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CAPTAIN'S LINE

We can expect to approximately double the number of women assigned to U. T. SPEAR between now and August. Because of this there will have to be a number of leading competent skills so that we can provide accommodations for our new shipmates.

I know some of our shipmates may feel put upon or otherwise intimidated by these duties however, I think we have the opportunity now to correct some long standing problems with current leading assignments at the same time.

These new women will affect expected losses in our manning in the next few months allowing us to stabilize the crew. Without them, we would really be short handed as we were last fall upon return from our deployment.

I urge all of you to welcome our new shipmates and help in indoctrinate and train them to become contributing crew members in every way possible.

L. T. SPEAR LIGHT AND POWER

The Engineering Department deserves a gold star for their performance during the last underway. The success of the Underway Training Team over reflects the best work of the Engineers to improve equipment, the training and qualifications of the newly reported personnel and the cost improvements in the prosecution of the engineering space. While much remains to be done in the next few months, the Engineering Department has demonstrated its professionalism and pride in our very successful underway. WELL DONE!

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Most of us were raised in an environment where certain courtesies were common place and expected. Because they were common place we took them for granted and we expected those courtesies to be paid us. When we didn't receive an expected courtesy, we were disappointed, angry or hurt. Some of these common courtesies we may have included expecting someone else to step back out of our way when we were carrying a heavy load, someone stopping to assist us when we were lost, or someone offering us the best place to stand on the table. There were probably hundreds of these courtesies we expected to be shown us.

In the Navy there are courtesies demanded by regulation as well as by custom and tradition. One specific courtesy that I have observed on L-7, SP4B is that most times I have been aboard that neither one proud of my status as a commander is that courtesy of providing helpful information to guests. I have received a number of favorable comments from visitors regarding the assistance provided them by commanders when these visitors were looking for maps, officers or individuals.

Other courtesies I have noted are somewhat lacking. Visitors are given half heartedly or not at all. Reminders to Naval Training we were taught that Fi-

shing was considered to strengthen ties of the crew and members of the recipient. A steady stream of visitors is important and to be treated with the highest of regards in one of our oldest customs. The other however is more than a courtesy it is a regulation.

Being way is another custom we all need to break up. Visitors need to make way for members of the crew, entering and leaving compartments, in gangways and in other areas where passage is restricted. Also we should continue to make way for guests who are courteously helped. Forwarding down a gangway and having our shipmates to wait while they are carrying a heavy piece of equipment is not showing them any courtesy.

L-7, SP4B has a crew that cares about others -- just ask our visitors. Let's strive to show that care for our shipmates.

YOUNG LARRY
CHINAPOE NAVAL TRAINING CENTER



*From
Dental*

Flossing is an essential part of your dental disease control program. It is important to floss carefully and thoroughly every day. Flossing is a skill that needs to be learned. Don't be discouraged with your first attempt after a while flossing will take only a few minutes of your time. Here are some helpful suggestions to choose while using dental floss:

1. Use an 18" to 20" length of floss and wrap it around your middle fingers.
2. Use your thumb and index fingers as guides for the upper teeth and your two index fingers as guides for the lower teeth.

3. Be gentle in working the floss between your teeth. Don't "snap" the floss into your gums.
4. Always curve the floss with the contour of your teeth and wrap up and down.
5. When first using floss, use a disclosing tablet to stain the plaque. As you floss you should remove the stained plaque from the sides of each tooth. After you become skilled you will be able to floss without staining or using a mirror to guide you.

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THE FAL SENIORS GET DIPLOMAS

Two Officers and ten Petty Officers from Naval Reserve Unit 45-06 (SPAR 001) and from Little Creek, Virginia and the Officers and nine Petty Officers from Naval Reserve unit 44-06 (SPAR 007) and from Little Creek, Virginia were embarked on Active Duty for Training (ADDT) on 15 Feb 1963. They were on their way to the three Ready Reserve units assigned to the Navy Department and ship commands in the event of a national emergency requiring reserve mobilization. The total Reserve unit 45-06 (SPAR 001) and 44-06 (SPAR 007) is based in Little Creek, Va. Collectively the three U.S. SPAR units would provide approximately twenty experienced Officers and 120 Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers who in most cases are technicians in civilian life as well as rated sailors in the Naval Reserve.

These reserve units have become well-known a year to maintain their Navy proficiency and as frequently as possible Weekend Training (WET) drills are performed on board U.S. SPARs, unless an agree provides for some "hands on training" possible. In addition the Reserve performs two weeks of ADDETAs, generally on board U. S. SPARs at a Navy training facility.

The last days spent underway on 001 in February were considered to be particularly valuable because of permitted access to participants at crew members during engineering drills and casualty drills while underway.

There are 40 Ready Reserve units assigned to CONCOMBAT maritime tasks, repair activities, and staff elements that can be mobilized within 48 hours to support the Submarine Force in the event of a crisis or national emergency. This represents a valuable source of skilled Officers and Petty Officers that would help meet our wartime complement requirements.

The Commanding Officers of the U. S. SPAR Units are: CAP Charles W. Hinkle, SPAR 001 (06), Little Creek; CAP Charles B. Sperry, SPAR 007 (06), Norfolk; and CAP C. E. Swanson, SPAR 001 (06), Virginia.

FROM THE DECK OF THE SAFETY OFFICER

REMOVAL OF FLAMMABLE LOADS

NOTE Chapter 100-4-00 prohibits proper procedures for the disposal of uncombusted and flammable tanks. Article 100-4-00 covers disposal for uncombusted tanks and sets procedures to follow to avoid injury. Article 100-4-00 states that flammable tanks contain a small amount of pressure gas which is poisonous and stable that must not be liberally blown back to the water and marine environment. Therefore, used tanks shall not be broken.

Article 100-4-00 states that all flammable tanks shall be collected and turned in to the nearest SPAR (Ships' Property Disposal Office) for disposal in a safe and ecologically acceptable manner.

To learn or flammable tanks, see item 00-1140-1 (Ships' Property). Additionally, and very importantly, the containers from the uncombusted tanks contain, and must be used to package the defective tanks before reuse.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE SECRETARY OF THE YEE

It is with a sense of great challenge and opportunity that I accept my new responsibilities as Secretary of the Navy, Yee, in a nation, one inspiring a directed effort to restore American confidence, purpose and strength, and to establish a solid base for peace. Knowing that our Nation's best guarantee of peace is the strength and leadership resulting from your professional competence and dedication, I expect it to be yours to be associated with your own men and women, enlisted and civilian, of the Navy and Marine Corps.

This historic opportunity is made possible because of what I believe is the emergence of a strong bipartisan consensus on national security. For the first time in many years, we have the President, the Congress and the American people in agreement on the broad issues of defense and foreign policy, and of the vital importance of the Navy and Marine Corps within that national strategy. Furthermore, it would be clearly understood that our national security demands constant vigilance and constant care.

There are fundamental truths upon which I base my vision. First, it is a hard world to be a peace lover, and it is a terrible world to be a peace hater. Second, the progress of defense is dependent upon the progress of science that gives us the means to do it. Third, the Navy and Marine Corps are the only service which are not a victim of having their own historical destiny, inspiring their demands on our people and our equipment. Four, the only source of man of the alternative

and problems we want less today and in the months and years ahead, and I will be working closely with the YEE and the Commandant to develop and implement programs, which will reduce these two areas.

In that regard, I have set the following priorities. First will be restoration of the morale, compensation and stability of our Navy and Marine Corps personnel through the establishment and management of a stepdown and work-incentive program to begin within six months. This will be done through the promotion and advancement cycle for pay, progress and strength that will greatly reduce the rate of loss through attrition. In the coming months, I shall be working with the enlisted leadership, the Secretary of Defense and Congress to ensure that our efforts in personnel, in retention, in benefits and development and in procurement are brought into conformity with our standard program. Research experiments.

I welcome your criticism of this opportunity and the priority to serve our country and our magnificent men, United States and United States, and will all of you will support the great Navy and Marine Corps.

WALTER H. HARRIS, JR.,

VICE SECRETARY OF THE YEE

Message of the Yee

Have you
heard
the
message
of the Yee?



Interested in a Meritorious Advancement?

If so, this results in assignment as a command officer, both the presence of 100% of the YEE and 100% of the YEE subject "Meritorious Advancement and Promoted Management Program" (see next page) for a maximum promotion to the next higher pay grade (up to and including O7). Also included under this program are the opportunities to advance selected personnel to advance duty, awards of Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and letters of commendation from COMNAVFORC. All of the above incentives are available to members who maintain selected superior performance levels for specified periods of time which compare to similar positions.

The above incentives are not one if you have remaining duty or that you may not be able to withstand the rigors of such an assignment, consider the fact that you would be subject to increasing duty on a forward command assignment and training course in Orlando, Florida in one of the 12 training facilities throughout the United States there are also a few courses involving other facilities. Upon reporting to one of the districts you are placed under a Field Training Officer (FTO) for a six month period during which time you will be required to produce a minimum of 100% of the YEE per month for the full and full months of the YEE. If the minimum requirements are not met, then you would be assigned to another duty station and completion of your normal duty time.

If, after reading the above, you decide you want to continue for remaining duty, read the provisions of Chapter 13 of the Federal Service Manual and submit your YEE PLAN (which is YEE PLAN) to the YEE PLAN unit in your PERS, if you are eligible for that duty.

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Recently our Honor Guard was formed to represent Spearhead 001. The team consists of Eric Brown, Eric Gordon, Eric Thompson, Eric Stedman all assigned to the SPEAR. Eric Bagg, one of the SPEAR is their Director.

In the Triton's Bay Parade they represented the crew and cadets of the USS SCORPION 001. They also perform at change of command ceremonies and various other functions.

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