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CAPTAIN'S LINE

In we start out this New Year there are a number of things that I would like to see happen on U.S. SPEAR.

1. A large increase in the volume of both drop and aboard by members of the crew including non-crew members on the ship.
2. Increased advancement percentages by our shipmates including making rate as soon as they are eligible.
3. Continued improvement in the condition of our Damage Control equipment as well as greatly improved levels of Damage Control knowledge and qualifications by all of our shipmates.
4. Enhanced safety awareness by all hands so that we eliminate all accidents and injuries among our shipmates.
5. Continued improvement in the quality of our work so that every job is done right the first time and we do not repeat countless mistakes being made.
6. More effective communications between members of the same work centers, other work centers and departments, more problems, delays and mis-understandings could readily be corrected or avoided altogether by their cooperation and communication.
7. An improved ability by all shipmates to listen, hear and understand what is being said. More effective listening is part of communication, more so as, especially the more senior grade officers and officers (sometimes don't hear and understand what the younger more junior shipmates are saying).
8. Continued improvement in U.S. SPEAR's living and habitability conditions.

Continued

HEADLINE

The deadline for submitting news articles to this office for publication is the first and third Fridays of the month. If you want news from your division or special interest stories to be included in the paper, please have it in the editor's office at least five to three days before the deadline.

The SPEAR POINTS Staff welcomes and encourages any input from the crew to be edited, reviewed and printed in future issues. Any human interest stories, special events or something original like poetry will be accepted. Please keep articles short, clear and informative.

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Shopping By Mail? Check It Out First

The good mail order service where you buy from a catalog, then the following consumer tips—

—**Compare prices.** Find out if the merchandise is available from another mail order source. If so, is the one by mail or available locally?

—**Check the advertising claims.** Are they too good to be true? Check the description of the product carefully and if you need to, buy a copy of the ad or catalog from which you ordered.

—**Find out if there is a warranty.** Read it carefully. Does it allow you money back if you're not satisfied?

—**Check the item back in delivery.** If you're not sure, do whatever length it takes to return. Check the return policy and see if you have to wait 30 days.

—**Ask the company for a more detailed description of the product or its accessories if you have any doubts about either.**

Boer's 6-6-6

—**6—**The apartment complex where you live is not maintained adequately for your landlord. What can you do?

—**6—**Most communities have housing codes that require landlords to maintain buildings in good repair and to provide them with hot water. Check with the local authorities.

—**6—**Are you an American citizen? A good investment for you?

—**6—**Yes. According to a Federal survey, there are one and one half times more investments in foreign without restrictions. Plus, they come in single funds, bonds, mutual funds, etc. During the period, investing funds are more than twice as likely that there's money where there are more investors.

GET YOU CAN'T HAVE... (JUST ONE)

In a recent survey on drinking problems—

—**40%** of individuals of adult Americans have someone who "drinks too much."

—**most** of those polled said the problem drinker was "close to me," either a relative or a friend.

—**one-third** of those questioned said that the problem drinking had existed for at least 10 years, and

—**drinking** problems were found more frequently than such common problems as health problems, trouble with children, chronic physical or mental illness, loneliness, and job trouble.



CAREER COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Utilize Your Enlisted Duty Preference

Members are often faced with many assignments without receiving personal consideration because their great service time and other out of area credits make it difficult for them to receive the opportunity to receive their enlisted duty preference (DD-413) ranking a position.

The DD-413 form is a complicated way for you to tell your superiors about your preference such as marriage to another service member, the size of your family, the age of your children and their location, the amount and location of your financial assets, whether you own a house or home farm, your need for medical care or special schooling for you dependent or about your career interests. Keep in mind orders are processed through your command and you will have a DD-413 on file, you will most probably be assigned where you are most needed. Get your status and make what plans you are interested in rather than waiting what orders are available. Many questions often asked of the member can be answered by your Career Counselor.



GET SMART

Want to use college credit for what you already know? The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and Subject Standard Tests (SST) are available at no charge through the Navy Career Progression (NCP). Each college credit by testing in many areas such as mathematics, English, social sciences, natural sciences, history.

If you are interested contact PMA Desk at 337 with the Educational Services Office.

Get rich

Take stock in America.
Buy U.S. Savings Bonds.



Savings Bonds

Buy Bonds and grow with a plan.

Use Savings Bonds made for you with Right.

What to do, just do it, and Buy your Savings and grow! Buy U.S. Savings Bonds plus you get Right!

THE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD AND THE GREENHORN WORLD
TOGETHER FOR US... THE CREW!



In January 1966, THE GREENHORN crew showed for the monthly Human Relations Council Meeting. The Greenhorns Representative acted as a liaison between crewmembers and command on ships and their families with their command. They are a great help in many ways.

When serious people encounter problems with their clothes, medical, housing, mail and any other difficulty you and your family might have, you can look to the GREENHORN for a helping hand.

The GREENHORN work with the Human Relations Council also.

Some of the problems discussed at this meeting were additionally resolved. However, several problems are still open for discussion in the next meeting which will be held February 1 at 1200. If you have suggestions or ideas on any of the following items you can contact one crew on the Human Relations Council or the Master Chief of the Command, YN3C Lewis.

-Program For New Crew Members-

Package aboard packages will be sent out to all new personnel before they arrive. Expenses will be assigned to new individuals to answer questions, direct them to certain areas of the ship, and acquaint them with the crew.

-Bureau Units-

The Human Relations Council and the GREENHORN crew work with and are available to the needs of the three command units assigned to work on the USSAID during their training.

-Spouse Letter-

Several areas will be improved upon, including transportation status in Foreign Command and POC, improvement recreation of the ship working together as a total unit, including classes with USOs and Public Relations. A homework area about life is being started so that when you return a satisfactory accomplishment you, however, newspaper will be satisfied if you know.

The recreation committee is being reconstituted and recognized to better represent the needs of personnel.

The crew aboard YY system will be selected areas for training and lectures.

The ship's band will be performing more often and anyone who is musically inclined is invited to join us. Chapter 100 is a change unit you don't have to have an instrument, we will provide one.

-Learning Communications-

Among some of the items discussed to be acted upon are the reading part, Graduate Studies, multi-participant table talk, water placed in the plan of the day, TV's suggestions box and counseling. A major effort is being made to improve the levels of read, interest and participation of the individual support to UPLAS. Updates will appear in the POC.

-Improving The Quality Of Life-

The operation of our shipboard laundry and dry cleaning facilities are as follows:

Laundry	morning 0800-0900
	pickup 1400-1500
	morning 0800-0900
Dry-Cleaning	pickup 1400-1500

There is no limit on laundry stored in and it can be picked up by the mail box.

There is no limit on uniform clothing but only two pieces of civilian clothing will be accepted in our dry in dry cleaning.

The hours of operation for other services are as follows:

Ship's Store-In Store	0800-1800
	1100-1200
Uniform Inland Shop	0900-1800
	1100-1200
Shoe Fixation	0800-1200
	1200-1800
	1700-2000

(Leave three a week except Friday for the last day.)

Barber Shop	0700-1200
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His health appointments and well-being. (Late operated facilities are limited and services daily. If you should run your money in one of the machines a check can be obtained from the other office at 1-54-1-2 from 0700-2000-daily.

New radio machines, change machines and electronic games are generally on order.

-Guest Lounge-

The lounge was originally designed to be a place to take visitors when you have the duty. However, in recent months this privilege has been almost a great deal by that we do not have this space complete, but all plans to not have a hand in keeping it neat and don't be on the side. Perhaps almost an privilege too!

-Open-

While we were deployed a large number of people utilized the gymnasium' outdoor area. Some are return statistics to use has increased but duty day prevented and those who has almost who full advantage whenever possible. For this reason the gym will remain open and new equipment is being ordered.

-Athletic Shop Laundry Unit

-Special Services-

The Athletic Crew Laundry and Special Services offers a wide variety of water, showers, classes and trips. Mail Drop Unit is the Athletic Crew Laundry special service and can be reached at 2X2 000. The locker is open daily for the return and check-out of gear.

-Reliability Team-

Getting the needed supplies in one go-out on back. The next project to be completed will be the painting of top bunk berths. Chief Lewis and his Tiger Team are still getting things done to make this a better place to live-and-work.

-Food Service-

Our Food Service Division is devoted to providing the best service and food possible. If you feel you do not get served enough you may always look for seconds and thirds. There is a suggestion box located on the mess deck just outside the serving line exit. USOs kitchen is our Food Service Division service is always receptive to new or better ideas.





Physical Fitness Program

There are those of us who feel that there just isn't enough physical exercise involved in our daily work. We three people we are discussing, MPAA's North Oak, there will be a definite fit, run, jog, "jumping jacks," lifting, pulling, kneeling and any other activities that enough people show an interest in. Individuals will be appointed to coordinate work area but would then we would like input from interested personnel. You are encouraged to stop by the Captain's Office and see MORN from 12:00-1:00 or see M/S/Tracy from 4:00-5:00. Tell us what you would like to be program.

Weight Control

Are you a fighter like "Tony"? If your weight is posing a problem for your involvement, don't again wait around for the new weight charts. The government has issued your battle bible.

—Obtain Your New Charts—

These new government report showed they are placed on a list and when their names come up next on the list they go over waiting for new time. In the past your individual name called on to come back to back suitable good and more suitable time. New government will be subject to suitable good from their charts on a new waiting time. This

should show the more suitable/good and good waiting time ready.

—On Duty Education—

Highland training procedures are to be improved as well as other basic training and vocational courses. If you have more ideas than on your hands and don't use the like these past courses, they get involved in the different courses offered on the ship. Officers will be coming aboard to teach a variety of courses in a wide range of interests.



THE SPIRIT OF GIVING BLOOD STYLE



On November 10, 1983, the Mobile Blood Bank Team from Naval Regional Medical Center, Portsmouth, were selected USN & N. 1983 to collect much needed blood to support patients afflicted with leukemia and other blood diseases.

It was on Whitey Liggett's when the Blood Bank Team arrived which meant that about 10% of the crew was on leave and 75% of those remaining were on liberty. Under these conditions the Team hoped they would be able to obtain about 20 pints of blood. During the three hour period of the drive the crew of 1983 generously came forward and donated 44 pints of blood, with several prospective donors hoping to be listed next. Contributions came from all compartments within ship's company. Captain Liggett is most thankful, and not at all surprised by the huge amount of ship's company. These who gave to the drive are deeply thanked for their contribution toward the betterment of the patient, toward the future maintenance and their deployment.



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Not in Line

After the Service buys their job of the available vehicles, those that are in any shape or form are made available to other government agencies, such as the Federal or state level, or donated to eligible agencies.

If an agency wants it, they'll buy one and go on the sales list.

Buy carefully and for less than \$10.00.

A check on recent selling prices of the vehicles mentioned through actual bids or at auctions—showed these ranging from \$10 to \$1000.

And, that's not all with us.

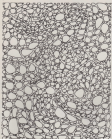
Not Interested?

If you're still interested in getting what the government has to offer, don't fail for the rest of us.

Send before you're in a state and you'll be required to go on application to be put on the waiting list.

The address is with us—

1983 Service Jeep
Office
P.O. Box 1010
Chapel Hill
North Carolina 27514



OUT

RETIREES

ENR Larry Langston retired in December with twenty years service to the Firm. He plans to reside in Oklawaha.

ENR Willie L. Neal retired in December also. He wife and daughter attended the retirement held in the ENR's Mess. He will be working with a private contractor in Oklawaha.

Both retirees received commendation and special retirement plaques and the Firms's flag.

Good luck in your new careers!

GOOD
LUCK

TODAY'S PUZZLE

Try to make it through this early version maze without touching any of its sides. Some of the openings are really close but you can make it.

It took a West Marine five minutes to get through this one! Good luck!

Congratulations to ENR reader, the winner of the Merry Christmas puzzle, with six hundred and three words. Thank you to all those who participated.



REASSIGNMENTS

ENR Lewis Spensard re-assigned to the photo lab for another two year term. His wife and children were present for the ceremony.

ENR Joseph Carl Walker is re-assigned for another two and will be staying on the SPEAR.

ENR Richard W. Stansant re-assigned for another duty in Key West, Florida.

ENR Justice Fialaka Jones re-assigned for four more years on the Coast Hill program. In Key he will be going to the USG Station located, transported to Fort Wilderness, Fla.

ENR Jerry E. Wood of the USG Messant re-assigned for two more years. Commissioner Cooper hosted the ceremony held on the pier.

Congratulations and welcome back to the Firm.



On The Cover

The cover shows our Foreign Department producing their own.

SPECIAL SERVICES

There are certain advantages of your language. The Special Services on board SPEAR and PEB offer a wide variety of unique sports activities, trips, cinema discussion sessions, concert information and equipment rental.

Don't miss out on any of the best! On the SPEAR call RCJ Drug Card in the Atlantic Ocean Locker at 188. On the PEB call RA Betty Barrett at 444-1177 for information on classes in everything from belly dancing to crafts. The number for the radio office and entertainment information is 199-2026.

The Plan of the Day gives regular updated information on Special Services happenings available to you.

Take advantage of these opportunities and enjoy an exciting voyage with some of your friends today.



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- RATED-GUN FLAKER

Speed-reading master flaker along with a team player. Top right corner has perforated but will remain elastic. Must have own instrument. All applicants considered. No singing ability necessary. Contact GCR Thompson, EXT 188, 181 Egan, EXT 189, or NMI House, EXT 188.

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