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Farewell Captain Kinert



On behalf of the crew of L. I. SPEAR I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and good luck Captain Kinert. The patience you showed throughout your time as Commanding Officer will not be forgotten. From the Ward Room to the last enlisted person, you have shown equal consideration and support. For those of us who were fortunate enough to have shared an "unofficial" conversation with you, we found an interesting and helpful friend.

In the short time I have been in the Navy I have found no one else of your caliber who could remember people's names and make them feel as if they were important to the mission of this ship and the Navy. You are a special man with a rare and cherished quality of making people feel needed and important. Your leadership and integrity are always of the highest quality.

As you leave us, please know that we reserve a special place in our memory for the Commanding Officer who took the time to care. Our fondest thoughts and best wishes go with you and your lovely family to your next command. Fair wind and following sea always.

The Father



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On 4 September, Captain Kiser completed two years as Skipper of L.Y. SPAR. During those two years, L.Y. SPAR deployed to Charleston and the Indian Ocean to support anti-submarine and, in some cases, surface ships. During those two years, L.Y. SPAR had port calls in the Mediterranean and along the East Coast.

The past two years were good years. Captain Kiser had the crew in mind. He supported all aboard and ensured that crew services were supported. He had a personal interest in the crew as individuals. He expanded the dining and personnel spaces. He instituted the suggestion box. He writes through the ship were well received because he cared for the personnel aboard.

Captain Kiser leaves L.Y. SPAR to report as Commanding Officer Neerwaine class, (Range) Washington. Our best in their path.

Thank you Cap'n!

COM U.S. TASSAY
SB, USN, L.Y. SPAR



Welcome to the L.Y. SPAR family Capt. Kelly. We hope you will enjoy your following tour as Commanding Officer.



Division Spotlight



Gee, is this where I check in with... In this place I get my ID Card? ... "I was told to come here to get a copy of my page two." These and many other such questions and problems are handled daily by the Personnel Office of the Personnel Office who are trained to help identify and resolve any problem you may have along these lines.

The mission of the Personnel Office is to provide record maintenance, receipts and transfers, maintenance and operations, personnel accounting, TAD's and about all-service to you. If you need a new ID card or you just want to check on your leave papers, then you need to be in our world of "learning" typewriters and "learning" telephones—the personnel office.





Mike Colby and Bill Armstrong from *R2D2* had a quiet moment during the busy day in their lives tonight.

THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK!

Here's a thought everyone should consider before speaking, thinking or taking action.

Consider yourself in another person's place. How would you feel if someone was saying unkind or untrue things about you?

There have been many people hurt by things that were said. Relationships that were special are destroyed because of a statement made by a cruel slaver.

If you don't know what is going on, keep your nose out of it. There are better things to do than make statements about other people's lives. It's not your business.

Let us know someone. Don't take things at face value. What you see is only part of the picture. Look inside and discover the goodness.

Please consider other people's feelings before you say something harmful.

PEGGY A. LENTZ
1983 1985

Still Waters

Most of us at some time or another have found ourselves in such a situation or predicament as to ask myself the question, "What am I doing here?" For I find it somewhat funny by newly-ordained dignitaries who found *Way Me* and/or the SPEAK routine too much of a contrast to their preconceptions.

I recall small an occasion when I asked myself this same question. When I began dating the one who is now my wife, I wanted to eat—the best inspiration possible as I took her to one of Cincinnati's finer restaurants (better than one of the fast-food burger places that more appropriately corresponded to my standard of living as a college freshman with very little money). We entered on glass carpeting and to the romantic strains of easy music. The waiter, in a white dinner jacket, reached up to a private table beneath the soft glow of a crystal chandelier and held the chair for my date. So far the evening was perfect. Then I opened the large leather-bound cover of a menu that would require a graduate student in French to translate; and when I saw the prices I wish needed an interpretation by a poor freshman, my wallet suddenly felt heavier than ever and I thought to myself, "What am I doing here?"

This question was more asked of the prophet Elijah. You can read the full story in 1 Kings 17-19. After Elijah had done the prophetic of that, I would want to have him killed within twenty-four hours. To escape, Elijah fled to into the wilderness and hid in a cave. It was there that God asked him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" The question was gentle yet firm and was intended for Elijah to think about why he had retreated in the cave. Perhaps we also need to reflect on our own answers to this question; for us, like Elijah, mark a point of time when we wonder what life is all about and retreat from uncomfortable situations into symbolic caves hiding and sheltering. Instead of actively working to make good things happen for us, we passively react to negative situations. Consequently, we cease to grow and feel purpose in our lives and we tend to become bitter and cynical.

"What are you doing here?" What are you doing for yourself while here on the SPEAK? What are you doing with your life? When you come to the end of life's way, will your bottom line read that it mattered that you lived at all?

CHRISTIAN J. L. COOK

Labor Day

7 SEPTEMBER 1983

Safety First

SAFETY PROPOSITIONS
AND COROLLARIES

- 1. PROPOSITION:**
No one is born safe.
- * COROLLARY:**
Every individual must be properly and thoroughly trained in all applicable aspects of safety.
- 2. PROPOSITION:**
Each individual must have a positive attitude concerning safety.
- * COROLLARY:**
Safe practices are the direct result of safety consciousness and application of knowledge.
- 3. PROPOSITION:**
To be self-sustaining, an attitude must be positively and frequently supported and reinforced.
- * COROLLARY:**
Positive supervisory support and recognition are prerequisites for sustained safe performance.

- 4. PROPOSITION:**
Previously obtained knowledge may be forgotten, mentally misapplied, or become invalid over time.
- * COROLLARY:**
Personal education must be a continuous and individual effort.
- 5. PROPOSITION:**
An unsafe attitude or practice by any one individual may, if unchecked, ultimately place another person in danger. (That person may be you.)
- * COROLLARY:**
No observed unsafe practice can be allowed to go uncorrected or unreported.

USS KITTAWAKE (AGM-10)
AWARDED THE MERCHANTS
END-COMMENDATION MEDAL



Capt. Cooper presents M. U. C.

On Friday, 14 August 1980, CAPT. R. S. Cooper, Commander Submarine Squadron SIX, presented the Merchants End Commendation Medal to the Officers and crew of USS KITTAWAKE (AGM-10). The citation reads as follows:

"For meritorious service during September 1980 while conducting an operation for the Chief of Naval Operations, Submarine SIX and USS KITTAWAKE (AGM-10) conducted a complex and difficult operation under adverse conditions. The results of the operation were of significant value to the defense posture of the United States. The professionalism and unflinching commitment of the personnel of Submarine SIX and

USS KITTAWAKE were truly superior throughout and contributed significantly to the success of the operation, made by their sustained vigilance, technical competence, and steadfast devotion to duty. The Officers and enlisted personnel of Task Unit 087.1 consisting of Submarine SIX and USS KITTAWAKE (AGM-10) reflected themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

JOHN LEBMAN
Secretary of the Navy

Congratulations to USS KITTEWAKE on a job well done and we are proud to have you as a member of Submarine Squadron SIX.

Get Smart

The first related woman to check about the USS L.S. SPEAR was Patti Herberts Book. Since that first March meeting she has happened to Party Office Book. She was the Alaska Sailor of the Quarter, the SPEAR Sailor of the Quarter, the SPEAR Sailor of the Year, the Squadron Sailor of the year, put on PFI and accompanied us on the 1980 Diego Garcia cruise. She leaves the SPEAR on

September 1 to go to San Diego, California, etc to work with the classification of new records.

Thanks for being a great softball, basketball, volleyball player, ESO Officer, friend and teacher. The example you set was always above reproach.

Farewell Party Office Book. We bid you fair winds and following seas.

Congratulations!

—RECRUITMENTS—

Jeffrey Paul Cope ETC for five years, Ricky Lee Morrison ETC for six years, Paul Michael Loren PRC for six years, Scott Allen Bos ETC for five years.

Welcome back to the fleet! We hope you will enjoy your coming reassignment and meet the new challenges head-on.

—WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT—

SNM Carter Carol of COMUSCIBON 005 and ETC July Blue Myers of the USS PINBACK 0005 029 will be united in Christ on the evening of September 25, 1981.



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