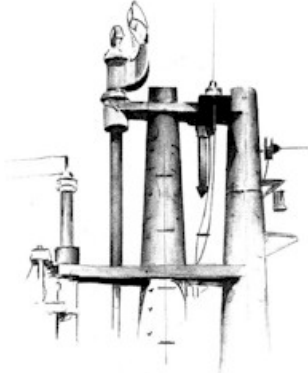


# Charleston, South Carolina, Sub Vets news letter and Minutes

## February 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, February 12, 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**

Base Commander	Steve Nelms (Buddha) 843-563-7115
Base Vice Commander	Keith Schnebel 843-851-7334
Base Secretary	Roger Gibson 843-875-4933
Base Treasure	George Lisle 843-559-4242

#### **Special Officers                      Phone number**

Chief of the Boat	Bill Roberts 843-875-0191
Public Affairs	Richard Cleeve 843-899-4563
Chaplain	Bill Kennedy 843-875-3109

Sub Vets WWII Liaison	Barnwell Chaplin 843-556-4333
Membership Chairman	Jerry Stout 843-871-9533
Newsletter Editor	Roger Gibson 843-875-4933
Nuclear Historian	Ed. Simokat 843-873-1709
Veterans Affairs	John Nichols 843-873-5897

**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**



**February, WWII Subs Lost At Sea**  
 USS Shark 1 (SS-174) Feb, 11, 1942  
 USS Amberjack (SS-219) Feb, 16, 1943  
 USS Grayback (SS-208) Feb, 26, 1944  
 USS Trout (SS-202) Feb, 28, 1944  
 USS Barbel (SS-316) Feb, 4, 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.

**Cob**

The board was polled “we have a “Quorum”  
Base Commander, secretary and treasurer present.

<b>Minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>
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**Base Commander**

New people! Introduced themselves, Mike Paterson, Richard Walsh, Mike Smith, Brian, Stephen, Larry Sims, Berry Becker, Guido Allegretto, Terry Bradford, Bill Hynes; Welcome aboard.

**Treasurer**

Monies were discussed, plus the bills for the Christmas party.

**Base Secretary**

Some email problems (still), remember shipmates you have to clean out your email boxes once and a while! When they are full and we send out data it gets kicked back to me, and if you change you address let me know please. There were no minutes to be approved for December meeting, we had a Christmas party.

**Public affairs officer Richard Cleeve**

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

More photos on the Web site, information on the Dolphin ties will be posted to contact “Curley” our store keeper, the list for the Hunley funeral is posted on the web site more details will have to be worked out and posted as received.

Question brought up, are carriages going to be supplied, this question will be covered later.

**Veterans Affairs Nick Nichols**

We will have a notebook at the next meeting, if any of the members have inputs please contact Nick or the base officers. This information will be passed to the public affairs officer Richard for inputs on the web site and our newsletter. If specific information is needed to be researched, contact us and if available will be put this info out to the members.

**Bases Commander**

For those interested there is a bill out for us to start paying co-payments for prescriptions so we

need to keep track of what our elected officials are doing for us.

**Hunley: Charles Rook** - The Hunley memorial is on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, email notice has been sent out and the information is also on our web site, we are looking for at least 13 people to be part of the ceremony at Breeches inlet in Sullivan’s Island, this is a commitment we must keep! The ceremony has been changed this year, so contact us, (Cob, Charles or Roger) for information. The uniform is blue blazers, kaki pants, black shoes, white shirt and tie; see Charlie and get your name on the list.

More info on the **Hunley Burial** and practice, (**Steve**) around the third of April, Kay long will fill us in on the details, we currently have 83 people signed up, we only need 48, if we get 96 we hopefully use 48 at the battery and 48 at the cemetery but we have been informed we will be only participating at the Battery, the reason we had to split it up with other groups so we are back to our 48 people, the selection will be Charleston base first and in order as other bases signed up the uniform is blue blazers white shirt with Dolphin tie and kaki trousers with black shoes. Our storekeeper “Curley” Houck will put on the web site where to order the Dolphin ties for the out of town people. For the Charleston base Curley is taking orders and will order the ties for you. Before you leave the meeting be sure you check the list to see if your name is on it

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

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

**WW11 Sub-vets** meeting February 19<sup>th</sup> at Ryan’s  
in Summerville, time at 1200 hours.

**Cob:** For those who are not pall bearers and want to participate wear your vests and kaki trousers with your blue shirt and cap, you can assist the out of town people and help in directions. Cob also had a **revelation** and a photo of Jim Eckles with both hands “Free” he will pass it on to our public affairs officer Richard for posting on the

web site, this is a one of a kind photo and the only one in existence.

**Base Commander;** does any one know if any shipmates served on the **USS Corbonero SS-337 from May –June 1965 August – Sep 1966 or April-May 68** if so! Please have them contact the VA for an evaluation, this sub was involved with shad testing chemical and biological warfare Steve has the paper work on whom to contact.

**National convention** in Sarasota New York has requested our base to bring up our float to the convention, after discussion it would not be feasible with insurance, plates and what ever else; the conscientious was to drop the matter.

Question was brought up to the Cob by the base Commander if we played the ELKS for the Christmas party, and as we found out setting up and organizing a party is not easy, so a special thanks went out to Jim and Sue for all the last parties they sponsored for us at their house, again thanks from all of us. (The last count at the party was 88).

Next topic: **Quarterly functions**, for the family's, we need a committee to plan and do the pick up and spread out the duties and so forth. Think about it and bring it up for discussion at our next meeting, we need a volunteer to take charge. We have paper goods (plates and so forth) that we keep at the Ranch for when we have a **two handed** working party we have something to eat off of. Think about it.

**Float committee:** Steve keeps the float at the ranch and maintains it Mike Emerson is in charge of the float Committee and will ask for volunteers to work on the float; yes even one-handed people!

**Membership Chairman;** Jerry Stout has stepped in to relieve the Base Secretary (Roger) of some of his duties, as of the first of this year Jerry has assumed the duties of Membership Chairman of our base, all dues for Charleston base will be paid to him and Jerry will maintain all records and forward them to the base Treasurer George Lisle.

**Base Raffle:** Need your Tax prepared? We are raffling off the services of Sue Eckles who is an enrolled Agent with the IRS. The tickets will be sold at the next meeting (\$2 per ticket) we are

looking to make a \$100 for the base, for the winner Sue will do your personal taxes, and will come to your house. (She will leave Jim at home) to prepare them, she has been doing taxes since 1980 she is licensed and knows what she is doing. Jim Eckles will be doing the collecting for the raffle. If you don't want to use your ticket give it to who ever you want, in the local area, but not a business!

**Little David:** Pre-overhaul meeting at the Nelms Ranch last week, and while we were there decided to do some work, the two bulkheads needed to be cut out larger to facilitate some of the shipmates, a scheduled work party a week from Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> 0830 we need to find all the holes, we don't know what to cut out yet, we will pick up the blaster and compressor this way we can find out where all our problems are. The motor has to be removed, the wood has to be stripped off, there is enough work for everyone, Question to Miguel, do you invasion frying fish for the troops that day, yes: we will have a fish fry. Note to the troops; we have a lot of beer left over from the Christmas party, so for us to replenish the beer we will have a tip jar, throw at least fifty cents or a dollar in the jar so we can stay stocked! Also supply some hot dogs and chili. **"Little David"** Steve explained to the new people the history of this harbor craft and what the role was in the civil war, a folder is available for the new members to look at.

District four patches see **Curley** (store keeper) to see what it looks like. Longevity pins "something new" as we find out we will let you know. Holland club certificate new style with a picture of the boat you qualified on, quite nice.

**Question** to the members; "any one qualified in 1954? No one has stepped forward this year as yet.

**Nuclear Historian** Ed Simokat

Two comments were brought up at the meeting in his research, one involved a Nuke and a Duck, the Duck wound up with a smile on its face, and how the duck got that way? Your guess!

The second research project involved a lot of study, this involved a retired torpedo man life guard (Handsome at that) and a despondent Nuke

trying to pick up a young lovely at Mission beach near San Diego, all I can say you have to be at the meeting to get the full benefits of Ed's research, thank you Ed.

### Old Business:

Sign the log sheets, and special thanks to Stan and Jim for the cabinet that was built by them.

### New Business

**Rodney**, we have been approached by the WW11 sub-vets to see if we would go haves on a bench at the submarine cold war memorial. Half would be the swamp fox chapter and the other would be us the price is 1200 dollars so both would split the price; this will be brought up at the next meeting discussed and voted on, so shipmates think about and decide at the February meeting. Question was brought up on the left over funds from the Cold War memorial, the funds have not been dissolved as yet

**Ben** brought up a suggestion that the new members be teamed up with some of the old members to bring them up to speed in what we do and how we operate. Good idea also Ben would like to know if anyone has a person that operated a track hoe to let him know.

Article was given to Steve about the Bow Fin in Hawaii also a good story about a old torpedo man having a 45 reunion with some coast watchers, see Steve if you want to review it.

### Guest speaker Jim Eckles Loss of the "USS Cochino SS-345"

We were all spell bound, thank you for sharing this with us, you final statement "no greater love is there if a man lays down his life to save another, how true that is, again thanks Jim.

**The good of the order;** Chaplain: Bill Kennedy  
If anyone is sick or somebody knows of a sick shipmate please contact me so we can send out cards and keep a check on them.

**Cobs reminder** for the new people the WW11 subvets allow us to be associate members of the

Swamp Fox chapter, if you're interested contact the Cob or the base secretary.



### 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 January 2004 \*\***

### Cob's Corner

The Submarine Veterans have been limited in participating in the Burial Ceremony of the last and final crew of the H L Hunley. We will be Pall Bearers at White Point Gardens.

With this said, we can still participate in the Funeral Procession. This will be as an organizational group. In order to do this, we need someone to organize and be in charge of the group. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

Little David is proceeding fairly well considering the weather. By the time you receive this we will have had one more work session blasting the interior. **She is not righteous but quite holy.** Once inside it like skyward on a clear dark night. After welding in new plates and backings for the other larger holes, it will be time for a final blast and paint the interior. Once we commence the outside it will be time for Bondo. Bill Freligh to take charge of issuing orders for a while.

We will be getting ready for the Amberjack Ceremony the 14<sup>th</sup> and the Hunley Memorial the night of the 17<sup>th</sup>. Please attend both or at least one of these events. They are very fine events.

Please attend the meeting on (hope Roger gets the date correct) the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of February. We will be discussing the bench for the Cold War Memorial.

**Chaplain: Bill Kennedy**



What a great meeting this month. I bet well over 70 Sub Vets were in the room. I almost felt like tap dancing if you know what I mean. Nothing to report and that's a good thing. I hope if you know of someone who is sick or who just needs a call please let me know. My calls are short and will not take up any time. I am working on a Sub Vet card for those members who are not feeling well. It'll be better than a Hallmark. If you have any ideas for the card or for me please call or drop a line. I` Roger has promised a new picture for the start of this newsletter. I am waiting; should be interesting.

Our hearts go out to Ricky Collins on the loss of his mother from all of us you have our heart felt sympathy God be with you and your family and give you Peace.

Notes from the base Commander

**Listen up!** The **Aiken branch Sub-vets** have been doing research on license plates, if you are interested in a Sub-vet plate we need a head count, at our next meeting we will have a **list** for you to **sign**, so a commitment is needed from us to follow through.

**Food for thought**, the ladies working at the VFW will cook us some goodies while we have our

meeting, this will be on a trial basis, a tip jar will be set up so if you want to be treated nice we must treat the ladies nice also, for those who don't understand it means put some money in the tip jar!

**Notes from the secretary**

Reminder that **Jerry** is now the membership chairman please pay your dues promptly. Cards will be issued at the meeting if missed they will be held until the next meeting, for the mail in and new members we will issue packets if possible hand them out before you leave.

Personal note from the secretary, we have a lot of people running for various offices, we have to decide whom to vote for, so pick your candidate carefully! Because her or she doesn't swear and is religious shouldn't be held against them, think about this; if we had more **moral** people in office we wouldn't have all the problems in the world today would we! These are my comment, *Roger*

Continue Praying for our troops  
Lord Keep them out of harms way be with them  
always send your angles to watch over them.



For our fallen Soldiers and Marines and Airmen thank you for you sacrifice, you laid down your lives for us that we might have peace what greater gift is there then one to give his life that we may live.

**Thank you and God bless our President.**

## **SUBMARINE VETERANS PARTICIPATION H L HUNLEY FUNERAL 17 APRIL 2004**



The following requirements are for all personnel who are selected for Pall Bearers or alternates. **Charleston Base will only be participating as pall bearers at White Point Gardens, at the Battery in Charleston.** We are not participating at the cemetery as another organization has been selected. These are non-negotiable rules set by the Hunley Commission!

1. **MUST print and sign their name and submit a Release of Liability Form.**
2. **Pall Bearers and alternates MUST ATTEND a rehearsal to be eligible to be a Pall Bearer.** The rehearsal will be April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 09:30 at the John Wesley United Methodist Church at 626 Savannah Hwy (17 South West Ashley).
  - a. Pall Bearer uniform is Navy Blue Blazer with Dolphins and patrol pin (if any), displayed on the left Brest above the pocket. NO Ribbons or Medals!
  - b. White Shirt and Dolphin Tie.
  - c. Khaki pants and belt
  - d. Black or Dark Brown shoes.
  - e. **NO HATS OR VEST!**
3. All personnel selected as Pall Bearers/Alternant must notify the Base Commander, Steve "Buddha" Nelms at 843-563-7115 NLT 15 February, with a yea or nay if you still wish to participate as a pallbearer.
4. **ALL FORMS MUST HAVE YOUR PRINTED NAME, SIGNATURE, AND RETURNED TO CHARLESTON BASE COMMANDER, 120 SAWDUST LN, DORCHESTER, SC 29437-2547 NLT 15 FEBRUARY.**

**By signing below, I agree as follows in consideration of participating:**

It is the sole right and discretion of The Hunley Commission and its staff to reject or eject any group, participant, or participants, and to modify this event in any way that they deem necessary to maintain the dignity of the Ceremony. No responsibility is assumed by the Commission or its agents for the safety of any property or persons during the event and the participant agrees that he or she is assuming all risks known or unknown.

I fully agree that by my signing hereto that I waive any claim for remuneration and expressly permit The Hunley Commission to take photographs of me during the event which may be used for media and fundraising activities for the benefit of the H.L. Hunley submarine.

Please PRINT Name

Please Sign Name

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Pall Bearer \_\_\_\_\_ Procession \_\_\_\_\_ (Please check)

Below are the letters sent to the selected and the commanders regarding the Hunley Burial

Keith

It is my pleasure to inform you of your selection as a pallbearer for the H. L. Hunley crew burial ceremony. The ceremony is scheduled for April 17. There will be a mandatory practice on April 3rd. If you don't attend the practice you will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Please notify me as soon as possible if you are unable to participate so an alternate can be arranged. Exact times for the events will be posted on our web site ([ussvicb.org](http://ussvicb.org)). Attached is form that is required for participation. Please print and then sign your name as indicated. The signed copy must be mailed to me ASAP. I must have the form in my possession by February 15. It must be the original; a copy will not be accepted. Mail to: Keith Schnebel, 238 Scalybark Rd. Summerville SC 29485.

As a reminder the uniform for pallbearers is blue blazer, khaki pants, submarine tie and leather shoes. The extent of USSVI pallbearer participation has changed and the walking in the procession of 4.5 miles is no longer required. You are still welcome to walk. If you choose to walk the uniform is the same as you wear as a pallbearer, vest khaki pants leather shoes and ball cap, or proper funeral attire. You are not required to attend practice if you wish only to walk in the procession.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at phone-843-851-7334, E-mail-[KASchnebel@aol.com](mailto:KASchnebel@aol.com). Updated information will be available on our base web site [ussvicb.org](http://ussvicb.org).

Commander:

First, please pass on our thanks to those in your base that volunteered to be pallbearers for the H. L. Hunley crew burial. Below is a list of the 48 selected pallbearers and the six alternates. I truly wish we could have used all those who volunteered. The extent of USSVI participation changed which minimized the number of people required. I have notified those selected individually but would appreciate that you remind those selected from your base to return their original copy of the attached form. I provided you with a copy of the form. If any member of your base would like to walk in the 4.5 mile procession from the battery to the cemetery they must return the attached form with their name printed and signed as indicated. It cannot be E-mailed or faxed. I must have a form with the original signature and I must have the signed form by February 15. The ceremony is scheduled for April 17. Exact times will be posted on our base web site ([ussvicb.org](http://ussvicb.org)) Uniform for participation in the procession will be vests ball caps khaki pants and leather shoes or proper funeral attire. Pallbearers and alternates can wear the same uniform they wear as a pallbearer. Pallbearers and alternates are required to participate in a practice on April 3rd. If they do not practice they will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Practice is not required for those who choose to walk in the procession but again a signed form is required.

Send the signed original forms to Keith Schnebel  
238 Scalybark Rd.  
Summerville SC 29485

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at 843-851-7334, [KASchnebel@aol.com](mailto:KASchnebel@aol.com). Again thank-you to all volunteers and I am really sorry we couldn't use everybody.

Keith Schnebel Vice-Commander Charleston Base

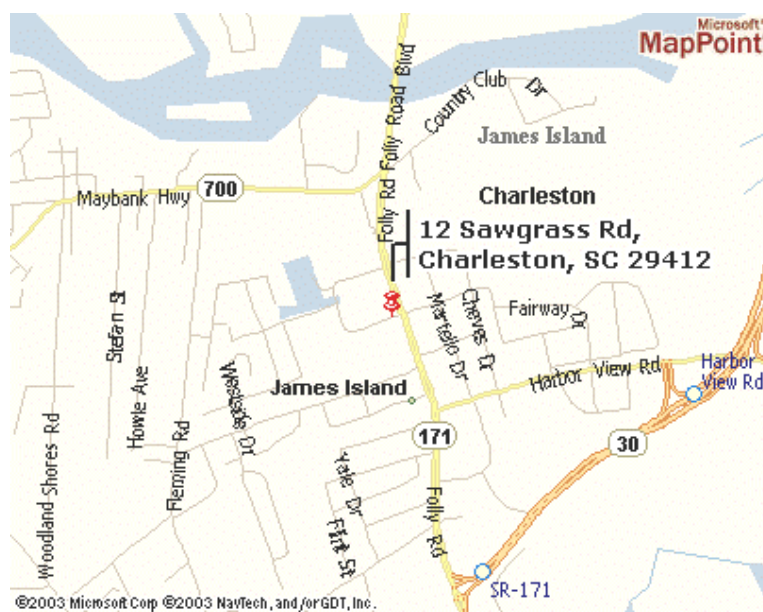


## Hunley Burial List and Alternates

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|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Steve Foster     | 20. Jim Yates        | 39. Robert Bailey    |
| 2. Tim Chandler     | 21. William Jennings | 40. Ken Seal         |
| 3. John Glave III   | 22. Mac, McCollum    | 41. Terry Trump      |
| 4. John Glave Jr.   | 23. Glen Houck       | 42. Barnwell Chaplin |
| 5. Ed Donner        | 24. Charles Rook     | 43. Frank Young      |
| 6. Bob Dewar        | 25. Larry Strukely   | 44. Jim Lowman       |
| 7. Jon Jaques       | 26. Larry Paris      | 45. Joe Giannetto    |
| 8. Andy Sorbie      | 27. Jim DeWitt       | 46. Guido Allegretto |
| 9. Thomas Sousa     | 28. Bill Wilson      | 47. Larry Sims       |
| 10. Roger Gibson    | 29. Vernon, Freshour | 48. Steve Nelms      |
| 11. Keith Schnebel  | 30. John Lookabill   |                      |
| 12. Stan Standrich  | 31. Chuck Gravely    | 1. Bob Moore         |
| 13. Rodney McKanna  | 32. Tom Lindbergh    | 2. John Smith        |
| 14. Ralph Luther    | 33. Barry Wilson     | 3. Scott Todd        |
| 15. Rick Collins    | 34. Richard Cleeve   | 4. Douglas Freeswick |
| 16. Julian Villegas | 35. Randy Bogner     | 5. Xerxes Herrington |
| 17. Gary Semler     | 36. Gene Simpo       | 6. Dave Byrd         |
| 18. Sy Mabie        | 37. Gary Becker      |                      |
| 19. Bill Kennedy    | 38. Jack Harden      |                      |

## Amberjack memorial

Amberjack memorial back up plan in event of bad weather, the place is James Island Christian Church at 12 Saw grass Road, James Island. We have permission to hold the memorial service in the main sanctuary. The directions head toward Folly beach when on folly road as you cross the Wappoo bridge, continue on folly road pass May bank road look for Captain D's or Arby's on the right: saw grass road is a half circle so no matter which way you go you'll get to the church, Roger





**Happy Birthday”**



**Birthdays for February 2004**

Happy birthday to the following, Barwick, Borup, Gilmer, Guptil, Jennings, Koebel, Minaudio, Rogers, Rook, Van Swearing and last but not least Stout, happy birthday and if I forgot anyone let me know.

**Cobs reminder**



**Listen up**

**Next Meeting, February 12, 2004 same old place and time**