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Officer retires after 23

After 23 years of service to the Navy, CGRN John F. Dunn retired from active duty, April 1.

CAPT R.F. Kelly, Commanding Officer, complimented the departing 3-9 Division Officer as having had "directly affected the readiness of the submarine force."

The CO further said that he's "amazed at our ability to get repair parts from the far corners of the world," and "we sometimes take for granted" the day-to-day accomplishments of supply personnel.

The Captains then took the opportunity of the ceremony to tell the large audience of L.T. SPEAR personnel, that all should reflect on their jobs as members of the Armed Forces.

There are different means to evaluate the value of their jobs, CAPT Kelly said. For instance, the financial value of \$80000 SEE is capital costs of vessels (which includes equipment cost) of over \$3 billion. Approximately 1,300 squadrons personnel are paid nearly \$60 million a year.

CAPT Kelly then recounted that President Reagan and Secretary of Defense Weinberger speak often of the national security value of the submarine force.

And finally, the CO said that this

country's administrators have strong regard for the U.S. submarine force.

During his Navy career, CGRN Dunn earned Navy Commendation Medal (with Combat "W"), Navy Achievement Medal (Gold star in lieu of second award), Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Battle Efficiency "E", Good Conduct Medal (second award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and Vietnam Service Medal.



Pioneer shipmate leaves



The last of the first just left.

On April 1, after four years and 18 days onboard the L.Y. SPEAR, PO Lillian F. Cruz transferred to sea duty. Petty Officer Cruz was among the pioneer group of women that made the L.Y. SPEAR one of the Navy's first five ships to venture away from the traditional all-male fleet.

When Petty Officer Cruz reported to the L.Y. SPEAR March 22, 1979, "There were about 300 of us. We all knew each other. We were very close and I always knew the new girls," she said as she packed her bags for shipment to Millington, Tennessee.

The increase in the number of women onboard is just one change she has noticed over the years. Her shipmate's attitudes about women sailors is another.

"For three months, all the guys would stare at us on the mess decks. And the sub guys would make up excuses to come onboard so they could see women working on the ship.

"Guys don't stare anymore but still, when I am standing duty on the quarterdeck, I hear some new guys that are surprised seeing women on the ship.," she said.

PO Cruz said there was less press attention focused on the L.Y. SPEAR because the media had just highlighted the first women who reported to the USS VELCAN.

In preparation for the "culture shock," of shipboard life, the first women attended a one-week Women-at-Sea Program on base. But after taking the course, PO Cruz, who was assigned to the ship -- "I didn't volunteer" -- was still nervous.

"I was scared hearing about old timers hating women breaking their territory. I was nervous about sexual harassment and about guys who thought women wouldn't carry their load."

As it was, she said, "A lot of guys were very polite and helped us out alot." Petty Officer Cruz, remembered with a grin, the first few weeks of confusion as almost 100 new sailors frequently found themselves lost about the ship.

Then she adds, "But I adapted. You have to."

In that sense, the former shipmate who advanced from Storekeeper Seaman Apprentice to Second Class Petty Officer on the L.Y. SPEAR is also somewhat unique for having lived the entire four years and 18 days onboard.

Her hints for an enjoyable shipboard life are : First, using several laundry bags for storing civilian clothes and hanging them from the bulkhead side of her middle rack and second, "getting out and doing things. My friends write me to their places alot."

She was quick to state the advantages of living on the ship:

"It's so convenient. I like to sleep late. I don't own a car and I wouldn't want to depend on anyone to get to work every day ." She said also that she has saved quite a bit of money and that "The food here is better than on a lot of other ships."

Among other changes PO Cruz has noticed as the ship adapted to women crew members, is the expanded inventory in the Ship's Store. "Now I hear that the Ship's Store is going to start selling baby items. If the other first women could see that . . ."

PO Cruz left her home and work-place of four years with "satisfaction and excitement." The address was from having to leave old friends.

"I'm not glad to leave like some people are. But I've never been stationed anywhere else. I'm excited to get into something new. I wanted to learn a technical trade."

At "A" School at the Millington Naval Air Technical Training Center, PO Cruz will cross-rate to Aviation Electronics Technician.



Spotlight:

W-3 is self-maintained space

Sorry, no photographs available due to security requirements.

It's the most secure area on the ship. In fact, with its own power and air systems, five elevators, calibration and other test equipment, computer and multi-skilled personnel, the SURROG Shop is an isolated, self-maintained work space.

"There's a misconception about what Torpedomen are," states the shop's (W-3 Division) Leading Petty Officer, **PO Thomas W. Gonzalez**. "We do everything ourselves. We don't count on any outside assistance."

The "Confidential" - or - "Secret" status of the SURROG Shop means that few personnel are permitted entry to the area. Therefore, W-3 personnel also are capable of repairing a 400 cycle generator, multi-million dollar computer, air storage system and various other equipment.

The division's Torpedomen are specialists in the MK-28 missile (submarine rocket). Their work of assembling and disassembling large weapons requires them to be trained, drilled and screened continuously.

"Everyone is constantly watched and can be temporarily removed" from their regular duties if there is the possibility that even a minor medical condition could affect their job performance, says **PO Gonzalez**.

Screening is both formal and informal. Formally, there are inspections and urinalysis. Informally, the crew "is like a close knit group; we all know everyone else's families-- we try to assess everyone's problems (and solve them)," according to the **LPO**.

PO Gonzalez said W-3's 11 Torpedomen and two Gunner's Mate Technicians usually work past liberty call. He said that even though the division is staffed at 18's allotted level, the number of W-3 billets is kept to a minimum "because of security reasons."

PO Gonzalez has worked with the MK-28 since 1965, when he was assigned to the first SURROG Shop on a US Navy ship. That was **L.Y. SPEAR's** predecessor at Pier 12, the **USS ORION**. He probably has the longest tenure on the **L.Y. SPEAR**. He has been on this submarine tender 13 years and said he expects to retire from the **L.Y. SPEAR**. **PO Gonzalez** has also taught for three years at the SURROG School in Orlando.

LT Michael A. Kervin is Department Head and **CMO John E. Eskridge** is W-3 Division Officer. The rest of the staff : **TCM Roy A. Johnson**, Leading Chief Petty Officer; **PO Gonzalez**, **CMT John E. Rutledge**, **PO Neil L. Lorenz**, **PO Paul F. Yagias**, **PO Carl P. Keller**, **PO Gary Nelson**, **PO Pamela S. Cross**, **PO Michael L. Gray**, **PO Melissa L. Lopez**, **PO Kevin L. Peterson**, **PO Jeffrey P. Leukins**, **CMTE Tom A. Geiger** and **TCM Brady J. Hildebrandt**.



Here we go again folks !!!!

From the cover---

Pier 21, the newly remodeled ship's store, officially opened April 9.

Lining the store's wide aisles is an expanded inventory, much of it at lowered prices. Talcott's, for instance, are priced three per cent above cost, reports store manager, SSG Alberto Caras.

New items are baby needs and uniforms. Wider selections are stocked of magazines, cosmetics and appliances. Also, there will regularly be sales.

Pier 21's hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 1100-1400, 1430-1700, 1800-1900; Thursday: 1100-1230, 1430-1700, 1800-1930 and on Saturday: 1000-1100.

Also now open is the Quick Stop with a basic selection for limited needs. Manager is SSG William Watson and its hours are: Tuesday through Friday: 1530-1700, 1800-1130 and Saturday: 1200-0400, 1800-1130.

4 advance to LTJG

Baker was abundant in the wardroom April 1, as four officers were promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade.

"I don't think we need to say more than --- 'It's April Fool's Day,'" commented CAPT R.F. Kelly, commanding officer, as his informal introduction to the ceremony.

The spirit of April Fool's was carried further by CDR W.O. Scott, Supply Officer, as he pinned LTJG Michael N. Bonetto with a Commander's silver oak leaf. That decoration stayed on LTJG's Bonetto's collar for only a few seconds, however, before CDR Scott replaced it with the appropriate silver bar.

Receiving silver bar collar devices from the Commanding Officers were: LTJG George M. Davidson, LTJG Michael A. St. Jean and LTJG Gregory Moore.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 18-24



By RPO FLETON J. FEHLER, JR

The Chaplain's Office has received 25 new volumes for the Ship's Library. The books cover a wide range of subjects and are located on the "New Books Shelf" in the library. Following is a sample of the new books which you are invited to review:

1. The 1983 Edition of Chilton's Imported Car Repair Manual --- This volume covers imported cars from 1978 to 1983. It describes maintenance, specifications on adjustments, turbocharging, diesel services, fuel injection servicing, engine rebuilding, trouble-shooting and other subjects.
2. 2001: A Space Odyssey, by Arthur C. Clarke --- When 2001: A Space Odyssey first shocked, amazed and delighted millions in the late 1960's, the novel was quickly recognized as a classic. Since then, fame has steadily grown for the story among the millions of people who have read the novel or seen the film. Along with almost universal acclaim, a host of questions has grown more insistent through the years:
 - a. Who or what transformed Jane Bowden into the alien child?
 - b. What alien purpose lay behind the monoliths on the moon and out in space?
 - c. What could drive Hal, a stable, intelligent computer, to kill the crew?

These and many more questions are answered in this stunning sequel to the first international best-seller.

3. Night Vision: Confessions of G.I. Lewis, Private Eye by John Sedgewick --- G.I. Lewis is a real-life private eye; one of the best and toughest in the country. Whether he is combing Boston's red-light district for witnesses to a bloody street murder, waiting out the night in a parked car for a glimpse of an errant husband, cartwheeling down a highway in a high speed car chase, or staking out a cemetery to catch a night wrecker in the act, it's all part of the job and G.I. Lewis shows you how he's really done. Night Vision has it all: a narrative pace that doesn't let up, suspense, violence, an irresistible hero who is even more hard-boiled and more sentimental than most in fiction.

4. Summer Crossing by Steve Tashich --- In Summer Crossing, Steve Tashich expresses beautifully the complexity of adolescent male friendship --- ambivalent, competitive and curiously strong. It captures youthful hopes and then the turbulent feelings that change lives. At its center is a powerful love story; that of Rachel, whom no man can hold forever and of Daniel, who emerges from this summer of death and loss as if reborn and ready, at last, for life.

Come and look over these and other books in your library.

The Crew's Library still needs volunteers to staff the facility at times when there is not a Duty SF onboard. If you are interested in helping the library be a service to your shipmates, please contact RPO Flether or RPI Mark at ext. 7910 or stop in the Chaplain's Office.



SLTS - TV will again feature live news broadcasts during the next underway period.

Stay tuned to SLTS for information about hours and other library options available when the ship is in the Liberty Port.

Women talk about pregnancy

By JOE KATHRYN A. MCCONNELL

In joking terms, some crew members are wondering out loud if there is a new "bug" spreading among some U.S. SPAR women --- the "pregos" --- as one expectant mother says she often hears.

She says she doesn't appreciate that word nor some of the stereotypes she knows are held about pregnant women.

By coincidence, there currently are several expectant mothers onboard. Their leave illnesses make them visibly apparent to the entire crew. This fact, and various misunderstandings about pregnant women pose daily challenges for them.

A random sample of pregnant shipmates agreed to be interviewed by SPAR FOODS. In their identities remain anonymous, their names have been changed for this article to: Nancy, Mary, Sue, Ruth and Jane.

A dominant stereotype that all the women counter is that women get pregnant to get out of the Navy.

"I would never subject my kid to that," said Nancy, continuing, "and girls who do do that have a hard way to go."

Nancy and her Navy husband have planned this pregnancy --- her first --- for six months. For mainly financial reasons, she plans to fulfill her enlistment contract following the birth and a convalescent leave. She says she will enjoy working up till her due date, but at the same time, looks forward to temporary shore duty.

The main problem she has on the ship is having to run up ladders to get to a head when she is nauseated. She says also, that standing up for four-hour watches is tiring.

She says that generally, from the people she works with and from strangers on the passengerways, "I have had positive reactions."

Sue, on the other hand, has encountered some reactions from men in her division. "You feel uncomfortable around pregnant women. Some men pull at a woman who tries to do light work or they won't give her any work to do."

Jane said that, in this regard, she doesn't like being treated like "an invalid." The matter complicated when co-workers see the pregnant women, who could be doing office work, "just sitting." They get irate --- they don't think it's fair," said one.

To deal with this confusion, the women suggested that managers ask if the women feels like she needs help with her work. Ruth did so when the ship was lost at sea. Medical sickness intensified her morning sickness making such physical work difficult. She said gratefully that her supervisor and co-workers gave her assistance.

Sue said she thinks that managers feel burdened when a pregnant woman permanently or temporarily leaves. "It's as easy to transfer a pregnant woman off the ship but it's harder (because of time) to get someone transferred to fill her billet."

But that is not the woman's fault. Nor is it her "fault" that her "condition" requires her to regularly go to Medical for blood tests and to Howell's "unit" for specific pre-natal care.

Sue and her Navy husband, when she met long after she enlisted, planned their first pregnancy. She asked for a discharge, but not because she wants to be out of the Navy. She enjoys her rate and says that most of her friends are in the Navy. But her husband is up for reenlistment and transfer and the new family wants to stay together.

The future mother said also that she thinks a mother should have a full-time mother if the family can afford it.

Mary strongly agrees. She has been concentrating on improving her health for this pregnancy. She has wanted a child for a long time and she admits that now she

falls over. On one hand, there is the financial security of staying in the Navy and her sense of duty to fulfill her contract.

On the other hand, she wants what most mothers --- military and civilian --- want; being there to watch the baby open it's eyes, take the first step and speak the first word.

Of the five women, only one said her pregnancy was unplanned. She quietly acknowledges sometimes feeling uncomfortable when someone looks at her hand for a wedding ring. "It's none of their business," she exclaims then said she intends to stay in the Navy.

The marriage issue bothered the other women, also. "I don't think it's warranted, (concern about her marital status) not at my age," voiced Mary.

The point then was made that there probably are several men crew members who are expectant fathers. Not who they are, and if they are married or single, is not publicly apparent.

As for the word "preg", which is usually shouted by people the women don't even know; the women all said they realize the word springs from general curiosity. Still, their soon-to-be motherhood, which is a fact for all to see, is nevertheless an extremely private matter --- a time of anticipation and headaches, of possessing anxious headaches to stay out of other peoples' way, and of dreams.

Medal given to SH

"Petty Officer Street put the word 'personel' back into 'personnel'."

So said CDR E.S. Scott, Supply Officer, following the presentation of the Navy Achievement Medal to SH2 Susan Street, April 1.

The award's citation, signed by VADM E.A. White, Commander Atlantic Fleet, noted that Petty Officer Street had implemented many recreational opportunities for crew members which offer a variety of liberty alternatives.

The medal was presented to SH2 Street on her last day in the Navy.

Personnel awarded

The following personnel were presented Letters of Appreciation during Captain's Inspection, April 6.

"For professionalism in the performance of duties and preservation of all MAF/SPZ spaces" SH2 Billy W. Honey, SH2 Whitley A. Payne, SH1 Kelvin E. Battle SH Inmate E. Whitaker. Calvo received letter of Appreciation for performance in Ship's Band and SH William F. Murray.





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SHAPING SHOP
2-2 (Port Warf Division)
2-2 (Several Items)

PLUMBS

PAINTER BAKE SHOP
CARPENTER SHOP
SHAPING SHOP
RUBBER AND PLASTICS

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

COMPUTING (JMW)
MEDICAL (Physician)
SERV CORRAL (Link to PC)
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FROM YOU



COMMAND CAREER COUNSELOR

So, you want to change rates but you aren't sure which one you can get into.

First, you need to check the CREO listing for each rate. This is a listing as to the level of under or over manning in each rate. The rates are listed from A to E with the most undermanned in A and the very overmanned in E.

Now you need to select a rating that is more critical than the one you are in. Usually, an A or B will do that.

"Now, is that all I need to know before I put in my bid?" you may ask. No, there is more.

Some rates are now on the Controlled or Closed rating list. If the one you have chosen is closed, you may as well try again. But if it is controlled, you still have a chance. For one of those, permission must be obtained from the Naval Military Personnel Command to allow someone to be designated or to allow someone to take the Third Class Test, prior to taking the test.

At this time, the list of controlled rates is:

MALE

ASB	AS	FTS	OB	STC
AK	AS	FTS	OB	STC
AK	BE	OS	OB	TM
AQ	EM	IC	OE	
ASE	EP	IN	PC	
AT	ES	LI	PS	
AW	EM	HE	SH	

FEMALE

ASB	AS	OS	SE
ASH	AS	LI	TM
AE	OE	EL	
AE	OB	OT	
ARS	OS	PC	
AJ	ES	PS	
AT	FTS	SH	

"Does this mean that I can't get into one of these ratings?"

No. Just make sure that your request for either designation, or for the Third Class Test is sent in time. If you wait until the test date, you will find that you are too late.

See your Divisional Career Counselor and learn the facts.

Chaplain's Chat . .



By CHAPLAIN HUNTER.

Sometimes as we sit down to dinner and about the time we get our plate filled, my wife will suddenly say "Oh, I forgot to salt the potatoes." (or corn, or whatever vegetable we happen to have on our plates.) She then will ask, "See's you notice how flat the potatoes taste?"

Of course, as soon as it is brought to my attention, I realize there is something missing! So, we get the salt, sprinkle it on top, and mix up the vegetable. But, it never tastes like it does when the salt is cooked with the vegetable.

I wonder if our Christian living is not often missing in the salt quality? There are a lot of folks who rather regularly go to church and listen to the sermon and the reading of the Church School lesson, but, beyond this, their life during the rest of the week is rather tasteless so far as their influence is concerned.

It strikes us that during the week we are going through the "cooking stage". That is the time we need the salt! Just listening on Sunday and then doing nothing about it is like applying the salt after the thing is cooked! It just does not have the same flavor.

Jesus said; "You are the salt of the Earth; but if the salt has lost it's taste, how shall it's saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot of man". (Matt. 5:13). I suppose we may say our zeal for Christ corresponds to our taste in the salt.

So, it doesn't take much salt with the proper taste to really season the food - just a pinch will do it. We often hear it said, "What is the matter with the church; she has lost her influence!"

Well, there isn't much wrong with the individual church where there are a few "salty" Christians working for the Kingdom! It is amazing what a few consecrated folks in any congregation can do. Their influence, like the salt, really puts flavor into the program of the church.

Don't be discouraged when you look at the task and say, "The problem is so big, what can I do in a time like this?" You can be like a pinch of salt. - You can take away that "flat taste" and add flavor to the work of Christ's Kingdom. Will you try it?

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



24 APRIL

TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR

Career progress noted

Taking advantage of several types of Incentives have been the following results:

MSI Joan S. Connor, 4 years; ITC Lenora Toland, 4 years; STI Harry E. Bristol, 4 years; MSI Joseph M. Kischler, 5 years; ITC Veronica A. Brooks, 5 years; STI Michael Steier, 4 years;

MSI Michael Kolinsky, 3 years; ITC Edward Graham, 4 years; MSK Susan G. Winkle, 5 years; MSK Walter Hanson, 4 years;

STI Robert E. Shambler, 4 years; ITC Tony E. French, 4 years; STI Keith Gottlieb, 4 years.