



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

July 6, 2020

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Online meeting ID: cfmurrayglastonbury

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Meeting ID: 787 515 8470

Password: 299200

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:30 pm

**2. ETERNAL PATROL (Pause for video presentation)**

**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 RUNNER (SS275)** assumed sunk by IJN Naval Forces. July 11, 1943 will the loss of 75 crew members.

**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-216)** 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 sub-chasers 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.

**G2 formerly know as USS Tuna (SS27)** sunk mysteriously at her moorings 232 Channel Niantic July 30, 1919. with the loss of 3 crew members

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

*New Members & First Meeting*

*National Officers*

*Former Base Commanders*

*WWII Members*

*HOLLAND Club Members*

*Chris Quijada Distinguished*

*Member of the Year Award*

*Past Joe Negri Recipients*

*Robert Link Award Recipient*

*Volunteers*

6. AWARD PRESENTATION: NONE



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

a. ACTION ITEMS

i. Secretary Report

1. No new correspondence
2. We are working to get membership meeting minutes onto our website

ii. Treasurer Report

1. All bills paid to date
2. We have reimbursed National for any monies due

iii. Membership & Holland Club Chair Report

1. Membership 1134

- a. 170 owe dues to national and 466 owe Groton dues. We believe this is due to those on active duty or in some cases may have moved out of the area and would prefer to be MAL
- b. We are no longer using NEON as our membership database but are using a designed database for our Base

2. Holland Club: there are 621 members in Groton, 401 live in the CT, RI & MA. Of which 245 are in New London County

- a. We may do ZOOM meetings for the Holland Club and considering doing a Holland Club Event outside at the Groton Elks

3. Annual Appeal many thanks for your support

4. Thanksgiving – Stan Mathis is working with Jeff Walsh on this.

iv. Junior Vice Commander Report

v. Senior Vice Commander Report

vi. Commander - Executive Board Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Memorial Committee (Marian Galbraith) The Memorial Committee had a work party on June 15. Thanks to volunteers from the SUBVETS family it was a successful painting party. Another one will be coming up soon. Please let Marian Galbraith know if you are interested in helping out.

Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS)

In order to do as much as we can in this time of COVID 19, we will drop off 20 regulation size Soccer Balls for the Kids at Yale New Haven Hospital's Inpatient Child Psychiatric Unit for 4 - 13 year-old Kids. We will also drop off 23 Soccer Balls at Yale New Haven Hospital's Inpatient Child Psychiatric Unit for 13-18 year-old Kids. We are grateful to the Groton Area Chief Petty Officers Association who donated 80 soccer balls to our K4K Program. We will also drop off an equal number of K4K Honorary Submariner Challenge Coins for the Kids. The staff at both facilities are overjoyed to receive these items and feel that the Kids will love them. It is always a rewarding experience for our USSVI Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team to bring joy to the Kids in Yale Hospital's Psych Units because they are all dealing with very challenging problems, and the staff informed us that we make a positive difference in their lives!

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

CLOSING EVENTS

a. Good of the Order

- Steve Bell – reported that there is one amendment that is not recommended for approval because it would change the wording of the Creed.
- Al Kinsall – reported that there is a reported from the Day that wants to interview anyone who served with
- John Carcioppolo reported on his progress with the Lost Boats Project WW2 Register

b. Closing Prayer

ADJOURN **NEXT MEETINGS:** Membership meeting Monday August 3 2020