

HOLLAND CLUB INDUCTION CEREMONY

INTRODUCTION:

Membership in the Holland Club is limited to those who have been qualified in submarines for 50 years or more. It is a special distinction bestowed on these special shipmates. Even though the Holland Club members are also members of the USSVI, they are afforded special recognition for their long years of service, by being designated Holland Club Members.

CEREMONY:

(The following shall be spoken by the Base Commander or guest inductor of equal or higher position in the USSVI)

"Shipmates, Friends, and Special Guest;

As the Commander (*or guest inductor title*) of the [Arizona] Submarine Veterans [Perch Base], it is with pride and great pleasure that I have the privilege to be here today and to be a part of this special Holland Club Induction Ceremony. I would like to request that all Holland Club members present to come forward and join me at the podium.

"The Holland Club is a special group of members of the United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated who have been designated qualified in Submarines by the United States Navy for 50 or more years. Before we proceed with the induction of our shipmates into the Holland Club, please allow me to explain the requirements for induction into the Holland Club:

- A candidate must have been a Life Member, in good standing, of the

United States Submarine Veterans or a annual dues paying member in good standing for five years.

- The candidate for Holland Club membership must request to be inducted into the Holland Club.

"Shipmate (*insert candidates name*) has met these requirements and I would like to request at this time that Shipmate (*insert candidates name*) join us at the podium.

The men of the Holland Club can best be described in these ten words;

PRIDE

Their pride in the title "Submariner". They who dared what others feared to do and went where others dared not. Pride in whom and what they were and are today. Pride in who and what they represent today, The United States Submarine Veterans and pride in the Silver or gold dolphins on their chests.

PAST

Is for all they have achieved as members of the United States Submarine Force, the silent service, and now as members of the United States Submarine Veterans.

PRESENT

By continuing to recognize and honor our Submarine Traditions as members of the United States Submarine Veterans and fulfilling our creed to honor the memory of our lost shipmates.

PATRIOTISM

Their unchallenged, unchanging love for our country and pride in having served.

HONOR

That feeling of self pride one has for doing what is right and respect for those others who have shown us how.

DUTY

Doing your job, committing yourself to doing the best you can for yourself and most of all your fellow shipmates by supporting your base and the United States Submarine Veterans.

COMMITMENT

Honor bound, and keeping your word not because you have to, but because you want to and your shipmates knowing it. Being an active part of the crew.

PROFESSIONALISM

Always doing your job to the best of your ability. Each member of a submarine crew depends upon his shipmates to do it right and to do it right the first time.

COURAGE

That special quality that allowed you to dare to do and go where other men feared and the desire to be called shipmate by men of that caliber.

LEADERSHIP

The ability and qualities that you displayed as you fulfilled your active duty tour and continues as a member of the United States Submarine Veterans.

I would like to now read a letter from Holland Club Commander (*insert name of Holland Club Commander*) and present some other mementos to shipmate (*insert candidates name*).

{Present Holland Club Certificate, Membership card, patch, Perch Base Patch and Holland Club Challenge Coin.}

Shipmates please congratulate our new Holland Club member (*insert name*) with a round of applause.