

# COLUMBUS BASE SUBMARINE VETERANS

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## THE GREEN BOARD



ALL SEAS ARE NAVIGABLE

### Columbus Base Newsletter

#### Columbus Base Holland Club Ceremony by Bernie Kenyon

For more than a year I have been boasting in my e-mails to Ohio Submarine Veterans that one of the great benefits of becoming a member of USSVI was our opportunity to perpetuate our legacy in submarines. I have been stressing that the "Silent Service" is not so silent anymore and because it isn't, we have the opportunity to get our story out to the masses through a variety of ways.

One of those ways, I feel, is the recognition associated with being inducted into the Holland Club. A club that offered 7 other Columbus Base of USSVI submarine veterans, in addition to me, the pleasure of being admitted into it at a dinner held in our honor. A club formed for the purpose of applauding us for being "qualified" to wear a plated pin over our left breast. A pin we call our "Dolphins"!

To understand the significance of "qualified to wear dolphins", one must know how the pin itself was borne and what it took to earn it following its conception.

#### How our Submarine Insignia was Developed

Condensed from internet articles



- The origin of the US Navy Submarine Service Insignia dates back to 1923. On 13 June of that year, Captain Ernest J. King, USN, later to become Fleet Admiral and Chief of Naval Operations during World War II, and at that time Commander Submarine Division Three, suggested to the Secretary of the Navy, via the Bureau of Navigation (Now Naval Military Personnel Command), that a distinguished device for qualified submarines be adopted.
- He submitted a pen-and-ink sketch of his own, showing a shield mounted on the beam end of a submarine, with dolphins forward of, and abaft, the conning tower. The suggestion was strongly endorsed by Commander Submarine Divisions, Atlantic.
- During the next several months the Bureau of Navigation solicited additional designs from several sources. Among the designs were a submarine and shark motif, a submarine and shield, and submarine and dolphins.
- Eventually, a design featuring a bow view of a submarine, proceeding on the surface, with bow planes rigged for diving, flanked by dolphins in a horizontal position with their heads resting on the upper edge of the bow planes became the design in use today.
- The officers' insignia was a bronze, gold plated metal pin, worn centered above the left breast pocket and above the ribbons and medals. Enlisted men wore the insignia; embroidered in silk, white silk for the blue clothing and blue silk for

white clothing. This was sewn on the outside of the right sleeve, midway between the wrist and elbow. The device was two and three-quarters inches long.

- A change to the Uniform Regulations dated 21 September 1950 authorized the embroidered insignia for officers (in addition to the pin-on insignia) and a bronze silver plated, pin-on insignia for enlisted men (in addition to the embroidered device).

## Earning the Coveted Submarine Insignia

To earn our submarine insignia we had a limited time to "qualify" once we boarded our very first submarine. Our first boat was usually our initial tour of duty right out of Submarine School and once aboard, our schooling in "submarine operations" began!

Generally, the qualification period takes 5 to 12 months and teaches all major systems aboard the ship. A specific amount of signatures were required each week from Petty Officer Compartment heads ascertaining that our assignments were being adhered to. If they weren't, our liberty was restricted i.e. we were not allowed to watch movies aboard with the rest of the ship's crew and shore liberty was curtailed when our boat was in port.

All components in each compartment of the submarine had to be learned. When the compartment P.O. was satisfied that we knew and could perform all of the duties required of a watch-stander in his compartment, then, and only then, would the Petty Officer certify our competency, or as the certification was affectionately called, "his sign off" on our qualification card.

A completed qualification card was the next to last obligation. The final exam was a comprehensive walk through of the ship which was a very demanding show and tell proficiency test. It was an oral and practical examination that demonstrated we had sufficient knowledge of the ship's systems and operating procedures. At the completion of the walk through, the Qualification Officer ruled whether the strict educational standards were achieved and if he felt that they were, he recommended to the Commanding Officer that we had successfully "Qualified in Submarines".

For most of us, a ceremony and initiation took place when the opportunity became available. This usually consisted of being thrown over the side once a warm-weather port was reached. Initiation might be somewhat different from one boat to another but the final result was the same. We were presented our Dolphin pin in full view of the ship's company signifying that we were accepted into their ranks!

## Perpetuating the Legacy of the Submarine Insignia

The Holland Club was established in May 1964 and was adopted as part of the Constitution and bylaws of the United States Submarine Veterans that year. Its purpose was to honor submarine veterans who "Qualified in Submarines" 50, or more years, ago.

It appears that the idea, or concept, of the Holland Club was originally proposed by Charlie Marin of the San Diego Base and if Charlie's thinking was a golden celebration honoring men who silently retained their, love, loyalty and relationship for the submarine service, he in my estimation, devised more than a way of honoring veterans who "Qualified in Submarines" 50, or more years, but instead, he conceived a plan where every USSVI Base could memorialize that "comprehensive walk through of the ship" whenever they had a veteran who had reached his golden anniversary of that significant occurrence.

The Columbus Base of USSVI followed Charlie's leadership and made my induction into the Holland Club something special. The magnificently detailed preparation that Vice-Commander Jim Koogler personally put into our induction ceremony afforded me the chance to relive the memory of the receipt of my Dolphin Insignia which made me so proud to become a "Brother of the 'Phin" all those many years ago.

Our Holland Club initiation was a "call to quarters" from which I humbly accepted the salute of my fellow submarine veterans and the many guests in attendance. I trust that everyone left the ceremony with some small measure of understanding of why our membership in USSVI is so meaningful to us.

Finally, I am thankful for Frank Rumbaugh's design of the Holland Club Patch:



As a newly inducted member of the Holland Club of USSVI this "Qualified Submariner", Bernard J. "Bernie" Kenyon will wear the patch proudly.

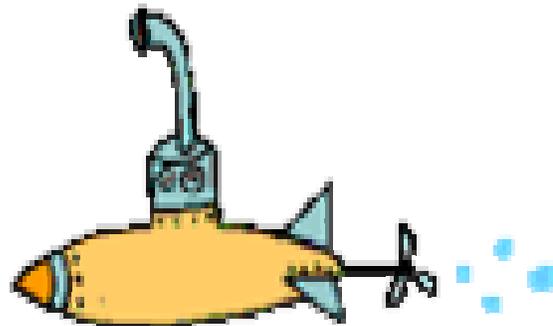
### OUR CREED

“ To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States Government”

### Lost Boats

#### August

USS S-39 (SS 144)	August 16 1942
USS Grunion (SS 216)	August 16 1942
USS Pompano (SS 181)	August 29 1943
USS Flier (SS 250)	August 13 1944
USS Harder (SS 257)	August 24 1944
USS Bullhead (SS 332)	August 6 1945
USS Cochino (SS 345)	August 26 1949



## Holland Club Inductees



John Alexander accepting his award from Congressman Pat Tiberi



Ed Ellsworth accepting his award from Pat Tiberi and Art Randall



Ben Grimes with Pat Tiberi on his left and Mark Bell on his right



Russ Ferguson accepting from Pat Tiberi with Mark Bell off to the right



Gus Hoehl accepting from Pat Tiberi with Mark Bell and Art Randall in the background



Bernie Kenyon accepting his award from Pat Tiberi with Mark Bell



Joe Murphy accepting his award from Pat Tiberi with Mark Bell and Art Randall looking on



Marv Pastor accepting his award from Pat Tiberi and Mark Bell

## Current Holland Club Members



John Leers accepting his plaque from Mark Bell with Jim Koogler in the background



Phil Philipps accepting his plaque from Mark Bell with Jim Koogler in the background

Also current Holland Club members but not able to attend the awards ceremony were;

Gene Horton

John Pendleton

Ron Waldron

Their plaques were mailed to them the day of the ceremony

## Commander's Corner



**WOW** what a night for the Columbus Base at our Awards Night. At the top of the list we need to thank our Vice-Commander Jim Koogler for putting an outstanding award's night program together. He gets a big **BZ** from all of us.

We had 8 inductees into the Holland Club which means they have been designated "Qualified in Submarines" for more than fifty years. They are John Alexander, Edward A. Ellsworth, Russell L. Ferguson, Benjamin E. Grimes, Robert "Gus" Hoehl, Bernie Kenyon, Joseph W. Murphy, and Marvin H. Pastor. They were inducted by U.S. Congressman **Patrick J. Tiberi** representing the people of the 12<sup>th</sup> District of Ohio.

**Central Region Director of USSVI, Art Randall** filled in for our **Central District 2 Commander, Tom Barnes** and recognized our Base with the Central District 2 *Base of the Year* award and our own Bernie Kenyon with the Central District 2 *2005 Shipmate of the Year* plaque. Regionally, we were honored as the *2005 Base of the Year Runner-up* and Bernie Kenyon was the Central Region's *2005 Shipmate of the Year* designee.

Eric Dreiseidel, Base Treasurer and acting Secretary was presented the BRAVO ZULU Certificate of Recognition, which outlined a lengthy list of his contributions to the success of our Base.

As Base Commander I had the pleasure to recognize Liz Kenyon with the Commander's Award. A most deserved accord for her two years of very hard work, and ideas, for the overall improvement of our Base and most noteworthy for her role as Chairperson of our most successful "Tolling of the Bells" ceremony.

From a Monday 8 August 2005 email, here are some quotes from Art Randall, "Gentlemen: One could not have been impressed with the quality, professionalism and dedication that you all have put forth to be where you are today, just a short time after your launch. There are Bases in the Central Region that were chartered years ago, who have not yet reached the pinnacle of acclaimed success you have reached." "Your Base is in the 10% group that does that for its guests! I was very impressed with the entire set up, the people and the classiness and professionalism of their demeanor. Whatta Base!"

Be very proud of your Base and we have more coming. Thank you guys, for you're the Best.

Jim Morton

## STOREKEEPER'S CORNER

We have a new storekeeper at the Base. Welcome to Phil Philipps. He takes over from Bill Anderson. Be sure to see Phil at the meetings and check out the merchandise he has. If there is something you are looking for, be sure to check with him and see if he can help you out on it.

**Don't forget the Coffee, Tea or Hot Cocoa donations for the Veterans Clinic.**

**Bring them with you to the meetings and we will see that they are delivered to the clinic on behalf of the Base.**

**This simple gesture is greatly appreciated.**

## COLUMBUS SUB VETS BASE HONORED

When a man who is Chairperson of a National Convention takes 3 days out of his hectic schedule to come to Columbus, Ohio to participate in a first ever awards ceremony being conducted by an organization that was only in its second year of existence, that has to signify some element of importance.



Think about it. Art Randall is in the midst of running our United States Submarine Veterans National Convention which is being held in Kansas City, Missouri at the end of this month. Art is Regional Director of USSVI's Central Region which is comprised of 40 Sub Vet Bases in 15 States. He is mentor over more than 30% of all USSVI Chapters which are located in 30% of our states and for one weekend we are very important to him.

We learned the reason once he began his address and referenced our Base emerging as a District/Regional and National entity of which we all could be proud. His presentations of a few awards were a measure of the great leadership the Columbus Base processes. Some of Our Regional Director's recognition was doled out in the name of one person, but that person recognizes what he received as being the result of the superb guidance and comradeship afforded him since he became a Lifetime member of USSVI.



To start with, if Jim Koogler hadn't done such a fabulous job of producing, directing and organizing the Awards Ceremony itself, this message could not have been written. This time his most essential partner was his wife Bonnie who contributed so very much to make our night a most memorable one.

Earlier this year Jim Koogler teamed with our Base Chaplain, Dave Johnson and the "Tolling of the Bells" Chairperson Liz Kenyon to make that ceremonial day a most outstanding event.

Dave Johnson, himself, has been a significant contributor of ideas and support. It was he on a couple of occasions who stepped up when our bubble took a concerning down angle and righted our trim.

Eric Dreiseidel is our man who works like a mule to keep our base on course. Awarding him our Bravo Zulu Certificate of Recognition is but a small token of the respect that he is due. The award states, **"In recognition for your devotion in promoting and supporting the Columbus Base of USSVI though your words and deeds. As Treasurer, you have worked tirelessly to ensure the Columbus Base treasury remains solvent and that its financial obligations are executed in a timely manner. You have assumed the role of acting base secretary at many of our meetings, recording and publishing the meeting's minutes accordingly. Projects that you conceived and piloted are: Coffee donations to the Chalmers P. Wylie Outpatient Clinic, creation of the Columbus Base parade banner, including the design and construction of its mounting stand. You are a guiding beacon in keeping the Columbus Base on course and**



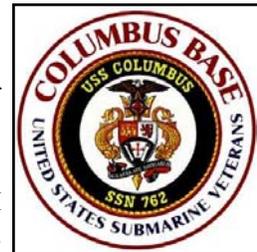
your donation of a family memento, the Ohio burgee that we so proudly display with our colors, is most appreciated. **BZ, Eric!"**

Dave and Jan Creekmore "volunteers' extraordinaire" when it came time to fulfill an essential need it was they who came forward when the base wanted to develop a newsletter and their conception was recently judged USSVI's number four runner-up in this year's contest. Great job!

Dave, himself, is an integral part in our decision making. His sound judgment and ideas have contributed immensely to our planning and development.

The man most responsible for the recognition which we are receiving is the man who got it all started. He is Bill Anderson who received our Certificate of Appreciation entitled the "Boat Hook Award" which reads, **"Your Foresight and Determination in successfully launching the Columbus Base of USSVI has rescued us Submarine Veterans adrift in civilian waters. We shall be forever grateful for your perseverance and leadership. It has given all who have been brought aboard the opportunity to perpetuate our legacy while serving our brotherhood in a most meaningful manner."**

Great Leadership guides me and it guides our base. It was Art Randall who spent about 15 minutes at our Columbus Sub Vets meeting in January of 2004, extolling the importance of joining USSVI and it was Bill Anderson who bought a USS Columbus SSN-762 patch and between the two of them a base logo was designed and it is what was really honored with Art's attending our ceremony.



Helping all of you to see how we can make a difference as a group has been my privilege, but I never would have had that opportunity if it wasn't for our Columbus Base Launch Commander, Bill Anderson and it is for that reason that I submitted the following back in March of this year:

"TO: BSOY Committee Chairman,  
Jim Koogler

My candidate for Columbus Base of USSVI Sailor of the Year is a man who went to a boat reunion and learned that there was an organization dedicated to perpetuating the memory of submarine veterans.

In his pursuit to learn more about the existence of such a fraternity he traveled from Central Ohio to the national organization's annual convention in Reno, Nevada and discovered that the majority of the submarine veterans gathered there were from units called a "base" located in their home area.

He was directed to consult with a submarine veteran, a Mr. Art Randall, who had extensive knowledge in formulating new units and together they proceeded to outline requirements for the development of a base in Central Ohio. It took a great deal of time and effort for their ideas to materialize and an integral part of their conception was the introduction arranged, by Art Randall, between our dedicated developer and another sub vet who had been harboring thoughts of establishing a base in Columbus Ohio

Everything up to that point had taken a considerable amount of time and considerable expense all borne by this Plain City, Ohio submarine veteran, personally. His meeting with the other interested veteran resulted in an agreement to go forth and establish the Columbus Base as we know it today.

A Charter was issued by the Central Regional Director of USSVI, Art Randall, in January of 2004 and a reception of new members began.

This new base grew from 12 men at its original gathering to a membership numbering 82 at the end of 2004. This impressive rate of growth resulted under the leadership and direction of its Plank Owning President William V. Anderson, known as Bill to his many friends and acquaintances.

Bill served aboard the USS Skate SSN-578 and entered civilian life as an MM2(SS). He is a Life member of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. and his successful guidance and development of the Columbus Base in it's infancy exemplifies what the Brothers of the 'Phin is all about. He is my nomination for Columbus Base Shipmate of the Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Kenyon

For the majority of the voters not to have followed my recommendation and to choose me as BSOY instead, suggest that the small part that I have played in making you aware of the existence of our base was important to you. The respect that you have shown in selecting me is most appreciated and I shall do everything in my power to continue working with the aforementioned officers to make you feel as proud of our base in the future as we are at this point in time. Fraternaly yours, Bernie

## Upcoming events

### Columbus Base meeting schedule for the remainder of 2005

<b>September</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>10 Sept. 2005</b>	<b>NOON</b>	<b>London American Legion Post #105</b> <b>51 E. First St.</b> <b>London, OH 43140</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>1 Oct. 2005</b>	<b>NOON</b>	<b>VFW Post #2374</b> <b>4223 Roberts Rd.</b> <b>Columbus, OH 43228</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>5 Nov. 2005</b>	<b>NOON</b>	<b>Buckeye Lake VFW Post #1388</b> <b>3430 North Bank Rd.</b> <b>Millersport, OH 43046</b>
<b>December</b> <b>Holiday Dinner</b> <b>Bring a Toy for</b> <b>TOYS FOR TOTS</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>3 Dec. 2005</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>Hickory House Restaurant (Gahanna)</b> <b>550 Officenter Place</b> <b>Gahanna, OH 43230</b>

## Vice-Commander's Corner

By Vice Commander Jim "Clutch" Koogler

The subject of this month's column is, what else, the awards dinner and ceremony... or more specifically, my expressions of gratitude, feeble though they may be, to those who helped make it a "benchmark" occasion. For those of you who were not able to attend, you missed a great party. We had 68 attending, and I doubt that you'll find a single one of them who didn't enjoy the evening. We even had a couple of "mini" family reunions, with 11 members of Russ Ferguson's family and Gus Hoehl's 2 daughters from out of town.

As much as I would like to give a minute-by-minute re-creation of the evening, time and space won't allow it. Besides, there was so much happening that I can't remember it all. But hopefully I *can* remember those who helped make it a truly memorable evening. Please forgive me if I leave anyone out... it's certainly not intentional.

First and foremost, I must thank my wife, Bonnie. She put up with a lot over the past 4 to 6 weeks: my evenings, late nights, and weekends on the computer; my fits and tantrums; my temper; my mood swings. Her support, suggestions, ideas, and opinions were invaluable. I love her dearly... and she *must* love me to have tolerated so much.

My thanks to the Columbus Base officers, elected and appointed, for their support, suggestions, opinions, and toleration of a "control freak"; to Bernie Kenyon for taking some of the load off my shoulders and creating some of the award certificates, for his usual superior communication skills to "get the word out", and, with Eric Dreiseidel, for keeping track of "who's coming and who's not"; to Dave Creekmore for installing the devices and ribbons on the WWII Submarine Veteran appreciation plaques... again taking a load off my shoulders; to Jan Creekmore for taking the role of "staff photographer" during the dinner and ceremony; to TG Technographics, for making the Holland Club and the WWII Submarine Veteran appreciation plaques...they did a super job and I appreciate the time and work they put into creating these lasting tributes to our shipmates; to Aladdin facilities coordinator Brenda Springer and her staff for setting up the room for us... with everything I asked for, and a few things I didn't; to Catering By Design's Lori Greene and her staff for preparing a wonderful meal and for providing the superior service we've come to expect for our dinners at the Aladdin; and a really BIG thank you to our shipmate and "chef in absentia" Dennis "Hutch" Hutchison, who, although vacationing with his family, made sure that we had a truly "class" meal. We missed you, Hutch.

I certainly must thank our guest speaker and awards presenter Congressman Pat Tiberi, and his field representative Mark Bell, for helping to make our Holland Club inductions very special... and USSVI Central Region Director Art Randall for making the long trip from Missouri to present district and region awards.

Hopefully I've mentioned everyone. But like I said, if I missed anyone I truly apologize. It took the efforts of a lot of people to pull this off. And I think we did a great job setting the standard for the future... our future and perhaps that of other bases as well.

As Bernie would say... "BZ".

## In the Spirit

By David Johnson Base Chaplain

“My God, What have we done?”

As I sat at the awards banquet I became speechless (Ask my wife or congregation how few times that happens). I looked at the row of men who comprised our gathered Holland Club members and was struck with a profound respect and admiration. Some of the conditions these men have faced at sea, many of them under fire, is nothing less than astounding.

As chaplain, I am often involved with the tolling ceremonies. It never ceases to amaze me that every single month we honor so many boats lost at sea during the years of World War II. I began to reflect on a story I read about an Air Force (maybe at the time it was still Army Air Corps, I'm not sure) Catholic priest who served as chaplain for the airmen who dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. His name was Father George Zabelka. Days after the event he counseled an airman who had flown a low-level reconnaissance flight over the city of Nagasaki shortly after the detonation of “Fat Man”. The man described how thousands of scorched, twisted bodies lied everywhere, This caused the chaplain to say within himself “My God, what have we done?” This single event caused Rev. Zabelka to question many of his beliefs until his death in 1992.

After I respectfully admired our Holland Club and WWII vets, I began to scan the rest of the room. Many of the remaining bubbleheads were Rickover babies, like I am. With phrases like “fast and black, never come back” our mindset as latter-end cold war sailors was a little different then some of our “DBF” shipmates. Where many of our senior sailors endured hardship, many of us endured the fatigue of boredom and long routines with an occasional “Crazy Ivan” to break up the monotony. Due to this, many vets I served with are not as steeped in the traditions of submariners because many of the them fail to realize the asset that they were, and continue to be. Because so many of our boats carried so much firepower, boredom was the best possible conclusion to any mission. We were always prepared to fight so that by God's grace we never would have to.

One of our goals was that we never had to endure the arduous adventures of our predecessors. I thank God for our senior sailors. I also thank God for our more recent vets and those on duty right now. It is my deepest hope that the deterrence we provide will have to keep any chaplain from ever having to say again “My God, what have we done?”

Pride runs deep.

### New Members

Benjamin E. “Ben” Grimes  
Pataskala, OH  
Licking

John P. “Jack” Sutherin  
Columbiana, OH  
Columbiana  
Wife, Jennifer

### Editor's Note

If you have comments or articles, please contact the base newsletter editors.

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## Three Most Important Words

Before this great night ends there's something I would like to do  
I would like to share three words that mean the most to me and share some thought I have written especially for you  
A special salute to Bernie and Clutch  
Thank you so much  
There are those of us who share dolphins of silver and gold  
No matter when you qualified, the feeling never gets old  
We thank you Congressman Tiberi, all of you who attended and our special guests  
Your commitment, dedication and patriotism is far above the rest  
For our nation remembers and is grateful to *All* veterans especially those we honored tonight and pray for and remember  
those who did not pass the test  
50 years have passed since you were awarded the dolphin, qualified in Subs  
So you, Alexander, Ellsworth, Ferguson, Grimes, Hoehl, Kenyon, Murphy and Pastor have been  
inducted into the Holland Club  
Your dedication and commitment are to be rewarded for the sacrifices that you made  
This your day, to hooray, to recall the day that you received your dolphins, aka the PFIN  
You remember the last signature, the last system to get your pin  
The Captain and /or Executive Officer reviewed your Qualification Card, everything is in  
This is the day, the day you have been waiting for, its finally coming true  
The day you receive your dolphins, Yes it's You!!!!  
The day you can say, I am qualified in submarines!!!  
If I only had someone to share the news, the efforts, the sleepless nights  
The Control Room rigged in red lights  
Sir, request periscope liberty  
The moon over the horizon, a thought about home, oh can it be  
The waves splashing all around, thousands of miles away from home you see  
Many good visions flash through you head of good times of home, mom, girlfriend and then reality comes more in view  
Pictured myself driving and trying to look out the rear view and all is new  
I hear someone say, your periscope liberty is about to come to a close  
Oh, why do I have to go, OK, I'll relinquish the scope, I suppose  
I hear the O.D. say your time is up, you have to go now  
Now you're qualified submarines, all seems worthwhile, and how  
As the boat does an up angle  
Your feet start to dangle  
I hurry back to my compartment and hear the Diving Alarm  
Oh, could this be the one and only charm  
Three words that mean so much and you are glad to hear them say  
Because they really make your day  
  
The words of, Surface, Surface, Surface!

To All those who have been qualified in submarines over Fifty years please stand  
 All of your surfaces equals the number of dives  
 And that's good; let's give them a round of applause if we could  
 I understand the feeling over the years starts to subside  
 We are here to let You know, we honor your service, your zest and your zeal  
 Please ponder the thought, if you will  
 It would be most beneficial, and deemed a thrill  
 Our Base newsletter, the Green Board, just got better  
 Please feel free to share your thoughts in the Green Board, memories of something special, explain the events of the  
 day in your own special way  
 We'll title it "The Holland Club, Fifty years Qualified in Subs"!  
 I understand there are additional five Holland Club members: Gene Horton, John Pendleton, Phil Philipps,  
 Ron Waldron and John Leers  
 Please join me in giving All the Holland Club a round of cheer, Hear, Hear  
 Now, there are a total of thirteen Holland Club members, this is true  
 Please tell us all about it, what was it like to qualify on the Chivo, Sea Owl, Toro, Segundo, Charr, Flounder,  
 Haddock, Blackfin, Haddo, Raton, Hardhead, Bugara and the Razorback  
 To ALL those Holland Club members, a hearty salute and May God Bless YOU  
 Respectfully submitted  
 Eric Dreiseidel

**The Conn**

**Base commander**

Jim Morton

**Vice Commander**

Jim Koogler

**Treasurer**

Eric Dreiseidel

**Secretary**

**Chaplain**

David Johnson

**COB**

James Williams

**Membership Chairman**

Bernie Kenyon

**Storekeeper**

Bill Anderson

**Editor**

Jan Creekmore

**August  
Birthdays**

Woody Cook	08-04
Michael L. Wilson	08-07
Ken Sewell	08-08
Dale Loney	08-09
Dave Johnson	08-11
George Sanderson, Jr.	08-14
John Probst	08-24
Galín Brady	08-26