

Holland Club Induction Ceremony

(The Commander shall recite the following)

Shipmates, Friends and Special Guest(s):

As the Commander of Perch Base of the United States Submarine Veterans, I take extreme pride and great pleasure in being here today to be a part of this special Holland Club Induction ceremony. I request that all Holland Club Members present come forward and join me at the podium.

The Holland Club is a special group of members of the United States Submarine Veterans 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 shipmate(s) into the Holland Club, allow me to explain the requirements for induction into the Holland Club. A candidate must be a Life Member, in good standing, of the United States Submarine Veterans or an annual dues paying member in good standing for five years. The candidate(s) for Holland Club membership must request to be inducted into the Holland Club.

Shipmate(s) (insert name of candidate(s)) has/have met these requirements and I request at this time that Shipmate(s) (insert name of candidate(s)) join us at the podium.

The men of the Holland Club can best be described in these ten words: Pride, Past, Present, Patriotism, Honor, Duty, Commitment, Professionalism, Courage and Leadership.

PRIDE: Pride in the title "SUBMARINER". They dared to do what others feared and went where others dared not. Pride in whom and what they were and are today. Pride in whom and what they represent today, the United States Submarine Veterans, and pride in the Silver or Gold Dolphins on their chests.

PAST: For all they achieved as members of the United States Submarine Force,

the Silent Service, and now as members of the United States Submarine Veterans.

PRESENT: Continuing to recognize and honor our submarine traditions as members of the United States Submarine Veterans; fulfilling our creed to honor the memory of our lost shipmates.

PATRIOTISM: The unwavering love for their country and pride in having served it.

HONOR: Their feeling of self-pride for having done what is right and respecting others who have shown us how.

DUTY: Doing their job, constantly striving to do the best they could for themselves and, most of all, their fellow shipmates by supporting their and the United States Submarine Veterans.

COMMITMENT: Keeping their word not because they had to, but because they chose to and their shipmates knowing it; being an active part of the crew.

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

COURAGE: That special quality that allowed them 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 they displayed as they served their active duty tours and they continue to display as members/a member of the United States Submarine Veterans.

I would like to now read a letter from the Holland Club Chairman and present some other mementos to shipmate(s) (insert name of candidate(s)).

(The Commander will present the Holland Club Certificate, Membership Card, Holland Club Patch, Holland Club lapel pin and Holland Club cup.