

HUNLEY/HOUSATONIC MEMORIAL FEBRUARY 17

On February 17, 1864, the H. L. Hunley carried 8 courageous men to a most daring encounter with a Yankee ship, the USS Housatonic. This memorial service, which will always be held on February 17th, of the current year. This will be a very solemn service, in which the 8 crewmen of the H. L. Hunley and the 5 crew members of the USS Houstonic, will be honored. The memorial service is held at Breach Inlet on Sullivan's Island, with the service commencing at 7:00 p.m. We will start our event by first giving credit to the brave reenactors who march from Ft. Moultrie to Breach Inlet which was the same path the crew of the H.L. Hunley took in order to get to Battery Marshall. You will always hear an incredible speaker, as well as music, during our memorial service. The United States Charleston Submarine Veterans are always honoring our memorial service with their presence and will speak on how the H. L. Hunley was the beginning of the modern submarines as we know them now in American history. During the church service as the 13 men are memorialized, you will view the ladies dressed in widows weeds as they represent the widows of each crewmen. They will each receive flowers on behalf of the US Charleston SubVets. A bell will be sounded after the name of each 13 crewman is read. The ladies dressed in black gently toss flowers from the ocean shore into the water in memory of the men they represent. The US Charleston SubVets will then toss wreaths into the water honoring our memorial service. You will hear a bugle playing taps, rifles and cannons shooting in the night to honor these brave men. Please come and attend this memorial service as we honor the crewman who lost their lives on the H.L. Hunley and the USS Housatonic. For directions to the memorial service, we have them listed on our website at www.csatrust.net.

