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NEWS-01: 2014 Candidates Forum Online  
Submitted by: Office on 12/12/2013  
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Have a question for one of the USSVI Candidates for National or Region Office?

There is a online forum for this purpose located at the link provided.

Participation in the forum (LOGIN NOT NEEDED) by the Candidates is optional, and not all are represented there yet, pending the official close of the nominations period, but some are and they have posted their qualifications for office and will answer questions.

Ground rules, identify yourself, keep it clean, fraternal and relevant to the position under consideration.

[bod.subvets.net/ussvi-bod/forums/forum-view.asp?fid=57](http://bod.subvets.net/ussvi-bod/forums/forum-view.asp?fid=57)

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NEWS-02: Go Navy! Beat Army!

**Submitted by: Office on 12/12/2013**

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**GO NAVY BEAT ARMY (Submariners save the day!)**

**Saturday, December 14, 12:00 PM on CBS  
Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

**[www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1nCSPP2rks&feature=share](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1nCSPP2rks&feature=share)**

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**NEWS-03: Son Of Tomahawk Takes It Slow**

**Submitted by: Office on 12/13/2013**

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**The U.S. Navy recently launched a UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) from a submarine. This was done using much of the same tech used to launch Tomahawk cruise missiles from torpedo tubes, the XFC UAV deploys larger wings than a Tomahawk and is apparently more maneuverable and moves much more slowly (54-93 kilometers an hour versus 880 kilometers an hour for the Tomahawk). Thus while the Tomahawk only stays in the air for about two hours the XFC can remain in the air for over eight hours and uses propeller propulsion and not a jet engine. The XFC is powered by electricity, from a fuel cell rather than a battery. The XFC made its first flight in 2009 and may enter service in a few years is the navy perceives a real need.**

**Click the link for the story...**

**[www.strategypage.com/htm/htsub/articles/20131213.aspx](http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htsub/articles/20131213.aspx)**

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**NEWS-04: Take that, China — check out the U.S. Navy's nuclear submarines**  
**Submitted by: Office on 12/13/2013**

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**Check out the U.S. Navy's nuclear submarine fleet amid reports that Beijing's nuclear submarines can attack American cities as a means to counterbalance U.S. nuclear deterrence in the Pacific.**

**Go to the link for more...**

**[www.washingtontimes.com/multimedia/collection/us-navy-submarines/?page=1](http://www.washingtontimes.com/multimedia/collection/us-navy-submarines/?page=1)**

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**VET-01: Warning: VA ID Cards Are Easily Scanned Submitted by:  
Office on 12/12/2013**  
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Anyone with a smartphone and a bar code app can scan any Department of Veterans Affairs identification card issued since 2004 and the cardholder's Social Security number immediately pops up on the screen.

The Department of Veterans Affairs published warnings about the veterans information cards (VICs) on their website in 2011 and again in July, 2013.

The alert states, "Some barcode readers, including those available as applications on cell phones, can scan the bar code on the front of the card, and reveal the veteran's social security number."

VA has begun to work on a new type of card, which will not contain a Social Security number. Meanwhile, veterans should treat their current ID cards as just a careful as they do their Social Security card to prevent identity theft.

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**VET-02: Disabled Vets, Survivors to Get 1.5% COLA Submitted by:  
Office on 12/12/2013**  
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The Department of Veterans Affairs announced Wednesday that veterans receiving disability compensation will get a 1.5 percent cost of living increase starting with their Jan. 1, 2014, payment.

[www.military.com/daily-news/2013/12/04/disabled-vets-survivors-to-get-15-cola.html?ESRC=mrvr.nl](http://www.military.com/daily-news/2013/12/04/disabled-vets-survivors-to-get-15-cola.html?ESRC=mrvr.nl)

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