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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.

(Story edited by LT George P. Fiore.)

CAMPAIGN ENDS SOON

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Oct. 24 officially ends the Combined Federal Campaign this year and the L.Y. SPEAR is well on its way to realizing the thirty-three thousand dollar goal.

The ship's Commanding Officer, Capt. J.F. Whelan said, "The community in which we live actually benefits by the support we give. All the non-profit organizations, to which we contribute, are worthy of help."

The Combined Federal Campaign kicked-off this year Sept. 13, while the L.Y. Spear was anchored out

to sea in preparation of Hurricane Diana.

The ship's Deck Department got off to a rousing start with 77 percent contributing the first day.

Navigation/Operations Department was the first department on the ship to achieve 100 percent contribution from the crewmembers assigned.

The Spear takes pride in this important event and each member of the crew was given every opportunity to contribute.

Remember just nine more days to make your contribution!



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Guess Who?

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These boot camp buddies shown here in the early stages of their careers; have come a long way. You can still see them working side by side today, on the Spear. Some crewmembers in their division swear that this 'old' picture is a dead giveaway. Answer in the next issue.



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