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SPEAR WINS BATTLE 'E'

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The USS L. Y. Spear has been named the 1984 Fiscal Year recipient of the coveted COMSUBLANT Battle "E" award for Attack Submarine Tenders.

The ship also received the departmental Repair red "R" and the red Damage Control "DC" awards.

Crewmembers are now proudly wearing the Battle "E" ribbon on their chests. The ribbons were given out to the crew by their division officers and chiefs Oct. 1 shortly after the Captain broke the good news over the LMC.

The L.Y. Spear's mission performance was clearly ahead of the rest of the fleet as evidenced by the outstanding marks received by the ship over the year in all areas.

The ship's Supply Department was graded above average during the Supply Management Inspection (SMI) and received 18 commendatory comments. Supply was given the highest grade during the FY84 inspection period.

Weapons Systems Readiness was rated 'above average' during Tactical Weapons Capability Reviews (TWCR) held in November

and June 1984. The senior inspector stated that the L. Y. Spear had completed the best inspection of a tender since the inception of the TWCR program, four years ago.

Weapons Department also had success with the Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI). Crewmembers scored exceptional grades on the written examination; setting new standards when the lowest grade received was a 98 percent.

The Spear's Repair Department continued with 'superior performance' exemplified during the Proficiency And Readiness Examination (PARE). By keeping with the "On Time And Ready" slogan, the department demonstrates commitment to maintain the highest standards.

The Radiological Controls Practices Examination (RCPE) again proved that the Spear is ahead of the rest. Spear received the only excellent grade given in the last two years.

The Dental Department is rated by the Force Dental Officer as the first in the East coast. The Medical Departments performance in the Medical Readiness In-

spection was also above average in all areas.

The Engineering -snipes- have always gotten us underway and the material upgrade in the spaces is significant. The Engineering Department is preparing for an OPPE in November and it is felt that this will put us well on our way to winning next year Battle 'E.'

Deck Department has consistently upgraded practices to insure safety and performance is always on the uppermost level.

Communications Department has had unwavering dedication to support all tasks and operations. Navigation Operations installed new and more effective equipment to provide underway efficiency.

The L. Y. Spear as a whole has always proved itself by getting the job done. The collective efforts of the crew in the attainment of the Battle E award is the fulfillment of a year long goal. And the formal recognition of our efforts by the Force Commander is just desserts for the job well done.

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