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**NEWS-01:** Another Submarine Goes on Public Display  
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 6/12/2012

6/11/2012: The deep submergence rescue vehicle Avalon arrived Monday on the Morro Bay CA waterfront, where it's set to go on display as part of the Morro Bay Maritime Museum project.

Read more here: <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2012/06/11/2100686/submarine-morro-bay.html#storylink=cpy>

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**NEWS-02:** You earned the right! Law Now Allows Retirees and Vets to Salute Flag

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 6/12/2012

Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag only while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed service members, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag.

A later amendment further authorized hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel. This was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on Oct. 14, 2008.

Here is the actual text from the law:

SEC. 595. MILITARY SALUTE FOR THE FLAG DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES NOT IN UNIFORM AND BY VETERANS.

Section 301(b)(1) of title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraphs: (A) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note (B) members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform and (C) all other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart

Note: Part (C) applies to those not in the military and non-veterans. The phrase "men not in uniform" refers to civil service uniforms like police, fire fighters, and letter carriers non-veteran civil servants who might normally render a salute while in uniform.

<http://www.military.com/flag-day/rules-for-saluting-us-flag.html?ESRC=navy.nl>

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**NEWS-03:** A landmark in US Submarine History

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 6/13/2012

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On 13 June 1862 the United States Navy became the first Navy in the world to have an operational, purpose built submarine, the 'Submarine Propellor', later called the 'Alligator', in its inventory.

The little boat was not formally commissioned as the USS Holland was in 1900 when we mark the official birth of the U.S. Submarine Force, but the 'Submarine Propeller' acceptance on 13 June 1862 marks the actual beginning of our submarine journey in the US Navy.

(A tip of the hat to Jim Christley for this tidbit of Submarine History.)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American\\_submarine\\_Alligator\\_\(1862\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_submarine_Alligator_(1862))

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**NEWS-04:** Need a National Public Relations Chairman..  
Submitted by: T. Michael Bircumshaw on 6/13/2012

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Shipmates,  
This is a high priority item.  
USSVI needs a Public Relations Chairman..Preferably someone with professional experience in the field.  
Please call the me, T Michael Bircumshaw, direct to get the position parameters and find out if this is something you would really love to do.. Liking it is not enough.. This PR thing is a top self priority and it needs immediate and sustained attention..  
[951-308-6479](tel:951-308-6479) or [NC@USSVI.org](mailto:NC@USSVI.org)  
Best,  
Michael

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**NEWS-06:** USS Miami fire SITREP  
Submitted by: Office on 6/14/2012

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The fire on board the nuclear submarine the USS Miami might make it into the Guinness Book of Records as the most expensive caused by a household appliance. A preliminary investigation has found a vacuum cleaner was the cause.

The May 23 blaze at a Navy yard in Maine destroyed the nose section of the sub, including the forward torpedo room, crew and officers quarters. The fire raged for 10 hours before it was extinguished. Seven fire fighters and crew members received minor burn injuries. A column of smoke was visible from miles around.

Robert Work, under secretary for the Navy says they do not have a deadline for when a decision will be reached on the sub's fate. The engineers and investigators were told to take the time they need, Work said.

"Right now, the going assumption is we'll repair the boat," Work said. "But we're right in the early stages of the damage assessment."

Down the road, if the submarine is scrapped or still out of service for repairs from the May 23 fire, the deployment schedules for other submarines may change, Work added.

"We have a requirement for 48 attack boats and we have more than that right now," he said Wednesday.

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