

**U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS INC. GROTON BASE
CHRIS QUIJADA DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Bud Atkins,

In recognition of your leadership, participation, and numerous contributions as a member of the U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS Inc (SUBVETS) organization and in particular SUBVETS Groton Base, the Groton Base Executive Board of has determined that you should be recognized for your outstanding efforts by awarding you the **SUBVETS GROTON BASE CHRIS QUIJADA DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD for 2010.**

Your actions and efforts over the previous year have contributed significantly to promoting the SUBVETS organization, and in particular have positively contributed to helping and enhancing Groton Base.

Your leadership, dedication accomplishments and CAN-DO attitude are in keeping with the highest standards of our creed. Your personal involvement and support have contributed to the growth of SUBVETS Groton Base, as well as many improvements in our organization.

Specific Accomplishments/Contributions include:

- * You previously served as the Vice Commander for Groton Base from 2000 – 2007. Since leaving office you have continued to remain active in many areas of Groton Base both in front of, and behind the scenes.
- * Your invaluable support for many functions of Groton Base. Specifically your direct involvement with the Submarine Graduation program where you continue to pass our legacy along to both enlisted and officer students who are the future of the Submarine Force. Additionally your involvement with the Submarine Force Library and Museum (SFLM) Docent program has helped to positively represent SUBVETS and the Submarine Force to people visiting the (SFLM).
- * Your support and participation with the Groton Base Honors Detail providing leadership and organization to our Honors Detail as we pay our final tributes to departed Shipmates has helped to make the final calling for our departed Shipmates significant and memorable.
- * Your management and attention to detail with the SUBVETS Vests and Hats program has provided vests, garrison hats, and ball caps to many members of Groton Base and other Bases of USSVI helping to show the colors of our organization.
- * Your continued support to the HOLLAND CLUB program continues to make this a meaningful significant honor. In addition to your help in the execution of the annual HOLLAND CLUB Ceremony, throughout the year you coordinate the monthly HOLLAND CLUB Luncheon. Your efforts have resulted in increased attendance, good times, and improved camaraderie for our HOLLAND CLUB Members and guests.
- * Your active involvement in the preparation and execution of our Memorial Services, Parades, and in particular your support of the Anniversary Celebration has added to the success of these events.
- * Your respected leadership, involvement and participation both within USSVI and in the Chief Petty Officers Community has been a positive inspiration to the membership, and a motivation for others to join our organization.
- * You're an Excellent Role Model to other members with your meeting attendance, your personal participation and support in all organizations events. Your personal involvement and support is an inspiration to all, and in keeping with our creed.

We would like to thank you and recognize you in the presence of your family and fellow members. The SUBVETS Organization and Groton Base are both better because of your involvement in our Organization. You set the standard and are highly deserving of being selected as the **Chris Quijada Distinguished Member of the Year.**

Congratulations and Smooth Sailing,



John J. Carcioppolo
USSVI Groton Base **First and Finest**
Base Commander

"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 and its Constitution."