

Ben Taylor

Pensacola Preflight Class 11-47

Letter to Lou Ives

Houston, Texas  
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Dear Lou,

Here's one for your files. In 1968 while in VR-1, I had the great pleasure of flying Admiral J.L. Holloway, Jr., and Mrs. Holloway in a VIP Convair from Norfolk to Philadelphia and back. As we all know, Admiral Holloway was our "godfather" in a way, the author of the Holloway Plan by which we became midshipmen.

Admiral Holloway, by then retired, made a speech that day at a ship's launching and Mrs. Holloway christened it, then we went back to Norfolk. During the day, I identified myself to the Admiral as one of his "Holloway Plan midshipmen," and he seemed to be genuinely pleased. He kept introducing me that day as "one of my boys." He and Mrs. Holloway were a most pleasant and gracious couple.

As for me, I considered it a high personal privilege to finally meet the gentleman by whose plan I became first an aviation midshipman and then an officer of the Navy.

Cheers,

/s/ Ben Taylor  
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