

## Submarine vets continue push to save USS Clamagore

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MOUNT PLEASANT, SC - While [Patriots Point](#) is under contract to allow the Clamagore submarine to be sunk and used as a fishing and diving reef off the coast of Florida, many Lowcountry submarine veterans say this battle is not over.

The USS Clamagore needs about \$4 million of work. That's money [Patriots Point](#) does not have.

Tom Lufkin is the Chairman of the Clamagore Restoration and Maintenance Association. He says his group is asking Patriots Point to give them the Clamagore. They would display it alongside the HL Hunley at a museum at the old Navy base.

However, Patriots Point officials have already signed a contract with a Florida company to have the Clamagore taken to Florida and sunk off the coast as a reef.

### [A new Patriots Point exhibit aboard the USS Laffey unveiled](#)

State Rep. Joe Danning has a resolution at the statehouse that would require patriots point to wait a year for additional fundraising before allowing the Clamagore to be sunk. Danning says the fact that the resolution could interfere with the contract Patriots Point's board has signed may prevent the resolution from passing.

Lufkin says they just need that one extra year. "If we can't raise the money in a year after becoming a 501(c)(3) will acknowledge that it can't be done. But we know the money can be raised in the project is a viable project."

Mac Burdette, the executive director of Patriots Point says, "we respect them, we revere them, because they are our veterans, but the bottom line is, they are too late."

Patriots Point has only raised about \$35,000 for the \$4 million project. It costs Patriots Point about \$60,000 per year to maintain the Clamagore in its current state.

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