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 of America and its Constitution."

IMPORTANT IN THIS EDITION:

CHAPLAIN’S LIST

BYLAW CHANGE TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC VOTING
OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN FOR USSVI GROTON BASE
USSVI GROTON BASE ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER

CHAPLAINS LIST

Chaplain’s List as of 2/22/15 Call, send a note, or visit - A phone call or a visit from a shipmate means a lot - even if you don’t know the person. Make a new friend.

Binnacle List

- Ernie Plantz  Was taken to L&M this past week. High potassium was one of the diagnosis plus an internal infection.
  - It appears that they have the potassium under control and are working on the infection. Spoke with him, sounds like Ernie. He would appreciate phone calls and visits. Don’t know yet how long he will be there. He did indicate that he may be going to Rehab for a short period.
- Emil Vestuti – Home now; 1 Macdonough Place, Apt 332, Middletown CT 06457 cell is 201-705-9525.
- Wil Nelson is at his apartment. (Apt.C-2) in Groton. He always enjoys a phone call 860-405-0169
- Larry Crowley moved to FL. A phone call once in a while would be a nice thought. 727-7542132
- John Deane  He has to take oxygen for part of the day. He says he is doing well, and wants to keep ringing the bell at the Memorial until he can’t. He would welcome phone calls. 860-7398012.

R&R List - Rest & Recover

- “Bud” Walters States that “He is a prisoner in his own home”. Says he is about the same. He is confined to home at this point. Give him a call. He would love to hear from friends. Home phone: 860-464-2764.

Sunshine List – long term care and treatment

  - He had open heart surgery last week at Yale New Haven and is now home. Spoke with him, sounds good! Your prayers are requested. He has asked that phone calls be held off for a while.
- Joe Paskale - Advanced Parkinson's - Salmon Brook Center, 72 Salmon Brook Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033 – receives and reads cards and notes.

For any other shipmate incidents not listed, please call Chaplain Gallimore @ 860-4648367 as soon as you can. Thanks for helping out.
USSVI GROTON BASE BYLAW CHANGE 3RD NOTIFICATION

The following bylaw changes have been approved by the Executive Committee and is hereby presented to the Membership.

- This broadcast is the official notification for the bylaw change
- This change will be presented to the membership at the 2 March 2015 membership meeting for approval.

ARTICLE X – VOTING IN GROTON BASE ELECTIONS

(d) Nominations shall be submitted by any Regular Member of Groton Base in good standing on or before but closed at the April 1st monthly scheduled membership meeting; to the chairman of the Nominating Committee but only if such nominations are accompanied by a written consent of the nominee that he will accept the nominations and serve if elected. The qualifications of the nominee, not to exceed 100 words, shall accompany nominations. Upon receipt of all nominations as aforesaid, the officer conducting the nominations shall have published in the Base publication the names and qualifications, in alphabetical order, of all candidates properly nominated, at least thirty (30) days prior to the monthly meeting not later than April 15th. Nominations, when called for, may be made from the floor at the meeting and shall be accepted upon the oral or written consent of the nominee that he accepts the nominations and will serve if elected.

(g) During the thirty (30) days immediately preceding the meeting and in time to permit at least twenty (20) days for Regular Members to cast and return their ballots, ballot forms and envelopes as hereafter prescribed shall be mailed by the Base Secretary not later than April 15th to each Groton Base Member in good standing to his last known U.S. Mail address and who the Secretary does not have a valid email address then. The names, in alphabetical order, of all qualified candidates shall be printed or typed on the ballot with one (1) additional space for write-in vote, opposite of which shall be a box to be filled in by the member voting to signify the candidates of his choice. Such ballot shall also set forth in electronic media, printed or typed form such instructions as the Base Secretary considers necessary to insure the secrecy of the ballot and its execution and mailing, or personal delivery at the meeting within the prescribed period. The secret ballot vote must be conducted by the Base Secretary notwithstanding the fact that only one candidate is nominated for a given office. The instructions shall also include directions that there may be no voting by proxy.

(h) If electronic voting via internet is not available, the voting shall be by paper ballot.

(i) Electronic voting via internet is the standard method used for Elections, with mail-in paper ballots sent to the Base Secretary for inclusion in the electronic tally for those without internet access.

(j) Voting Cut-off shall be no later than at 2400 hours the last Monday of May

(k) Election results will be announced by the Secretary at the June monthly meeting.

(l) ARTICLE XI - VOTING IN CLUB ELECTIONS (added entire new Article in 2012)

(m) Nominations shall be submitted by any Club Member in good standing on or before but closed at the April 1st monthly scheduled membership meeting; to the chairman of the BOT Nominating Committee but only if such nominations are accompanied by a written consent of the nominee that he will accept the nominations and serve if elected. The qualifications of the nominee, not to exceed 100 words, shall accompany nominations. Upon receipt of all nominations as aforesaid, the officer conducting the nominations shall have published in the Base publication the names and qualifications, in alphabetical order, of all candidates properly nominated, at least thirty (30) days prior to the monthly...
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Proposed by: Charles Murray, Base Parliamentarian
Submitted: 1/18/2015

OFFICIAL SPOKES MAN FOR GROTON BASE

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THE BASE COMMANDER IS THE ONLY OFFICIAL SPOKESPERSON FOR USSVI GROTON BASE. ALL INCOMING OR OUTGOING COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTING USSVI GROTON BASE SHALL BE DIRECTED THROUGH THE BASE COMMANDER.

MARCH DINNER AT THE CLUB

USSVI Groton Base St. Patrick’s Day Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner is scheduled for 14 March 2015 at a cost of $10.00 pp. There are two seating’s, (1545 and 1900. Advance reservations are required. Reservations can be made by stopping by the Clubhouse or calling 860-445-5262. We take credit cards.

Date: 2/13/2015
To: Distribution List

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USSVI Long Range Planning Questionnaire
My name is Pete Rathmell, Base Commander of the USS Snook Base in northwest Arkansas. After being discharged from active duty, I began what would be a
30 plus year career much of it in sales and marketing. I have volunteered to fill the Long Range Planning position at USSVI. The Long Range Plan I intend to present to the National Officers will deal with two areas critical to our success - MEMBERSHIP GROWTH and MEMBERSHIP RETENTION.

In order to develop this plan, I need your help. I am asking you as the Base POC/Base Commanders to administer the following survey questionnaire to the members of your Base. Only by getting responses to this questionnaire can I develop a meaningful Long Range Plan for USSVI. The questionnaire is a fillable PDF that can be easily E-mailed.

Please return the questionnaire to my email address: qm3atbream@gmail.com
Click on the link below to go to the 2 page questionnaire.

2015 SUBMARINE BIRTHDAY BALL

The Submarine Capital of the World will celebrate the Submarine Force Birthday, Saturday, 11 April 2015, at the Fox Tower Premier Ballroom (previously known as the MGM Grand Premier Ballroom) at Foxwoods Casino. Join us as we celebrate the 115th Birthday of the World's Finest Submarine Force.

The summarized schedule of events is as follows:
1800 - 1900 cocktails
1900 - 1930 program
1930 - 2030 dinner
2030 - 2115 program and remarks from guest speaker
2115 - 2400 dancing/entertainment

We will again be in the largest ballroom in the northeastern United States, and with an expected attendance of more than 2100 people, it will be the Biggest Submarine Ball on the Planet!!

The uniform for this event is Service Dress Blue or Better. Covers are not required.

Deadline for tickets purchase is 03APR. Ticket price is $55, cash or check (Checks are to made out to SUBMARINE BIRTHDAY BALL)

The theme for the Sub Ball is based on SS-1 HOLLAND. Each ticket holder will receive a coin upon entry to the Sub Ball that day and the committee is working on getting engraved glasses as an additional memorabilia item. Based on the HOLLAND theme, it would be nice to have HOLLAND CLUB members in attendance.

Special rate hotel rooms at the Fox Tower or Two Trees Inn can be reserved now at https://resweb.passkey.com/go/subball2015 (all Lower case). The cut off for room reservations at the special rate Is 20 March 2015.

Tickets are available at the SUBVETS Clubhouse. SUBVETS POC is the Vice Commander Al Atkinson, email at vice@subvetsgroton.org.
YOU MAY REQUEST TICKETS BY SENDING YOUR CHECK TO 40 SCHOOL STREET Groton CT attention Vice commander. Include a preaddressed stamped envelope to receive your tickets by mail.

NERD1 MEETING

THE DISTRICT MEETING FOR BASE COMMANDERS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 21 MARCH 2015 FROM NOON TO 2PM. ALL BASE MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AS WELL. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE GERRY 5 VFA HALL, 210 BEACON ST, MARBLEHEAD, MA.

CONNECTICUT SILENT SERVICE (SS) MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE ATTENTION CONNECTICUT MEMBERS

For some time we have been attempting to obtain a CT Silent Service (SS) motorcycle license plate from the State of Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles. Again, we will try to convince the Commissioner of DMV to move forward with this project. As you know the squeaky wheel always gets the oil. While you may not be a motorcycle rider, I’m asking for your help to pursue this project and support our members who do. Just a brief note to your State Representative or State Senator can make a large difference in making this happen.

I have included a link below to sample letters for you to use as you see fit; to be used for your State Representatives and State Senators. These letters are in MS Word format so you can modify in your own words. Any questions or need assistance with obtaining contact information for your Representative or Senator you can contact either H Solt Plates@subvetsgroton.org.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applications for the Groton Base USSVI Scholarships are being accepted from March 1, 2015 until April 5, 2015. Please refer to the Scholarship Link on the Groton Base website for eligibility, applications and application packet requirements. Any question, contact the scholarship chair, Greg Kane at: scholarship@subvetsgroton.org or 860 9891426. Donations to the Scholarship Fund are always welcome.

Date: 2/20/2015
To: Distribution List

CHARITABLE-01: 2014 Scholarship Program Donations Listing is on the website.
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 2/20/2015

Shipmates,
The final list has been post on the CF Donors list for the year of 2014. If there is any one who feels I left off his or her name, Base, or Group please contact me at hogan343@aol.com. You can find the list under the "Charitable Fund" on left side of Web page then click on CF Donors. it should be the top listed list for 2014. Thank you for your donations. Shortly I will announce two additional scholarships to be offer this year and make the last call for requesting a USSVCF Scholarship application which is 15 March 2015.
Thank you.
Paul Orstad, National Scholarship Chairman.
Green board,
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Date: 2/16/2015
To: Distribution List

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NEWS-01: Lost members
Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 2/16/2015

At the end of the "grace period" of January 31st for USSVI annual membership dues payment, 1,005 members (898 regular members and 107 associate members) were lost. This number is the average amount of members that we lose every year for nonpayment of dues. Typically, we will gain back about 2 to 3 hundred members in the next couple months. Base Commanders: please make an effort to contact (preferably by phone) each member in your base that did not renew, and get these shipmates to rejoin. If they do not want to, find out why they do not want to renew. If we can find the reasons members are leaving, we may be able to make the necessary changes to prevent these losses. Please send me the results you get from them, and we can work on a solution. This is imperative to the future of USSVI.
Bill Andrea, NJVC
wcandrea@bellsouth.net

Date: 2/4/2015
To: Distribution List

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NEWS-01: Reminders and New Information!
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 2/4/2015

Reminders and new information!

1. The deadline for putting in a Bid for the 2017 and 2018 National Conventions is March 1, 2015. All Bids are sent to the NSVC John Markiewicz at jemjax2@att.net and you must use the New Convention Manual posted on the USSVI website under Documents/Manuals. See link below: https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Manuals_USSVI-NATIONAL-CONVENTION-MANUAL.pdf

2. There is new Listing of Committee Chairman, Committee Members and Appointed Position up on the website under Documents/organization on page 2. These are the Board approved Committees, Committee members and Appointed Positions. For New Committees and Appointed Positions not defined in the C&Bs, they will be defined in the 2015 revised PPM (Policy and Procedures Manual) after it is approved at the Mid-Term Meeting of the Board of Director at the end of March.
3. Base Commanders please go to the USSVI website and review the 2015 Awards Manual under Documents/Awards/Manuals and inform your members or send a copy by e-mail to your Base members so they can send in candidates for these Awards to recognize a shipmate or your Base. You never know a Base member might put you name in for an Award. Link below:

4. All the documents concerning the Memorandum of Understanding between USSVI National and Groton Base along with the USSVI Groton Clubhouse Inspection Report are up on the website under Documents/organization on the last 2 pages of Organization. I put them there as part of my commitment to be transparent with operations of USSVI and for historical record.

Pride Runs Deep,
Al Singleman, Jr. NC

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