

The United States Navy

Guardian of our Country

The United States Navy is responsible for maintaining control of the sea and is a ready force on watch at home and overseas, capable of strong action to preserve the peace or of instant offensive action to win in war.

It is upon the maintenance of this control that our country's glorious future depends. The United States Navy exists to make it so.


We Serve with Honor

Tradition, valor and victory are the Navy's heritage from the past. To these may be added dedication, discipline and vigilance as the watchwords of the present and future. At home or on distant stations, we serve with pride, confident in the respect of our country, our shipmates, and our families. Our responsibilities sober us; our adversities strengthen us. Service to God and Country is our special privilege. We serve with honor.

The Future of the Navy

The Navy will always employ new weapons, new techniques and greater power to protect and defend the United States on the sea, under the sea, and in the air.

Now and in the future, control of the sea gives the United States her greatest advantage for the maintenance of peace and for victory in war. Mobility, surprise, dispersal and offensive power are the keynotes of the new Navy. The roots of the Navy lie in a strong belief in the future, in continued dedication to our tasks, and in reflection on our heritage from the past. Never have our opportunities and our responsibilities been greater.



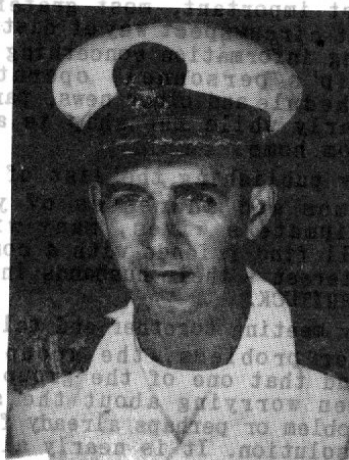
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CAPTAIN'S DESK

GOOSE

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CDR. DRESEL REPORTED FROM TAIWAN

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The C.O., Chaplains and officers wives were present and some very interesting and some very complimentary remarks were made.

Many problems were brought to the attention of the CO, XO, and the Chaplain can often be solved by a visit, a note, or a phone call.

While in our home port, we are constantly helping families of the CURRITUCK personnel in the San Diego area. However, when the ship deploys for 7 1/2 months to the Western Pacific, our assistance in this work will be most successful. Those present were very helpful in making the trip to the Far East.

CDR Robert F. Dresel, Operations Department Head, forecasts an exciting and interesting tour of WesPac for the CURRITUCK crew. He reported to our ship in January from Taipei, Taiwan, where he was assigned to the 7th Fleet Staff.

'It was a grand experience where else but in the Far East are you able to order fried rice, shark fin soup, sea slug soup, half cooked chicken liver, and shredded jelly fish, drink in moderation, and take on a jaundiced glow,' he said.

He further described the Far East as, the land of rice, chop sticks, rick-shaas, and skirts split up the side. All of life is flavored with endless rows of smelly rice paddies.

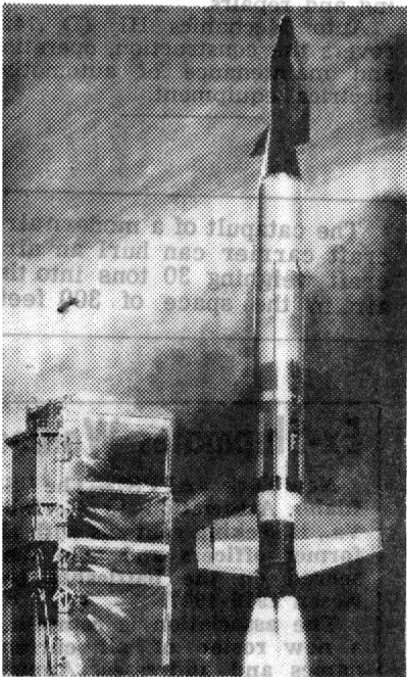
During his tour of duty in China, his daughter, Suzy, participated in an national art show. She is the first American allowed to exhibit her paintings in Taiwan.

CDR Dresel was disappointed in receiving orders to the CURRITUCK because, 'I was mentally prepared for shore duty.' After reporting aboard he experienced a complete change of attitude, 'I am extremely happy to be aboard - she's a fine ship chucked full of fine individuals. I am looking forward to a very pleasant and successful tour in WesPac.'

CDR Dresel hails from Lykens, Pa., and is married to the former Miss Jomarie Shannon, of York, Pa.

He has earned the following medals: Air, Korean Occupation, China Service, European Service. He has qualified to wear the Chinese Air Force Wings.

CDR Dresel attended the following schools: General Line, CIC, Intelligence, Photo Interpretation and Anti-Submarine Warfare.



SKYWARD BOUND—This is an artist's conception of the Free World's first man-controlled spacecraft, Dyna-Soar, a boost-glide vehicle which will be carried into space by the Titan II intercontinental ballistic missile.

US 848, Norfolk 3, Va.

ACROSS THE CAPTAIN'S DESK



The First meeting of the Wives of CURRITUCK Enlisted Men was most successful and encouraging. About 25 ladies attended the informal get together held March 8th at the Enlisted Men's Club at the Naval Station.

The C.O., Chaplain and officers wives, as hosts and hostesses were hard put to answer the interesting and some very challenging questions asked by the wives.

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While in our home port, we are constantly helping families of the CURRITUCK personnel in the San Diego area. However, when the ship deploys for 7½ months to the Western Pacific, our assistance in this work will become most difficult. Distance and lack of communications makes travel and messages very limited.

The purpose of this first meeting of our wives was to try and determine how much interest there was in organizing a Wives of Enlisted Men Group. Although no definite plans were made, the meeting was considered by all as most successful. Those present agreed unanimously that we should have further meetings.

The reasons for working so hard to get together are threefold; to make friends, to exchange information and to help one another particularly while the ship is deployed.

Rhymes of the Times

IT ISN'T
HARD
TO FIGURE
WHY
NO ONE
LIKES
A FISHY
EYE.

...AFPS



I believe that a Wives of Enlisted Organization would be the most important, most grateful, most circumspect way of distributing information concerning the ship's personnel, operating schedule and other news, particularly while the ship is away from home.

By publishing the list of the names and addresses of your shipmate's wives, many wives will find friends with a common interest - their husbands in the CURRITUCK.

By meeting together and talking over problems, the group may find that one of the group has been worrying about the same problem or perhaps already found a solution. It is nearly always easier and much more interesting to work out problems together.

It is planned to hold another get together at 1000 on April 12th at the Enlisted Men's Club at the Naval Station. It is most important that as many wives attend as possibly can do so.

The principal purpose of this meeting will be to determine how to organize for the future. It is the hope of the officer's wives that they will be hostesses for this meeting and only advisers as desired in the future.

A list has been prepared for distribution at this meeting of the addresses and phone numbers (when known) of all CURRITUCK wives in this area. Also pamphlets concerning the rules of medicare will be available.

Let's make a really first class effort to have all wives attend. Postcards will be mailed shortly to the home addresses giving the exact details of the time and place of the meeting.

Those men needed at home so that their wives can attend, will be given the day off - that's how important I consider this effort.

USAFI Offers New Courses

Washington (AFPS) — An improved second semester economics course and three improved auto mechanics courses are now available from the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI).

Principles of Economics II (B 454), a continuation of the first semester course, numbered B 453, examines such topics as price, economics of agriculture, insurance, interest, profit, trade and the economics of war and defense.

Auto Mechanics I (D 740) is designed to acquaint the student with general principles and theories of construction, operation and maintenance of automotive engines. It emphasizes general maintenance procedures rather than specific repairs.

The second of these courses, Auto Mechanics II (D 741), covers those parts of the automobile that transmit power from the engine to the wheels, including transmissions, clutches, hydraulic drives, universal joints and rear axles. Instruction is given in trouble shooting and repairs.

Auto Mechanics III (D 742) covers the construction, operation and maintenance of automotive electrical equipment.

The catapult of a modern aircraft carrier can hurl an aircraft weighing 30 tons into the air in the space of 300 feet.

Ex-Shipmates Wanted

New York (AFPS)—The USS Idaho Association in Norfolk, Va., is seeking contacts with all former officers and men who served on the battleship between 1919-1947.

The association is compiling a new roster of all current names and addresses. Annual reunions are held in Norfolk, and the fourth will be held July 21-23, 1961.

Even though individuals do not attend the reunion, the association requests they send in their names and address to the USS Idaho Assn., P. O. Box 8048, Norfolk 3, Va.

Navy Fliers, Unaware, Reach 'Edge' of Space

McMurdo Sound, Antarctica (AFPS) — Navy pilots flying resupply missions from here to Operation Deep Freeze stations have been touching the fringes of space almost daily without realizing it.

The aircraft, part of Navy Air Development Sq. Six, provide air support for scientific studies in Antarctica. The pilots have been flying at 32,000 feet—entering the stratosphere.

"The stratosphere is quite low in polar areas," said Navy Capt. William Lanterman, the operation's weather officer. "Below this is the troposphere in which we live."

The captain pointed out that, strictly speaking, this was not outer space, since about 30 per cent of the atmosphere was still above the fliers. He added that, in normal flight a plane will rarely reach the stratosphere.

The same pilots are chalking up another polar "feat." On their return flights to McMurdo they circle the pole and by doing so orbit the earth in the stratosphere.

CAPT C. A. Bolam
Commanding Officer

CDR G.L. Bliss
Executive Officer

Chaplain P. J. Bakker
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EASTER MESSAGE

ETERNAL HOPE

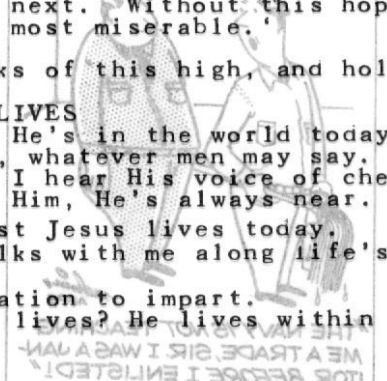
This Easter, the message of hope burns clearly in the lives of those who have faith. The word 'hope' forms a pertinent acrostic for such a time as this:

- H** - Stands for the hope of Heaven. By the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, by faith, we can have hope of life eternal. The grave does not end all. It is not a stone wall, but a doorway, leading to life eternal.
- O** - Stands for the 'open grave,' and the 'opportunity' to walk in the light of the resurrected Christ. 'If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we will walk by faith which all can walk by faith.'
- P** - Stands for the 'person' who has given us wonderful hope. To imagine someone who knows all about us, and still loves us, is a beautiful thought. We have the fulfillment of this thought in Jesus Christ, who was like us, and yet above us. The most wonderful person in all the world, lived, and died, and conquered death and the grave. Because He lives, we too can live.
- E** - Stands for the 'Eternal' hope, which we have as an anchor of our soul. It is not a hope that will carry us to the heavenly plane one hour, and allow us to drift to the lowest depths the next. Without this hope, we are 'of all men most miserable.'

The following poem speaks of this high, and holy hope:

HE LIVES

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today.
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
and just the time I need Him, He's always near.
He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today.
He walks with me, and talks with me along life's
narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart.
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within
my heart.





Chuckles

"Is your husband on a liquid diet?"
 "No, he eats a few pretzels."

A Scotsman came into a barber shop. "How much do you charge for a haircut?" he asked.

"One dollar," answered the barber.

"How much do you charge for a shave?"

"Fifty cents."

"All right," said the Scotsman, "shave my head."

Two tonsils lived in a drunk's throat.

"Hey, where are we?" asked one.

"We must be in Capistrano," answered the other. "Here comes another swallow."

He: "Do you like winter sports?"

She: "I certainly do. Especially if they have money."

Over 70 per cent of the earth's surface—140 million square miles—is covered by water.

SNAFU



"THE NAVY IS NOT TEACHING ME A TRADE, SIR. I WAS A JANITOR BEFORE I ENLISTED!"

PIO PATTER

ENGAGED RECENTLY

J. J. LIPOT, JR., SM3 of C Division announces his engagement to Miss KETA BECKER of Dayton, Ohio. They were engaged while Lipot was on leave last month and they plan a July 1962 marriage upon his discharge from the Navy.

DISCHARGED

WILLIAM (n) SFERRA, RM3, was transferred to inactive duty Friday, 20 March. He will return to his home in Somerville, N. J.

ON WHAT CAN BEFALL A SAILOR IN SAN DIEGO: A LESSON

DENNIS CAPISTRANT, SA, of N Div., has been reported as the receiver of 9 traffic violation tickets from the San Diego, police. Among these are: no valid driving license, parking ticket, no lights on vehicle, speeding and improper left hand turn. The fine will total \$60 or better; perhaps he will loose his license; and he may yet end up in jail! A word to the wise is sufficient!

REPORTED ABOARD

GEORGE E. SNYDER, HM3, Spear, III; ALFRED R. VERGE, RL5A, Independence, Kansas, reported from Treasure Island; ROGER L. KELLEY, RM3, of Urbana, Ohio, reported from Fleet Air Wing 14; and GARRY W. STEELE, ETNSN, of Saticoy, Calif., reporting aboard from boot camp are the following: GARY W. MCCONNELL, AA, of Sanger, Calif.; FREEMAN J. PHILLIPS, AA, from Wenatchee, Wash.; BUENOS WALTERS, AA; HARVEY J. SIMS, AA, from South Carolina; JAMES W. STROUD, AA, from Gulfport, Miss.



ANNIVERSARY FORMATION — Crewmen of the carriers Saratoga (top) and Independence form ranks to spell out "Naval Aviation 1911-1961" in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of naval aviation. Both ships are on duty with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

FAMILY - GRAMS RECEIVE MANY RETURNS

Captain Bolam received many letters thanking him for his first family-gram. The family-gram told of our trip from the East Coast, and what the ship's future schedule is, and explained the CURRITUCK's operations.

The following excerpts are quoted from those thank you letters sent by the parents of CURRITUCK men.

'Thank you very much for a most interesting and wonderful letter.'

'Our young men in the service either take for granted or do not wish to inform on what most parents would be most eager and interested to know and hear about their sons many activities in the service and away from home.'

'We are pleased, proud and happy to have our son in the service of the U.S. Navy and part of an organization that would take time to inform and write such interesting details of the past half year's activities.'

'We appreciated your letter very much. At least we have some idea where our son is stationed.'

'We still love him very much and would love to have a few lines from him.'

'Having our only son so far away from home is a lonesome experience for us and we truly appreciate your kindness.'

'Your letter pleased us, and gave us a upward lift, encouraged our moral.'

'I appreciate receiving our copy of the 'WILD GOOSE' from our son.'

'The whole family enjoyed reading it, including the younger boys.'

'The boys never take time to give information such as this in their letters home, and it makes us feel closer to them knowing what they are doing.'

'We are very proud of his interest in his ship, his shipmates and officers and the interest he is taking in seeking more education and schooling through the Navy.'

'It is very reassuring for old peoples like us to know that our Boy has a good home aboard the CURRITUCK (AV-7).'

'With all of our son's time in the Navy, this is the first contact we have ever had from any officer.'

'We wish you continued success, may God Bless you and your family...and may God guide you always; May Faith, Hope, Courage, and love be yours and all your crews strongest weapon! A Blue Jacket's mother.'

SNAFU



Rhymes of the Times

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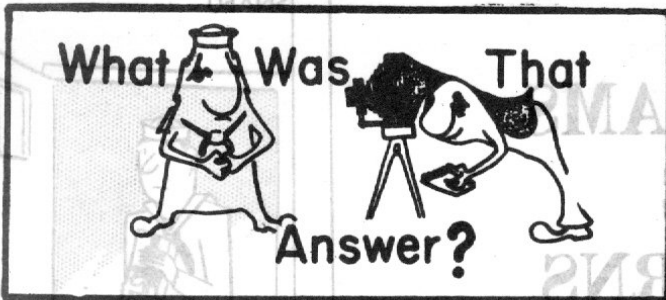
How's Your Know How?

(AFPS Weekly Feature)

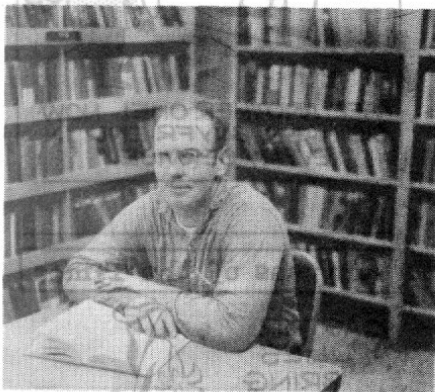
1. When did the Liberty Bell crack?
2. Who invented vulcanized rubber?
3. What is the science of paleogeography?
4. What President popularized the slogan "America First"?
5. By what name was Ireland known to the ancient Romans?

(Answers to Quiz)

5. Hibernia.
4. Woodrow Wilson.
3. The study of ancient writings.
2. Charles Goodyear.
1. On July 8, 1835, when tol-



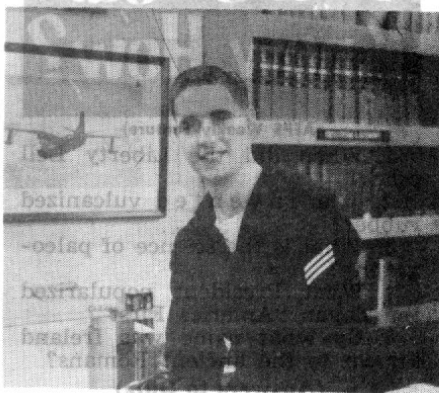
WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE, A SHIP'S DANCE, A DIVISION PARTY, OR ANOTHER BEACH PARTY? WHY?



A.R. MILLER, SN, S-1

'I would rather have a division party because you know the group and it would help make better working relationship.'

BILL FORD, SN, LIBRARIAN

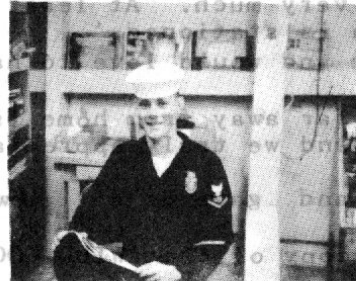


'A good time, and boost to the ship's company morale, was had by all at the GITMO beach party. Let's have another one in the very near future.'



CHUCK CONNELLY, SPUD LOCKER

'I think a ship's dance would be the ideal thing. It would not only serve as a social event, but give the fellows, if married, as well as their wives a better chance to get acquainted.'



J.T. LIFFICK, RM3, MAA

'Myself it really doesn't make any difference. I think the crew is due for a party of some sort.'

Recreation Schedule

Library

BUILDING 152 — Reading, reference material, research. Weekdays, 1130-2100; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 1230-2100.

Hobby Shops

BUILDING 152 — Leather, ceramics and model building. Monday through Friday, 1700-2100; Saturday afternoon, 1300-1700.

BUILDING 109—Automotive: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1700-2100; Wednesday, 1300-2100; Saturday, 0900-2000.

BUILDING 34 — Wood Shop at Navy Athletic Field; open Monday through Friday, 1700 to 2100; Saturday and Sunday, 1300-1700.

BUILDING 18 — Boat Hobby Shop at Navy Athletic Field; Monday through Friday, 1700-2100; Saturday and Sunday, 0800-1700.

Golf Course

Located adjacent to the gymnasium (Bldg. 223). Service personnel, their dependents and guests. Service personnel each weekday 1130 to 1300, hours of operation, Monday, 1100 to sunset; Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, 0800 to sunset; all other days, 0900 to sunset.

Gymnasiums

BUILDING 223 — Week days from 1100 - 2200; Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, 1000 to sunset.

FIFTY STREET, BUILDING 1, Navy Athletic Field—Accommodates basketball, volleyball, and badminton activity. Daily, 1000 to 2200. Reservation, call BE 9-4565.

SEXTON GYMNASIUM, BUILDING 7 Accommodates basketball, volleyball, badminton activities also handball and squash courts. Daily 1000 to 2200. Reservations call BE 9-4565.

Bowling Alleys

BUILDING 221 — Monday through Sunday, 1130-2300. Small bowling fee charged. Year round league games for men and ladies. Open bowling Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

BUILDING 16, Navy Athletic Field—Ten lanes, Monday through Friday, 1700-2300; Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, 1300 to 2300.

Swimming Pools

BUILDING 153, NAVAL STATION—Tuesday through Sunday, 0900 to 2100. Closed Monday for cleaning. Service personnel, dependents and guest (one per family). No admission charged.

MISSION GORGE—Tuesday through Sunday, 1000 to sunset.

NAVY ATHLETIC FIELD — Tuesday through Sunday, 1130 to 1830.

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