

**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC
PEORIA BASE**

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A hearty welcome to our newest member:

Lynn McTaggart
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Lynn served on the USS Atule SS403 as an EM2d. He was discharged in 1968. Please welcome Lynn aboard.

We had 11 members present for our October Base Meeting. The report of the nominating committee was received. The nominees are:

Tom Woodhouse	Base Commander
John Sauer	Base Vice Commander
Fred Hess	Base Secretary
Hiram Brownell	Base Treasurer

Base election of officers will be held at the November meeting, November 11, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. at the Navy Club in Peoria Heights, Illinois, or after the Peoria Heights parade. Others may be nominated between now and then or at the meeting.

A change of command dinner will be held on December 16 at the Sky Harbor Restaurant, 1321 N. Park Road, West Peoria. Park Road is the western boundary of Bradley Park. Sky Harbor is near the intersection of Park Road and Farmington Road. A crude map is enclosed.

Please complete the attached reservation form for the December 16, 2006 dinner, and mail it to Tom Woodhouse, 2803 W. Parkridge Dr., Peoria, IL 61604, telephone number 688-5258. Send your reservation not later than December 8. Each person will order off the menu. The bar opens at 6:30, dinner at 7:00.

The treasurer reports we have \$1,784.32 on hand.

The historical marker erected by the Peoria Base at the river front has been copied by several other bases.

We had very poor attendance in April, 2006, at our Submarine Birthday Dinner, resulting in the cancellation of the event. We invite a speaker, and have had good attendance and a good time, until 2006, when attendance fell off badly.

We have a need to plan the 2007 event. Please complete the enclosed sheet to advise of your interest. Mail it to Jim Hafele, Suite 700, 301 S.W. Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602. If insufficient interest is shown, no event will be planned.

Parades:

- 1) East Peoria: November 4; Meet at Navy Club at 11:30 am.
- 2) Peoria Veterans Day: November 11; meet at Navy Club at 7:30 a.m.
- 3) Peoria Heights Veterans Day: November 11; following Peoria parade; Base meeting to be held just prior to or just after Peoria Heights parade,
- 4) Peoria Santa Parade: November 24; meet at Navy Club 9:00 a.m.

Our new model and Klaxon have been big hits at parades. Come march with us; show the flag.

Shipmates Charles E. Martin and James R. Loeffelholz are our newest inductees to the Holland Club. Congratulations to both.

This photo was taken at the birthplace of John Holland in County Clair, Lesconner, Ireland. Base Commander Tom Woodhouse was a recent visitor to the Holland memorial. As you know, Holland built the first submarine commissioned in 1900 by the U.S. Navy. A fact sheet on Holland is included.



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2007 Submarine Birthday
Dinner, April 2007

_____ I am willing to attend.

_____ I am NOT interested or cannot attend.

Print Name

Telephone Number

RESERVATION
CHANGE OF COMMAND DINNER
DECEMBER 16, 2006
SKY HARBOR

I will attend the dinner. Please reserve _____ place(s).

Print Name

Telephone Number

Fenian involvement and emigration to the United States

He was one of four brothers who were born in [Liscannor, County Clare, Ireland](#) to an Irish speaking mother, Máire Ní Scannláin, and John Holland, and learnt English properly only when he attended the local English-speaking National School system and, from 1858, in the [Christian Brothers](#) in [Ennistymon](#).^[1] He and his brother, Mícheál, were both active in the [Irish Republican Brotherhood](#) (IRB), the precursor to the [Irish Republican Army](#). Mícheál introduced the inventor to the revolutionary group. Holland and the [Fenians](#) conceived a plan to develop a small submarine that could be sealifted on a large merchant ship to an area near an unsuspecting British [warship](#). The submarine would then be released from the bottom of the merchant vessel and attack the warship.

Holland came to the [United States](#) in 1873. In 1875 his first submarine designs were submitted for consideration by the [U.S. Navy](#), but turned down as unworkable. The Fenians, however, continued to fund Holland's research and development expenses at a level that allowed him to resign from his teaching post. In 1881 the [Fenian Ram](#) was launched, but soon after, Holland and the Fenians parted company angrily, for reasons which have not been disclosed.



Holland continued to improve his designs and worked on several experimental boats, including a farcical experience with the U.S. Navy, prior to his successful efforts with a privately built type, launched in 1898. This was the first submarine having power to run submerged for any considerable distance, and the first to combine electric motors (for dived use) and gasoline engines (for surfaced). She was purchased by the Navy after rigorous tests (commissioned [12 October 1900](#) as USS [Holland](#)), and six more of her type were ordered (as the [Adder](#) class). This basic design was also adopted by the [Royal Navy](#) (with Holland's input, as the [Holland class submarine](#), including [Holland I](#)) and [Imperial Japanese Navy](#) for their first submarines.

Holland also designed the [Holland II](#) and [Holland III](#) prototypes.

