



**Stanley W. Mathis**  
**FN [LCDR Ret] Gold 67-68**  
**USSVI-HC Qualified 1967**  
**BORN: 21 February 1947**  
**ETERNAL PATROL:**  
**27 August 2025**

### **Stanley Mathis Obituary**

Groton - Retired Lt. Commander Stanley William Mathis, 78, passed away Aug. 27, 2025, in Groton. A dedicated serviceman and respected professional, Stanley leaves behind a legacy of commitment and service.

Born Feb. 21, 1947, in Portland, Maine, he was the son of Julius and Marjorie Mathis. He earned a bachelor's degree in applied science and systems analysis from Miami University of Ohio in 1972.

Stanley's memory will be cherished by Areatha Mathis-Hillhouse (Mike), Melissa Mathis, Kevin Mathis, Richard Mathis (Mary), Maria Mathis, Rito Mathis, Lito Mathis, and Debbie Mathis; as well as 14 grandchildren, their spouses; 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Virginia Mathis; his parents, Julius and Marjorie Mathis; and his grandson Shannon Mathis.

Stanley enlisted in the United States Navy in 1966, and served with distinction for 21 years. Through hard work and leadership, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander before retiring in 1987. His military career reflected his technical expertise and steadfast dedication to his country.

After retiring from the Navy, Stanley continued his service to national defense through a 38-year career at Electric Boat. His contributions there further demonstrated his enduring commitment to excellence and support for those in uniform. In 2001, Stan joined the USSVI and upgraded to Life Members in 2002. He was then inducted into the prestigious Holland Club in 2017. Stanley became very involved in Groton Base and was very instrumental in the leadership of Groton Base and helped establish the Westport Satellite Group. Stanley chaired the very first SUBVETS Thanksgiving and held that position for years. He held many other positions throughout his time with the SUBVETS.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Submarine Veterans Club, 40 School Street, Groton, with a reception to follow. Please visit [www.byles.com](http://www.byles.com) to sign the guestbook.

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him, and may his legacy continue to inspire all whose lives he touched.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

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### **GROTON MEMO**

**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 a 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  
John "Gumba" Carcioppolo  
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<https://www.ussvigroton.org>



## 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)
Dual Membership	

## Membership in Groton Base Information

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

Hall#	Ship's Name	Rate/Rank	Years	Special Duties	Division
SSBN-655 	Henry L Stimson	EN(SS)	1967-68	QUAL IN SUBMARINES, TOPSIDE WATCH SENTRY, IC FWD, HELMSMAN PLANESMAN LOOKOUT, QMOW TRAINEE	DECK, IC DIV
SSN-650 	Pargo	IC(SS)	1968-69	RE-QUAL SILVER DOLPHINS, IC FWD, TOPSIDE WATCH, BELOW DECKS WATCH	IC
SSBN-619 	Andrew Jackson	ENS	1973-73	INITIAL OFFICER QUAL 5	A-WEP5
SSBN-SSN-642 	Kamehameha	LTJG	1973-75	RE-QUAL GOLD DOLPHINS, TM FTG DIVISION OFFICER, LCHR OFFICER, 3M COORD	ASSISTANT WEAPONS OFFICER
SS-576 	Darter	LT	1977-79	RE-QUAL GOLD DOLPHINS SS, TM FTG DEPT HEAD, ENGINEERING DEPT HEAD	WEAPONS, ENGINEER
SSBN-635 	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 SUBSCHOOL - 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