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From The Captain

The majority of our dependents on L. Y. SPEAR live aboard and in those the ship is a home as well as a place of work. In the recent weeks I've noted that the observations of living and working on a ship are far more than just a job. Living conditions are excellent and not very plain. There isn't very much to see or beyond the roughness of the Hawaiian Islands which is certainly proved by under the supervision of Chief Love and his team. What we did want to do was to clean up and keep things all being and improve our crew by being there as often as possible.

This is an all hands job to make up after yourself, and the work is complete and always in the dark. Being out in the first place is better for work and as a good companion, always and always there with them for preparation and maintenance of the space.

I think with a consistent effort by all of our dependents L. Y. SPEAR would be a more pleasant place to think in life and work. It takes very little effort to make up after yourself and to show cleanliness for your dependents. To it, I think you will feel better for yourselves.



For the outstanding maintenance articles reported last week and for the services provided by the command, the USS L. Y. SPEAR 2246, Captain John H. Kline was presented the Legion of Merit. Acting for the President of the United States, Vice Admiral G. A. White, Commander of Submarine Force United States Atlantic Fleet, presented the award to Captain Kline along with the North Atlantic 11 for the ship. Captain R. E. Cooper (COMMODORE USN) was also present for the ceremony. Captain R. W. Hansen, Executive Officer, presented the crew of the SPEAR commendation "THE BEST BANG BOMBING TENDER IN APOWEN'S PARTY"

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DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting news articles to this column for publication is the first and third Fridays of the month. If you want news from your division or special interest items 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 brief, clear and informative.

COMPLETING THE BLUE C FOR EXCELLENCE

The L.I. SPEAR Supply Department successfully awarded the Blue C for Supply Excellence for third year 1988 by COMBILANT.

Supply Department accomplishments for the year include supporting inventory cuts of 200000 US and 10000. When SPEAR was in Charleston in November of 1987 they supported COMBILANT 1988 cuts. They won the COMBILANT Medal in 1987 competition and the winner of the 1987 award for best 100 in the large category effort. Inventory management, MFC support and customer relations were improved. They also WFO personnel were integrated into the Supply Department. Additionally Supply supported culture and education cuts of COMBILANT while SPEAR was deployed to the Italian Ocean on only two decorations.

These accomplishments and the Supply Management Inspection (SMI) in September were considered during the evaluation. The SMI conducted by the Force Supply Office and its staff identified the SPEAR as the top Theater Supply Department in the Force.

During the 1988 week Supply Division received commendatory comments including the following: The Stock Control Division is currently the best in the force and the finest operation seen in over five years. The COMBAT and 100/70 Division are commended for the excellent control of 100/70 T-17 funds. A high standard of excellence has been established in 10000 operations for the Subsistence Force. The activities of the 100 L-5, SPEAR in the 1988 SMI award were as a result of steady superior performance and consistent effort by the entire Food Service Division. All New Management Specialists, New York Water at Base and Food Service Operators are commended for their outstanding accomplishments.

To make and every Supply Department member congratulate them and well done.

COMMUNICATING RECEIVES THE GREEN C

L.I. SPEAR Communications Department has been awarded their third consecutive Green C, the top Communicator award for excellence in Communicator status. SPEAR Communicator was judged to be the most efficient and correct communication Department among the 16 theaters judged by COMBILANT. Criteria for this award is successful participation in various communication systems, ability to cope with normal and extraordinary communication status problems, professional and military progress made by communication personnel. Well done for the Communications Department personnel who made this award possible.



THANKS FOR THE BLOOD, "ISLAND"

Recently the Portsmouth Regional Medical Center conducted a blood bank on board the SPEAR. A hearty thank you is extended to the people who gave a total of 72 units of fully screened blood.

1st John Krasnowsky who could do all by giving one gallon of blood from a period of time, of course received a certificate from Captain David Spurr for Don Edward French, Medical Corps Commanding Officer, Portsmouth Naval Hospital. Krasnowsky was quoted as now being a "total recovered" volunteer.



MAJOR CHIEF BY THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

In an awards ceremony on November 1988 Master Chief Lantz was presented with a Navy Communication Medal. This prestigious award, given by Captain Spurr, was named while Master Chief Lantz was stationed at HRL-51, his previous command. He feels very proud for the ceremony.

W-2 DIVISION OF-CLASS

W-2 Division is a division of the Weapons Support Department that consist of two work centers, the Fire Control Support Shop and The Ship's Store.

The Fire Control Support Shop, when fully operational is responsible for the test, inspection and repair of the control systems on submarines attached to the 6888th CNS. The Fire Control System on Nuclear Attack Submarines is a sophisticated Digital/Analog Computer Computer that receives target information from various sources, hydrophones, etc., and compares it with own ship's motion information. These functions are then automatically set into the sophisticated through wires of control cables.

The other work center within W-2 Division is the center on "The Gunner". They are responsible for the repair and maintenance of all the ship's small arms as well as the ship's main battery of those weapons. The gunner also maintains light small arms maintenance magazines and associated graphics systems. The maintenance and receipt of all projectiles and ammunition to submarines attached to 6888th CNS is conducted by the gunner.

In addition, W-2 Division is responsible for the small arms training of the entire ship. They also maintain the small arms training records.

Both of these work centers are self-sufficient. Anytime they are able to either PT or CN should contact the gunner.

W-2 Division is presently manned with seven personnel and in the following chain of command:

LCR Gunnery	Weapons Support Officer
WFO Gunnery	Division Officer
WFO CONTROL ROOM	
TTC Peckham LPO	PTTC White LPO
SHIP'S STORE	
WCC Wilson LPO	SWCC Peckham LPO







CONGRATULATIONS REEMERETS

On November third and fourth a total of seven sailors completed for another term of service in their careers.

Taking advantage of the Coast III Program, BMC Edward J. Gannon took the oath of recommitment while he family looked on. He will be going to the USS KYLE (LST-1141).

BMC David Walter Smith completed with distinction to extend on the SPEAR for two more years.

BMC Thomas E. Phillips who has been on the SPEAR for over a year, is going to Submarine school for six weeks. His new orders will be sending him to the USS GARDNER for two years.

BM3 James Douglas Leonard has been on the SPEAR for two years and eight months. He hopes to remain in the area for the duration of his recommitment.

BMC3 Jerry Kandy, who has been on board SPEAR since July 1982 will be leaving for Pensacola, Florida to teach for his recommitment year.

BM3 William B. Brennan has been a part of the SPEAR crew for about two years. On November fourth he took his oath of recommitment while his family watched. He will now be transferred to DDG44 assigned to Orlando, Florida. After school he will be stationed at Yorktown, Virginia.

BMC Fleet Officer Eugene Swanson with a four year extension on the SPEAR.

The final amount of the combined recommitment bonus checks was a staggering \$91,823.82. Congratulations and best of luck to you in your future careers.

PREPARE FOR A CAREER.

One of the key areas of advancement is a pattern of choosing and accepting duty assignments. Even though you might not have yet made the decision to make a career of the Navy, you should always be prepared to take you "on the line" and decide to stay in.

The best preparation you can make now...

1. Know your own time as well as your output as a sailor.
2. Use your down time for career enhancing habits as Executive, Branch Company Commander and Instructor.

Not only will this type of duty lay the ground work for your career, it will help us all by ensuring quality personnel man the Navy and are properly trained prior to reporting for duty, making your job easier when you return to Fleet Units as a career party officer. See your career counselor today and submit an optional Individual Duty Performance (IDP) REPORT (IDP) which will help your details to ensure you have a proper career pattern for your duty.

FROM THE SAFETY OFFICE

We would like to express our appreciation to the fine job of the crew in being made safe on the job and on liberty. For the last two quarters our accident, or far as that work days, have declined a great deal. Of course we would like to see us go a full quarter with no accidents at all. At the present time we are organizing a Safety Council and a Safety Committee. The safety team has been playing safety games throughout the ship. Please take time to three jobs. Safety is not an, it can happen to you!

Remember it takes one minute to write a safety rule, one hour to hold a safety meeting, one week to plan a safety program, one month to put a plan into operation, one year to write safety codes but it takes just ONE SECOND to destroy all this with one accident.

We are encouraging all hands to get involved with safety. We are planning to have a safety day on board SPEAR. We will be deducting a whole day to work on safety items throughout your division. If anybody has any suggestions on how we as a crew can make L.T. SPEAR a safe place to work and live we would highly appreciate it if you would come by and see us in the Safety Office. For those personnel that do not know where the safety office is we are located on the B1 level of the way off in compartment B1-112-2-Q or give us a call at extension-415. Thank you for your cooperation and keep up the safe work here and at home.

HOW ABOUT A SPECIAL LEAVE FOR THE
 "SAILORS WHO PROVED THE LEAST"
 WE WOULD CALL IT THE "NO STILL PIRATE
 FEEL".

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

DIRECTIONS:

Try to find the STATE NICKNAMES in the grid. There are sixty in all. As the same time try to match the state nicknames with the state. Most of the nicknames end in the word state except when noted by **. Some states have dual nicknames which are noted by **. One state has no nickname. Which one is it?

Now how much do you know about your country. GOOD LUCK!!

YOUR PUZZLE MAKER
NOI BLOWHEAD

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| ALABAMA | MONTANA |
| * ALASKA | NEBRASKA |
| ARIZONA | † NEVADA |
| * ARKANSAS | NEW HAMPSHIRE |
| CALIFORNIA | NEW JERSEY |
| COLORADO | * NEW MEXICO |
| † CONNECTICUT | NEW YORK |
| † DELAWARE | † NORTH CAROLINA |
| FLORIDA | † NORTH DAKOTA |
| GEORGIA | OHIO |
| HAWAII | OKLAHOMA |
| IDAHO | OREGON |
| * ILLINOIS | PENNSYLVANIA |
| INDIANA | † RHODE ISLAND |
| IOWA | SOUTH CAROLINA |
| KANSAS | SOUTH DAKOTA |
| † KENTUCKY | TENNESSEE |
| LOUISIANA | TEXAS |
| MAINE | UTAH |
| † MARYLAND | VERMONT |
| † MASSACHUSETTS | * VIRGINIA |
| † MICHIGAN | WASHINGTON |
| † MINNESOTA | WEST VIRGINIA |
| MISSISSIPPI | WISCONSIN |
| MISSOURI | WYOMING |

HOW DO YOU DECIDE?

Thought about continuing your education when you get out? Need a high school diploma? Why not will you get out? EN- (Educational Services-Offerment to students) has a wide range of information on high school completion, apprenticeship and college success. Drop by and check out local schools, PACT courses, or loan activities and other ways to continue your education. Many programs are eligible for financial help from the Navy.

PNA Book, who sells EN, and Chaplin Mills have just returned from a two day seminar on the base, where they learned of all the current opportunities available in the Three-way area. There are many ways to continue your education while in the Navy. AED takes a year time and degree. The new semester in schools here begins in early January. Now is the time to begin making plans.

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PRE-GET TEST

On Wednesday, 17 November, the Pre-Get test will be given to EPLAB. This test is designed to acquaint people with the kind of material that appears on the GET (high school equivalency) exam, and to point out areas where further study is necessary to pass the GET. There is NO COST associated, but time is scarce. See PNA Book in ENO-TUBAN to sign up. (People will be accepted up until the test day, if there is room.

