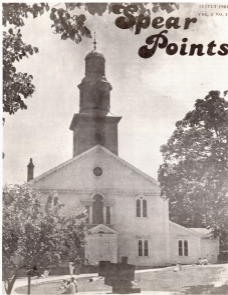


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Captain's Line

On 29, 30 June and 1 July the ship received its Operational Propulsion Plant Examination or OPPE. This examination is conducted by the CINCLANTFLT Propulsion Examining Board and tests the ship's ability to properly operate and maintain the engineering plant. After failing to complete an earlier OPPE on 29 April due to material problems, L.T. SPEAR was reevaluated the end of June, first of July and did very well. The OPPE includes in-depth evaluations of all equipment (assembly, material conditions and procedures). The crew is closely evaluated to test their ability to safely operate the engineering plant and to handle conditions that may occur. The performance of the Engineering Department was excellent. They spent many extra hours of hard work to prepare for the OPPE. Their sense of pride and professionalism in operating the engineering plant was obvious to the inspection team. Well done to our shipmates in Engineering and all members of the Ship's Fire Party who took part in the ship-wide drill.

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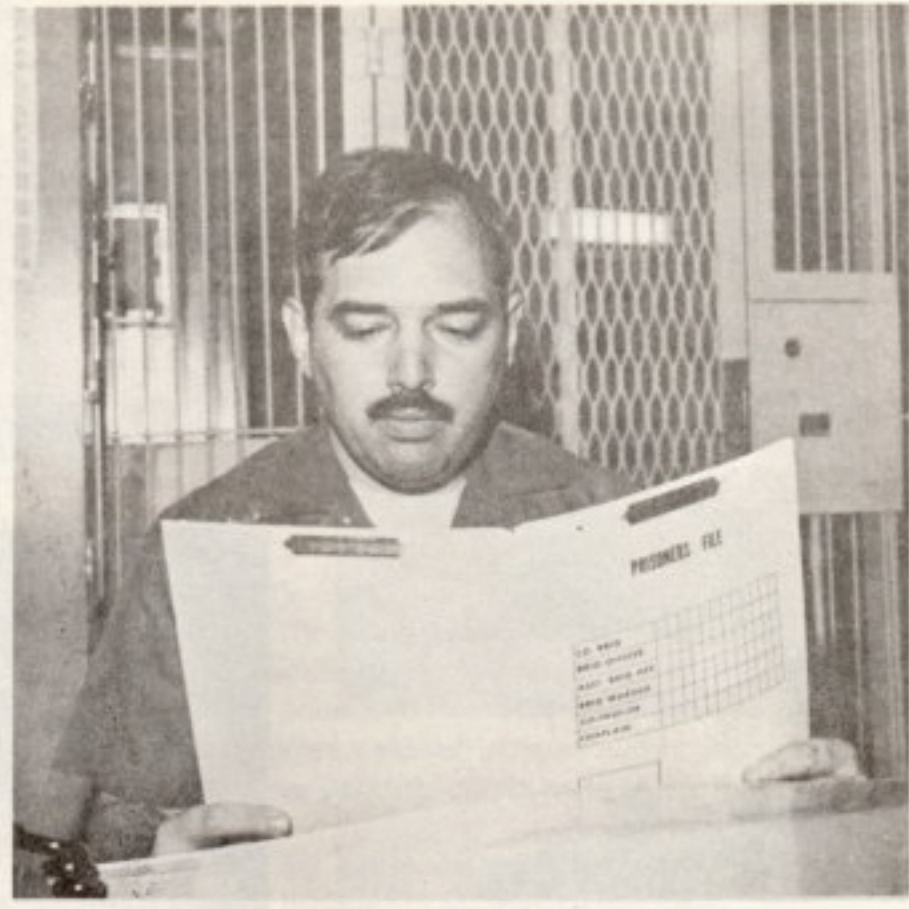
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Division Spotlight

MASTER-AT-ARMS FORCE

The Master-at-Arms Force is comprised of twelve men and two women. One Safety Team member is also assigned to the Force.

On 4 May 1973, the Secretary of the Navy approved the establishment of the Master-at-Arms (MA) rating.

The Master-at-Arms in today's Navy must be able to plan, supervise and perform security duties afloat and ashore including investigation, interrogation, apprehension, and correction. They must be able to enforce law and order, to maintain military discipline, investigate incidents and offenses under their cognizance, involving or occurring on government property and/or to personnel subject to the UCMJ. Master-at-Arms duties performed on board ship include organization and training of supplementary personnel assigned to the MA duties. Additionally they must maintain a liaison with local law enforcement agencies, render assistance and contribute to the welfare and general well being of Armed Forces Personnel, and prepare required records and reports.

The MA must have a good working knowledge of basic principles of police work.

The Chief Master-at-Arms is ENC Rahm with LPO, MA1 L.D. Vance. MA1 Vance is the only MA aboard at this time. He will go to MA school in August.



As sailors we all identify with the feelings of coming home after a long cruise away from our families. This poem was written as a tribute to those homecomings.

CHIRING BIRD

"Musical dell culture", is her usual we all like to hear, for it is the time we are able to run from the ship to meet our loved ones.

"Look how you've grown" my's son father, as he cradles to hold the child and mother. Another man to his son child for the first time.

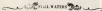
He holds the baby even though it is crying.

Others are standing on board thinking of how nice it would be to have someone. Someone to run to, someone to hold, someone to tell "I love you."

They look at a island and my "tomorrow, tomorrow that will be me."

With tears coming from their eyes, they turn to go home.

21. 552 Joe Pines



The designation for this devotional column of our newspaper is taken from Psalm 23, which many of you probably know by heart. In this Psalm David was more beautiful metaphors to describe the blessings of the life of one who allows God to be his or her shepherd. Take a moment to read this Psalm and let the remainder of this article summarize it briefly for you.

To say the least is one Shepherd is to say He is our Guide, Protector, and Provider. He supplies our every necessity so that we shall not want or lack any good things. He provides a rich, green, verdant landscape where we would like to live. He leads us beside streams of still waters - literally, waters of peace and refreshment, quiet waters that can sleep, abundant waters to sustain life. He restores us when we grow tired and weary. He restores stability to our life. He will lead us along the path of a right relationship with Him, and if He leads through a valley of shadows, we need not fear - not because He will necessarily spare us from death but because we know that even in the midst of death He will be there to revive us. He invites us to His full banquet table and in the source of our healing when His path us. He lifts the cup of our living to overflowing. Because the Lord is our Shepherd, we know that goodness and mercy which have their origin in God, will accompany us all the days of our future life. Because of the blessings our Shepherd bestows on our life, we will worship in His temple or home as long as we live.

The Psalmist David found a healing peace and contentment when he chose to let God shepherd his life.

If you have a favorite story, poem, or other work that speaks to life and would care to share it through STILL WATERS let us know.



FREE PRESS STAFF

As our first Trident class submarine (the SSBN 724) pulls out on sea trials, this new strategic weapons system dramatically illustrates again the importance of the submarine force in the defense posture of our nation. Increasingly, the contribution of the "silent service" is becoming the focus of attention from an interested and appreciative public. The completion this month of 2000 SSBN strategic patrols and the forthcoming introduction of Trident-class cruise missiles in SSBN's further attest to the increasingly significant role of the submarine.

It is important that all of us realize that the part we now play in the national defense and the international power demands, not always clear, the highest degree of skill and dedication. More importantly, the country expects the submarine force to be superior to any Naval force in the world and its submariners to be true professionals.

I continue to note with great satisfaction the impressive technical ability, resourcefulness and determination of the officers and enlisted personnel of the submarine force today. Our ability to successfully operate, maintain and support our increasingly complex ships and systems is even more noteworthy in the light of our significant shortages in manning requirements outlined previously. The high standards of performance and professionalism we practice continue to pay off in every way.

As I travel through the force I also am impressed with the pride shown by our officers and enlisted personnel toward their ships and their jobs. The increasing visibility and importance in the nation demand that we continuously demonstrate that same degree of pride by establishing and maintaining the highest possible standards of military appearance and personal appearance, whether in uniform on duty, or in civilian attire on liberty. Pride runs deep. Let's show it in every aspect of the way we do business.

YAGN S. A. White, USN

***** FAREWELL TO SPICAR

Parting here very hard to do,
especially when I am leaving someone like you.

You've been my escape from hell
as for now, I bid you, farewell.

BT WHO Psalmist Evans

***** GOVERNMENT...

Government is never a source of goods. Everything produced is produced by the people and anything that government gives to the people, it must first take from the people.

***** POUNDER THESE THOUGHTS

Have you ever noticed that people who do things get most of their criticism from people who do nothing?

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An Honest Mistake You Say?

UNCLE IS NOT EASILY FOOLED



Stealing careers of three armed forces members and a civilian employee were suddenly interrupted when they were caught cheating Uncle Sam severely.

A former member of the 1st Airborne had been receiving restricted rate BAO for a number of years since his divorce. His pretense of "I forgot to stop it," and "honest mistake" were uncovered by the armed investigations of dependency in the years following his divorce. In addition to his Article 15, he must reimburse the government the amount of overpayment - and he will do it from his 401-K pay.

An NCO, described as a man but the FBI, packaged concrete blocks and shipped them as baseball bats in his duty-owned PCS move. The inflated weight brought him several extra "bonus" dollars. He got an Article 15, suspended leave and a sizable fine/forfeiture - several times the amount of his "bonus."

An E-3 selected for special career training reported the theft of his stove system from his dormitory room. He filed a claim and was reimbursed for the loss. Investigation later revealed the E-3 had sold his stove to a friend and taken the theft in a claim to finance a costly new system. The official statement concerning the theft and false claim for reimbursement resulted in an Article 15 and an other than honorable discharge - one will be going to college at Uncle Sam's expense.

The civilian employee, recently promoted and in line for supervisory duties, filed TDY vouchers claiming air travel and non-availability of government quarters. He was paid accordingly, but the truth was that he used his PCS and stayed on base with a friend. His airline and motel receipts were false. He was fined.

The plain fact is that both have huge amounts of money and resources each year through fraud and its associated activities, waste and abuse. Who is responsible? There are many popular theories, but the largest contributors, by far, are dishonest people.

These criminals are a small percentage of the honest, professional worker family, but these things add up disproportionately account for a large share of the annual loss.

Who pays for the cost of these crimes? You do!

What can you do? If you see or suspect an irregularity, discuss it with your commander or other unit official. Or call the local criminal investigation office.

The Federal government is gearing up for war against fraud, waste and abuse. The Services have already won some battles.

If the war is won, the vigilance and awareness of all members is needed. -- taken from an article appearing in *Levy's Airman*, Levy AFM, Colo.

I HAVE TO LIVE LIKE YOU

I didn't have enough rope,
to tie you down.
You were just to tight,
to keep around.
I gave you your freedom,
but a dove you were not.
Let the world be your kingdom,
try trying it in a hour,
I hope you truly succeed,
and while things you need,
Remember what you left behind,
because from here is what the find.
Go and have yourself some fun,
Under upon the writing of the sun,
Waste it all money to an end,
remember you have a friend,
Take it easy and take it slow,
I hate to let you go.

BY MRS Nathaniel Evans

Congratulations!

NEW PROMOTIONS

LT Linda M. Fry, LT Linda L. Cooklett and LT Philip Wygan were recently promoted.

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