



# SPEAR POINTS



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## 7.9 RAISE IMPLEMENTED



Making changes on the pay records

On 15 January 1971, L.Y. SPEAR implemented the new pay bill. Through the insight of the Disbursing Office, L. Y. SPEAR moved to become one of the first and largest afloat activities in the Norfolk area to effect the 7.9 raise.

The facts behind the pay raise are quite unique. On Friday, 8 January it was announced that President Nixon had signed the raise into law. However, no word was given as to when the pay raise would actually be implemented. Also the actual percentage of increase had not been officially determined.

Though the facts were still as yet unclear, the Disbursing Office on board L. Y. SPEAR knew that the day was fast approaching when they would have to pay out more money.

Although nothing was official, disbursing spent all of that weekend pencilling in the projected changes to tax and take home pay in each man's record by relying solely on an "educated guess" as published in the Navy Times. Still nothing was heard. Then on Thursday, 14 January the official notice came in authorizing a 7.9 increase throughout the military as soon as the records could be changed.

Because of Disbursing foresight, the crew of L. Y. SPEAR received their extra pay the next day. This total increase amounted to \$25,000 over the previous payday.

## ART SHOW

The Submarine Officers Wives Club will hold their annual Spring Art Show at the McCormick Center on the Destroyer-Submarine Piers, Hampton Blvd from March 12-14 1971.

All Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel, active and retired and their dependents are eligible to submit paintings, drawings and prints for judging.

There will be no entry charge for work submitted. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed securely attached entry blank.

Entry blanks may be obtained at the time of submitting work. All entries should be delivered to McCormick Center between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. on March 8 and 9.

A \$50 Savings Bond will be presented for the best piece of work in the show; \$25 for oils and acrylics; \$15 for watercolor; \$10 for drawing and print; \$15 for mixed media and a \$25 Savings Bond for the most popular piece in the show.

The judges for the show will be Ruth Laosko, a well-known local artist and owner of the Studio Gallery in Virginia and Cornelia Justice, Ledger-Star art critic and writer.

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# SPEAR ANNIVERSARY



Captain Ghormley

As USS L. V. SPEAR (AS 36) is of an age to celebrate the first birthday, a review of the accomplishments of the past year appear to be in order. SPEAR was delivered to the Navy on 11 February 1970. Those who were on board then can well remember the hectic pace of setting security watches and damage control parties, plus training additional watchstanders to permit progression from one duty section to four duty sections. Concurrent with this went the demanding task of loading the ship, not only with upwards of twenty thousand operating space items, but also with the thousand plus mattresses, the blankets, personal effects, and all the rest of what makes a ship a home. At the same time material deficiencies had to be corrected, and the crew had to make the ship ready for shakedown. On Saturday, 28 February 1970, during a brief respite from the work at hand, Rear Admiral J.C. DEMPSEY, U.S. Navy placed SPEAR in commission in a ceremony attended by the sponsor, Mrs. A.F.

SCHADE and the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Also present were the Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and other dignitaries.

Following fitting out, SPEAR spent the last part of April completing loading and readiness for sea, and on 1 May sailed for shakedown training at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. For the next six weeks we trained. The superb spirit, competence, and flexibility of the ship's company enabled Commander Fleet Training Group, Guantanamo, to report that "The grade of 91.0 (excellent) received on the Battle Problem section of the ORI is the highest for any tender on record at this command. Cleanliness of SPEAR as well as the cooperation and attitude of the entire crew was outstanding."

Return to Norfolk led to a month of certification inspections, culminated by a successful completion of a Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection, Radcon Certification, and Final Contract Trials. Proof of the mag-

nitude of the work that had been done was set forth by the President of the Board of Inspection and Survey, who stated "During the Final Contract Trials...it was noted and observed that a very large proportion of the Acceptance Trial deficiencies had been corrected by the ship's force in a most expeditious and skillful manner...the skillful and competent workmanship in all areas is noteworthy."

The pace was kept up during the shakedown tending period in Charleston, where SPEAR conducted 10 SS/SSN upkeeps in 2 months plus overhauling the torpedo retriever, and during the Post Shakedown Availability in October and November. It should be a point of pride to all hands that, thanks to the contribution of each individual, SPEAR commenced tending Subron SIX at Pier 22 on the date committed eleven months before.

A year ago, Vice Admiral WILKINSON, ComSubLant, said "...L.V. SPEAR has the opportunity to set the standards... The practices and procedures she develops, her attitudes and standards of performance, will influence material readiness in the Submarine Forces for years to come. These are heavy responsibilities."

In her first year, the officers and men have shouldered these responsibilities in an outstanding manner. Each can properly be proud of his contribution to an auspicious beginning. Now each of us faces an even bigger challenge - to improve our capabilities and our services in all ways. This will be our continuing responsibility.

# CIVIC ACTION



Men of SPEAR became involved in assistance to others during our stay in Charleston, S.C. In August and September, a total of 50 men participated in the volunteer program at the South Carolina Retarded Children's Habilitation Center. Each evening, and on weekends, men went to the Center to show concern for these youngsters. Among the projects undertaken were the renovation of a "Sea of Sand" with a sailboat, the care of horses used by the children, and leading in sports, dancing and singing periods. Some 650 man-hours were given by SPEAR personnel, and letters of appreciation were received from Dr. Cicensia, Superintendent of the Center. The impetus of this excellent work was provided by EN1 B. WALKER and FN J. SAUER with SN S. KIRKLAND, SF3 R. MESSERVEY, SN W. LONG, YN3 B. BELCHER, SK2 W. O'LOUGHLIN, SA D. HOUSTON, FN A. HELMIG and SA H. SONTAG contributing many hours. Several of the men report continuing correspondence from friends at the Center. All men who gave their time in this unselfish show of concern are to be commended.

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## DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting news to this publication is the 15th of each month. Therefore, if you want news from your division or special interest stories to be included in the paper for that month, please have it in the Chaplain's Office at least two or three days before the deadline.

### USS L. Y. SPEAR (AS 36) SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

SUNDAY  
 CONFERENCE ROOM (2-62-4-2)

- Protestant Services .....0930
- Holy Communion is the first Sunday of every month.
- Catholic Mass .....1030

## MINORITY AFFAIRS

Special Assistants for Minority Affairs have been named by CSS6 and SPEAR. LTJG. Joseph HOSE (USS SEA LEOPARD) and Chief Petty Officer Leottis GLADDEN (R-2) Division - USS L. Y. SPEAR) were appointed in January.

These men have been tasked by their respective commands to be the contact point for any man who encounters discriminatory policies aboard or ashore. The collateral duty billets were established as a result of a recent Z-Gram (Z-66). LTJG. HOSE and Chief GLADDEN have direct access to the command, and desire knowledge of problems confronted in the area of discrimination.

# DIVISION OF THE MONTH

## - RT -

The NDT Lab is located just forward of the Pipe Shop at Frame 103. Ten men are assigned to this shop; two Chiefs, six First Class, and two Second Class Petty Officers.

It is the responsibility of the NDT Lab to test and inspect all production, welding and brazing performed in or to the pressure hull envelope, all critical piping systems and the primary and secondary components of the nuclear reactor of a submarine.

This is accomplished by the use of five non-destructive tests: visual inspection, liquid penetrant test, magnetic particle test, ultrasonic soundwave testing, and X-Ray/Gamma Ray Radiography.

It is also the responsibility of the NDT Lab to update and maintain all welders and brazers qualifications; and to insure that only quality workmanship is produced in the Repair Department.

NDT personnel must constantly work to maintain their qualifications, just as the welders and brazers must. Each person assigned to the NDT Lab is a graduate of NDT "C" School, San Diego; and is qualified in all phases of non-destructive testing. They are rated in their knowledge and ability in NDT as operator, inspector or examiner.

For further information, see the accompanying pictures, or feel free to visit the NDT Lab (with the exception of the time when radiography is in progress).



SF1 R. A. ANDERSON performing an ultrasonic soundwave inspection of a silver brazed joint non-ferrous pipe.



SF1 M. C. GORE making set up in the vault prior to making a Radiograph.

. . . SFC J. CAVENDER  
SF2 P. DECKER

# SUBS OF CSS6



## BLUEFISH

Shakedown is not the most favored word in a sailor's vocabulary. It means early reveille, constant drills and long watches. But then again, shakedown is the only way which both the Navy and the manufacturer know whether their boats can meet the demands for which she was made.

Presently, the USS BLUEFISH (SSN675), the newest submarine in both the Atlantic Fleet and Squadron SIX, is performing her trials in the waters off the Bahamas.

Like all new ships, BLUEFISH has already gone through builders sea trials in which she demonstrated her seaworthiness. Now she must pass different tests to determine whether or not she is fully able to meet the demands peculiar to submarines.

In this evolution, one of

BLUEFISH's primary tasks is to determine how much noise she gives off when submerged. Extensive tests will be made to make certain that the sound emitted is within proper limits so as to make detection by the enemy difficult if not impossible.

The other condition that must be met is the successful testing of the weapons systems. Although BLUEFISH's armaments are classified, she does possess the ability to fire nuclear weapons as well as the Subroc missile.

BLUEFISH will return to Norfolk in the Spring. After several summer deployments she will return to Groton, Conn. in October for a post-shakedown availability to correct any malfunctions discovered during shakedown. After that BLUEFISH will re-

turn to Norfolk to join Squadron SIX permanently.

BLUEFISH has all the latest advances to provide maximum comfort to the crew. As with all submarines she is cramped because of her functional requirements; yet every effort has been made to make living as comfortable as possible. Her men seem happy with the living areas especially those who have served on the older type of conventional submarines.

BLUEFISH's 13 officers and 97 enlisted men are commanded by CDR Richard A. PETERSON with LCDR John J. KING serving as Executive Officer.

Squadron SIX and SPEAR POINTS extend a warm welcome to BLUEFISH and her men with the hope that she helps us stay the best sub-squadron in the Navy.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

On January 13, Commander Joseph B. LOGAN, ComSubDiv 62, was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for services performed while serving as Commanding Officer of USS DANIEL BOONE (Gold - SSBN657). Commander LOGAN served as CO of DANIEL BOONE from December, 1966 to December, 1969. Making the presentation was Commodore A.J. WHITTLE JR.

In separate ceremonies held aboard L. Y. SPEAR, BMCS Franklin C. PETERS and ETN2 Timothy G. WATSON were awarded the Navy Achievement Award.

Chief PETERS received his award for outstanding performance in organizing and making First Division into a "cohesive and highly effective team".

ET WILLIAMS earned his award while serving at the Combat Craft Orientation School, Saigon. While there he taught English to Vietnamese Officer Candidates.

In a double-ceremony aboard USS FINBACK (SSN670) Chief Herman SMITH, SDC(SS) and Chief Henry P. HURT, MMCM(SS) were retired after 20 years of active service. Both chiefs served for over 10 years in the surface force before entering the submarine service. Chief SMITH plans to reside in the Norfolk area while Chief HURT will return to his home in Roanoke.

To all of these men: "Congratulations and Well Done"



Commander Logan



Chief Peters

# MOTHER OF THE YEAR

Lynn Boss, 26, wife of Sonar Technician First Class (SS) Robert D. Boss, has been selected as the Atlantic Fleet Wife of the Year and that command's nominee for the Navy Wife of the Year competition.

Mrs. Boss, the mother of three, is President of Thames #130 Branch of the Navy Wives Club, Inc., in New London (Groton), Conn., where her husband is assigned as an instructor at the U.S. Naval Submarine School. She also serves as activities chairman for the national organization of the Navy Wives Club, and participated in many other church and community activities in the New London area.

She was selected from a field of ten finalists representing various operating areas of the Atlantic Submarine Force.

The ultimate winner of the Navy Wife of the Year will then compete in the Military Wife of the Year Contest, sponsored by Stokely-Van Camp, Inc., in cooperation with the Department of Defense. The contest was conceived in 1967 by Art Linkletter and Wilson Harrell, and has since gained international prominence and recognition at top official levels.



MRS. BOSS

# WARRIORS STREAKING



Top Row (L to R) LEE, MROZ, RICHMOND, JONES, COACH WILLIS  
 Middle Row - WHITE LISKEY, ROBINSON, MOLTIMORE  
 Bottom Row - HINDS, BAILEY, NEAL, WATSON (Missing - ALBERT)

The L.Y. SPEAR WARRIORS are alive and well despite losing 2 heart-breaking games in 2 weeks time. After 5 straight wins, the WARRIORS dropped a closely fought contest with the USS AMERICA. After battling neck-and-neck the entire 32 minutes, the final gun sounded with the score 53-49 in favor of AMERICA.

Prior to this game, however, the WARRIORS had knocked off such worthy opponents as the Army team and a strong Marine team. The game with Army, perhaps the best game of the season, left nothing to be desired. While hitting about 70% from the floor and 80% from the free-throw mark, the WARRIORS rolled to a 75

55 victory and sent their fans home thinking "NUMBER ONE".

The game to follow, while not nearly as impressive, still showed the WARRIORS superiority. The Marines came with a team of big men, but were soon left behind to watch the whirlwind effect of the blue shirts and fast break. At games' end, the WARRIORS had run the Marines right off the court by a 69-34 margin.

Immediately after the loss to the AMERICA, WARRIOR fans began to wonder just what was happening to their team. Four straight games had been played right down to the wire, with the WARRIORS winning

only two of them. The loss to the AMERICA was followed by a tight defensive struggle with the USS GUAM, in the lowest scoring WARRIOR game ever. The WARRIORS did prove that they can win the close ones, too, by emerging triumphant 39-34.

And then came the 4th loss of the season, a disheartening defeat at the hands of the USS SAN DIEGO. This game ended 55-52 and left many doubts as whether the WARRIORS could win the tough ones.

Next came the real thriller of the season; a game which put the WARRIORS back in their winning ways. Playing a strong defensive unit sent in by the USS VULCAN, the WARRIORS pulled out a last second victory over their would-be-conquerors. With all the finesse of a George Blanda, and the score tied 42 all, the WARRIORS froze the ball to play for one shot. With three seconds showing on the clock, the shot was up, but rolled off the rim. On the rebound, a last-ditch, tip-in found its way through the nets to give the WARRIORS a photo-finish win.

And then they ran...and ran...and ran some more....194 points in 3 games to be exact. 3 big victories, shaky at first, but decidedly the WARRIOR way. Using outside shots and strong rebounding off both boards, the WARRIORS' easily knocked off their next three opponents.

First came a sound 68-48 victory over the USS TRENTON. Four day later the WARRIORS unloaded on the USS TRUCKEE, 63-31. In both games ball-hawking guards defended well

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The show will be open to the public on Friday, March 12 from 7-10 p.m. and on Saturday, March 14 and Sunday March 15 from 10 a.m. through 8 p.m.

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and then triggered the fast break at the other end of the court.

Finally, the latest of victories, a semi-revenge against the USS AMERICA (Junior Officers' team). While this game had no real significance to the earlier loss to AMERICA's league team, it was still a sweet victory - a defeat for the JO's to carry back to their bird farm with them.

This 63-46 victory leaves the L. Y. SPEAR WARRIORS with a 12-4 record with one game left to play in the regular season.

The WARRIORS still have a chance at number 1 in the Forces Afloat League. While losing two more games than the top two teams they have also played two more games than the front runners. They will also carry their win streak into tournament play (starting 22 Feb). While they must be considered underdogs, their chances of being the surprise team of the tourney appear quite good. Come out and see them for yourself; it just might be worth your while.



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