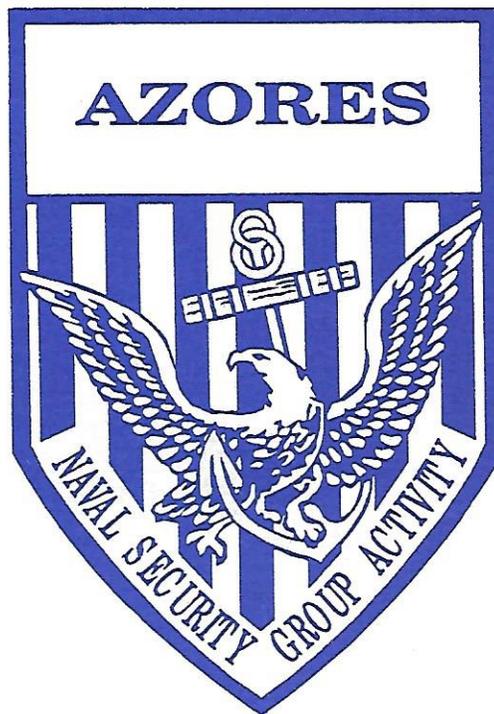


# U. S. Naval Security Group

## Activity, Terceira Island



Decommissioning Ceremony  
20 May 1994

# **HISTORY OF THE NAVAL SECURITY GROUP IN THE AZORES**

**1952 - 1994**

**In 1952, a Navy High Frequency Direction Finding (HFDF) station was established at Villa Nova. It was subsequently moved in 1954 to its present location when the Secretary of the Navy established the United States Naval Communication Unit, Number 42, under an Officer-in-Charge with 26 enlisted members. In 1958, the Secretary of the Navy designated the unit as the United States Naval Security Group Activity, Terceira Island, Azores.**

**In order to provide primary power, two 60 KW generators became operational in 1960. The personnel allowance increased to two officers and fifty five enlisted members in 1962, increased to seventy six enlisted in 1963; and in 1965 it was further increased to three officers and eighty six enlisted members. The Naval Security Group Activity was established by the Chief of Naval Operations as a shore (field) activity of the Navy under a Commanding Officer in 1968.**



**Personnel allowance increased in 1971 to three officers and ninety three enlisted members with and Executive Officer billet approved in 1972. The ship's bell from the USS Guardian (ACR-1), was received in 1975 on loan from the Navy Curator for display on the Command's Quarterdeck. In 1994, the bell was donated to the Lajes Chapel so that the memory of NSGA Azores would remain in the Lajes Community. NSGA Azores was officially designated a Navy Bicentennial Command in 1976. That same year the personnel allowance was established at the current level of four officers and ninety six enlisted members. Preparations for bidding on a new Operations Building started in 1979.**

**Completion of the new Operations Building was marked by its dedication as a Naval Security Group Activity in May 1981 by RADM Dillingham, Commander, Naval Security Group Command. In 1988, construction began on a new Facilities Building, which was completed in October 1989 and formally dedicated by MGEN Plasterer (USCINCLANT J5) in February 1990.**

# NAVAL SECURITY GROUP ACTIVITY

## AZORES

### OFFICERS IN CHARGE

CWO3 W. J. Beltz	Sept 54 - Aug 56	LCDR A. G. Sage	Jun 67 - Jun 69
LT J. M. Johnson	Aug 56 - Jul 58	LCDR F. A. Krebs	Jun 69 - Aug 71
LT R. A. McConnel	Jul 58 - May 60	LCDR R. A. Shriver	Aug 71 - Oct 72
LT D. H. Radler	May 60 - Mar 63	LCDR C. J. Malloy	Oct 72 - Sept 74
LCDR S. J. Kuplinski	Mar 63 - Sep 65	LCDR C. E. Huke	Sept 74 - Jul 76
LCDR F. H. Sanders	Sep 65 - Jun 67	LCDR B. A. Thompson	Jul 76 - Aug 78
	LCDR D. O. Ayers	Aug 78 - May 80	

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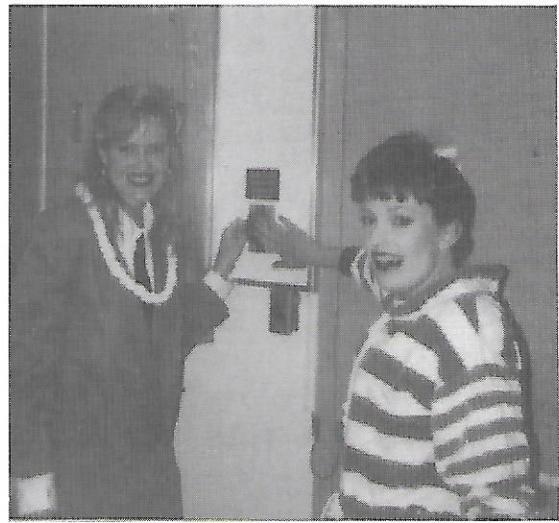
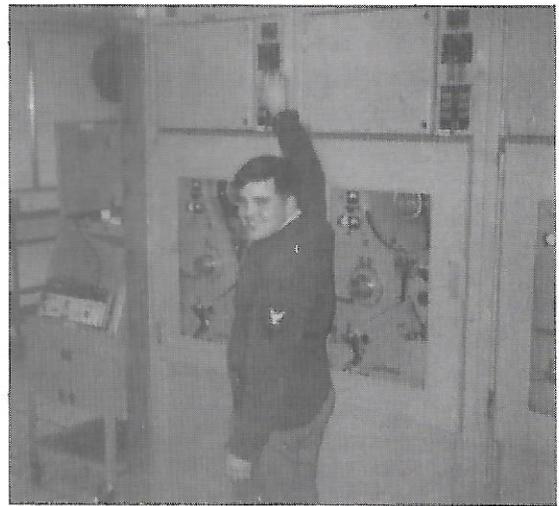
COMMANDING OFFICERS

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NAVAL SECURITY GROUP ACTIVITY

AZORES

LCDR T. P. Traugher	May 80 - May 82	LCDR L. J. Dustin	Nov 86 - Aug 88
LCDR K. E. Verbrugge	May 82 - May 84	LCDR W. Fitzsimmons	Aug 88 - Jul 91
LCDR S. Peyronel	May 84 - Feb 86	LCDR H. E. Reeder	Jul 91 - Jul 93



# **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY**

**WELCOMING REMARKS**

***CTMCS SHELLEY L. BARD, USN***

**INVOCATION**

***CAPTAIN (CHAPLAIN) DENNIS VOLMI, USAF***

**COLONEL BRIAN ARNOLD, USAF**

**GUEST SPEAKER**

***REAR ADMIRAL (SEL) H. WINDSOR WHITON, USN***

**COMMANDING OFFICER**

***LIEUTENANT COMMANDER BOB NICHOLSON, USN***



## **Rear Admiral ( Sel ) H. Windsor Whiton**

### **United States Navy**

RADM (Sel) Whiton is a native of Duxbury, Massachusetts. He received a BA in Slavic Literature in 1967 as a distinguished graduate of Lawrence University and a MA in International Relations from Salve Regina in 1984.

RADM (Sel) Whiton was commissioned on 21 June 1968 in Newport, Rhode Island and after Communications School, reported to the USS CASA GRANDE (LSD 13) homeported in Little Creek, Virginia. Following this tour, RADM (Sel) Whiton was assigned to the Naval Security Group Activity Kami Seya in 1969 as Head of the SIGSEG branch of the Yokosuka Detachment and OIC COMSEVENTHFLT COMSEC Team ONE in the Gulf of Tonkin. He was then ordered to Naval Security Group Activity Misawa, Japan in June 1971, where he was assigned duties as an Operations Watch Officer and later Non-Morse Division Officer. This was followed in 1972 with a tour on board the USS HANCOCK (CVA 19) until ordered to Washington, DC in June 1974 for duty as Aide to the Commander, Naval Security Group Command and later as Head of the U. S. and Caribbean Field Station Branch. His next assignment was, as Naval Security Group Detachment Head and later Executive Officer of Naval Communication Station, Diego Garcia. In June 1978, he detached for duty as the Assistant, ASW Readiness and Training Officer on the Staff, Commander SIXTH Fleet homeported in Gaeta, Italy. Following his SIXTH Fleet tour, RADM (Sel) Whiton reported to the Office of Naval Intelligence (OP-009) for duty as Assistant Head, Intelligence Plans Programs and Systems Architecture Division through June 1983. He then attended the College of Naval Warfare, U. S. Naval Warfare, U. S. Naval War College Newport, Rhode Island, graduating with distinction in June 1984. He next served as the Fleet Cryptologist on the Staff of COMSEVENTHFLT from July 1984 to August 1986. In October 1986, RADM (Sel) Whiton took command of Naval Security Group Activity, Winter Harbor, Maine. Upon completion of his tour, he returned to Washington as Assistant Commander, Naval Security Group for Plans, Programs, Budget and Resource management and Comptroller Naval Security Group Command. He then served as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director of Naval Intelligence for Cryptology in OPNAV through July 1993.

RADM (Sel) Whiton is currently assigned to the Staff of the Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet as the Director for Cryptology, with additional duty to Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Command. He also serves as the Director, Naval Security Group Atlantic; Officer in Charge, Cryptologic Support Group Atlantic; Officer in Charge, Naval Security Group Detachment, Norfolk; and the NSA/CSS Representative to the Atlantic Command.

RADM (Sel) Whiton is authorized to wear the following decorations and awards: Legion of Merit with gold star, Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Navy Commendation Medal with gold star, Navy Achievement Medal with gold star, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Sea Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and Vietnam Campaign Medal.

RADM (Sel) Whiton is married to the former Judith Ann Harris of Ladue, Missouri. They have one daughter, Tanya Kathleen, who resides in Portland, Maine.



## Lieutenant Commander Bob Nicholson

### United States Navy

Lieutenant Commander Nicholson is a native of Salisbury, Maryland. Enlisting in the Navy in May of 1975, he attended Recruit Training in Orlando, Florida, Basic Electricity and Electronics School in Great Lakes, Illinois, CTM "A" school and Basic BULLSEYE "C" school in Pensacola, Florida.

In September of 1976, he was assigned to Naval Security Group Activity, Northwest, Virginia. During his tour he served as HFDF WIDEBAND and CLASSIC NOMAD maintenance technician. In November of 1979, he attended the Wide Band Systems (WBS) "C" school in Pensacola, Florida where he attained the level of First Class Petty Officer, his highest enlisted rank. During his tour in Pensacola, he also completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology with a minor in Education. Upon completion of WBS school, he was transferred to Naval Security Group Activity, Misawa, Japan where he served as Wide Band Systems maintenance technician.

In May of 1981, he was commissioned an Ensign and later graduated with distinction from the Surface Warfare Officers school in Newport, Rhode Island. His first assignment as an officer was in USS LEXINGTON (ATV-16) as the Boilers Division Officer, Public Affairs Officer, Engineering Department 3-M Coordinator and Ships Force Maintenance Support ADP Coordinator. During this tour he attained qualification as a Surface Warfare Officer.

In June of 1985, he was assigned to Naval Security Group Department, Rota, Spain. During his tour he served as Direct Support Element Division Officer on USS SCOTT (DDG-995), USS KING (DDG-41) AND USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN-709), Electronics Maintenance Officer, and Operations Watch Officer. In June of 1988, he was assigned to Naval Security Group Activity, Key West, Florida as the Operations Officer. He was selected for promotion to Lieutenant Commander during this tour. In August of 1991 he was assigned to Commander, THIRD Fleet as the Assistant Fleet Cryptologist. During this tour he deployed aboard USS Ranger (CV-61), USS Nimitz (CVN-61), and USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72) as the Cryptologic Observer for Battle Group Evaluations.

Lieutenant Commander Nicholson is married to the former Janice Smith of Forth Worth, Texas, and has a son, Jason; daughter Christina; son, Micah; and grandson Jason. His awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation (two awards), Good Conduct Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Sea Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon (two awards). He is entitled to wear the Surface Warfare Officers breast insignia.

## From the Captain...

*It is with mixed feelings and deep sentiment that we write this final chapter in the history of Naval Security Group Activity, Terceira Island, Azores. This great NAVSECGRU site has served proudly and with distinction for nearly forty years. The command's extraordinary mission accomplishment during that period contributed significantly to the defense of our great nation and preservation of those freedoms we Americans hold so dear.*

*For four decades this site was built from the ground up by the collective efforts of thousands of our shipmates. What stands here today was not constructed merely of concrete, steel and wood; it was primarily built by the blood, sweat and tears of all those dedicated people. You, the sailors tasked with closing our beloved site, are the culmination and epitome to the professionalism and dedication needed to bring it to its present state of excellence. You made this station better than ever, only to suffer the heartrending task of taking it apart.*

*We will truly miss this place. The royal blue ocean, emerald green hills, crystal clean air and omnipresent cows are highlighted by the REAL treasures of the Azores; it's people. They are slow to anger, quick to laugh, give freely that which they cannot afford, and exude a gracious dignity that comes from deep within. As we leave this paradise on earth, it is our parting with its magnificent humanity that is most painful.*

*It has been my distinct honor and pleasure to serve with you during this past year. You have made me proud in the assurance that we shipped out the best possible equipment to our sister sites throughout the world, and you, our finest resource are trained, motivated and ready to take on the challenges of your new duties ashore and in the fleet.*

*As a final farewell to Terceira, we honor our past shipmates whose sacrifices laid the foundation on which we could build, our future shipmates who share our deep commitment to ever-increasing excellence for our beloved Navy, and above all, our merciful God from whom all Hope springs eternal.*



BOB R. NICHOLSON

Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy  
Commanding Officer

## Command Senior Chief

Senior Chief Petty Officer Mary Wadsworth, a native of Dundee, Michigan, enlisted in the United States Navy and reported on active duty on 29 August 1975.



She attended Cryptologic Technician "Radio" school and High Frequency Direction Finding (HFDF) "C" school in Pensacola, Florida. In December of 1976 she reported to NSGA Keflavik, Iceland as an HFDF Operator. In January of 1978 she was assigned to NAVCAMS WESTPAC Guam, and was promoted to Petty Officer Second Class.

Her next assignment in April 1979, took her to NSGA Winter Harbor, Maine where she served as an HFDF supervisor and Department Administrative Assistant.

In December 1980, she reported to Ann Arbor, Michigan as the Recruiter-In-Charge. During this tour Senior Chief was promoted to Petty Officer First Class, was named 1983 Runner up for Recruiter of the Year, Sailor of the Year 1984 and completed her Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Law and Government.

In January of 1985 she was selected for the Personnel Exchange Program (PEP) and reported for duty with the Canadian Forces in Bermuda as the U. S. HFDF Liaison.

During her assignment she was promoted to Chief Petty Officer. In January 1989, she transferred to NCTAMS EASTPAC in Hawaii where she served as Public Affairs Officer, Quarterdeck Manager and BEQ Officer. While in Hawaii she completed her Masters of Science Degree in Public Administration and was promoted to her present rank.

Senior Chief Wadsworth reported to NSGA Azores on 15 February 1993 and assumed the roles of Command Senior Chief, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director, BEQ Officer, and Public Affairs Officer.

Senior Chief Wadsworth's awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards), Navy Unit Commendation (two awards), Meritorious Unit Citation (two awards), Good Conduct Medal (four awards), Recruiting Ribbon, and the NCO Professional Development Ribbon (with numeral 4 device).

## COMMAND KHAKI



**LCDR Nicholson    MAC (AW) Casey    CWO2 Iodice  
ENC (SW) Starbuck    CTMCS Bard    CTOC (AW) Kelleher  
CTMCS Dahlia    CTRC Kelleher    CTAC Boucher  
CTRCS Wadsworth**

# DECOMMISSIONING COMMAND MEMBERS

## Officers

LCDR Bob R. Nicholson  
CWO2 Argent P. Iodice

## Chief Petty Officers

CTRCS Mary F. Wadsworth  
CTMCS Shelly L. Bard  
CTMCS Donald B. Dahlia  
ENC (SW) John C. Starbuck  
CTRC Paul G. Kelleher  
CTAC Robert A. Boucher  
MAC (AW) Joseph L. Casey  
CTOC (AW) Dawn M. Kelleher  
PNC Lauro C. Raton

## E-6 And Below

PN1 Michael J. Tomko  
BM1 Jose M. Cosme  
CTO1 Mark E. Dunlap  
CTM1 Barbara A. Powell  
CTR1 Dale A. Wallace  
CTM1 Joseph A. Jenkins  
CTO1 Marilyn M. Brooks  
CTR1 (SW) Richard N. McMullen  
SK1 (SW) Harry L. Henderson  
CTM1 (SW) Gary L. Mainhart  
CTR1 Sherman L. Cook  
CM1 Tracy N. Herndon  
CTM1 Mark A. West  
MS1 Dianne W. Crawford  
CTA2 Martin A. Powell  
CTA2 Timothy E. Chesser  
CTM2 Chris D. Blankenship  
CTR2 Richard A. Blum  
CTR2 Julianne Blum  
CTA2 Donald A. Carter  
CTM2 James R. Geib  
CTR2 Stanley Griffin  
CTM2 Stephen C. Guistwite  
CTM2 David M. Hathaway  
CE2 Thomas J. Lewallen  
CTO2 Tina Linker  
CTM2 Cassandra R. McDaniel  
BU2 Daniel B. Meggison  
CTM2 Richard A. Miller  
CTM2 Douglas A. Rember  
CTA2 Mary J. Roberson  
SK2 Walter J. Wilson

DK2 Kenneth A. Kelchner  
CTO3 Christopher A. Barker  
CTR3 John P. Bell  
CTM3 Michael W. Bibby  
CTR3 Gwenevere E. Dentler  
CTM3 Jennifer A. Drouillard  
CTM3 Christina J. Goodwin  
CTM3 Evelyn J. Handley  
CTR3 Jamin D. Houser  
EN3 David B. King  
MM3 Matthew A. McRoberts  
CTM3 James W. Pratt  
CTM3 Paul A. Rape'  
CTR3 Nzinga F. Simmons  
EN3 Edward W. Smith  
EM3 Gregory L. Terry  
CTR3 Marla A. Wetterling  
CTRSN Stacey M. Barr  
CTASN Anthony W. Yaskowweak  
CTOSN Frederick J. Brown  
ISSN Jon R. Connerton  
CTOSN Brian W. Davis  
CTRSN Arion Dickens  
ENFN Joshua D. Hamlin  
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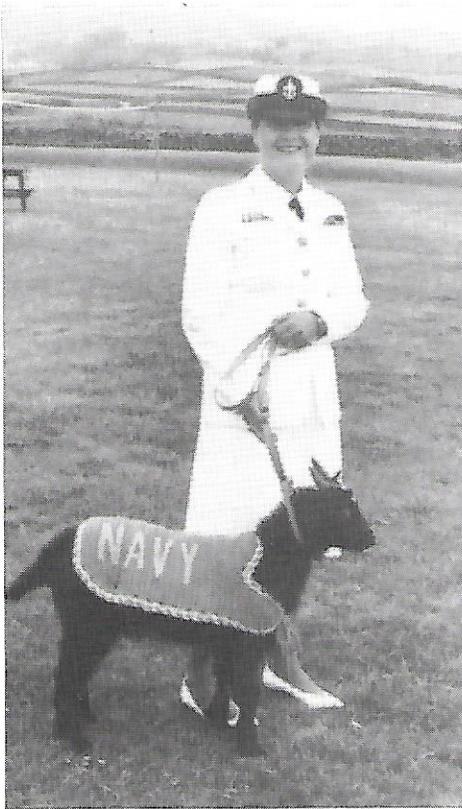
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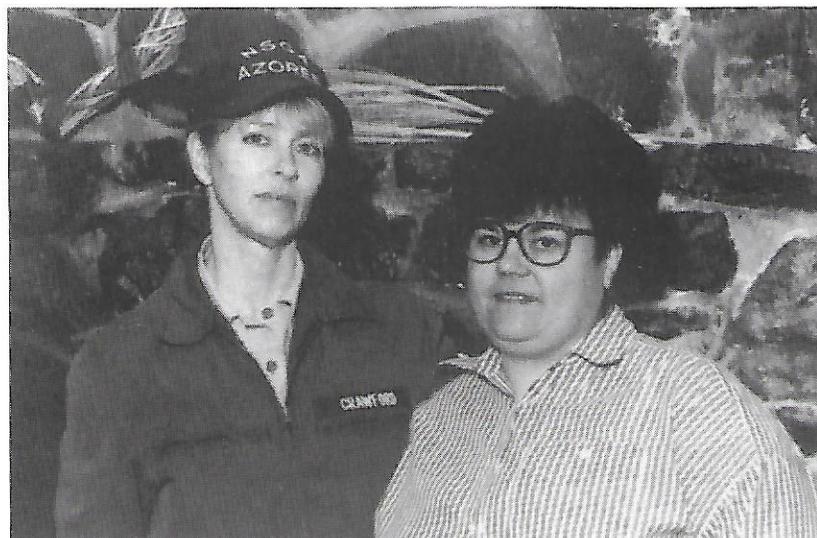
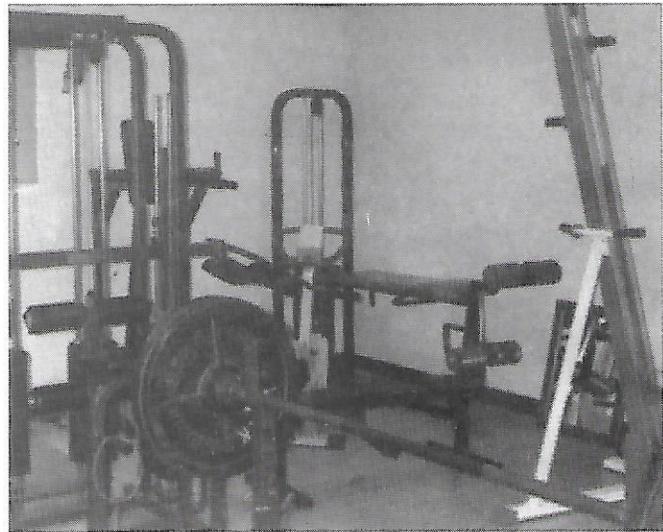


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MWR Director**

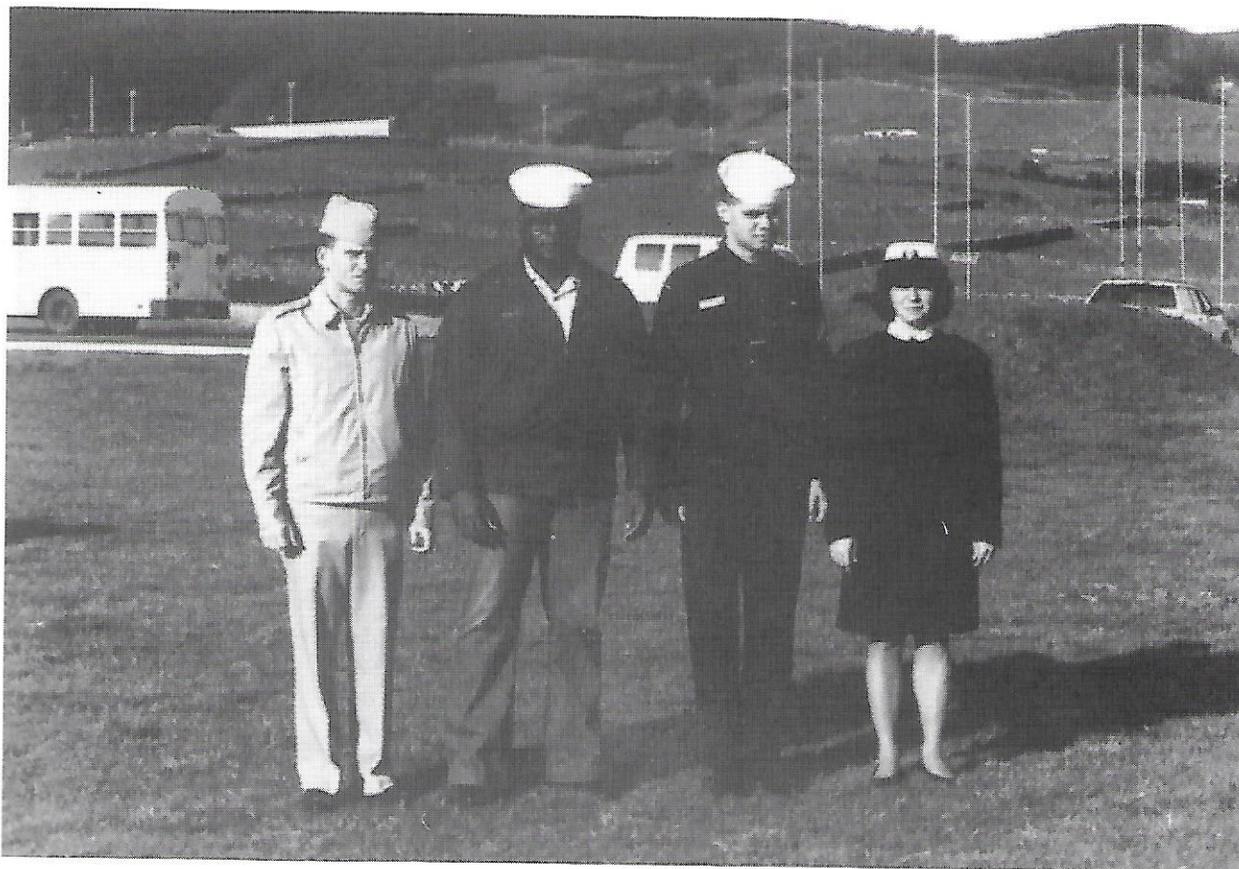


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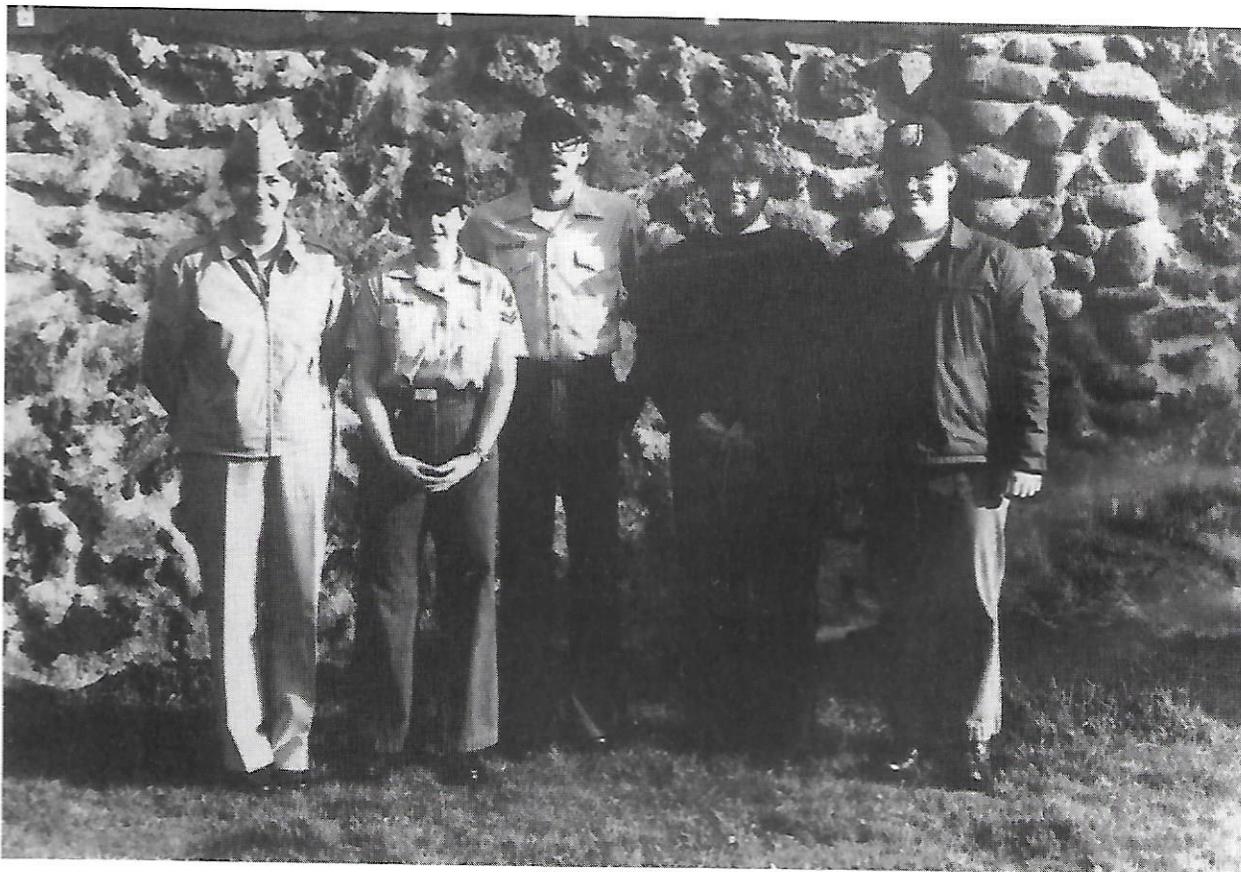
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### ADMINISTRATION 10 DEPARTMENT



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**Not Pictured: CTA2 Roberson**

**COMMUNICATIONS  
20 DEPARTMENT**



**CTOC (AW) Kelleher CTO1 Dunlap CTOSN Davis  
CTO2 Belmont CTO2 Linker  
Not Pictured: CTO3 Barker CTO3 Gabbert CTOSN Brown  
CTOSA Shernit**

**OPERATIONS  
30 DEPARTMENT**



**CTA2 Chesser    CTRC Kelleher    CTR1 (SW) McMullen    CTR3 Deguise  
CTR1 Wallace    ISSN Connerton    CTR2 J. Blum    CTRSN Dickens  
Not Pictured: CTR1 Cook    CTR2 Griffin    CTR2 R. Blum  
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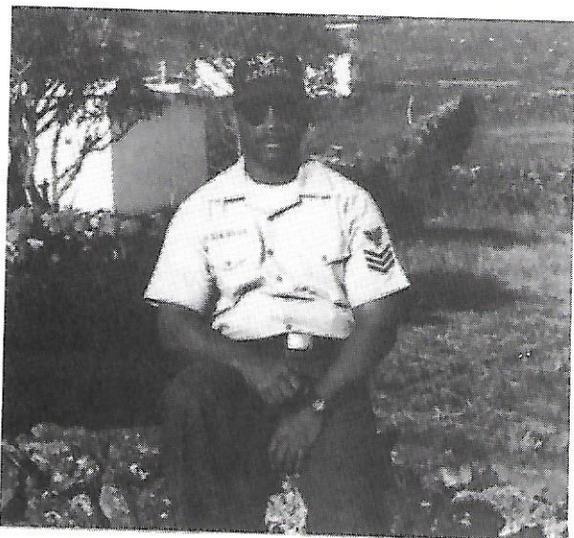
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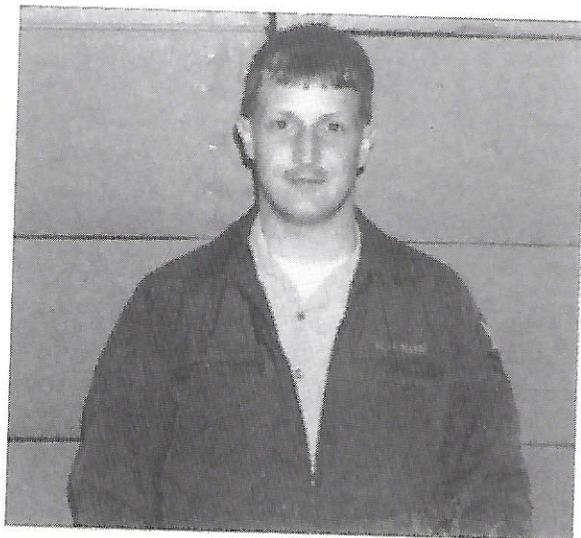


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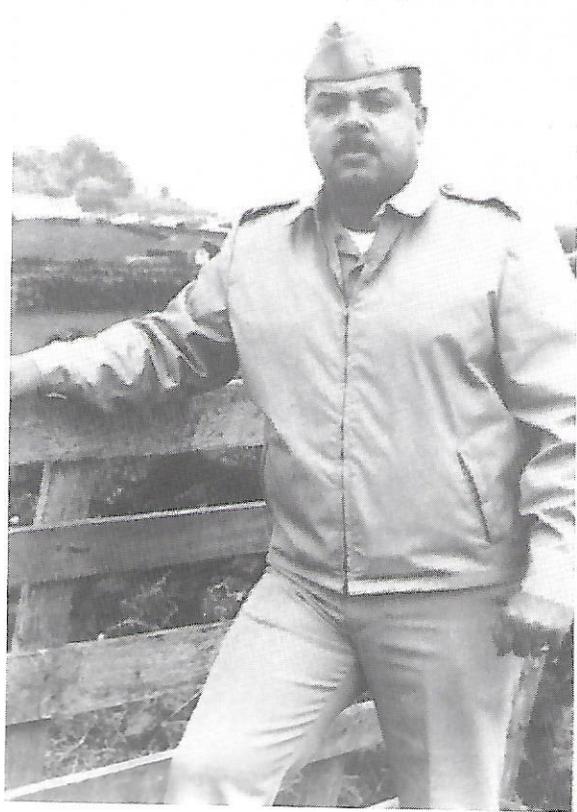


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50 DEPARTMENT**

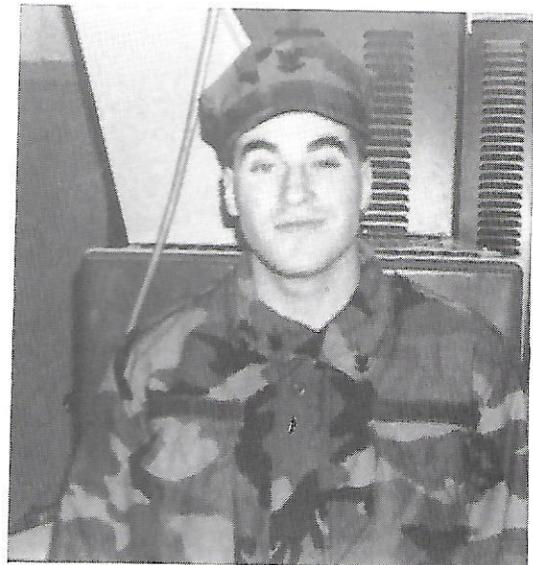


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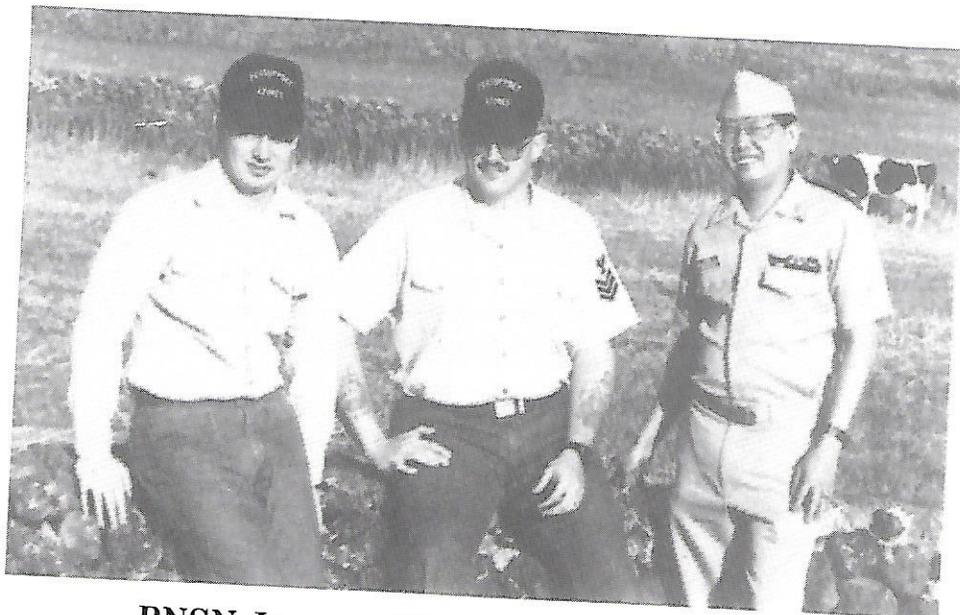
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**EN3 Smith**



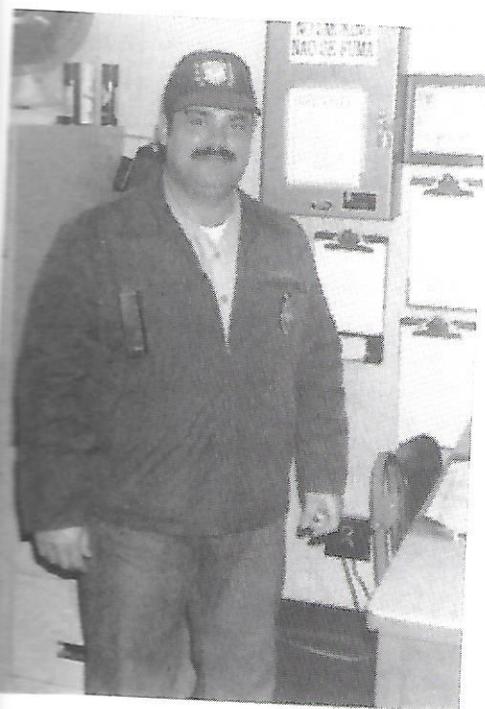
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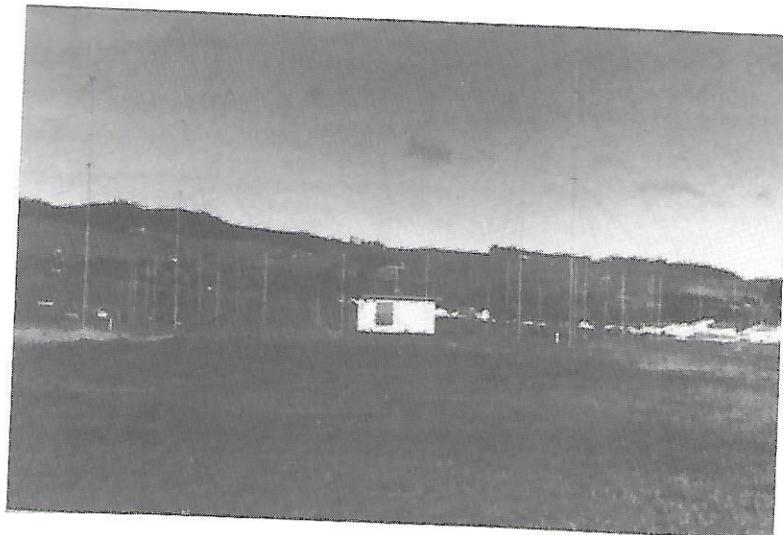
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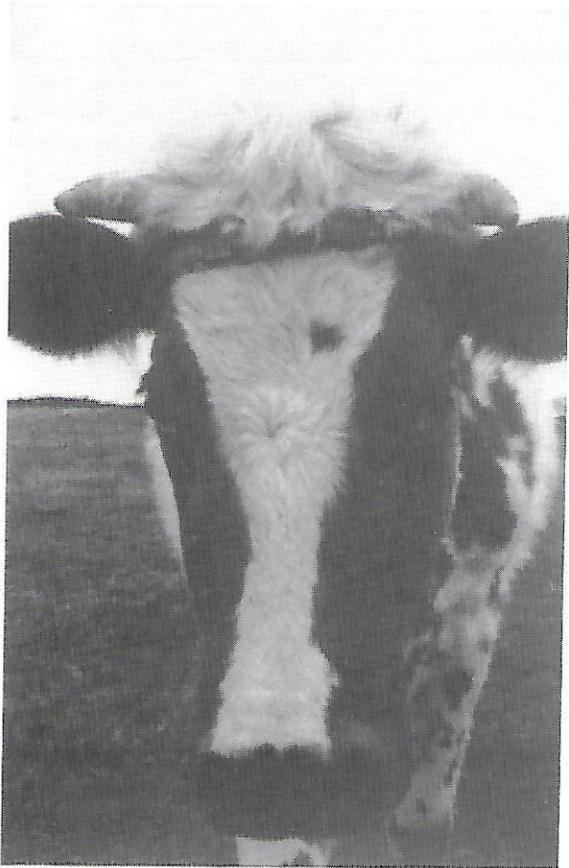
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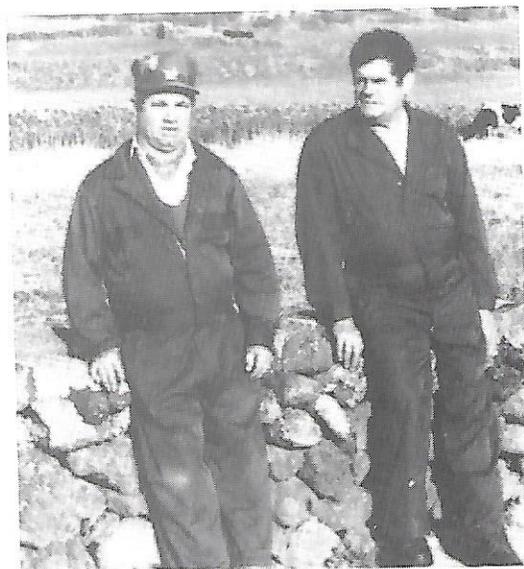
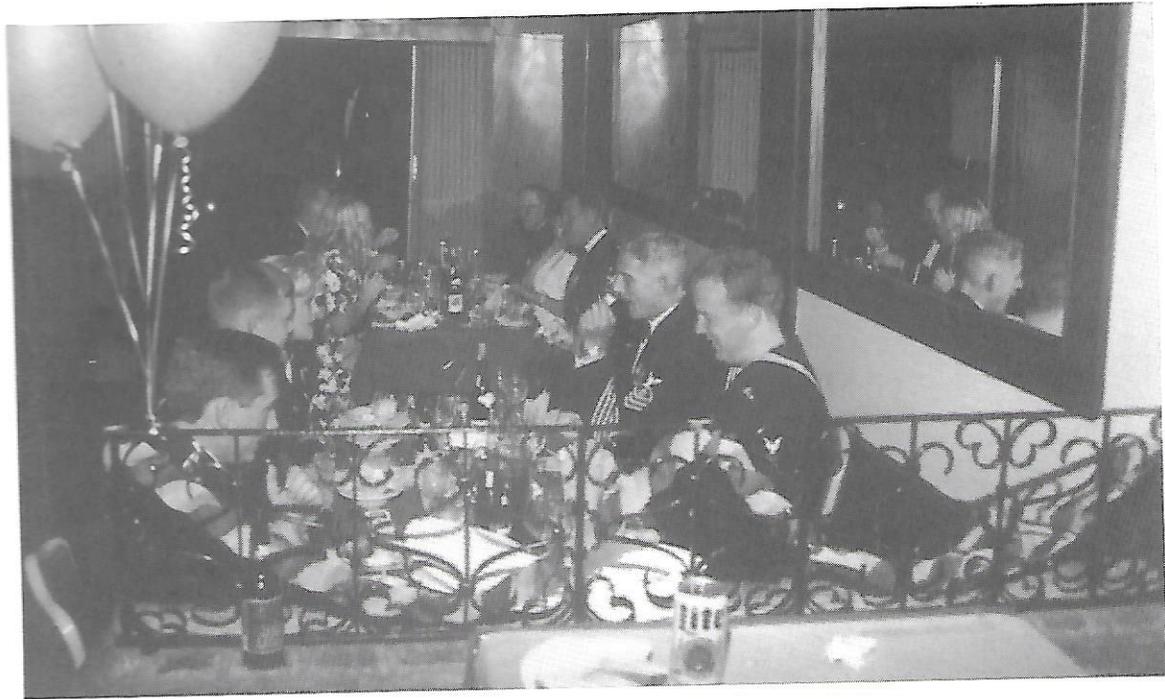


BM1 Cosme

COMMAND OMBUDSMAN  
Mrs. Aldona Jenkins







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