



Stanley W. Mathis
FN [LCDR Ret] Gold 67-68
USSVI-HC Qualified 1967

ETERNAL PATROL: 27 August 2025

Subject: U.S. SUBVETS Groton Base – Eternal Patrol LCDR Stanley (Stan) Mathis
Shipmates,

It is my sad duty to report that Shipmate Stanley Mathis departed on Eternal Patrol at home with family on 27 August. The obituary will not be published until 7 September.

Stan was raised in Southern California and enlisted in the Navy in 1966. After graduation from Submarine School, he was temporarily assigned to Submarine Flotilla 2 as a team member for a battery replacement in USS GROUPE (SS 214). He next reported to USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN 655) where he qualified in submarines in 1967. While onboard STIMSON, he completed 3 strategic deterrent patrols and submitted an application for the Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP).

He next served onboard USS PARGO (SSN 650) deploying to the North Pole. Following Pargo he attended college under the NESEP program and graduated in 1972 from Miami University of Ohio with a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Science and Systems Analysis and commissioned as an Ensign. Stan then attended Submarine Officers Basic Course and Poseidon Weapons Officer's Course. Follow on Sea Tours as an officer included USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN 619), USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSBN 619), USS DARTER (SSN 576) and Navigation/Operations Officer on USS SAM RAYBURN (SSBN 635). Shore assignments included Naval Submarine School as an instructor in the Engineering Department; Fleet ASW Training Center, San Diego.

Stan Mathis retired from the U.S. Navy in 1987 as a LCDR having completed 21 years active duty. After retirement Stan worked until earlier this year as a Senior Engineer at General Dynamics Electric Boat.

Stan joined USSVI Groton Base in June 2001 and upgraded to Life Member in May 2002. Stan was inducted into the prestigious Holland Club in 2017. He became very involved in Groton Base and became very instrumental in the leadership of Groton Base and helped establish the Westport Satellite Group. He held Leadership Positions as House Committee Chairman, Vice Commander, and Base Commander. He chaired the very first SUBVETS Thanksgiving in 2001 and held this position for many years. He also chaired the first SUBVETS Anniversary Celebration in 2003 and coordinated that for several years. For many years Stan Mathis also served as an advisor to the Executive Board and was a long-time member of the Groton Base Honors Detail.

There will be a Memorial Service for Stan Mathis on 14 September 2025 at the SUBVETS Clubhouse starting at 1300. The Memorial Service will include the Groton Base Honors detail and Full Military Honors. The Honors Detail will start the Ceremony at 1300. Uniform: black pants, tie, short sleeve white shirt, and garrison cap. If you do not have the uniform, you are still welcome to join us as we pay our respects to Shipmate Mathis and the Mathis Family.

Hand Salute

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

LCDR Mathis
Rest Your Oar!
Ready Two.

Sincerely
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Stanley W. Mathis , LCDR	
	 
 USSVI Life Member	 Holland Club  Submarine Qualified 50 years ago
Personal Information	
Nickname	Stan, Scottie
Spouse / Partner Next of Kin	
Address	
Phones	
E-mail Addresses	
Doing Now	SENIOR ENGINEER AT GD ELECTRIC BOAT CORPORATION IN PLANNING YARD ILS AND LIFE CYCLE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.
Status	Changed on: 10/30/2022 Updated by Jeffrey Flesher (jwflesher@aol.com)
US Navy Service Information	
Years Served	Joined in 1966 left in 1987
Highest Rank - Rate	O4 - LCDR
Other Military Service	Branch: ? Highest Rank:
Service Number	B818690
USN Retired	Yes in 1987
Naval Service Highlights	
Ships Served On	SSBN-655, SSN-650, SSBN-619, SSBN-642, SS-576, SSBN-635

Membership in the USSVI

Member Info	Joined USSVI on: 6/3/2001
Primary Base	Groton
Member Type	Holland Club Life Member since 5/6/2002
Title or Office	
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1967 on the USS Henry L Stimson (SSBN-655)
Real Membership	

Membership in Groton Base Information

Base Info	Joined Base on:
USSVI Info	Joined USSVI on: 6/3/2001 Holland Club Life Member since 5/6/2002
Title or Office	Base Commander, Vice Commander, Groton Base House Committee Chairman
Comments	EMAIL FROM MBR 2/14-JC
SS Qualified	in 1967 on the USS Henry L Stimson (SSBN-655)
Other Assn's	NNOA-NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER, USSVI, USSVI-GROTON
CT USSVI Plate Holder	Yes

Hull#	Ship's Name	Rate/Rank	Years	Special Duties	Division
SSBN-655 	Henry L Stimson	FN(SS)	1967-68	QUAL IN SUBMARINES, TOPSIDE WATCH SENTRY, IC FWD, HELMSMAN PLANESMAN/LOOKOUT, QMOW TRAINEE	DECK, IC DIV
SSN-650 	Pargo	IC3(SS)	1968-69	RE-QUAL SILVER DOLPHINS, IC FWD, TOPSIDE WATCH, BELOW DECKS WATCH	IC
SSBN-619 	Andrew Jackson	ENS	1973-73	INITIAL OFFICER QUAL5	A-WEPS
SSBN-SSN-642 	Kamehameha	LTJG	1973-75	RE-QUAL GOLD DOLPHINS, TM/FTG DIVISION OFFICER, LCHR OFFICER, SM COORD	ASSISTANT WEAPONS OFFICER
SS-376 	Darter	LT	1977-79	RE-QUAL GOLD DOLPHINS-SS, TM/FTG DEPT HEAD, ENGINEERING DEPT HEAD	WEAPONS, ENGINEER
SSBN-633 	Sam Rayburn	LCDR	1981-84		NAV/OPS DEPT HEAD

Name	Location	Rate/Rank	Years	Special Duties
RTC NTC San Diego	San Diego, CA	FA	1966-66	
Basic Enlisted Submarine School, New London	Groton, CT	FA	1966-67	
Submarine Flotilla TWO	Groton, CT	FA	1967-67	
NROTC Unit Miami University	Oxford, OH	ENS	1969-72	NESEP Student earning a degree and a Naval commission.
NAVAL SUBMARINE SCHOOL, OFFICER TRAINING DEPT	GROTON, CT	ENS	1973-73	SOBC STUDENT
NAVAL SUBMARINE SCHOOL, OFFICER SUBSCOL - ENGINEERING DEPT	GROTON, CT	LT	1975-77	SOBC & SOIC INSTRUCTOR, SS-SSN-SSBN EMERGENCY SHIP CONTROL INSTRUCTOR/EVALUATOR
FLEET ASW TRAINING CENTER PACIFIC, OFFICER TRAINING DEPT	SAN DIEGO, CA	LCDR	1979-81	INSTRUCTOR NAVAL CONTROL OF SHIPPING AND CONVOY COMMODORE COURSES, SUBMARINE TARGET RECON
DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY/HYDROGRAPHIC-TOPOGRAPHIC CENTER (DMA/HTC)	Washington, DC	LCDR	1984-86	HYDROGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS OFFICER FOR NAVY CHARTING & OCEANOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS

Nickname	Association Name	Joined	Title
NNOA-NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER 	National Naval Officers Association	2007	Historian, Treasurer
USSVI-GROTON 	USSVI Base - Groton	2001	Base Commander, Vice Commander, Groton Base House Committee Chairman