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CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING SELECTED-CAPTAIN!

From The Captain



As you all know L. Y. SPEAR is going to head up our shipboard living conditions now on board. Our living and working facilities are cramped and relatively unimproved. Space for individual storage is very limited. Messes are often noisy, busy and usually crowded and by large numbers of our shipmates. Cleanliness these factors with a few improvements, sleep quarters and the living and working spaces become unsatisfactory.

The ship has been awarded the material required to complete the habitability upgrade that we started during deployment. Chief Petty and his team will first complete the sink and vanity upgrade on each of 4 ships. Book contains one ship in order so that we can complete that portion of the habitability improvement. This program will help improve our living and working facilities, but we need your help and cooperation to make it a lasting improvement. Each of us must put up after ourselves and remind our shipmates to do likewise. Not only will our working and common use areas be more pleasant and usable, but our shipmates who clean these areas will have more time available for in-depth cleaning of the spaces. The effort required to be personally neat and pick up after yourself is a small price to pay for a cleaner, more pleasant ship to live and work on.

FAREWELL, J. E.

The founding father and Editor of Spear Points has just reached his Proposed Rotation Date. BMC Evans has received new orders for NKA, North Island, San Diego, California. J. E., his wife Betty and their three sons Dennis and Patrick, who were born while Pop was still cruising around in the Indian Ocean, will be leaving for California soon.

For all you still in getting the Newspaper started and for keeping her going, we would like to express our deepest gratitude and best wishes to you and your lovely family.

From the Staff of Spear Points

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DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting news stories to the 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 five to seven 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 feature interest stories, special events or something original like poetry will be accepted. Please keep articles short, clear and informative.

Chaplain's Corner



BRAVE GULF

When ENFA Michael Mikee (A, CW) and a half dozen other Spear soldiers went missing that first weekend in September they weren't thinking of anything more than an afternoon of recreation. But Mikee miscalculated the depth of the pool and hit his head on the bottom. Unable to move, his digammite had to keep him from drowning until the ambulance could arrive. Emergency surgery that night attached weights to Mikee's head. He was transferred to the Naval Hospital the next day. Since then, Mikee has been paralyzed from the shoulders down. He has had an operation to strengthen the spine so he can sit in a wheelchair. In October he was transferred to a VA hospital in Ohio which specializes in the rehabilitation of those with spinal cord injuries.

During the weeks that Mikee has been hospitalized, a number of Spear soldiers have visited him regularly. Some were from a gung, while others came from other units on the same docks. Some of those who visited Mikee were people he knew before the accident, but others, Mikee had not known. For those who made the trip it wasn't a couple of hours in the evening set aside to make the trip. For Mikee, it was the high point of a long, painful and boring day. Unless you've been in the hospital for a long period, it is hard to know how much a visit can mean. To those who have made the trip down here, BRAVE GULF: Caring about the digammite is what it's all about.

From The Editor's Desk

EDITORIAL...

Americans are presently enduring a shortage much more crippling than an energy crisis. Loving Washington happens, because there is so little they can do, the problem continues.

With the arrival of the Blessed Lady and the mother-man, a great deal of feelings and true emotions vanished with the usual dirt of the streets. The women brought forth a new breed of people who feared that a show of emotion would prevent an image of weakness. The wives of the arrested couples took on new burdens that are proving disastrous. These relationships ended in more divorce with more emotionally scarred children and fractured co-parents than ever before.

Children now look at their parents and, if they are still together, wonder why the affection between family members is no longer expressed. Husbands are afraid to offer help or ask for help for the sake of appearing to sustain the masculine image. Women are very insecure in this new blended role without a shoulder to cry on or even the freedom to cry.

The rights promise hope that Americans will break away from the mold society has set for them. Finding what is right for us individuals versus being role players. If the existing image we are supposed to project can be set aside, even at the risk of appearing to shed old traditional emotion here, we can find successful solutions to so many emotional problems.

Even if someone around thinks you are obsolete, show someone love today. Listen to a friend who needs you. With no ulterior motives in mind, give your kid a hug today, for that matter give your spouse a little hug too. You will be pleased with the result.

EDITORIAL BY
SUSAN STREET



Don't Forget...

Get your VETS badge
and Star Oct. 28-29!

VETERANS
DAY OCT. 28

3-M SAFETY UP CLOSE

The Safety Office is LTJG Day. The Safety Team working with him, includes BMC Colby, BMC Lewis, and BMC McDaniel. The Safety Office is located on the 01 level at compartment number 80-111-1-Q. They are a group of people dedicated to the task of supporting the command's and the Navy's policy of maintaining safety at sea. The Safety Team makes regular tours throughout the ship observing ship personnel at work.

During routine evaluations the team is there to ensure that proper safety measures are being used. While touring the ship our Safety Team is always on the lookout for anything that could be a hazard or cause an accident. Hazards such as loose ladder steps, handrails, safety chains and obstructions of any kind that hang or protrude, need to be corrected.

As a crew member, you should always be on the lookout for any kind of safety hazard, not only to protect yourself but also your shipmates. When you see a safety hazard somewhere in the ship, notify the Safety Center at Extensive-423. An investigation and action will be taken. Hazards within your own work area should be reported to your safety PO.

Remember safety is everyone's business!





Mike Day is also the 3-M Office and working with two are 3-M coordinators SAC Eilers, and WRT Campbell. The 3-M office is responsible to the SO for coordination and direct supervision of all administrative facets of the ship's 3-M program.

The 3-M duties include writing as the principle 3-M assistant to the SO, ensuring that the ship's 3-M system capabilities to keep current and distribute of QPR and special issue PMS documentation is made to work center supervisors in matters concerning 3-M systems and keeping them informed of changes they occur.

The 3-M coordinator supervises the functions of the 3-M office which include maintaining a file on 3-M drawings, regulations, notes and correspondence containing current, 3-M information. This office also screens, writes and dates all PMS feedback reports leaving the ship. We ensure that all properly completed PMS feedback reports are covered by departments or assigned.

energy conservation

SAVE ENERGY TODAY—PROTECT OUR TOMORROW

Saving energy today for use in our future is a challenge we must all face. The Navy's facilities must be maintained and adequately being stocked for today and tomorrow must be preserved. To do so requires total commitment to energy conservation by each of us.

Our petroleum energy supplies are increasingly being acquired through imports (nearly 92 percent of our total requirements) and the vulnerability of these imports is increasingly apparent particularly in view of the conflict in the Middle East. Higher prices for crude oil and other energy forms are reflected in total Navy energy costs which have gone from 1.1 percent of the Navy budget in 1975 to a projected 7.4 percent in 1988. Saving energy costs and supply vulnerability are issues directly on the future operational readiness of the Navy and on our personal lives.

Only by being aware of the need to save energy and making a concerted effort every day in all areas of our daily lives can we improve our current situation and chance of having enough energy in the future. Success demands involvement by every member of the crew. What can YOU do?

1. Remove unnecessary fans, especially at the end of working hours when no longer needed.
2. Remove unnecessary lights in offices, storerooms, and work spaces at the end of the workday.
3. 44 kts. by berthing passageways and berthing areas for 100.
4. In cold weather, wear proper clothing and keep thermostats turned down (62 degrees F).
5. In warm weather, wear proper clothing, keep thermostats turned up (78 degrees F), and maintain air conditioning flow rates.
6. Report and repair leaks and water leaks.
7. Take easy showers.
8. Car-pool and observe the 15 MPH speed limit.

These are only a few examples. The best thing you can do is to be energy conscious at all times. Don't waste energy!

W.J. MEAR, LTJG, USN
Energy Officer

WATER CONSERVATION

If you haven't heard yet, the Norfolk area is suffering from a lengthy period with less than normal rainfall which has resulted in area reservoirs being well below normal. Mandatory water conservation measures have been invoked. L.V. 99144 must reduce its average water consumption by 25%.

The ship's average daily consumption compared for the month of March 1980 prior to our deployment was about 23,000 gallons per day. A 25% reduction equates to a little over 18,000 gallons per day. It is well within our capacity to achieve this goal with a little conscientious effort. Check your gauges frequently for leaks and report them to DC Division, General Work Shop (see 301). Always take a very shower. The average shower with the water running continuously uses about 25 gallons of water. A very shower can reduce this drastically to about 8 gallons. Make sure that the water is turned off after your shower. A dripping faucet can easily waste 25 gallons of water a day. Conserve Water—Don't Waste.



NAVY ENERGY AWARENESS

ENERGY AWARENESS WEEK, OCT 27-NOV 2

WASHINGTON (NSP) . . . "Save Energy Today—Protect Our Tomorrow" is the theme for this year's Energy Awareness Week.

The third annual Department of the Navy Energy Awareness Week will be held from OCT 27 through NOV 2, 1982.

The purpose of the observance is to inform the entire naval community how the Navy and Marine Corps are achieving their energy resources management objectives and to emphasize how important each individual is to the overall energy conservation program. All ships, units, stations and activities will mark the week-long observance with rallies, demonstrations, speeches and other activities that focus on the need to conserve energy.

With enthusiastic participation, the Department of the Navy Energy Awareness Week can provide a positive contribution, helping the Navy conserve. "Save Energy Today—Protect Our Tomorrow" is more than just a slogan, it is a feeling.

IMPROVEMENT! IMPROVEMENT!

ETC Laws and their volunteers have reevaluated the Habitability team, commonly called a "Tiger Team". At the top of their list of many things to do is the upgrading of the crews berthing and head facilities.

Chief Laws says he is going to emphasize repairing the washlines in the heads and the installation of shower doors on each stall for a little more of a home environment. Also privacy curtains will be installed on all top bunks for those who like to read in the wee hours of the evening. Those who can't sleep with the TV and lights approach lights beeping away, will be able to close it all out and get the sleep they need.

In conclusion Chief Laws and his crew volunteers seem to be getting the job done very well. If you have any other helpful, suitable ideas or if you would just like to say thanks, get in touch with them. Their new office is located at 1-81-1 EXT 311.

BY RITA WALDORF



CAREER COUNSELING CENTER

If you are interested in contacting your details, discussing the extension program, officer program, educational program or just want to discuss your benefits while in or after you get out of the fleet, stop by the career counselor office. The office is located at 1-81-04. The command career counselor is JOC HARRIS and the contract career counselor is BSC HARRIS.

ON THE GUARD-III PROGRAM

Guard III Program provides for two guaranteed assignments, one of which must be used at the first mobilization. The second guaranteed assignment may be used at the member's discretion any time prior to commencement of the twenty-fifth year of service.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

All personnel that (and eligible E-4s through E-6 with two or more years of active service, but less than 22 years service are eligible.

Members must be within 6 months of NSAN as extended (includes page 11 agreement for extension). Personnel may mobilize prior to any signed extension agreement of 18 months or less (including operative), however, member must mobilize for a period equal to the unextended extension plus 6 years.

PLAY IT AGAIN SPARK!

Three good musicians are presently performing on the USC LST SPARK Command Band. We have been playing as a group for about seven months. We have instruments of our own but some people choose to rent their own.

We practice for about an hour on Mondays in the band room before the uniform/board stop. If you are interested in becoming a member of the band you may come to practice or get in contact with one of the old members or with Chaplain Miller at ext. 44.

Our trumpet are MOPN Egan and BCT Bellows. PNO Robinson plays the piano and SMO Naughton the flute. Our sax Chaplain Miller is the director and also plays the flute. We have one other off set who participates in the band, Lt. Shivers from the dental department is the trombone player. BCT Robinson plays the baritone, BSNFN Clark the bass and BCO McKinley plays the clarinet. Two people are on percussion, BSMN Loney and BCT Roward. BSMN Street plays the cymbals.

On September 30 we were the musical centerpiece for the decommissioning ceremony of the USS LST GILMORE 6514. Our performance was commended by the Commander and our Captain.



ARGENTINE VOTING

NOTE
SPARK

Government has allowed members of the Armed Forces and other organizations assigned outside the country or their homelands, to vote by absentee ballot since 1942. You must register with the (local, county or state you wish to place your vote in. The voting material arrives on board the SPARK in NYC Special.

To obtain an absentee ballot application and more information about voting, contact Chief Lynch in the ship's Admin Office. Take advantage of your American heritage, VOTE! (If you don't use it, you lose it!)

SPECIAL SERVICES

FOOTBALL REUNION

This year our ship has two football teams represented in the 3rd Naval District Youth Football League. Currently team No. 1 and 2 are tied for second place with a 4-1 record. They are a group of hardworking and diligently practicing men and they could use our support. Come on out to the next game and give the boys a cheer. Game times will be announced through the POB.

REMINDER

Unless previous arrangements have been made, you have only 72 hours to return your checked out from Special Services. You are making it more difficult for your dignitaries to visit athletes just when you do not return passes as scheduled. Remember this when you check something out so that it will be there the next time when you or someone else needs it.

DID YOU KNOW?

Special Services, as a benefit to all members, has been arranging special weekend rates for trips to areas of interest. On September 28, we hosted a trip to Atlantic City for the nominal fee of only \$4.00 per night for motel rooms. The transportation was free. We had a terrific time and all who participated were glad they had decided to come along. Information concerning further weekend trips will be announced in the POB or call RCJ Lead in the Athletic Gear Locker at 319.

BY RCJ LEAD
SPECIAL SERVICES

CLASSIFIED ADS

Motorcycle for sale? 1973 HONDA 750cc COMMANDO. Just finished total rebuild. VERY FAST!! Deal is for only \$1,600.00. Contact RCJ Lead at 483 or 589 WLTA-TV.

Motorcycle for sale? 1973 HONDA/CAG "BEAR" 1000, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, generator, new tires, starter, shocks, etc. 20,000 miles.

Professionally maintained by a racing team this bike on wheels can be seen by calling RCJ Lead WLTA-TV at 483 or 589. The asking price is \$7,000.00 but negotiable, we need the money.

CLASSIFIED ADS

ITEM # DESCRIPTION

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NAME:

PHONE:

SEND SPEAR POINTS HOME!

FROM _____

483-1111

589-1111

TO _____



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