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NAVAL AIR STATION OCEANA - VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23460

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POWs-MIAs IN SOUTHEAST ASIA*

Service	Missing	Captured	Total
Army	356	86	442
Navy	134	167	301
USMC	110	26	136
USAF	739	298	1037
Total	1339	577	1916

* As of 30 Dec. 1972

Destination: United States

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ACTION LINE SITREP NO. 5

ACTION LINE TELEPHONE. NAS Oceana Action Line telephone, extension 2255, no longer has a pre-recorded message. Personnel using the Action Line should give message upon completion of tone. Personnel are requested to keep messages as brief as possible.

CALL I think that a copy of "Action Line" should be posted where the public can see it; preferably, somewhere in the hallway of the Exchange so that people, who do not ordinarily have access to the Plan of the Day to which it is usually attached on the Oceana Base, can see and read the answers to their questions. Thank you. (No. 67)

ANSWER: Calls and answers to the "Action Line" telephone are now being published in the Jet Observer in order that they may reach a wider range of readers. Copies of the newspaper are distributed to all activities on the base including the Navy Exchange and Commissary to be made available to their patrons.

CALL: Considering the Navy as a career, I have placed great merit in the Navy's educational system, part of which is tuition aid. The Navy makes it well known that all active duty personnel are to be given a chance to obtain a college education. So with this in mind, I enrolled in an evening college program at ODU expecting 3/4 of the tuition to be paid by the Navy and 1/4 by myself. After completing the necessary forms, I was assured the Navy would reimburse me, as I paid out the total tuition sum of \$160 at the registration. Within a short period of time I received a mimeograph letter from the Commandant, Fifth Naval District, stating the depletion of funds and the abolishment of tuition aid. Not desiring to make use of my G.I. Bill of Rights while on active duty, paying the tuition as an E-3 poses quite a problem. I feel we are the richest and most powerful country in the world and should place the education of its active duty personnel above all else. I also feel this lack of tuition aid should be made very apparent to all prospective recruits before they sign their enlistment papers. Thank you very much. (No. 47)

ANSWER: The Navy does make it well known that all active duty personnel are to be given a chance to obtain a college education. However, there are specified ways to go about enrolling in college under tuition aid. First, consult your educational services officer for courses available through the college you desire to attend then fill out a "Request for Navy Tuition Assistance." This will be forwarded by the educational services officer to Commandant Fifth Naval District for approval. It is required that all applications be forwarded to the commandant by mail at least 10 days prior to final registration. If funds are available and the request meets all requirements, the commandant will prepare the tuition assistance authorization contract advising the educational institute that the tuition assistance has been authorized. This form is then mailed to the educational services officer for you to deliver to the university upon registration. Apparently, you assumed you would be reimbursed by the Navy before you had your contract in hand. At the present time there are no more funds for tuition aid, but conversation with the tuition aid coordinator in Comfive indicates that more funds will be available in July '73, the next fiscal year. It is not the policy of the Navy to tell prospective recruits about tuition aid availability. The benefit is not mentioned as an incentive in recruitment. Once a person has enlisted, the information regarding tuition aid is made available to him or her.

CALL: I'd like to know why the PPO Barracks 530 must be stood in either Dress Blues or Undress Blues when it used to be able to be stood in dungarees. Thank you. (No. 48)

ANSWER: In accordance with NAS Oceana regulations this watch will be stood in the uniform of the day. This is a military supervisory watch and as such requires the PPO to be quickly recognizable. The uniform helps accomplish this requirement.

CALL: Today, Jan. 29, 1973, my wife went to get a new ID card because hers does not have a social security number. She has had to provide at different exchanges, namely NOB and Little Creek, her Medical Record Card because her ID card has no social security number. So, I went to Personnel and I had the papers made out, they agreed that she needs a new ID card. This service was refused us by the Security Department. My wife called the Security Department and they refused this service over the phone. She has talked to several Navy Exchange officers and they have told her, the one at NOB specifically, that she will have trouble cashing checks, buying things in the Navy Exchange, because there is a directive out that says, "she must have my social security number on her ID card." I would like to know why my rights and benefits as a first class in the United States cannot be authorized by somebody in the Security Department of this station. It also has some other discrepancies: the blocks noted on the form state that it is an out-of-date card; and that it needs to have an error corrected. I would appreciate any action that you can do for me, Captain. Thank you very much. (No. 31)

ANSWER: I'm sorry that you and your wife had a problem. Here is the straight word! SECNAV Notice 1070 of 1 Dec 1971 states, "It is not intended that identification media be reissued en masse for the exclusive purpose of entering the SSN. The fact that the SSN is not entered on the member's or dependent's ID card which is otherwise valid shall not preclude the individual's entitlement to authorized privileges and benefits. Identification cards will continue to be replaced under present replacement procedures." Several exchanges in the area have been contacted,

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NAVY'S ECOLOGY PROGRAMS

Compared to the other military departments, the Navy has some unique environmental problems, as well as a far broader range of ecology problems. Like the other services, the Navy and Marine Corps have air bases, large land training areas and numerous buffer zones.

In addition, the Navy operates a large fleet of ships with people and equipment heavily concentrated in limited living and working space. A Navy ship is, therefore, a microcosm of a small city, including all related pollution problems.

Furthermore, most Navy bases are located around well-established, large metropolitan port areas that have special pollution problems of their own, not the least of which are adequate facilities.

To cope with these problems, the Navy has engaged in a massive effort, spending more than any other federal agency for the job of cleaning up its facilities. In 1971, the Navy spent \$30 million. In 1972, it spent \$66 million, and, in 1973, it plans to spend more.

Within the next few years, the Navy will be spending about \$400 million — approximately two percent of the Navy budget — on pollution abatement, both in direct costs and hidden costs, such as the operation and maintenance of waste treatment facilities and the increased costs of pollution-free ships and aircraft engines.

Pollution control is only a part of the Navy's total environmental program. At more than 80 bases, the Navy and Marine Corps have cooperative management agreements with federal and state conservation agencies for preservation and enhancement of the ecological balance at those bases.

In a recent Z-Gram, Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., said, "Environmental protection is of great importance to the world at large, to our Nation and to the Navy. It is a matter of personal concern to me..."

Safety belts, when you think about it, it's a nice way to say I love you.

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LIKE IT IS

DAILY MASS

The Catholic Chaplain is now holding daily Mass, Monday through Friday, at 11:45 a.m. with confessions at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

VF-41 AWARDS

On Feb. 14, 1973, the VF-41 Black Aces conducted quarters in Hangar 200. Commander R. A. Ways, commanding officer, briefed the men on current plans and events and presented awards to several men. Award recipients were AT1 David Sturm, career petty officer for the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 73; HM1 Robert C. McDonald, second good conduct award; AQ2 Clifford Bass, first good conduct award & AE1 Daniel L. Reed, first good conduct award. Award recipients unable to attend the ceremony were ADJ1 Percy Caldwell, ninth good conduct award and AO2 David Charles, first good conduct award.

TOPHATTER FIRST

The Tophatters of VF-14 recently achieved another first. On the night of 1973, Cdr T. D. Kujawski, Co of VF-14, and his radar intercept officer, Lt J. R. Adams, flew the first night MODE 1 automatic "hands off" approach and arrested landing by a CVW-1 F-4B Phantom aircravt onboard the USS John F. Kennedy.

This first night automatic landing was made possible through the combined efforts of VF-14's maintenance personnel and the Kennedy's CATCC personnel, and their respective abilities to maintain the relatively new and highly sophisticated automatic carrier landing system equipment. The ACL system represents a great advancement in ship/air wing capabilities; because, it serves to aide the aircrew in landing during night and adverse weather conditions.

VF-33 WINS AWARD

VF-33 was presented a Meritorious Unit commendation award by the Secretary of the Navy recently in ceremonies held in Hangar 200 at NAS Oceana. The award was presented to VF-33's squadron commander, Cdr. F. G. Staudenmayer, by Cdr W. Meyer, Commander Carrier Attack Wing Seven (CVW-7). The squadron was cited for meritorious performance in establishing a sustained fighter squadron accident free aviation record, and for contributing greatly to the naval aviation readiness posture. VF-33 is a part of CVW-7 and is due to deploy on the USS Independence (CVA-62) later this year.

ATTENTION FORRESTAL WIVES

Dependents for the Easter flight to Athens, Greece, April 20 to May 2 are needed. If interested contact Cdr Curry at 444-4592.

OFFICER ALL WIVES CLUB FEATURES BALLET

Saratoga Air Wing Wives from Oceana; VA-75, VF-31, and VF-103, will be hostesses for the Oceana Officers' Wife's Club Branch on March 21 at the Officers' Club.

The program will feature the Academy of Virginia Beach Ballet, home of the Virginia Beach Civic Ballet. A "behind-the-scene" preview demonstrating the past, present, and future projects of the ballet will be presented. Dancers will demonstrate techniques in modern dance, jazz, and classical ballet. Major Burchfield, ballet master, will narrate portions of the program.

Contact your unit representative for reservations.

SAVE VISION

March 4-10 is "Save Vision Week" as proclaimed by President Nixon. In observance of this proclamation have your eyes checked and make sure your family does also.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY BEGINS NEW PROGRAM

The George Washington University's Tidewater Center will offer a new concentration in the Master of Science in Administration curriculum beginning in the fall semester of 1973-1974 academic year. The new MSA option — Information Technology — will emphasize managerial understanding of information systems.

In addition to the basic general graduate courses in management, behavioral science, quantitative factors and economics, students will complete the following four specialized courses:

Management Information Systems Development and Application

Comparative Computer Systems

Management of Information Technology

Seminar in Information Technology

The student's program is then rounded out with elective courses which may include Theory and Management of Systems, Advanced Digital Computer Seminar and Advanced Managerial Statistics.

The overall program requires no undergraduate prerequisite and is especially tailored to those in the management information, automatic data processing or operations research work assignments or for those who care to enter these or other computer-oriented fields. Further information concerning the program can be obtained from faculty advisors at the Tidewater Center's offices in Riverdale Plaza, Hampton, Va. or the Janaf Shopping Center in Norfolk, Va.

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CAPT MANDEVILLE READS CHARTER TO MOTORCYCLE CLUB MEMBERS.

Motorcycle Club Chartered

On March 1, 1973, the Golden Eagles Motorcycle Club officially came into being. Shortly after morning colors, the Golden Eagles' Road Captain, Jesse Bryant, led the club into the administration building parking area. During the brief ceremony that followed, Captain Mandeville, CO, NAS Oceana, presented the club's charter to the Golden Eagles' president, Mark Campbell.

The Friday morning parade of motorcycles and yellow-jacketed cyclists was indeed a strange sight at NAS Oceana; spectators arrived from all directions and the curious watched from a variety of distant locations. That something unusual was about to take place was obvious.

The unusual event began when Mark Campbell and Captain Mandeville exchanged greetings, then proceeded to inspect the club and its equipment. Finding everything in order, Captain Mandeville presented the club's charter to Mark Campbell.

The charter is the document which authorizes the Golden Eagles Motorcycle Club, defines

the club's purpose and establishes the guidelines under which the club will operate. Briefly, the purpose of the club is to bring as many of the NAS Oceana motorcyclists as possible under the goal of promoting and providing "safety and service in motorcycling."

RAMSEY RETIRES

James R. Ramsey, supervisory firefighter at the NAS Oceana Fire Department, retired Feb. 27, 1973 after 27 years of service as an employee with the federal government.

Mr. Ramsey began his federal career at Camp Pendleton, Va. in 1942. In 1951, Mr. Ramsey came to NAS Oceana as a firefighter. In 1955, he was promoted to supervisory firefighter. He remained with the Fire Department until his retirement.

During his employment, Mr. Ramsey received a 7-year safety certificate and emblem for supervisors.

Mr. Ramsey resides with his wife on Will-o-wisp Drive in Virginia Beach.

The goal, as outlined in a special Navop message recently, is to reduce the total amount of money the Navy must pay back each year in lump sum leave payments to personnel being discharged. Over \$100 million was paid back during fiscal year 1972.

The Navy will continue to pay all lump sum leave payments due, but efforts will be made to cut down the total fiscal expenditure through leave encouragement and more advanced leave accounting procedures. To improve the accounting system, currently used for officers only, is being expanded to include all enlisted personnel.

SUPPLY

The Last Link

The familiar saying, "A chain is only as strong as its weakest link," is especially applicable to the chain of events involved in satisfying the material requests from station departments and tenant squadrons at NAS Oceana. The Aviation Supply Support Division of the Oceana Supply Department has the responsibility for the delivery of all on-station material issues. They are the "last link" in the support sequence of technical research, key punching, stock checks, material location and selection. The physical delivery of this urgently needed material is accomplished by a contingent of seventeen delivery drivers assigned TAD from tenant activities.

Supply duties, far from being

glamorous or rewarding, require strength, patience, and above all, endurance. Operating from the Component Control Section in the AMD Avionics Building, these men battle traffic, brave the elements, and establish time limits to deliver material weighing from ounces to hundreds of pounds. For on-station not operational —ready for supply (NORS) issues, an established delivery time frame of one hour presents a formidable goal with an equally tough two-hour limit for non-NORS issues. With the usual exceptions, the average delivery times meet these limits. In addition to the many repairable components that are expeditiously delivered, the equally important simultaneous exchange and return of the failed components to the Rotatable Pool for induction and repair is accomplished by these drivers.

Crucial responsibility for getting the right material to the right place at the right time falls squarely on the shoulders of these men, and without their diligent efforts the "chain" would indeed break.

WELCOME HOME!

By Jill Seay, Chairman
They're Not Forgotten Committee
for the POW/MIA's

Welcome home, Capt. Jerry Denton; welcome home, Capt. Jim Mulligan; welcome home, LCdr Bill Tschudy; and to those others who will soon enjoy the freedom which we too often take for granted—welcome home!

At long last, we can begin to say those special words to some very special former prisoners of war. As more and more of these men return, we will continue to say it, proudly knowing that as patriotic and concerned Americans we helped in a small way to return them to our great and wonderful land. The courage and discipline of our ex-prisoners of war have helped us all to realize how necessary it is to protect an honorable and free democracy. What greater sacrifice can a man make, than that lonely isolated existence and yet, they kept the faith".

There are several lessons to be learned from this long and cruel war. For as long as we have prisoners of war, we will be prisoners of war. With each returning man, take their courage, dignity and strength; use it to help keep our country together.

We will never forget those who died for the service of their country and we will wait for word on our missing in action.

We are very proud of all the returning prisoners. We needed them and want them to know that their suffering has given us a responsible togetherness that no other country has. They are America and what it's all about.

We can say it now, again and again...welcome home, welcome home!

Let The Buyer Beware

By virtue of legislation recently passed in 33 states, the age of majority has been reduced from 21 to 18, and in some cases to 19 years old.

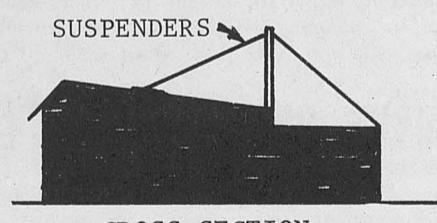
Servicemen, therefore, are now legally eligible to purchase houses and houseboats, washing machines, color TV's, motor boats and motorcycles, correspondence courses, and otherwise borrow cash without the signature of their parents or other co-signers.

The only way they can get out of the sales contract now is to prove fraud. The time-worn defense of being under age is no longer available in those 33 states.

The age of majority is 18 in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The law is 19 in Alaska, Iowa, and Nebraska.

This new group of consumers must be a prime target for vigorous programs of consumer education. In particular, they should be alerted to those common deceptions—bait and switch, free prize and contest gimmicks, phony comparative prices, etc.—that have been the subject of general FTC consumer education efforts directed to their older counterparts.

Before YOU sign, see your legal officer.

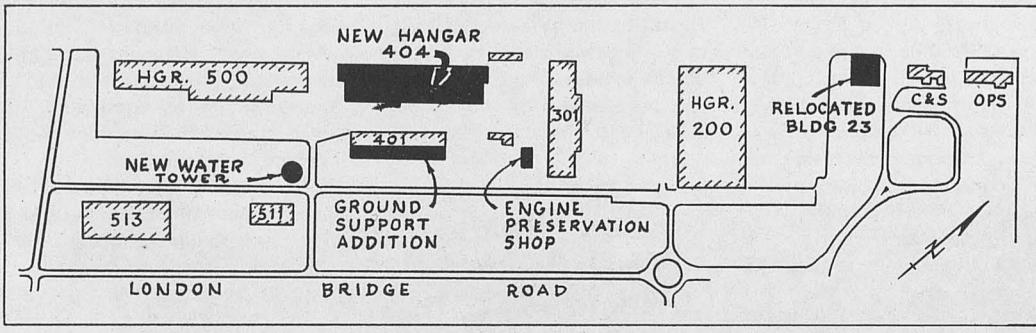


pletion late this summer.

Also scheduled to finish at that time is Building 23 which is now next to Crash and Salvage. Building 23, a 120-foot square steel frame structure, used to rest near Hangar 500 until it was put on dollies and taxied 4/10 of a mile down the ramp to its new location. The structure will be used for SAR helicopter main-

tenance after its metal siding is renewed.

Also a part of the contract and an extremely noticeable addition to the base is a new 300,000 gallon water tower. The 150-foot tower, which will help maintain the pressure in the water distribution system, was built by Pittsburgh Des Moines Steel Company, erectors of the famous St. Louis Arch.



CONSTRUCTION CAPSULE

and are aware of, and abide by this directive. I think you were confronted by several new employees who apparently did not understand or know about this directive. Your wife's present ID card is valid in all respects.

CALL: Yes, Captain. Today is the 27th of December and my wife went into sick bay. I work till late in the evening. She spent almost two hours in sick bay due to a sore throat. They took a throat culture and the doctor said she had a very red throat, but there was no medication or throat lozenges given to her, and I'd like to know why this has to be this way. Thank you. (No. 365)

ANSWER: It is not good medical practice to indiscriminately dispense antibiotics for sore throats because patients might develop a resistance to antibiotics that are prescribed. Also, the effectiveness of throat lozenges is highly questionable. For your information, only about 10% of the sore throats are caused by pathogenic bacteria which can be effectively treated with antibiotics, the remaining 90% are either non-pathogenic or viral. If the culture is positive, proper notification will be made immediately and medication will be prescribed at that time.

CALL: Sir, I was wondering why they cannot have the gate on Navy Housing open during the day. Those of us would not have to change into civvies just to come home for lunch in the afternoon and after work, since the gate does lead right into Navy housing. Thank you. (No. 28)

ANSWER: The Golf Course gate is open in the morning to residents of Navy Housing to minimize congestion at other intersections during the rush hour. The Security Department does not have sufficient manpower to monitor the use of this gate at other times. Residents of Oceana Navy Housing are authorized dungaree passes which will permit them to transit the main gates in the dungaree uniform. Bonafide resident sailors in the Navy Housing area may procure the dungaree pass in their respective commands.

CALL: Yes Captain, I'd like to know if there is a curfew for teenagers in housing and if so, what time is it and the security to enforce it. There has been several car antennas broken and scratches on new cars out here in housing. Thank you. (No. 22)

ANSWER: The enlisted housing area is under the joint jurisdiction of NAS Oceana and the City of Virginia Beach. The city does have a curfew from midnight to 5 a.m. for unaccompanied teenagers under the age of 18, paperboys excluded for morning deliveries. Base police will enforce the curfew, if notified.

CALL: I'm calling in reference to Call No. 342. I'm the person who made the call and I feel that the response was inadequate as excuses were being made for a situation which is inexcusable. There must be a more efficient means of handling walk-in patients than this. I realize they are by no means a rarity. I don't think that an appointment should be set up in such a manner that acutely ill patients should sit in the waiting room for three hours. In the hours that I waited, how many people were exposed to my illness, and how many illnesses was I exposed to. I had not planned two weeks ahead of time to be ill that day. Therefore, it was unrealistic for me to have made an appointment beforehand. I think that if the Navy cannot provide adequate health care for its personnel, which is one of the benefits so widely advertised for prospective enlistees, then it should not accept the responsibility. As a registered nurse, I realize what level of health care a human being is entitled to. And as far as I have experienced in my contact with medical aids provided by the Navy, it has fallen quite short of this level. Thank you. (No. 19)

ANSWER: I am convinced that the Regional Medical Center Branch at NAS Oceana provides the best possible service after considering the assets with which it has to work. There are an insufficient number of medical personnel assigned to provide the instant care and attention we would all like to enjoy. During the month of December (a relatively light month) over 10,000 patients were seen by our doctors, over 15,000 lab tests/X-rays, etc. performed — a staggering workload! CHAMPUS is an available alternative to the use of this facility. Constructive criticism is always most welcome.

CALL: Sir, I live in Navy housing, and they have had a water faucet on order for our sink since October and they have not yet put it in the house. I was wondering why it is taking so long? Thank you (No. 30)

ANSWER: Unfortunately, there was a considerable delay in obtaining faucets for the kitchen sinks in housing; they have now been received and installed. A check of the housing records indicated only one call for kitchen faucets, which was placed in October. The workmen have tried unsuccessfully on at least three occasions to find someone at home in order to install this one. If your faucet still has not been installed, please call the housing manager and he will make the necessary arrangements to have the work accomplished.

CALL: Sir, I was wondering what it would take to have the parking lot in front of the Commissary cleaned up. There's all kinds of glass, broken wine bottles and everything else on the concrete there. It's really a hazard for people's car tires. Anything you could do to clean up that mess would be appreciated. Thank you very much. (No. 32)

ANSWER: The Commissary Store parking lot between the Commissary and Hobby Shop is checked daily for broken glass or cans that could be a hazard to customers' tires.

CALL: Captain, I'd like to know if there is any possible way that we could have a Small Stores for Waves on base? We don't have any clothes and Norfolk is always filled up. We have five activities around here and all together there's a total of 150 girls and we just

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can't get the amount of clothing that we need. The Small Stores would cover the areas of Little Creek, Dam Neck and Oceana. This would save a long trip into Norfolk, which is a long way to go if you don't have a car. Thank you, Sir. (No. 35)

ANSWER: The Clothing Store can only stock items that sell rapidly. The female sailor population at Oceana (approximately 40) is insufficient to permit stocking of female clothing items. The C&SS operator, CS1 Jones, 2778, takes orders, picks up the desired items at NOB and holds them at the Oceana store for the requestor. In addition, the demand is recorded and, when sufficient, the item is stocked if it is on the list of items we are allowed to stock. Every effort is being made to provide the maximum service possible within the existing constraints. By ordering through our store you can avoid the round trip to Norfolk and, hopefully, increase the demand to the level where we can stock them here at Oceana.

CALL: I'd like to know what could be done about the first class parking lot over at Hangar 200. It seems that if you park your car there and you're not a first class you get a ticket. The E-5 and below parking lot is always full and the first class parking lot is always empty. There are quite a few parking spots and there is no other place to park in that area. It seems to me a little more space would be appreciated by all hands over here at the hangar. Thank you. (No. 21)

ANSWER: We are in the process of obtaining a new parking lot which will accommodate another 144 cars. At the present time it is necessary to keep the lots assigned as they are with the allowance starting at the top. The statement of the first class parking lot being empty is not true. There are a few parking spots in that lot that may be vacant for a period of time but not always. Tickets will be given to anyone who is parked in a lot other than the one assigned to his rate or rank. We are aware of the problem and are close to completion in obtaining the new lot.

CALL: Today I was issued a seven-day restriction from driving on any military activity. This was issued due to a parking ticket I received for parking in the officer's CPO parking lot near Hangar 200. You don't realize that there is a parking problem in that area for E-5's and below. It just isn't an adequate area. I was advised to come to work earlier so that I would be able to park in an authorized area. This does not solve the problem. There simply isn't enough room for everybody to park. A protest preceding from the traffic court, there was no consideration given my complaint that there was not enough parking spaces. I feel the punishment for such a trivial offense is unjust. A possible solution for this is to make the E-6 parking area to include E-5 and E-6 which would lessen the load on E-5 and below parking lot. Thank you. (No. 11)

ANSWER: The command is cognizant of the parking problem aboard NAS Oceana. Funding limitations retard our efforts to provide additional parking areas. The problem in itself necessitates enforcement of the parking regulations, particularly in high density areas. The hangar coordinators of the various hangars establish the parking regulations in the parking lots of their respective hangars. They also ticket the vehicles of those who violate the rules. The chief of police decides the penalty for the infraction. In your citation, a seven-day restriction is deemed more than fair. The maximum for a first offender is ninety days. The suggestion to include E-5 personnel and E-6 parking lot would lessen the problem for E-4's and below but would magnify the problem for E-6's, and so on. The Hangar 200 doordinator is in the process of submitting a plan for increasing parking space on the south ramp of the hangar. The proposal may provide an opportunity to designate one of the parking areas for E-5 personnel only.

GWU CAMPUS ON BASE AT NORFOLK

Have several nights a week with nothing to do? Why not put them to work for you and earn a college degree? It may be easier than you think.

If you have been in the military for at least one year, you already have six credit hours according to Turner's "Case Guide to Evaluation of Educational Experience". Turner's is the standard, used by educators, for assessing a person's educational background. Additionally, you may be eligible for more credits if you have attended any of the Navy's Class "A", "B", or "C" schools.

If that isn't enough help, the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAIFI) has a five part test which can be worth up to thirty credit hours. The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) is ordered through and given by your Education and Training Office. Also, USAIFI offers a wide variety of courses covering many high school and college subjects.

To help further, there are two colleges now offering degree programs on naval stations in the

Tidewater area. The credits obtained from these programs carry the same value as resident classes. This means, you can receive a degree without ever setting foot on a campus.

George Washington University and Golden Gate College, offer courses for a Bachelor of Arts Degree. G.W.U., also offers graduate level studies leading to a masters degree. All classes are given in the evenings and can be financed with tuition aid or the G.I. Bill.

G.W.U.'s counseling office is temporarily located in Suite 303 of the JANAF-Executive Building, Janaf Shopping Center. However, they will be moving to permanent offices in Suite 208. G.W.U. office can be reached by dialing 857-5995.

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**Deadline
For Filing
Your Federal
Income Tax is
April 16**



WATCH OUT for the sales pitch! It may be a curve ball. See your legal advisor before signing anything! Sunk-en Gardens model Terry Trammell has curves and her pitch has a lot to offer. That's a deal you just can't refuse!

Dungaree Rules Change

The wearing of dungarees and the enlisted working blue uniform while in transit to local offbase residences was stopped by the Chief of Naval Operations on Jan. 15.

This privilege, established by Z-Grams 57 and 70, was no longer considered necessary due to recent authorization of civilian clothes for all hands.

Additionally, the recent announcement concerning wearing of the peacoat or denim dungaree trousers, as or with civilian clothes, was premature. The wearing of uniform items with civilian clothing remains unauthorized, except as provided for by U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations, 1969. CNO Navops 2-73 and 4-73 apply.

In another uniform development, CNO has authorized all first class petty officers to purchase and wear the new enlisted dress blue uniform. Guidelines for wearing the uniform are found in chapter nine of Navy Uniform Regulations. The peacoat is still the standard overcoat and is authorized to be worn with the new uniform in areas where the climate warrants.

The new dress blues are available at Navy Exchanges and through civilian vendors. Small Stores will not carry the uniform until its formal introduction date — July 1, 1973. CNO Navop 3-73- contains the authorization.

TaxTips

When you pay a bill, you expect a receipt, right? If you owe money when you file your Federal tax return this year, pay with a check or money order. To prevent any mixup when you file, put your Social Security number on the check or money order that accompanies your return. A canceled check or money order is your record of tax payment.

Did you receive dividends or interest last year from your bank or your credit union or from other investment? If so, you must report them on your Federal income tax return.

Those who pay you dividends or interest must also report these payments to the IRS. So be sure that your bank and credit union have your Social Security number.

Did you have a casualty or theft loss last year? You may be able to deduct that loss on your Federal income tax return if you itemize your deductions. Special rules may apply if your property was in a disaster area. Check it out. Read your tax instructions or call your local Internal Revenue Service office for more information.

Got a special income tax problem and don't know where to turn? One of the first places to look is the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS has over 80 free tax publications written in plain English about special problems. Whether your question concerns the investment credit or the self-employment tax or hundreds of other subjects, chances are you'll find the answer in an IRS publication. Where do you get them? At your local IRS office.

Last year, over 75 million individual Federal income tax returns were filed with the Internal Revenue Service. How do you think each one is identified? By the taxpayer's Social Security number, which provides the IRS with positive identification on all tax documents that belong to that taxpayer. Put your Social Security number on all correspondence with IRS. It helps them keep your tax account records straight!

How can you get a statement of your wages for last year? Ask your employer for a W-2 form. If you can't get W-2's from each employer by April 16, report all income on your return and attach a statement explaining how you determined it.

You have to pay tax on the interest on your savings account, even though you didn't collect it in cash. All dividend and interest income is taxable. You must report it on your income tax return, even if it's only credited to your account.

Take stock in America.



some SHARP ADVICE

Razor blades, tacks and pins can hurt. Store them in containers (typewriter ribbon boxes are good).

Keep sharp pencils in the desk, not points up in a desktop holder.

Paper cuts are painful and can become infected. Use a rubber finger guard when working with stacks of papers, and a wetting device, not your tongue, for sealing envelopes.

Keep your fingers clear when you use the paper cutter. Pick up broken glass with a dampened paper towel, not your fingers.

If there are any sharp edges or projections on your office furniture report them.

MERIT SYSTEM ANNIVERSARY

This year we mark the 90th anniversary of the merit system in the selection of government workers. We've come a long way since 1883 when it was who, and not what, you knew that mattered.

Progress to this point has been great. The program can look back on a record of achievement. But, this is not the time for the system to rest on its laurels. Much remains to be done — happily, serious work is in progress in many areas. Let's review a few of them.

Proposals soon are due on a review of the appeals system. They should ultimately produce changes which will make the system more fair and more responsive to employee needs.

They also should make it possible for a case to be resolved in much less time than it now takes.

Also, in the review stage is the whole bargaining area. The Civil Service Commission is looking at what the personnel manuals say and what they do not say about the scope of bargaining. Out of this review should come much more realistic policies. The creation of an effective program in which labor and management can work together ultimately could prove almost as important as those changes way back in 1883.

Testing to identify employee capabilities was a keystone of the original program. Testing still is important today, but it is being looked at in a different light. There is a growing awareness that tests of academic ability should be only a part and not all of the determination process. The day this concept is given full recognition will be another important milestone on the civil service road.

Life itself is a learning experience. It is encouraging to see

this experience begin to get some recognition along with formal education and training.

Perhaps the biggest change we will see will be in the area of employee evaluation. For too long we have relied on a rating system limited to "Satisfactory, unsatisfactory, or outstanding." There was little or no effort, for instance, to determine if the worker was happy in the job to which he was assigned; no concern about whether he was satisfied with the progress he was making.

A major step toward streamlining both the evaluation and classification process was reached with completion of the Oliver Task Force report. This was a comprehensive study of the system and a complex plan for revisions designed to make it meet current needs. The report went to the Congress and it still languishes there, waiting for action that may never come.

But, like many ideas considered too "radical" for their time, segments of it still may find their way into the system. The CSC is studying the report and determining if the benchmarks or other parts can be adapted to fit into the current system.

These are just a few of the things happening in the civil service. The next ten years probably will bring more changes than came about in the last 90.

The only way a system can stay alive and efficient is to retain within it the capability for adapting to change. There are healthy signs on the horizon that this system has the ability and the leadership to bring the merit principle to new heights in the public service. At a time when things sometimes look dark for the government worker, this truly could be the light at the end of the tunnel.

EXTRA SGLI PAYOFF

A Veterans Administration ruling announced today makes possible the payment of as much as \$5,000 to \$10,000 additional in life insurance to families of some servicemen listed as missing in action in Southeast Asia who are later determined to have died.

Affected are servicemen placed on the missing in action list prior to Sept. 29, 1965, when Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) first became available, and those reported missing before June 25, 1970, when the amount of insurance was increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Donald E. Johnson, administrator of veterans affairs, approved a new VA regulation under which SGLI coverage will be deemed to have continued until the Department of Defense officially terminates the "missing" status.

Under normal insurance practices no insurance would be payable where death occurred before the insurance went into effect and only the lower amount would be paid where death occurred before the insurance was increased. Under the new rule insurance will be provided if the member was "missing" when the policy became effective and the increased amount will be payable if the "missing" status continued through June 25, 1970 even though it may develop that death occurred at an earlier date.

Johnson explained that the new rule is limited to Servicemen's Group Life Insurance. That program is unique in that the coverage and increased coverage were provided automatically based on the missing serviceman's continuing pay status.

In any other situation life insurance would have been in effect when the missing status occurred and premiums paid after death would be returned. However, that approach in the SGLI program would lead to survivors receiving no insurance or a lesser amount of insurance when they had been led to believe the full amount was in force, and premiums had been deducted from service pay on that basis. Such a result would be equitable, Johnson said.

Johnson explained that when the hostilities cease it will no doubt be established that some members who have been listed as missing in action were in fact dead before the insurance went into effect or before it was increased to \$15,000.

In dealing with all veterans benefits for POW's, MIA's and their families Johnson said "this same compassionate approach will be used to the maximum extent possible under the law."

DID YOU KNOW?

Under present legislation, men whose wives die or become 100 percent disabled as a result of military service now share equal rights with wives and widows of male veterans under the GI Bill.

JOLTS

DRUG & ABUSE

BRAIN DAMAGE — Drugs and alcohol can damage your brain. Brain tissue does not regenerate. Once brain tissue is injured it remains injured. Successful brain transplants to date have produced only monsters for horror movies. Protect the brain you have, you will never have another.

LEGALIZED POT — The 178-page report of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, released on March 22, 1972, was hailed as a liberal approach to the marijuana problem.

Several commission members had smoked marijuana. On the matter of legalized pot the commission reported: "We have also rejected the regulatory or legalization scheme because it would institutionalize availability of a drug which has uncertain long-term effects and which may be of transient social interest." Despite all the uncertainty and debate concerning marijuana, one fact stands out; marijuana is still illegal everywhere you are apt to go.

SPECIAL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Hospitalization can be a frightening experience for a youngster, particularly one who has no idea of what to expect. To help prepare for this experience, the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., sponsors weekly pre-operative seminars for children 12 years of age and under.

The seminars, staffed by volunteers, are held in the second floor conference room of the new hospital building every Sunday except holidays. (According to the schedule through May, there will be no seminar on April 12, May 13 and May 27.) Each session begins promptly at 3 p.m. and is over by 3:45 p.m. It includes a visual and oral presentation as well as visits to the Pediatric Surgery Ward and the Recovery Room.

Although the seminars are designed primarily to assist parents with youngsters scheduled for surgery, hospital officials urge all parents to bring children in the 12 and under age group to a session. They point out that the need for emergency surgery or hospitalization can occur without warning and without sufficient time to orient the child.

The program was initiated last January and during its first year, 473 children attended including 269 who were not scheduled for surgery.

Prior arrangements for individuals to attend are not necessary; however, persons planning to bring groups are urged to give advance notice to the Naval Regional Medical Center's Public Affairs Department, 397-6581, ext. 328 or 330. The seminars are open to the general public.

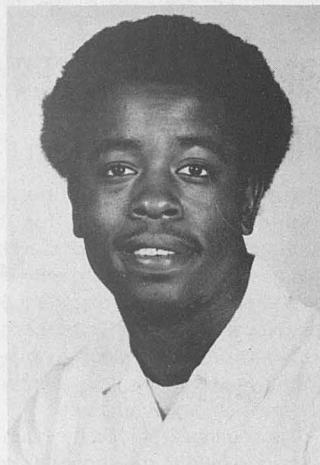
KUDOS



YN2 James W. Smith, Jr. has been selected the VA-65 Sailor of the Month for February 1973.



AO2 Leon P. Canaday was recently selected as VF-102's Diamondback of the Month.



AN William T. Wright has been selected as the VA-35 Sailor of the Month for January 1973.



AMH3 Leo A. Ternes has been selected as the VA-35 plane Captain of the Month for January 1973.

SPORTS

WRESTLING

The East Coast Wrestling Championships will be conducted March 12 thru 16, 1973. Personnel with experience may sign up at the station gym or call ext. 2695 for information.

HANDBALL

The station handball tournament was held Jan. 22 thru Feb. 2. In the Singles Division with 19 entries, G. Pettit of operations Dept. bested Ltjg P. Hagen of VC2 by scores of 21-17, 21-15. The Doubles Division with 11 team entries, Ops Dept. again scored the championships. G. Pettit teamed with AC2 A. Channel defeated Ltjg P. Hagen and Lt. J. Morinski of VC-2 by scores of 21-17, 19-21 & 21-13.

PADDLE BALL

A paddle ball tournament conducted Feb. 5 thru Feb. 16 results as follows: Singles Division with 21 entries Ltjg A. Lyon of VF-84 dowed G. Pettit of Ops 21-14, 21-19. Doubles Division with ten teams entered Ltjg A Lyon and Lt. T. Lecours of VF-84 dowed the Medical "Docs" of Lt M. McCutcheon and Lt. A. O'Dwyer scores of 21-14 and 21-18.

VOLLEYBALL

The station Intramural Volleyball League will commence March 19, 1973. Depts & Squadrons may enter by calling Ext. 2695. Games will be played Monday, Wednesday & Thursdays. Deadline for entries is noon on March 16.

ARMED FORCES CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Fourteenth Annual Armed Forces Chess Championship Tournament will be held in Washington, d. C., Oct. 26 through Nov. 2, 1973 at the American Legion Building, Hall of Flags, 1608 K. Street, N. W. The competition is between three teams (Army, Air Force and Sea Services) consisting of six players each. There will be twelve rounds of team play in which each player will compete against every player on the other two teams for the team championship. The player making the highest score in the 12 rounds will be the individual champion.

Names of the four top winners nominated from area/district tournaments and individual applications should be submitted to the Chief of Naval Personnel (P4112) to arrive not later than Oct. 1, 1973. Nominations will include an outline of past competitive experience, USCF rating, and an indication by the commanding officer that the individual nominated can be made available for the period outlined above. For information concerning the location of chapters, players or tournament officials, write directly to the United States Chess Federation, 479 Broadway, Newburgh, New York 12550, FB10 (NAVSTA Long Beach, Pearl Harbor, San Diego, Treasure Island only), FB13 (SUBASE), FB21 (NAVPHIBASE), FF1 (COMNAVDIST), FF2 (NAVBASE Key West only), FF3 (NAVSTA Washington, D. C.), FF19 (NAVSUPPACT), FH3 (NAVHOSP Bethesda, Portsmouth, N. H., Portsmouth, Va., St. Albans only), FJ12 (NAVSTA), FJ14 (NTC), FKL1 (NAVSHIPYD San Francisco only), FKR1A (NAS Patuxent River only), FT2 (CNATRA), FT6 (NAS Corpus Christi, Whiting Field, Pensacola, Memphis only).

CLUBS

ACEY DEUCY CLUB

March
9 — Western Union Express
10 — Golden Sounds
14 — Townsmen
16 — Benny Gould
17 — St. Patrick's Dance —
Squires
23 — Golden Sounds
24 — East Coast Express

COP CLUB

March
9 — Golden Sounds
10 — East Coast Express
14 — Hotshots
16 — Squires
17 — St. Patrick's Dance —
Duane Markham
21 — Up Town Sounds
23 — Shadows
24 — Hot Shots

PINK ELEPHANT LATE BANDS
Friday Nites — 1:30 a.m. to 4 a.m.
Sat. Nites — 10:30 p.m. to 4 a.m.
March
9 — Gary Daniels, U.S.A.
10 — Carolina Charlie
16 — Young Country (Variety Rock)

17 — Carolina Charlie
23 — Carolina Charlie
24 — Gary Daniels, U.S.A.

Other Pink Elephant Bands'n Things

March

8 — Disc Jockey "Brisbane" 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight Rock & Soul — you can bring your own discs if you like.
15 — Floor Show — Bob Garbor presents Booju & Kira
21 — East Coast Express

THE FLICS

MOVIES

March

8 & 9 — The Butcher (PG)
10 — Jeremiah Johnson (PG)
11 & 12 — Summer of '42 (R)
13 & 14 — Rage (PG)
15 & 16 — Gone With The Wind
17 — The Rievers (GP)
18 & 19 — Stigma (R)
20 & 21 — Avanti (R)
22 & 23 — Sound of Music (G)



PADDLEBALL CHAMPIONS... (l to r) Ltjg A. Lyon and Lt. T. Lecours of VF-84 hold paddleball championships... Alex E. Farish, Special Services director who presented the trophies, and Lt. A. O'Dwyer and Lt. M. McCutcheon of Medical are runner-ups in paddleball.



DOUBLE CHAMP — AC2 G. Pettit (l) single and doubles handball champion and AC2 A. Channel of Ops was the other team member for the doubles handball championship match.

GMS WINS CAPTAIN'S CUP AT DAM NECK

For the second year in a row the Naval Guided Missiles School, Dam Neck, has won the Fleet Combat Direction Systems Training Center, Atlantic, Captain's Cup Trophy for intramural sports competition. The Surface Missile Systems Department of the Naval Guided Missiles School fielded this year's championship team. In the competition, the team scored 276 points as compared to 244 points for second place. Competition was held in basketball, softball, volleyball and touch football.

Capt J. J. Vermilya, commanding officer of the Fleet Combat Direction Systems Training Center, Atlantic, presented the Captain's Cup Trophy to Capt W. J. Herndon, Jr., commanding officer of the Naval Guided Missiles School.

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WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT.



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ACTION LINE SITREP NO. 5

ACTION LINE TELEPHONE. NAS Oceana Action Line telephone, extension 2255, no longer has a pre-recorded message. Personnel using the Action Line should give message upon completion of tone. Personnel are requested to keep messages as brief as possible.

CALL I think that a copy of "Action Line" should be posted where the public can see it; preferably, somewhere in the hallway of the Exchange so that people, who do not ordinarily have access to the Plan of the Day to which it is usually attached on the Oceana Base, can see and read the answers to their questions. Thank you. (No. 67)

ANSWER: Calls and answers to the "Action Line" telephone are now being published in the Jet Observer in order that they may reach a wider range of readers. Copies of the newspaper are distributed to all activities on the base, including the Navy Exchange and Commissary to be made available to their patrons.

CALL: Considering the Navy as a career, I have placed great merit in the Navy's educational system, part of which is tuition aid. The Navy makes it well known that all active duty personnel are to be given a chance to obtain a college education. So with this in mind, I enrolled in an evening college program at ODU expecting 3/4 of the tuition to be paid by the Navy and 1/4 by myself. After completing the necessary forms, I was assured the Navy would reimburse me, as I paid out the total tuition sum of \$160 at the registration. Within a short period of time I received a mimeograph letter from the Commandant, Fifth Naval District, stating the depletion of funds and the abolishment of tuition aid. Not desiring to make use of my G.I. Bill of Rights while on active duty, paying the tuition as an E-3 poses quite a problem. I feel we are the richest and most powerful country in the world and should place the education of its active duty personnel above all else. I also feel this lack of tuition aid should be made very apparent to all prospective recruits before they sign their enlistment papers. Thank you very much. (No. 47)

ANSWER: The Navy does make it well known that all active duty personnel are to be given a chance to obtain a college education. However, there are specified ways to go about enrolling in college under tuition aid. First, consult your educational services officer for courses available through the college you desire to attend then fill out a "Request for Navy Tuition Assistance." This will be forwarded by the educational services officer to Commandant Fifth Naval District for approval. It is required that all applications be forwarded to the commandant by mail at least 10 days prior to final registration. If funds are available and the request meets all requirements, the commandant will prepare the tuition assistance authorization contract advising the educational institute that the tuition assistance has been authorized. This form is then mailed to the educational services officer for you to deliver to the university upon registration. Apparently, you assumed you would be reimbursed by the Navy before you had your contract in hand. At the present time there are no more funds for tuition aid, but conversation with the tuition aid coordinator in Comfive indicates that more funds will be available in July '73, the next fiscal year. It is not the policy of the Navy to tell prospective recruits about tuition aid availability. The benefit is not mentioned as an incentive in recruitment. Once a person has enlisted, the information regarding tuition aid is made available to him or her.

CALL: I'd like to know why the PPO Barracks 530 must be stood in either Dress Blues or Undress Blues when it used to be able to be stood in dungarees. Thank you. (No. 48)

ANSWER: In accordance with NAS Oceana regulations this watch will be stood in the uniform of the day. This is a military supervisory watch and as such requires the PPO to be quickly recognizable. The uniform helps accomplish this requirement.

CALL: Today, Jan. 29, 1973, my wife went to get a new ID card because hers does not have a social security number. She has had to provide at different exchanges, namely NOB and Little Creek, her Medical Record Card because her ID card has no social security number. So, I went to Personnel and I had the papers made out, they agreed that she needs a new ID card. This service was refused us by the Security Department. My wife called the Security Department and they refused this service over the phone. She has talked to several Navy Exchange officers and they have told her, the one at NOB specifically, that she will have trouble cashing checks, buying things in the Navy Exchange, because there is a directive out that says, "she must have my social security number on her ID card." I would like to know why my rights and benefits as a first class in the United States cannot be authorized by somebody in the Security Department of this station. It also has some other discrepancies: the blocks noted on the form state that it is an out-of-date card; and that it needs to have an error corrected. I would appreciate any action that you can do for me, Captain, Thank you very much. (No. 31)

ANSWER: I'm sorry that you and your wife had a problem. Here is the straight word! SECNAV Notice 1070 of 1 Dec 1971 states, "It is not intended that identification media be reissued en masse for the exclusive purpose of entering the SSN. The fact that the SSN is not entered on the member's or dependent's ID card which is otherwise valid shall not preclude the individual's entitlement to authorized privileges and benefits. Identification cards will continue to be replaced under present replacement procedures." Several exchanges in the area have been contacted,

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NAVY'S ECOLOGY PROGRAMS

Compared to the other military departments, the Navy has some unique environmental problems, as well as a far broader range of ecology problems. Like the other services, the Navy and Marine Corps have air bases, large land training areas and numerous buffer zones.

In addition, the Navy operates a large fleet of ships with people and equipment heavily concentrated in limited living and working space. A Navy ship is, therefore, a microcosm of a small city, including all related pollution problems.

Furthermore, most Navy bases are located around well-established, large metropolitan port areas that have special pollution problems of their own, not the least of which are adequate facilities.

To cope with these problems, the Navy has engaged in a massive effort, spending more than any other federal agency for the job of cleaning up its facilities. In 1971, the Navy spent \$30 million. In 1972, it spent \$66 million, and, in 1973, it plans to spend more.

Within the next few years, the Navy will be spending about \$400 million — approximately two percent of the Navy budget — on pollution abatement, both in direct costs and hidden costs, such as the operation and maintenance of waste treatment facilities and the increased costs of pollution-free ships and aircraft engines.

Pollution control is only a part of the Navy's total environmental program. At more than 80 bases, the Navy and Marine Corps have cooperative management agreements with federal and state conservation agencies for preservation and enhancement of the ecological balance at those bases.

In a recent Z-Gram, Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., said, "Environmental protection is of great importance to the world at large, to our Nation and to the Navy. It is a matter of personal concern to me..."

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LIKE IT IS

DAILY MASS

The Catholic Chaplain is now holding daily Mass, Monday through Friday, at 11:45 a.m. with confessions at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

VF-41 AWARDS

On Feb. 14, 1973, the VF-41 Black Aces conducted quarters in Hangar 200. Commander R. A. Ways, commanding officer, briefed the men on current plans and events and presented awards to several men. Award recipients were AT1 David Sturm, career petty officer for the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 73; HM1 Robert C. McDonald, second good conduct award; AQ2 Clifford Basso, first good conduct award & AE1 Daniel L. Reed, first good conduct award. Award recipients unable to attend the ceremony were ADJ1 Percy Caldwell, ninth good conduct award and AO2 David Charles, first good conduct award.

TOPHATTER FIRST

The Tophatters of VF-14 recently achieved another first. On the night of 1973, Cdr T. D. Kujawski, Co of VF-14, and his radar intercept officer, Lt J. R. Adams, flew the first night MODE 1 automatic "hands off" approach and arrested landing by a CVW-1 F-4B Phantom aircar on board the USS John F. Kennedy.

This first night automatic landing was made possible through the combined efforts of VF-14's maintenance personnel and the Kennedy's CATCC personnel, and their respective abilities to maintain the relatively new and highly sophisticated automatic carrier landing system equipment. The ACL system represents a great advancement in ship/air wing capabilities; because, it serves to aide the aircrew in landing during night and adverse weather conditions.

VF-33 WINS AWARD

VF-33 was presented a Meritorious Unit commendation award by the Secretary of the Navy recently in ceremonies held in Hangar 200 at NAS Oceana. The award was presented to VF-33's squadron commander, Cdr. F. G. Staudenmayer, by Cdr W. Meyer, Commander Carrier Attack Wing Seven (CVW-7). The squadron was cited for meritorious performance in establishing a sustained fighter squadron accident free aviation record, and for contributing greatly to the naval aviation readiness posture. VF-33 is a part of CVW-7 and is due to deploy on the USS Independence (CVA-62) later this year.

ATTENTION FORRESTAL WIVES

Dependents for the Easter flight to Athens, Greece, April 20 to May 2 are needed. If interested contact Cdr Curry at 444-4592.

OFFICER ALL WIVES CLUB FEATURES BALLET

Saratoga Air Wing Wives from Oceana; VA-75, VF-31, and VF-103, will be hostesses for the Oceana Officers' Wife's Club Branch on March 21 at the Officers' Club.

The program will feature the Academy of Virginia Beach Ballet, home of the Virginia Beach Civic Ballet. A "behind-the-scene" preview demonstrating the past, present, and future projects of the ballet will be presented. Dancers will demonstrate techniques in modern dance, jazz, and classical ballet. Major Burchfield, ballet master, will narrate portions of the program.

Contact your unit representative for reservations.

SAVE VISION

March 4-10 is "Save Vision Week" as proclaimed by President Nixon. In observance of this proclamation have your eyes checked and make sure your family does also.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY BEGINS NEW PROGRAM

The George Washington University's Tidewater Center will offer a new concentration in the Master of Science in Administration curriculum beginning in the fall semester of 1973-1974 academic year. The new MSA option — Information Technology — will emphasize managerial understanding of information systems.

In addition to the basic general graduate courses in management, behavioral science, quantitative factors and economics, students will complete the following four specialized courses:

Management Information Systems Development and Application
Comparative Computer Systems
Management of Information Technology
Seminar in Information Technology

The student's program is then rounded out with elective courses which may include Theory and Management of Systems, Advanced Digital Computer Seminar and Advanced Managerial Statistics.

The overall program requires no undergraduate prerequisite and is especially tailored to those in the management information, automatic data processing or operations research work assignments or for those who care to enter these or other computer-oriented fields. Further information concerning the program can be obtained from faculty advisors at the Tidewater Center's offices in Riverdale Plaza, Hampton, Va. or the Janaf Shopping Center in Norfolk Va.

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CAPT MANDEVILLE READS CHARTER TO MOTORCYCLE CLUB MEMBERS.

Motorcycle Club Chartered

On March 1, 1973, the Golden Eagles Motorcycle Club officially came into being. Shortly after morning colors, the Golden Eagles' Road Captain, Jesse Bryant, led the club into the administration building parking area. During the brief ceremony that followed, Captain Mandeville, CO, NAS Oceana, presented the club's charter to the Golden Eagles' president, Mark Campbell.

The Friday morning parade of motorcycles and yellow-jacketed cyclists was indeed a strange sight at NAS Oceana; spectators arrived from all directions and the curious watched from a variety of distant locations. That something unusual was about to take place was obvious.

The unusual event began when Mark Campbell and Captain Mandeville exchanged greetings, then proceeded to inspect the club and its equipment. Finding everything in order, Captain Mandeville presented the club's charter to Mark Campbell.

The charter is the document which authorizes the Golden Eagles Motorcycle Club, defines

the club's purpose and establishes the guidelines under which the club will operate. Briefly, the purpose of the club is to bring as many of the NAS Oceana motorcyclists as possible under the goal of promoting and providing "safety and service in motorcycling."

RAMSEY RETIRES

James R. Ramsey, supervisory firefighter at the NAS Oceana Fire Department, retired Feb. 27, 1973 after 27 years of service as an employee with the federal government.

Mr. Ramsey began his federal career at Camp Pendleton, Va. in 1942. In 1951, Mr. Ramsey came to NAS Oceana as a firefighter. In 1955, he was promoted to supervisory firefighter. He remained with the Fire Department until his retirement.

During his employment, Mr. Ramsey received a 7-year safety certificate and emblem for supervisors.

Mr. Ramsey resides with his wife on Will-o-wisp Drive in Virginia Beach.

The Chief of Naval Operations has approved a change to Navy Uniform Regulations authorizing Navy women to wear afro, bouffant and other similar hair styles.

The change specifies that the back of the hair may touch, but not fall below the lower edge of the jacket/coat collar, and that no hair shall show under the front brim of the hat. In no case can the bulk or length of hair interfere with the proper wearing of military headgear.

SAILORS URGED TO TAKE LEAVE

The Chief of Naval Operations has called upon all commanding officers to allow and encourage personnel under their command to take all 30 days of earned leave each year, including at least one period of from 14 to 21 consecutive days.

The goal, as outlined in a special Navop message recently, is to reduce the total amount of money the Navy must pay back each year in lump sum leave payments to personnel being discharged. Over \$100 million was paid back during fiscal year 1972.

The Navy will continue to pay all lump sum leave payments due, but efforts will be made to cut down the total fiscal expenditure through leave encouragement and more advanced leave accounting procedures. To improve the accounting system, currently used for officers only, is being expanded to include all enlisted personnel.

SUPPLY

The Last Link

The familiar saying, "A chain is only as strong as its weakest link," is especially applicable to the chain of events involved in satisfying the material requests from station departments and tenant squadrons at NAS Oceana. The Aviation Supply Support Division of the Oceana Supply Department has the responsibility for the delivery of all on-station material issues. They are the "last link" in the support sequence of technical research, key punching, stock checks, material location and selection. The physical delivery of this urgently needed material is accomplished by a contingent of seventeen delivery drivers assigned TAD from tenant activities.

Supply duties, far from being

glamorous or rewarding, require strength, patience, and above all, endurance. Operating from the Component Control Section in the AMD Avionics Building, these men battle traffic, brave the elements, and establish time limits to deliver material weighing from ounces to hundreds of pounds. For on-station not operational —ready for supply (NORS) issues, an established delivery time frame of one hour presents a formidable goal with an equally tough two-hour limit for non-NORS issues. With the usual exceptions, the average delivery times meet these limits. In addition to the many repairable components that are expeditiously delivered, the equally important simultaneous exchange and return of the failed components to the Rotatable Pool for induction and repair is accomplished by these drivers.

Crucial responsibility for getting the right material to the right place at the right time falls squarely on the shoulders of these men, and without their diligent efforts the "chain" would indeed break.

WELCOME HOME!

By Jill Seay, Chairman
They're Not Forgotten Committee
for the POW/MIA's

Welcome home, Capt Jerry Denton; welcome home, Capt Jim Mulligan; welcome home, LCdr Bill Tschudy; and to those others who will soon enjoy the freedom which we too often take for granted—welcome home!

At long last, we can begin to say those special words to some very special former prisoners of war. As more and more of these men return, we will continue to say it, proudly knowing that as patriotic and concerned Americans we helped in a small way to return them to our great and wonderful land. The courage and discipline of our ex-prisoners of war have helped us all to realize how necessary it is to protect an honorable and free democracy. What greater sacrifice can a man make, than that lonely isolated existence and yet, they kept the faith".

There are several lessons to be learned from this long and cruel war. For as long as we have prisoners of war, we will be prisoners of war. With each returning man, take their courage, dignity and strength; use it to help keep our country together.

We will never forget those who died for the service of their country and we will wait for word on our missing in action.

We are very proud of all the returning prisoners. We needed them and want them to know that their suffering has given us a responsible togetherness that no other country has. They are America and what it's all about.

We can say it now, again and again...welcome home, welcome home!

Let The Buyer Beware

By virtue of legislation recently passed in 33 states, the age of majority has been reduced from 21 to 18, and in some cases to 19 years old.

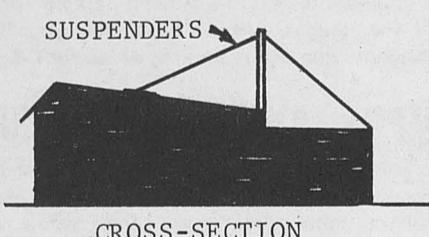
Servicemen, therefore, are now legally eligible to purchase houses and houseboats, washing machines, color TV's, motor boats and motorcycles, correspondence courses, and otherwise borrow cash without the signature of their parents or other co-signers.

The only way they can get out of the sales contract now is to prove fraud. The time-worn defense of being under age is no longer available in those 33 states.

The age of majority is 18 in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The law is 19 in Alaska, Iowa, and Nebraska.

This new group of consumers must be a prime target for vigorous programs of consumer education. In particular, they should be alerted to those common deceptions—bait and switch, free prize and contest gimmicks, phony comparative prices, etc.—that have been the subject of general FTC consumer education efforts directed to their older counterparts.

Before YOU sign, see your legal officer.

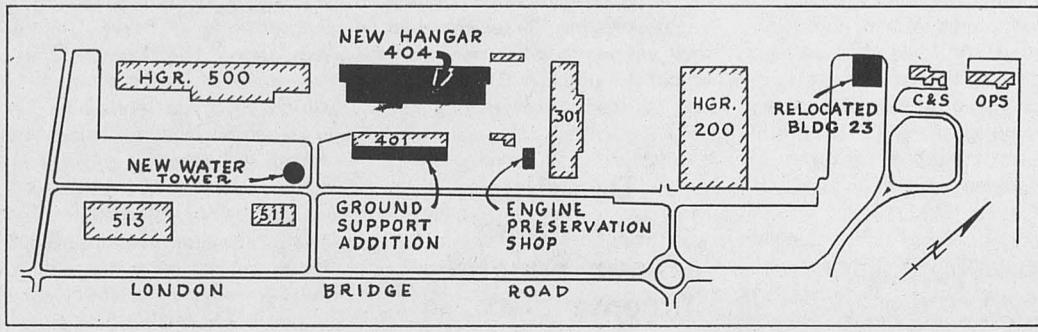


pletion late this summer.

Also scheduled to finish at that time is Building 23 which is now next to Crash and Salvage. Building 23, a 120-foot square steel frame structure, used to rest near Hangar 500 until it was put on dollies and taxied 4/10 of a mile down the ramp to its new location. The structure will be used for SAR helicopter main-

tenance after its metal siding is renewed.

Also a part of the contract and an extremely noticeable addition to the base is a new 300,000 gallon water tower. The 150-foot tower, which will help maintain the pressure in the water distribution system, was built by Pittsburgh Des Moines Steel Company, erectors of the famous St. Louis Arch.



CONSTRUCTION CAPSULE

and are aware of, and abide by this directive. I think you were confronted by several new employees who apparently did not understand or know about this directive. Your wife's present ID card is valid in all respects.

CALL: Yes, Captain. Today is the 27th of December and my wife went into sick bay. I work till late in the evening. She spent almost two hours in sick bay due to a sore throat. They took a throat culture and the doctor said she had a very red throat, but there was no medication or throat lozenges given to her, and I'd like to know why this has to be this way. Thank you. (No. 365)

ANSWER: It is not good medical practice to indiscriminately dispense antibiotics for sore throats because patients might develop a resistance to antibiotics that are prescribed. Also, the effectiveness of throat lozenges is highly questionable. For your information, only about 10% of the sore throats are caused by pathogenic bacteria which can be effectively treated with antibiotics, the remaining 90% are either non-pathogenic or viral. If the culture is positive, proper notification will be made immediately and medication will be prescribed at that time.

CALL: Sir, I was wondering why they cannot have the gate on Navy Housing open during the day. Those of us would not have to change into civvies just to come home for lunch in the afternoon and after work, since the gate does lead right into Navy housing. Thank you. (No. 28)

ANSWER: The Golf Course gate is open in the morning to residents of Navy Housing to minimize congestion at other intersections during the rush hour. The Security Department does not have sufficient manpower to monitor the use of this gate at other times. Residents of Oceana Navy Housing are authorized dungaree passes which will permit them to transit the main gates in the dungaree uniform. Bonafide resident sailors in the Navy Housing area may procure the dungaree pass in their respective commands.

CALL: Yes Captain, I'd like to know if there is a curfew for teenagers in housing and if so, what time is it and the security to enforce it. There has been several car antennas broken and scratches on new cars out here in housing. Thank you. (No. 22)

ANSWER: The enlisted housing area is under the joint jurisdiction of NAS Oceana and the City of Virginia Beach. The city does have a curfew from midnight to 5 a.m. for unaccompanied teenagers under the age of 18, paperboys excluded for morning deliveries. Base police will enforce the curfew, if notified.

CALL: I'm calling in reference to Call No. 342. I'm the person who made the call and I feel that the response was inadequate as excuses were being made for a situation which is inexcusable. There must be a more efficient means of handling walk-in patients than this. I realize they are by no means a rarity. I don't think that an appointment should be set up in such a manner that acutely ill patients should sit in the waiting room for three hours. In the hours that I waited, how many people were exposed to my illness, and how many illnesses was I exposed to. I had not planned two weeks ahead of time to be ill that day. Therefore, it was unrealistic for me to have made an appointment beforehand. I think that if the Navy cannot provide adequate health care for its personnel, which is one of the benefits so widely advertised for prospective enlistees, then it should not accept the responsibility. As a registered nurse, I realize what level of health care a human being is entitled to. And as far as I have experienced in my contact with medical aids provided by the Navy, it has fallen quite short of this level. Thank you. (No. 19)

ANSWER: I am convinced that the Regional Medical Center Branch at NAS Oceana provides the best possible service after considering the assets with which it has to work. There are an insufficient number of medical personnel assigned to provide the instant care and attention we would all like to enjoy. During the month of December (a relatively light month) over 10,000 patients were seen by our doctors, over 15,000 lab tests/X-rays, etc. performed — a staggering workload! CHAMPUS is an available alternative to the use of this facility. Constructive criticism is always most welcome.

CALL: Sir, I live in Navy housing, and they have had a water faucet on order for our sink since October and they have not yet put it in the house. I was wondering why it is taking so long? Thank you (No. 30)

ANSWER: Unfortunately, there was a considerable delay in obtaining faucets for the kitchen sinks in housing; they have now been received and installed. A check of the housing records indicated only one call for kitchen faucets, which was placed in October. The workmen have tried unsuccessfully on at least three occasions to find someone at home in order to install this one. If your faucet still has not been installed, please call the housing manager and he will make the necessary arrangements to have the work accomplished.

CALL: Sir, I was wondering what it would take to have the parking lot in front of the Commissary cleaned up. There's all kinds of glass, broken wine bottles and everything else on the concrete there. It's really a hazard for people's car tires. Anything you could do to clean up that mess would be appreciated. Thank you very much. (No. 32)

ANSWER: The Commissary Store parking lot between the Commissary and Hobby Shop is checked daily for broken glass or cans that could be a hazard to customers' tires.

CALL: Captain, I'd like to know if there is any possible way that we could have a Small Stores for Waves on base? We don't have any clothes and Norfolk is always filled up. We have five activities around here and all together there's a total of 150 girls and we just

ACTION LINE (from page 2)

can't get the amount of clothing that we need. The Small Stores would cover the areas of Little Creek, Dam Neck and Oceana. This would save a long trip into Norfolk, which is a long way to go if you don't have a car. Thank you, Sir. (No. 35)

ANSWER: The Clothing Store can only stock items that sell rapidly. The female sailor population at Oceana (approximately 40) is insufficient to permit stocking of female clothing items. The C&SS operator, CS1 Jones, 2778, takes orders, picks up the desired items at NOB and holds them at the Oceana store for the requestor. In addition, the demand is recorded and, when sufficient, the item is stocked if it is on the list of items we are allowed to stock. Every effort is being made to provide the maximum service possible within the existing constraints. By ordering through our store you can avoid the round trip to Norfolk and, hopefully, increase the demand to the level where we can stock them here at Oceana.

CALL: I'd like to know what could be done about the first class parking lot over at Hangar 200. It seems that if you park your car there and you're not a first class you get a ticket. The E-5 and below parking lot is always full and the first class parking lot is always empty. There are quite a few parking spots and there is no other place to park in that area. It seems to me a little more space would be appreciated by all hands over here at the hangar. Thank you. (No. 21)

ANSWER: We are in the process of obtaining a new parking lot which will accommodate another 144 cars. At the present time it is necessary to keep the lots assigned as they are with the allowance starting at the top. The statement of the first class parking lot being empty is not true. There are a few parking spots in that lot that may be vacant for a period of time but not always. Tickets will be given to anyone who is parked in a lot other than the one assigned to his rate or rank. We are aware of the problem and are close to completion in obtaining the new lot.

CALL: Today I was issued a seven-day restriction from driving on any military activity. This was issued due to a parking ticket I received for parking in the officer's CPO parking lot near Hangar 200. You don't realize that there is a parking problem in that area for E-5's and below. It just isn't an adequate area. I was advised to come to work earlier so that I would be able to park in an authorized area. This does not solve the problem. There simply isn't enough room for everybody to park. A protest preceding from the traffic court, there was no consideration given my complaint that there was not enough parking spaces. I feel the punishment for such a trivial offense is unjust. A possible solution for this is to make the E-6 parking area to include E-5 and E-6 which would lessen the load on E-5 and below parking lot. Thank you. (No. 11)

ANSWER: The command is cognizant of the parking problem aboard NAS Oceana. Funding limitations retard our efforts to provide additional parking areas. The problem in itself necessitates enforcement of the parking regulations, particularly in high density areas. The hangar coordinators of the various hangars establish the parking regulations in the parking lots of their respective hangars. They also ticket the vehicles of those who violate the rules. The chief of police decides the penalty for the infraction. In your citation, a seven-day restriction is deemed more than fair. The maximum for a first offender is ninety days. The suggestion to include E-5 personnel and E-6 parking lot would lessen the problem for E-4's and below but would magnify the problem for E-6's, and so on. The Hangar 200 coordinator is in the process of submitting a plan for increasing parking space on the south ramp of the hangar. The proposal may provide an opportunity to designate one of the parking areas for E-5 personnel only.

GWU CAMPUS ON BASE AT NORFOLK

Have several nights a week with nothing to do? Why not put them to work for you and earn a college degree? It may be easier than you think.

If you have been in the military for at least one year, you already have six credit hours according to Turner's "Case Guide to Evaluation of Educational Experience". Turner's is the standard, used by educators, for assessing a person's educational background. Additionally, you may be eligible for more credits if you have attended any of the Navy's Class "A", "B", or "C" schools.

If that isn't enough help, the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAIFI) has a five part test which can be worth up to thirty credit hours. The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) is ordered through and given by your Education and Training Office. Also, USAIFI offers a wide variety of courses covering many high school and college subjects.

To help further, there are two colleges now offering degree programs on naval stations in the

Tidewater area. The credits obtained from these programs carry the same value as resident classes. This means, you can receive a degree without ever setting foot on a campus.

George Washington University and Golden Gate College, offer courses for a Bachelor of Arts Degree. G.W.U., also offers graduate level studies leading to a masters degree. All classes are given in the evenings and can be financed with tuition aid or the G.I. Bill.

G.W.U.'s counseling office is temporarily located in Suite 303 of the JANAF-Executive Building, JANAF Shopping Center. However, they will be moving to permanent offices in Suite 208. G.W.U. office can be reached by dialing 857-5995.

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**Deadline
For Filing
Your Federal
Income Tax is
April 16**



WATCH OUT for the sales pitch! It may be a curve ball. See your legal advisor before signing anything! Sunk-en Gardens model Terry Trammell has curves and her pitch has a lot to offer. That's a deal you just can't refuse!

Dungaree Rules Change

The wearing of dungarees and the enlisted working blue uniform while in transit to local offbase residences was stopped by the Chief of Naval Operations on Jan. 15.

This privilege, established by Z-Grams 57 and 70, was no longer considered necessary due to recent authorization of civilian clothes for all hands.

Additionally, the recent announcement concerning wearing of the peacoat or denim dungaree trousers, as or with civilian clothes, was premature. The wearing of uniform items with civilian clothing remains unauthorized, except as provided for by U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations, 1969. CNO Navops 2-73 and 4-73 apply.

In another uniform development, CNO has authorized all first class petty officers to purchase and wear the new enlisted dress blue uniform. Guidelines for wearing the uniform are found in chapter nine of Navy Uniform Regulations. The peacoat is still the standard overcoat and is authorized to be worn with the new uniform in areas where the climate warrants.

The new dress blues are available at Navy Exchanges and through civilian vendors. Small Stores will not carry the uniform until its formal introduction date — July 1, 1973. CNO Navop 3-73-contains the authorization.

TaxTips

When you pay a bill, you expect a receipt, right? If you owe money when you file your Federal tax return this year, pay with a check or money order. To prevent any mixup when you file, put your Social Security number on the check or money order that accompanies your return. A canceled check or money order is your record of tax payment.

Did you receive dividends or interest last year from your bank or your credit union or from other investment? If so, you must report them on your Federal income tax return.

Those who pay you dividends or interest must also report these payments to the IRS. So be sure that your bank and credit union have your Social Security number.

Did you have a casualty or theft loss last year? You may be able to deduct that loss on your Federal income tax return if you itemize your deductions. Special rules may apply if your property was in a disaster area. Check it out. Read your tax instructions or call your local Internal Revenue Service office for more information.

Got a special income tax problem and don't know where to turn? One of the first places to look is the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS has over 80 free tax publications written in plain English about special problems. Whether your question concerns the investment credit or the self-employment tax or hundreds of other subjects, chances are you'll find the answer in an IRS publication. Where do you get them? At your local IRS office.

Last year, over 75 million individual Federal income tax returns were filed with the Internal Revenue Service. How do you think each one is identified? By the taxpayer's Social Security number, which provides the IRS with positive identification on all tax documents that belong to that taxpayer. Put your Social Security number on all correspondence with IRS. It helps them keep your tax account records straight!

How can you get a statement of your wages for last year? Ask your employer for a W-2 form. If you can't get W-2's from each employer by April 16, report all income on your return and attach a statement explaining how you determined it.

You have to pay tax on the interest on your savings account, even though you didn't collect it in cash. All dividend and interest income is taxable. You must report it on your income tax return, even if it's only credited to your account.

Take stock in America.



some SHARP ADVICE

Razor blades, tacks and pins can hurt. Store them in containers (typewriter ribbon boxes are good).

Keep sharp pencils in the desk, not points up in a desktop holder.

Paper cuts are painful and can become infected. Use a rubber finger guard when working with stacks of papers, and a wetting device, not your tongue, for sealing envelopes.

Keep your fingers clear when you use the paper cutter. Pick up broken glass with a dampened paper towel, not your fingers.

If there are any sharp edges or projections on your office furniture report them.

MERIT SYSTEM ANNIVERSARY

This year we mark the 90th anniversary of the merit system in the selection of government workers. We've come a long way since 1883 when it was who, and not what, you knew that mattered.

Progress to this point has been great. The program can look back on a record of achievement. But, this is not the time for the system to rest on its laurels. Much remains to be done — happily, serious work is in progress in many areas. Let's review a few of them.

Proposals soon are due on a review of the appeals system. They should ultimately produce changes which will make the system more fair and more responsive to employee needs.

They also should make it possible for a case to be resolved in much less time than it now takes.

Also, in the review stage is the whole bargaining area. The Civil Service Commission is looking at what the personnel manuals say and what they do not say about the scope of bargaining. Out of this review should come much more realistic policies.

The creation of an effective program in which labor and management can work together ultimately could prove almost as important as those changes way back in 1883.

Testing to identify employee capabilities was a keystone of the original program. Testing still is important today, but it is being looked at in a different light. There is a growing awareness that tests of academic ability should be only a part and not all of the determination process. The day this concept is given full recognition will be another important milestone on the civil service road.

Life itself is a learning experience. It is encouraging to see

this experience begin to get some recognition along with formal education and training.

Perhaps the biggest change we will see will be in the area of employee evaluation. For too long we have relied on a rating system limited to "Satisfactory, unsatisfactory, or outstanding." There was little or no effort, for instance, to determine if the worker was happy in the job to which he was assigned; no concern about whether he was satisfied with the progress he was making.

A major step toward streamlining both the evaluation and classification process was reached with completion of the Oliver Task Force report. This was a comprehensive study of the system and a complex plan for revisions designed to make it meet current needs. The report went to the Congress and it still languishes there, waiting for action that may never come.

But, like many ideas considered too "radical" for their time, segments of it still may find their way into the system. The CSC is studying the report and determining if the benchmarks or other parts can be adapted to fit into the current system.

These are just a few of the things happening in the civil service. The next ten years probably will bring more changes than came about in the last 90.

The only way a system can stay alive and efficient is to retain within it the capability for adapting to change. There are healthy signs on the horizon that this system has the ability and the leadership to bring the merit principle to new heights in the public service. At a time when things sometimes look dark for the government worker, this truly could be the light at the end of the tunnel.

EXTRA SGLI PAYOFF

A Veterans Administration ruling announced today makes possible the payment of as much as \$5,000 to \$10,000 additional in life insurance to families of some servicemen listed as missing in action in Southeast Asia who are later determined to have died.

Affected are servicemen placed on the missing in action list prior to Sept. 29, 1965, when Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) first became available, and those reported missing before June 25, 1970, when the amount of insurance was increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Donald E. Johnson, administrator of veterans affairs, approved a new VA regulation under which SGLI coverage will be deemed to have continued until the Department of Defense officially terminates the "missing" status.

Under normal insurance practices no insurance would be payable where death occurred before the insurance went into effect and only the lower amount would be paid where death occurred before the insurance was increased. Under the new rule insurance will be provided if the member was "missing" when the policy became effective and the increased amount will be payable if the "missing" status continued through June 25, 1970 even though it may develop that death occurred at an earlier date.

Johnson explained that the new rule is limited to Servicemen's Group Life Insurance. That program is unique in that the coverage and increased coverage were provided automatically based on the missing serviceman's continuing pay status.

In any other situation life insurance would have been in effect when the missing status occurred and premiums paid after death would be returned. However, that approach in the SGLI program would lead to survivors receiving no insurance or a lesser amount of insurance when they had been led to believe the full amount was in force, and premiums had been deducted from service pay on that basis. Such a result would be equitable, Johnson said.

Johnson explained that when the hostilities cease it will no doubt be established that some members who have been listed as missing in action were in fact dead before the insurance went into effect or before it was increased to \$15,000.

In dealing with all veterans benefits for POW's, MIA's and their families Johnson said "this same compassionate approach will be used to the maximum extent possible under the law."

DID YOU KNOW?

Under present legislation, men whose wives die or become 100 percent disabled as a result of military service now share equal rights with wives and widows of male veterans under the GI Bill.

JOLTS DRUG & ABUSE

BRAIN DAMAGE — Drugs and alcohol can damage your brain. Brain tissue does not regenerate. Once brain tissue is injured it remains injured. Successful brain transplants to date have produced only monsters for horror movies. Protect the brain you have, you will never have another.

LEGALIZED POT — The 178-page report of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, released on March 22, 1972, was hailed as a liberal approach to the marijuana problem. Several commission members had smoked marijuana. On the matter of legalized pot the commission reported: "We have also rejected the regulatory or legalization scheme because it would institutionalize availability of a drug which has uncertain long-term effects and which may be of transient social interest." Despite all the uncertainty and debate concerning marijuana, one fact stands out; marijuana is still illegal everywhere you are apt to go.

SPECIAL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Hospitalization can be a frightening experience for a youngster, particularly one who has no idea of what to expect. To help prepare for this experience, the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., sponsors weekly pre-operative seminars for children 12 years of age and under.

The seminars, staffed by volunteers, are held in the second floor conference room of the new hospital building every Sunday except holidays. (According to the schedule through May, there will be no seminar on April 12, May 13 and May 27.) Each session begins promptly at 3 p.m. and is over by 3:45 p.m. It includes a visual and oral presentation as well as visits to the Pediatric Surgery Ward and the Recovery Room.

Although the seminars are designed primarily to assist parents with youngsters scheduled for surgery, hospital officials urge all parents to bring children in the 12 and under age group to a session. They point out that the need for emergency surgery or hospitalization can occur without warning and without sufficient time to orient the child.

The program was initiated last January and during its first year, 473 children attended including 269 who were not scheduled for surgery.

Prior arrangements for individuals to attend are not necessary; however, persons planning to bring groups are urged to give advance notice to the Naval Regional Medical Center's Public Affairs Department, 397-6581, ext. 328 or 330. The seminars are open to the general public.

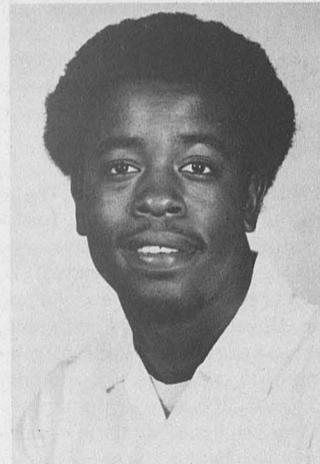
KUDOS



YN2 James W. Smith, Jr. has been selected the VA-65 Sailor of the Month for February 1973.



AO2 Leon P. Canaday was recently selected as VF-102's Diamondback of the Month.



AN William T. Wright has been selected as the VA-35 Sailor of the Month for January 1973.



AMH3 Leo A. Ternes has been selected as the VA-35 plane Captain of the Month for January 1973.

SPORTS

WRESTLING

The East Coast Wrestling Championships will be conducted March 12 thru 16, 1973. Personnel with experience may sign up at the station gym or call ext. 2695 for information.

HANDBALL

The station handball tournament was held Jan. 22 thru Feb. 2. In the Singles Division with 19 entries, G. Pettit of operations Dept. bested Ltjg P. Hagen of VC2 by scores of 21-17, 21-15. The Doubles Division with 11 team entries, Ops Dept. again scored the championships. G. Pettit teamed with AC2 A. Channel defeated Ltjg P. Hagen and Lt. J. Morinski of VC-2 by scores of 21-17, 19-21 & 21-13.

PADDLE BALL

A paddle ball tournament conducted Feb. 5 thru Feb. 16 results as follows: Singles Division with 21 entries Ltjg A. Lyon of VF-84 downed G. Pettit of Ops 21-14, 21-19. Doubles Division with ten teams entered Ltjg A Lyon and Lt. T. Lecours of VF-84 downed the Medical "Docs" of Lt M. McCutcheon and Lt. A. O'Dwyer scores of 21-14 and 21-18.

VOLLEYBALL

The station Intramural Volleyball League will commence March 19, 1973. Depts & Squadrons may enter by calling Ext. 2695. Games will be played Monday, Wednesday & Thursdays. Deadline for entries is noon on March 16.

ARMED FORCES CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Fourteenth Annual Armed Forces Chess Championship Tournament will be held in Washington, d. C., Oct. 26 through Nov. 2, 1973 at the American Legion Building, Hall of Flags, 1608 K. Street, N. W. The competition is between three teams (Army, Air Force and Sea Services) consisting of six players each. There will be twelve rounds of team play in which each player will compete against every player on the other two teams for the team championship. The player making the highest score in the 12 rounds will be the individual champion.

Names of the four top winners nominated from area/district tournaments and individual applications should be submitted to the Chief of Naval Personnel (P4112) to arrive not later than Oct. 1, 1973. Nominations will include an outline of past competitive experience, USCF rating, and an indication by the commanding officer that the individual nominated can be made available for the period outlined above. For information concerning the location of chapters, players or tournament officials, write directly to the United States Chess Federation, 479 Broadway, Newburgh, New York 12550, FB10 (NAVSTA Long Beach, Pearl Harbor, San Diego, Treasure Island only), FB13 (SUBASE), FB21 (NAVPHIBASE), FF1 (COMNAVDIST), FF2 (NAVBASE Key West only), FF3 (NAVSTA Washington, D. C.), FF19 (NAVSUPPACT), FH3 (NAVHOSP Bethesda, Portsmouth, N. H., Portsmouth, Va., St. Albans only), FJ12 (NAVSTA), FJ14 (NTC), FKL1 (NAVSHIPYD San Francisco only), FKR1A (NAS Patuxent River only), FT2 (CNATRA), FT6 (NAS Corpus Christi, Whiting Field, Pensacola, Memphis only).

CLUBS

ACEY DEUCY CLUB

March
9 — Western Union Express
10 — Golden Sounds
14 — Townsmen
16 — Benny Gould
17 — St. Patrick's Dance —
Squires
23 — Golden Sounds
24 — East Coast Express

COP CLUB

March
9 — Golden Sounds
10 — East Coast Express
14 — Hotshots
16 — Squires

17 — St. Patrick's Dance —
Duane Markham
21 — Up Town Sounds
23 — Shadows
24 — Hot Shots

PINK ELEPHANT LATE BANDS

Friday Nites — 1:30 a.m. to 4 a.m.
Sat. Nites — 10:30 p.m. to 4 a.m.
March
9 — Gary Daniels, U.S.A.

10 — Carolina Charlie
16 — Young Country (Variety Rock)

17 — Carolina Charlie
23 — Carolina Charlie
24 — Gary Daniels, U.S.A.

Other Pink Elephant Bands'n Things

March
8 — Disc Jockey "Brisbane" 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight Rock & Soul — you can bring your own discs if you like.
15 — Floor Show — Bob Garbor presents Booju & Kira
21 — East Coast Express

THE FLICS

MOVIES

March

8 & 9 — The Butcher (PG)
10 — Jeremiah Johnson (PG)
11 & 12 — Summer of '42 (R)
13 & 14 — Rage (PG)
15 & 16 — Gone With The Wind
17 — The Rievers (GP).
18 & 19 — Stigma (R)
20 & 21 — Avanti (R)
22 & 23 — Sound of Music (G)



PADDLEBALL CHAMPIONS... (l to r) Ltjg A. Lyon and Lt T. Lecours of VF-84 hold paddleball championships... Alex E. Farish, Special Services director who presented the trophies, and Lt. A. O'Dwyer and Lt M. McCutcheon of Medical are runner-ups in paddleball.



DOUBLE CHAMP — AC2 G. Pettit (l) single and doubles handball champion and AC2 A. Channel of Ops was the other team member for the doubles handball championship match.

GMS WINS CAPTAIN'S CUP AT DAM NECK

For the second year in a row the Naval Guided Missiles School, Dam Neck, has won the Fleet Combat Direction Systems Training Center, Atlantic, Captain's Cup Trophy for intramural sports competition. The Surface Missile Systems Department of the Naval Guided Missiles School fielded this year's championship team. In the competition, the team scored 276 points as compared to 244 points for second place. Competition was held in basketball, softball, volleyball and touch football.

Capt. J. J. Vermilya, commanding officer of the Fleet Combat Direction Systems Training Center, Atlantic, presented the Captain's Cup Trophy to Capt. W. J. Herndon, Jr., commanding officer of the Naval Guided Missiles School.

Safety belts, when you think about it, it's a nice way to say I love you.



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