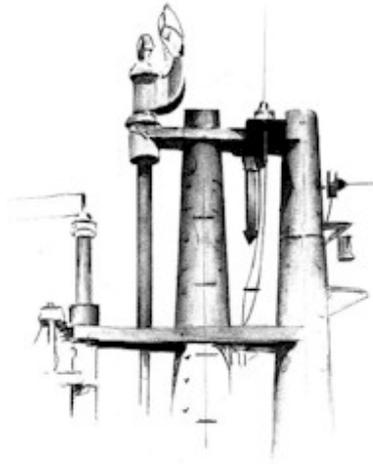


# UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC. CHARLESTON BASE

Base Meeting: 2nd. Thursday of Each Month



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Eternally grateful for those who preceded us and laid down their lives for our country, United States Submarines Veterans Incorporated, Charleston, South Carolina Base.

Base Meeting:

Thursday, June 12<sup>TH</sup> 2003. Social hour & board of directors Meeting, held @ 1830 General meeting @1900.

Location:

VFW Post: 3433 @ 10154 Bellwright Rd." Off Hwy 78", Summerville, South, Carolina. Phone 843-871-0607

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Attention on Deck

Meeting called to order 1900 by the base commander Steve Nelms. Let us pledge our allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**Moment of silent prayer, the Tolling of the bell for those lost on patrol.**

## **The final Patrol**



Lord, this departed shipmate with dolphins on his chest is part of an outfit known as the best. Make him welcome and take him by the hand. You'll find without a doubt he was the best in all the land. So, heavenly Father, add his name to the roll of our departed ship mates still on patrol. Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memories alive.

### **June Subs Lost**

**Hearing (SS-233) 1 June, 1944**

**Gudgeon (SS-211) 7 June 1944**

**R-12 (SS-89) June 12, 1943**

**Golet (SS-361) June 14, 1944**

**Bonefish (SS-223) June 18, 1944**

**S-27 (SS-132) June 19, 1942**

## **USSVI 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 Government

### **Acting Cob**

Bill Freligh polled the board was polled "we have a "Quorum" Base Commander, Vice Commander, and Treasurer present. Officers absent: C.O.B, base secretary and Chaplain. (Randy came in a little later)

The meeting was called to order, we pledged allegiance to the flag and tolled the bell for lost boats.

Keith Schnebel read the U.S.S.V.I. creed and we got down to business.

**Base Commander:**

New people! Will you stand up and introduce your selves! We greeted three prospective members; **Jim Boggs**, a TMC who served on the Carp, Robert E Lee and Simon Bolivar; **Don Laney** a TM3 off the Nathan Hale and **Terry Patterson** an active duty Chief Yeoman who served on the Daniel Boone, the Ohio and the West Virginia. He is currently in transit awaiting new sea duty orders. **Welcome aboard!**

**Treasurer**

Monies were discussed at the meeting. George Lisle discussed our bank account and the investments from our life membership's receipts.

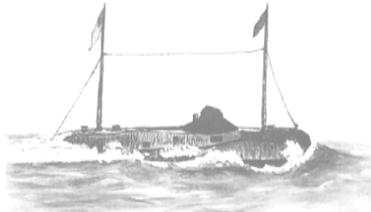
**Base secretary**

Absent, Base Commander Steve Nelms asked that last meetings minutes be approved, they were.

**Email problems!** See me at the **end** of the meeting, **don't leave! Check the sailing list as you sign in.**

**New people**

Before you leave, see the base secretary for your proper spelling of your name and a phone number and email address.

**Holland Club Presentation**

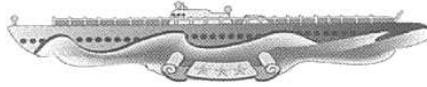
**Holland Club Members! 50 years Qualified in Submarines, "Munoz". Well Done!**

**Richard Cleeve Public affairs officer**

**Web site <<http://www.ussvicb.org/>>**

**Richard Cleeve** announced the web-site has been periodically off-line. He mentioned some connection with "Kansas" so there was some discussion whether the recent storms were the cause. He also informed us the Base History Info has been compiled and sent to national. Steve has a copy. Good Job Richard

## **Sub-vets WWII, Barnwell Chaplin.**



Subvets WWII rep, Barnwell Chaplin announced the next WWII meeting will be 12:00 at the Ryan's Restaurant in Summerville on May 22nd. This will be a dinner meeting with a cost of \$6.00.

### **Chaplain: Randy Bognar**

Sick list, **George Munoz** should be recovering from his shoulder operation, hope all goes well.

Keep Buddha in your prayers as he goes through his treatments. Mike Stuffle has had a rough time keep him in your prayers

**National Convention** We have the applications! This will be at Reno Nevada.

### **Razorback, fuel!**

Still no word from Kathy Randal and from BP in Huston, this is still in the works

### **Hunley: Sy Mabie**

The Hunley liaison told us a press release scheduled for the 28th was cancelled

The new press release is as fellows!

### **Dear FRIENDS:**

As valued members of Friends of the Hunley, we wanted you to be the first to know the exciting news. The burial date for the Hunley crew, who perished at sea nearly 140 years ago, has now been set for April 17, 2004 at Magnolia Cemetery in Charleston, South Carolina. The Hunley Commission and Friends of the Hunley will announce tomorrow that the burial, with

**"Full Military honors"** will be preceded by an eight day memorial period, with a day of images and information devoted to each of the eight crew members.

The Burial will start with a ceremony at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 17th at White Point Gardens, along the Battery in downtown Charleston. The ceremony will be about an hour long, and then the funeral procession will start its 4-½ -mile journey, as the crew is walked to Magnolia Cemetery. The crew will be buried next to the two previous crews of the Hunley.

Hunley officials expect tens of thousands of people will come to Charleston to witness the Burial procession, as it will most likely be the

Last burial of its kind! We strongly recommend making hotel arrangements as soon as possible if you plan on attending.

There will also be other events surrounding the Burial including Lantern Walks at Magnolia Cemetery and presentations on the Hunley's history, recovery, and excavation. Tours to see the

Hunley will be offered on Thursday, April 15th and Friday, April 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. As members, you will be the first to know when tickets for these events are available and other burial details through your email member updates. For more information on the burial, please go to

<[http://www.hunley.org/main\\_index.asp?CONTENT=CREWB\\_FAQ](http://www.hunley.org/main_index.asp?CONTENT=CREWB_FAQ)>.

As you know, much work had to be done (including excavation, genealogical studies and forensic research) to enable the Hunley crew to receive a proper Burial, and this truly would not be possible without your ongoing support. As a Friend of the Hunley, you are now the modern day volunteers for the Hunley's new mission. Your continued support will prove vital as we enter the long and expensive process of conserving the Hunley, so that she will be preserved future generations to come. I hope that you will continue with us on this journey, and together we will navigate the Hunley and her crew to their rightful place in history.

As always, thank you, FRIENDS, for all you have done and continue to do for the Hunley conservation project. Friends of the Hunley

#### **Election committee:**

Elections were held all board members voted in for one more year, voted and passed by members in attendance.

The Planning Committee will meet at the Ponderosa (Nelms Ranch) on Thursday, May 15th. Items to be discussed include next years Memorial Day involvement and other such special events.

The following was planned from the meeting.

#### **Charleston Base schedule**

##### **January**

Set up nominating committee

Dues are due – news letter –

Sponsor base Ball Team if approved by membership

##### **February**

Amberjack Memorial: put in January and February news letter.

Hunley ceremony: put in January and February news letter.

##### **March**

Massing of the colors t the Citadel, Put in February and March news letter

Quarterly function," to be determined", plan in January and February.

## **April**

Submarine Birthday Ball, "to be determined" plan in March and April put in newsletter.

Submarine Day at Patriots point, "to be determined", put in March and April's news letter.

## **May**

Memorial Day functions, "to be determined" plan in April and May's put in newsletter.

## **June**

Quarterly function, "to be determined" plan in April and May, put in newsletter.

Flag Day 14 June, 7 Pm Elks Lodge, put in May and June newsletter.

## **July**

4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, "to be determined" put in newsletter June and July.

## **August**

Seesaw Days at Harleyville "to be determined" put in July and August newsletter.

## **September**

Quarterly functions, "to be determined" put in newsletter August and September.

National Convention, "to be determined" put in newsletter August and September.

Advertise Tax preparation auction, clean and prep float working party, put in August and September newsletter.

## **October**

Plan budget for next year, and update event calendar.

## **November**

Veterans Day functions put in October and November newsletter.

## **Santee Cooper**

## **Charleston Parade**

## **December**

Christmas Parade, in Harleyville and Summerville.

Christmas party at the **Eckles house** "to be determined" put in November and December newsletter.

Dues are due.

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Jim Eckles took the floor and gave a short history of the development of Submarine Dolphins which were introduced by Admiral Ernest King. This was a lead-in to awarding Holland Pins to: **Robert Snyder** and **Donald Shoemith**. **Admiral Osborn** read a proclamation to that effect and Jim Eckles did the pin-on honors.

Steve Nelms brought something to our attention that came as a surprise. There is, unbeknownst to the membership, a grading system applied to contributions to non-profit organizations known as the "Angels" and "Scrooge" lists. "Angels" are concerns that traditionally apply a high percentage of the money contributed to the use it is designed for. "Scrooge" groups absorb as much as 80-90% of the donations to such things as operating costs, administrative costs, etc. Steve suggests, quite reasonably, that before we earmark any more of our finances to a cause we first check them out.

#### **OLD Business:**

Keith asked about sponsoring an athletic team and Ricky Collins appraised the membership on his findings. The costs ranged from \$250.00 to \$600.00 for various degrees of sponsorship. The prevailing undercurrent (murmuring) suggested the money would be better spent on our preferred beverages. Steve suggested we take this up at the next meeting or in July.

Since it wasn't addressed at the last meeting, Memorial Day involvement was dropped considering the fact that it's right around the corner. As previously stated, this will be an item to be addressed at the upcoming Planning Committee meeting on the 15th.

#### **NEW Business:**

Curly informed us that he has 22 "Guppy" pins ordered by the members. Come and get them.

Steve reiterated the topic of "The Yellow Pages". This is a project concerned with special qualities the members may have that will facilitate projects in the future.

Ed Simokat took the floor and regaled the membership with an excellent joke. Unfortunately, it was a visual effort and cannot be done justice in print. Suffice to say it concerned an Orangutan, a female nuke and drinking. Draw your own conclusions. Ed also offered an apology for problems with the newsletter explaining that his PC was ill and he had to complete the mission at a library. No problem, Ed. Submariners overcome, we adapt, and we persevere.

#### **GOOD of the Order:**

Jim Eckles delivered a treatise on the rank and duty station of a "Command Master Chief ", presumably the senior enlisted man at a command. In conversation with the C.M.C. at N.W.S he learned that this particular enlisted man earns a salary equivalent to a Lt. Cmdr. However, a C.M.C. cannot serve on a submarine, as there is no billet assigned to that rank on a boat. Discussion followed as comparisons were made to the C.O.B. which we assumed is the senior chief on a boat. It was stated that the C.O.B. is "assigned" the senior chief position irregardless of his seniority over the other chiefs. The matter settled!

## **Benediction**

**Blessed those who served beneath the deep through lonely hours their vigils keep may peace the mission ever be protect each one we ask of thee bless those at home who wait and pray till their safe return by night or day, amen.**

Respectfully submitted,

George Gallagher

Thanks to **George Gallagher** for the minutes of the May meeting, Roger.

## **Cobs reminder**



## **Listen up**

**Next Meeting, June 12th, 2003 same old place and time.**

**Flag Day at the "ELKS" Summerville, June 14, 2003, starts at 5 in the afternoon, open to the public. Location behind Alston School off highway 78, look for maple rd. They need a volunteer to hold the flag, and you must be able to fit in your uniform! Call Ann Nogle at 452-8186.**

**If you have damaged flags, they will take them and dispose them properly.**

## **Notes from the Secretary!**

Continue Praying for our troops

Lord Keep them out of harms way be with them always send your angles to watch over them.



### **Store keeper "Curley"**

Shirts, patches and other items are available at the meeting.



### **Happy Birthday**

Tim Guy, Ray Murphy, James Southerland, Jim Williams.

**Jallao Reunion in Manitowoc Wisconsin, for those who attended "Me" a great time was had.**

Three of the plank owners were there and Jerry a 78 year old was the most energetic person I've seen for his age, it must be the beer and cheese!

Many shipmates renewed acquaintances and swapped sea stories and confirmation of where the maneuvering room head was, yes in maneuvering! For those who doubt Ha! For half of us it was for the other half it was the torpedo room.