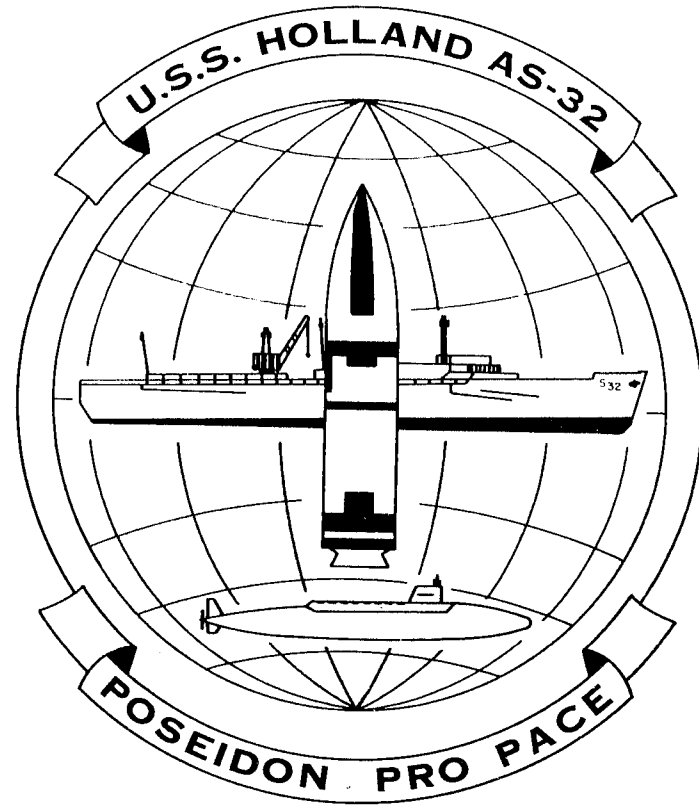
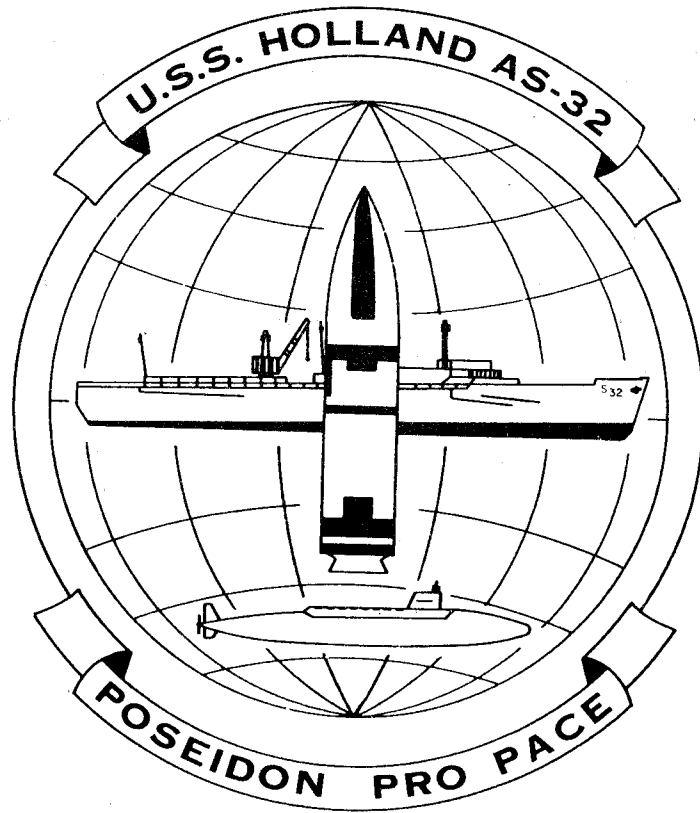


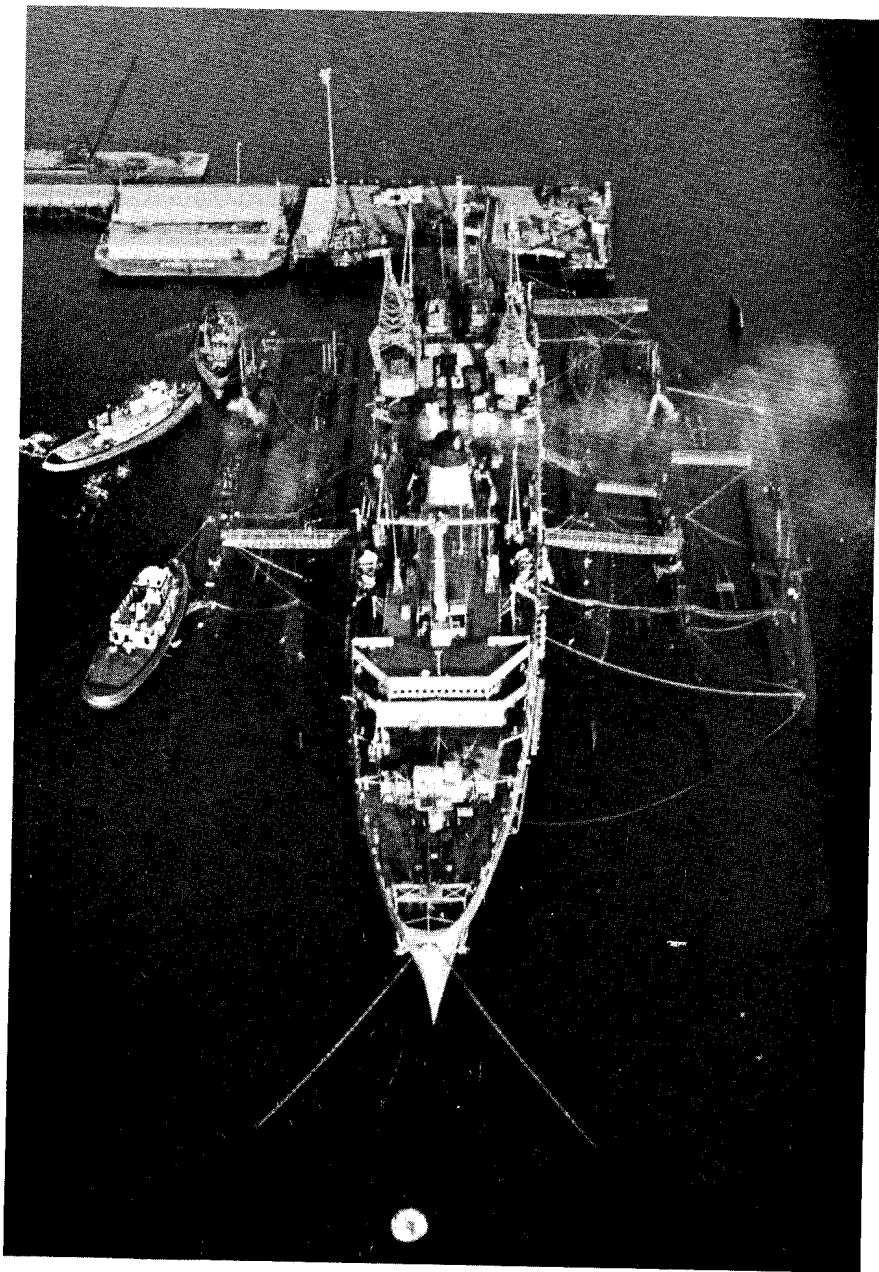
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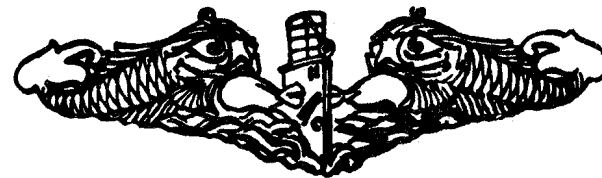


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USS HOLLAND

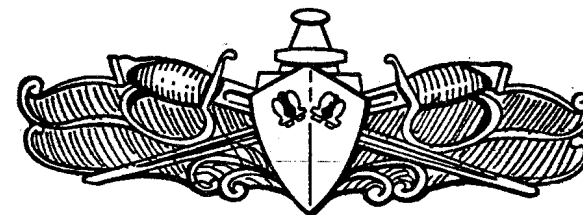


Naval Weapons Station  
Charleston, S.C.



The Officers and crew join me in welcoming you aboard the USS HOLLAND (AS-32), the United States Navy's finest Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine Tender. We hope you enjoy your visit aboard our ship. Please feel free to ask for any information or assistance you desire. We are proud of the USS HOLLAND and extend a sincere; "WELCOME ABOARD".

*J. B. Mueller*  
J. B. MUELLER  
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY  
COMMANDING OFFICER



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Hailing from the beautiful state of Oregon, Captain Joseph Brian Mueller graduated from the United States Naval Academy with distinction in June 1961. After completing Nuclear Power Training and Submarine School, he served first on the USS SCAMP (SSN 588) operating out of San Diego, then in new construction, shakedown, and for two patrols on the USS GEORGE BANCROFT (SSBN 643). He next served for 41 months as Engineer Officer on USS SEAWOLF (SSN 575). From November 1970 until December 1972, he was assigned as Operations Officer on the staff of Commander Submarine Squadron TEN.

Captain Mueller served as Executive Officer on both fast attack and fleet ballistic missile submarines, the USS GREENLING (SSN 614) until December 1974 and the USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN 619) (BLUE) until March 1977. Captain Mueller commanded USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN 655) (GOLD) from September 1977 through July 1981. On completion of his submarine tour, he was assigned as Deputy for Readiness and Training for Commander Submarine Squadron FOUR until April 1984 and as Assistant Chief of Staff for Readiness and Training for Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet until December 1984.

Captain Mueller is married to the former Mary Yvette Gonzales of Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. Their three children, Rebeca, Stephen, and Kenneth, all attend Clemson University. The Mueller's reside in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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Commander Michael G. Ralston was commissioned in 1967 as a NESEP graduate of the University of Kansas. After completing Submarine School, he served his initial tour as Communicator on board the USS SEA ROBIN (SS 407). This was followed by duty as Weapons Officer aboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602) from 1970 to 1974. In September 1974, he was assigned to USS DANIEL BOONE (SSBN 629) as Navigator. This was followed by a tour of duty as Commander Submarine Squadron FOUR Weapons Officer. In 1977, Commander Ralston reported to FBM Operational Test Support Unit TWO for duty as Executive Officer and as Navy Missile Flight Safety Officer.

Following his tour as Executive Officer, Commander Ralston served as a member of Commander Submarine Group SIX's Tactical Weapons Training and Certification Team. He reported to USS BONEFISH (SS 582) in March 1982, serving as Commanding Officer until April 1984. Commander Ralston reported to USS HOLLAND (AS 32) in May 1984 for duty as Executive Officer.

Commander Ralston is married to the former Elizabeth Delp of Hutchinson, Kansas. They have two sons; Garth and Matthew.

## The History and Mission behind the USS HOLLAND

The "HOLLAND" of today is the Navy's third vessel so named. Designed from the keel up as a Fleet Ballistic Missile (FBM) Submarine Tender, she is one of the Navy's more complex surface vessels. The HOLLAND's mission is to service and maintain submarines in the highest state of readiness.

Throughout the past years, HOLLAND has earned significant recognition for her many achievements in carrying out her vital mission. The Gold Battle "E" was awarded to HOLLAND by Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet for being the premier FBM Tender in the Atlantic, for five consecutive years.

HOLLAND has won the Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet Golden Anchor Award for retention excellence, and excellence in personnel management and motivation on six consecutive occasions in the past.

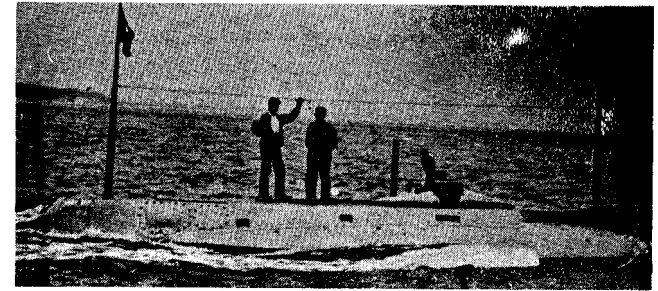
HOLLAND was also honored as the 1977-1978 winner of the Battenberg Cup. This award was originated by Rear Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg and in 1905 given to the U. S. Navy. The Cup, also formerly known as the British Challenge Cup, is a symbol of "Extraordinary Recognition within the U. S. Atlantic Fleet." It is awarded to that ship whose crew has most distinguished itself through outstanding performance in all areas ranging from professional competence, inspection, self-sufficiency, and athletics as well as personnel management and community involvement.

The green, yellow, blue, and red horizontally striped pennant displayed on the ship's foremast denotes HOLLAND's award of the Meritorious Unit Commendations awarded by the Secretary of the Navy for the periods 1 November 1976 through 31 December 1978 and 1 January 1979 through 1 January 1982. This prestigious award is given to Navy ships which have distinguished themselves by meritorious achievement rendering the ship outstanding compared to others performing similar services.

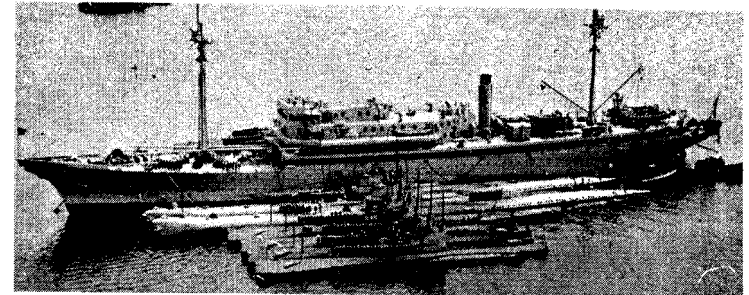
HOLLAND was the winner of the Supply Blue "E," awarded in 1984 for outstanding support in every aspect of logistic support, including spare parts acquisition, financial efficiency, disbursing services, and recreational services. She was also awarded the Engineering Red "E" in 1985 for outstanding operational readiness and equipment material excellence, having been the only SUBTANT diesel tender to take and pass an underway O-P-P-E.

Over the years, HOLLAND has deployed to Spain, Scotland, and Diego Garcia. In 1983, HOLLAND made a world cruise from April to October covering more than 25,000 miles transiting both the Suez and Panama Canals and making port calls at Palma Majorca, Spain, and Perth, Australia.

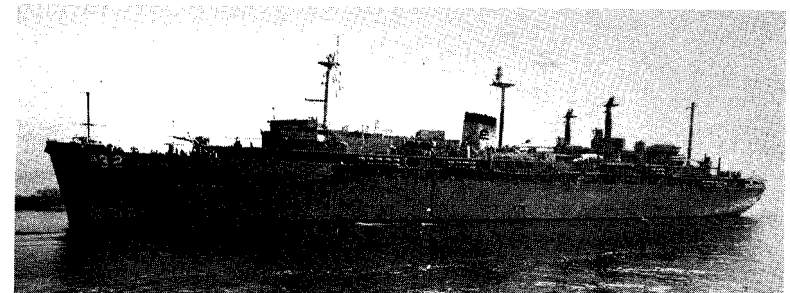
HOLLAND assumed her present duties as flag ship for Commander, Submarine Squadron 18 and resident tender at Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, S. C. in November 1983.



THE FIRST HOLLAND  
USS HOLLAND (S-1)




THE SECOND HOLLAND  
USS HOLLAND (AS-3)



The third and present HOLLAND (AS-32). The ship has a personnel strength of 55 officers and 1,200 men and women who serve in a myriad of jobs that enable the ship to operate underway.

## COMMAND AT SEA

### COMMANDING OFFICERS USS Holland (AS-32)



Capt C.W. Styer	7 September 1963 - 8 August 1964
Capt W.M. Pugh	8 August 1964 - 12 August 1965
Capt E.M. Hopley	12 August 1965 - 8 August 1966
Capt J.B. Padgett	8 August 1966 - 7 October 1967
Capt R.D. Steele	7 October 1967 - 31 March 1969
Capt R.D. Rawlins	31 March 1969 - 22 January 1971
Capt W.J. Cowhill	22 January 1971 - 31 May 1972
Capt J.J. Badgett	31 May 1972 - 20 October 1974
Capt D.G. Smith	20 October 1974 - 9 October 1976
Capt J.S. Hurt	9 October 1976 - 11 February 1977
Capt L.S. Wigley	11 February 1977 - 6 July 1979
Capt S.E. Gump	6 July 1979 - 22 May 1981
Capt J.R. Wilson	22 May 1981 - 7 March 1983
Capt D.E. Brown	7 March 1983 - 21 December 1984
Capt J.B. Mueller	21 December 1984

### The Prestige, Privilege, and the Burden of Command

Only a seaman realizes to what an extent an entire ship reflects the personality and ability of one individual, her Commanding Officer. To a landsman, this is not understandable, and sometimes it is even difficult for us to comprehend - but it is so.

A ship at sea is a distant world in herself and in consideration of the protracted and distant operations of the fleet units, the Navy must place great power, responsibility and trust in the hands of those leaders chosen for command.

In each ship there is one man who, in the hour of emergency or peril at sea, can turn to no other man. There is one who alone is ultimately responsible for the safe navigation, engineering performance, accurate gunfiring and morale of his ship. He is the Commanding Officer. He is the ship.

This is the most difficult and demanding assignment in the Navy. There is not an instant during his tour as Commanding Officer that he can escape the grasp of command responsibility. His privileges in view of his obligations are almost ludicrously small; nevertheless command is the spur which has given the Navy its great leaders.

It is a duty which most richly deserves the highest time honored title of the seafaring world - "CAPTAIN".

Joseph Conrad