



BOAT NOTES



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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"





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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 all, I hope this finds both you and your family well.

The last few months have been outstanding for our organization.

We inducted nearly 54 newly members in to the Holland Club. It was a wonderful weekend of celebration and was a huge success and the common statements I received from many Inductees and their family members that this was a wonderful event and it was well organized, and no other organization does a better job.

I could not agree with them more. This was well organized, and I personally like to thank Pat Urello and Bud Atkins for their hard work the last 5 months to ensure all the inductees would have a ceremony that they would never forget. As always, they outdid themselves

We have two dinners planned this quarter, in May we have our Mongolian Barbecue, which was rescheduled from last quarter to July 20th. We are also having our annual Steak n Lobster dinner on September 21st. See our website or contact the club for more information.

I like to welcome Steve Ricard (Vice Commander) and Alex Tufts (Secretary) newly elected members to our Executive Board. I want to wish them the best of luck. I also wish to thank on behalf of the Organization, Al Atkinson, our outgoing Vice Commander for his dedication, leadership and Mentorship during the last 2 years.

It is also that time of year we start planning stages for our annual Thanksgiving Caring and Sharing. Last year we provided nearly 1000 meals to Veterans, Emergency Response Teams, Police and Active Duty Sailors and their families. This is one of our biggest events and without the volunteers and donations from our members and surrounding community, we could not even do this.

Lastly if there is any event or item you wish to see please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a wonderful Summer and we look to see you at YOUR CLUBHOUSE!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW GROTON BASE OFFICERS

Steve Picard Vice Commander



Alex Tufts Secretary



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*

July



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 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.



U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

August



USS BULLHEAD (SS-332) LOST ON AUGUST 6, 1945 WITH THE LOSS OF 84 CREW MEMBERS



USS FLIER (SS-250) LOST ON AUGUST 13, 1944, WITH THE LOSS OF 78 CREW MEMBERS



USS S-39 (SS-144) LOST ON AUGUST 13, 1942 AFTER GROUNDING ON A REEF SOUTH OF ROSSEL ISLAND WHILE ON HER 3RD WAR PATROL. THE ENTIRE CREW WAS ABLE TO GET OFF AND RESCUED BY THE HMAS KATOOMBA.



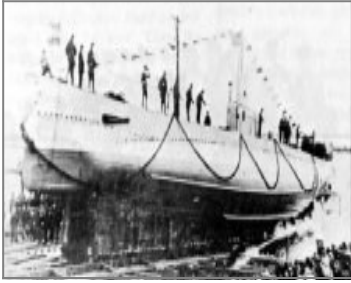
USS HARDER (SS-257) LOST ON AUGUST 24, 1944 WITH THE LOSS OF 79 CREW MEMBERS



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.

U.S. SUBMARINES FORCES LOSSES (Continued)

September



SS-S5 (SS110) Lost on September 1, 1920 when a practice dive went wrong and she sank bow-first, with her stern showing above the water. Water unexpectedly entered the submarine through the main air induction system pouring into the control room, engine room, torpedo room, and the motor room. S-5 sank, but the entire crew managed to escape. In a dramatic adventure, her exhausted crew was rescued during the next few days. Salvage attempts were unsuccessful, S-5 settled to the bottom and was abandoned.



USS Pompano (SS-181) - Pompano was sunk (between Sept 17 and Oct 5) with the loss of 77 men while on her 7th war patrol. Possibly lost on Sept 17, 1943. Japanese records show that a submarine was sunk in her patrol area on 17 September by air & depth charge attack off the Aomori Prefecture near Shiriya Zaki. Before being lost, she sank two enemy cargo ships. The exact cause of her loss remains unknown, but she probably was sunk by the air/sea attack above or fell victim to a mine on or after 9/25/1943. This boat's last recorded ship (Taiko Maru) sunk happened on Sept 25th, so she probably hit a mine on or after that date but before Oct 5th, when she was scheduled back at Midway



USS Grayling (SS-209) - Grayling was lost between 9 and 12 September 1943 either in Lingayen Gulf or along the approaches to Manila. 76 men lost



USS S-51 (SS-162) Lost on Sept 25, 1925 was rammed and sunk off Block Island, N.Y., by the merchant steamer, City of Rome, Off Block Island. Only three survivors of the 36 men on board the ill fated submarine were recovered.



SS Cisco (SS-290) - Lost on Sept 28, 1943 on her first war patrol with the loss of 76 men in the Sulu Sea west of Mindinao. Japanese records tell of sighting a submarine leaking oil in the area where was known to have been on duty. Japanese records state she was sunk by bombs and depth charges. 76 men lost.

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*

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

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

HOLLAND CLUB HISTORY (FACT OR FICTION)**February 22, 2001, rev 2012**

The following information was compiled by William 'Bill' Britt, Holland Club Commander.

"I have used as many sources shipmates, records, American Submariner magazines, Base newsletters etc, as were available to me. I know there will be mistakes and some misinformation.



When I start to publish this information I will be corrected by the readership. That's exactly what I want, so have at it shipmates. Help set our record straight.

To the best of my knowledge and from information supplied from shipmates the Holland Club concept was originally proposed by Charlie Marin San Diego Base and Past National Commander 1994 - 1996.

The Holland Club was established in May 1994 and was adopted as part of the Constitution and bylaws that year.

The Holland Club was originally established to recognize those members who had been qualified in Submarines 50 or more years. Just think looking back from our founding in 1964 fifty years and the Submarine force would only be 14 years old. Truly we are talking about the pioneers of our Submarine Navy.

The original Holland Club membership card was a paper membership card with the words "Holland Club" stamped on it.

Later, about 1994 a newly designed card was introduced. This was a plastic card with the USSVI emblem and the words Holland Club and the members name embossed on it.

In 1996 the Perch Base submitted a Holland Club Patch designed by Frank Rumbaugh, of Perch Base, denoting the 50 years of service.

This Patch along with a Holland Club Membership card and Certificate is now presented to new Holland Club members.

The requirements for membership remained the same as originally adopted until 1998 when a change was voted to allow Sub Vets of W.W.II members who had been members in good standing for at least one year the opportunity to become Holland club members.

The first information I found concerning Holland Club was in the American Submariner January March 1996 issue where I found a Holland Club membership roster containing 68 names. To my knowledge these were the original plank owners and our commissioning crew.

This sailing list identifies our first Holland Club Commander Leroy Hoppe, Thresher Base, who qualified on USS S-39 in 1925.

HOLLAND CLUB HISTORY (FACT OR FICTION) continued

Amongst the names listed were 4 Admirals and one Captain.

- ☒ Admiral B. L. Carr
- ☒ Admiral Ignatius Joseph 'Pete' Galantin
- ☒ Vice Admiral Phil Beshaney
- ☒ Vice Admiral Eugene Fluckey (MOH)
- ☒ Rear Admiral John M. Barrett
- ☒ Captain Henry B. Sweitzer

The earliest qualification date listed (Hoppe) is 1925 the latest is 1945. Some of these men qualified on such Boats as the O-4, R-4, S--11, and SS-67. Leroy Hoppe received his final Patrol Orders on 6 April 1999.

Pride Runs Deep

William E 'Bill' Britt

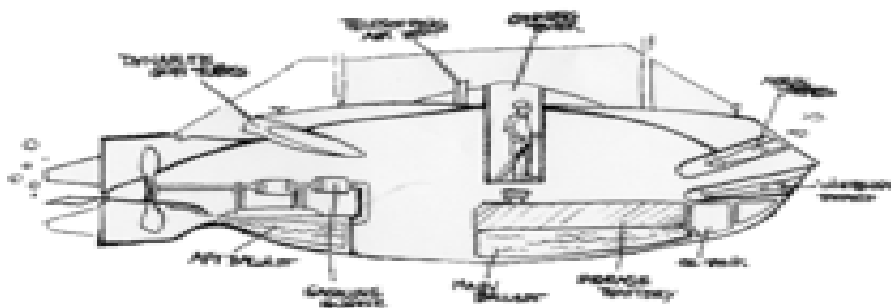
Holland Club Commander 2000-2008

(Born Dec 25, 1927, On Eternal Patrol June 3, 2012)

Additional Information:

William E "Bill" Britt of Requin Base was elected Holland Club Commander in 2000 and served in that capacity until 2008. Gilbert P 'Gil' Shaddock of Snug Harbor base was appointed Holland Club Vice Commander in 2004. Franklin A 'Frank' Lister of PC Stryker Base relieved Bill Britt as Holland Club Commander in 2008 and still serves in June 2012. The Position title changed at Frank's request to Holland Club Chairman in 2008.

** As of June, 2012 there are 5,478 members of Holland Club



USS
Unit-

Holland (SS-1) was the United States Navy's first modern commissioned submarine, although not the first military submarine of the United States, which was the 1775 submersible Turtle. The boat was originally laid down as Holland VI at the Crescent Shipyard of Elizabeth, New Jersey for John Holland's Holland Torpedo Boat Company, and launched on 17 May 1897. She was acquired by the USN on 11 April 1900 and commissioned on 12 October 1900, Lieutenant H. H. Caldwell commanding

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**

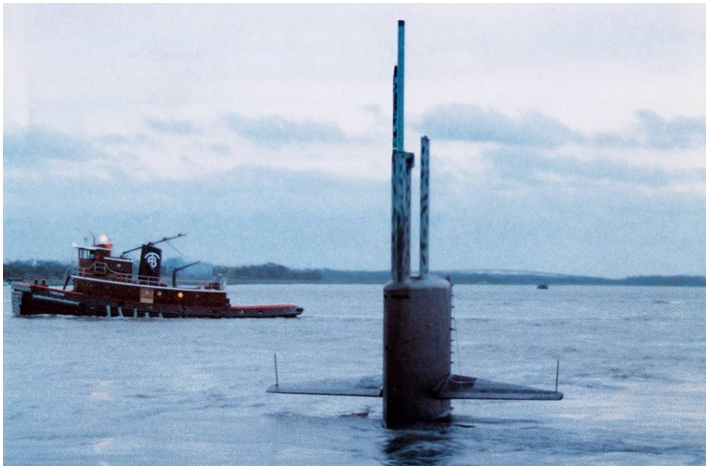
For many years now, members of the Honor Detail and the Chaplain have provided services for submarine veterans when requested. Groton Base Honor Detail members provide Honors Detail as we hear of a shipmates passing. We attempt to send a letter of condolence and an Eternal Patrol certificate to those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

A Day in Submarine History

In September 1989, Hurricane Hugo struck the east coast of the United States. During the storm the USS NARWAL (SSN-671) was undergoing extended repairs and was not able to get to sortie.

Narwhal's mooring lines were fortified in preparation for the storm's arrival. Two three-inch lines and nine double wires were supposed to keep the 314 foot sub in place but as the first half of the storm hit, all but one line had snapped and the submarine began to drift out into the Cooper River.



The Narwhal's commanding officer had to make a very tough call. He could either let the nuclear submarine drift away with the wind and current or he could do the unthinkable, dive the boat in the middle of the river.

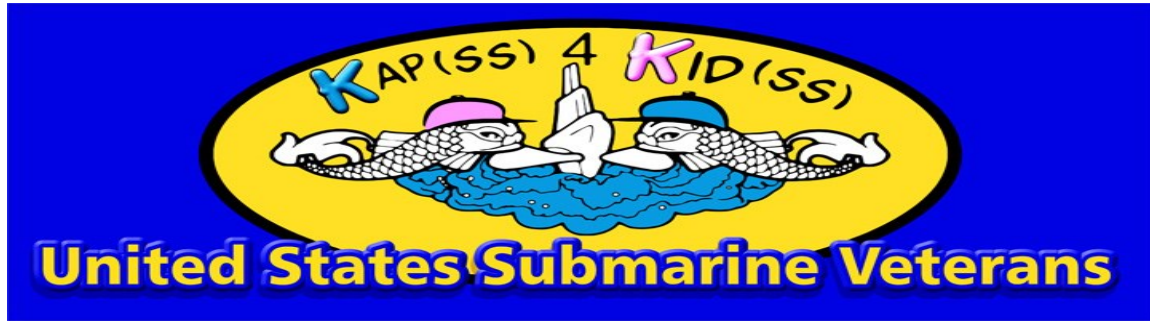
With no diesel fuel onboard and the reactor cold, running only on battery power, the dive alarm was sounded and *Narwhal's* crew executed their orders, dropped anchor, flooded the sub's ballast tanks and submerging to the river bed. Just the submarine's sail and masts were left sticking up out of the water (pictured at the top of this article). The crew sat in the submarine with everything off but emergency lighting to wait out the storm, watching the hurricane's 150mph winds rage around them through the narrow field of view of submarine's periscope.

The captain's bold plan worked, it took some time the next morning to break the boat free from the silt it lay in, but Narwhal and her crew came out unscathed. The submarine went on to get its refueling and refit and served another decade as part of her 30 year long Career.

Note this article was written by Tyler Rogoway of the drive.com

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!



Our Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team included, Bob Dulin, Bob & Susan Sharpe, Justin Emmert, William Moore and John & Jackie Riley.



The Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team visited Kids at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital (YNHCH) and Smilow Cancer Hospital on May 23rd! We made 25 Kids and 1 medical student Honorary Submariners!

Two Active Duty Submariners from the USS Nautilus Museum Command in Groton, CT, joined us for the visit. Submariners Justin Emmert MMN1(SS) and William Moore YN2(SS) were big hits with the Kids, the parents and the staff!

Along with personalized and framed Honorary Submariner (HS) Certificates, we gave Kids HS Ball Caps, HS Doo Rags, HS Challenge Coins, Signed Nautilus Submarine Photos, HS Tattoos and K4K Wristbands.

The Children were excited to find out that, in addition to being Honorary Submariners and the gifts they received, if they visited the Nautilus Submarine Museum, they would get a special tour by Active Duty Submariners like Justin and William. They were also please to know that, because of their special status as Honorary Submariners, anyone with them would get the special tour also.

Throughout our visit, Kids, their families, the staff and visitors to the hospitals thanked us for visiting and for our service to our country!

We are continually enriched by the experience of bringing comfort and joy to sick Children!

14 Children and 7 staff members in Yale New Haven Hospital's Inpatient Child Psychiatric Unit for 5 to 12 year old Kids, were made Honorary Submariners on April 25th!

The Children and the staff were very engaged and had lots of questions that we happily answered!

It is always a rewarding experience for our K4K Team to bring joy to the Kids in Yale Hospitals Psych units. The staff shared that our visits have a wonderful impact on the Kids!

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On May 8th, Jackie and John Riley met with the New Ronald McDonald House Volunteer Coordinator in New Haven, CT. We showed her the items we give to Kids and their siblings, and demonstrated the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) slideshow and videos we share with Kids and their families. She was impressed and felt that our program would bring comfort and joy to the 18 families staying at the house. We set up for the Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team to visit the Kids and their families at the house on June 13th!



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The visit to the USS Nautilus Museum by the "Honorary Submariner" Kids at the Assumption Elementary School in Ansonia, CT, scheduled for May 31st, had to be rescheduled for the Fall, because the school could not obtain affordable bus transportation. The Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Team will coordinate the visit.

"We began by imagining that we are giving to them; we end by realizing that they have enriched us"

- Pope John Paul II

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K4K VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/DaHOrDe4U5E>

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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
 NJVC




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 for Community Action, Inc.**

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 "...A comfortable location for ALL
 veterans to meet, socialize, receive
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Groton 3rd Fridays 9 - 11 a.m.

Groton Human Services, 2 Fort Hill Rd

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Senior Center, 120 Broad St.

Mystic 1st & 3rd Thursdays 8:30 - 10:30

Masonicare, 45 Clara Dr.

Pawcatuck 2nd & 4th Thursdays 8:30 - 10:30

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ALL Vets Welcome! Information at 860-425-6617

USS SCORPION SSN 585 50th Anniversary Memorial Service 5/26/2018 Norfolk VA



USS SCORPION MEMORIAL



Program



L-R John "Gumba" Carcioppolo, CNO Admiral John M. Richardson, Captain MaryEtta Nolan Bishop USN (Ret.) daughter of USS SCORPION COB TMC(SS) Wally Bishop.



Principal Speaker CNO Admiral John M. Richardson



Rifle Squad made up of SUBLANT Sailors of the Year.

FREEDOM RIDERS USA

This writer is part of small group of Veterans and a Charter Member of a Military/Public Safety Motorcycle Riding Club known as "Freedom Riders USA", who with our family members, and friends have been traveling together since 2003 from New England to Washington DC to join over a half million like-minded Vets from all over the country in an annual Demonstration Ride from the Pentagon, to the Capital Building, ending near the Lincoln and Vietnam Memorials.

This Demonstration is known as "Rolling Thunder" and this year was ROLLING THUNDER XXXI. The core of this group are US Navy, most are Submarine Veterans, but the riders have also included Marines, Coast Guard, Army and Air Force Veteran's. In 2006 Canadian Armed Forces Active Duty & Veterans joined the group in this annual tribute to memorialize those who have served and passed on before us and to demonstrate to our nation's leaders that we have not forgotten our brothers and sisters from all wars not yet accounted for, that were taken "Prisoners of War or were listed as Missing in Action" and we will not allow our leaders to forget either.

This year's contingent was smaller than most years past due to a series of family and personal conflicts but eight of us determined to represent on behalf of those who could not, rolled out early Thursday morning in chilly air but much better weather than most years past. The group consisted of 7 Americans, 4 who were Freedom Rider USA Members, 3 friends and family and one Canadian Army Veteran, a Defenders of Canada Motorcycle Club Member.

The 450 mile ride to our accommodations was a breeze compared to the monsoon we rode in last year. Once in DC at our hotel we hooked up a half dozen more with friends and family who had ridden in from other parts of the country. Also familiar faces greeted us the from other Veteran and Military Motorcycle clubs which among others included the Combat Vets Motorcycle Association, the Military Veterans Motorcycle Club, the American Legion Riders, New London Motorcycle Club and as well as other independent Veteran riders and friends as we rode into the parking lot and strode into the lobby of our hotel accommodations.

Anyway, laughter and stories from years past began to be rapidly exchanged and we stayed up far too late catching up, so Friday's scheduled day rides and trips into DC to see the memorials started a little later the next morning. Friday evening after an enjoyable day of riding and sight-seeing, we gathered again for happy hour, and evening meal, then retired to the "play pen by the pool" for a fairly late night of telling more stories and listening to Mr. Bill Frank entertain us with his voice, guitar, witty ballads.

Saturday, weather threatened but held off long enough for most of our group to put in a 180 mile day ride out to the Skyline Drive and back only getting a little wet near the end. The views across the Shenandoah Valley were awesome and our chosen company even better! Saturday night's after meal gathering in the "play pen" was a little more subdued and shorter, as we scheduled "Kick Stands Up" at 0615 Sunday morning to ride to the Pentagon, to complete our mission, to ride "a demonstration ride" a show of unity to our nation's leaders, "THAT WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN".

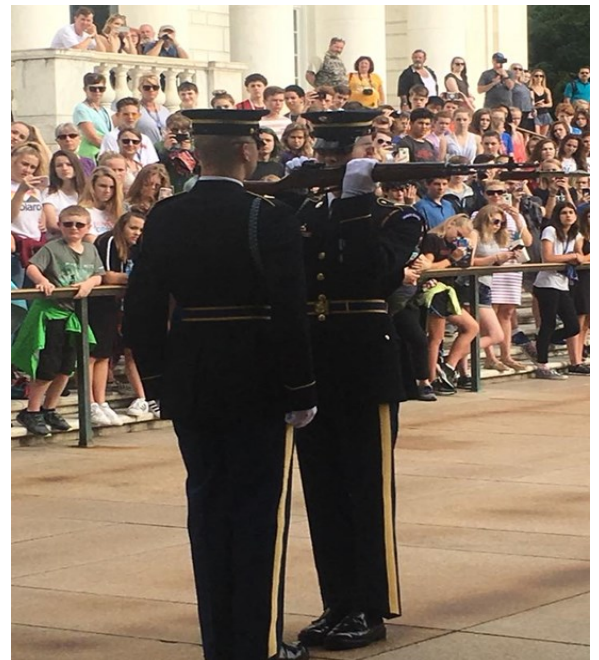
When we arrived at the Pentagon the air was thick, hot, and humid. Even near the front of the pack rolling out not far behind the Gold Star families, we wouldn't roll out of the parking lot for another five or six hours, but we were there where we felt we needed to be on Memorial Day weekend.

FREEDOM RIDERS USA continued

Most in our group traded are riding boots for walking sneakers and headed out on an approximately 1 mile hike as in years past, to Arlington National Cemetery. There we once again witnessed the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, visited President Kennedy's resting place, and visited family members, friends, comrades, and children of friends have been laid to rest in that hallowed ground.

Sweaty, exhausted, & a little emotionally wrung out we made a mile trek back to the Pentagon parking lot to straddle our bikes in roar towards Constitution Avenue and the Capital Building, flags waving proudly behind our bikes, the streets lined with citizens cheering & thanking us for our service, ending up parking near the World War II Memorial. Slipping back into walking sneakers we hiked several miles again, visiting each memorial that meant something special to each of us which was pretty much all of them and some stopped at Thunder Alley to pick up patches, pins and motorcycle trinkets. Back on our bikes heading out of DC sweat soaked, physically and emotionally spent, we rode into thunder clouds but the drenching that we received on the way back to the hotel actually felt cleansing and was merely an inconvenience because our minds were elsewhere, reflecting on the day's always poignant experiences. Sunday night was subdued because sadly too many goodbyes had to be exchanged as some had to depart early before our 0800 roll out time Monday. A few of us did have a harder time calling it a night and probably stayed up a little too late, maybe had one drink too many, and told one story too many, but for some of us it's harder to accept the end of just a memorable and cherished weekend.

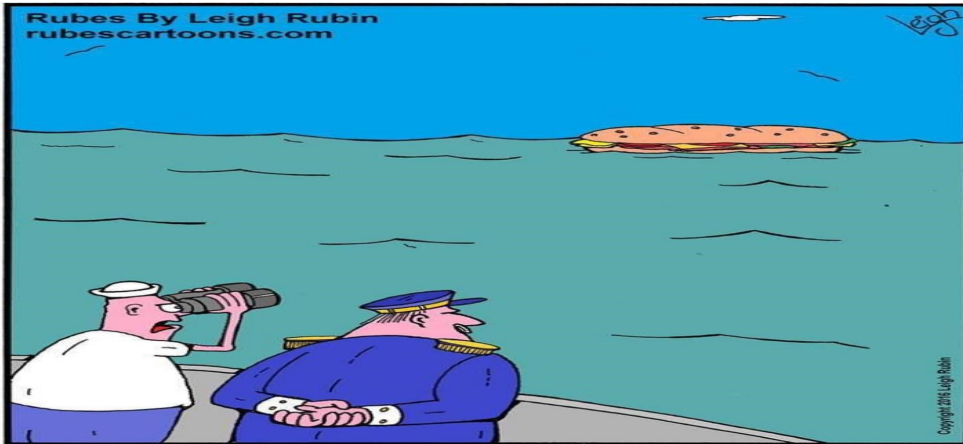
All our riders were up in time however, for breakfast and astride their bike bikes for the scheduled departure time. The ride home was uneventful as the weather again cooperated and we made great time so we stopped to enjoy a sitdown meal and share a few more tales at a favorite restaurant on I84, a half hour east of Scranton, Pennsylvania. The final push endend up at my driveway up back in Connecticut to share our traditional "end of run toast" and part ways, at about 1700. What a run again this year! We squeezed so much into four days felt like we've been on the road together for four weeks and although we were exhausted, totally spent, most of us knew where we be again God willing, next Memorial day weekend.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT**Joseph Smith**

Hello all!

It would appear that some semblance of summer is upon us, and your club, its volunteers, employees, and shipmates are ready to celebrate the warmer weather with you! Remember that we are open 5 days a week for lunch, and Todd is an excellent cook, so be sure to stop in and grab a bite to eat and a cold beverage with us at 40 School Street.



"No doubt about it, captain ... it's definitely an Italian sub."

Our summer steak dinner is now behind us, and what a great dinner it was. Around 100 happy customers were served, and we all enjoyed the company and camaraderie. The Old Salts crew did a fine job of manning the grill outside and the kitchen to bring us a taste of summer, as our club bartenders kept us cool and refreshed with the finest libations. Our next dinner will be in July, and that will be the Mongolian BBQ, on Friday July 20th. Beyond that, our annual steak and lobster dinner is planned for Friday September 21st. These are two meals that you don't want to miss!

This time of year we host a lot of events, parties, retirements, and re-enlistments both upstairs and in the bar and pump room, so please keep us in mind for your next family, friend, company, or command function!

We also have DJ Jim every Friday night for karaoke, so come join us one night. It doesn't matter if you're not pitch perfect, only matters that you have fun!

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

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STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**Gregory Kane****Three Students Awarded Groton Base USSVI Scholarships for 2018**

Three remarkable students have gone through the extensive scholarship application review process and have been selected to receive the 2018 Groton Base Scholarships.

Receiving this year's scholarships are;

Jeffery DeLapp of Mystic. Jeffery was sponsored by Groton Base member, his grandfather John A. Knaff. Jeffery was a very successful student at Stonington High School where he was both a scholar and athlete. Jeffery will be attending Flagler College in St. Augustine Florida where we will major in Coastal Environmental Science.

Skyler Henry of Waterford. Skyler is sponsored by Groton Base member, her father Cody Henry. Skyler will receive the Groton Base Ladies Auxiliary Medical Field Scholarship. She attended Waterford High School and will be attending Central Maine Community College where she will begin her studies in sports medicine. Skyler excelled in athletics and achieved a very successful academic career.

Ryan Snell of Dillion Colorado. Dylan is sponsored by his recently deceased grandfather Thomas Russell III who was an active and devoted long time member of the Groton Base USSVI. He is a graduate of Summit High School, Frisco Colorado. Ryan is graduating with a GPA of 4.0. Ryan was accomplished in music and sports and will be attending Colorado State University where he will major in wildlife conservation.

These three students are representative of the remarkable young adults that are associated with our Groton Base members.

The Groton Base Scholarship is open to any student going to be attending post secondary education program for the first time and is sponsored by their Groton Base member - father, mother, step parent grandparent or step grandparent who has been a member in good standing for a year or more.

Information on the scholarship is posted on the Groton USSVI website. The 2019 Scholarship application is available from November 1st – April 15th. The Scholarship is funded through donations so please consider a donation to Groton Base USSVI Scholarship Fund, 40 School Street, Groton, CT 06340.

Scholarship Committee: Pat Urello, Sandra and Ed Butcher, Lynn Wynn, Jack Gallimore, Rob Davis and Sandra Louthain, Gregory Kane, Chair scholarship@subvetsgroton.org

For additional information contact Groton Base Scholarship Chair Gregory Kane at gkane@aol.com or 860 989-1426.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

CLUB MANAGER**Jillian Tufts**

In April, we were the meeting spot of The Naval Submarine League luncheon. The Clubhouse has been in support of them for more than 10 years. Their next meeting will be held July 6th, 2018 and Congressman Joe Courtney will be the speaker.

May was a busy month we were the host of many retirements and dinner parties. We also hosted a reception following the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the Submarine Memorial. We are always looking for Volunteers for the many receptions held throughout the year, if you would be interested in volunteering please contact the Clubhouse.

We would like to thank the Old Salts for their contributions and hard work that made for a successful Steak dinner on June 1st. We would also like to Congratulate all of the members who were inducted into Holland Club that weekend, please feel welcome to join us at the monthly luncheon on the 3rd Tuesday of every month here at the Clubhouse.

Looking ahead to July, we will be hosting a reception following the Groton July 4th parade. The Mongolian BBQ is scheduled for Friday July 20th, please contact or stop in to the Clubhouse to sign-up. Subvets will also be hosting a "Christmas in July" party for the children on Saturday July 21st, look for details in the near future.

In August we will host reunions for the USS George Marshall (SSBN 654) and the USS Archerfish (SSN 678). If interested in hosting your own reunion at the Clubhouse, please contact Jillian at 860-445-5262.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LCDR SOHNWA LEE**AND ALL OF OUR SUBVET MEMBERS WHO WORK TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION**

Submarine Qualified and Groton Bader member, LCDR Sohnwa Lee graduated with her Masters Degree May 18 from NYU Sterns. She is now stationed at Supply Center in Mechanicsburg PA

SUBMARINE VETERAN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT**Jim Moulding**

Submarine Veteran's Golf Tournament

Date: July 14, 2018

Time: 1 PM Shotgun Start

**Location: Fenner Hill Golf Club
Hope Valley, RI**

Cost: \$125 Per Person – Includes Golf, Carts, Lunch, Dinner

Lunch will be served from 12:00 – 1:00 PM.

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hotdogs, Pasta Salad

Dinner will be served upon completion of golf.

BBQ Ribs and Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert

Cash bar will be available

There will be closest to the pin, longest drive contests, raffles and much more.

Team Capt: _____ Ph: _____ E-Mail: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Send sign-up sheet and check or money order (made out to USSVI Groton) to:

USSVI Groton Base, 40 School Street, Groton, CT 06340



MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**Marian Galbraith**

Throughout the month of May the Memorial Committee worked to ready the Memorial for our Memorial Day Observance and Scorpion Remembrance. Together and with the help of our SUB School volunteers we prepared the ground, planted 430 plants, painted and dressed the boat. The weather cooperated and we had a glorious event on May 28.

On June 9, the Memorial Committee will participate in Groton Bank Day. SUBVETS was at the Memorial from 10-4 to welcome visitors and tell them about the Memorial. A free shuttle bus was available to take visitors to sites on Groton Bank

For more information or to volunteer, please call Marian Galbraith at 860-460-8740.
<mayorgu@gmail.com>



MEMORIAL COMMITTEE continued

Marian Galbraith Chair



THE HOLLAND CLUB REPORT**Pat Urello**

The Holland Club Induction Ceremony was a very inspiring and memorable event for the shipmates that were inducted on 2 June 2018. Our guest speaker was Commodore Brian Sittlow, Commander Submarine Squadron 4 and he did a superb job. Some of the VIP's included RADM Arnie Lotring, USN, (Ret), Captain Paul Whitescarver, Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base, and Capt Jack Houdeshell, Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine School. One of the highlights was the 600 plus Submarine School Sailors reciting the Sailors Creed. They made us all proud to be in their presence.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOLLAND CLUB CLASS OF 2018. A special thank you goes out to all the Holland Club Induction Ceremony Committee Members who worked diligently over the past 6 months to make this event so successful and memorable: Bud Atkins, John Carcioppolo, Al Kinsall, Stan Mathis, Jeff Walsh, Rich Cheatham, Norm Kuzel, Rich Moravsik, Bob Dulin, Bob Sharp, PW Louthian, SCPO Dom Grimaldi, Jack Penney, Jack Gallimore, Jim Mosely, Greg Kane, Dee Carcioppolo and all the SUBVETTES, Submarine Veterans Clubhouse Staff, and the many volunteers. THANK YOU ALL!

Holland Club Lunches - We continue to have great participation at our monthly Holland Club Lunches, averaging over 50 Holland Club members and their guests each month. The past few interesting monthly speakers included the Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine School, Captain Jack Houdeshell, Director, Naval Submarine Force Library and Museum/ Officer in charge, Historic Ship NAUTILUS, Brigadier General Francis Evon Jr., Connecticut National Guard, and Mr. Tom Saadi, Commissioner, State of Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs.

Come on out and join us. The lunches are the third Tuesday of every month at 1130. Please call Bud Atkins or Pat Urello to let us know you are interested in attending so we can plan for the proper number of meals. Hope to see you there.

THE HOLLAND CLUB INDUCTEES BIO'S**Pat Urello**

QM3(SS) PATRICK A. BEARD (Pat) – Pat enlisted in the Navy in 1967. He qualified in submarines on USS WILL ROGERS (SBN 659) in 1968. After leaving the Navy he used the GI Bill to further his education and graduated from the University of Michigan Business School and enjoyed a career in the technology business and is now retired. Pat states that his Navy experience served him well in this career and life. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1970.

QM2(SS) RODNEY D. BELLMAN (Rod) – Rod enlisted in the Navy in 1966. He qualified in submarines in USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON (SSBN 617) in 1968. Growing up in Southern Michigan there were no oceans so he enjoyed watching the TV series "The Silent Service" on Saturday mornings. A few years later his imagined Diesel boat out of Pearl Harbor became a Boomer out of Charleston. Rod has many memories of his time in submarines - the faces and places; patrols out of Holy Loch and Rota; refit at Electric Boat; sea trials; shooting missiles and torpedoes; angles and dangles; deep dives and emergency blows. The hours on watch, mess cooking, drills and more drills, family grams, qualifying and signing qualification cards. Rod is very proud of his submarine service and the friendships he made that last a lifetime. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1970.

THE HOLLAND CLUB INDUCTEES BIO'S**PAT URELLO**

MM3(SS) WILLIAM W. BORYSEWICZ, SR. (Bill) – Bill grew up in a Navy family. His father served 30 years retiring as a Master Chief Storekeeper. Bill enlisted in the Navy in 1966 and qualified in submarines onboard USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN 655) in 1968. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1970. He then completed his college education, became a teacher, then switched careers and began working at Electric Boat. After becoming a Ship Superintendent, he had the opportunity to again go to sea on boats going on sea trials. Bill was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1970.

MT1(SS) JAMES K. BOWMAN (Bo) – Bo enlisted in the Navy in 1963. Upon completion of Boot Camp in San Diego, Missile Technician “A” School at Mare Island, Submarine School, and Missile Technician “C” School in Dam Neck he reported to his first submarine USS ROBERT E. LEE (SSBN 601), where he qualified in submarines in 1968. Additionally, he served on USS ETHAN ALLEN (SSBN 608) and USS FULTON (AS 11). Some of his most memorable events include learning President Kennedy was shot while underway on his first day at sea; an out of area incident on his last patrol while transiting back from Rota, Spain; proud of his contribution in ending the Cold War; and being inducted into the Holland Club with three of his ROBERT E. LEE shipmates, Mike or Squeak (Master Chief Hartung) Rob (Rob Burns) and Jim (LT COL Jim Lubs). Bo states that with the exception of his immediate family, he owes everything to the Submarine Service. It led him to his wife, who has had a huge positive impact on his life, his son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons, to careers at Lockheed and DOD building missiles and satellites, and the best shipmates anyone could hope to find. It really is all about the people you meet along the way. Bo was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1974.

MM2(SS) BRUCE BRAYTON – Bruce enlisted in the Navy in 1966. Upon completion of Radioman “A” School and Submarine School, he reported to his first submarine, USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600), where he qualified in submarines in 1968. Bruce states he was very proud to serve on ROOSEVELT and enjoyed delivering family grams to the crew. The highly technical environment about his submarine prepared him for a successful 48 year career in computers and 31 years running his own company of computer sales, support and service. Bruce was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1970.

STS3(SS) ROBERT J. BURNS (Rob) – Rob enlisted in the Navy in 1967. Growing up in the 1950's and 1960's in Syracuse, NY he watched Saturday morning matinee war movies from the 1940's and thus began his fascination with submarines. He enlisted in the Navy in 1967. After completion of Submarine School he reported to his first submarine, USS ROBERT E. LEE (SSBN 601) where he qualified in submarines in 1968. Rob was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1969.

EN1(SS) EDWARD J. CEDOR JR., (Engine Eddie) – Engine Eddie enlisted in the Navy in 1968. After Submarine School he reported to his first submarine, USS CATFISH (SS 339) where he qualified in submarines. He also served on USS SALMON (SSR 573). He enjoyed a very interesting career from sitting on the bottom of China Harbor for an extended period, to becoming a Shellback – twice, to rescuing a Japanese Freighter, to memorable liberty events in Australia. Eddie was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1972.

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TM2(SS) MICHAEL O. EASTHAM (Mike) – Mike enlisted in the Navy in 1966. Upon completion of Submarine School, he reported to his first submarine USS GEORGE C. MARSHALL (SSBN 654) where he qualified in submarines in 1968. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1970.

EN2(SS) TODD W. FOLMSBEE (Todd) – Todd enlisted in the Navy in 1966. He reported to USS GATO (SSN 615) Pre-commissioning Unit at Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, MA. He stated that it was a great learning experience to be assigned to a pre-commissioning unit and be a part of the building of GATO during the final upgrade under the SUB SAFE Program. Todd was very proud of his submarine service and indicated it was a great foundation for life. In his civilian life he became a heavy equipment operator for over 40 years. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1969.

RM3(SS) THOMAS D. FRITZ (Tom) – Tom enlisted in the Delayed Entry Program in 1966. After Boot Camp, Electronics School in Great Lakes, Radioman School in Bainbridge, MD and Submarine School, he reported to USS GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER (SSBN 656). While on GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER he served as editor of the Ship's Newspaper for 3 patrols. He qualified in submarines in 1968 and was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1970.

LCDR ARTHUR R. GAGER (Artie) - Artie grew up here in Groton, CT. His Dad, Lamar Seader, was his hero. His Dad was a Master Chief Quartermaster and submariner. His father's influence is the reason Artie decided to serve as a Quartermaster and submariner. After Submarine School he reported to his first boat, USS DACE (SSN 607), where he qualified in submarines. He considers himself fortunate to have served under CDR Kinnaird R. McKee on USS DACE. CDR McKee went on to become a 4-star Admiral and ultimately relieve Admiral Rickover as Director of Naval Reactors. Artie also served on USS SILVERSIDES (SSN 679), USS SKATE (SSN 578) and USS SHARK (SSN 591). His favorite boat was USS SHARK where she deployed to South America for a UNITAS run and where he was commissioned as an LDO Ensign and earned his Gold Dolphins. Artie retired from the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander after completing 25 years active duty.

SK2(SS) ED GREENWOLD (Ed) – Ed enlisted in the Navy in 1965. After Submarine School he reported to his first submarine, USS DOGFISH (SS 350) where he qualified in submarines in 1968. Additionally, he served on USS POLLACK (SSN 603). Ed was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1970.

RMCS(SS) ROBERT MICHAEL HAGERMAN (Mike) – Mike enlisted in the Navy in 1966. He qualified in submarines on board USS SKATE (578) in 1968. He served at 7 shore commands including 4 schools and 5 additional submarines, earning numerous qualifications and personal awards. The other submarines he served on include, USS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (SSBN 657), USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSBN 642), USS BREMERTON (SSN 698), USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI (SSN 705), USS SAN JUAN (SSN 751). He served in USS SKATE for 2 tours for a total of 8 years. Some of his other milestones include, Bluenose, Shellback, Golden Shellback, Order of the Spanish Main, Honorary Citizen of Corpus Christi, TX and Devil's Triangle Survivor. In his civilian life Bob completed a second career of 28 years supporting the Naval Underwater Systems Center in New London and the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, RI. Bob retired from the Navy as a Senior Chief Radioman after completing 23 years active duty in 1989.

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LCDR ROY C. HARNESS (Curt) – Curt enlisted in the Navy in 1965. His first submarine was USS JAMES MADISON (SSBN 627) where he qualified in submarines in 1968. He served on 4 additional submarines, USS QUILLBACK (SS 424), USS HENRY CLAY (SSBN 625), USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO (SSBN 658) and USS WOODROW WILSON (SSBN 624). Curt recalls 2 amazing highlights of his submarine career. The first was the day he completed his enlisted qualification and qualified in submarines. On that same day, he also received a message informing him of the birth of his first daughter, Jennifer, who is here today. The second highlight was serving as Assistant Weapons Officer on USS HENRY CLAY when the boat completed DASO and returned to sea to complete a submarine launch of a Poseidon missile. This was also a highlight for his wife, Carol, who is also here today. She was watching from the Range Sentinel and commented to the Weapons Officer's wife that "if this launch is not successful, we may have to swim back to port." Curt looks back proudly on his 21 year submarine career and the wonderful shipmates that he was privileged to serve with. He says, if given the opportunity he would do it all over again in a New York minute.

STSCM(SS) MICHAEL K. HARTUNG (Squeak) – Mike enlisted in the Navy in 1965. His first submarine was USS ROBERT E. LEE (SSBN 601) where he qualified in submarines. This is where he received the nick name "Squeak". While underway he was selected to run in the "Snuffy Race" (that's the most junior Sailor in the division). He had to run from the Engine Room to the Torpedo Room wearing the transistorized EAB (Emergency Air Breathing). Whenever he breathed air in or out, it would squeak, hence he was given the name "Squeak". The name followed him from duty stations in Connecticut to California and to this day when he attends USS ROBERT E. LEE reunions, he is referred to as "Squeak". Mike served on 2 other submarines, USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SSBN 618) and USS JACKSONVILLE (SSN 699). Two of the many highlights of Mike's career was serving as Chief of the Boat on USS JACKSONVILLE (SSN 699) and completing 21 strategic deterrent patrols on the same submarine, USS ROBERT E. LEE (SSBN 601). Mike retired from the Navy with 22 years active duty as a Master Chief Sonarman in 1987.

EM2(SS) WILLIAM F. HEFFERNAN (Bill) – Bill enlisted in the Navy in 1966. While in Boot Camp he applied for Submarine School since he learned it was in Groton, CT which was close to his High School sweetheart in Boston. After Submarine School he was ordered to USS SEA LEOPARD (SS 483) in Norfolk, VA. The girlfriend disappeared before the plane from Boston to Norfolk landed. Bill thought that he got a raw deal, lost his girlfriend and gained a submarine. He qualified on SEA LEOPARD in 1968 and soon realized the Navy gave him the best deal of a lifetime. He thoroughly enjoyed his job and was associated with the best people in the world. The friends he made on SEA LEOPARD remained friends for life. Bill was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1970.

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TM2(SS) JAMES IRWIN (Jim) – Jim enlisted in the Delay Entry Program in 1966. After Boot Camp in Great Lakes in February, he received orders to Submarine School. Upon completion of Submarine School, Class 381, he received orders to USS ROBERT E. LEE (SSBN 601). Upon reporting to the Ship's Office he learned that his crew just departed for Holy Loch, Scotland and his orders were modified to the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600), where he qualified in submarines and completed 6 strategic deterrent patrols. On ROOSEVELT, he served as a Mess Cook, Helmsman, Torpedo Room Watch, Launcher Tech, Small Boat Handling Party and Small Arms Petty Officer. Aside from the lifelong friendships that he developed the one thing he remembers most is being thrown out of his rack after the boat had hit a sea mount and the real life emergency blow that followed. Jim was honorably discharged from the Navy as a Torpedoman Second Class Petty Officer in 1970.

IC3(SS) ALBERT S. JONES (Al) – Al enlisted in the Navy in 1965. After Submarine School he reported to USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600) where he qualified in submarines in 1968. He stated that volunteering for the Submarine Service prepared him for life in a way that few other experiences could equal. One story he liked to share is remembering a crew member who seemed to think it was a good idea to give the Cook a hard time. He complained his steak was not rare enough. So the Cook pulled one out of the freezer, seared it both sides and served it. Al was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1971.

QM2(SS) JOHN E. KAMMERER (John) – John enlisted in the Navy in 1966. After Submarine School he reported to USS BARB (SSN 596) where he qualified in submarines in 1968. Additionally, he served on USS PLUNGER (SSN 595). John was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1970.

TM2(SS) GREGORY C. KANE (Greg) – Greg enlisted in the Navy in 1966. Upon completion of Submarine School he reported USS GEORGE C. MARSHALL (SSBN 654) where he qualified in submarines in 1968. He also served on USS GRAMPUS (SS 523). When Greg was about 10 years old he saw a submarine on the Thames River and knew he wanted to serve on submarines someday. Knowing he wanted submarines, when asked at Boot Camp what rate he was interested in, he of course said, Torpedomen, because it was a sure ticket to a submarine. The big surprise came when someone informed him there were torpedoes on surface ships also and panic set in. Greg knew that Torpedomen was the right rate for him and introduced him to some of the finest men he has known. He also is very grateful for having served on a diesel boat. It gave him a snap shot of what the hero's of the World War II Submarine Force went to sea aboard. Brave is not a strong enough word to describe these men. Greg was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1970.

FTG2(SSS) MURRAY P. LEWIS (Lewie) – Murray enlisted in the Navy in 1966. After Submarine School he reported to USS JALLAO (SS 368) where he qualified in submarines. He caught the "Submarine Bug" while watching "Tales of the Silent Service" on TV. Murray states that his most memorable moment during his tour on JALLAO happened half way through a 4 month Mediterranean Cruise in 1971. He was the aft phone talker on maneuvering watch. As the boat was pulling into a pier in Naples he saw a black limo with American Flags flying pull up to the head of the pier. The back door opened and out stepped his wife of one year. She waved at him and he almost fell down the after torpedo room hatch. They spend their 2nd honeymoon in Rome. She flew home, he went back to the boat, and they are all here today. Murray was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1972.

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STS3(SS) DAVE LOMBARDI (Dave) – Dave enlisted in the Navy in 1966. He reported to Boot Camp in Great Lakes in February 1967. He was selected to be a member of the Drill Team, which was an honor because he was able to have a regular haircut and were exempt from Mess Cooking. The Team placed 4th at the National Drill Team completion at the University of Illinois. After Submarine School he reported to his first boat USS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (SSBN 657) where he qualified in submarines. He also served on USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SSBN 618). Although he did not get to see the world, he did get to see Holy Loch, Scotland, Rota, Spain and the Carribean. Dave credits the Submarine Force with giving him the background to be successful in life. After his honorable discharge from the Navy in 1971, he attended and graduated from the University of CT using the GI Bill.

MM2(SS) JAMES C. LUBS (Jim) – Jim enlisted in the Navy in 1966. His first ship was the USS JAMESTOWN (AGTR-3), a communications ship, operating off the coast of Vietnam. On JAMESTOWN he crossed the Equator and became a Shellback. He then went on to Machinist's Mate "A" School and Submarine School. He reported to USS ROBERT E. LEE (SSBN 601) where he qualified in submarines in 1968. Jim states that his submarine experience and many positive memories gave him the tools necessary to complete both successful military and civilian careers. Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy he entered the CT Army National Guard, completed over 30 years active and reserve duty and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel with the Army Corps of Engineers.

YN2(SS) GANNON MCHALE (Gannon) - Gannon enlisted in the Navy in 1966. His first submarine was USS STURGEON (SSN 637) where he qualified in submarines. He also served on USS DOGFISH (SS 350). Gannon is a veteran New York City character actor. Broadway credits include JAMES JOYCE'S THE DEAD and THE SOUND OF MUSIC. Off-Broadway he has appeared in THE GOD COMMITTEE, FAME ON 42nd STREET, and THE FANTASTICKS. He is a veteran of seven national tours, two international tours, and residencies in many of the finer Regional Theatres across the country. His stage credits include over 20 musicals and a dozen productions of plays by Shakespeare. He has appeared onstage in 49 out of the 50 states, all the Western provincial Capitals of Canada, five countries in Europe and two in Asia. Film and television credits include LINCOLN, THE POST, APRIL FLOWERS, THE AMERICANS, and LAW & ORDER SVU. Gannon is the author of STEALTH BOAT: FIGHTING THE COLD WAR IN A FAST ATTACK SUBMARINE, a memoir of his time in the Submarine Service aboard USS STURGEON (SSN 637) and USS DOGFISH (SS 350) in the late 1960's. It is the only book published by the Naval Institute on the subject matter written by an enlisted man from an enlisted man's point of view. One of the highlights of his time in submarines was serving as Junior Officer of the Deck in USS STURGEON during an independent submarine operation in the Summer of 1969. Gannon was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1970.

LCDR JACK A. MULLIN (Jack) - Jack enlisted in the Navy in 1959. He trained as a Hospital Corpsman and served at hospitals, clinics and aboard surface ships. He attended Nuclear Submarine Medicine School and reported to USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602) where he qualified in submarines. Following that tour he has assigned as an instructor teaching the Nuclear Medicine portion of Submarine Medicine School. Jack subsequently received a commission in the Medical Service Corps and served the remainder of his career as a hospital administrator. He retired as a Lieutenant Commander completing 24 years active duty.

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LCDR GLEN DEAN MYERS, SR., (Glen) – Glen enlisted in the Navy in 1967. After Submarine School he reported to his first submarine, USS BLUEBACK (SS 581), where he qualified in submarines as a Electronics Technician Second Class and subsequently attended Naval Nuclear Power School. Glen qualified for the Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program and upon completion of the Program was commissioned as an Ensign. He again qualified in submarines as an Officer receiving his Gold Dolphins on USS BARB (SSN 596). Additionally, he served on two other submarines, USS HAWKBILL (SSN 666) and USS HADDOCK (SSN 621). Glen retired from the Navy after completing 20 years active duty in 1987.

EN2(SS/DV) Richard L. NANKEE (Richard) -

MM2(SS) STEVEN OLMSTEAD (Steve) – Growing up on a farm he followed his Father's footsteps and enlisted in the Navy in 1967. At Boot Camp he volunteered for Submarine duty and the rest is history. After Submarine School he qualified on USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659). He also served on USS HARDHEAD (SS 365). Two of the highlights of his time in submarines include receiving a Commendation for his accomplishments over seven strategic deterrent patrols and given the opportunity to qualify as BCP Operator as a second class petty officer. Steve was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1971.

IC1(SS) DALE R. PROBASCO (Dale) - Dale

ET1(SS) JOHN P. RILEY (John) – John enlisted in the Navy in 1964. Upon completion of Submarine School he reported to USS SKATE (SSN 578) where he qualified in submarines. John shares a comical incident that occurred one night while underway on SKATE. After watching the movie COOL HAND LUKE, he bet that he could eat 25 eggs in less than one hour. His good friend and shipmate, Charlie Olson, was the only crewmember who believed he could do it. He and Charlie won a lot of bets that night. Unfortunately, Charlie is no longer with us, but John states he will be thinking of him today as he also would have been inducted into the Holland Club today. John completed 8 years active duty and was honorably discharged in 1972.

HANK SILVESTRI (Hank) –

EN2(SS) JIMMY C. SHUMATE (Jimmy) – Jimmy enlisted in the Navy in 1959. After Submarine School, he reported to his first submarine, USS RUNNER (SS 476), where he qualified in submarines in 1960. The highlight of that tour was participating in the Cuba Blockade during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He served on 2 other submarines, USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON (SSBN 617) where he is a Plank Owner and completed 7 strategic deterrent patrols and USS TRUMPETFISH (SS 425). Jimmy enjoys attending boat reunions with his former shipmates of the 1960's every 2 years. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1967.

MMCM(SS) MARSHALL H. SMITH (Marshall) - Marshall enlisted in the Navy in 1963. His first submarine was USS CUTLASS (SS 478) where he qualified in submarines. He served on 2 other submarines, USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600) and USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659). He also served on USS MILWAUKEE (AOR 2). Ashore, Marshall served as an Instructor for the Auxiliary Package Course at Naval Submarine School and as the Assistant Repair Officer, Naval Submarine Support Facility. He was honorably discharged as a Master Chief Machinist Mate in 1985 after 22 years active duty.

THE HOLLAND CLUB INDUCTEES BIO'S

RMCS(SS) BARRY R. STRAUSS (Barry) – Barry grew up in a small town near Lancaster, PA. He enlisted in the Navy in 1965 and volunteered for Submarine Duty. After Submarine School he reported to his first submarine, USS JOHN MARSHALL (SSBN 611) where he qualified in submarines. He also served on 4 other submarines: USS TENCH (SS 417), USS ROBERT E. LEE (SSBN 601), USS GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER (SSBN 656) and USS SKIPJACK (SSN 585). Ashore, Barry served as an Instructor at Naval Submarine School. He retired from the Navy after completing 23 years active duty in 1988.

TM1(SS) EDWARD T. SWAENEPOEL (Tom) – Tom was raised in Center Groton and joined the Naval Submarine Reserve Unit in 1958 while still in High School. He began his active duty in 1961. His first submarine was USS SEAWOLF (SSN 575), where he qualified in submarines. Tom served on 4 other submarines, USS BECUNA (SS 319), USS DANIEL WEBSTER (SSBN 626), USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN 616), USS SAM RAYBURN (SSBN 635), and the submarine tender, USS FULTON (AS 11). He served over 7 years on USS DANIEL WEBSTER completing strategic deterrent patrols on both the Blue and Gold crews. Ashore, he served at Polaris Missile Facility Bangor, Washington, and Recruiting Duty in Belville, IL. Tom credits his decision to enter the Submarine Service to the positive influence the Submarine Sailors in the local community had on him growing up. He states it is a choice he will always be proud of. He retired from the Navy in 1980 completing 20 years active duty.

EMCS(SS) JOHN R. VERNOTZY (Jack) – Jack enlisted in the Navy in 1963. After Submarine School, Nuclear Power School and short time on board USS JALLEO (SS 368), he was transferred to USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602) where he qualified in submarines. Jack also served on 2 additional submarines, USS SAM RAYBURN (SSBN 635) and USS DANIEL WEBSTER (SSBN 626) and the aircraft carrier, USS INTREPID (CVS-11). He also completed 2 tours as an instructor at Prototype in Idaho Falls. Jack retired from the Navy in 1983 after completing 20 years active duty. After retirement from the Navy he began a career in the commercial nuclear field, first with General Electric and then in Millstone, retiring after 30 years service. Jack would like to mention that he had a close relationship with his late father-in-law, LCDR Dock Joplin, who was a 30 year career World War II submariner. He attended many USS SKATE reunions with him since marrying his wife, Jane, in 1968.

HOLLAND CLUB 2018 Non-Attendees

ICC(SS) Dennis D. Arch – USS SIMON BOLIVAR (SSBN 641)
 MS2(SS) Michael L. Artibee – USS TINOSA (SSN 606)
 MM2(SS) Edward Berry – USS THOMAS A. EDISON (SSBN 610)
 MM1(SS) Eric C. Biemiller – USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSBN 642)
 MMCM(SS) James T. Custer – USS FLASHER (SSN 613)
 MM2(SS) David L. Dickinson – USS SKIPJACK (SSN 585)
 FTG2(SS) Wayne H. Dougherty – USS COBBLER (SS 344)
 MSCM(SS) Michael Dourth – USS SEA LEOPARD (SS 483)
 ET1(SS) John F. Durkin – USS PERMIT (SSN 594)
 STS3(SS) William F. Henderson – USS ENTEMEDOR (SS 340)
 CDR Eric M. Jones – USS VON STEUBEN (SSBN 632)
 TM2(SS) Dennis J. Kauppinen – USS CORPORAL (SS 346)
 TM2(SS) Paul C. Maloney – USS PATRICK HENRY (SSBN 599)
 EMCS(SS) Ronald B. McArthur – USS GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER (SSBN 656)
 CAPT William F. McGonegal – USS GUARDFISH (SSN 612)
 LCDR Francis J. Murphy, Jr. – USS GATO (SSN 615)
 EN2(SS/DV) Richard L. Nankee – USS GRENADIER (SS 525)
 EMCS(SS) Albert A. Osswald, III – USS ARGONAUT (SS 475)
 IC1(SS) Dale R. Probasco – USS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (SSBN 640)
 STS1(SS) Greg Ross – USS PARGO (SSN 650)
 MM2(SS) Jeffrey Schwarz – USS RAY (SSN 653)
 SK2(SS) Hank Silversti – USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SSBN 618)
 EMCM(SS) Michael Stein – USS WHALE (SSN 638)
 RMCS(SS/DV) Gerald C. Williams – USS ULYSSES S. GRANT (SSBN 631)



HOLLAND CLUB 2018 continued





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. There is no minimum donation. Every little bit will help. 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.

Jeff Walsh

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

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**

2018 Third Quarter and Into Summer at SUBVETS!

It has become apparent that the task of House Committee Chairman, a lower tier function of the Jr. Vice Commander, far exceeds that talent of most Submariners so I will repeat the requirements here.

The Chairman of the House committee shall be appointed by the Base Commander with the approval of the Executive Board. He shall inherit the right to vote with appointment to his position.

Responsibilities:

He shall have a working fund on hand no less the five hundred dollars (\$500.00)

He shall administrate all activities and functions of the base as directed by the Executive Board.

He shall appoint chairmen for the Building Committee, Ways and Means Committee and Activities Committee, or any other committees as deemed necessary for the fulfillment of his responsibilities.

He will make himself and his committees available to the permittee/Board of Trustees for special occasions whenever needed.

He shall submit a report to the Executive Board by the 15th of each month. This report will reflect what has been completed and what is planned for the ensuring months.

It is time for a talented submariner to relieve the watch!

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.

Vacation June-July, TVCCA Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Veterans' Coffeehouse, Mystic; normal hours 0830-1030

Vacation June-July, TVCCA RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck; normal hours 0830-1030

Expect more RSVP Coffeehouse openings in Danielson and Killingly

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.

HOUSE COMMITTEE continued

Dinners/Special Events almost every month

July: 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouses, Norwich, Groton & New London throughout month on Wednesdays and Fridays, see Website Calendar

4th July 4th Parade and Reception at Clubhouse

7th Groton Fireworks (TBD); Club closes at 5:00PM

14th 1300 USSVI SUBMARINE VETERANS Golf Tournament Date: July 14th, 2018 Shotgun start at 1300 Location: Fenner Hill Golf Club, Hope Valley, RI Cost \$125

21st 9-1200, Subvets Children's Christmas in July; 1. Pancake Breakfast, 2. Crafts. 3. Santa Visit (Who is on a golf vacation in CT)

August: 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouses, Norwich, Groton & New London throughout month on Wednesdays and Fridays, and Thursdays 0830-1030 in Mystic and Pawcatuck, see Website Calendar

12th 1200-1800, GB Westport Satellite Group Annual Family Picnic & Meeting, Naval Veterans Club Port 5, Bridgeport, CT

September 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouses, Norwich, Groton & New London throughout month on Wednesdays and Fridays, and Thursdays 0830-1030 in Mystic and Pawcatuck, see Website Calendar

14th (TBS) CPO Initiations

21st NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

21st (TBD) Khaki Ball

24th Uniform Change; shift to Winter Uniform (Mid-Atlantic Zone 2)

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.

Remember, the House Committee works for the membership to put on brunches, dinners and social events that you and your families and friends can attend and enjoy. Our secondary function is to help the Base by making a little money to help cover the costs of doing business. We look forward to serving you, and seeing you either as a volunteer, or a customer, or both.

Have a great New Year. Contact the Club Manager either direct at (860)-445-5262, or email at house@ussvigroton.org or leave a message at the club (860) 445- 5262.

Finally, I would like to thank all the membership for their support during my tenure as House Committee chairman. This is a reminder that we voted on a change to our By-Laws requiring that another member take the position as House Committee Chairman and the responsibility thereto. This is my final word from me in this position. I hope the selection of the next House Committee Chairman provides you with entertainment that I did.

Thanks for your prayers. They helped so much. Stan

Contact me either direct at (860)-884-8857, or email at house@ussvigroton.org or leave a message at the club (860) 445- 5262.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OUR MEMBERS SUPPORT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS

OPERATION PLAYHOUSE submitted by Ken Johnson

How Does Operation Playhouse Benefit Veterans?

Children of veterans are often left with a one-parent household and have to cope with feelings of loss and uncertainty. The playhouses provide a special place for family members to bond, play, dream, and think. It is a “home” of their own.

We are proud to give back to those who have served our country and encourage our partners to do the same. Habitat for Humanity MetroWest/Greater Worcester is the only Habitat affiliate in Massachusetts to offer this program, and one of a handful across the U.S. to honor service men and women through Operation Playhouse.

“I wanted to write and personally thank you for our Playhouse we received last month. The kids love it and we are so grateful. Words cannot express our true appreciation for what you, Habitat and all the participants did. You guys are simply amazing. God Bless!” -Kevin, Robyn, Reagan and Georgia Preston

How Does It Work?

Teams work together to construct and decorate colorful and themed children’s playhouses, which are then donated to the Veteran family at the end of the day.

Where and When Can I Take Part in Operation Playhouse?

There are many options for your team to take part in building a playhouse to benefit the family of a Veteran!

We build outdoors from May 1st – September 30th and indoors from October 1st – April 30th.

- The playhouse can be built right at your own site, indoors or outdoors, if the space is big enough and appropriate. (We need at least a 20’ x 20’ space for each playhouse to lay down tarps).
- Or, you can find your own space, off-site, at which you’d like to build the playhouse. Our community outreach manager will make an appointment to check out the site beforehand.
- We have a partnership with Veterans Inc. in Worcester to use their beautiful indoor Armory space, which easily holds up to 10 playhouses.
- You can join one of our Operation Playhouse Build-A-Thons that we hold in MetroWest and Greater Worcester (see above).

Who Builds the Playhouses?

Teams of 8 – 12 people can build Playhouses: corporations, faith groups, community organizations, and groups of friend

What Happens Before the Operation Playhouse Event?

Before your Operation Playhouse event, our Community Outreach Manager will contact the parents of the child who is scheduled to receive a playhouse. The interests of the child are determined, and a theme for the playhouse is chosen. Typical themes are pirate ship, firehouse, barnyard, sports teams, princess, and many more. The themes are then passed along to each partner who is building the playhouse so they can be prepared for their day. Decorations for the playhouse are optional, and some teams choose to purchase them.

The Day of Your Event

On the day of your playhouse event, your team will gather at a pre-selected site from 8 AM to 4 PM. You will build the playhouse from a kit, paint, and decorate the playhouse according to your theme. At about 3 PM, the Veteran family arrives at the site to receive the playhouse. The child is surprised and delighted, and it is a touching, personal, and heartwarming conclusion to the day.



This is a group I really enjoyed working with as “house captain” last July for a build on the Worcester Common. This house had a barnyard theme. They also belong to a national organization called Quilts of Valor and made quilts to present to each of the service members getting playhouses that day. This group included a mother and daughter on the right. The mother was 90 years old.

BOAT REUNIONS YOU WILL WANT TO ATTEND**USS ARCHERFISH REUNION**

USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678) will be holding a reunion 30 Aug - 1 Sep 2018. For additional information and registration please contact John "Gumba" Carcioppolo at gumba700@comcast.net or 860-514-7064.

DIESEL BOATS FOREVER REUNION 2019

In 2019 we will be joining other SUBRON SIX diesel boats in North Little Rock, Arkansas at the site of the USS Razorback which briefly was part of SUBRON 6 (see www.sssbs.org). This reunion will take place Thursday 1 August 2019 – Sunday 4 August 2019 for the main event. We will also allow people to have a favorable rate on the preceding night (31 July 2019) and also Sunday night (5 August 2019). We have VERY favorable government per diem rates for rooms and will have primary access to the USS Razorback while we are all there. As you may know, the USS SIRAGO donated \$1000 to bring the Razorback back to the United States. We should be very proud to have helped accomplish this. The boat is in great shape at this time and it is a good “meeting place” for all diesel boat submariners to bring back the “good ol’ days”.

R. Michael Bickel

Members of USSVI Northeast Region D-1 Bases,

The effort to establish a memorial to the USS Thresher and the 129 souls lost aboard her on 10 April 1963 has begun! Under the leadership of USSVI Thresher Base Commander Kevin Galeaz, a number of hurdles have already been jumped and now a fund of \$50,000 is needed to cover the design, fabrication, installation, and perpetual maintenance of this much-deserved memorial. It's been 55 years! The time has come!

Please share the attached link and make donations to this worthy cause.

In the two weeks since this fundraiser began, nearly \$20,000 has already been collected. There is just under five more weeks left!

Feel free to share the link with friends and family as well!

https://threshermemorial.flipcause.com/secure/team_fundraiser/MzQ2Mjk=/2775

Fraternally,

Peter J. Koester

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JULY 2018 -- Begin Membership Renewals; See website for updates at www.ussvigroton.org						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01 10am Steak & Egg Brunch 1964 Groton Base Chartered	02 1830, Monthly Meeting	03	04 July 4th Parade and Reception at Clubhouse 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich	05 6:30pm Thanksgiving/Caring & Sharing Prog PIng/Letter Writing Vacation, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Mystic	06 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, New London	07 Groton Fireworks (TBD); Club closes at 5:00PM
08 10-12 Brunch	09	10	11 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich	12 Vacation, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck	13	14 1300 USSVI SUBMARINE VETERANS Golf Tournament Date: July 14th, 2018 Shotgun start at 1300 Location: Fenner Hill Golf Club, Hope Valley, RI Cost \$125
15 10-12 Brunch	16 1900, GB Westport Satellite Group Meeting	17 1130, Holland Club luncheon 1700, Board of Trustees	18 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich 6:30pm Thanksgiving/Caring & Sharing Prog PIng/Letter Writing	19 Vacation, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Mystic	20 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Groton	21 9-12, Christmas in July; 1. Pancake Breakfast, 2. Crafts. 3. Santa Visit (Who is on a golf vacation in CT) 1800 (TBS) CO/XO/COB Reception/Dinner
22 10-12 Brunch	23	24	25 Committee Budget submittals due to Base Treasurer NLT 6 September 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Norwich	26 Chairman reports due to Sec Vacation, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Pawcatuck	27 6:00pm Family Picnic PIng	28
29 10-12 Brunch	30	31 1800, E-Board/Leadership Meeting				No SVGB Dinner Scheduled

AUGUST 2018 -- Continue Membership Renewals; Members Update Biography in National Database; See website for updates at www.ussvigroton.org						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			01 6:30pm Thanks-giving/Caring & Sharing Prog Plng 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Norwich	02 0830-1030, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Mystic	03 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, New London	04 U.S. Coast Guard, August 4, 1780 (TBS) Old Salts Hog Roast
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
10am Steak & Egg Brunch	1830, Monthly Meeting		Committee Budget submittals due to Base Treasurer NLT 6 September 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Norwich KURSK lost, 2000-08-12	0830-1030, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Pawcatuck		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10-12 Brunch		V-J DAY, 14 August 1945	6:00pm Thanks-giving/Caring & Sharing Prog Plng 7:00pm 55 Anniversary Plng Mtg 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Norwich	0830-1030, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Mystic	Boat Note input due 1 September	
1200-1800, GB Westport Satellite Group Annual Family Picnic & Meeting, Naval Veterans Club Port 5, Bridgeport, CT					9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffeehouse, Groton	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10-12 Brunch		1130, Holland Club luncheon	Committee Budget submittals due to Base Treasurer NLT 5 September 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Norwich	Chairman reports due to Sec	Boat Note input due 1 September	
		1700, Board of Trustees		0830-1030, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Pawcatuck		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
10-12 Brunch		1800, E-Board/Leadership Meeting	0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Norwich			

SEPTEMBER 2018 -- Continue Membership Renewals; See website for updates at www.ussvigroton.org						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Third Friday of September is NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, 15 SEP - 15 OCT						01 Boat Note input due
02 10am Steak & Egg Brunch	03 Labor Day	04	05 Committee Budget submittals due to Base Treasurer 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Norwich	06 0830-1030, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Mystic	07 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, New London	08
09 10-12 Brunch	10 1830 Monthly Meeting Rosh Hashanah	11 PATRIOT DAY	12 6:00pm Thanksgiving/Caring & Sharing Prog Plng 7:00pm 55 Anniversary Plng Mtg 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Norwich	13 0830-1030, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Pawcatuck	14 (TBS) CPO Initiations	15 1800-2030, SVGB Dinner Steak N' Lobster
16 10-12 Brunch	17 1900, GB Westport Satellite Group Meeting	18 Holland Club luncheon, 1130 1700, Board of Trustees U.S. Air Force, September 18, 1947 Yom Kippur begins at sunset	19 0900-1100, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Norwich Yom Kippur	20 Chairman reports due to Sec 0830-1030, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Mystic	21 (TBD) Khaki Ball NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY 9AM-11AM, RSVP Veterans' Coffee-house, Groton	22
23 10-12 Brunch	24 Uniform Change	25	26	27	28	29
30 10-12 Brunch						

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