



# SEAR POINTS

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## CAPTAIN'S LINE

A well done to all for the most successful dependent cruise. I met a large number of the SPEAR dependents and friends and was extremely proud of you for the wonderful time you showed each of our guests. The only complaint I heard of was that "the cruise was too short" and they could have seen more if there had only been more time. I heard numerous comments of the wonderful tours, demonstrations and explanations the work centers set up. The picnic on the flats dock was superb.

For many this was their first and perhaps only visit to a US Navy Ship. For them you made this day a memorable one which they will never forget. Thank you—your efforts were obvious and sincerely appreciated by our guests.



We have a unique and capable ship entrusted to our care. It's large and complicated with countless machines and equipment to keep our mission of support to the fleet attack aerial submarines. The key thing, it is our crew for all the heavy and complicated equipment we have in motion without the talents of our crew. We are like a city with all its departments of service and factories of production. The difference from a city is its size mobility and our constant need to train our new recruits to replace those who are transferred.

Our work is hard but we can take pride in our products, the ready submarines of Squadron 565. Each time they go to sea they have been fully manned, equipped and supplied for any emergency they may be called upon to fulfill. I'm proud of U. S. SPEAR and its talented, capable crew.

*J. Kinert*  
J. KINERT, CAPT., USN  
COMMANDING OFFICER

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### DEADLINE

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 two 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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# CONGRATULATIONS!

## REENLISTMENTS—

Lisa G. Anderson (Albuquerque) RMC for six years.

Mary M. Taylor RTI for four years.

Miguel A. Gomez SRIN for six years.

Jerry Thompson RMC for six years.

Charles L. Young RTI for six years.

Welcome back to the fleet!

## RETIREMENTS—

Thomas E. Lewis EMC after twenty years of service.

R. F. Hanson RMC after twenty years of service.

We will miss you.

## 3 Airlines Extend 50% Furlough Fares

Three airlines have extended the cut-off date for 50-percent furlough fares. Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) has announced.

The total program offering reserved seat, half-price air coach fares to active duty military personnel traveling on leave or pass has been available from about 24 airlines but was scheduled to end March 31.

Delta, Republic, and USAir are the first air carriers of the 14 to grant extensions in response to appeals from MTMC.

Republic and Delta have fixed an expiration date for their furlough fares and offer the reduced fares on all of their domestic routes with no restriction on dates of travel. USAir has set February 28, 1981, as its cut-off date and will offer the reduced fares on all domestic routes with no blackout dates.

"The announcements by Delta, Republic, and USAir to continue the furlough fare program definitely mean a boost to the morale and well-being of military personnel everywhere," Major General John D. Brown, USA, commander of MTMC, said. "We are delighted in our efforts



to continue the other participating carriers of the mutual benefits which can be derived by continuing the program.

Other airlines offering the reduced fares through March 31 are Air Midwest, American, Braniff, Continental, Eastern, Northwest, Pan Am, Piedmont, TWA, United, and Western.

Air Midwest, Delta, Pan Am, Republic, TWA, and USAir offer the 50 percent discount on all domestic routes, while the eight other carriers provide the reduced fare on selected routes only.

A 25 percent discount is available on routes where the 50 percent discount does not apply. The majority of the other airlines continue to

offer the 25 percent furlough fare discount.

Military dependents, reservists, national guard members, or retired personnel are not eligible for the discount fares. Persons discharged from active duty who complete leave home within seven days of separation are eligible for the discount fares but must present copies of separation orders when buying tickets.

MTMC officials urge travelers to shop around when planning travel, saying that the excursion fares offer good savings but pointing out that there are restrictions on length of stay and ticket purchase deadlines.





# L.Y. SPEAR HOSTS DEPENDENTS' CRUISE

APRIL 16, 1981





Recently the U.T. SPEAR hosted its annual dependent's cruise with approximately 400 in attendance. A cocktail was held on the deck with hamburgers and hot dogs for every one and the "Backwards Boys" blue grass band performed. Luckily the weather held up for the day and the dependents all seemed to enjoy catching a glimpse of what it is like to live and work on a ship. Most of the ships displayed some of their work and technical status with explanations and guided tours of their work areas.

Everyone who visited with us that day will long remember the hospitality and the excitement of going out to sea on U.T. SPEAR (AS-48).





## 'M' DIVISION UP CLOSE

Among the many divisions that make up the Engineering Department, "M" Division is the key that enables the ship to move through the water. Under the supervision of MMCS Carlos Wickett and MMI Donald Williams has the responsibility of maintaining the ship's main propulsion system and related auxiliary equipment. "M" Division is also the source of electrical power used by the ship in that they maintain the four ships service turbo generators. Among the most important tasks performed by "M" Division is the making of hot and fresh water. "M" Division is composed of both Machinery Matees and Engineers who stand a variety of watches in the main propulsion plant.

During the past few months "M" Division has been called upon to spend many extra hours preparing for an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination. Not only has it been necessary to spend long hours painting and cleaning the engine room, but many hours have been spent on a rigorous Training Program to reinforce knowledge of the engineering plant.

When preparing to get underway these hard working "Slugs" are on hours long before Sherry expires for the rest of the crew. Upon return to port, "M" Division remains on station until the ship is receiving shore services. All in all "M" Division makes a vital contribution to U. S. S.F.A.R.





# CAREER COUNSELOR'S CORNER

## EXHIBITED DUTY PREFERENCES

The Exhibited Duty Preference (EDUPREF) is one of your direct lines to your detachee. Since it is one of the primary forms of communicating your desires, its accuracy is important. One of the errors in duty preference submissions are caused by illegibility or erroneous submissions. The most frequent errors are:

- Social Security Number is incorrect
- Errors in the name
- Duplicate submissions (wait at least two weeks before submitting a new duty preference)

Your Command Career Counselor can aid in the completion of your EDUPREF; however, the responsibility for its correctness is yours. The remarks section can handle only 124 characters; don't attach a separate sheet with further remarks. Further information that cannot be included in the EDUPREF may be mailed directly to your detachee. Chapter 3 of the Exhibited Transfer Manual gives guidance on how to complete the preference form.

MSG Mark E. Russell and his family wish to express their sincere appreciation to all SPEAR crew members who so generously contributed much needed moral and monetary support during their recent incarceration.

## An invitation...

WASHINGTON (NSC)...Six-member (active duty) teams, from all branches of the military, are invited to participate in the American Legion's 1981 Armed Forces Chess Championship.

Date: Sept. 15-23, 1981

Place: Hall of Flags

The American Legion Building

1600 K St., N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20006

For eligibility requirements and additional information, contact: Carolyn S. Conklin, Recreation Services (NSAFPC-4210), Navy Military Personnel Division, Washington, D.C. 20370; or phone: (301) 694-4388-4389; AUTODYN 224-6588-4389.

**SAM SWITCH** - Reading Classified Material near a window can be dangerous.





## PAGE BEGINS

THE FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE FOR PAGE CLASSES STARTING 4 MAY 81.

## GENERAL MATH:

1120 - 1000

Monday and Wednesday

4th Deck Classroom / J 2

## AMERICAN HISTORY:

1000 - 1810

Monday and Wednesday

4th Deck Classroom / J 2

## GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY:

1120 - 1000

Tuesday and Thursday

6th Deck Classroom / J 2

## GET SMART

## ENGLISH

1000 - 1810

Monday and Wednesday

4th Deck Classroom / J 1

Be sure to bring money with you to the first class to pay for books.



## SAFETY FIRST

Summer is coming upon us quickly with beach parties, BBQs and cocktails on the VA Beach Strip, stopping occasionally for a cool refreshing drink to wet the ol' whistle. Sounds good right? It also sounds good to a few thousand other people too, that's where the problem begins.



In the state of Virginia, there are people from all over the US with tourist, military and natives all combining their individual driving habits for statistics on the accident hot line. To reduce your chances of becoming another "statistic" practice defensive driving.

Virginia offers many beautiful sights, don't see them on a post card from a hospital bed. Drive safely.

Check with one of the members of the Safety Team at the Safety Center 000-418-3-04 and we can give you some defensive driving tips. We can even tell you about some of those nice places to visit.

011 Landover (ext 423)

Safety Team

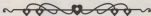
## Who Gets Your SGLI?

Do you know who gets the money from your Servicemembers Group Life Insurance should you die?

If you're not sure, check the insurance form you completed when you took out the policy.

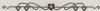
Service members insured under SGLI can either name one or several beneficiaries or write the words "by-law" on their insurance form. When listing a beneficiary, the service member may select anyone. The person does not have to be a relative.

By writing the words "by-law" on the form, the service member with the SGLI is a close relative in this order: spouse, children and parents. If none of these relatives survive the service member, the SGLI money automatically goes into the service member's estate to pay existing bills.



LIVE YOUR HEARTS, BUT NOT INTO EACH OTHER'S KEEPING.  
FOR ONLY THE HAND OF LIFE CAN CONTAIN YOUR HEARTS.  
AND STAND TOGETHER YET NOT TOO NEAR TOGETHER.  
FOR THE PILLARS OF THE TEMPLE STAND APART.  
AND THE OAK TREE AND THE CYPRESS GROW NOT IN EACH OTHER'S SHADOW.

BY EARL CHERN  
IN THE FOREST



# ARMED FORCES DAY 1981



# STRONG & READY

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

PROSE...

When I was young, I remember hearing stories from my father about what the English city of Leroscity was like after the bombs dropped. From my mother about hearing a London female strider to look for a home that no longer existed, and the difference the United States Military made in victory.

When the draft for Viet Nam called my name in '69, I joined the Navy to repay a debt to the American country for what it meant to my family in the Indies. After marriage and a very exciting first year of duty, I graduated for the educational benefits. I had pride in the country, the Navy, and myself. Nine months later, I had myself barely able to afford food for my family. Civilian friends do not like to visit my home because it is in a "bad" (high-military residential neighborhood). My civilian occupational counterpart lives in his own expensive home and has the money to buy his children new clothes whenever they desire, making roughly twice my salary to work a forty-hour week. I have pride in my country, pride in myself, but honestly I am ashamed of my Navy.

By Andrew B. Duncan ET1 USN

## One-Navy recruiting goal is achieved

WASHINGTON (APR) ... In December 1980, the Navy Recruiting Command achieved its One-Navy enlisted recruiting goal. One-Navy includes all regular and reserve, prior service and Ready Manpower enlistees. The enlistment goal for December was 4,414. Prior service enlistees totaled 833.

The Navy continued its success in obtaining high-quality people for critical ratings. In the six-year obligation program, it achieved 146.3 percent in the nuclear field, 107.3 percent in the advanced electronics field and 102.4 percent in the advanced technical field. Of all active duty, non-prior service people enlisted in December, 91 percent were eligible to attend Navy Class "A" School and 84.1 percent were high school graduates.

# SPORTS

An awards ceremony was held on 10 April 81 in Captain Cooper's (Commander Squadron SIX) cabin. The BIG BOY ATLANTIC FLEET SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD was presented to the L.Y. SPEAR for the third consecutive year.

The command which sponsors the most athletic events, gets the most participation from the crew and earns the most points wins the award. CONGRATULATIONS SPEAR!

The trophy is displayed on the mess decks in the game room trophy case.

The Chief Petty Officers have claimed first place in the SPEAR Bowling League. Second and third place goes to the Stickers and the Electricians respectively. The L.Y. SPEAR bowling league will be held on 9 May 81 at 1100 at Fleet Rec. Park. For more information contact S&S Doug Lund at ext. 369 today.

S&S Lund  
Special Services



## MEMORIES

I often like to sit beneath the sea dreaming of memories of my loved ones.

The good times are so clear to me the bad times I wish they wouldn't be.

The days they come and then go by drifting slowly across the sky.

Soon the snow will touch the ground then the world will be quite as if no one.

The world isn't always as it is meant to be you have to take each step in stride you see . . .

ONCE THERE WAS A LITTLE SPEED LIMIT WHO WROTE HEAVILY AS PAPER AS THE BIG SPEED LIMITS. THEY LAUGHED AT HIM AND CALLED HIM A PUNKDIE, AND WORSE.



BUT ONE BIG SPEED LIMIT KEPT CRACKING UP IN ACCIDENTS. AND ANOTHER WENT BROKE BUYING GAS. AND SO IT WENT.



AND THE LITTLE SPEED LIMIT WENT PUTTERING RIGHT ALONG, SAVING GAS, SAVING MONEY, SAVING LIVES.





Ethelene Harper left Ecuador, VA in 1919 to do something different and challenging. She joined the Navy in a Seaman without a guaranteed "A" contract so that she could be exposed to all the different jobs the Navy has to offer before having to choose one.

After spending eight months in U.T. SPEAR'S Cook Division, three months on Mess Cooking, and much contact on her part, Ethelene decided to enter the Communications field. While U.T. SPEAR was deployed to Diego Garcia she spent her days off in the Comm Dept learning about the Radioman Rate. Before leaving the Cook Dept she completed the History Requirements for PD1 and 2 course and passed the written exam.

On June 20, 1948 she did her board test to decide who would be allowed to leave Cook and

move on to another division. Ethelene says of that day . . . "I was very nervous. It was as if I was in court but my defense wasn't present as I had to "defend" myself. The members of the board asked me lots of questions concerning why I wanted to leave Cook." She answered them honestly: "I feel that I have passed my abilities while working in Cook and I will continue to be dedicated in Communications also." After the board adjourned, Ethelene walked anxiously for their decision. BMC Green came out of the meeting first. He was smiling when he told her "You are a very brave woman and I am proud to have you in the Communications Dept." Ethelene says that the best thing she did was "go to my desk and prep. Then I went for joy as I told my friends the news."

Two months after reporting to Comm, she had completed the Radioman 1 and 2 course and

soon after took the Radioman Third Class test. As of 1 December 1948 she was authorized to wear the Radioman Third Class crew.

Ethelene Harper has come a long way, she has learned alot, and made many new friends. She says of her work "I was proud to be a part of the Cook Dept but now I'm really proud to be a Radioman Third Class.

At present Ethelene is furthering her education by working on a college degree in Communications. She spends her spare time performing with the U.T. SPEAR ceremonial band and the women's volleyball team.

Patty O'Brien Harper we are inspired by your story. You have shown that it was quite worth a shrewd effort and done their job, the Navy can be an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge and experience.

We are proud to have you as a shipmate. Keep up the good work!

## SEND SPEAR POINTS HOME!

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