



## THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to

USS HOLLAND (AS 32)

for service as set forth in the following

### CITATION:

For meritorious service at Submarine Refit Site ONE, Holy Loch, Scotland in support of the Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine forces and other units of the United States Atlantic Fleet from 1 November 1976 to 30 November 1977. The effectiveness of USS HOLLAND in management, repair work, and overall accomplishments in the face of an arduous environment and high tempo of operations resulted in the successful accomplishment of a mission of vital importance to the national security of the United States. In addition to its assigned repair role, HOLLAND conducted three steam generator inspections and repairs at a savings to the Navy of \$400,000 per repair, and supported most effectively the first of the second Extended Refit Program availabilities on USS JAMES MADISON (SSBN 627). Further, HOLLAND's climate of "people awareness" resulted in an impressive overall cumulative retention rate of 62.19 percent for the period ending 30 November 1977. By their perseverance, superb professionalism, and inspiring devotion to duty, the officers and men of USS HOLLAND reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "W. Graham Clibborn".

Secretary of the Navy