





## CAPTAIN'S LINE

This issue of **SPEAR POINTS** is our Memorial Day issue. We honor all of the brave Americans who have preceded us and have given their lives so that their fellow citizens and children might live in peace. Our nation's democracy and way of life offers every citizen unique freedom, independence and opportunity found no where else on earth. It would be wonderful if our country and freedoms were never to be challenged again by another nation. With us we might for such a future world of peace, it is not likely to be achieved in our lifetime. Our nation must maintain effective armed forces to deter all who would challenge our freedom and way of life. With strength and dedication we can succeed in keeping the peace until such time as all nations give up war as an instrument of national policy.

By serving in the armed forces, each citizen who completes his or her tour honorably can take great personal pride for his or her contribution. You have helped to maintain our freedom and values you have given of yourself and thus have been a contributing citizen. You have joined the ranks of brave citizens as necessary for our way of life to survive.

Let us renew our dedication to our country this Memorial Day to help keep alive the spirit and sacrifice of those brave citizens who gave their lives that this nation might remain free and unchallenged.



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## ON THE COVER

Armed Forces Day, Saturday 24 May 1981, was also I. T. **SPEAR** Day at the W. F. Houston Boys Club of Norfolk. St. Wayne Cook of 1st Division is participating in a game of "around-the-world", one of the events included in the "adapt-a-kill" program. For more details on the day's activities, see page 18.

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**RPD PUGLIESE****SHIPBOARD NAVY RELIEF**

USS L. T. SPEAR uses her own Navy Relief "Officer" for personnel assigned to SPEAR, BUREN SIX, and the submarines. No longer do you have to go down to the Navy Relief Office on Hampton Blvd. and wait for hours to get help with your problem. You can come and talk with one of the SPEAR people who have volunteered to have here to make this kind of help available.

Navy Relief can help with:

**SHCS CURRY**

-emergency leave travel assistance

-emergency food/nutritional problems

-contribution deposits for newly arrived/assimilated personnel when required

-medical/dental assistance when military medicine/CHAMPUS can't help

-loss of family/missing allotment/missing paperwork

The SPEAR "office" isn't really an location. Instead, you can simply contact the three SPEAR volunteers:

**FTBC OTT**

FTBC C. Ott, S466

SHCS R. Curry A202

RPD F. Pugliese S441

If you can't remember the names and phone numbers, simply ask of the Chaplain's Office and someone will get you in touch with one of the volunteers. Chaplain Miller and Chaplain Cook are also available, but will be primarily serving as coordinators. The Shipboard Navy Relief Office can be a good additional resource for you when you have a problem.

**CREED AND YOU**

Deep within each of us lie some important questions and observations about our life and behavior. "Who am I? Why am I? Where am I going with my life? What is life, and especially my life, all about anyway? I'm just trying to go about the business of living—sometimes I do it pretty well and feel good about myself; other times I'm only mediocre and sometimes I really letch it up and feel bad about myself."

For many of us, most of life is lived out in pursuit of the answers to these and other questions and of the meaning of our life. For the majority of us, however, little thought is given

to the issues of life until we experience a personal tragedy or other crisis.

There is a resource available to help you explore problems and questions in your own life, and to launch you on your own journey of personal discovery and growth. The CREED Retreat, sponsored by the Chief of Naval Operations, can provide you and your dependents the opportunity to develop a more meaningful and fulfilling life and to improve communications and relationships with our families, friends, shipmates and people in the moral community in which we live. CREED is a three-day workshop beginning at 1700 on each Thursday and concluding at 1700 on Sunday. It provides

you an occasion to examine and share your thoughts, values, dreams, and feelings in a caring community and atmosphere of trust and hope.

For more information and material on how you can be a part of this alternative step by your Chaplain's office or phone Chaplain Miller or Chaplain Cook at 843-1443.



# QUEST FOR ANSWERS

## MASTER CHIEF OF THE COMMAND EXPLAINS...

1. **Liberty Cards**—Yes, it's true, SPEAR is turning back the clock to a happier time. In a few weeks liberty cards will be a way of life to SPEAR sailors. Will this create a problem for you? Not if you are the average sailor who does the work assigned to you. It will however, impose a hardship on those few shipmates who, in the past, granted themselves early liberty and left their work for the rest of us to do. Liberty cards will be controlled at the division level—issued by the division, collected by the division, and controlled by the division. SPEAR sailors will be required to present both an ID card and a liberty card to the DOD/ROB when leaving the ship after working hours. These personnel required to leave the ship in a work status will be allowed to proceed to and from the job without a liberty card. USS L.T. SPEAR Instruction 1816.7 and Notice 1010 of 10 May 1951 will provide full details on the new liberty card program.

2. **Duty Standbys**—There are two basic rules for standbys.

- (A) Standbys for duties will be for the entire duty day, not for just a portion of a duty day.
- (B) Standbys for duties must be submitted at least two days in advance.

These rules are necessary to ease the administrative burden on watch section supervisors.

## GET SMART



### FROM THE ESO

September 1951 Navy-wide exams are coming up soon. Are you thinking about taking yours then? Now is the time to finish your courses and other requirements to make you eligible to participate. If you are not sure about what requirements you must complete prior to taking the exams, stop by the Educational Services Office now and find out!



## RECOGNITION FOR A JOB WELL DONE

Remember when you were finally big enough to jump all the side of the pool without having to hold your nose. "Look at me, look at me Buddy!" Similarly we still seek approval in the performance of our jobs and in everyday activities. Acceptance and approval are important to everyone's ego.

Unfortunately, the person who continually does commendable work sees a co-worker who does nothing but "skate" receive as much recognition and a pay check equal to his own. This situation is degrading for the individual who really tries. After a while he adopts the "why bother" attitude and the job never gets done.

Is there a solution to this vicious cycle? Perhaps, we should realize that the most important person in the world to please is ourselves. When you feel neglected, just remember all the things that you did today that were noteworthy. It is okay to pat yourself on the back, especially if no one else will!





RUN TO YOUR  
HEART'S CONTENT

Long distance runners can test through history in the Third Annual Fort Monaro Armed Services YMCA Cross-Country Classic on 5 June 1983. This year's theme, billed as an "all nation" event, features two races—a 10.25 mile (16.64 km) race for novice runners, and a 18.000 mile (28.963 km) race for more experienced runners. Both events will be run entirely at Fort Monaro, starting and finishing at Cannon Park recreation YMCA. Timing and refreshment stations will be available. Registration for persons signing up by 17 May is five dollars and ID's are not included. Refreshments. Those people may also purchase two-dollar special commemorative T-shirts. Persons registering after 17 May will be charged five dollars. All runners completing the 10.25 mile race will receive a certificate.

# SAFETY FIRST

## BIKERS: HELL ON TWO WHEELS

What's the most dangerous athletic activity in the United States? You think it's football. However, respectably so, rather skating? Wrong on all counts. It's bicycling, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. There are 1.4 million biking accidents a year, and over 10,000 of them cause serious injuries.

Safety experts emphasize that bike riders should be extra careful on the streets, especially at intersections. Car drivers often don't notice bicyclists in the stream of traffic. Remember to use proper hand signals when making turns and ride with the flow of traffic.

Fair weather is finally here and with it comes great bicycling opportunities. Whether you take to the bike routes around town or take the trail at Sanderson (near Park) or along the Board Walk at the Beach, PLEASE use common sense and play it safe. Happy bicycling!

LTJG DAVID  
SAFETY OFFICER



MSJ William James Tracy and MSN Yvonne Anne Fitzsimmons will be married on Saturday 4 June at 1400 at the Fleet Recreation Park across from D & S gate. A reception will follow.

Best wishes for a long and happy life together.



SPEAR ENTERS ELIZABETH  
RIVER RUN  
BY LT S.T. CORWIN II

LT S. SPEAR's entry in the Elizabeth River 10.000 meter run, on 7 May, placed sixth out of 20 military teams, with a team time of 3 hours 21 minutes. The race almost started without SPEAR's entry in the park, due to the bus running behind schedule from the parking lot to the starting line. But thanks to MSJ Dan Collins expert handling of his van and CDR Niekol, things proceed navigation the team was off in a sprint at the crack of the starter's pistol.

Needless to say the team of human bodies actually delayed the team from going much faster than a quick running in place until they reached the starting line thirty seconds later. All the team members finished the grueling run in excellent shape. One member was heard to say shortly afterwards that he was about to give up and walk when he noticed one of the 60 and with age group runners moving ahead of him.

The members of the team with their times and places were: LT S.T. Corwin II (1:44:00/54th), MSJ E. Collins (1:51:00/72nd), WMPN E. Higgins (1:56:00/78th), MSJ R. Hurdin (1:56:00/79th), LTJG E. Bass (1:57:00/83rd), CDR M. Niekolberg (1:58:00/127th), MSJ S. Collins (1:58:00/128th). Two thousand sixty-five runners completed the race, with the fastest being 50 minutes 1 second and the slowest at 80 minutes.



GYM CLOTHES  
WORN ON THE  
EDF ARE A HEALTH-  
HAZARD!



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## **DIVISION UP CLOSE**

### **INVENTORY CONTROL DIVISION**

The Inventory Control Division is divided into two basic subdivisions, Stock Control and Financial. Their functions are outlined as follows:

**STOCK CONTROL**

Stock Control is responsible for control and processing of all documents that affect the financial and inventory control

(stock) records of material under the cognizance of the Supply Office.

### **FINANCIAL**

The financial section is responsible for maintaining the ship's OPTAR and Special Accounting Class (SAC) records and reports. This section will review, validate and prepare for submission, all applicable listings and costs.







### AMERICA, INDEPENDENCE TRANSIT SUEZ CANAL

The USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 42) Battle Group made its way to the Mediterranean Sea via a transit through the Suez Canal on 12 May. Accompanying INDEPENDENCE on the transit were USS HARRY E. YARNELL (CG 17) and USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDCG).

INDEPENDENCE was relieved in the Indian Ocean a few days earlier by USS AMERICA (CV 40), which had also traveled via the Suez Canal two weeks previously. AMERICA was the first carrier to make a Suez Canal transit since USS INTREPID on 1 June 1967 and the largest warship ever to transit the canal. Making the trip with AMERICA was USS FREED (DDG 44).

By transiting the Suez Canal instead of going by way of the Cape of Good Hope, each Battle Group saved about eight days of steaming time and more than 5,400 miles in distance. Each aircraft carrier alone saved more than 900,000 gallons of fuel, thus increasing its operating flexibility.

Before the AMERICA Battle Group began its canal transit, the carrier operated with SIXTH Fleet Units, enhancing the operational readiness of both the AMERICA Group and the Fleet.

The INDEPENDENCE Group is now operating as a unit of the SIXTH Fleet. INDEPENDENCE deployed to the Indian Ocean in November 1960.

The Commander in Chief, US Pacific Fleet ADM R.C. Davis, extended his personal congratulations to the INDEPENDENCE Battle Group for its performance during the Indian Ocean deployment. He said, "Your presence was a significant contribution towards peace and stability in an area of the world which is vital to US interest." He continued by saying, "... The professionalism of those involved is indeed commendable and reflects the highest traditions of the US Navy."



### HOUSE BILL PAYROLL 14.3 PERCENT PAY RAISE

A 14.3 percent across-the-board pay raise, to be effective 1 October, is the principal feature of the Armed Forces Pay Act of 1961, which was approved by the House Armed Services Committee on 12 May.

The proposed legislation is also known as "The Nichols Bill," because it was written by the Personnel Subcommittee Chairman, Representative Bill Nichols (D-IL). The bill includes the following major compensation initiatives:

- Increase maximum retirement bonus from 2,000 dollars to 10,000 dollars. Permits payment of the bonus for less than a four-year retirement.
- Authorize hazardous duty pay of 110 dollars per month for officers and 50 dollars for enlisted,

to be paid to any personnel determined eligible by SECNAV.  
- Authorize increased travel and transportation incentives for service members and their dependents under certain conditions.

### CHAMPUS FAX

If you have questions on three important health areas, a visit to the nearest Health Benefits Advisor's office will provide you with the latest information.

The HRAs have been furnished with the latest revisions of:

- Fact Sheet FS-1, "Newsp Care Under the CHAMPUS Benefits," and - Fact Sheet FS-2, "Effect of Medicare on CHAMPUS Benefits," and - Fact Sheet FS-3, "Maternity Care Under CHAMPUS."

Information contained in the Fact Sheets is current as of October 1960. Around the last of April, 1961, the same information will be available in brochure format through Military Department distribution.

For further information on CHAMPUS check with your Division Office or the Chaplain's Office on board SPEAR at 5444.

### INFLUENZA PRICES TO INCREASE

A recent change in the law allows manufacturers to raise the cost of government purchased influenza sold in Navy Exchange Uniform Centers by 27.5 percent effective 1 June. Items to be affected are those sold under the yellow price tag and include strong rate masks, stiker masks, rating badges, service stripes, cap insignia and buttons.





### FIRST LADY CHRISTENS TICONDEROGA

First Lady Nancy Reagan christened the guided missile cruiser TICONDEROGA (CGC-51), the first missile combatant with the AEGIS Combat System, on 14 May in Parrisville, Md. Secretary of Defense Casper W. Weinberger was the principal speaker at the christening ceremony.

Armed with advanced surface-to-air and surface-to-surface missile systems, torpedoes and antiaircraft rockets, and five-inch guns, TICONDEROGA belongs to the first significant enhancement in fleet air defense with the capability to counter both current and projected threats.

### THE MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE

On this day we pause to honor brave Americans in uniform who died as we might live in peace.

This nation values freedom and independence above all else. In just over two centuries of national life, we have been called upon to defend our liberties many times.

Our nation must continue to maintain a strong armed force as a deterrent to those who would attempt to deny us the freedom we cherish. Each day, men and women of the Navy and Marine Corps in the Atlantic Fleet work to enhance our commitment to maintaining a nation in which our liberties are preserved.

Let us resolve to keep faith with those whose service we honor. Our resolution is their Memorial Day continued dedication to duty is the guarantee they did not die in vain.

ADMIRAL  
HARRY S. TRAIN, II  
US NAVY



### 150 YEARS IN YEARS WITH CELEBRATIONS

The 150th anniversary of the USS was celebrated from 2-22 May. USS volunteers from throughout the world gathered in the Nation's Capital for a family conference, meals luncheon, USS Shows and a 4th style party.

The USS accompanied with "Good Housekeeping" Magazine and Texas International Airlines, an international conference on military family life on 20 May. The keynote address was given by Dr. Joyce Brothers, Communist Bulk Ships was present at a reception that afternoon and also attended a USS Show that evening at the Washington Monument. Other show participants included Miss America, Miss Black America, and the Dallas Cowboys' Cheerleaders.

The military family life conference continued on 21 May. Co-chairman for the USS 150th anniversary party that evening was Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Casper W. Weinberger and former Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. J. William Middendorf, II. Guests included many USS show participants.

The USS ended the celebration on 22 May with a parade in downtown Washington, D.C.



During the past 10 years, the American Red Cross has responded to an average of 21,000 disaster annually to bring relief to victims.

## Memorial Day

(NATIONAL MONDAY HOLIDAY)—25 May

# 30 May





The first USS FLYING FISH, a schooner, served with the US Exploring Expedition of 1838-1842. Under the famous captain, Lieutenant Charles Wilkes, she took part in the first scientific expedition ever fitted out by the United States. In four years, FLYING FISH sailed and surveyed vast areas of the Pacific Ocean as well as the Antarctic.

As the first FLYING FISH distinguished herself in peace, so did the second FLYING FISH (SS-229) in war. In the Pacific war period, this gallant submarine sailed the same waters traveled by her predecessor to carry the war to the enemy.

The present FLYING FISH (SSN-578), a nuclear powered submarine and has had an outstanding reputation as a fast line performer for the US Atlantic Fleet. Built by Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut at the twenty-fourth SSN-517 "Skipper" Class Nuclear Submarine, she has been in service since April 1970.

In the tradition of the first FLYING FISH, SSN-578 has explored the by waters under the North Pole.

#### COMMANDING OFFICERS

CDR R. L. SHELTON

SEP 70 - FEB 71

CDR J. B. WILLIAMS

FEB 71 - MAY 71

CDR T. L. MURPHY

MAY 71 - JULY 80

CDR S. J. LOVICK

JULY 80 -

JULY-DEC 80 - Mediterranean Sea deployment.

1980-Operation Sea Battle '81  
ASN "Think-out" award from SIXTH Fleet (Med. Deployment)



#### L.Y. SPEAR DAY

The W. W. Houston Boys Club of Norfolk, Virginia hosted USS L.Y. SPEAR (SS-244) to sponsor a day's activities at the club on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, 18 May 1981. A total of 181 youngsters and 42 adults (25 of the latter from L.Y. SPEAR) attended the day-long event activities included swimming, soft ball, basketball, table games, weightlifting and field sports. Additionally, a special miniolympic program entitled "Adapt-a-Kit" proved to be the high point of the day. This program involved 12 teams composed of one SPEAR volunteer and two children in a series of eight semi-final contests for prizes. Games such as "name-the-state, egg toss, steam race", and a basketball shoot were included. The day was filled with many activities and all in attendance were sure to see it all come to an end at the awards ceremony. Many new friendships were born and the children and volunteers totally enjoyed each others company.

To commemorate the day, there was an exchange of engraved plaques between L.Y. SPEAR and the Boys Club, each to be displayed for all to



enjoy. As a result of the overwhelming success of this event, plans are in the offing to stage similar activities on a regular basis.

#### AWARDS

1. L.Y. SPEAR/Houston Boys Club Weightlifting Team Challenge Trophy—Houston Boys Club
2. Individual Weightlifting Awards list and 1st Place—Houston Boys Club, 2nd Place—L.Y. SPEAR (Tom Froelich)
3. Adapt-a-Kit list  
FRAN Wainey with Patrick and David (above photo)



# CONGRATULATIONS!

## RETIREDMENTS

Robert W. Cox MMC (SB)  
for four years.

Deering Price MS2 for six  
years.

James S. Angelo TMS for six  
years.

Welcome back to the fleet!

## NEWLY ADVANCED

Congratulations to all the newly advanced enlisted personnel, taking the March 1961 Navy-Rate Exams, and to the Officers who were recently promoted. (Ensign Cannon is LTJG. LT Rowell and LT Washburn to LCDR.)



## FINAL PARADE

On Friday, 12 May 1961 at 1800, CR03 William A. Rottner USN retired to the Fleet Reserve as an MMCM after 33 and 5/8 years of active naval service. CR03 Rottner will soon be moving his wife and family to the Pacific Northwest where he will be employed by a civilian nuclear power plant.

During his naval career, Mr. Rottner was stationed on board seven ship commands, three nuclear-powered submarines (USS SCULPIN, USS H. L. SIMMONS and USS A. LINCOLN), a nuclear-powered auxiliary cruiser (USS NINEZE) and finally the submarine tender USS L. Y. SPEAR (ASB).

Present at the retirement ceremony were his wife and two children as well as his divisional personnel and officer and chief petty officers of ship company. CR03 Rottner was presented with numerous plaques and other mementoes of his naval career as L. Y. SPEAR's Commanding Officer. CAPT John E. Kinert, officially read the retirement orders. Mr. Rottner received honors as he was piped over the side and the host wishes of all L. Y. SPEAR's ship company went with him and his family for a most successful cruise which and following was.

LCDR E. S. THOMPSON  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER



## NAVY LEAGUE VISITS L. Y. SPEAR

On Saturday, 20 May 1961, Officers members of the Yuba Water Council, Navy League of the United States from Raleigh, North Carolina visited USS L. Y. SPEAR (ASB-04). Their day commenced with a luncheon in L. Y. SPEAR's Wardroom hosted by CAPT John E. Kinert, Commanding Officer, assisted by several wardroom members. Subsequently, a tour of the nuclear-powered, fast-attack submarine USS SILVERBUSH (SSN-578) was provided which proved to be of great interest to the group. The afternoon concluded with a guided tour of L. Y. SPEAR with commentary provided by the Ship Production Management Assistant, LCDR James Washburn and the Command Water Chief, SNCR Eugene Lewis. At the close of the day activities, CAPT Kinert presented each guest with a personalized souvenir photograph of L. Y. SPEAR as a remembrance of their visit.



# THE ADS

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EXT. 281

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DUED-12 to 18 MPG CITY,  
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\$2,300.00 OR BEST OFFER.

CONTACT-MMC WILLIAMS  
EXT. 260



## CLASSIFIED ADS

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