



UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC
USSVI GROTON BASE MEETING AGENDA
May 3, 2021

NOTE: THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE GROTON BASE CLUB AND VIA ZOOM

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CALL TO ORDER 6:30 pm (pause for video for eternal patrol and creed)

1. ETERNAL PATROL LOST BOATS

USS Lagarto (SS-371) Lost on May 3, 1945 with the loss of 86 men near the Gulf of Siam. On her 2nd war patrol, she is believed to have been lost to a radar equipped minelayer. This minelayer was sunk by the USS Hawkbill (SS-366) 2 weeks later.

USS Scorpion (SSN-589) was returning to Norfolk, VA. from a Mediterranean deployment. On May 22, 1968 she reported her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Scorpion was never heard from again. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined. 99 officers and men were lost.

USS Squalus (SS-192) Lost on: On May 23, 1939 USS Squalus suffered a catastrophic valve failure during a test dive off the Isle of Shoals. Partially flooded, the submarine sank to the bottom and came to rest keel down in 240 feet of water. Commander Charles Momsen and Navy divers on the USS Falcon (ASR-2) rescued 33 survivors use the diving bell he invented. 26 men drowned in the after compartments. Later Squalus was raised and recommissioned as the USS Sailfish. In an ironic turn of fate, Sailfish sank the Japanese aircraft carrier carrying surviving crew members from Sculpin, which had located Squalus in 1939. Only one of survived after spending the rest of the war as slave laborers in Japan.

USS Stickleback (SS-415) Lost on May 28, 1958 when it sank off Hawaii while under tow after collision with USS Silverstein (DE-534). The entire crew was taken off prior to sinking



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2. CREED: "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"
3. CHAPLAIN
4. OPENING EVENTS
5. INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION OF VIP AND GUESTS
6. AWARD PRESENTATION
7. MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE
8. BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING (All non-members are excused)
 - a. ACTION ITEMS
 - i. Secretary Report
 1. Correspondence
 2. Minutes on the website
 - ii. Treasurer Report
 1. 2021 monthly reports on the website
 2. All bills including taxes have been paid
 3. Funds available for club expenses \$28,573
 - a. LIQUOR LICENSE: REVISED FEE \$300 DUE END OF APRIL HAS BEEN PAID
 4. Pending obligations: NONE

ELECTIONS

- A. VOTE ON Proposed By-laws change – presented at Membership meeting April 2021
 - I. Elimination of BOT
 - II. Clarification of responsibilities
 - Secretary to read the outline of the Changes
 - Secretary to ask if there is any discussion
 - If discussion allow each person to comment
 - If no discussion then call for a vote to accept bylaws changes
- B. BASE ELECTIONS
 - Nominations Closed on April 15: Article XI – Voting in Groton Base Elections Section 3. B. Article XII – Voting in Club Elections Section 3.C nominations
 - o Commander: Steven Ricard
 - o Jr Vice Commander: Patrick Sullivan
 - o Treasurer: Charlie Murray
 - Secretary or Sr Vice Commander to cast one vote for each of the nominated candidates



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CONTINUE WITH REPORTS:

iii. Membership Chair Report

Renewal Application can be found at
<https://www.ussvigroton.org/docs>

iv. Junior Vice Commander Report

v. Senior Vice Commander Report

VI. Commander - Executive Board Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Holland Club (Rich Cheatham)

Use new email (holland@ussvigroton.org) to communicate with new Holland Club Chair, Rich Cheatham

We have had 3 Holland Club members depart on Eternal Patrol this past month
Peter Fazio departed on Eternal Patrol on April 6, 2021
Richard D. McCannes departed on Eternal Patrol on April 9, 2021
David F. Jewell departed on Eternal Patrol on April 20, 2021

The committee is planning to safely restart luncheons this summer
Scheduled for July 20, 2021; to be held outdoors

2021 Holland Club Induction preparation is on going
Scheduled for October 2 at Dealey Center

Induction Update

To date we have 38 Shipmates to be inducted into the Holland Club in October
37 currently meet all requirements; Bob Neill has been sent a Membership App
We added 3 new inductees interested in attending the Induction
We continue to receive Induction packages (photo and/or writeup)
We will send reminder letter (via snail mail) to 11 new inductees who have not replied
John Carcioppolo is updating the Power Point presentation for the ceremony

The next Induction planning committee meeting will be at 18:30 on 26 May 2021 at the clubhouse



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Memorial (Marian Galbraith)

Memorial Committee: The Memorial Committee is preparing for Spring planting. We will be preparing the beds on May 5 and 10. Planting and mulching will take place on May 12. Anyone wishing to join us should contact Marian at mktgalbraith@gmail.com. During these times, Jenkins Landscaping will also be planting and mulching the shrubs that will be going in the west and north entrances.

The Memorial Committee will also support the Memorial Day Observance on May 31.

Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) (John Riley)

Chaplain (Jack Gallimore)

Eternal Patrol in May

Peter Fazio STSCS(SS) 4/6/2021

Richard McCannes RMS(SS) 4/9/2021

David Jewell EMCM (SS) 4/20/2021

Veterans Affairs (Al Kinsall)

Why should you use VA Video Connect? Since the pandemic began, VA Video Connect visits have reached as many as 47,000 appointments in one day. It makes it easier for you to choose where you'd like to receive services. By connecting to the virtual medical room through videoconferencing, you can see and talk to your VA health care team from anywhere, making appointments more convenient and reducing travel and wait times. Veterans who are customers of Verizon, T-Mobile, and Sprint can use VA Video Connect on their smartphones with no data charges. "The response from patients has been incredible," says Dr. Margaret Carrico, a VA primary care provider. "Overall, they are delighted. Because wherever they are, they don't have to come in here to see me. Their daughter doesn't have to get off work, or they don't have to drive in traffic."

Note: the full article will be in a special broadcast.

ASK IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS.....

4. OLD BUSINESS

C. NATIONAL ELECTIONS: Elections National Nerd1

5. NEW BUSINESS

CLOSING EVENTS

- a. Good of the Order
- b. Closing Prayer

ADJOURN **NEXT MEETINGS:** *Membership meeting Monday June 7 2021*