “Patty” Montes Barron. “We are committed to providing quality-of-life programs to our military community, which includes our honorably discharged veterans.”

The change will not affect access for existing patrons, and the increased customer base will allow AFT to negotiate better prices for its customers.

AFT launched in 2019 as the only official joint service morale, welfare, and recreation leisure travel website exclusively for DOD patrons. In addition to improving access to DOD’s MWR benefits, every booking on American Forces Travel generates revenue to support critical quality-of-life programs for service members and families.

To access the exclusive military discount pricing on travel products, visit the American Forces Travel website. Proof of eligibility is required.

About Military Community and Family Policy Military Community and Family Policy is directly responsible for establishing and overseeing quality-of-life policies and programs that help our service members, their families and survivors be well and mission-ready. Military OneSource is the gateway to programs and services that support the everyday needs of the 5.2 million service members and immediate family members of the military community. These DOD services can be accessed 24/7/365 around the world. ■

WSG – Paul Grammer

REMINDER - 08AUG21 Annual Picnic at PORT 5 Bridgeport CT Starts at noon

DOCENT News – Al Kinsall

The museum has returned to requiring MASKS for entry. Several docents have bowed out from standing watches until COVID (DELTA strain) is under control and mask requirement is removed. For docents who feel at risk by standing their scheduled watches should contact the Museum coordinator Jennifer.bourque@navy.mil.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE CLUB BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. EBOARD WILL BE CONSIDERING A POLICY RELATED TO MARIJUANA ON THE PREMISES
- B. EBOARD WILL BE INVESTIGATING A NEW HANDICAPPED RAMP FOR THE DINING ROOM ENTRANCE
- C. EBOARD IS REVIEWING HOW TO PROVIDE MEMBERS MORE CURRENT INFORMATION ON THE BASE WEBSITE
- D. EBOARD APPOINTED PAST BASE COMMANDERS TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A “GROTON BASE MEMORIAL”
- E. EBOARD IS LOOKING INTO “WAY & MEANS” HOW TO GET MORE ACTIVITY AND OVERALL USAGE FOR THE CLUB HOUSE.
- F. EBOARD BY CONSENSUS AGREED THAT ANY WWII SUBVET WILL BE GIVEN FREE MEALS IN THE CLUB TO INCLUDE HOLLAND CLUB LUNCHEONS.



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8. CLOSING EVENTS

- a. Good of the Order:
- b. Meeting attendance Drawing (HAT) 0695 F. Cramer
- c. 50/50 drawing = 0616 Jim Lawton, \$54 donated to treasury
- d. Closing Prayer = Chaplain

9. ADJOURN 1950

- e. **NEXT MEETINGS: MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~~SEPTEMBER 6, 2021~~ SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

Minutes respectfully submitted for approval:

Motion: John Carcioppolo
Seconded: Tom Swanepoel
Voted: Approved unanimously

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alvin G. Kinsall".

Alvin G. Kinsall
USSVI Base Secretary
13SEP2021