

**AVM "HAPPENINGS"**  
**FEB 2010**

- AK Museum Fund Inc. Meeting 28 Jan 2010: a building at Kulis may still be a possibility. The Jewel Lake Armory is definitely a no go as the National Guard is planning on moving the veteran's affairs offices there when the Rescue Squadrons vacate. MOA property just past the N. Muldoon exit appears to be doubtful unless we come up with a ton of money. The City Manager says the "old days" of the Muni leasing for a dollar a year are long gone. Especially with the budget shortfalls.
- 28 Feb George and Suellyn collected the oral history of a Nike Veteran
- The meeting of the Susitna Civil War Round Table on 30 Jan was a hit. The topic was the first successful attack submarine, the *CSA H.L. Hunley*.
- The Juneau meeting of the AK Veterans Advisory Council was interesting and enlightening. The Haines representative took literature to the Alaska American Legion State Conference and I saw three new members signing up. Met with the Governor, State Senators and Representatives and found out the Special Assistant to the Governor is a squadron member of mine! Good to know the right folks and have an in.
- The 3 PM 20 Feb meeting of the Susitna Civil War Round Table's topic will be "Great Commanders."
- AVM was contacted by Mr. Swaderer again re the Alaska Scouts and he still wants to work with us.
- Also contacted by a gentleman needing help researching a WW II Scout. That research continues.
- Received a CD from Maj Ross, USMC, with copies of the submarine war patrol reports of the requested Aleutian Campaign subs.
- Received reply from the Submarine Museum at Groton CT and they are sending a DVD with all known *USS Grunion* photos and the underway photos of the *USS Tuna* and *USS Triton*. All are free of charge and we can duplicate as needed. The 1/72 scale model of a Gato Class WW II Sub that will be "kit bashed" to be the *USS Grunion* is on order. We will open that display by Aug 2010. The smaller permanent version of *Castner's Cutthroats* will open by Mar 2010. Still planning the Anchorage Museum US Military exhibit and then will sketch it out and take to Walter. Likely opening a year or two depending on their schedule.
- The National Park Service exhibit on Kiska and Adak will feature several photos of ours as well as patches and our 1943 Army Corps of Engineers map of Kiska. We will continue to work with them and they want us to review some of the oral histories they have and are willing to copy for us.
- Contacted by Michael G. Reagan again and will send him the photos from Brooke Marston which were duplicated. Will also return all items to Mr. Marston.

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