

# SubVets Groton Base Boat Notes

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## Upcoming Events

2	<b>SEPTEMBER 2005</b>		
2	Thurs 01 Sep	HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR DUES FOR 2006 YET? 122 DAYS LEFT!	
3	Sun 04 Sep	Steak and Eggs Brunch	10 - 12 pm
3	Mon 05 Sep: Labor Day	Monthly Business Meeting moved to 12 Sep due to Holiday	NOTE CHANGE
4	Thurs 08 Sep	Board of Trustees Meeting	6 pm
4	Mon 12 Sep	Monthly Business Meeting	6:30 pm
5	Tues 13 Sep	SUBVETS WWII Social and luncheon	11:30 am
5	Sat 17 Sep	Steak & Lobster Dinner	6 - 8:30 pm
5	Sun 18 Sep	Brunch	10 - 12 pm
6	Sun 25 Sep	Brunch	10 - 12 pm
7	Mon 26 Sep	E-Board Meeting	6:30 pm
7	Thurs 29 Sep	Thanksgiving Planning Meeting	6:30 pm
7	Fri 30 Sep	CPO Khaki Ball at Groton Inn and Suites	6 pm
8	<b>OCTOBER 2005</b>		
8	Sun 02 Oct	Steak and Eggs Brunch	10 - 12 pm
8	Mon 03 Oct	Monthly Business Meeting	6:30 pm
9	Thurs 06 Oct	CT National Guard Dining-in: Aqua-Turf Club, Southington, CT	6:30 pm
9	Sun 09 Oct	Brunch	10 - 12 pm
9	Tues 11 Oct	SUBVETS WWII Meeting and Luncheon	10:30 am
10	Thurs 13 Oct	Board of Trustees Meeting	6 pm
10	Thurs 13 Oct	Thanksgiving Planning Meeting	6:30 pm
10	Fri 14 Oct	Navy Birthday Ball	
10	Sat 15 Oct	Annual Retirement Seminar, SUBASE Dealey Ct	9 am - 3 pm
11	Sun 16 Oct	Brunch	10 - 12 pm
11	Sat 22 Oct	Steamship Round Dinner	6 - 8:30 pm
12	Sun 23 Oct	Brunch	10 - 12 pm
12	Thurs 27 Oct	Thanksgiving Planning Meeting	6:30 pm
12	Fri 28 Oct	CO/XO/COB Dinner: E-Board sponsored, SUBVETTES staff	6-8 pm
13	Sun 30 Oct	Daylight Savings Time ends: set your clocks back 1 hour	2 am
13	Sun 30 Oct	Brunch	10 - 12 pm
13	Mon 31 Oct	Combined E-Board and Committee Chairs Meeting	6 pm
14	<b>NOVEMBER 2005</b>		
14	Thurs 03 Nov	Thanksgiving Planning Meeting	6:30 pm
14	Sun 06 Nov	Red, White and Blue Mass	10 am
15	Sun 06 Nov	Steak and Eggs Brunch	10 - 12 pm
15	Mon 07 Nov	Monthly Business Meeting	6:30 pm
16	Tues 08 Nov	SUBVETS WWII Social and luncheon	11:30 am
17	Thurs 10 Nov	Board of Trustees	6 pm
17	Thurs 10 Nov	Thanksgiving Planning Meeting	6:30 pm
19	TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO RENEW DUES FOR 2006. IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO YET, RENEW TODAY!!!		
20	<b>Long Range Planning</b>		
21	Sun 11 Dec	SUBVETS FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY	4:00 pm
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# SUBVETS GROTON BASE



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## FIRST AND FINEST BOAT NOTES

US Submarine Veterans, Inc. Groton Base, 40 School Street Groton, Connecticut 06340-3940

### Groton Base Officers and Committee Chairs

<i>Base Commander</i>	John Carcioppolo	<i>Secretary</i>	Steve Jackson	<i>House Committee</i>	Stan Mathis
<i>Vice Commander</i>	Bud Atkins	<i>Treasurer</i>	Dave Shoaff	<i>Chaplain</i>	Tom Russell
<i>Memorabilia</i>	John Carcioppolo	<i>Building Maintenance</i>	Mike Hubbard	<i>Color Guard</i>	Charles Starratt
<i>Publicity</i>	Theresa Starratt	<i>Memorial</i>	Ed Childs	<i>Scholarship</i>	Jack Casey
<i>Holland Club</i>	Jim Gentry	<i>Webmaster</i>	Robert Perritt	<i>Membership</i>	Bucko Padgett
<i>License Plates</i>	Wally Krupenevich	<i>Newsletter</i>	Chuck Harrison and Hope Maruzo		

### Our 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. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States government.



USS Darter (SS227)

Lost 24 Oct 1944

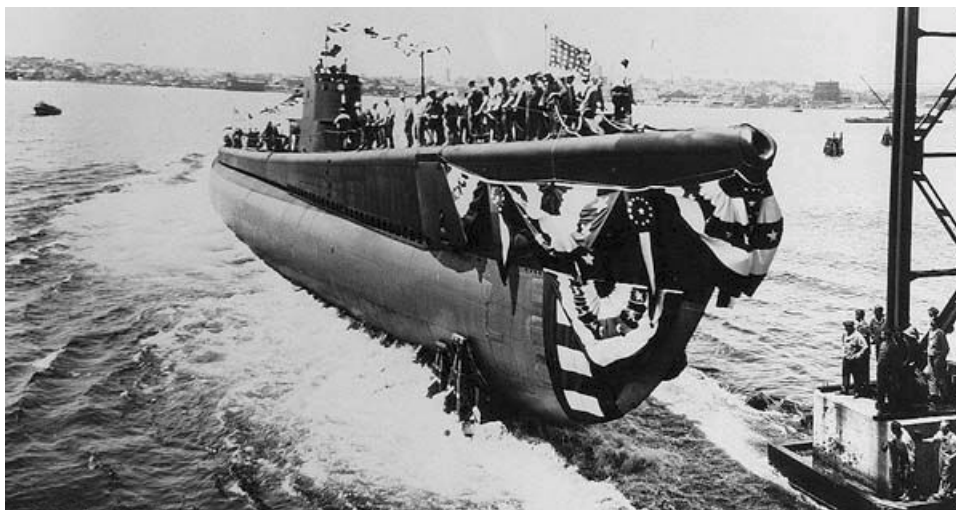


Photo taken June 6, 1943

Groton, CT

# U.S. Submarine Force Losses September/October

## SEPTEMBER

USS Pompano (SS-181) was lost on 1 September 1943 with the loss of 76 officers and men when it was sunk off the northeast coast of Honshu.

USS Grayling (SS-209) was lost on 9 September 1943 with the loss of 76 officers and men when it was sunk in or near Tablas Strait, PI.

USS S-51 (SS-162) was lost on 25 September 1925 with the loss of 32 officers and men when it sunk after collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island.

USS Cisco (SS-290) was lost on 28 September 1943 with the loss of 76 officers and men when it was sunk in Sulu Sea west of Mindinao, 9 47N 121 44E.

## OCTOBER

USS ESCOLAR (SS-294) was lost on 1 October 1944 with the loss of 82 officers and men when it was sunk somewhere east of 33 44N 127 33E, heading for 33 44N 124 06E.

USS SEAWOLF (SS-197) was lost on 3 October 1944 with the loss of 102 Officers and men when it was sunk just north of Montai, between PI and Indonesia, by USS ROWELL 02 32N 129 18E.

USS S-44 (SS-155) was lost on 7 October 1943 with the loss of 56 officers and men when it was sunk on 5th patrol off Paramushiru, Kuriles (northern) one day out of Attu. Two men were taken prisoner. Both survived the war.

USS WAHOO (SS-238) was lost on 11 October 1943 with the loss of 79 officers and men when it was sunk in or near La Perouse Strait.

USS DORADO (SS-248) was lost on 12 October 1943 with the loss of 78 Officers and men when it was sunk in Western Atlantic, possibly near Cuba.

USS DARTER (SS-227) was lost on 24 October 1944 when it became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan then was destroyed. All the crew were rescued by USS DACE.

USS SHARK (SS-314) was lost on 24 October 1944 with the loss of 90 officers and men when it was sunk in channel midway between Hainan and Cashi Channel: 20 41N 118 27E.

USS TANG (SS-306) was lost on 24 October 1944 with the loss of 83 officers and men when it was sunk in north end of Formosa Strait in vicinity of Turnabout Island. Nine of the crew were taken prisoner and survived the war.

USS O-5 (SS-66) was lost on 28 October 1923 with the loss of 2 officers and men when it was sunk after collision with SS ABABGAREZ (United Fruit) off Panama Canal.

The ultimate sacrifice that our for-gone shipmates have given is our Freedom Today;

Lest we forget.... REMEMBER THEM!

Please spend a moment in prayer for our shipmates on eternal patrol.

## Jimmy F. Calverley

Shipmate Jimmy Calverley passed away on 16 July at L&M Hospital. Jimmy qualified aboard USS Sea Devil (SS 400) in 1954. He



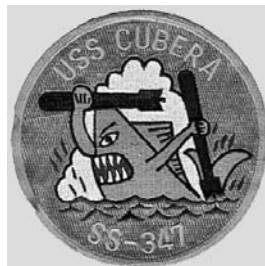
served during the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts and retired as TMCS (SS). Jimmy was a long time Life Member of Groton Base and was

## On Eternal Patrol

inducted into the Holland Club in 2004.

### Elden A. Ekberg

Shipmate Elden Ekberg, 79, passed away on 5 August. He qualified aboard USS Cubera (SS 347) in



1953. Elden was a Life Member of Groton Base having joined SUB-

VETS Groton Base in 2000 and was inducted into the Holland Club in 2003. He retired from the U.S. Navy as a Lieutenant Commander after 26 years of service.

*"There is a port of no return, where ships may ride at anchor for a little space. And then some starless night the cable slips, leaving only an eddy at the mooring place. Gulls veer no longer, Sailor rest your oar. No tangled wreckage shall be washed ashore."*

Lost Harbor - Leslie Nelson Jennings

**Shipmates Jimmy Calverly, and Elden A. Ekberg, rest your oar!**

## Building Committee

We have replaced the belt on the exhaust fan and cleared all discrepancies on the Fire Marshal's hit list enabling us to renew our liquor license. Many thanks to Mike Hubbard, John Wagner, and Tom Connors for this work.

The next thing that we are working on is raising funds to replace the rugs downstairs in the bar and dining room.

Other upcoming projects include the sealing of the bricks on the north and west sides of the building, replacement of the stage curtains, and installation of the sink in the upstairs bar.

Sales of our coin honoring the Holland Club are doing well. We have a new shipment to sell at the convention and afterwards. On one side is the USSVI Logo, and on the reverse is the HOLLAND CLUB Logo. It is a beautiful keepsake for

both present and future HOLLAND CLUB MEMBERS. The cost for this coin is \$5 each. If you live a distance from the club and cannot stop in, you can purchase them by mail by sending a check or money order to the club. Please include an additional \$1.50 for shipping.

In addition, we just re-ordered our 2005 coin, pictured here, which is a



tribute to those who served in the Cold War. You the membership are the owners of our clubhouse; just like your homes, it needs constant work and maintenance. This is done solely by membership generosity. You have invested a lot of money and effort to keep our build-

ing safe, to maintain it, and to keep the appearance up. Volunteers with the necessary skills also help keep down the cost and stretch out your donations for maximum use. We could not get by without the donations and the volunteer efforts of the membership and are very appreciative of all of your support.

The donations of the membership have gone a long way, and we have done a lot of work. We are always looking at improvements that can only be done with your support and contributions. Your gifts help immensely and can be made at any time either by mail or at the club.

As always, many thanks to Tom Connors who works very hard at coordinating the fund raising as well as tracking and coordinating the Building maintenance and restoration projects.

## Garrison Hats/SUBVETS Vests

The official dress hat worn for special occasions and ceremonies for SUBVETS is the Navy Garrison Hat with U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS on one side and Groton Base on the other side. Vice Commander Bud Atkins orders these hats. They are very dressy and nice hats. Basic hat cost is \$20 or more if you want any thing additional put on.

For our HOLLAND CLUB Members you might be interested in a special hat that we have for you to proudly show that you are a member of this prestigious group. It is a gold garrison hat with blue trim and lettering, a nice hat that really makes the HOLLAND CLUB Members stand out from other members. Larger pictures of the new HOLLAND CLUB hats can be seen



either at the club or on the web page. The HOLLAND CLUB Hats are \$45.

To order either hat stop by the club with your correct hat size or call the Vice Commander Bud Atkins at (860) 440-3120 or email him at [vice@subvetsgroton.org](mailto:vice@subvetsgroton.org). Orders are non-refundable.

The SUBVETS vests we have at Groton Base have become increasingly popular for wear at SUBVETS meetings, events and Memorial

Services as well as the upcoming National Convention. They are a great way to let folks know who we are. SUBVETS vests are also ordered through Bud Atkins. They can be ordered at the club, or by contacting Bud directly.

There is plenty of time to order your hat or vest and have it in time for our Veterans' Day Memorial Service.

SUBVETS wearing the official SUBVETS Garrison hat will give a military salute when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, during the playing of the National Anthem, and at all other times when Military Salutes would be required in paying respect to our flag. Military Salutes would also be appropriate during the Tolling of the Boats and during Taps while wearing this hat.

## Groton Base Library

Most of you probably are not aware that Groton Base maintains a small library of books up above Richard Higham Hall at the clubhouse. The small library has a good collection of Submarine Books and other books that have been donated by the membership. The system is an honor system, and you can access the books by checking out the key from the bartender. The Base Librarian is John Wagner. He recently reported that there are sev-

eral books that have been checked out for some time that were not signed out. We would like these returned for others to use. The missing books are:  
 Silent Chase Submarines of the U.S. Navy - Naval Institute Press Edition  
 24 Torpedoes and 13 Buttons USS COD - Howard B. Dishong  
 Clear the Bridge War Patrols of the USS TANG - Adm. Richard O'Kane  
 Thunder Below USS BARB -

Adm. Eugene Fluckey  
 Queen of the Flat Tops USS LEXINGTON - Stanley Johnston  
 Submarines - Herbert Zim.  
 A recent addition to our collection "One Hundred Day - The Memoirs of the Falklands Battle Group Commander - Admiral Sandy Woodward.

For additional information on our library or if you have any questions please contact John Wagner at the clubhouse.

## Clubhouse Cleanup

Thanks to the group of Shipmates who repeatedly donate time on Saturday mornings to clean our clubhouse, keeping it looking good for all members and visiting guests. It takes the effort of several volunteers to keep the club clean. The club does not clean itself; it is not done by the bar staff or contracted out at a cost to the customers. The club belongs to the membership, but cleanup of the club is accomplished by only a handful of hard working dedicated volunteers from the membership who always keep it looking good. Visitors are often impressed of how clean our club is and leave with a favorable impression of its good appearance. We have several volunteers that we are very grateful for who regularly clean our club on weekends. More help is always welcome. Clean up is every Saturday starting around 7



or 7:30am, and is usually done by 9am. This early cleanup is timed so all work is done by the 10am club opening, including allowing the wax to dry so the decks look good.

You do not have to be there every Saturday, just whenever you can. Your support is greatly appreciated. Extra bodies are always welcome, especially as we move into the fall months when several of our cleaning crew depart for warmer

climes and a more help is needed to maintain consistency in cleanliness.

Fall's field day is on Saturday November 05, 9am to noon, to do some of the deep cleaning both inside and outside the club. We hold field day twice a year, in the spring and in the fall. The last couple of Base Field Days were not supported well so they were not very effective. Help us make this one better. In the event of rain, it will be held the following week on 12 November. Hope to see you there.

We are the only Base with its own clubhouse and are envied by most of the other bases. Our club belongs to all of us. We are open for any suggestions on how to do this better, smarter, or more efficiently. Please pitch in and help keep it clean for all to enjoy.

## Chaplain's Offerings: Tom Russell, Base Chaplain

Our appearances at wakes, and final calling hours for Shipmates who have departed on Eternal Patrol, have all been well received and we have had many thanks and compliments from family and friends whose services we attend as one of the finer things we do.

Make sure your family knows how to contact us if something should happen to you.

We are always looking for more volunteers for the Honors Detail. You do not have to come every time and you do not have to make it a priority over other important

events. We currently have 21 on the call list and a few more would really help. You may give me a call at 536-7733 or send email to [chaplain@subvetsgroton.org](mailto:chaplain@subvetsgroton.org). Until next time, blessings on thee.



## House Committee: Stan Mathis, Chairman

Wow! What a hot summer it has been. Add to that the exhaust fan in the galley had a bad fan belt and left us sweaty and smoky. Thanks to Mike Hubbard, things are back to normal. The galley exhaust fan is back online and doing what it should. The House Committee's volunteer crews continue its standards of great, affordable meals and fine service. We continue with our year-round brunch service, and it appears to be a huge hit for our membership. In order to continue our brunches it is necessary for all of us in the immediate area to step up to the plate and volunteer several times a year to balance out our time. Many of us have other projects but to set aside once a quarter or twice a year as your "volunteer day" for either a brunch or dinner, parade/color guardsman, graduation or field day would help those that appear to be carrying the load for all of us. The scheduling of the kitchen crews is very flexible for the Special Event Dinners and Sunday Brunches. We accommodate you if you are able to help us in the kitchen. If you would like to help out, please contact me.

Many thanks to our members on both sides of the table; both our volunteers who put on the brunches and dinners and our members who continue to support our functions make them successful.

**Dinners:** Come in and join us. Advanced paid reservations are required with all dinners and special events.

**June:** The CBQ crew prepared a great steak dinner, smoky galley and all.

**July:** Our Pig Roast was great also. Thanks to Bucko Padgett, Brad, Carl Hochstetler, Jack Lemke and Tina for a great evening and a very cordial crowd.

**August:** Our Annual Family Picnic

Celebration had almost 150 people attending, and we hosted 100 students from Basic Enlisted Submarine School and several from USS VIRGINIA. All had a very good time. Many thanks to Herb Horne, Jack Casey, Carl Hochstetler, Rick Aitken, and Jeff Heck, who slaved over the hot grill, and equal thanks to the rest of the members of the picnic committee. Thanks also to the FRA for the use of their grill and to Bo Willis and his cleanup crew.

**September:** The CBQ crew will prepare our Steak & Lobster night, relieving our old guard and trying to get our younger members to help out. We thank Charlie Warrington and Bill Urban for their dedicated accomplishments over the past years. The cost for our famous Steak & Lobster Dinner will be \$12.50 for a 12 oz steak with all the trimmings or a 1 lb lobster and \$25 for a steak & lobster, double steak, or double lobster. This dinner is scheduled for Saturday 17 September with three sittings: 6pm, 7pm, and 8pm. Advanced paid reservations are required.

**October:** Our Steamship Round Dinner with all the trimmings is Saturday 22 October, prepared by our old friend Doug Wood. Doug will need 3 - 4 bodies to assist him. Contact me to volunteer. The cost for this dinner has not yet been determined.

**Brunches:** Thanks to the many folks who have helped in preparing and serving throughout the summer. We've had a couple of narrow escapes where we needed volunteers at the last minute and they stepped up to the plate and saved the day. My volunteers are trying to get my wife to change her mind about my being able to "cook". I have had to step in on two occasions and try to work the meat

grill. All our guests have returned for more brunches. Our brunches continue to do well. We provide a great meal at a very affordable price. Again, many thanks to our customers and our volunteers. If you plan to have a large group come in for brunch, please let us know in advance for planning purposes. Contact the club manager or me.

If you would like to sign up a crew to do brunch, there is a sign up list posted at the club. If you would just like to volunteer to help out, please contact me or leave a message at the club. Please provide the name of the crew chief/point-of-contact and phone number/email address.

**Special Events:** The Dinner/Guest Speaker program is a special event and if you would be willing to assist the E-Board in serving for this event please contact me as indicated below. Your assistance is a major help. Because of the number of events between now and the end of the year, our next dinner/guest speaker is planned for January-March 2006.

**Contact:** If you need to contact me for any reason (to volunteer for a brunch or dinner, to make suggestions or complaints, or to just talk about House Committee events) here's how: leave a note at the Club with your name, phone number/email address, call the Club at 445-5262 (other than 1100 - 1300), email me at [house@subvetsgroton.org](mailto:house@subvetsgroton.org), or call me at 449-9904(H) or 433-5847(W).

We have an "Emergency Recall List" to ensure that all our scheduled events have personnel to support the event. Our volunteer network is what keeps things going. If you would like to place your name on the list please contact me with your name, phone number/email, and any restrictions (i.e. only here in spring or summer, need two days notice, etc.).

## Board of Trustees

The primary duty and function of the Board of Trustees is to "set policy and procedure for operation of all clubhouse facilities including Bar and Galley, not to conflict with or violate any CT State Liquor Laws and Regulations." Should you have any suggestions, complaints, or recommendations as to the methods of operation of the clubhouse they must be submitted in writing only to the Board of Trustees. In case of a complaint the person making the complaint must appear before this board. If unable to do so, a written and witnessed state-

ment must be submitted. The Board will then review the complaint in the presence of all persons involved. Should a decision resolving the complaint be immediately unavailable, all persons involved will be notified of the Board's decision later in writing.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees is Herb Horne. The Base Commander and the Board Chairman appoint the other members of the Board of Trustees. Currently, Board members are Bob Bentley, Joe Damm, Ray Kreul and David Padgett Jr., Jeff Rowe, and John

Wynn.

The Board of Trustees meets at a minimum quarterly and if there are pending issues on a monthly basis on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm to review suggestions, complaints, and recommendations from the membership. The next meeting will be held on 8 September. The meetings are open to the membership. If you have any suggestions compliments or complaints, please inform one of the board members or submit it in writing.

## CO/XO/COB Dinner

One event held annually in October is our CO/XO/COB dinner. This lets us honor the Local Leadership of our Submarine Force and to give all an introduction to SUBVETS, Groton Base, and an update on our programs. All area COs/XOs/COBs and their wives or one guest are

invited to join us for this event. SUBVETS Groton Base Committee chairs and their wives are also invited to attend.

This year's dinner is scheduled for Saturday 28 October and will be prepared again by our Ladies Auxiliary. Cocktails will start at 6pm;

dinner will start at 7pm. There will then be a brief presentation on SUBVETS.

We look forward to meeting our Submarine Force's new Leaders who have joined Team New London since last year as well as renewing acquaintances from before.

## Red, White and Blue Mass

The 2005 Red, White and Blue Mass will be at 10:30 on Sunday, November 6, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Norwich, CT to honor the Merchant Marine and the Naval Armed Guard of WW II.

We need Groton Base members either in SubVets Vest or in uniform to participate as an usher during the

Red White & Blue Mass. We need at least 15 shipmates to usher. 10 shipmates have volunteered as of 1 August. You do not have to be Catholic to participate in the mass as an usher or Color Guard Team member.

Ushers should be at the Cathedral (hall beneath the Church) by no

later than 0930 on November 6th to be briefed on responsibilities.

For additional information or to volunteer, please call Doc McCance, Groton Base Red, White, & Blue Mass Committee Chairman at (860) 464-6758 or e-mail [at11doc@comcast.net](mailto:at11doc@comcast.net).

## SubVettes



Ladies Auxiliary Nominations will be in October for Groton Base SubVettes elections on the ladies' agenda. We are now planning the menu for the CO/XO/COB dinner on 28 October. Rations may be somewhat different this year. We are collecting grocery coupons (food and non-food) to send to area

Naval commands in Sasebo, Japan. Anyone wishing to donate coupons (which can be used up to 6 months past the expiration date),

can leave them in the guard mail envelope in the SubVettes mailbox behind the bar. We welcome ladies to come to a meeting and see what we're all about. Should you have any questions about the Ladies Auxiliary email me at [ladie-saux@subvetsgroton.org](mailto:ladie-saux@subvetsgroton.org) or call me at 401-792-0237.

## The HOLLAND CLUB Report - Jim Gentry

The HOLLAND CLUB is a prestigious group within the SUBVETS Organization. To be in the HOLLAND CLUB one must be Qualified in Submarines for a minimum of fifty years and either be a Life Member of the organization or be a Regular Member with continuous membership for at least five years. We presently have over 300 members who are in the Holland Club.

Fifty Years Qualified in Subma-

rines is a very significant Milestone and our members of the HOLLAND CLUB are our Heroes. We proudly salute them and recognize them for their contributions and sacrifices for our country and to the Submarine Force. They are a huge part of our proud Submarine Force Heritage. The HOLLAND CLUB Wall of Honor is located in the Dining Room of our clubhouse.

If you are not aware of the HOL-

LAND CLUB and its prestigious recognition, please contact me at [holland@subvetsgroton.org](mailto:holland@subvetsgroton.org) so I can go over this with you personally. Our next HOLLAND CLUB Ceremony will be 10 June 2006. If you will be qualified for 50 years or more in 2006, put that date on your calendar now and start telling your family and friends. The date is definite. We will work out the details as we get closer.

## Submarine School Graduation Program

Our Submarine School Graduation Program continues to run well for both the Enlisted and Officer Graduations. Every time Naval Submarine School graduates a class of Basic Enlisted Submarine School, the Submarine Officer Basic Class, or the Submarine Officer Advanced Course, SUBVETS Groton Base is an active participant.

We conduct a "Tolling of the Boats" so the students and future Submariners are exposed to this time honored ceremony of the Submarine Force. The Designated SUBVET for that week then has a brief opportunity to talk to the students to tell them the significance of this ceremony, what SUBVETS is

about, and how they can become a member of our organization once they are Qualified in Submarines.

We thank Captain Swan, Master Chief David Linch, Master Chief Russ Neal, and ET1(SS) Dunbar and Lt. Frank Donahue for their support of this program.

Thanks to recent participants in the Tolling of the Boats: Bud Atkins, Ed Childs, Alvin Butters, Paul Orstad, Wally Krupenevich, Steven Bournique, Chuck Emerson, and Tom Russell. Through the help of these volunteers, we have booked SUBVETS for all Graduations through September, making my job much easier.

The Submarine School Graduations are usually every other Friday

at 9 am at Wilkinson Hall. Anyone can be a participant. If you are interested in being involved with the Tolling of the Boats please contact the Base Commander to be put on the schedule. There are many openings that need to be filled. New faces are always welcome.

We also started a new program concerning SUBSCHOOL Graduations and have been invited to provide guest speakers who are Torpedomen to the TMA school graduations. Recent participants have been Paul Orstad, Bud Atkins, and Brian Turley. The one future date we have now is October 21st. If you are interested in being a guest speaker for one of these graduations, please contact me.

## Color Guard

We would very much like to expand the Color Guard and have a few more members so that there is more flexibility to support events.

Requirements are that you have the Groton Base Vest and Garrison Hat and the Dolphin Tie sold at our base.



Our next planned event is the July 4th Parade, followed by the 60TH Anniversary of the end of WWII, and the U.S. SUBMARINE VETERAN WWII Bridge Dedication.

If you are interested, please contact Charlie Starratt at (860) 859-0583.



## National Submarine Memorial East

We held a Memorial Service on VJ Day commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the end of WWII. This was another well-attended Memorial Service. Although it was a blazing hot day, everything went perfectly. We had some interesting remarks by LT. Governor Kevin Sullivan and other speakers as we dedicated the U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS WWII MEMORIAL BRIDGE. But most importantly, we Told the Boats for those on Eternal Patrol. The whole day was dedicated to the U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS WWII in a fitting tribute for all of their accomplishments and sacrifices. Well done to all participants and attendees. Special thanks to Gary Coulter and Mary for their involvement in coordinating the food for the reception following the Memorial Service. In addition, special thanks to Jack Casey, Carol Casey, Chuck Harrison, Doc McCance, and Mac McKenzie, who volunteered and drove people from the Memorial to the Club and back again, thus alleviating parking issues. Thanks also to the crew of USS TOLEDO (SSN 769) who opened their boat up for tours and to CMDCM (SS) Bruce Lee and SSSC who provided the drivers for the Boat Tours.

Our next Memorial Service will be

our final Memorial Service of the year on Veterans Day 11 November at 11am. In the event of rain, we will hold our Memorial Service at the Groton City Municipal Building. We hope to see you there. This is truly what being a member of SUBVETS is all about.

The Memorial Committee that maintains the National Memorial East is a hard working committee led by Shipmate Ed Childs. Other members on the Memorial Committee are Fred Stafford, Ray Briggs, Jack Lemke, Peter Gunn, Deen Brown, Dick McGirr, Leroy Webb, and Warren Wildes.

The Memorial Committee would like to thank all who returned the raffle tickets with donations for the Truck Load of Cheer Raffle, for their annual fundraiser for the National Memorial East. Over \$10,000 was raised for the Memorial Mainte-

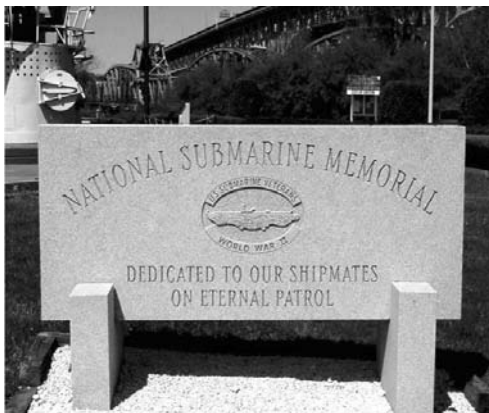
nance Fund that is used to support maintenance and upkeep.

Congratulations to the following winners: Jennifer DelBiondo \$500.00, John Carcioppolo \$350.00, Chris Mitchell \$250.00, Bill Zdanowicz \$200.00, Nancy and Tom Barnhart \$150.00.

In addition, we recently reached an agreement with Electric Boat who agreed to replace the bronze plaques they had donated from the Original Memorial that had incorrect dates. The cost to replace these plaques is about \$4,000.00, and their contribution is a big help. Many thanks to Electric Boat.

Those desiring to use the Memorial for Ceremonies or other functions should contact Ed Childs for scheduling at 860-535-1876 or [memorial@subvetsgroton.org](mailto:memorial@subvetsgroton.org)

The Memorial Committee has also taken over the "Grave Marker" project from the Thames River Chapter of USSVWWII, and is selling these grave markers as a service to our elder Submarine Veterans. These markers are for Submarine Veterans of WWII; however, if there is enough interest generated from the members of USSVI, we will investigate the feasibility of getting them for Submarine Veterans other than WWII.



## Lunches



Lunch at the club is very popular. If you haven't eaten there for lunch, you should try it. The lunches are tasty, filling, and very reasonably priced. Lunch is served from 11am to 2pm Mon - Fri, and usually there is a special served on Thursdays.

Thanks to all the bar staff for their efforts in putting out these great meals and to those who join us for

lunch. If you are planning on bringing a group for lunch, advance notice is appreciated to allow for proper planning and ensure enough food is available for your group. Give the club a courtesy call at 445-5262 so

the staff can anticipate your needs.

Remember SUBVETS isn't a professional restaurant with professional cooks so please be patient with the kitchen when it's crowded and they are backlogged.

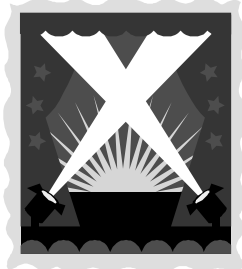
For our customers' convenience, there is an ATM at the clubhouse. The \$1.75 minimum service charge is less than many other local ATMs.

## SUBVETS Shipmate in the Spotlight

Our Shipmate in the Spotlight for this newsletter is Shipmate Gary Coulter.

Gary originally Qualified in Submarines in 1967 aboard USS SEA LION (APSS 315). Additionally, Gary served as an RM aboard USS CLAMAGORE (SS 343), USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659), and USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710), retiring as an RMCS (SS).

Gary joined SUBVETS in 1999, and upgraded to Life Membership in 2001.



Gary is one of the bartenders at the clubhouse. In this position, Gary is very aggressive in recruiting many of his customers who are eligible for membership and are signed in as guests. Gary has been very persistent in getting these members signed up and his efforts have helped increase membership at the base. Gary has had a good impact on business at the club, and his Thursday Night Fun Group is a big success. Gary has been instrumental in several projects around the clubhouse, including re-location of the dartboard and installation of the stereo system.

Recently Gary has been a key

player in several of our events. For the Memorial Day Service, the July 4th Parade, and the VJ Day Memorial Service/Bridge Dedication Ceremony Gary Coulter has been instrumental in collecting donations and in coordinating food donations for the receptions at the clubhouse that follow these events. Gary's efforts have significantly added to the success of these events by ensuring that enough food and beverages are available for all who attend the receptions. Gary is highly deserving of being recognized as the Shipmate in the Spotlight. Many thanks, Gary, for all that you do.

## Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Support

Although it is 90 degrees outside and we are still in the summer season, it is time to start thinking about the holidays and helping to make a difference for our Submarine Sailors for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Over the last four years we have hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner at the club house to feed many of the single sailors, elderly Submarine Veterans with no families, and local policemen. Last year we fed 640 people, including take out orders.

This enormous effort involves many volunteers and many donations from the membership and the local community.

We need your help to pull this off. In the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter are the dates and times of our planning meetings. The next one is on Thursday 29 September. If you would like to join up with us, please contact House Committee Chairman Stan Mathis.

If you would like to help us with donations, they will be graciously

accepted. Donations may be made at any time either at the club or by mail. Donations in support of this effort should be mailed to the club marked Attention Thanksgiving Dinner Program. Donations may also be made by preparing a turkey to be delivered to the clubhouse Thanksgiving morning. These should be coordinated with House Committee Chairman Stan Mathis at [house@subvetsgroton.org](mailto:house@subvetsgroton.org) or (860) 449-9904.

One of our fundraisers for this year is a No-Bake Bake Sale. Instead of baking some items for an ordinary bake sale, you simply send in the monetary value for the amount that you would have spent on the ingredients for your baked item—think of the time you save! Those who would have bought the baked goods send the amount they would have paid for them—without putting on the extra pounds by eating them. This builds up the funds required to help in feeding the single sailors who at-

tend our dinner and gives many who would not normally participate the chance to do so. This program runs in conjunction with other fund raising efforts so please just send in your donations as indicated above and mark your checks Thanksgiving Bake Sale.

Funds received above of what is required to put on this Thanksgiving Dinner will be equally divided and donated to SUBASE New London's Caring and Sharing Program and SUBVETS Caring and Sharing Program. Both of these programs provide Christmas meals to some of our needy submarine sailors and their families. Overall, we help many submarine sailors with your donations over the holidays.

SUBVETS Groton Base has set the standard for making a difference for both our single and married sailors during the holidays. With your help and donations, this year will be even better than last year. Thank you in advance for your help, donations, and support.

## Scholarship Fund News

As previously reported, we have established a Groton Base Scholarship program. Jack Casey is the chairman of the Scholarship Committee. All children, grandchildren, and stepchildren of Groton Base Members with a minimum of 1 year membership at SUBVETS Groton Base are eligible to apply for the Scholarships.

Our Scholarship Committee recently selected Jessica Hunter as the recipient of our first Groton Base Scholarship. Jessica is the daughter of Gaylen Hunter. She was awarded a \$6,000 Scholarship and was recognized at the August Meeting.



Jessica Hunter receives her \$6000 scholarship from Groton Base Commander John Carcioppolo as her father, Gaylen, looks on.

Having a Scholarship Program for our own members kids is a great thing, but we need funding and do-

## NY Yankees Game

Our annual baseball game trip was a successful, good time. Many thanks to Steve and Rose Jackson and Larry Yering for their help. Thanks also to John Carcioppolo for assisting Rose when Steve became ill before the game. Without John and Rose, the sodas and grinders would not have been there.

nations to give out scholarships. Donations are always graciously accepted at any time. The optimum time to make a Scholarship Donation is when you renew your dues, but they can be made at any time. Your support and donations are greatly appreciated, and go towards helping our own members of this organization. Over time we will build the pot and be able to give out some meaningful scholarships. We can only get there WITH YOUR SUPPORT.

We have started accepting donations for the Scholarship Fund for 2006. Donations received up to 31 May will be applied towards our 2006 Scholarship. You may donate any amount you desire. Based on the amount of your contribution, we will hang a different card at the club

representing the level of your contribution and recognizing you for your donation. The different levels are:

- GRADUATE \$5
- HONOR STUDENT \$10
- SCHOLAR \$25
- VALEDICTORIAN \$50

CLASS OF 2006 (1 of each) \$100

We have recently received dona-

tions from the following individuals: Edward F. Dillon, John W. Davis, Elmer J. Holmes, Miles E. Cochran Jr., Todd Folmsbee, Raymond Nott, SUBVETTES GROTON BASE, Norman E. Kuzel, Luther E. Bess, Ed Childs, Dorothy & Matt Matich, Charles Roskoski, Nelson Bearle, Mike Scroggins, and Dave Helmold.

If you are interested in donating,



National Scholarship Chairman Paul Orstad holds the \$1000 scholarship check for Courtney Stewart, as Joan Johnson, Charlie Johnson,



Paul Orstad presents Jessica Alexander her \$1000 scholarship check as grandparents Stan and Virginia Alexander, parents Mr. and Mrs.

please either bring in or mail your donation to 40 School Street, attention Scholarship Fund. Your support and donations are greatly appreciated and go towards helping our own members of this organization..

If you have any questions on the Scholarship Program, please contact Jack Casey the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee at [Scholarship@subvetsgroton.org](mailto:Scholarship@subvetsgroton.org) or call me at 860-445-1648.



## U.S. Submarine Veterans WWII

On Sunday 14 August, U.S. SUBVETS Inc. Groton Base held a Memorial Service commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the end of WWII and the 50th Anniversary of the birth of the U.S. SUBVETS WWII organization. As part of the ceremony, there was the formal dedication of the Southbound I-95



SUBVET WWII Carl Bryson with dedication sign.

Bridge over the Thames River as U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS WWII MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

The Service was well attended by members of SUBVETS WWII and by other members of SUBVETS, as well as many civilians and politicians from the community.

This was a well-deserved and long overdue recognition for our heroes who gave their lives during WWII and for those who carried on their legacy from the U.S. SUBVETS WWII Organization.

Many thanks to all who attended or participated in the day's events. Special thanks to Fred Stafford, who was covering for Ed Childs, the rest of the Memorial Committee, and the City of Groton

for their hard work in preparing the site for the Memorial Service. In We would also like to recognize the sailors from SSSC, NSSF, and SUBSCHOOL for their involvement and participation that always enhances our events.



In memory of the 3,617 submariners who lost their lives in WWII.

## Submarine Qualification Recognition Program

As members of U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS Inc., we constantly note the significance and importance of being designated Qualified in Submarines. This is demonstrated at our HOLLAND CLUB CEREMONIES, where we pay recognition to those Shipmates who have been Qualified in Submarines for over 50 years.

For all of us who wear silver or gold dolphins, the day that we received our dolphins from the Captain and became a "Brother of the Pin" was truly a milestone. It was the day that we were accepted by the rest of the crew as a true Submariner. We all know that dolphins are not given away, for they are earned as the result of hard work, studying and demonstrated performance.

The prestige of being designated as "Qualified in Submarines" is no different today than it was when Submarine Dolphins were first au-

thorized. Whether on old "Smoke Boat" during WWII, on an FBM during the heat of the Cold War, or on a 688 class Fast Attack Submarine today, the prestige and recognition amongst our peers when we are designated "Qualified in Submarines" is the same.

SUBVETS Groton Base has a running SUBMARINE QUALIFICATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM to recognize those shipmates on submarines home-ported in Groton, CT, who complete their Submarine Qualifications and have been awarded their Silver or Gold Dolphins. This recognition consists of inviting these Shipmates to our monthly meeting with their CO and COB and recognizing them for the completion of this process in front of our membership to welcome them as "Brothers of the Pin," as well as recognizing them here in Boat Notes.

This program cannot be success-

ful without your help. We have not had much input from the waterfront lately. We need those of you presently serving on boats to let us know when you have a newly Qualified Submariner onboard. If you notify us when an Officer or an Enlisted Shipmate Qualifies, we will take care of the rest. The information needed is full rate/rank, correct spelling of first and last name, and the boat that he qualified on. This information can come from any member and should be passed to the Base Secretary by email at [secretary@subvetsgroton.org](mailto:secretary@subvetsgroton.org) or by dropping off a note at the club. If deployed, drop it in the mail at the first opportunity. That information will be listed in the next edition of the newsletter and those shipmates recognized at our next meeting.

The success of this program depends heavily on the accurate and timely input from our members on the Waterfront.



## “Silent Service” Plates Committee: Wally Krupenevich

Since taking over the “chair” of this committee, we have continued with the fine work and attention to detail that our predecessor, PW Louthain, built into the program. Minor changes have been made, primarily because I live in Newington, a solid hour’s drive from Groton. The plus is that the DMV in Wethersfield is the next town over.

Revised club membership and plate application/information sheets are posted on the Groton Base website under Documents at <http://subvetsgroton.org/Portal/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=10>

The new process is:

(1) All processing starts with the applicant making initial contact with me by e-mail, phone call or in person at the club. I will email, mail or hand him the appropriate application/information sheet(s).

(2) If not a USSVI member, the applicant may mail or deliver his

membership application and dues check to the club concurrent with mailing his plate application and DMV check to my home address, 81 Apple Hill, Newington, CT 06111.

(3) If he is a USSVI member, he will mail his plate application and DMV check to my home address above.

(4) I confirm his USSVI membership. It may take a few days until the Membership Committee enters a new member into our database. When confirmed, and the application checked, it will be forwarded to DMV. The applicant should receive

his plates in 3-4 weeks.

This web address <http://www.ct.gov/dmv/cwp/view.asp?a=811&q=245200> will take you into DMV’s USSVI sample plate page. If Vanity Plates are desired, with any of the letter and/or number sequences shown on the reverse of the application card, start with this site. Click on “Programs and Services” at the top of the page, then click on “Vanity Plate Lookup.” Then you can determine if the specific combination you want is available (Ignore the plate style selection). Do not lock yourself into a single choice. If your first choice is not available, try some variations. If you have any questions at all about “Silent Service” Plates, please e-mail me on [wfk@aol.com](mailto:wfk@aol.com), call me at (860) 665-8084, or come alongside at the club’s bar.



## Secretary Notes: Steve Jackson

I realize that most of you know very little about me, so allow me to provide you with a little background. Maybe I should have done this before the election but better late than never.

I enlisted in the Navy after high school. During my 28 years of service, I had the opportunity to serve on board Submarines, Air Stations and with the FMF. I served on board the USS Billfish (SSN-676), USS Archerfish (SSN-678), USS

Andrew Jackson (SSBN-619) and USS Pargo (SSN-650).

I retired in October 1989 and Rose retired about 6 months later. Therefore, for about 6 months I was a Navy dependent. My major goal as secretary other than giving you the best possible service is to encourage everyone to get involved in some fashion. Doesn't matter if you cook breakfast, clean the decks, stuff envelopes or whatever. We are all

members and should strive to make our organization better.

I hope you noticed that I have never given my prior rate/rank. It is not relevant to the organization. We are all Submariners. If I could change one thing, it would be to have everyone remove their rank from their vest and hat. I feel we should look like a band of brothers not a band of use-to-bees. -- Steve Jackson

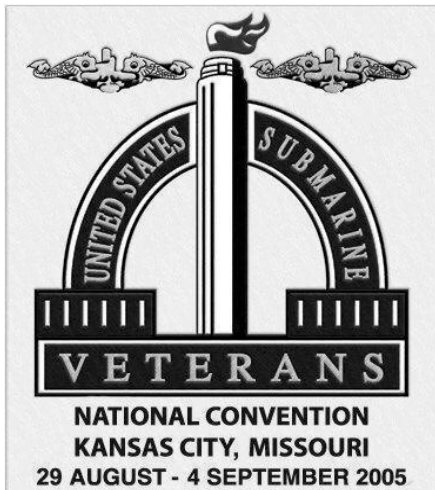
## Vice Commander’s Drawer: Bud Atkins

The Membership Committee is now processing renewals for 2006. Make sure you send in yours soon. Why not pay in advance and make it easier for all down the road?

Groton Base is now selling Gold Holland Club Ball Caps for \$15.00 and they look great. Along with our Gold Garrison Hats, we can make our Holland Club Members stand

out. I will be attending the National Convention in KC next month. Hope to see many of our members there. Straight Board -- Bud Atkins

# USSVI National News



**National Convention:** By the time you read this newsletter the National Convention for 2005 will be just a memory. If you want to start planning ahead, the 2006 Convention will be in Little Rock AK. It is scheduled from Sep 5th to Sep 10th in Little Rock, AK. The web page for the 2006 Convention is at <http://www.razorbackbase.com/Convention.html> which has links to other pages about the Convention. For those of you without internet capabilities, information will be provided in the American Submariner. We hope to see many of you there.



**Life Membership Installment (LMI) Plan:** The Life Membership dues are sometimes too large for some members to pay at one time. Annual members who desire to become Life Members may do so under the Life Installment Plan. The Life dues amount is the same,

based on age at time of first payment. However, payment is made over several months time instead of all at once. The cost is only \$25 per month until the dues are paid in full. All Life Members are still required to pay Base Dues, which pay for the Base Newsletter and other needed items. PLEASE INCLUDE THESE BASE DUES WITH YOUR FIRST INSTALLMENT. To enroll in the Life Installment Plan, send your check or money order and mark the check "Life Installment". If you have additional questions about the LMI plan, please contact any of the base officers.

**Vanity Life Cards:** Life members are eligible to receive Specialized Life Cards customized to have a picture of and Hull number of their Qualification Boat. The cost of \$50 serves as a donation to the USSVI

Charitable foundation. Call the USSVI National Office for details at 1-877-542-DIVE.

**National Scholarships:** Recently National Scholarship Chairman Paul Orstad announced the 2005 USSVI Scholarships. Among the various winners were two winners associated with Groton Base Members. The recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship designated as the John Fredericks Memorial Scholarship in honor of Past National Commander John Fredericks was given to Jessica Alexander, granddaughter of Stan Alexander of Torrington. The recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship designated as the Groton Base Scholarship in honor of our base was presented to Courtney Stewart, granddaughter of Charlie Johnson. Both Scholarships were presented at the August Monthly Meeting.

National Life Membership	
Under Age 45	*\$500
Age 46-55	*\$400
Age 56-65	*\$300
Age 66-75	*\$200
Age 76 and up	*\$100
*Base Dues of \$10 each year still required.	

**SEND IN YOUR 2006 RENEWALS NOW!**

## Membership Dues

Renewals		
Regular & Associate Members: INCLUDES \$10 Groton Base Dues per year	1 year	\$30
	2 years	\$60
	3 years	\$85
	5 years	\$140
RENEW TODAY!		
Life & Dual Members	1 year	\$10

## Membership News: as of 8/12/05

	Life/Holland	Regular	Associate	Total
2005	1259	743	159	2161
2006	609	82	38	729

Our Membership Committee is doing most of the work in processing the membership. This frees the Base Officers up to focus on other things. The members of the Membership Committee are Bucko

Padgett, Paul Dillon, Mark Stern, and Brian Turley. Many thanks to this group for stepping up. They are doing a great job.

## Renewal Notes

The bottom of your address label shows the date through which your dues are paid. Check your label so that you will know that your dues are current.

It is never too early to pay your dues in advance. We have members paid until 2019. The more members who pay in advance, the better off we are. The table on page 14 shows the prices for annual and multiple year renewals. If your mailing address should change, please let us know about it as soon as possible. The importance of this cannot be overemphasized. On the average, every time we mail the newsletter approximately 100 newsletters are returned

because of changed addresses or people on vacation. That is \$60 each newsletter mailing or \$300 a year wasted because members cannot provide us with the correct mailing address. It is very costly for us and National to get our newsletters and American Submariners delivered when addresses are incorrect. Boat Notes and the American Submariner are sent via Bulk Mail to reduced postage rate. Bulk Rate Mail is not forwarded to any new addresses. Instead, it is returned at the regular cost of mailing. Because of the time involved and the cost, returned newsletters are no longer forwarded to the new

address. You will have to wait until the next edition, or pick one up at the club. Additionally, because of the significant cost involved, National no longer requests address corrections from the American Submariner. Instead, they leave the sole responsibility for correct addresses with the bases AND THE MEMBERS. More important than the cost is the fact that when you do not get your newsletter you miss information about your organization and we lose contact with you.

It is recommended you use the form on the back page for all renewals, address changes, and updates of information that you have.

## Membership Listing: Changes Since the June/July/ August Edition of *Boat Notes*

The following membership information is as of 12 August 2005.

To all who renewed, thanks for staying with us and renewing early!

To all new members of USSVI Groton Base, Welcome Aboard!!!

### NEW LIFE MEMBER

Burnette J. Rickmond

### REGULAR MEMBER UPGRADED TO LIFE

Opediah P. Hill

### NEW REGULAR MEMBERS

Seth Billet

Eric D. Brooks

Jayson M. Brettin

Eric G. Bridge

Stephen Brooke

Ronald Buckley

Paul D. Cook

Jeffrey J. Coolidge

Joseph Franks

Joseph W. Gilbert

Joe Hansen

Ken Hulbert

Brian Kapple

Stephen G. Koontz

D.J. Markus

Christopher B. Martin

Wayne T. Murray

Dick Nantell

Larry (Ole) Olson

Gerald Peters

William J. Robinson

Stanley H. Robinson

William Schnitzler

Robbie Shroeder

Brent Smith

Scott Tupper

John Wilkinson

### REINSTATED MEMBERS

Aaron Daniels

Patrick J. Deeghan

Chris Jenkins

Andrew Kuvent

Brian E. Mason

Michael McGirr

Jerome J. Zak

### NEW DUAL MEMBER

Harold Lieberman

### RENEWAL 2006 EARLY BIRDS

James A. Adams

William C. Andersen

Michael K. Appio

David Baratko

Henri L. Baxter

Thomas S. Beach

Edward E. Berry

Sydney H. Brown

Charles B. Clark

Martin (Ed) Davis

Raymond DeCosta

Harold P. Egbert Jr.

Charles B. Emerson

Sean Farrell

Charlie Fenick

Elmer Flanagan

Robert C. Freeman

James E. French

Angelo Galli

Martin W. Glavan

Jonnie Gualandi

Nicholas (Fredo) Gudz Jr.

Wendy Gulley

Wayne Hakenjos

Elton E. Hamilton

John E. Hogan

Kenneth E. Holloway

Raymond Johnson

Gordon Knapp

Jack Kortekamp

Charles R. Kosloskey

William Kronenwetter

Jesse L. Ledbetter

Murray P. Lewis

Richard C. Lightle

John T. Longo

Darrell Mann

Hope Maruzo

Douglas Maynard

Willoughby C. McCance

Joseph A. McDevitt

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 Robert A. McMullin  
 Charelyn Nicholls  
 David Nicholls  
 Richard M. Noble Jr.  
 Glen R. Norris  
 John R. Olson  
 Alexander E. Paterson Jr.  
 Mark A. Paternoster  
 Robert D. Perry  
 Jerry E. Prinzbach  
 Bobby V. Rogers  
 James E. Schenk  
 Michael Scroggins  
 Alton Seamon  
 Marshall T. Slayton  
 Thomas W. Stearrett

Mark V. Stern  
 Paul Streichert  
 Thomas J. Striffler  
 Donald E. Terrill  
 Curtis L. Thomas  
 LeRoy Tiede  
 Randy L. Tiede  
 Gerald P. Tierney  
 James J. Wallace  
 Francis X. Walters  
 John I. Wynn

**LIFE INSTALLMENT PLAN**

If your name is on this listing, you should send us a Life Installment. If your name has 2 asterisks (\*) and bold letters

you are greater than 2 months over due for a Life Installment. Those that are underlined were 2 months over due in the last newsletter. If you have any questions please contact the Base Commander.  
 Kevin Boedigheimer  
 Thomas F. Bowler  
**\*\*Scott Brody**  
**\*\*Paul R. Brosig Jr.**  
 Eric Todd Cuenca  
 Frank Everett  
 Todd M. Grace  
**\*\*Arthur J. Harley**  
 Joe Holmes  
**\*\*Thomas Huebner**

Bruce S. Jacob  
**\*\*Gordon Jennings**  
 Timothy M. Kayser  
 Peter F. Keller  
 Rodney D. Kurtz  
**\*\*Richard A. McGrath**  
**\*\*John R. Noldan**  
 Frank Norosky  
**\*\*Sean W. Nunley**  
**\*\*Craig Pedro**  
**\*\*Mark Phelps**  
**\*\*Patrick J. Powers**  
**\*\*Jeffrey L. Qualley**  
**\*\*Mike Reska**  
 Jason Rusk  
 Robert Brian Scoggins  
**\*\*John Smigal**

## Newsletter Donations: Since the June/July/August Edition of *Boat Notes*

Richard Aiken	Frank J. Cima Sr.	Opediah Hill	Alfred J. Murphy	Anthony Salafia
Edwin F. Atkins	Harold E. Coburn	Kenneth E. Holloway	Peter B. Nalle	William M. Scarano
Randy Atkins	Miles E. Cochran Jr.	Elmer J. Holmes	Dave Nelson	Jim Schwartz
Richard R. Atkins	Thomas Cook	John T. Jennerwein	Charelyn Nicholls	John A. Slebodnick
Kenneth Ayers	Louis Costa	Edward F. Kalin	John R. Olson	John Stellenwerf
Adam Balwierczak	Donald L. Davidson	John B. Kurrus	Carol S. Palermo	Paul Streichert
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Keith Chenier	Joseph J. Hawkins	Robert A. McMullin	Brent J. Ritter	Ellis H. Willingham
Bob Chenier Sr.	Arthur L. Hebert	Mark S. Mordecai	Lee Rogers	Dmitry P. Zubkov

Thank you to all those listed above who have donated to the newsletter fund. Newsletter donations are always appreciated, as they reduce the cost of printing *Boat Notes*. Dues paid by Holland Club Members and Associate Members are considered Newsletter donations.

Newsletter donations can be made at any time either at the club or by mail. Why not mail in a donation when you mail in your 2006 Dues? A lot of effort goes into writing and mailing this newsletter. It is very disappointing to see newsletters returned and not delivered because

of bad addresses. Newsletters returned because of bad addresses also cost us money. If you receive a mailed copy of our newsletter, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS IS ON FILE WITH THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN.



## Boat Notes Online

Thank you to the many people who receive the newsletter on-line from the internet without a mailed copy, further reducing the cost of printing and mailing. Thanks to Jim Gentry, we now save the newsletter as a PDF file and post it on our web page. Many more people have taken advantage of the smaller file and shifted to email only. Receiving the newsletter on-line is strictly voluntary, one of the big ways that you can help us out at SUBVETS Groton Base is to receive your newsletter on-line only without receive a mailed copy. Receiving the newsletter on-line rather than in the

regular mail saves us labor and reduces expenses for printing and mailing. You can simply download it, print it in its entirety or just sections of interest to you, and then read it at your convenience. You can also read the newsletter right from the internet.

The newsletter is posted under the documents tab of our web page at <http://subvetsgroton.org>. Check it out. If you like it and decide to receive the newsletter on-line only, all you need to do is contact Membership Chairman Bucko Padgett at [membership@subvetsgroton.org](mailto:membership@subvetsgroton.org).

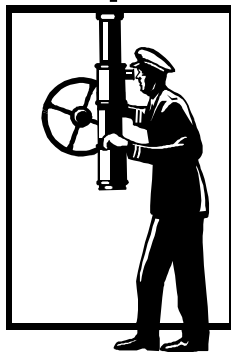
Over 420 members receive *Boat*

*Notes* exclusively by email. Imagine the cost savings to the base if over half of our members who have internet capability received it via the internet.

The biggest advantage to you in receiving the newsletter on-line is that *Boat Notes* can be received at the same time that we send it to the printers, which is at least 2 - 3 weeks ahead of those receiving it via the postal system. It is also an easy way of letting potential new members see what SUBVETS Groton Base is all about.

## Newsletter Boat Sponsorship Program

Our Boat Sponsorship Program helps get our newsletter sent to various commands. This enables more shipmates to find out about us without cost to the base. This program has been very successful. At present, there are 167 copies of our newsletter sponsored by the membership. Shipmate Ray Kreul is the coordinator for this important program. The cost to sponsor a command for one year's worth of our newsletter (five or six editions) is \$10 per copy. Six copies is the minimum number for sponsorship. Our goal is to have six copies



of every edition of *Boat Notes* delivered to every boat home-ported in Groton CT. A heartfelt thanks to all who are supporting this program!

Six copies provide four for the

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We have had many sponsorship renewals and several new sponsors over the last few months. Thanks for your support! Those highlighted in gray either need to be renewed or have expired.

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR SPONSORSHIPS EARLY.**

## BRAC Commission Decision

On 24 Aug 2005 the BRAC Commission voted to keep SUBASE NEW LONDON open and reject the DOD decision to close SUBASE. The decision came after seven members of the commission voted to keep the base open. Commissioner James Hansen cast the only vote for closure. President Bush has said he will approve the commission's recommendations, and Congress is also expected to approve the final report.

Connecticut politicians celebrated the decision. Governor Jodi Rell said this is a moment for celebration.

Rell was joined by Senators Chris Dodd and Joseph Lieberman. Dodd stated the BRAC Commission had made the right de-

cision and Lieberman remarked it would be a tragic mistake to close this base.

Groton will remain First and Finest, the Center of Excellence with regards to Submarines and the Submarine Capitol of the world.

Our sincere thanks to all our Membership who spoke out and made their voices heard, Mr. Bud Fay, Mr. John Markiewicz, Governor Rell and all those on the BRAC Coalition who fought so hard to make this reality.

Listing our Base highlighted the value of the Navy to Southeastern Connecticut, something many have taken for granted. Local businesses are already seeing a rebound in sales following the decision as area residents feel comfortable spending again.

The Navy has released funds to restart vital construction projects at the base, a clear sign it has decided not to appeal the decision to keep the base open.

Not only does our base impact the local economy, but we make huge contributions to the quality of life here.

This announcement was truly great news!



## Commander's Corner

Shipmates,

It has been an enjoyable but very busy summer so far. Yesterday we had our picnic. What a great time! Thanks to the many volunteers that made this grand picnic such a huge success. This afternoon we honored our SUBVETS WWII with the dedication of the Southbound I-95 Bridge over the Thames as U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS WWII MEMORIAL BRIDGE. The Memorial Committee and all supporters and participants did a magnificent job. What a weekend! Soon I will be packing my bags for the National Convention in Kansas City.

The start of the Fall Season will bring us the changing of the leaves, the Baseball Playoffs and World Series (which the NY Yankees will no doubt be a part of), and the start of the long awaited football season.

Fall brings us many things for USSVI as well. Coming up for the Groton Base Officers are functions that consume lots of time: the Red-White-Blue Mass, CO/XO/COB Dinner, Thanksgiving Dinner, Veterans Day Ceremonies, and planning for the Annual Christmas party. The biggest item at USSVI is membership renewals for the New Year. Now is the time to get this job done! This is when our focus shifts from bringing in new members to pushing our membership renewal campaign for 2006. Remember, Membership goes from 1 Jan to 31 Dec. After 31 Dec, if you have not renewed, you are considered "a member not in good standing" in the politically correct phrase; in the Old Navy Term you are "Dink".

Each year we lose many members who do not pay their dues to renew. We put a large effort in making sure that all the members know about it and are constantly reminded to send in their renewals.

This includes Life Members and Dual Members, who need to renew their Base Dues. Many members have taken advantage of the Life Installment program and upgraded to Life Membership. For those folks, please keep in mind that Base Dues are still required of Life Members. We have many Shipmates who have already renewed, but we have a long uphill battle. The support of the Membership Committee that has been handling Membership since April makes the job a lot easier.

Our July 4th parade was another success. Thanks to all who participated and to the many folks who supported us both at the parade and back at the clubhouse.

Through the summer, Stan Mathis and his House Committee have maintained their traditions of excellence, providing us with great brunches and dinners. We went to a great NY Yankees game (this year they won) and all had a good time. Thanks to Larry Yering, Rose and Steve Jackson for the hard work done in preparing this outing.

We are up over 2155 members for 2005, thanks to you, the membership. All of you need to be congratulated. New members who sign up from Sep - Dec get the benefit of 2006 membership too.

Let's see how we can improve ourselves for 2006. There are so many ways that you, the membership, can help us to be better and improve. Attending meetings, recruiting new members, bringing forward your ideas, participating in base events, scholarship donations, newsletter donations, cleanups, etc.; all these things help to make us a better organization so that we will attract more Submariners. If you want to help in any way contact one of the Groton Base Officers.

Coming at us are many important events. We have our House Committee working on some events to please the palate. We also have our CO/XO/COB dinner, our annual tribute to the leadership in the Submarine Community here in Groton. All area Commanding Officers, Executive Officers, and COBs/CMCs and their spouses or guests are invited to join us for dinner on October 28th. Groton Base Committee Chairs and their spouses are also invited to attend. After that is our Veterans Day Memorial Service on 11 November at 11am. Way out there on the horizon is our Thanksgiving Dinner for single Sailors.

SUBVETS GROTON BASE continues to make strides as a Base. Our members live from Spain to Russia, Norway to Halifax, and down to Mexico. We are big, but we can be bigger and better. I hope that your Executive Board has performed as you have wanted. We have tried to keep you informed about your organization and recognize all those who continue to help us out.

GROTON BASE is a successful organization; we have established ourselves as a leader in USSVI because of our members and our teamwork. We could not be as successful as we are without each member's individual support and contributions. GROTON BASE SETS THE STANDARDS FOR OTHER BASES TO FOLLOW!!!

How are we doing? You tell us! We look forward to serving and supporting the membership however we can. There are many exciting things to work on and look forward to. Thanks for keeping Groton Base as the First and Finest Base.

**Straight Board !!!!**

John C.



## Base News

First, congratulations to all of our Shipmates that were selected for Chief Petty Officer. Your advancement is a major accomplishment of which we are very proud. We look forward to seeing you in khakis.

Next, congratulations to CMDCM (SS) Bill Stoller, who was recently selected as the Commander, Northeast Region Command Master Chief. Congratulations also to Pete Burns, who recently retired with 27 years service.

A special welcome aboard to Captain Kenneth Swan, the new SUBSCHOOL CO, who joined us as a new member.

We have set up a new group, the Newsletter Committee, which has assumed the responsibility of putting together our newsletters. Hope Maruzo and Chuck Harrison volunteered to co-chair this committee. Together with our printers Bob

and Jan Stack from This N' That, we look for improvements to an already good product. Many thanks to both of them for stepping up.

Wally Krupenevich has taken over the License Plate program. Please look in this newsletter for changes in the process to obtaining the CT SUBVETS License plates.

As usual, there are several things planned here at Groton Base. Among other functions in the next few months are some House Committee functions, the National Convention, the Red, White and Blue Mass, and the CO/XO/COB Dinner.

We have also begun preparations for another Thanksgiving feast. We are again planning to feed many of our Single Sailors, Single SUBVETS/SUBVETS WWII, and others, and we will need the continuing support of the membership.

We have several very successful special programs such as our Scholarship program, the SUBSCHOOL Tolling of the Boats, our Submarine Qualification Recognition Program, and Boat Sponsorship programs.

Our biggest focus right now is the 2006 Membership Renewals. Please get yours in as soon as possible. This applies to Life Members, Regular Members, and Associate Members. The earlier you renew your dues, the easier it is for all of us.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and this edition of Boat Notes. When you are finished reading it, pass it on to a Shipmate who is not a member and recruit him to join SUBVETS Groton Base. When you get the opportunity, come down, visit your club, and enjoy some great fellowship.

## Small Stores

Our Small Stores have many items in stock. We have the 2006 SVWWII Calendars now; after the convention, we will have the 2006 USSVI Calendar. Both are steals for just \$6.

We have golf shirts in many sizes and colors, patches and stickers with the SUBVETS Groton Base Logo, membership longevity pins, sweatshirts, calculators, drink glasses, beer mugs, license plate

holders, hats, jackets, and bumper stickers.

We are now the only supplier of Welcome Mats, Car Mats, and Truck Mats with the USSVI logo, having recently purchased the rights for these.

The mats, pictured here, are made of heavy black rubber. In gold letters, they say UNITED STATES SUBMARINE SERVICE and feature a pair of dolphins. The Welcome mats run \$25, Car mats are \$35, and Truck Mats are \$40. Since we have the rights on these, we can sell them much cheaper than before. Prices do not include shipping.

Our Small Stores items can be purchased from the bartender at any time. Other

items for sale are displayed in the showcase at the bottom of the stairs at the club. If you would like items shipped to you, we can do that as well.



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**NOTE: Help Groton Base by renewing your membership early and signing up a new member**

**Sept/Oct 2005**

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UPDATE THIS RENEWAL FORM AND ENCLOSE IT WITH YOUR DUES (AND DONATION IF DESIRED). FORM CAN ALSO BE USED FOR NEW MEMBERS , TO PAY IN ADVANCE, OR FOR ADDRESS OR INFORMATION UPDATES. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

New/Renewal	National Dues	\$20
	Groton Base Dues	\$10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30</b>

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- 3 YEARS NATIONAL/BASE DUES - \$85
- 5 YEARS NATIONAL/BASE DUES - \$140

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Age 76 and up	*\$100
Age 66-75	*\$200
Age 56-65	*\$300
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Under Age 45	*\$500

\*Plus Annual Groton Base Dues of \$10

**RENEWALS FOR LIFE MEMBERS \$10**

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