



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

November 2, 2020

Audio only Dial-in number (US): +1 929 205 6099

Online meeting ID: cfmurrayglastonbury

Video : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7875158470?pwd=bldjSjBSbE9EMlcybWdiWDFhYytdz09>

Meeting ID: 787 515 8470

Password: 299200

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:30 pm

(pause for video for eternal patrol and creed)

2. ETERNAL PATROL

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

3. 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"

4. CHAPLAIN

5. OPENING EVENTS

A. INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION OF VIP AND GUESTS

B. Wayne Standerfer, Les Altschuler, Steve Bell, Jeff Walsh, John Riley

6. AWARD PRESENTATION:

7. MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE - 30

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

a. ACTION ITEMS

i. Secretary Report

1. We appreciate all the members who have continued to help paint and repair our Club over the last 4 weeks:



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- a. Steve Chisholm, Forrest Cramer, Rob Davis, Alex Doucette, Artie Gager, Scott Howard, Al Kinsall, Charlie McMullen, Steve Ricard, Bob Sharpe, Jeff Walsh, Charlie Murray & anyone I may have forgotten
- b. Out Club Managers: Laura Byrne & Jill Henry

2. Hall walls and trim 98% painted
3. Hall Stage area being painted this week
4. Front doors tentatively will be repainted end of this week, weather permitting
5. Back Room is 60% painted, should be finished by this Wednesday
6. Need help replacing all of the plaques
7. 2 white front doors being replaced on Tuesday 10/6
8. No correspondence received

ii. Treasurer Report

1. all 2020 monthly reports on the website
2. All bills including taxes have been paid
3. Funds available for club expenses \$
4. Donations received for Thanksgiving \$
5. Some great notes from members and friends who have donated to Thanksgiving Appeal

iii. Membership & Holland Club Chair Report

Membership Monthly Report:

- 1124 members
- 1013 with emails
- 167 owe national dues 2020
- 456 owe base dues 2020
- 609 Holland Club
- 66 associate members
- October
 - o 4 renew for 2021
 - o 4 new active duty

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

Holland Club

- Holding off on any luncheons
- Hope to begin again in 2021
- 2020 booklet: finishing with Bio's; will do similar to powerpoint type booklet
- 2021 committee- have 28 potential new Holland Club Members



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- iv. Junior Vice Commander Report – no report
- v. Senior Vice Commander Report
 - 1. Working on the Audit
 - 2. Have reviewed 5 accounts: BOA, Operations and Payroll, Square
 - 3. Working with Treasurer and Membership Chair
- vi. Commander - Executive Board Report
 - 1. Passed away Rob Davis (Tudor's brother)
 - 2. Plaques
 - a. Changed focus point in dining room
 - b. Relocation of Medal of Honor, Thresher and Scorpion to right side of room
 - c. Awards we have many of the same award but for different years, we will work on getting them consolidated with markers for each year
 - 3. Lots of renovation within our Club
 - 4. Thanksgiving
 - a. Meetings with subbase and subs school master chiefs
 - b. We are under Health Condition Charlie
 - c. We will plan to feed up to 52 students in four seatings on Thanksgiving Day
 - d. We will plan to feed veterans that aren't able to get out
 - e. This year we cannot do first responders or any large dinners
 - f. We will consider doing food baskets
 - 5. Christmas
 - a. Many ideas
 - b. Plan to have sub school students at the Club for a Day (probably not on Christmas Day)
 - 6. Veterans Day
 - a. Working with Marian
 - b. Weather permitting we will be at the Memorial
 - c. We will plan on using Zoom as an alternative
 - 7. Books: found Silent Service in World War 2 – suggested reading by all
 - 8. Elections for Treasurer, Jr Vice and Base Commander next year

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Memorial (Marian Galbraith)

On Saturday, October 31, the Memorial Committee held a work party at the Memorial to clean out the flower beds for the season. Many thanks to Keith and Kathy Smith, Bob Sharpe, Charlie McMullin, Chris Callahan, Ken Jones, Jamie Pearson and Robert Davis for a job well done.

- November 11th issue limited to 50 people
 - o Suggest you bring your own chairs
 - o Seating on the grass to keep distance



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- Option will be to use Zoom

- Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) (John Riley)
 - October 21 visit
 - Kids are giving our members nick names
 - 15 teenagers in inpatient
 - Test run with other facilitates and our team

- Chaplain (Jack Gallimore)
 - No recent deaths
 - Limited to no Red Hats this winter
 - Sub school events are off limits at this time

- Veterans Affairs (Al Kinsall)
 - 2021 pay increase 1.3% effective 1/1/2021
 - VA drug copay no waived – will be billed in January 2021
 - Blue Water claims 34,000 resolved
 - National Parks, all veterans and gold families free admission
 - Nov 11th New London event will be reviewed – if we can do it

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

CLOSING EVENTS

- a. Good of the Order
- b. Steve Ricard - new member Russ Dmochowski
- c. Comment on book – War Fish
- d. Wayne Standerfer – great to see Groton Base work being done
- e. Steve Bell – nice to see all of you tonight
- f. Les Altschuler – 1. Important to collect dues for 2021, 2. National Scholarship is now open

- g. Closing Prayer

ADJOURN ***NEXT MEETINGS:** Membership meeting Monday December 7, 2020*



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Back Room – painting will be finished in 3 days



Memorial work party