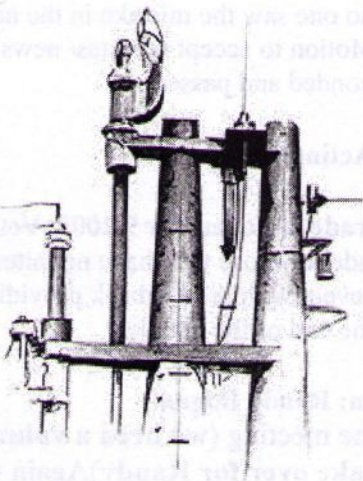


Charleston, South Carolina, Sub Vets news letter and Minutes October 2003

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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, October 10, 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.
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Phone number

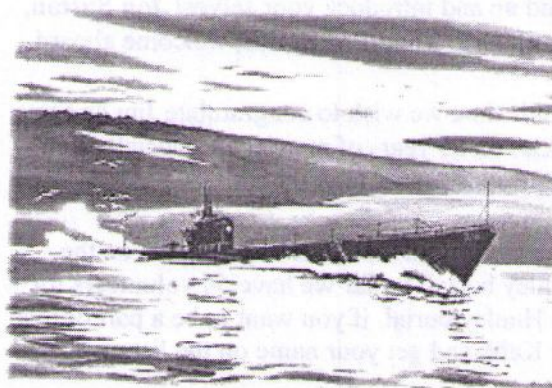
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Attention on Deck!

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 ship mates still on patrol. Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memories alive.

October Subs Lost:

Seawolf (SS-197) October 3, 1944, SS-44, (SS-155) October 7 1943, Wahoo (SS-238) October 11, 1943, Dorado (SS-248) October 12, 1943, Escolar (SS-294) October 17 1944, Tang (SS-306) Shark II (SS-314) and Darter (SS-227) lost on October 24, 1944.

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 (Acting)

The board was polled "we have a "Quorum" Base Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary and Treasurer present.

Minutes of the September 11th meeting

Base Commander

Meeting called to order, new people! Will you stand up and introduce your selves! **Jon Sutton, Frank Evans** and **PM Smith**, welcome aboard.

At this time we wish to congratulate Jim and Sue Eckles on 55 years of marriage, especially Sue happy anniversary to you both.

Vice commander; Covered his inputs on the Hunley burial. So far we have 54 volunteers for the Hunley burial, if you want to be a part of this see Keith and get your name on the list.

VA and Operation stand down, this will be held on 9th and 10th of October at Armory Park, 5000 Lackawanna Rd. N. Charleston if you wish to volunteer call Carolyn Martel at 789-7488

Base Commander inputs from the national convention and on information being passed around on the Hunley burial. One individual was trying to sell tickets for the event and Steve didn't buy a ticket!

Base treasurer

Monies were discussed, no further inputs.

Base secretary

I guess no one saw the mistake in the news letter? Motion to accept minutes/ newsletter, Stan, seconded and passed.

COB: (Acting)

Next parade is November 9 2003; Veterans Day parade for those who have not attended it is quite an event with the Outback providing the food at the end of the parade.

Chaplain: Randy Bognar

Not at the meeting (**we need a volunteer to fill in/ take over for Randy**) Again we want to reiterated 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!

Stan will be going in to the hospital to have a section of his colon removed, Stan didn't know he had a problem until he went to donate blood and his blood count "Hemoglobin" was low, so to our members the insurance for this is a Colon check up if your in your sixties get one! It is cheap insurance for your life.

Richard Cleeve Public affairs officer
Web site, <http://www.ussvicb.org/>
Web site up and running thanks Richard.

Sub-vets WWII, Barnwell Chaplin.



Barnwell informed the members that **Lee Allison** is now the state commander for sub-vets WWII. Next meeting will be on the third **Thursday October 17, 2003** at Ryan's in Summerville

Barnwell is slated to tell us some history on WWII war patrols he was on and the survivors his sub picked up.

Base Commander

Sea saw days in Harleyville, Steve forgot to bring in the trophy we won, but we got Second place. A good time was had by all, with exception of Bill Freligh who had a slight headache "Ha!

Calendars are available from national; see Curly our store keeper (15 dollars).

Voting results from national keep your comments to your self, we have 120 paid members with only 18 votes so what ever National does we are at their mercy, no vote no say!

Last meeting the question was asked who is on the board at national, the **national elected officers** plus the three or four regional directors, but they have no vote only the elected officers are voting members.

The convention was outstanding; the next will be in New York State, Sarasota then 2005 in Kansas City Kansas and 2006 in Cleveland Ohio and 2007 is an Alaskan cruise out of Seattle and last will be in Ft. Worth Texas, the cheer leaders were outstanding, Steve will never be the same.

Old Business

Question brought up about the Dolphin tie needed for the Hunley procession and where to purchase them, looks like we will get them from WWII sub-vets.

New Business

Steve and George will go to Moncks Corner to make arrangements for the cleaning and painting of this Civil War era semi submersible harbor defense boat that was stationed in Charleston harbor during the war, the name that was given to it was **Little Davis**. This topic was brought up to the members and voted on to strip and paint it; it can't be a "her" if the name is Little David!

This will be worked out.

Question on the 2005 District four Convention was brought up by George Lisle. Steve has implemented a committee to follow through and come up with a package for the 2004 convention in Jacksonville convention this will be presented at the convention.

Flag disposal

This topic was brought up by James Madison if we could get some sort of advert on cable to

inform the public where and when they could bring their old flags to be disposed of further discussion by members showed that in fact the VFW posts are doing this already usually at quarterly intervals. As more information is gathered it will be passed on. Action Item, who is going to pick the worn flags, Jerry is a committee of one and the point of contact!

KOPP: No see, um drive at Shadow moss

Help need for vision impaired and blind golfers, you would partner up with one of them, the time is October 20 at shadow moss golf course. Cost for 18 holes \$45 for 9 holes \$37, golf carts breakfast and lunch will be provided prizes and trophies will be given to all, final all players who are sighted will meet at the driving range and will be blindfolded to see how it is to golf blinded the one with the longest drive will be given the "Duffers award". Start time is 0900, 20 October 2003.

Ed Simokat

Nuke attack again, officer with love making problems goes to see a hypnotist you take it from there!

The good of the order

Eckles, showed the award plaque he received from the Naval Nuclear power school. This was for his involvement with the nuclear chiefs their way of saying thanks to him for his support.

Rodney, cold war memorial

Vice Commander; Keith letter to be written regarding left over funds from the cold war memorial, our concern the upkeep of the memorial.

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 September

Base Commander: Attention to all hands
Dues for 2004 are due by the end of this year
2003 - **Please be prompt!**

If you have not paid for 2003 national will drop you from membership unless you are a life member of National. This means to catch you must pay \$20 to National for Re-instatement and \$15 to Charleston base for the current year plus dues for 2004 are still due by the end of 2003. Please try to stay current! It benefits you money wise to pay on time and cuts down on paper work for us.

Cob

We will need a working party out at Buddha's to trim the trees along his driveway so we can get the float out. The road along the gas line is washed out and we don't know when SCE&G will get it fixed. We will put the word out at the meeting, which is coming up shortly.

We are also working on getting plans together with Santee Cooper to get the Little David transported from Moncks Corner to the farm. We will get the plan rolling once it arrives to getting is blasted, painted and restored.

The Georgia Chapter Sub-Vet's WWII Memorial Service will be 5th through the 8th of November at Kings Bay.

There is plenty of time to go and get back for the Charleston Veterans Day Parade on Sunday November the 9th. There is a Memorial Day service in Summerville on the 11th at 11:00. The service will be in front of the Dorchester County Building, corner of Highway's 17A and 78. Those attending are requested to be there prior to 11:00.

Cobs reminder



Listen up

Next Meeting, October 10, 2003 same old place and time

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.



Store keeper "Curley"

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



Happy Birthday

Harden, Lindberg, Lisle, Lookabill, Pierce and Barry Wilson

Received this from my friend in Iraq!

Eagle

this is something to think about! Since America is typically represented by an eagle. Saddam should have read up on his Muslim passages...

The following verse is from the Quran, (the Islamic Bible)

Quran (9:11) -- For it is written that a son of Arabia would awaken a fearsome Eagle. The wrath of the Eagle would be felt throughout the lands of Allah and lo, while some of the people trembled in despair still more rejoiced; for the wrath of the Eagle cleansed the lands of Allah; and there was peace.

Note the verse number!!!!!!)

Hunley information! Navy news letter passed on From Nick Nicholas.

Hunley Researchers Probe the Mystery of Time from Naval Historical Center Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Time itself is a multilayered mystery to the international team of Naval Historical Center (NHC) and other preservation scientists, working to excavate and conserve the world's first successful military submarine.

On the day before the third anniversary of the raising of the H.L. Hunley from the floor of the Atlantic Ocean, researchers may be closer to answering questions that have puzzled historians for more than a century: when exactly did the Hunley take on water?

The Rosetta stone that may help answer these questions is the ornate gold pocket watch that belonged to Hunley commander, Lt. George Dixon, which was recovered during the excavation of the submarine on May 30, 2002. When the watch was opened earlier this year, Hunley scientists were hopeful the time on the watch would offer insight as to why the submarine mysteriously vanished after sinking USS Housatonic Feb. 17, 1864. As the NHC scientists were soon to learn, however, there are many layers to the mystery of time.

Accounts from crew members aboard Housatonic say the Hunley's attack took place between 8:45 and 9:00 in the evening. When Dixon's watch was opened earlier this year and the face displayed 8:23, more questions were raised than answered. After researching the operation of the watch and the time keeping standards of the day, Hunley scientists uncovered a series of fascinating clues.

During the Civil War, the Confederate States kept Local Apparent Solar Time as its standard, while U.S. naval vessels maintained the Local Mean Solar Time of Washington, D.C. These varying calculations, when adjusted, mean the time kept on Dixon's pocket watch was probably 26 minutes behind the time kept aboard the Housatonic.

When the NHC's team of scientists adjusted the time on the watch to the Local Mean Solar Time of Washington D.C., they came to the conclusion that Dixon's watch stopped ticking at precisely 8:49. At first glance, such a time setting would appear to indicate the watch stopped within minutes of the Hunley's attack on the Housatonic, suggesting the Hunley's crew compartment flooded immediately after the attack. Drawing that conclusion at this moment, however, would be premature, according to friends of the Hunley Chairman, Warren Lasch.

"An important clue we will soon discover is whether or not the watch was completely wound down," Lasch said. "To answer that question, experts will need to examine the watches internal mechanisms and we still don't know if the time is a.m. or p.m.,

or even the same day," Lasch said.

The spring driven balance wheel used to power Dixon's pocket watch cannot function underwater, because the friction of the water stops the pendulum mechanism. South Carolina State Senator Glenn McConnell, chairman of the Hunley Commission, is hopeful the watch will soon provide scientists with even more timely information.

McConnell said at this point, the body of scientific evidence suggests that the Hunley crew compartment may not have immediately filled with water, a theory that could explain why most crew members were found at their stations.

"It is entirely possible that the Hunley's crew compartment remained water tight long after the oxygen the crew needed to survive was gone. If the watch was protected for a time from the invasion of water, then it would have continued to tick until it gradually wound down," McConnell said.

The Hunley project team is currently working with watch experts to determine whether the watch had wound down, and once the research is completed, Dixon's pocket watch may yet hold new clues to the mystery of the Hunley's fate. "If we lock in on the exact time, we lock in on the time sequence of her fate," said McConnell.

"I continue to be awed by how much we've accomplished since the Hunley was recovered three years ago. This truly is a fantastic journey and a stirring tribute to the spirit of innovation that connects the past, the present and the future," Lasch said.

The H. L. Hunley was located in 1995 by Clive Cussler's National Underwater Marine Agency. The hand-cranked submarine was raised Aug. 8, 2000, and delivered to the Warren Lasch Conservation Center, where a team of scientists working under the Naval Historical Center are excavating and conserving the historic vessel and its many artifacts.

Reagan Quinn of Friends of the Hunley contributed to this article.

For more information on the Hunley Project, log onto www.hunley.org.