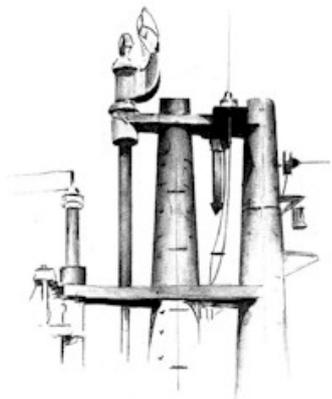


Charleston, South Carolina, Sub Vets news letter and Minutes December 2003

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Base Meeting:

Thursday, November 13, 2003. Social hour & board of directors Meeting, held @ 1830
General meeting @1900.

Location:

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Attention on Deck!

Base Commander Steve Nelms called the meeting to order. 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



Subs Lost: in December

USS Sealion (SS-195) December 10, 1941

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

Cob

The board was polled “we have a **“Quorum”** Base Commander, Secretary and Treasurer present.

**Minutes of the, meeting November 13,
2003**

Base Commander

Meeting called to order, new people! Will you stand up and introduce your selves: Carol Higgins, Roger Lanagian, Joe Giannetto, Jim Lowman, Mike, Jack Schafer, Bob Gallagher, **Welcome aboard Shipmates**, Bill Freligh brought up the different memberships available Life or yearly to the new members, good job Bill.

Vice Commander: Keith Schnebel not at the meeting.

Treasurer Report

Monies were discussed, no further inputs.

Base secretary

Email list! On display to verify, there are only about five people we can not reach, these are marked in **orange** please correct the errors, sign the log book, Motion to accept minutes/ newsletter, this was seconded and passed. **New people see me after the meeting.**

Sub-vets WWII, Barnwell Chaplin.



December 11th, second Thursday at Ryan's steak house in Summerville at 1200 hours, bring a gift for the nursing home (the meeting was moved up due to the holidays). Doc Murphy is home from the hospital and doing well from his open heart surgery. Doc sent a thank you card for keeping in touch to see how he was doing. Dues for WW11 sub-vets (**Next year**) will be **13 dollars** to cover the cost increase for the Polaris magazine. **New guys**, you are allowed to join the WW11 as an associated member, if interested contact the base secretary and I can fill you in.



Chaplain:



Bill Kennedy

Randy Bognar/Jim Eckles the interim Chaplin We have a new Volunteer for this position, Bill Kennedy, in the spirit of getting new people to get involved, Jim gave up this position, our new Chaplin now is **Bill Kennedy**, welcome.

Sick list:

Mike Stuffle in hospital with some leg problems, shipmates let keep tabs on our guys.

Public affairs officer

Richard Cleeve, new pictures on the web site

The web site is; <http://www.ussvicb.org> articles on little David were published in the post and currier "Berkeley section" about the work we will be doing to help get it back in shape.

Base commander has been contacted by the Summerville journal scene for more information on this project, Steve informed them he was scheduled for a meeting in Monck's corner and would pass on information as he gets it on where and when.

Cob

Bill Roberts (Cob) and the secretary were talking about adding a new section to the news letter "I want or buy sell or trade" section, this was clarified later by the Cob, "No living thing" so no wives! (Had to clarify again Cob is digging a hole) Steve said some may qualify; we will leave it at that.

Veterans Day parades are finished, now we need to concentrate on the Christmas parades, we have three to attend, the **Harleyville** parades **December 4** which is at night, this is Thursday evening parade starts at 1900, we will leave Steve's farm at 1730 to go and line up and parade the float.

13 December at 1300 Saturday is our Christmas party at the Elks club in Summerville;

14 December Sunday is the parade in Summerville starts about 1400.

Volunteers needed for Little David, welders and woodworkers sanders painters soon as it gets out to the farm we will send out email.

Base Commander

Information on the Harleyville parade, take something to keep you warm, use discretion please, the chief of police is a retired chief also so we want to keep him our friend.

Notice from St George on the 6th for their parade they would like us to come up and join them, discussion: bring it up to a vote to be a part of this parade; **Stacy made a good point, if you vote be there! don't vote and not show up!** "Good point". All in favor raise your hand; we have a 14 count, no one against.

Christmas party: 1300 at the Elks Club.

Turkeys (4) two deep fried, two roasted, (2) hams will be provided by us, Beer and Mix's will be provided by us, if you want the hard stuff and wine, this is bring your own bottle, lemon and olives will be at the bar.

Again sign the list for a head count and check with your wife on what to bring, sign the list so we wont have all the same food, like 10 green bean dish's (Example)

Question was brought up by "No Neck Mueller" about the steamers that want to continue after 1800, **Cob will provide a map to Jim Eckles house.**

For the new people and the little David project, Steve explained how Santee Cooper is has supported the Sub-vets in the past and will help us in his project as we renovate this Civil War area (harbor defense) ship. The call is out for volunteers. Sandblaster's grinders just like the old days in the marine railway in New London. For the nukes there will be a training class on how to use a grinder.

The dry dock is already built thanks to Mike and Ben, Steve will attend the meeting in Moncks corner, when the date is finalized the news

media will be there when it gets lifted off and sent to Steve's farm for restoration. We will need help.

Short tape on the convention site in Sarasota, New York for next year, we finally got to see it! Thanks Rodney, end of comment by me.

Jim Eckles

Last year Jim said that he would pay next years dues to anyone that brought in the most new members, this was Mike Emerson, good job Mike, and thanks to you and Jim.

Storekeeper "Curley"

Tee shirts at 15 dollars, the vests are in stock, hats are on order; he "Curley" would like to know if we would be interested in purchasing bowling balls with USSV, a Mk. 48 bowling ball with gold and silver dolphins with the inscription United States Submarine Veterans on the ball. Give your inputs to Curley.

Old Business

A submarine dolphin tie, Steve has the business card of a supplier and will contact him for information and cost.

Pallbearers for the crew of the Hunley, 48 are needed, the Question brought up, who is on the list and is it published! The Vice commander has the list and there will be a dress rehearsal first, Blazers, looks like someone is looking for a company to donate 48 all the same color, but all we are looking is dark Navy blue, if it is a little off color, they don't care.

The list for the Hunley Burial

Keith has the list and we will be first on the list, soon as the Vice Commander gets back we will publish and send it out

Flag collection and disposal

James Madison has talked to the radio stations "Clear Channel" about PSA adds for the collection of used flags, all they need is our letter head and Jim will coordinate with the TV

stations and radio, they will contact Jim as they receive inputs. To help him out on the pick up get with him and give your phone number.

New Business

During the Hunley service in April, Bill Freigh thought it would be a good idea for the non pallbearers to be in their vests to act as assistants/guides to any out of town visitors who need directions.

Hunley

Reminder, there will be a memorial service February 17, 2004 at Breach's inlet on Sullivan's Island, this is the anniversary of her departures

Hamilton Reunion

No neck **Mueller** reported about the WW11 and Sub-vets USSVI museum in New London if there is anything you wanted to know about submarines this is the place to go, it was a learning experience and a lot of work went into it. Also a joke for Jim Eckles from New London but the home for un-wed mothers requested no neck not to say anything.

Curley had some information about a reunion to put out to the members.

Lee Allison

Our guest speaker was introduced by Lee who went to the same boot camp as him, William Morse built a small replica of the CSS Hunley out of copper plate, many hours (about 4-6 months) we involved and William covered many designs features that were way ahead of their time, again thanks for sharing your work with us.

The good of the order

Discussion was brought up when we are at various functions wearing our ball caps do we remove them or keep them on and salute? Cob opted to Salute, Adm. Ozz., snap to and Salute, so the consensus is during the prayer remove

your hats, the pledge hat over your heart, anthem hat on and salute.

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.

Depth charge drawing! (Who won?)

End of the minutes for November 2003

Cob's Corner

December is a very busy month. Three parades, Thursday evening, the 4th at **Harleyville**, Saturday evening the 6th in **St. George**, and Sunday afternoon **Summerville** the 14th. The evening parades we will leave Buddha's at 1730. Meet at the float in Summerville prior to the start of the parade at 1400.

We are having our **Christmas party Saturday afternoon the 13th 1300 to 1800** at the Summerville Elks Lodge, across Maple Street from Westvaco.

The Sub-Vets WWII Christmas party will be on Thursday the 11th at the Summerville Ryan's. Please bring a gift, for a man or woman for the local nursing home.

WE VOTED TO SUBSTITUTE OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY OUR DECEMBER MEETING. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! If you show up at the VFW, you will be quite lonely.

Please contact Secretary, Buddha or me if you already haven't, on the number of guest you are bringing. We need a head count so light lunch R. B. doesn't go hungry. Please come and enjoy yourself. James will only be singing Christmas Carols.

The David will be in Dry Dock prior to our Christmas party. Tentative date is December 9th. At 0900 at the Santee Canal state park the media will be there for pictures, get your hard hats and

work cloths out. You will have to do at least one hour of hard work prior to serious drinking.

Notes from the Secretary!

Continue Praying for our troops

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

What a great **President** we have to go over and spend time with our armed forces this Thanks giving and put him self in Harms way just to show his support, God Bless you Sir.



Note from the Chaplin Bill Kennedy

Shipmates

I have been appointed Chaplain for the Charleston Submarine Veterans. My wife, June and I have lived in Summerville since 1976. I served on the Ben Franklin (SSBN640), Pintado (SSN 672), Von Steuben (SSBN 632) and Nathan Hale (SSBN 627). Retired; September 1985. I now work In Ridgeville, South Carolina. I have reviewed the Chaplain's Manual and will strive to fill all the duties that the manual refers to. One duty is to be aware of shipmates that are sick or in need. This duty is the duty of all hands. If you know of a shipmate that is ill please call me at work or at home. You may also call any elected officer and they will pass the word. I believe that this is one of the most important duties of the Chaplain. I hope to have something for the newsletter every month so till next month smooth seas.

Thank you

Bill Kennedy home 875-3109
Work 875-3200 ext 5190



Store keeper "Curley"

Shirts, patches and other items are available at the meeting and yes **Vests!**

Want section

Sell belt for MTD riding mower, # 75-029 replacing 754-0433 \$7.00. Pair of high lifts blades #98439, 3 mounting holes, 19 3/8 I inch tip to tip \$5.00. \$10.00 takes it all. Call the COB 875-0191 or email at seascan60@hotmail.com

Bran new 3 KW Generator, 120 volts \$300 see Roger or call 875-4933.



Happy birthday

Blad, Collins, Eaves, Emerson, Eckles, Evans, Hopkins, Kopp, Schnebel, Selmer, Standrich, Trump, Vandiver

Excavation of Civil War Sub Ends

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This week, Hunley staff scientists completed the excavation of the H. L. Hunley's two ballast tanks. During excavation of this area, over 1.5 tons of sediment were removed and volunteers assisted in the screening and recording of the sediment. The excavation, which began in early October, yielded more 19th-century artifacts as well as valuable analytical data.

A wooden barrel was uncovered earlier in the excavation on the bottom port side of the forward ballast tank and appears to have been modified for use as a bucket. "It contained a relatively heavy and radio-dense substance that we believe may be a lead-based caulking

material. Right next to the bucket lay an iron tool with the shape of a chisel that could be a caulking iron, used to caulk or repair leaks in the submarine," said Maria Jacobsen, Senior Archaeologist for the Hunley project. A sample of the bucket's contents has been sent to Clemson University for material analysis.

During the excavation of the aft ballast tank, scientists were slowed down due to the discovery of a coil of rope. The fragile, waterlogged rope was carefully removed for conservation and documentation.

Also during this time, archaeologists took the opportunity to revisit the central crew compartment and remove some of the heavier concreted artifacts from the area where Lt. Dixon, the Hunley's commander, was stationed. The objects excavated were not easily recognizable and had to be x-rayed to be identified. Some of the objects recovered included a wrench, a hammer, and three bolts. An artillery button was also uncovered in the center of the crew compartment. "These tools raise questions as to whether Lt. Dixon was working on the submarine on the final night making repairs or adjustments. With the condensation in the submarine and the iron clad plates that are on the floor of the sub apparently to raise the crew's feet above the water which would accumulate, it seems Dixon would not have carelessly kept these tools in the water on a regular basis where they would corrode. Thus, it would suggest he was possibly using the tools that night adding another clue to the operation of the submarine and the cause of it not returning home. The evidential jigsaw puzzle gets another piece of evidence as we put together the detailed story of the H. L. Hunley and its proud crew," said Senator Glenn McConnell, Chairman of the Hunley Commission.

Scientists hope this phase of excavation will also provide valuable data that could help solve the mystery on why the Hunley never returned after becoming the first successful combat submarine in world history. The forward and aft ballast tanks both had damage to them and over time, the sediment that filled those areas formed layers, or strata. Studying how these strata formed could eventually provide clues to the mystery of why the Hunley vanished.

Warren Lasch, Chairman of Friends of the Hunley, said, "The Hunley's disappearance will not remain an unsolved mystery. Through interdisciplinary scientific research and forensic analysis, we will ultimately be able to accurately tell the Hunley's chapter in world history."

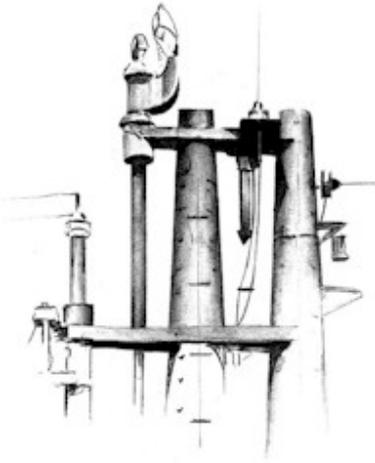
In December, the Hunley project team will have the submarine mapped. Pacific Survey will use new 3D Digital equipment to scan the emptied ballast tanks and the fully excavated crew compartment.



In event we don't see you during the holidays have a **Merry Christmas, don't forget our Christmas party on the 13th of December**



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