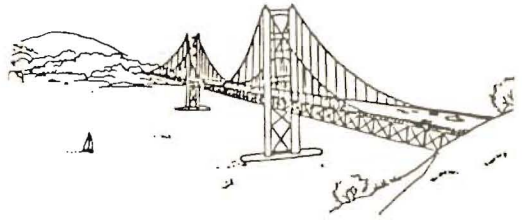


SKAGGS ISLAND NEWSLETTER



From Our House-

To Yours



Merry

Christmas

a Christmas tale(?)

FROM THE ORPHANAGE

During the past few months there have been two names that appear in different columns of the NEWSLETTER. In addition, they have been the objects of sly remarks as to their whereabouts and the job they are doing. Who are these lost men?

CTRC "Sir James" Austin and CTTC "Wild Man" Knight, 30 Department curriculum writers, otherwise known as the Orphans. They are located in 30 Annex which this particular month is situated on the second deck of Building 43. Now you say, by this time don't they have a permanent home?"

No they don't have a permanent home. As you know, 30 Department is the Training and ADP Schools Department for the Command. In addition, there is the little known function of 30 Annex which is to enhance the professionalism and morale of other departments/divisions on the command.

It all started last May with the placement of our facilities in the TACINTEL spaces of 80 Department. With dedicated effort we motivated the 80 personnel who were residing in the dungeon, along with the mat force that worked on the equipment, and got their morale up to such a level that they installed the TACINTEL equipment with such speed and efficiency that everyone was so pleased.

Next move was across the hall to 50T. (TACINTEL

needed more room for installation of MUSIC and they didn't want to lose the high degree of professionalism and morale that we had generated in the dungeon.)

In 50T spaces we provided assistance in such areas as answering the phone for then CTRL Griffith (now departed CTRC Griffith) and this provided more time for 50T's voluminous amount of support to the Command in the artistic vein. In addition, we demonstrated to 50 Department that three desks can be stashed into a five pound burn bag. (Not ours - theirs.)

We were so effective that once again our services were called upon and 50 provided space for us in the facilities known as PAG (Punt And Guess). We obtained a corner of their domain and provided a great deal of input to CTRC Cranfill, CTR2 Matula and CTR2 Blits in their manipulation of data with the old magnetic tapes. Plus we boosted CTR2 Gromer's morale by letting him read the sports page

for the football odds each week, and he was successful on occasion! (He used the winnings to get baby food for the new PDP in his family.)

Then, as usual, our services were needed elsewhere and the Admin Department provided space for our operation. But as was prevalent with our other hosts, there was a sly remark or two in the monthly issue of the station newsletter about providing training and rehabilitation for two boot Chiefs.

Let's face facts, when you get a R-branched and T-branched together in the same office, only sweet and joyous things can result for those that have the good fortune to be associated with them.

P.S. For 30 Department: We are now located at extension 321. Our secretaries will page us when you call.

OTHER DEPTS: Time is running short in that our spaces in Building 21 will be ready in May 1982, so if your department/division needs a shot in the arm just make room for 30 Annex. Time is of the essence so don't delay.

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S



COMMENTS

In this, the last issue of the Skaggs Island Newsletter for 1981, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank you - the members of the command - for your many and significant accomplishments over the past year. Each and everyone has contributed in his or her own way. When I reflect on the scope and variety of achievements, I'm truly impressed. You topped last year's record setting achievement in the Combined Federal Campaign by raising \$12,928.20. This equates to more than \$50.00 per person. An additional \$2,889.25 was donated during the Navy Relief fund drive. This generosity reflects your unselfish concern for your shipmates and the citizens of our country. Through your efforts, the command was awarded first place in the Admiral Zumwalt Award (Best UEPH), first place in the Secretary of the Navy Best Mess Award (EMO), and the second place in the Ney Award (Best EDF). Seventy of you were recognized for your superior professionalism by being advanced in rate over the past year. In addition, reenlistments increased dramatically from 34% last year to 74% this year. Thirteen major self-help projects were completed which accounted for an impressive 892 man-days of work, much of which was accomplished during non-duty hours.

In the training arena, 90% of you successfully completed the commands leadership course, and all of you, E-4 or below, completed the Military Rights and Responsibilities workshops. 97% of you received Navy Drug and Alcohol training. Fifty-nine of your shipmates graduated from our computer software and hardware schools, and you were responsible for providing what has been recognized as outstanding on-the-job training experience for eighty-nine Naval reservists. The Training Department COMSEC team provided briefings for 18,500 of your shipmates at 134 different ships and stations.

Many of you were involved in the WBS installation, Bulldog Service Test Model retrofit, ANCO deinstallation, on-line TACINTEL installation and the activation/deactivation of thirty-two communication circuits. Completion of these projects will significantly improve our ability to support the fleet.

Our expanding software support mission was highlighted by a 20% increase over last year in completed Bullseye tasks, resolution of twenty-eight Software Trouble Reports, and assumption of TACINTEL software support to the entire U.S. and British Navy. These tremendous accomplishments were made

possible by your dedication, drive, and determination. I am particularly proud of the hard working people in Facilities. They have done much to beautify the base and make Skaggs Island a more enjoyable place for all of us to live and work.

I also want to thank all of you who have contributed your time and expertise to our numerous successful social events. Be it a Dinner Theater by the "Skaggs Island Players", the Navy Day Ball, 4th of July celebration or a Family Night Dinner at the Enlisted Dining Facility, it's your hard work that made it all possible. And finally, for all those other unnamed projects, or events, you worked hard to make possible, I thank you. To each and every one of you: WELL DONE!

— CAPT H.R. Cauthen

At this festive time of the year, my wife Nancy and I would like to extend our best wishes to all personnel assigned to, living on, or in anyway connected with Skaggs Island. You are truly a fine group of individuals, and we are proud and pleased to be associated with each of you.

— LCDR R. Heim
Executive Officer

SONOMA STATE X-MAS



Santa Clause (played by Linda Austin) brings some holiday spirit to two Sonoma State Hospital residents.

In the spirit of Christmas a few of us here from Skaggs Island went to the Sonoma State Hospital to give a Christmas party for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Upon our arrival we were greeted by about 25 people who were anxious to get started and who could hardly wait for the big moment... Santa's arrival.

While we waited patiently for Santa we all had the opportunity to walk around and visit with all the men and women of JUDAH HOUSE. During this time we were serenaded with Christmas music being played by CTR2 Andy Carpenter and CTM1 Ed Higgins.

Then, the moment we all were waiting for...Santa

(being portrayed by Mrs. Linda Austin) finally arrived as we all sang "SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN".

Santa and his bags of toys took a seat and Ol' Saint Nick proceeded to call out names. The excitement grew as everyone unwrapped their gifts to see what Santa had brought them. Santa's elves CTM3 Judy Gravelle and CTR2 Terry Matula assisted him and made sure that everyone was happy and full of the holiday spirit.

After the gifts were all passed out the goodies were brought in. There were plenty of homemade cupcakes, cookies and punch to go around a couple of times with lots leftover for the next day's dessert.

As the afternoon came to an end and everyone was full, Santa departed to ensure that children around the world have a merry Christmas.

All in all a fun time was had by all.

A special thanks is relayed to all the participants who helped make the party the success it was. In particular, a large debt of gratitude is owed to the Skaggs Island Chapel, the Acey-Deucey Organization, the CPO Association and the 80 Department Football Pool participants for their generous contributions. Without their contributions Santa's pouch would not have contained any presents.

NEW PETTY OFFICERS FROCKED



L to R: CT01 Morse, CTM1 Moss, CTR1 Boyd, SK1 Robertson, CTT1 Cleghorn, SK1 Cabbage, CTM1 Stout, CT01 Rising, CTM1 See, CTM1 Flannery.



The selectees from the September 1981 E4-E6 advancement examination (a total of nineteen) were frocked to their new rate in a ceremony held in the base theater on 9 December 1981. Personal congratulations were extended by the Commanding Officer to each of the selectees as they proudly accepted their new appointment.



ABOVE, L to R: BU3 Preston, CT03 Springstein, MS3 Snyder, CT03 Woodward.

AT LEFT, Front to Rear: MS2 Thompson, CTA2 Bolton, CTT2 Perales, SK2 Cunningham.

NOT SHOWN: CTT3 King, CTR2 Morrow, CTR1 Sundberg, CT02 Kueffer.

1981 according to OPS

This past year, for 50 Department, has been a relatively busy one, going thru personnel changes, as well as becoming involved in station activities.

We have had four exceptional Department Heads, including LT Bigelow, LTJG DeLorey, LTJG Scott and our now reigning LT Thornton. Those of the past we would like to thank and our lady of the present "We think you're great".

In keeping with personnel changes, CTR2 D. Carroll assumed the position of 50 Department Training, when CTR1 Griffith became CTRC Griffith. HMMMM.

And now, on to the operational side of 50. In February, ANCO ceased to function as Alternate Net Control Officer for the Pacific, Mediterranean and Atlantic HFDF Net Stations. To commemorate the closing of ANCO and in appreciation for the work they accomplished, the personnel involved were awarded a "Plank Owner" certificate. ANCO today is known as ENCO and functions as an Emergency Net Control Operations backup system.

PAG (old 51 Division) Performance Analysis Group was set apart from our Department this November and has become a staff element to the Commanding Officer (except for administration purposes, and there, they just can't seem to let go).

We HFDF Ops can be proud of ourselves too, in that we were presented with a Letter of Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy for meritorious service in significantly advancing the Navy's High Frequency Direction Finding capabilities from 1 October 1978 to 1 October 1980. Aren't we just a hard working bunch out here??

We have a few personal awards we would like to mention. Beginning with CTRC S. Griffith, who was chosen Sailor of the Quarter for the second quarter of 1981. Good! Griff!

And secondly, CTR2 M. Gromer who achieved the Silver Award for Morse Code Proficiency at 40 GPM. We thought this truly noteworthy in that there were only five such awards given this year throughout the Naval Security Group. Congrats, Mark!

Last but not least, during the month of November, 52 Division came up with it's own means for recognizing outstanding performance. Congratulations to CPL B. Ward (CF) who was selected as our first Operator of the Quarter.

CTR2 D. Carroll deserves a special word of thanks for her efforts as the Department's keyperson for CFC. We attained 106% of our goal. Yeah! "Team GO!"

Now, to get away from the hum-drum of the building and on to the softball field. Well, on second thought, maybe we better stay away from softball, and come to think of it, it would be better not to mention football either. But, at least we tried!

Our athletic abilities, at this point, must look pretty bad, however, we took first in volleyball, third in bowling, and second in golf. ("SOO there!")

Throughout the year, 50 had numerous, "Togetherness" outings. In preparation for the annual PT test, we enjoyed bar-b-ques, beer baseball games (Oh, Boy!) and of course along came the First Annual Slough Race. We came in third-foiled by 10's Speedster and ambushed by hostile Indians! Anyway, it was lots of laughs for everyone.

Our own "Super Fluff" won the Halloween Costume Contest at the FM(0) Club. "Way to go Warrant!"

We also suggested having a Door Decorating Contest for Christmas here in Building 156 and what happens? We win. Must look kinda' weird huh? Well, be assured there was no monkey business involved, just hard work...?

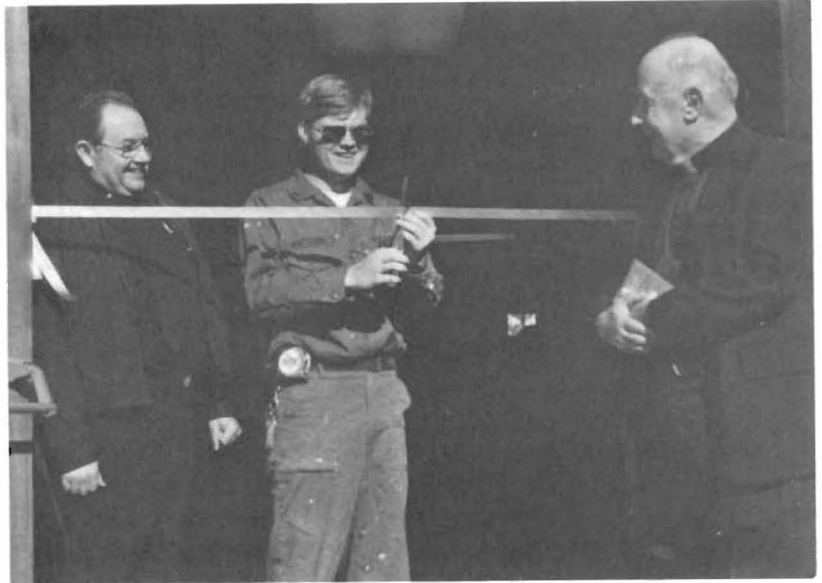
I guess this about raps the year with 50. It was an interesting and productive year for us and I hope next year is even better.

**Holiday
Greetings**

NEWZ FROM THE 'BEEES

by Pete Preston

Hey, the end of the year is coming up so I guess we can afford to take a second out of our busy schedule to look back and see how we did so little, in so much time. We rang in 1981 with the renovation of the men's locker rooms and showers and installation of a women's locker room and showers at the special services. After a dozen malfunctions that set us back a couple of months, It was officially opened for business with Captain Cauthen cutting the ribbon this spring.



BU3 Pete Preston had the honor of opening the chapel entrance on 11 December.

Coming to the sudden realization that we had a little extra time on our hands, we put our new sign machines to good use and we started cranking out name signs for the Accompanied Housing Quarters. So between the signs, installing new seats in the theater, spending a couple days setting up for the festivities on July 3rd, a dozen other small jobs and a partridge in a pear tree, the summer managed to slip away between our fingers.

We finished up the year with the dedication of the Chapel Entrance on 11 December 1981. Everyone that volunteered their skills, ability and time should give themselves a hearty pat on the back for a job well done.

As for personal achievements, we had a bunch. Starting at the top, our Department Head, LT O'Maley, put on two silver bars this summer; former BUCA and BUCN Preston is now our Boot

Builder 3rd class; CECN Wilmert jumped a notch from CECA; Our fearless grounds crew leader SN Coil took another step up the ladder of success; Our newest Seabee BUCA Cuzzo advanced one notch; and two former SR's took on another stripe to become SA Anita Carrol and SA Peggy Irvin. Keep it up all. We'll hit the big bucks some day.

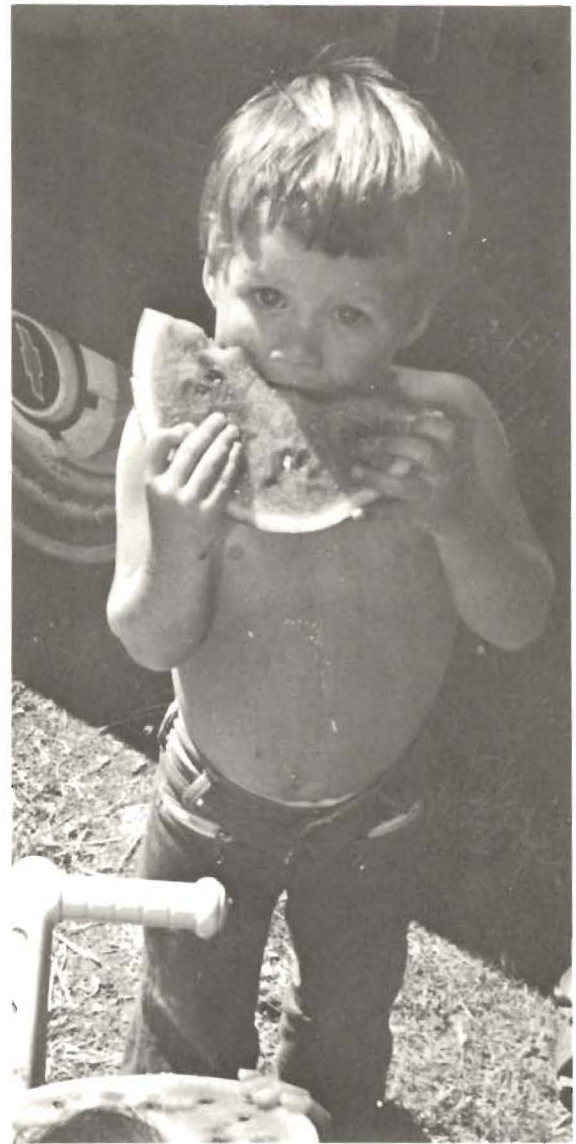
And that's how 1981 looks on paper here at Facs.

A FEW MORE WORDS FROM FACs

It's time now to go over this past years happenings. So much has happened I don't know where to begin!! Well-Here goes!! At the beginning of the year we were found saying goodbye to alot of good people. Vicki Altig, went to the Photo Shop, then onto her destiny, Pensacola, Florida for Photo School. Now she is in that sunny state,

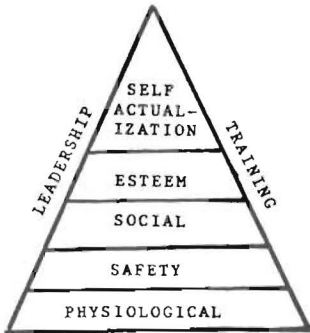
Hawaii. Also SN Dorothy Aldridge, who went to CTA School, and now is in Adak, Alaska. We also gained alot of new people, who we are very happy to welcome aboard. Starting with SR Lynn Berwert, she came from Apprenticeship Training, Orlando, Florida. Then SA Julee Ann Goldman showed up. She informed everyone that she likes to be called Julee

Ann not Julee. She also came from Apprenticeship Training. Last but not least is SR Lisa Knight who again came from Apprenticeship Training. Welcome to Facs Ladies! Petty Officer Morris can sure use you! By the way!! SA Carroll left Facs and now is a hard charger for our own PSD Office. OK, thats all the good stuff- now to work!!! — by Crystal Coil



- NEY AWARD**
- ZUMWALT AWARD**
- SECNAV BEST MESS**

REVIEW



Leadership
Education,
Awareness and
Development.



SPECIAL SERVICES

by Sherry Heffner
and Chris Dillon

Special Services has had an active, eventful and productive year, highlighted by the comings and goings of assorted personnel, whose input has lifted the department to its present improved state. Of those personnel who have put their personal stamp on Special Services and moved on, we have: SK2 Alan Covington who departed for Diego Garcia in January of 81 (on his way to another duty station already!); Gina Caban (the former SN Tallercio) who married Frank and was discharged in March, CT02 Jack Wrbanich who arrived in February, spent a few weeks in SS and moved to the EM(0) (Where he was a positive force in their winning the Mess Award) and then to 20 Department in May; SA Tammy Eddleman who received a maternity discharge in May, to become mommy to daughter Amanda in October; CTRL Shannon Mossman, who was attached to SS throughout the summer months as pool manager and senior lifeguard, has been transferred to Treasure Island for his last tour; CT01 Lawris Hampton arrived in June, was a great help till September when transferred to Facs. He left there in October and when finally "cleared", made his permanent home at 20 Department.

CTOSN Jeri Martino did her usual fantastic job here at SS until August when she was transferred to Facs for a taste of the "other" life. She is rounding up her Navy Career December 18th (and

you thought the day would never come, huh Jeri); CTRCM Richard Castle left S/S in September, and a month later surfaced in Adak. (Do they play softball at the North Pole?) The next category of personnel is acquisitions, which includes: Head honcho CTOCS Ronald (Big Ron) Henry, who inherited the formidable job of Special Services Officer in September, immediately rocking the SS world by creating a new image for us all, "I want to bring new meaning to the word "services" in Special Services"; CTRL Leonard 'LP' Seggerman (Santa Claus) became attached to SS in July to become Auto/Wood Hobby Shop Manager, SA Diane Lee arrived 28 September and SA Mary Murray on 10 October, both from Apprentice Training school in Orlando, PN3 Grace McCoy transferred to SS from the personnel office

(their loss, our gain) in November. The last category is comprised of those of us who "were here and are here" at SS: MM1 Dillon, who is leaving to bunk on the USS KISKA (homeport Concord), OS1 Frank Caban who will be reporting to the USS MORTON (homeport Hawaii) after attending ASAC in January

SN Heffner who is a true chess piece, having started here at SS in May of 80, transferred to Facs, returned to SS to run the dependents 1981 Summer Fun Program (a huge success), then kept on the SS roster. Early "82" she leaves for bigger and better things, attending CTI School in Monterey; Pam Stayner (recently promoted as assistant to SCPO Henry), will be leaving sometime in 82, tagging after George, and Mae Manual, who is never leaving (?).



Ens. Elizabeth Carson gets her "Bull" bars pinned on by Capt. Cauthen and Command Master Chief Sheehan to become Shaggs Island's newest Bull Ensign.

Software Thoughts

by Jim Edwards

And the editor said, "Give me one double spaced type-written page outlining the significant events in your department during 1981" Yeah; right! I can't do that! By the time I finish with the letters of recognition, commendation, and appreciation alone our people received this year, two of those pages would be filled. And then if I said something about each of the 12 who were advanced and of the two who re-enlisted during 1981, another page-and-a-half would be exhausted. And by the time I've outlined the events preceding and following the June retirement of CTRC R.B. PAULS, and the March loss of CTRC Vic MELLOW to OCS (with a brief synopsis of how this man accomplished in a very short time what takes some half a career to accomplish), I will have used up two-and-a-half more pages, minimum.

And I still won't have mentioned the formation of a new documentation division within the department, nor the acquisition of Mr. Len NOWAK to head it up. The contributions he and the three petty officers who work with him make in the software industry (as it applies to the U.S. Navy) will be immeasurable. And our Tactical Intelligence Division, in October of 1981, became the TACINTEL Software Headquarters for

the world. As it relates to software, they also have cognizance of the Royal Navy's Tactical Intelligence system. These are all monumental strides, none of which can be adequately covered in a mere page of typing. Moreover, there were four major software deliveries accomplished this year. The hours of work that went into the writing, compiling, packaging, and delivering and testing of this stuff would stagger even your imagination!

And where do I slide in the 12 people who made 26 professional TAD trips abroad, which covered a

total of 315,764 octal air miles? And this doesn't even count the nautical miles racked up during underway time, nor the road miles covered between airports and work sites. The more I think about this the less likely it seems to me that it will be possible for me to construct an article which will read well at all. So I've decided not to try; but instead on behalf of all of us here in 80 Department we wish all of you out there the merriest of holiday seasons and wish you God-speed through "82".



The command Christmas tree was lit by Capt. Cauthen on the evening of 17 December.

A Time to Celebrate

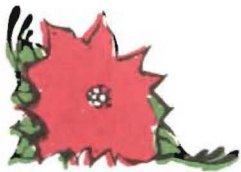
Mr. Jesse Perkins and the ISLANDER Club were hosts for the Command Christmas Party held on the evening of December 19. Entertainment was provided by the Skaggs Island Players who presented a series of Christmas skits.



Woody Spiers and Lynn Berwert showed us the problems of trimming the tree (left) while Stephanie Johnson (far right) took us shopping for that "just right gift". Meanwhile, Leslie Monthan (center) sang up a storm.



The Austins lit up the dance floor (Above), while the band, aptly named ACT III, played on (Right).

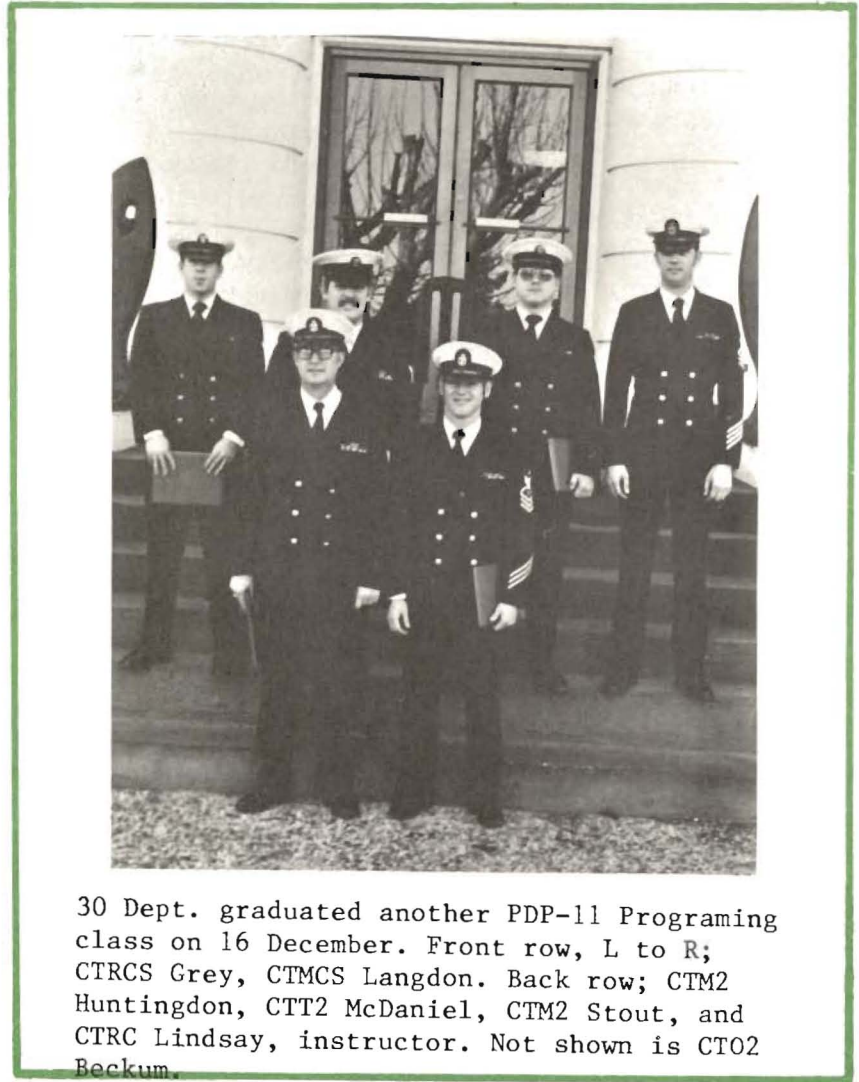


30 DEPARTMENT BRIEF



Since our founding last January, 30 Department has remained in a transient state. Our only companion is change. Just a handful of the people that were involved in the conception and implementation of Training Department remain, and most of them are relatively short. After initial teething pains we are maturing fast. Our realm of responsibilities are expanding both command and Navy wide. We may be invisible on base, except on Slough Derby Day, but we are becoming beneficial to both Security Group and the fleet. Locally we're the ones responsible for several command training functions such as LEAD, CPR Training, P. O. Indoc-trination etc. and those video taped GMT's you get to watch.

31 Division, despite limited manpower and TAD funding constraints have had a most productive year. Their job is to brief personnel and commands on Signal Security and review custodial systems. This year they managed to brief 18,500 people at 134 different ships and stations from Adak to NAS Lemoore, for a total of 212 separate visits. For this they received 13 letter/messages of appreciation. It's no wonder that people outside Building 21 seldom see or hear of them.



30 Dept. graduated another PDP-11 Programing class on 16 December. Front row, L to R; CTRCS Grey, CTMCS Langdon. Back row; CTM2 Huntingdon, CTT2 McDaniel, CTM2 Stout, and CTRC Lindsay, instructor. Not shown is CT02 Beckum.

32 Division has succeeded in receiving 47 students and filling them with a wealth of knowledge in the areas of computer programming and computer maintenance and sending them out to where they're needed; in the field!! We're running wide open to keep the world wide personnel needs filled with personnel ready to do the job. After starting the year without so much as a transistor to call our

own, we now have 2 PDP-11 suites, one for PDP-11 maintenance school and the other for programming school. Soon we will have GYK-3 training system for GYK-3 Technicians/GYK-3 Programmers. Another class soon to come on line is the NCO operator course.

From humble beginnings we have come a long way, but we have only just begun!

FROM THE SUPPLY SIDE

by Judy Gravelle



It seems Supply has been awfully busy lately with people coming and going and strange little visitors in the wee hours at the Warehouse.

SKC Tom Sterns is one of the new additions at the warehouse assuming the position as 71 Division Officer. He reported aboard 10 November leaving NMCB 40, homeported in Port Hueneme, California and currently deployed to Guam, MI. Already, a brighter road can be seen ahead for Supply.

SK1 Martin Robertson reported aboard 20 November leaving "sunny" SEB Sigonella, Italy behind. Don't worry Martin, it's sunny here too... in the Summer'.

SK3 James Burson reported aboard 11 November coming to us from the USS John F. Kennedy which is homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. James' first impression of Skaggs was a free swim in the "slough" with PN3 Grace McCoy! Don't worry James, we all don't wash our cars in the "slough".

MSSN Merica Grayson is the new cheery face in the EDF. She reported aboard 21 September coming from school in San Diego. Welcome aboard!

Supply has had a lot of people climb the ladder of advancement: MS3 Cheryl Snyder, MS2 Michael Thompson, SK2 Dennis Cunningham, SK1 Martin Robertson, SK1 Dave Cabbage. A hearty and

warm congratulations from all of us to all of you!

Departures are always sad but we must remember how much we gain from each individual. MS2 Ben Acierto leaves us for Japan at the end of January, MS2 R. S. Mangundayao will be taking over his job at the EDF. MS1 Rodel Abel is leaving us for the USS ROARK on 6 January 1982. Grace Van Selow, a civilian who's voice you might have heard say "Supply Office...", has left us for Mare Island. It's been a pleasure working with all of you and we'll miss you!

The EDF received second place for the 1981 NEY AWARD on 10 June. On 6 November the EDF had it's first inspection for the 1982 NEY AWARD and the Inspection Team said we looked better than last year! There are two more rounds of inspections to go...let's do it again! On 14 December we learned that the EDF was nominated by Commander, Naval Security Group as NAVSECGRU Ney Award nominee. The EDF has displayed some beautiful ice carvings recently. The first that was displayed on 6 November was a three foot swan. The exhibition of talent was repeated on Thanksgiving when a swan, a basket, and a horn of plenty were displayed. Congratulations are definitely due to all involved for having done a beautiful job!

The UEPH received first place for the 1981

Zumwalt Award 3 September. The residents can be very proud of their "HOME" because, without their cooperation, it wouldn't have been possible!

Congratulations are due to MSSN Merica Grayson for placing second in the Skaggs Island Talent Contest for her creative costume.

And now for the nitty gritty....There has been some evidence in the warehouse of some strange visitors in the wee hours! Our first assumption was naturally the famed Artesians were at work. Not only were the little mementoes that they left messy but they seemed to be nibbling almost anything in sight, from chewing gum to tooth picks! The above evidence made us wonder just who these nightly visitors were...have you ever seen an Artesian chewing gum? I volunteered to set up a home made trap to catch these varmints. The trap has been handed down for generations and is known to never fail. At last... the culprits were caught and much to our surprise it wasn't the famed Artesians! It was our own Skaggs Island field mice! We would like to extend our deepest apology to the Artesians for accusing them of these ghastly deeds.

This is my last News letter article due to my short time left in the Navy. SK2 Art Tagatac will be taking over next month. Good Luck Art, it's been fun.



COMM-ENTS



As another year comes to an end, we here in 20 Department would like to share some highlights of 1981 with all of you out there.

1981 was a good year for the Communications Department. It started off with CT01 "BOB" Nelson being selected as Sailor of the Quarter, after which, he handed this prestigious title to CT03 Christina Williams.

Then came our favorite time of the year. It was once again "Chili Simmer-Off" time, with every department entering their favorite recipe. The big question asked by all, "Who will be this year's "Chili Master"? After the smoke had cleared the winner was announced... The new "Chili Master" and co-ordinator for the 3rd Annual Chili Simmer-Off was CTM2 Ted Thomas. (When's the next one, Ted?)

April showers not only bring May flowers but this year they brought the I.G. Team, headed by Captian Lewis. Comm had the pleasure of CW02 Lynch's smiling face. After about a week of questions and a comm to tech inspection, 20 came up smelling like roses. Shortly thereafter the IG team departed and everyone breathed a sigh of relief.

To many of you springtime is a lazy time, but May of 81 will be remembered as a different kind of time for two O'branchers

in particular. CT03 Greg Pamilton and CT03 Al Waterman were given TAD orders to the USS DENVER. They have the honor of being the first O Branchers in 20 Department at Skaggs Island to participate in the DIRSUP Program. (Pack your seabags boys, we heard that you did so well the first time that they might be sending you again--only kidding.)

1981 will also be remembered as the year of the baby boom in Comm. Congratulations to the following people and the new additions to their families; CT02 Butch Collins - boy, CTA2 Debbie Hughes - Boy, CT02 Jack Wrbanich - boy, CT02 John Krier - girl, CT02 Karen Ross - boy, and CT02 Chuck Durley - girl. It sure must have been a cold winter.

This was also a time for a fond farewell. Our very own Chili Master, CT01 Doug Potts, had decided to abandon the troops and enter the world of the unknown. Before our tears had time to dry, however, Doug called and said he missed the 0730 - 1600 hustle and before we knew what happened he had re-enlisted for PDP-11 with follow up orders to Rota, Spain.

During the year we had quite a few people make rate. Congratulations go to the following on their well deserved advancements: CTOCS Bud Denner, CTOC Bob Nelson, CT01 Larry Rising, CT02 Kathy Kueffer, CT03 Ray Woodard, and CT03 Sandy Springsteen.

We also had quite a few departee's. We miss those already gone and farewell to those who are packing: CTOCM Roland O'Neil (re-enlisted and off to LONDON)...CTOCS Ron Henry (left Comm for the special life over at Special Services)...CTOCS Bud Denner (re-enlisted for the snowy side of town called NIPPSA)...CT01 Steve Williams (re-enlisted and joined Master Chief O'Neil in London)...CT01 Rick Leathers (opted for the haze gray and underway life on the USS CONSTELLATION)...CT01 Doug Potts (re-enlisted for PDP-11 and Rota, Spain)... CT02 Jeanne Beckum (re-enlisted for TACSYM and will be joining Doug in good 'ole Rota)...CT03 George Lind (re-enlisted for TACSYM and then will be heading for Scotland).

Last but very important, we here from 20 Department would like to give our best wishes to CT01 Dick Scott and CT02 Kathy Kueffer who decided to tie the nuptial knot on the 27th of November.

Well, that's all from Communications. Hope you all have a Happy Holiday and we'll see you in 82.

Merry Christmas

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Wishing you a
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a happy NEW YEAR



For all your hard work
and effort this last year, I
thank you. And may all of
you have the ~~happiest~~ *happiest* of Holidays!
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