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## Commanders Column

I have been doing some work on the 2010 reunion, and have put together a tentative schedule. I propose that on Thursday night we have an informal meet and greet at the SubVets on Thames street in Groton. The cost of renting their hall is \$75 with an \$80.00 clean up deposit which we will get back unless we leave the place a mess.

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Sept. 2010

0800 Meet at the WWII SubVets Memorial on Bridge Street in Groton to pay honor to the T.J. Sailors no longer with us. At close Visit the Sub Force Museum and USS Nautilus  
0930-1130 Sub School and Sub Base tour

Facilities which we can tour are:

Sub School Trainer  
Damage Control Trainer  
Sun Piloting and Navigation Trainer  
Fire Fighting Team Trainer  
Escape Trainer  
Fire Arms Training Simulator

1130-1300 Lunch Submarine Base Galley (cost is \$4.24 per person payable at meet and greet)

1800 to 2300 Dinner at a place to be determined.

Saturday I will try my best to get us a boat tour. The Sub base is very noncommittal on this because so much can happen to prevent a tour.

Sunday Breakfast at the SubVets for those who would like to gather one last time. We will have to give SubVets a head count

Charlie to address the issue of smoking Yes the SubVets do allow smoking in the main bar area. The only time we will have contact with this area is the Women must pass through this area to get to the Woman's bath room.

I would greatly appreciate any comments, additions, deletions that you'll may have. I haven't gotten any firm prices yet for hotel motel or dinner. Thought I had something working with the Mohecan Sun Casino for \$93.00 a night, and then they upped the price to 299 For Thursday and 399 for the weekend. I also need input for a firm date. The SubVets convention is over the Labor Day weekend so any date after that will work

Take Care John Sweat

## Secretary's comments:

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There is not much for this newsletter since I have not received any inputs except the commanders.

I do have a couple of things:

First I have heard from some shipmates that they would rather go some place other than Groton. I talked with John about this and he agreed that we could put something in this newsletter to ask for inputs on this subject. We understand that it has been the policy for the reunion attendee's to vote on the next location. However, it has also been noted that a lot of those voting then do not show up for the next reunion. We have been to Groton many times and since 1998 we have not had a very big turn out from those in that area. Some of the locations that I have heard about are:

1. Kings Bay Ga.
2. Charleston SC

And any place south. And if you would like to return to Branson Mo again I would be willing to take on setting that up.

I have heard that the people in Kings Bay go out of their way to help us have a very good reunion.

So we are open to suggestions, but we do need to make a decision as soon as possible in order to get things moving. So send your votes to me at [bugsbunny35@centurytel.net](mailto:bugsbunny35@centurytel.net) or U.S. mail if you do not have a computer.

Second: I would like for someone to step forward and take over the secretary's post. I am going to be 75 this year and I hate to say this but I am slowing down. I am willing to keep on maintaining the web site if necessary. So I will not be running for re-election

Fair winds and following seas

Ed

## T J Scholarship Committee

We would like to thank all of the applicants for the 2009-2010 scholarship. It was not an easy decision, but the recipient was Brent Higgins, the grandson of Dan Higgins. The scholarship amount is \$500.00.

The applications for the 2010-2011 school years are now available. The criteria are the same as last year. This and the application can be found on the website [www.ssbn618.com](http://www.ssbn618.com) or can be requested from the chairman, Bob Keller, PO Box 9, Harmonsburg PA 16422. It is heartening to see that there are bright young people that are studying interesting subjects. All of the applicants have been doing well academically and we wish you all the luck in the future.

The more applicants that we get, the happier this committee is. So if you have a child or grandchild that is pursuing an advanced education, encourage them to apply. With the cost of education, every bit of assistance is needed.

If there are any questions, feel free to contact Bob at the above address or e-mail @ [wessy@mdvl.net](mailto:wessy@mdvl.net).