



**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC**  
**USSVI GROTON BASE MEETING AGENDA**  
**JUNE 10 2024**  
**JOIN IN-PERSON and ZOOM MEETING**

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CALL TO ORDER:

a. ANNOUNCEMENTS (MUSTER SHEETS, EXITS, NO SMOKING)

b. ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

2. OPENING EVENTS: (CHAPLAIN)

a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

b. OPENING PRAYER -Base Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_

3. USSVI CREED

**TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE PURSUIT OF THEIR DUTIES WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. THAT THEIR DEDICATION, DEEDS, AND SUPREME SACRIFICE BE A CONSTANT SOURCE OF MOTIVATION TOWARD GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND TO PLEDGE LOYALTY AND PATRIOTISM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITS CONSTITUTION.**

4. LOST BOATS

(TOLLING OF THE BOATS is being presented electronically by PAO (Jim Lawton)- please direct your attention to the screen on the stage) (see last page)

5. INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION OF VIP AND GUESTS

1. *New Members & First Meeting*

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2. *National Officers*

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3. *Former Base Commanders:*

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4. *WWII Members:*

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5. *HOLLAND Club Members*

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6. *Chris Quijada Distinguished Member of the Year Award:*

\_\_\_\_\_

7. *Past Joe Negri Recipients:*

\_\_\_\_\_

8. *Robert Link Award Recipient:*

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6. PRESENTATIONS:

7. MEMBERSHIP SOUND OFF -

Please stand and sound-off your name and year qualified.

(Optional)

Anyone qualified 1971 -1990 =

Qualified 1991 - 2020 =

Anyone qualified in 2021=

Associated Members =

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

a. COMMANDER/EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT - STEVE RICARD

- THANK YOU
- 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY PARADE
- INTRODUCE JOHN CARCIOPPOLO AS HOLLAND CLUB CHAIR
- WE NEED YOU TO CONSIDER BEING OUR BASE SECRETARY

b. TREASURER'S REPORT - CHARLIE MURRAY

- ALL BILLS ARE PAID TO DATE
- ANNIVERSARY AND ANNUAL APPEAL DOLLARS HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED
  - 1. ANNIVERSARY \$
  - 2. ANNUAL APPEAL \$
- THANK YOU EMAILS
- OPENING NEW BANK OF AMERICAN ACCOUNTS UNDER THE CURRENT EIN. NEW DEBIT CARDS WILL BE ISSUED. PROCESS FOR TRANSITION AT LEAST 45 DAYS
- I FAVOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN GROTON AND WILL SUBMIT THE REQUEST TO THE EBOARD AND MEMBERSHIP SOON
- 2024 INITIAL 5 MONTH FINANCIAL AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
  - HIGHLIGHTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING

c. SECRETARY REPORT: AL KINSALL

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES MAY 2024 -
- ANNIVERSARY FINAL REPORT
- CORRESPONDENCE TO REPORT
  - NOTE RECEIVED FROM BIG APPEAL BASE IN APPRECIATION OF ANNIVERSARY EVENT

D. SR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: ROBERT PERRITT

Below is a summary of income and expenses for the months of January through May 2024:

Category	Actual	Budget	Over Budget
<b>Income</b>	149,186	106,701	42,485
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	38,394	29,166	9,228
<b>Expenses</b>	90,047	74,399	15,647
<b>Net Income</b>	20,871	3,138	17,733

Our income was much greater than forecast, and while expenses were also higher, the overall

financial picture remains quite positive! But we can always use more “butts in the seats” especially as we enter the summer season.

E. JR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Paul Skalski

- VOLUNTEER BARTENDERS TO WORK RECEPTIONS AS NEEDED.
- BRUNCH CREWS TO HELP ONCE A MONTH WITH BRUNCH

F. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Jeff Flesher

### **Membership Update RENEW NOW FOR 2024**

- MEMBERS - 1140
- LIFE NATIONAL MEMBERS - 852
- HOLLAND CLUB - 629
- ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - 74

NOTE: I FAVOR LIFE MEMBERSHIPS IN GROTON

G. NRED1 UPDATE: Jeff Walsh

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ANNIVERSARY (AL KINSALL)

- ANNIVERSARY RECAP ON JUNE 12 5:30 PM

SEE BELOW FOR PHOTOS PROVIDED BY JOHN CARCIOPPOLO OF ANNIVESARY

Pictures from the SUBVETS Anniversary Celebration Welcome Aboard party are here

<https://link.shutterstock.com/RDWLiClGfKb>

Pictures from the Groton Areaa CPOA Holland Club Reception are here

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Pictures of the SUBVETS Anniversary Celebration Banquet are here

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Please feel free to post or share these pictures as desired.

Jim Lawton, please post these links on the SUBVETS Groton Base Web Page as well as the link to the HOLLAND Club Pictures from the other night.

- Boat Sponsorship (Paul Skalski)

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- Chaplain (Earl Colella/John Carcioppolo)

- Color Guard (Bob Sharpe)
- Eagle Scout Program Coordinator (Earl Colella)
- Small Stores (Alex Doucette)
- Sub School Graduation Schedule (Steve Ricard)
- Docents (Artie Gager)
- DMV Liaison (Robert Segal)
- Holland Club (Rich. Cheatham)

May 2024 Holland Club Report

#### Luncheons

We had 44 members and guests attend our April 16th Holland Club Luncheon. Our Guest Speaker was Ryan C. Walker, Submariner/ Naval Historian / Author.

Our June 18 Luncheon Guest Speakers will be Naval Submarine School Command Master Chief Dean Marvin, United States Navy and Warrant Officer Jason Steward, Royal Australian Navy.

- Kap(SS)4KidSS) (John Riley)

On May 23rd, the Groton Base Kap(SS) 4 Kids Team of Bob Dulin, Bob Sharpe, Payton Jones MMN1(SS), and John Riley, visited Kids at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital.

We made 14 Kids Honorary Submariners! As usual, we had lots of fun with the Kids as we welcomed them into our Submariner Family. Payton is a new member of our K4K Team. He is an active duty Qualified Submariner, stationed at the USS Nautilus Submarine Force Museum in Groton CT, and was a Big Hit with the Kids!

- Memorial Committee (Marian Galbraith)

May was a busy month for the Memorial Committee. The full committee met in mid May to take care of the planting. Flower beds were turned, flowers planted, and mulch laid.

In addition, members of the committee met with Peter Legnos to review some needed touch ups on the sail.

The Committee worked with John Carcioppolo and Steve Ricard to plan and set up for the Memorial Day Observance. We were pleased to be able to hold the observance at the Memorial after several years at the Municipal Building. The committee worked with SUBSCHOOL volunteers to dress the USS

Flasher on the day of the observance. Thanks to John Carcioppolo's efforts the press was fully alerted. Attendance and coverage were superb.

Later in the week, Dick Warnock and Rob Davis again dressed the USS Flasher for the anniversary weekend.

The memorial is often used for events, particularly for re-enlistments, and later in June will be used for a private memorial service.

- Public Affairs Officer (Jim Lawton)
- Red, White & Blue Mass (Paul Dillon)
  
- Scholarship Committee (Greg Kane)

#### Scholarship Awardees 2024

Student: Xavier Quinn

Lives in Norwich CT  
Son of Kristin and Michael Quinn  
Sponsored by Grandfather Submarine Veteran David Gustafson

- Graduate of Norwich Technical High School  
Attending the Three Rivers Community College and planning on a career in Nuclear Engineering  
Along with his normal academic studies, Xavier is certified in OSHA, the Fluke Meter, and Multimeter and is a licensed Recreational Drone Pilot. His honors include membership in the National Society of High School Scholars, and he has succeeded in numerous AP-level classes. Xavier is graduating with a 3.7 Grade Point Average.

Student: Justin Couture

Lives in Sherill, New York  
Son of Chris and Jarnel Couture  
Sponsored by His Grandfather, Robert Gustafson

Will Graduate from Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School  
Attending Utica University, where he will major in Marketing with a focus on Digital Marketing for Sports  
Justin Was the Captain of his Varsity Soccer Team and a Sectional qualifier in both Indoor and Outdoor Track and field. He also Volunteers for the Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation and the Second Chance Boxer Rescue Organization.  
His Academic Achievements include success 9n both AP and High School courses, where he earned college credit.  
Justin works at two food service establishments where he is both a kitchen help and a server for special occasions.

- Veterans Affairs (Brian Hague)

- West Port Satellite group (Paul Grammer)

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- VACANCY OFFICE OF SECRETARY

10. NEW BUSINESS

- LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN GROTON (CHARLIE MURRAY)

11. CLOSING EVENTS

a. Good of the Order:

- DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN NATIONAL ELECTION
  - PAPER BALLOTS AVAILABLE
  - ON LINE BALLOTS AVAILABLE LATER THIS MONTH
  - ELECTIONS CLOSE AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>
  - Personal - consider your vote for Jeff Walsh for Regional Director

b. Meeting attendance Drawing Winner \_\_\_\_\_ Coin or Hat (See Alex Doucette)

c. 50/50 drawing = Winner \_\_\_\_\_ How much \_\_\_\_\_

d. Closing Prayer = Base Chaplain

e. Adjourn

*NEXT MEETINGS: MEMBERSHIP MEETING 08 JULY 2024*

Plan of the Month June 2024

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>6/1</b>	0900	Event	Holland Club Induction Ceremony Dealey Center SUBASE
<b>6/1</b>	1700	Event	Anniversary Grand Banquet Ocean Beach Banquet facility in New London Reservation required
<b>6/2</b>	1000	Brunch	Anniversary farewell brunch – SUBVETS Tom Connors Dining Room
<b>6/9</b>	1000	Brunch	Sub School CPO Association
<b>6/10</b>	1830	Meeting	Monthly Membership Meeting
<b>6/14</b>			Flag Day
<b>6/14</b>	0900	Event	SubSchool Graduation
<b>6/16</b>			Father’s Day
<b>6/18</b>	1130	Event	Holland Club Luncheon
<b>6/21</b>	0900	Event	SubSchool Graduation
<b>6/21</b>	2000	Event	Karaoke with Jamming Jim
<b>6/23</b>	1000	Brunch	Old Salts Association
<b>6/25</b>	1730	Meeting	EBoard via Zoom
<b>6/26</b>		Event	Independent Corpsman Graduation Ceremony – Top Side
<b>6/26</b>		Event	Corpsman Graduation Luncheon - Pump Room



*Lost Boats – June*



USS Herring (SS-233), lost on June 1, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Matsuwa Island. Herring was on her 8th war patrol and was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted her and made 2 direct hits on her conning tower and causing her loss. Before being sunk, she had sank a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery.



USS R-12 (SS-89), lost on June 12, 1943 with the loss of 42 men near Key West, FL during a practice torpedo approach. The cause was probably due to flooding through a torpedo tube. The CO and 2 other men on the bridge survived, as did 18 crew members on liberty at the time of the accident.



USS Golet (SS-361), lost on June 14, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. On her 2nd war patrol, Golet was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu.



USS Bonefish (SS-223), lost on June 18, 1945 with the loss of 85 men when sunk near Suzu Misaki. Winner of 3 Navy Unit Citations, Bonefish was on her 8th war patrol. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.



USS S-27 (SS-132), lost on June 19, 1942 when it grounded off Amchitka Island. She was on the surface in poor visibility, charging batteries and drifted into the shoals. When she could not be freed and started listing, the captain got the entire crew to shore (400 yards away) in relays using a 3-man rubber raft. The entire crew was subsequently rescued.



USS O-9 (SS-70), lost on Jun 20, 1941 with the loss of 33 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH.



USS Runner (SS-275), lost between June 26 & July 4th 1943 with the loss of 78 men. Runner was on her 3rd war patrol probably due to a mine. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles. This boat's last known ship sunk happened on June 26th, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before July 4th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.