

Second Event!

The H.L. Hunley – The First Submarine to Sink a Ship in Battle

Presented by:
Philip Vitiello

Connecticut Civil War Historian

SUNDAY, February 11, 2018 2:00 – 3:30 pm

2nd Floor Board Room

Avon Free Public Library, 281 Country Club Road, Avon

Philip Vitiello, well-known Connecticut Civil War historian and re-enactor, will talk about the H.L. Hunley, the first submarine to sink an enemy ship in combat. The night of February 17, 1864, the H.L. Hunley sank the USS Housatonic off the coast of Charleston, SC. The Hunley then mysteriously vanished with its crew of eight. More than a century later, it was discovered in 1995 and raised in August 2000. Today, the Hunley resides at a conservation center where scientists are piecing together clues to solve the mystery of its disappearance.

Join Philip on his journey of discovery with stories from descendants and pictures of the many visits he has made to the Hunley over the past 17 years. He will provide a history of the crew and surmise whether a Connecticut soldier was part of it. He will also discuss the burial of the remains of the crew.

Philip is vice president of the Civil War Roundtable of South Central Connecticut, a charter member of the “Friends of the Hunley,” lifelong member of the Titanic Historical Society and charter member of TIGHAR – The International Group for Historical Aircraft Recovery. A lifelong resident of New Haven, he is a graduate of the University of New Haven, majoring in law enforcement administration, and director of marketing for Northeast Food Marketing in Stamford, CT.

Each day is a little bit of history. ~José Saramago

