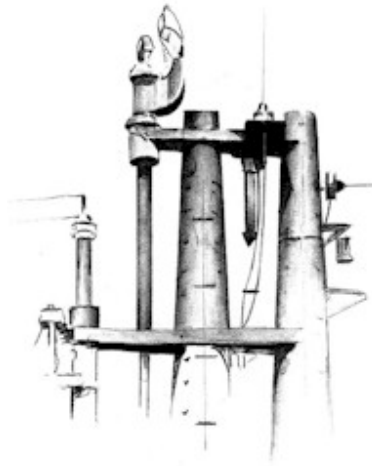


Charleston, South Carolina, Sub Vets news letter and Minutes

SEPTEMBER 2003

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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, August 14, 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

<u>Base Officers</u>		<u>Phone Number</u>
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Base Treasure	George Lisle	843-559-4242

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Attention on Deck!

Meeting called to order 1900 by the **Vice Commander Keith Schnebel**. 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 shipmates still on patrol. Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memories alive.

September Subs Lost:

USS Grayling (SS-209), August 9, 1943. USS Cisco (SS-290) August, 28, 1943.

VJ Day August 2, 1945, Surrender of Japan.

Remember September 11, 2001, Attack on America.

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, Vice Commander, Secretary and Treasurer present.

Call to attention by Jim Eckles, honors by Admiral Osborn to Lee Allison in Holland club presentation. Well done.

Base Commander

Meeting called to order, have some sad news to share, **Jim Williams** South Carolina Base Commander WWII. Died while in hospital recovering from surgery. You will be missed. Jim was buried at Carolina Memorial gardens with full Military honors.

New people! Will you stand up and introduce your selves! Terry Trump, Lawrence Strukely, Bob Meyers, and Corry Cochran **welcome aboard!**

All hands listen up!

Events either a parade or picnic, **we want you there**, if you don't have a **vest** we don't care you can wear a **fart sack** we don't care, if you want to bring a guest, bring them all are welcome, but we need on picnics a head count! You and your guests are welcome; **this is as plain as we can be.**

National elections:

No body in the Charleston base has the right to complain or bitch about the recent ballots cast in the USSVI National elections and/or the changes asked to be voted on. Each one of us had ballots to be filled out and turned in and **Vote** either for the changes or not! We as a base having **117 paid up members only cast 17 votes**; this is a Piss poor showing.

Hunley burial APRIL 17, 2004

Steve and Keith are the official liasion between the Hunley commission and All Sub-vets.

Keith has emailed all base commanders and informed them that all the functions of pall bearers will be coordinated through them not Kay Long who has been deluged with phone calls and requests. The walk is going to be 4.5 miles you have to be able to walk that distance. The uniform for the Hunley procession is, no hat, white shirt with Dolphin tie, blue blazers with Dolphins and ribbons, kaki pants and leather shoes. This is for pallbearers only, for the rest who want to attend you can wear your vest and hats. Forty-eight pall bearers will be needed, get your name on the list. Discussion on ribbons some has so many and some have few, if you want to wear ribbons do so!

Vice commander; Covered his inputs on the Hunley burial.

Base treasurer

The fifty-dollar donation to the Avery point lighthouse, we have received a letter and a certificate, moneys were discussed.

Base secretary

Email problems, none! Good, Motion to accept minutes/ newsletter, Stan, seconded and passed.

Base secretary to members, I wish to welcome **Steve** back from his stay and refitting from the ship yard, we know number two sanitary is full and line to the overboard hull valve was in disrepair, the ships superintendent has informed me the line has been repaired and the hydro passed, the hull valve now is fully operational. **Welcome back Steve!** Steve went on to discuss his first operational test.

COB: Monday need some help in checking out the float, the parade is Saturday meet at Steve's 0900, those who don't make it in time meet us at Harleyville!

Chaplain: Randy Bognar

Not at the meeting (**where are you**)

Again we want to reiterate to the members, when you are sick or going in to hospital let us know, Chaplin, Cob or Steve, we don't want to find you along the side of the road! Tank Barnett was in hospital getting his knees worked on is home now and doing all right

Richard Cleeve Public affairs officer

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

Web site up and running good, thanks Richard.

Sub-vets WWII, Barnwell Chaplin.

Not at the meeting

Old Business

Stacy, the Virginia one of the newest subs will have bunking for everyone no more hot bunking how about that! Jim Eckles broke down in tears.

Stories from by gone days by **Ed Simokat**, your attention please! As usual Ed vs. the Nuke's, the story was about the procedures the nukes have to read and memorize, everything by procedures no deviation, but even these brainchild's of the Navy get "Horny" after a patrol so this one Nuke trying to get a quickie noticed his wife's toes would curl up as he was doing his duty and he asked her why? She said I still have my panty hose on, at a boy Ed.

Worst driver award, as Jim described it was given to his friend Jack Stevens for the trip around the block looking for the hotel across the street, use your imagination, the one way traffic and fire plug parking spot, only Jim could tell it as it was, thanks.

New Business;

Rick's daughter has received a check for 750 dollars toward her collage tuition from the USSVI/Dolphin scholarship fund, thanks for the support and help especially Admiral Osborn with his letter of approval, thanks to all who were involved.

Discussion on the Ballot about the board of directors, who are on the directors and how many, the consensus was that the board are the elected officers

Curley

Reminder after the meeting, please take your glasses back to the bar, we don't have the staff to clean up thanks.

Razor back information

She will be have to be towed to New Orleans and then will be evaluated she should be stateside in September.

Subvettes:

Ladies Auxiliary attached to the base, if anyone or their wives are interested see Steve for his **input!**

Good of the order

Rodney, (Cold War Memorial)

Funds left from the project were discussed by Rodney on where the monies left will be distributed to, the collage of Charleston, for there science department,

Discussion on the memorial and the funds being left to the collage would be used for other things besides the memorial otherwise it might disappear, further discussion a **letter need to be written to the powers to be** about our (USSVI) concern.

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! Guess who won? The base secretary (Roger) ticket 636

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

A reminder! To those who go to the annual Memorial service at Kings Bay. The Georgia Subvets of WWII announced this years schedule for this year is Nov 5th through Nov 8th with the memorial service set for 1000 Friday Nov 7th. There will be Submarine tours this year for only those who register via the Museum.

For further info and registration contact John Crouse Mgr. St. Mary's Submarine Museum. 912-882-2782 or email submus@eagnet.com

Congratulations to shipmate Lee Allison for his induction into the HOLLAND CLUB. Lee has also been elected and sworn as the new South Carolina State President of Submarine Veterans of WWII. Bravo Charlie!!

I want to thank all those who helped PM the float and ride her during the parade. We did good by winning 2nd place in the non-commercial division. We received a nice large trophy and had a good shoot the bull session afterwards with hot dogs, beer, and pop. I hope no one went hungry.

COB: Next Meeting, September 11, 2003 same old place and time



Store keeper "Curley"

Shirts, patches and other items are available at

The meeting, **remember the new rules**



Happy Birthday

To: Gravely, Hendrix, McCollum, Milton, Stump, Villegas, Wilson, Lloyd and Wilson William, sorry if I missed you.

New members:

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Vernon Hill, 2072 Hopsewee Lane Mt Pleasant, SC. 29464, 843-884-6886 yhillsr@hiko-inc.com

The Harleyville parade

For those who made it to the parade a good time was had by all, it was a little warm but with the liquid refreshments on board we managed to survive and prevent heat stroke, as the Cob said we won second place (Jolly Good) as we say in the UK. A feast followed at the Nelms ranch, hot dogs and beer.



Not pictured Stacy

Hunley Schedule

THURS, FRI, SAT APRIL 8, 9, 10 2004

Bodies to lie in state at State Capitol
Possible Memorial Service to be held

MONDAY APRIL 12, 2004

6pm - 10:00 pm Bodies lie in state at Patriots Point Naval Museum - Mt. Pleasant
Music provided by Stan and Cathy Clardy

7:30 - 8:30pm Memorial Service - Patriots Point Naval Museum, Mt. Pleasant
C. Lynn Bailey, Pastor St. Johannes Lutheran Church
Concert by Charleston Men's Chorus

TUESDAY APRIL 13, 2004

6 pm - 10 pm Bodies lie in state at Patriots Point Naval Museum Mt. Pleasant

11:00 am. Women's Living History at Charleston Museum 360 Meeting St
John Street Lawn

2:30 pm Hunley Presentation - Charleston Museum 360 Meeting St. - Rick Hatcher, Historian -
Ft. Sumter - National Park Service - Auditorium

WEDNESDAY APRIL 14, 2004

9 am - 5 pm Bodies lie in state at John Wesley United Methodist Church
626 Savannah Hwy

12 noon - 4 pm Living History at Ft. Moultrie on Sullivan's Island

10 am - 11 am Hunley Presentation - Charleston Museum 360 Meeting St
Glenn McConnell, Chairman The Hunley Commission, State Senator

2 pm - 4 pm Skirmish at Patriots Point Naval Museum Mt. Pleasant

Evening Artillery Salute - Patriots Point Naval Museum
2 - 5 pm Cannon Exhibit at Patriots Point Naval Museum Mt. Pleasant

2 pm - 3 pm Ladies Fashion Show - Charleston Museum 360 Meeting St

7 pm Memorial Service - John Wesley United Methodist Church
626 Savannah Hwy

7 - 9 pm Stan Clardy Performance and Reception
Charleston Museum Auditorium and Courtyard
360 Meeting Street
(Tickets required \$25 each - application on web site - 275 available)
Music for reception provided by Blue Tail Stringers

THURSDAY APRIL 15, 2004

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Bodies lie in state at Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
120 Broad Street, Charleston

9 am - 4 pm Living History at Ft. Moultrie on Sullivan's Island
Artillery Presentation - Ft. Moultrie

12 noon - 2 pm Cannon Exhibit - Battery
White Point Gardens near Confederate Monument

1 pm - 2 pm Lecture and Fashion Show on Mourning - Charleston Museum
360 Meeting St

3 pm - 4 pm Hunley Presentation - Charleston Museum 360 Meeting St

Randy Burbage, Pres. Confederate Heritage Trust, Hunley Commission Member

4 pm - 5 pm Artillery Demonstration - Marion Square
Corner of King and Calhoun Streets

5 pm Band Concert - Marion Square by 5th Alabama Band
Corner of King and Calhoun Streets

7 pm - 10 pm Lantern Tour at Patriots Point Naval Museum in Mt. Pleasant
Music by Stan and Cathy Clardy
350 tickets available - \$25each - available after 1/1/04

7 pm Memorial Service at Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
120 Broad St, Charleston

FRIDAY APRIL 16, 2004

9:00 am. Bodies lie in state at Church of the Holy Communion
218 Ashley Avenue, Charleston

9:00am - 4pm Living History at Ft. Moultrie on Sullivan's Island
Artillery Demonstration

11 am and 12 noon! Lt. George Dixon/Queenie Bennett Scenario at Mills House Hotel
115 Meeting Street

12:30 and 1 pm Horace Hunley Scenario at Mills House Hotel
115 Meeting Street

12 noon - 2 pm Mr. Gunter and Shiloh cannon presentation - Mills House Hotel courtyard
115 Meeting Street

(A representative from Queenie Bennett's family and Jos. Wicks will also be present during these times)

Stan and Cathy Clardy will perform throughout Mills House events.

4pm Artillery Presentation at Marion Square
Corner of King and Calhoun Streets

5pm Evening Artillery Salute - Brittlebank Park
Concert at Brittlebank Park by 5th Alabama Band

5:15 pm Concert at Marion Square
Corner of King and Calhoun Streets

7 pm - 10 pm Lantern Tour at Patriots Point Naval Museum in Mt. Pleasant
Music by Stan and Cathy Clardy
350 tickets available \$25 each after 1/1/04

7:00 pm Requiem Mass at Church of the Holy Communion

218 Ashley Ave, Charleston

APRIL 17, 2004

8:00 am Staging begins at White Point Gardens at The Battery

8:00 - 10:30am Registration at Battery for all participants (SRSS)

8:00 - 10:30 am Arm Bands to participants (OCR)

8:00 am. Bodies to arrive at Confederate monument in Hearses

8:00 - 10:30 am Honor Guard for Bodies at Confederate Monument

9:30 am Memorial Service (Randy, Fr. Parker)
Charleston Men's Chorus to perform Amazing Grace

10:00 am. Bodies placed on caissons

10:30 Procession Departs from Confederate Monument at White Point Gardens
The Battery

PROCESSION TO MAGNOLIA CEMETERY - 70 Cunnington St
Down East Bay St to Morrison Dr. turn right at Cunnington

12:15pm Procession arrives at Magnolia Cemetery

9:00 am - 12:30 Music at Magnolia Cemetery
5th Alabama Band and Citadel Bagpipers
12:30 - 1:15 Break (Music will play during break)

1:30 pm Funeral at Magnolia Cemetery Confederate Soldiers Grounds

2:30 pm Burial at Hunley Plot - Magnolia Cemetery

Ball that evening - 8pm - 1am
McAllister Field House - The Citadel
\$80 per couple \$50 per person
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar
5th Alabama Band to provide continuous music
Tickets must be purchased
Chris Weather head also to perform scenarios from Mary Boykin Chestnut

The loss of Bob HOPE

Department of Defense Statement on the Death of Bob Hope

Today, we mourn the loss of **a true American patriot**. The first and only American ever to be made an honorary Veteran of America's Armed Forces, **Bob Hope** holds a special place in the

national security pantheon. He called the troops his "best friends," and he made it his mission to be with them wherever they served, regardless of distance or danger.

To many of our forces from across the generations, Bob Hope's visits were a taste of home in a far-off land; a moment of mirth in the middle of war, and a loud and clear message to our military that America honored their service and prayed for their safe return.

Bob Hope's final tour, at age [90], took him to the Persian Gulf and the men and women of Desert Storm.

Although he is no longer with us in life, he will always remain, just as he was, in our hearts -- cracking jokes, boosting morale, and reminding all the world of what it means to be an American.

With profound gratitude for his decades of service to our country, we extend our deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.