



**Captain Kenneth Clark
"K.C." Holm**

USN Ret.

Born December 19, 1920 in Bozeman, Montana, "K.C." grew up in Lewistown, Montana where he became an Eagle Scout and graduated from high school. The day after "Pearl Harbor" he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on the light cruiser DENVER in the South Pacific until 1943. "K.C." entered the NROTC program at the University of Southern California and was commissioned Ensign in 1946. His early assignments included the cruisers BREMERTON and ROCHESTER. He graduated from submarine school in 1950 and served on the CARP and BREAM. After duty as executive officer to a guided missile unit, he was transferred to the surface navy as executive officer of the USS CARPENTER. His first command was of the DER

USS JOYCE. He then attended The Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA prior to being sent to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD where he taught for two years. His subsequent assignment was commanding officer of the USS JAMES C. OWENS out of Charleston, SC. After that he became executive officer of the Naval Command Course in Newport, RI and while there earned a masters degree in International Affairs from George Washington University. He was promoted to full captain and assigned the command of the ammunition ship PYRO serving the fleet in Vietnam. From the PYRO he was sent to the Pentagon. He retired in 1970 but volunteered as a Convoy Commodore until permanently excused from duty at age 65. His individual service awards and medals were many, but he cherished most the collective honors he earned with his entire crews, especially the combat action ribbons he received from the Chief of Naval Operations for Cold War patrols while in submarines, and a Meritorious Service Commendation for direct support by the USS PYRO in Southeast Asia, his last surface command. "K.C." served our country proudly in three wars - WWII, The Korean War, and The Vietnam War.

"K.C." was an avid sportsman. He boxed as a youth - hence, his beautiful nose. He bowled in a league at the Naval Academy, was forever trying to improve his golf and tennis, loved to fish, and most of all to sail his 42 foot sailboat, ESCAPE, which he sailed to Hawaii in the Transpac race as committee boat; to Vancouver, BC, to Cabo San Lucas and all points in between, logging over 25,000 miles.

"K.C." was a member of the Naval Order, the Sons in Retirement - San Ramon Valley Branch #128, founding member of the Crow Canyon Country Club, and Sigma Chi Fraternity.

He died peacefully at home with his loving wife of 58 years, Zayna, at his side. "K.C." was a most caring father and grandfather. His daughter, Laura Holm Hogan, his son, Kenneth Holm, Jr., his brother, Richard Holm, his sister-in-law, Reba Holm Smith, his five grandchildren, his son-in-law, Bill Hogan, and his daughter-in-law, Carolyn Holm, survive him also. At his request, his body is to be cremated and his ashes scattered at sea.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at the Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville, CA on Sunday, June 27 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to your favorite charity would be greatly appreciated. Please visit the online guest book at: www.legacy.com