

Decatur Chapter #4 Newseyletter

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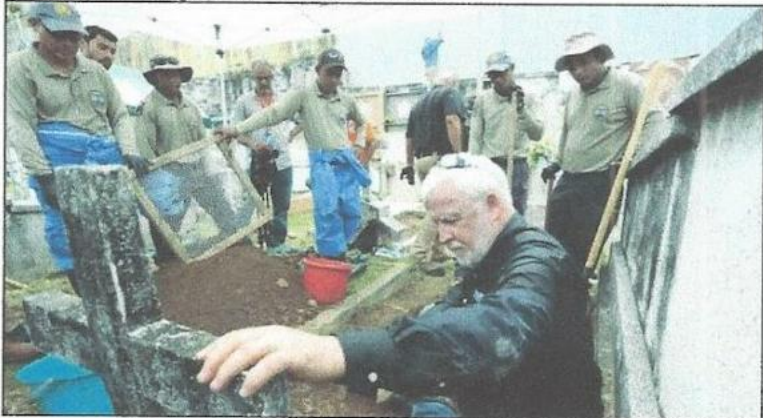
Merry Christmas 2018 / Happy New Year 2019
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U.S. Maritime Administration Seeking Shipyard to Deliver New National Security Multi-Mission Vessel



The U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) today issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking a qualified shipyard to deliver the new National Security Multi-Mission Vessel (NMSV) to replace the Empire State VI as SUNY Maritime College's training ship. The RFP specifically solicits for a Vessel Construction Manager (VCM), which will be responsible for on time and on budget delivery as well as upholding commercial best practices. Initial costs were released and stated as \$300 million. That has now been revised to \$350 million. The ship will be assigned to SUNY Maritime College to replace the *EMPIRE STATE VI*.

Remains of submarine inventor exhumed in Panama City, Panama Canal.

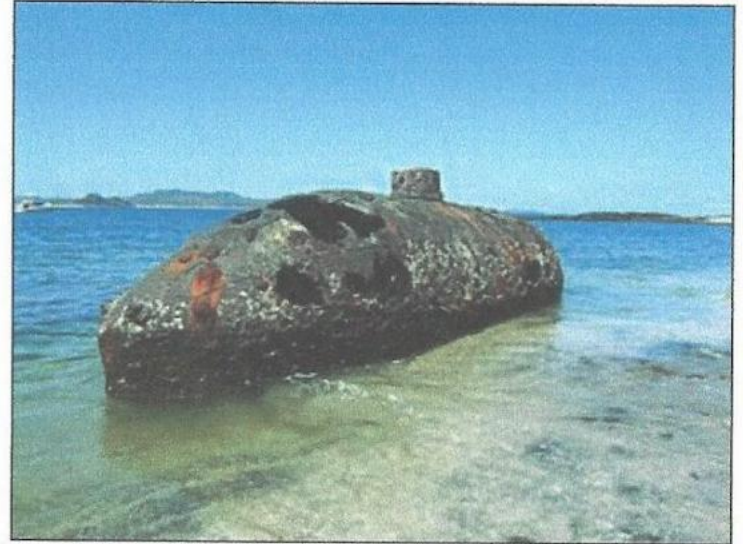


The remains of a German-American who invented the first submarine able to dive and resurface by itself were exhumed in a Panamanian cemetery Thursday and will be reburied alongside U.S. war veterans near the Panama Canal. Julius Kroehl's remains were dug up with help from the U.S. Embassy, which said authorities will also seek to confirm the identity of the remains and establish a cause of death. Kroehl built

his submarine from parts brought from New York to search for pearls off Panama's Pacific coast during the 19th century. Records say he died at age 47 of malaria, but some suspect he was killed by decompression sickness — also known as the bends. Kroehl was buried in 1867, and his grave was only rediscovered in 2005.



Deteriorating remains of submarine *EXPLORER* abandoned on a remote section of San Telmo Island, in Panama's Pearl Islands



An older photo of *EXPLORER* before more extreme deterioration set in.



Commissioning Sta.



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The USCS sponsored this pictorial to be used in Honolulu on the Commissioning date of the U S Coast Guard's newest *Legend*-class cutter. Postmark design is the work of Wolfgang Hechler.