

**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC.**  
**GROTON BASE MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Date (October 6, 2009)

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Call Meeting to Order at 18:30  
With 62 members present

NO SMOKING REMINDER, EXIT WARNING REMINDER.

- Pledge of Allegiance lead By:** John Carcioppolo
- Moment of Silence for the Boats on Eternal Patrol in October: USS S-44 (SS155), USS Seawolf (SS-197), USS Dorado (SS-248), USS Escolar (SS-294), USS Darter (SS-227), USS Shark II (SS-314), USS Tang (SS-306), & USS O-5 (SS-66)** and the following Shipmate: Joseph E. Damiata, Henri L. "Hank" Baxter, IV.
- Binnacle List:** Harold Ludy, Otto Welper, Turk Turner, and Dave Starratt, Michael LaRose, Frank Miranda, Jim Shenk, Tom Conlon.
- Prayer Lead by:** Base Chaplain – Tom Russell
- Sound Off** – John Carcioppolo, USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678) 1977 etc...
  - Introduction of VIPs and Guests:**  
**NATIONAL OFFICERS:**

- OTHER VIPs & GUESTS Other Groups:**  
Ernie Plante, Bronze Star & POW

Paul Dillon, NAUS Co-Chairman

- SUBVETS WWII – 2**     **HOLLAND CLUB – 15**     **NEW MEMBERS/FIRST MEETING – 0**

- There are two clipboards circulating with muster sheets - Please make sure your name is on one or the other.
- Meeting Attendance drawing Winner:** Bob Gustafson
- EBOARD Actions Since the last Membership Meeting**
  - 1. There no action items before the EBoard at this time.

- Secretary's Last Meeting Report** – Will Present next month for approval.
- Treasurer's Last Meeting Report** – Motion made and seconded, Approved.
- House Committee Financial Report** – Presented by Stan Mathis, Approved.
- Membership**

	Associate	Life/Holland	Regular	Total	Increase	Deceased
<b>2009</b>	177	1,202	880	2,259	11	25
<b>2010</b>	90	1,042	291	1,423		

- 2010 Membership Renewal Drive.** New Members/Renewals taken after meeting. Brian Turley will take any new applications or renewals after the meeting. Advance Renewals, Multi Year Renewal Rates 3 yrs/\$85 or 5 yrs/140. Reminder base dues increase 1 October, those who renew prior to may pay in advance as far as they like under the old rates.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Annual Retirement Seminar (2 Volunteers needed)
2. Relief for Archivist- John Wynn has been relieved by Gunner Stitz of Razorback Base. Archives to be shipped to Little Rock AR. Paul Orstad to coordinate shipments, Member still needed to maintain Groton Base Archives. **Note: Need person to take over as base archivist.**
3. Budget Inputs to Treasurer by 15 Nov. Committees to provide representative names.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- BOT – Nothing
- Chaplain – Volunteers for Honors Detail needed.
- Docents – Oct thru Dec watch bill, filling up.
- Building – Need to repaint the front steps, use different color?
- Color Guard – Red, White & Blue Mass.CO/XO/COB Dinner.
- Holland Club – 20 names for 2010, pay your dues, New Patches.

- House Committee- Steak & Lobster Dinner about \$800 raised, Thanksgiving Approximately \$8780 Holland Club \$80.
- License Plate – Absent for the meeting.
- Scholarship – Taking donations
- Small Stores – 2010 Calendars \$6
- Memorial – Veterans Day Memorial 11 Nov. Capt. Rick Breckenridge USN Speaker
- Veterans – Discussed several items; Veterans Benefits Law, Operation Ernest Will. Category 8 Expansion, if not 20 years active service, a person can now be excepted if due to a medical discharge. 14/Oct – CT VA at the Groton Library with their counselors to answer questions (15:00-17:00).
- KAPS 4 Kids – Program in full swing. Focus →Start an online program. Go anywhere in the state. Yale New Haven this month. Ronald McDonald and Ct. Children's Hospital next month.
- Newsletter – Should be in the mail, mailed or e-mailed out.
- Thanksgiving – Next meeting 7 Oct. Fundraiser on 2/Oct/09 cancelled due to in climate weather, rescheduled for 9/Oct/09.
- Sub School Graduations – Tom Russell and Red Padget, Sheppard of the Sea, Thank you. Bess Graduatations on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of Oct.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Two Donation requests (DAV **Note: Discuss this again next meeting**, Friends of Fort Griswold – **Voted to give \$80, enough to pay for one flag for the year, motioned and seconded, approved**).
2. Boat Sponsorship Program - **\$10.00 for each boat for a year. Several boats have no magazines now. Need an interested person to take over and fix this broken program.**
3. National Commander's email about Memorial Service Attire – **Base Commander does not agree. You should be able to show up in anything you wish to wear. It is about perpetuating the memory, not about dress.**
4. Scholarship Donations through CFC – **Write in US Submarine Veterans Scholarship Fund for anyone who works at EB.**
5. Camp Able thank You Letters – **Write thank You letter for the four recruits SubVets sponsored.**
6. Phil marshal – **Thank You Letter.**
7. Linda Davis - **Community Help to try and save the Alice Acres Farm which has come onto hard times and may close.**
8. Thank You Letter – **Need a copy of the Thank You Letter.**
9. Fleet Reserve Dinner - **\$8.00 by the 20<sup>th</sup> of October for a corned beef dinner at the Fleet reserve.**

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Annual Military Retire Seminar – Tim Guilfoil
2. Veterans Day Events – SUBASE Library November 12 at 1600, George Jones Tuesday, 10 Nov 1230. **Note: Volunteers, between 20-25, neede. 12:30 lunch, then 3 people from each era of submarines service, WWII, Cold War and Present, to get up and talk about yourself and your service to the country. Then answer any questions to the best of your ability.**
3. Red, White, & Blue Mass 8 Nov. Volunteers still needed. **Note: See PW about this.**
4. Heart Walk - Mark Wiggins

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Wednesday 7 Oct: Thanksgiving Planning Mtg 6:30 PM
- Friday 9 Oct: **Navy Birthday Ball**, MGM Foxwoods, Cocktails 5:30 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM
- Sunday 11 Oct: Brunch-Steak n Eggs 10-12 AM
- Monday 12 Oct: **Columbus Day**
- Tuesday 13 Oct: SVWWII Social/Lunch - 1130 AM
- Saturday 17 Oct: Dinner Prime Rib/Steamship around 6:00-8:30 PM
- Sunday 18 Oct: Sunday Brunch: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Monday 19 Oct: Sea Scouts Workshop – 6:30 PM  
GB Westport Satellite Group Meeting 7:00PM
- Tuesday 20 Oct: Holland Club Luncheon 1130 am
- Wednesday 21 Oct: Thanksgiving Planning Mtg 6:30 PM
- Thursday 22 Oct: Chairman reports due to Base Secretary
- Saturday 24 Oct: CO/XO/COB Dinner 6:00 PM
- Sunday 25 Oct: Sunday Brunch: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Monday 26 Oct: : E-Board and Committee Chairs Meeting, 6:30pm  
Sea Scouts Workshop at club house 6:30 pm
- Wednesday 28 Oct: Thanksgiving Planning Mtg 6:30 PM

- Sunday 1 Nov: **Day Light saving Times Ends**  
Brunch-Steak n Eggs 10-12 AM
- Monday 2 Nov: Base Monthly Meeting

**Please clean up your tables. Bottles & glasses back to the bar and papers in the trash.**

- **50/50 raffle:** 194243      **Won by:** Tom Harvey
- **50/50 Hat drawing:** 194183   **Won by:** Wayne Ferguson
- **Closing Prayer:** Led by the Base Chaplain, Tom Russell
- **Please join in the reading of our Creed lead by:** Base Commander
- **Motion to Adjourn:** Buck O Padget motion, seconded.
- **Adjourned Meeting:** 19:37