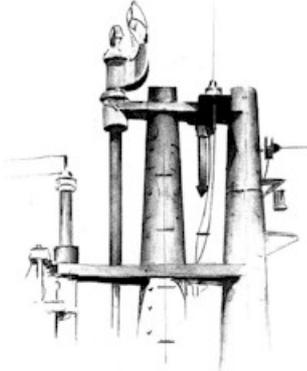


Charleston, South Carolina, Sub Vets news letter and Minutes

January 2004

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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, January 8, 2004. 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

Base Officers Phone Number

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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 January

USS S-36 (SS-141) 20 Jan. 1942
 S-26 (SS-131) Jan. 24 1942
 USS Argonaut (SS-166) 10 Jan. 1943
 USS Scorpion (SS-278) 5 Jan. 1944
 USS Swordfish (SS-193) 12 Jan. 1945

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

Base secretary

There are no minutes for the December get together on the 13th of December this was a social function to celebrate Christmas.

This was held at the **Elks Club** in Summerville in place of our regular meeting at the VFW post, the reason was **“Our Annual Christmas party”**

All hands mustered at 1300 for a social hour while the food was prepared and caesural dishes were set on the buffet style table what a good selection of different dishes we had along with four turkeys and two hams.

Shipmates and their wives gathered at the finger food table “hors d’oeuvres” to start this festive occasion.

At 1400 our Chaplin Bill Kennedy said the blessing and we all gathered at the table and filled our plates and found our respective tables.

I noticed the Torpedo men sat at one table, it must be due the language barrier no one could understand what they talk about anyway. Then the electricians and IC men at an other, and oh yes the “Nukes” you could see the glow as they all bonded in chit chat each one trying to see who was smarter.

The fifty-fifty drawing was won by one **Torpedo man**, I wonder if his wife has told him yet?

Base Commander

Thanks to all hands who attended/participated in all the Parades, (three parades), we took first place in Harleyville, second in Summerville and second in St George, good job shipmates.

Summerville!

Was a little suspect; we got **“Busted”** before we turned on Main Street for throwing candy **“Ricky Collins”**.

Thanks to the Crippled **“SOB”** for walking along the side of the float throwing and handing out candy while the rest of the able body slobs sat on the float and watched.



Special thanks to our Chief **Lee Allison** he gave us a 120% as always in the kitchen and in the set up planning also to all others who helped for this event, again **thank you**.

Our head count was about 88-90 (plus or minus a few must have been George Gallagher’s egg nog I was seeing double) for our event; a good time was had by all.

Thanks (again) to all who helped in the setup and clean up at the Elks for our Christmas party.

Special projects

A special thanks to **Stan** and **Jim** for fabricating a storage cabinet I wish I could say Stan had an extra set of hands to help, But! I guess **“one hand”** is better then none.



The cabinet will be used by us at the VFW post, this way we don’t have to transport items for each meeting, (Now we have to insure we bring the **key** to open it)!

All Hands listen up



Dues

These are **due at the first of the month**, please be prompt, see our new “membership Committee Chairman **Jerry Stout**” between both of us this should operate smoothly, remember we want **checks** if you bring “cash” you will have to fill out an application so we can staple the monies to who it came from and bring the **right amount of cash**, if you are a life member of National, it is \$15 for Charleston base, if you are a yearly member National and are current in your dues it is \$25 total, \$10 for National and \$15 for us, if you are a new member then it is \$35, \$20 for National (first year) and \$15 for Charleston, for those who are life members National and Charleston, sit back and Enjoy!

Hunley precession in April

The list has been posted on our web site with still more names coming in, I think we are near 60 names at this time.

Cob Corner

I hope all had a great year and hope you are blessed during 2004. May you have good health and prosper. I want to thank everyone for you help and great food during the Base’s Christmas get together. It still amazes me how so many ugly sailors ended up with such charming and beautiful women. Although I do not believe in political correctness Becky sometime edits my masterpieces and refuses to let me use the word broad. I thank you all for a wonderful day of warmth and friendship.

We have a pretty good workload for the up coming year. We may have to form a few more committees to take care of some of the projects as we grow and have larger events. I believe Roger counted 92 attendees for this year’s party.

We will be commencing work on the Little David in early January. Our first meeting will be on 8 January 2004 at the VFW post. February 17 is the memorial service at Breeches inlet for the last Hunley crew. This year’s District Convention will be just down the road in Jacksonville in early May.

All DINKS are requested to bring money and pay your dues.

PLEASE FILL OUT A LEGIBLE SLIP WITH YOUR NAME, AMOUNT HANDING IN ETC. It gets too hard for the secretary to keep good records if 10 people decide to pay at once.

Dues are due by 1 January. If you haven’t paid you are DINK. There is a 3 month grace period and if you haven’t paid by **1 April, you will be dropped from the rolls locally and National.**

(To re join you will have to start over and pay the 20 start up fee vs. the 10 dollar sustaining dues) National \$10.00/year **OR** pay up to be a life member

Base \$15.00/year **OR** pay up to be a base life member (must be a national life member to be eligible to become a base life member).

Bill Roberts, **COB** of the MOB

More 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.

Cobs reminder



Listen up

Next Meeting, January 8, 2004 same old place and time

“Happy Birthday”



To; Hansen, Kirk, Simokat, Welch and Maybe

Guest speaker

January meeting is **Jim Eckles** on the loss
of the

“USS Cochino SS-345”



Store keeper “Curley”

Shirts, patches and other items are available at the meeting, **special orders** for the **dolphin ties** will be taken at the meeting in **January** the cost approx **15/20** dollars, and the address will be put on the web site for those not in our area that want the ties, one site is Ron martini patch shop.

The Dolphin tie is the uniform tie for the Hunley funeral precession.

Sub-vets WWII



Randy Bognar WW11 base Secretary.

Reminder

Amberjack memorial! White point gardens
On February 14, 2004: at 1300 hours.



WW11 Sub-vets meeting February 19th at
Ryan’s in Summerville, time at 1200 hours.

The massing of the colors at the **Citadel** in Charleston, this is quite an event and is to Honor our **Flag**, all the services and organizations are there to celebrate in this event, but only a couple of us showed up last year, I believe Joe Clarkin and Randy and one other, we should be able to do better then that, all flags are flown the WW11 and sub-vets are among the many different ones further information will follow.

Hunley, Sy Mabie

The Hunley memorial service is on the! 17th of February, 2004.

We will need at least **(13 members)** to attend the ceremony at Sunrise Presbyterian Church, at **Breeches** inlet, the uniform, blue blazers with Dolphins. During the service we will be presenting the **widows a rose**, 13 in all for each crew member lost! For those who make this commitment **“you must be there! For those who missed last year it was really impressive”!**

Beer test

Sad news about beer, you have to hope that this study is flawed, but the evidence seems irrefutable.

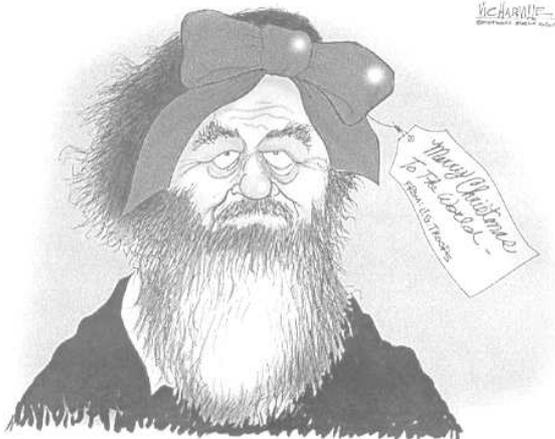
Scientists for Health Canada suggested that the results of a recent Analysis revealed the presence of female hormones in beer, and Suggested, that men should carefully consider their beer consumption.

The theory is that drinking beer makes men turn into women. To test the Theory, 100 men were each fed 6 pints of beer within a one-hour period.

It was then observed that 100% of the men gained weight, talked excessively without making sense, became overly emotional, couldn't drive, failed to think rationally, argued over nothing, refused to Apologize when wrong, and had to sit down while urinating.

No further testing is planned.

From our troops in Iraq



Our Christmas present "Thanks"

This was sent to me by email so I'm passing it on to you great isn't it.



WW11 cartoon, note that the sailor is carrying ice cream!

Check the Web site for new pictures of the parades.

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.