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HAPPY 220th BIRTHDAY!

Tomorrow, Saturday, April 11 is the "Submarine Force Birthday". 220 years ago, the Holland VI was purchased by the U.S. government for the sum of \$150,000 from John Phillip Holland's Holland Torpedo Boat Company.

She was considered to be the first truly successful craft of her type. Holland VI was modified after her christening and was renamed USS Holland (SS-1).

The United States Government soon ordered more submarines from Holland's company, which became the Electric Boat company. These boats were to be known as the Plunger class and became America's first fleet of underwater naval vessels.

Some Submariners consider April 11 to be "Wear Your Dolphins to Work Day." **But let's be safe and just wear them to the living room.**

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