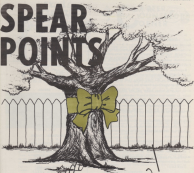


SPEAR POINTS



*Welcome
Home
Hostages!*



CAPTAIN'S LINE

In just over a month the March Examination in Rate examinations will be held for Third, Second and First Class Petty Officers. It is not too late to complete all of your individual requirements and study for the examination. Turn in your completed course to PWI Book in ESO before February 15, 1961.

Completion of your individual studies in connection with a Naval Career or not, advancing in the or your rate in the Navy during your obligated service is of significant benefit to you. Advancement not only brings higher pay and the opportunity to train and utilize more aspects of your rate, but it also represents achievement and effort on your part comparing with thousands of your contemporaries in the Navy. Officers schools and companies recognize this and they honor those individuals who have advanced themselves in the Navy. On Spear we depend on our diligent learning and advancing themselves to carry on our day-to-day work.

Your inside course has all the information you need to know to be successful on the examination. I recommend that each of you spend thirty minutes to an hour each day reviewing the book so that you can study for the March Exams.

Good Luck!

News Briefs

On January 26, 1961 the United States of America (represented by Justice Brennan, French Depute, On the one hand the 1954-1955 Agreement, had savings for four hundred and forty-four days in that year released.

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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. Day human interest stories, special events or something original like poetry will be accepted. Please keep articles short, clear and informative.

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Winter SHAPE-UP

VISIT YOUR GYM EVERY WEEK

Energy Outlook

CONSERVE!

How many times have you seen an TV, heard on the radio, or seen advertisements urging you to conserve energy? There is a very good reason for the big push on energy conservation . . . and it's heating cost!

Take a look at the steps you are taking to conserve. Are you really doing your share? One good way to realize just how much you spend toward utilities is to take a look at the expense of not conserving. Take all of your electricity, water, gas and any other bills you pay on a monthly basis. Place each place them in an envelope marked approximately for a year. Try to calculate with each month. Check for weather stripping around doors and windows, insulation, and heating plants. I did up the bills at the end of the year, taking notes of the rise and put in the amount you paid. You can save money by using energy.

Telephone's biggest problem is the time, it is of course the same amount. Naturally we have had to live up to the bill. If we don't conserve drastically we won't have any at all!

AL Gault
R132 - TV

BONDS

- Color your savings red, white, and blue.
- Be loyal, thrifty, and smart.
- Yes.
- There is a bond from your country.
- Yes.
- It bonds with your country.
- Four and a half percent, it bonds to you!

Fleet's given "A" school priority

WASHINGTON DESK . . .

As an added incentive to conserve for owners of the fleet, DAFOP (DAFOP has offered the policy that fleet owners for the "A" schools will receive priority in some assignments.

The fleet "A" school plan for fiscal year 1981 also places emphasis on the ratings that are usually required through other maintenance programs. Funding levels being provided

to fleet commanders to support your maintenance needs.

It has been shown that in districts who were "A" school after serving in the fleet, successfully completed "A" school more frequently than non-maintenance, therefore, have a greater tendency to receive information regarding application procedures can be found in the Pamphlet (DAFOPERS 1000C).

Cheap Airfare Ends On March 31, 1981

Flying across the United States can be a lot cheaper for members of the military on leave or furlough.

At least until the end of March, that is.

For the period which started on October 13, 1980, and will end on March 31, 1981, the Military Travel Management Personnel negotiated an agreement with several major U.S. airlines for a 50 percent reduction in airfares rates.

The reduction applies only to Round-trip tickets on local duty traveling to their own homes and personnel who have been discharged from active duty whose travel is comparable with crew duty of discharge.

Major Airlines—American Airlines, United Air-

lines, Eastern Airlines, Continental, Braniff, Northwest, Piedmont, Eastern, Trans World, and Trans World Airlines—offer the discounts on domestic routes. USA and USAir apply the discount on all domestic routes, while the remaining carriers offer the discount on selected routes. However, most of these airlines offer a 25 percent discount on tickets not approved by the largest discount. Trans World offers airlines also offer a 25 percent furlough fare discount.

To obtain the discount, you must show your points identification card or a copy of separation orders when purchasing the tickets.

Need School Help?



If you're attending a college or university or have children who are doing so, there is a special aid, even if you're not on the Federal aid program for students.

The U.S. Office of Education provides you students a special aid program. Here are:

- Basic Educational Opportunity Grants,
- Supplemental Educational Grant, Opportunity Grant,
- College Work Study,
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Grant,
- Health Education Assistance Grant.

Requirements

To be eligible for aid under any of these programs, you must be enrolled at least full-time as a regular student in an eligible program of one of the states that U.S. colleges, universities, community colleges, technical schools, or private schools are serving that take part in the Office of Education financial aid program.

You must also be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident with an I-205 or I-206 alien registration bearing card, and you must show financial need to participate in any of the six programs.

Another requirement is that you must be making satisfactory progress toward the completion of your course of study.

Information available

The place to start for any of the programs is at the financial aid office of the school you are attending or want to attend.

There you can find out what programs, if any, the school takes part in.

Before making that step, you may want to fill a free copy of Student Status-File National Financial Aid Program.

To get your copy, send your name and address to a postcard to the Financial Information Center, Dept. 9878, Pueblo, Colorado 81001.

Don't delay. Some of the applications have to be in the hands of the schools as early as next March 1981.

New 'T' Tire Designed as Space Saver

If you thought a new car model, chassis and only engine and with a spare tire inside. Different from the first car that runs on the ground.

The new temporary spare—identified by the letter "T" in the sidewall code, with an 832571000—was designed for extra weight and space.

The T-type tire resembles an original industry tire. It is designed for short-term use only when one of the regular tires fails.

The T-type must not be driven continuously at speeds over 50 miles per hour. Its rated life is only about 1,000 miles.

It is designed for use just long enough to enable you to get the car to a service station for repair of the regular tire.

If you have one of the new T-type spares, never attempt to be kept inflated to its normal

inflation pressure and never take pressure. Anything less could cause tire failure.

If you want to upgrade, take a look in the trunk of your car or your thinking tank.

You'll find, for instance, that even the trunk space reserved for the T-type spare will not accommodate any other type of spare tire.

And if the spare seems more than T-type size, read your owner's manual again carefully to avoid an extra road problem.

Flying? Get tickets without delay

WASHINGTON (UPI)—If you plan to travel by air on official travel, get your requirements to your transportation office as soon as possible. Even a day's delay could result in a fare jump of \$100 or more.

Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) officials warn that airline deregulation allows airlines to file fare changes on one day's notice or less. The fare charged in the case is often as low as the ticket is actually issued, not the fare that may have been quoted earlier. Planning is encouraged so schedules will not have to be changed and delays reduced. Any change in an original flight or some part of a multiple flight schedule means the issuing command will have to pay any fare increase which may have taken place after the original ticket was issued.



Early planning and advance reservations also mean tickets can be purchased at discount fares. Travelers should un-

derstand transportation personnel for advice on fares and information regarding what else and how available.

April 1 Deadline Set For Discharge Review

WASHTON—Servicemembers who received less than honor able discharges have until April 1, 1982, to apply for review. VA Director Max Cleland announced in Washington, D.C.

The current 18-year statute has no applying for review of such discharges has been waived for an additional six months, he said.

Applications for a discharge review, or the correction of a previous record, was filed in compliance for VA benefits in many other cases. Servicemembers were particularly eligible. Eligibility is based on discharge from the service under conditions other than dishonorable.

But the VA head pointed out that repeated discharges do not lead automatically to eligibility. He cited the example of discharges awarded as a result of administrative ac-

tion in excess of 180 days. These discharges could result ineligibility for VA benefits regardless of discharge review board actions unless the veterans can show compelling circumstances.

Discharge Review Boards and Correction Boards are maintained by the Army, Air Force, and the Navy. Applications for such services may be directed from any VA regional office and from regional veterans service organizations in local communities.

The VA head pointed out that applicants and a free information package on the program may also be obtained by writing to:

Mail Discharge Review
P.O. Box 81
St. Louis, Mo. 63108

When writing, veterans must include their service number and branch of service.



TMT

Gas Cans Are No Go

Even though it's tempting to do, remember these words: There isn't a safe way to store gasoline!

Vapors from gasoline stored in the trunk or garage can be ignited by a flame, a spark, or even a lit cigarette light.

If you are thinking of carrying gasoline in a can to your car's trunk, don't do it. Vapors from the can alone are likely to fill the trunk and the passenger compartment. If the vapor

is ignited by a collision or any type of flame, a fatal explosion could result.

If you absolutely must carry extra spare gasoline, write to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20541, for a copy of their booklet "Gasoline Is Made To Explode."



"A-DIVISION"

The Auxiliary Division, better known as A-Division, consists of the following shops. These shops are the Steam Shop, the Hydraulics Shop, the Air Conditioning/ Refrigeration Shop, the Generator and Inverter Shop, and the Diesel Generator Shop. Each shop is an integral work center within A-Division and has many responsibilities to the whole ship.

The Steam Shop is responsible for the laundry and dry cleaning plant, galley equipment and steam heat. The Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Plant has food storage and air conditioning throughout the ship, along with the ice machine. The Generator and Inverter Shop processes flexible work from loaded cells such as, retaining inverter and generators. Addition-

ally they provide emergency electrical power for the Span. The Hydraulics Shop plant (HNP) plant provides nitrogen and high pressure air to submarines. The Generator and Converter Shop is responsible for the gas and oil-fired heating system, the control room, the elevator, computers, forward water systems, stern water, after steering, the wind-up and communication ladder.

A-Division is headed by Ralph Higgins, Division Officer and NMC Supervisor and DMC Editor the Division UFDs. Fifty personnel are assigned to A-Division.

Key technical officers should contact one of the above or someone you know from A-Division.



THE AUXILIARY DIVISION UP CLOSE



Action Line

Interest Rates Boosted On Savings Bonds

United States Savings Bonds and Savings Notes become more attractive with a boost in their interest rates.

The interest rate on Series EE Bonds purchased on and after November 1, 1980, was increased from seven percent to eight percent, compounded semi-annually, when the bonds are held to original maturity. The term to maturity was decreased from 11 to nine years.

The interest rate on Series EE Savings Bonds purchased on and after November 1, 1980, was increased from six and one-half percent to seven and one-half percent to their original maturity which is limited to 10 years.

All outstanding Series E, EE, H, and HH Savings Bonds, as well as outstanding Savings Notes (Previous Series) also benefited from a one percent increase in their real interest rates.

The President acted to increase the interest rates with the signing of legislation which permits the Secretary of the Treasury, with presidential approval, to raise Savings Bonds interest rates by up to one percent during any six-month period. Previously the interest rate ceiling was fixed by statute.

The law was taken to give small savers a fair return and to encourage increased savings as part of the government's efforts to reduce inflation and provide the investments needed to restructure the nation's economy.

Depending on market conditions, a further rate increase of up to one percent may be made as early as May 1, 1981.

Outstanding benefits of the Series EE Bonds include their exemption from state and local income taxes, the option to take federal income taxes on accrued interest, the low minimum purchase price of \$50, and the right to receive the Bonds anytime after six months at the issue price plus accrued interest.

Mobile Home Owners

FTC Asking Comments on Proposed Reg

If you're one of the estimated 10 million mobile-home owners—and many more mobile-home renters in this group—you might find it worth your time to file the reaction Form with Trade Commission staff office.

When you can read through the FTC's staff report on a proposed trade regulation to mobile home sales and rentals.

The FTC is getting the comments from the public and reacting to the report and the proposed rule.

At last, though, benefits for consumers in December 1980. Under the proposed rule, FTC reports would be required for all definite contract under a mobile home lease, sale, swap, and installment sale not set for the work completion.

Comments on the report and the rule may be sent to: Raymond E. Bates, Director, Federal Trade Commission.

416 Newark & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20540.

Credit Cards Becoming Global "Coin"

Credit cards are fast becoming the world's money.

You can now draw in almost every country of the world.

And, you can use them in every country of the world.

If you take immediate action to travel your fees, you will have the greatest one.

If your credit card is lost or stolen, report it immediately. You are not liable for any purchases made by an unauthorized user after you have reported the theft or loss. The issuing company must verify you when the loss or theft is to be reported.

If you don't see this enough and the credit card is not the one you can report to, the maximum amount that you can be held liable for is \$50.

GUARD YOUR CREDIT CARDS.



Does Your State Give TAX BREAKS For Energy Savings?

While most businesses are aware that the federal government encourages energy conservation by permitting part of the cost of certain energy-saving measures to be deducted from federal income taxes, few are aware that many states have similar incentive programs.

The Department of Energy lists the following states as offering some type of energy tax incentive. If you own a home or use an energy-related business, check with your state to determine what tax breaks you might be eligible for before you complete your state tax for this year.

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| Arizona | California | North Carolina |
| Colorado | Connecticut | North Dakota |
| Delaware | Florida | Ohio |
| Illinois | Georgia | South Dakota |
| Indiana | Idaho | Tennessee |
| Iowa | Michigan | Texas |
| Kansas | Minnesota | Virginia |
| | Mississippi | Washington |
| | Montana | Wisconsin |
| | Nebraska | |
| | New Jersey | |

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday



February
12th

Consumer Cupboard

Q—This morning a salesman knocked on your door and sold you \$100 worth of books. You have reconsidered the purchase and do not want the books. Can you cancel the sale contract?

A—Yes. There is a three-day cooling-off or rescission period on most door-to-door sales transactions totaling less than \$25. You can avoid the problem by signing the cancellation form that the seller is required to give you and mailing it to the address given for cancellation. This must occur before midnight of the third business day after the day of sale.

CAR FAX

If your brakes do go totally out, don't take a long spin to slow down, pull off the high way, and gradually apply the emergency brake. Do not try to drive on. Have your car towed to a repair shop.

More than 10 million Americans have died in traffic accidents. That's more deaths than in all America's wars.

A consumer can save up to \$100 a year on a vehicle daily saved by its operating. A Department of Transportation study shows. Crashes and repairs are available just about everywhere. . . get into one and save.



First Impressions
can last a long time.

Introducing the new
Fingerprint Scanner
by **SECURITY**





"That's my safety at work. He takes safety very seriously."

FROM THE SIDE OF THE SAFETY OFFICE

Safety is not something you can take or leave. It is not an activity that is participated in only when one is being watched or supervised or when there's a safety officer around. Safety is not gestures, slogans, or rules, nor is it meetings, investigations, or inspections.

Safety is an attitude—a frame of mind. It is the conscious awareness of one's environment and actions all day, every day. Safety is knowing how to prevent that injury or damage and then acting to prevent it. To do this does not require a genius, a Ph.D., or even a title or rank. All it requires is common sense and a reasonable amount of native ability to see, hear, smell and THINK. To improve practice does not include a heavy process, only a healthy one. To do things safely and correctly is the work of a wise person and a good one.

Light as the best of the Federal Department's Best's I just did. Writing "safety" without use of peripheral vision. Very curious how this caused that odd "safety vision," a slight narrowing of your field of view, is one of the side effects of computer reading.



You women from SPUR are proudly participating in the United Way Women's Basketball League for 1981. The SPUR Team has won three games and lost one. Their coach is POC Alexander and the team's manager is EUG Debbie Lee. If you are interested in going to see the team, see one of them for more information.

Promotions

Congratulations to the personnel advanced to new ratings the company on the selected Friday locally, January 14. They earned their promotions after taking the September Exam.

The March Navy Wife Exam is coming up soon, so you should have your resumes by February 15.

REINSTATEMENTS

The Robert B. Boyd is notified for six more years of service to the Navy. He will be serving on the SPUR for about two more years.

THE Dennis Brian Smith notified for four more years in a ceremony attended by his wife. They are happy a new home with his reinstatement home.

Walt Leback B. Hauer notified for four more years. He will be going to M&I School in Fort McJannet, Alabama. His wife attended the ceremony held in the Fleet Mess.

RETIREE

EDD Nancy Pealy retired on January 14 with twenty-two years of service to the Navy. His wife, one, two daughters, mother and father attended the ceremony held in the Chief's Mess. He will continue to be one and work for a while time here in Norfolk.

THANKS FOR YOUR FUEL...

Thanks for the invaluable contribution of your time and talent. DENIS Heidi Becker, WEE Kate Woodfill, and WISS Nancy Curran.

These Spurr Promoted have given many hours of dedicated service to the youth in the Boy's Club of Norfolk/Virginia Beach and have received great fulfillment from the time spent working with these children.

If you are interested in spending some of your time in a new good contribution to the community, please contact Thomas L. Davis, Club Director or Gary Martin, Group Club Director at 400-2311.



Chapel Services are held every Sunday morning on the L7 SPUR. Both Protestant and Catholic Services are held in the 4-1 lowest class and conference room.

Protestant 10:00
Catholic 11:00

Both Devotion and Prayer Services are held during the week in the Messy as follows:

IN PORT Miss Study
11:00 - 12:00
Tuesday and Thursday
47 01a Morning Prayer Service
07:00 - 07:15
Bells
Bible Study
07:00 - 08:00
Wednesday and Thursday

Everyone is invited to join in the fellowship service.



On Friday the afternoon of February 21 0800 L.T. SPEAR will be pulling up his socks to go out in the bucket to treat scorpions at exchange. We will be having a number of drills along the way and on Tuesday of today we will be arriving in New York City.

This will be SPEAR's second trip to New York since his commissioning in 1976. He will be there for a three day stay in the "Big Apple." The SPEAR is scheduled to leave for Norfolk on Friday the twentieth and arrive on Saturday the twenty-first in the afternoon.



CAREER COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Join the Elite of the Fleet

In 1980 when the Navy's first submarine, USS *Ohio*, SSBN-598, became operational, the Submarine Service began making major strides. It continues to make history and its members are proud to represent the Submarine Service in writing and demanding. Only personnel who meet the highest standards of personal conduct and reliability are allowed into the program.

Submarine Types and Missions

Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBN): These submarines carry the Polaris and Trident missiles and are the backbone of the nation's strategic deterrent force. Each SSBN has two crews and each crew is always on duty half the time. The internal space in the officers' quarters is limited, reducing sleeping, exercising, and leisure time. Crew time is split 50-50 between the two crews.

Fast Attack Submarine (SSN): These submarines carry the Trident missile and have the most modern operations and more space than SSBNs and are generally anti-submarine warfare oriented. The duty is generally four months from SSBNs, but the schedule is not predictable.

Submarine School

Submarine School is a seven week course taught at Groton, Connecticut, and provides a basic introduction to submarine and associated systems. It provides you with the knowledge necessary to join your submarine ready to begin your submarine program.

Submarine Qualification

Every person on board a submarine, from the captain to the lowest seaman, is required to qualify in submarine qualification courses. A lot of hard work and study during about 16 weeks submarine, will lead your particular work area. When you have earned your "qualifier," which equals submarine qualification, you will be recognized as just who you are a challenge and can be fully trusted by the command. You will have earned an elite group and can be truly proud.

Application Procedures

The Submarine Force is accepting applications in the following ways:

BY MAIL OR BY VISITING THE USN
 601 GLENN BLVD. ST. PETERSBURG

All requirements necessary for acceptance into the Submarine Force are outlined in Chapter Four of the Submarine Transfer Manual. If you don't meet a particular requirement, you can request a waiver which will be considered in light of your performance record and your commanding officer's recommendation.

Submit your request for submarine duty utilizing an Enlisted Personnel Action Request (EPAR) (DD Form 1300-1). Be sure to get a submarine physical and submit the results along with your request. The Enlistment (EET) personnel to be assigned to USN offices, will confer with your commanding officer normally, and be assigned to ensure you a smooth transition into the submarine community.



GET SMART



C.E.D. REEPLAINT

Congratulations to the following personnel who were presented with their General Education Development Certificate by the Commanding Officer on Thursday, 22 January 1981 in the Captain's Cabin. This is an outstanding achievement and these people have worked many hours to get their High School Diploma.

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| PA Alford | RTTC L Lark |
| WOB Bandy | YN J. Baker |
| PC Garcia | MS S. Swearing |
| RTTC Grigs | and Many |

If you are interested in going the Navy to work for you in getting your education credit PFI Book is 500 or 647 tab.

NAVY PARENTS' DAY
 FEBRUARY 24





Black
History
Month

February

1983 DOUGLASS



Congratulations to LT Dan and Frances Brown. They are the proud parents of Cassius Lee. He was born on December 28, 1982 and weighed in at seven pounds and three ounces.

**PLEASE HELP ME
FIND MY PUPPY**

The is about eighteen inches high and weighs in the name of "Navy". She is usually black but has brown markings. She was weighed on January 4 at 10:15 AM at Union View. If you help me find her you can have the \$100 dollar (100000) reward I am offering. See or call 1975 Patricia "Navy" Finckelstein at 221 or 444-0434.

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