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The Skipper

Says . . .



By Captain P. W. Dillingham, Jr.

The Siberian swans have long departed and the last of the permanent snow has disappeared from everywhere except the surrounding foothills. Spring is in strong evidence around Misawa even though the cherry blossoms, the usual harbinger of imminent warm weather, are still tightly folded. Ball players and golfers, as well as a myriad of other outdoor enthusiasts, are in strong competition to do their thing whenever possible. It is also a time when spring fever is a continual threat and there might even have been a short-lived tendency to relax the high standards of military appearance and professional performance we have set for ourselves.

There are several areas of concern which need to be addressed because of the large number of new members in the command. The most important area is the apparent lack of awareness of the importance of complete and total leadership on the part of supervisory personnel. Supervisors set the tone for the entire workgroup's attitude, appearance and personal commitment to command objectives. They cannot avoid "being involved" without affecting the group's effectiveness or efficiency. No supervisor can deny any one of his or her members the opportunity to approach with a problem to be shared, whether it be personal or professional. The response "I don't want to become involved" is totally unacceptable at any level in the command. By virtue of their position in the organization, supervisory personnel are group leaders; because they are leaders, they are responsible for those they lead; and in order to be responsible, one has to be involved. Supervisors can gaff-off involvement for a while, but avoiding responsibility by passing the buck becomes very obvious to those led and it doesn't take long in the chain of command very long to find out what is happening, either. One of the primary objectives if the military in general, and this command in particular, is to train its members to be future leaders and decision-makers. Involvement requires decisions to be made, some hard and some relatively easy. However, with each decision, the training lesson that is inherent in leadership development is present, i.e., the leader is in charge and is both responsible and accountable for his or her decisions. Some decisions may not be as good as others, but stronger leaders and better supervisors will be the result. As our leadership improves, so will our ability to make consistently good decisions for the betterment of the overall command.

We have set ourselves a difficult but maintainable course to ensure the continuance of our organizational pre-eminence. I see no reason to change now. Just as spring is a season of regeneration, so now is an appropriate time to rededicate our efforts to the Navy and the Nation.



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The farmer prepares his rice paddies for spring planting as piles of harvested rice stand in the field nearby on the edge of Misawa city. (Photo by CTA2 Guy Fitzgerald)

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NESEP selectees

From Navy to college and back again

Permanent change of station; household goods shipment; POV shipment; checking out; conferences at TMO!!!! Sound like a move, right? Right!! But in this



Creech

one case, the two individuals concerned are transferring to college.

CTR2 Steven A. Creech, 51 Division, and CTO2 Mary K. Cottrell, Captain's Writer, were recently selected for the Navy's Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP). They departed Misawa this month for 30 days leave prior to reporting to preparatory school at Newport, Rhode Island.

Their selection was the culmination of slightly over one year's time, from the submission of request to notification of selection. Petty Officer Creech was especially pleased with his selection since his original request for NESEP in 1974 was denied. "I entered the

Navy with a career in mind and decided that being an officer was the way to do it," Creech said in an interview recently. "The education I'll receive, the pay and prestige were among the reasons I applied. I hope to study Aerospace Engineering and possibly work in our country's space program in the future." Creech intends to request the University of Texas as his college.

Cottrell, who nearly missed taking the test for the program when she was TAD to Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, for the West Coast Tennis Tournament, hopes to go into the field of Oceanography. That would mean the University of Washington since no other college in the NESEP program offers that particular major. "I am very excited about my selection. It gives me

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Cottrell

Officer visits in name of goodwill

What do you do when you are invited to speak to 40-50 Japanese police when you've been in Japan only a few months and you don't speak Japanese? Smile, discuss something you have knowledge about and trust the interpreter.

Earlier this year, Lt(j.g.) Marilyn Lawrence, NSGA Personnel Officer, found herself in that situation. Every year, the Misawa Police Department receives job related training and one person from outside the department is invited to speak to the police. As in the past, a woman Naval Officer was desired to participate and, being the only one here, Lt(j.g.) Lawrence accepted.

During the 1 1/2 hour discussion, Lt(j.g.) Lawrence, with the help of the police interpreter, Mr. Yamahata,

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Lt(j.g.) Marilyn Lawrence (at the time an Ensign) listens as Mr. Yamahata translates her description of American customs during her visit to the Misawa Police Department.

MCPOC Talk

Flash--Non-voters cut bennies!

By CTACM Richard Brooks Loomis

Washington, D.C., April 14, 1977 (Special to U.S. Military Forces)—“Congress today announced several new public laws having drastic effects on the military establishment. These public laws, which were passed by very narrow margins, will affect pay, travel allowances, moving expenses, overseas tour lengths and cessation of dependent travel.

Following is a brief summary of the new legislation which is expected to be signed into law by the President within the next few hours.

Pay - all military pay immediately reverts to the September 30, 1976, pay scale, wiping out the 5% raise which became effective October 1, 1976. Attached to this bill is a rider which prohibits military pay increases until at least October 1, 1986. Federal civilian employees are not included in the new law.

Travel allowances - effective July 1, personnel traveling on PCS orders will be entitled to the cost of transportation only, with no reimbursement for lodging, meals, taxis or other extras.

Moving expenses - military personnel will be authorized only 65 pounds of luggage on PCS transfers. Excess baggage provisions currently in effect are canceled. The military traveler will be required to pay the com-

mercial baggage charge for everything over the 65 pound limit.

Overseas tour lengths - the tour length for all personnel currently assigned to overseas stations has been extended by 24 months, regardless of location. The minimum tour length for personnel ordered overseas will be 36 months, again regardless of location. First term personnel can expect to serve their entire initial enlistment at one overseas location.

Dependent travel - effective July 1 of this year, all dependent travel will cease. Dependents will no longer be authorized in any overseas area. Concurrent with the ban on dependents' travel, all military commissaries overseas will be closed. This follows closely the closing of all stateside commissaries, announced last month, and scheduled to be completed by December 1 of this year.

Enactment of these public laws is expected to save the taxpayers more than 22 billion dollars annually.

Although there was bitter debate in both houses of Congress over these issues, pro-military congressmen were unable to generate sufficient support to prevent passage. Senator Wispin and Representative Sharkshire, both from states with minimal military activity, were (Continued on page 12)

CAP designed to help personnel

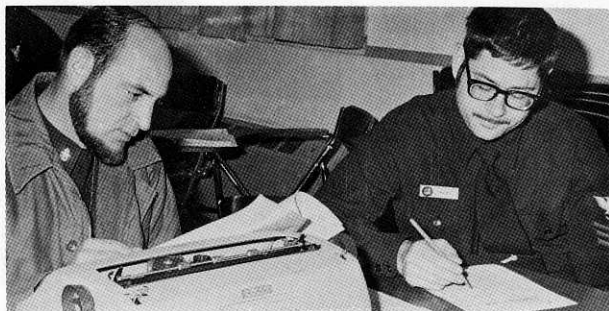
Have you wondered what happened to those issues generated during your workgroup sessions held in February and March? They were passed up the chain of command to the Executive Officer who, in turn, passed them to the Command Group. This group comprised the Commanding Officer, the Executive Officer, Phase 11 Coordinator and the consultant team from the Human Resources Management Detachment, Yokosuka. The Command Group then reviewed all the data forms, grouped them by subject and decided if the issue should be handled through the Command Action Plan (CAP) problem-solving step.

From this process, four major areas of concern were identified and command-level workgroups were tasked with preparing a viable action plan. Lt. D. Dickey chaired the Recognition workgroup, Lt. B. Ferrara's group addressed the Active Equal Opportunities Participation issue, Lt. J. Kjellander and his group worked on the Career Counselor program while Cdr. R. Smith's group was involved with the Alcohol Emphasis problem. A fifth group, command writing group, headed by Lt(j.g.) B. Robinson, smooth typed the CAP/AAP, rewrote command instructions to fit new requirements and wrote new instructions as needed. In some instances, cognizant departments or individuals handled specific issues concerning them.

The resultant actions steps, known as the Command Action Plan and the Affirmative Action Plan (AAP, which addresses Equal Opportunity issues only) are contained in NSGA Misawa Instruction 5350. 2.

Commenting on the impact of the whole Human Resources Availability cycle (including the initial workshops held in November, the HRAV survey in December, the Military Rights and Responsibilities/Cultural Ex-

pression workshops conducted by the Command Training Team in December and January and the workgroup sessions held in February and March), Captain P.W. Dillingham, Jr., Commanding Officer, said, "I'm satisfied with the time and effort which went into the whole HRAV. Some of the immediate benefits are the establishment of communication channels where none existed before as well as opening up some of those channels which may have clogged through disuse. What especially pleases me is the fact that supervisors are forced to become involved with the men and women they are responsible for and supervise." The captain continued, "The Command Action Planning process develops an awareness for the problems of the command at a variety of levels and to a wide member of personnel within the (Continued on page 12)



CTAC S. Wagner, left, and CTA1 D. Wing rewrite a command instruction. They were members of the writing group tasked with writing or rewriting instructions and smooth-typing command action plan articles. (Photo by CTA2 Guy Fitzgerald).

EDITORIALS

*Our apology*

The MISAWAN staff would like to apologize to John Kidnay, Donald Dickey and Jim Shepherd, whose last names were misspelled, and to CTI3 H. Hirsch, who was mistakenly identified as CTI2 H. Hirsch. We try to avoid this mistakes but sometimes they slip through.

Funds to rebuild a school

The personnel of NSGA have already been lauded many times for their outstanding support of the Guatemalan Relief Fund Drive. The work of CTCR Larry Book as the Command's Keyman was unparalleled. Now the money can be sent.

Through the diligence of CTACM R.B. Loomis, MCPOC, a school has been located in Guatemala that was completely demolished during the devastating earthquakes in February. The school is an elementary school whose students chose as their name some time ago, "The School of the United States of America." It was formerly "Escuela Nacional Urbana Varones, Numero 69."

The school was located after Master Chief Loomis corresponded with the Master Chief Petty Officer of Naval Security Group, Master Chief Euvern Voorhies. Master Chief Voorhies contacted the Guatemalan Embassy in Washington and the diplomatic gears were engaged. Through the efforts of the Guatemalan Embassy and the American Embassy in Guatemala City, with the direct supervision of the American Defense Attache, the school was visited. They are holding classes outside at present and have the summer rainy season coming soon. They have a site already, running water available.

The total of slightly over \$9,700 will be sent to the Defense Attache for deposit with the U.S. Disaster Relief Committee. Then the Defense Attache will assure that \$9,700 is set aside for use in rebuilding the school, send progress reports on the work and send us pictures of the finished product.

The pictures and feedback will be published upon receipt. For your information, here is the final paragraph of the message we received from the Defense Attache: "The officials and personnel of the Guatemalan school extend to all of you their heartfelt thanks for this most generous gift. The U.S. Ambassador and his staff also extend their added appreciation to all of your personnel who contributed so generously."

Motorcycle safety--it's a two-way street

It's that time of year when a young man's (or woman's) fancy turns to love and/or motorcycling. During this exhilarating season (for how else can you describe the feelings of freedom, power and excitement while cycling?), it is especially important to reemphasize motorcycle safety.

Cyclist, don't groan and say, "I've been through this a dozen times; I know what I'm doing." Yes, it's true that every cyclist, at one time or another, has been schooled on how to be a safe cyclist. However, less emphasis is placed on making the other driver aware of your position and rights as part of the driving populace, placing a greater load of responsibility on you.

We've all heard of cyclists who have ended up dead or near dead due to something somewhere going wrong, whether it be bad weather conditions, holes in the road or an intoxicated, inexperienced or tired driver. So, let's assume you already know about handling your machine in all kinds of weather and road surface situations and that you know what to check to ensure your cycle is in top running condition. Let's also assume that you are following all laws and rules of common sense. This is very basic information for a GOOD rider. There isn't anything to worry about then, right? WRONG!

Passenger vehicles are involved in four out of five motorcycle crashes. Why? The reasons are numerous. Some drivers, not all, resent the image associated with motorcycles, that of street gangs and rowdies. This image, of course, is not a fair one. Other drivers are not aware you exist. Oh, they might see you but they might not PERCEIVE you - the fact you are there just does not register. Slow down when approaching possible trouble spots - driveways, open intersections, seemingly parked cars. Also, every driver has a blind spot and a cycle has a very good chance of not being seen at all. There is a fourth reason for the high number of cycle/auto accidents. Motorists are unaware of the limitations a cycle has. They overestimate the stopping and maneuverability factors and forget that you are not protected by tons of metal as they are.

To reduce the chances of serious injury in the event of an accident and to increase your chances of being seen, wear ankle-high leather boots or shoes, gloves, long slacks (preferably leathers or jeans), a jacket of a bright color, an approved helmet (with reflective tape) and protective eyewear. Remember, the burden for your safety is on YOU, and the moment you forget that fact is the moment you are inviting trouble to visit.

Events highlight anniversary

The Dusters' Motorcycle Club celebrated its 21st Anniversary appropriately amidst engines and shifting gears on April 10 and 11.

During the two-day event, more than 50 cyclists tested their prowess and ability in observe trials, motocross and fun events.

For the observe trials, a course was set with "traps" such as rocks, logs, water and banked turns, taxing the rider's ability to control and maneuver his cycle at low speeds without letting his feet touch the ground and without falling off his bike.

Thirty riders participated in the exciting Japanese/American motocross, testing their ability to go around the rough terrain of the track in the shortest amount of time. The Japanese cyclists are sponsored by various cycle shops, where they work as mechanics.

Currently, the club has 150 members. Military personnel from all services and their dependents are welcome to join the Dusters at their weekly meetings at 7 p.m. on Mondays. Yearly dues for a single rider are \$10; a husband/wife membership is \$15 (and \$1 for each child member of the family); and an associate membership, for dependents of non-riding parents, is \$4.

In addition to the weekly meetings, the club schedules various motocross and trial events, road rides through different area of Japan, dances, picnics and dinners.

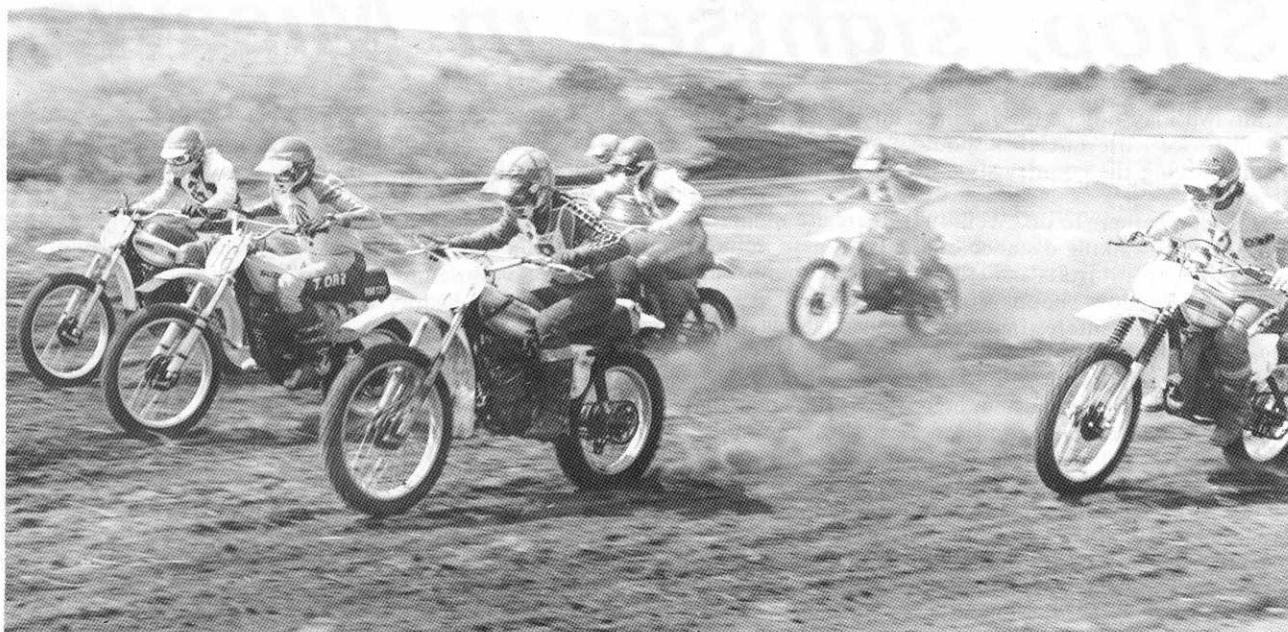
Other Dusters activities include all testing, inspection and licensing of cyclists and their machines. The written and riding tests are given on Mondays and Thursdays at 5 p.m. at the club. Still in the planning stages is a Junior Riders Program, aimed to teach young or new riders about safety, basic operating principles and how to ride while providing them with the much needed experience.

For further information, call TSgt. R. Champion at 5365 or Howard Bricker at 5187.

Cyclist, Tony Orr, above right, inspects his motorcycle after engine blew up during motocross competition, Referee Jack Wagstaff explains the observe trials point system to two cyclists, right.



*Photos by
CTA2 Guy
Fitzgerald*



They're off! Looking like a motorized western chase scene, competitors take off from the starting line.



A participant takes his cycle up and over a log during the observe trials.



A Japanese rider exhibits his ability during the motocross run.

Shop, sightsee in Misawa

Misawa may not be the Japanese city first on visitors' "want-to-see" list but this should not prevent people from enjoying the country-style life in the Misawa area.

So, what is there to do? Well, first, there are numerous shops within walking distance of the front gate, offering everything from fruit and fish to silk kimonos and hardware. Window shopping and comparing prices give the shopper an interesting way to spend a day. One advantage of shopping in Misawa is that most shopkeepers speak or understand enough English to make transactions easy. The numerous restaurants offer visitors delicious Japanese, Chinese, Italian and American dishes at reasonable prices.

Misawa is also the site of the largest rock bath in Tohoku. The Komaki Onsen, supported by 21 tree-shaped pillars and adorned with artificial foliage, a waterfall and a replica of the famous "Maidens" statue at Lake Towada, has gushing springs which do not need tempering with cold water as some of Japan's hot baths do. The Komaki Onsen is situated in a complex which includes Saigyodo Park, a museum and a Noh play stage.

The Saigyodo Park provides the visitor with a look at Nambu culture. The Hirosaki Castle entranceway has

been duplicated on the grounds and visitors may examine the Nambu Socho, a recreated castle from the Nambu era. Although the building is new, the furnishings are several centuries old. There is also a mansion from Rokunohe, depicting the lifestyle of a wealthy Nambu farmer a hundred years ago. Near the mansion, the Saigyodo Museum reveals the agricultural, fishing and horse-raising history of the Misawa area. The hot bath and park complex is located near the bowling alley, across the tracks near the train station. For avid the bowler, the bowling alley offers a large center with modern lanes.

The name "Misawa" translates to "Three Swamps" and Misawa was the central grazing pasture for nine territories when Lord Nambu won jurisdiction in the area in the 1600s. During this period, thousands of horses grazed on the fertile fields. It wasn't until later that the vast farming and fishing potential was recognized.

Misawa grew quickly after the 1600s. In 1880, Misawa became a village and grew to be a town in 1948 with a population of 27,000. Becoming Aomori Prefecture's seventh city in 1958, the city now has a population of approximately 38,000.

Misawa hosts two festivals yearly. The Tanabata, July 26-28, is the time when merchants sell their wares, often at great savings to the buyer, amid colorful streamers and artificial flowers. From August 26-28, colorful floats and portable shrines are carried by celebrants during the Misawa Festival. There is a wealth of subjects for the photographers, during the festivals.



The noren, or cloth over the door, of this restaurant indicates that it is open for business. At the end of the day, the noren is removed. It is very similar to our "open for business" signs. (Photo by CTA2 Guy Fitzgerald)

Making "perfect" gohan

When Japan is mentioned, it brings to mind, for some, cherry blossoms, Mt. Fuji and rice. Rice is a staple provision in the Japanese diet. In fact, in the Japanese language, gohan means both cooked rice and meals, asagohan meaning breakfast, hirugohan meaning lunch and ban'gohan meaning the evening meal.

Although simple, there is an art to making perfect rice with just enough adhesion to make it easy to pick up a "chopstickful" while not being gummy.

One cup of raw rice makes about four cups when cooked, enough for four people. First, wash the rice two-four times, stirring briskly. Let the rice settle to the bottom of the pan before pouring off the "miky" water; wash until clear. Drain off the wash water and add water 1½ - 2 times the amount of rice (for one cup of rice, use 1½ - 2 cups of water). Cover, making sure the lid is tight fitting and put on high heat until it boils; turn heat very low for 15 minutes and then turn off and let stand for 5-10 minutes before eating. NOTE: To flavor the rice, add one bouillon cube for each cup of raw rice.

U.S. wives visit Japanese friends in Aomori

By Mary Cunningham, president

This month, the Navy-Marine Enlisted Wives' Club visited a host family in Aomori for the weekend, Club members were joined by Mrs. William Nicher, an Air Force wife; Mrs. Hester Temmons, mother of a club member; and Mrs. Georgia Solomon, wife of the Lockheed representative for VP-47.

During the visit to the Japanese home, the wives shopped and were instructed in oriental cooking and members of the tour commented on the comfort of the Japanese style of sleeping. Another tour to Aomori is being planned for June.

The club charter will be presented to Mary Cunningham, president, and Charlene Dicky, vice president, at the Northwest Regional Convention to be held in Seattle, Washington, in early May. Many workshops will be held at the convention and the ladies hope to bring back useful material to build a bigger and better organization at Misawa.

The next business meeting is scheduled for May 3 at 7 p.m. in Building 1106. For further information, contact Carolyn at 3987 or Mary at 4321.

Planning makes bazaar a success

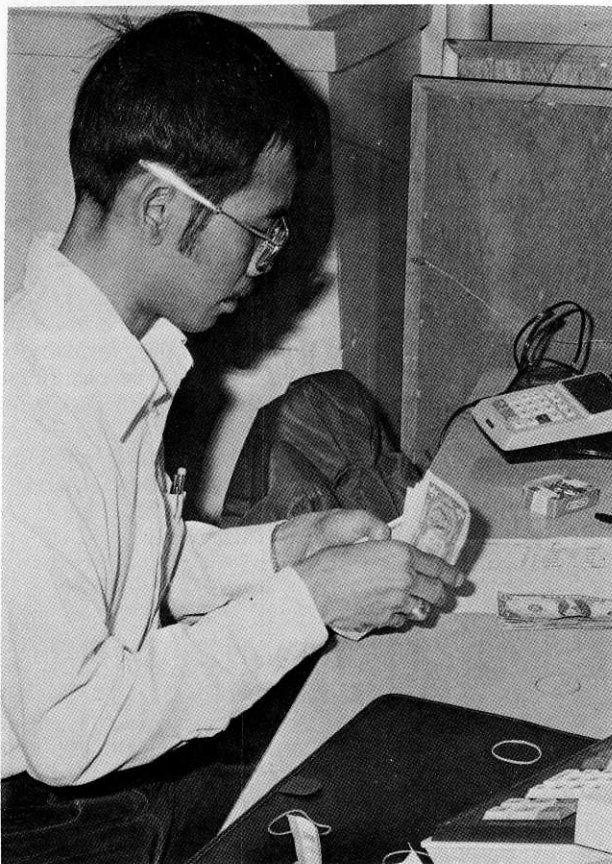
Although most people are quick to agree that the NSGA bazaar, held March 15 and 16, was a success, few realize the long hours of planning involved in coordinating it.

The bazaar committee handled various aspects in planning the bazaar, including contacting and contracting vendors, scheduling volunteers, paying vendors, and submitting financial reports. CTRCS Bob Depontbriand,

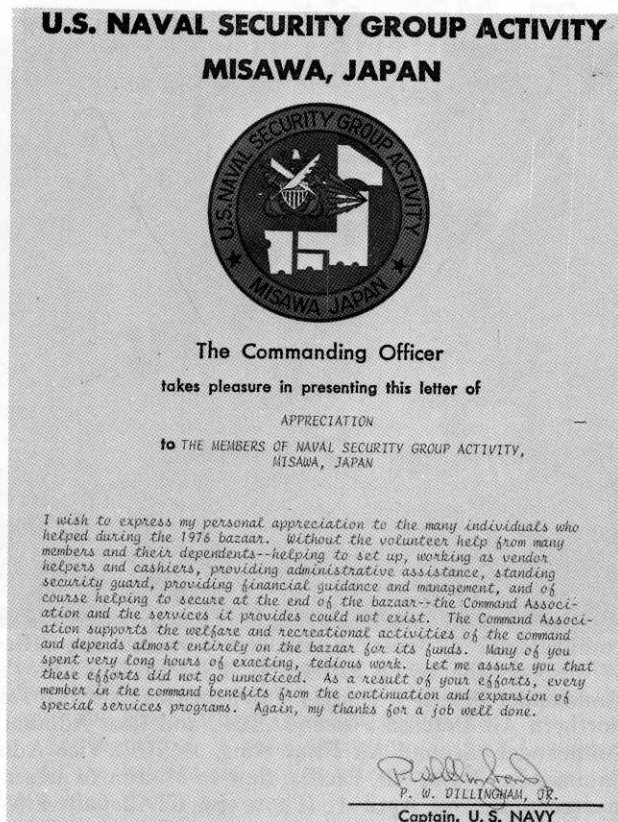
CTRC Mike Dallman, CTCR Don Mayberry, SKC John Cunningham, SK2 Ed Estrada and CTA1 Brekke served on the bazaar committee.

It was a big job but, but a job handled well by the 180 volunteers the Officers' Wives' Club, Enlisted Wives' Club, Company E, Boy Scout Troop 12, as well as many interested NSGA individuals. The Supply and Disbursing Department handled all

the financial matters and kept the books. All exchanges of money were taken care of by SKC John Cunningham, DK1 Gil Lorena, DK2 Tom Tate, SK2 Ron Wells, SK2 Mac MacArthur, DK2 Ed Estrada, DK1 Joe Pinlac, DKSJN Mike Nelson, DK2 Ener Lopez and DKSJN Jay Villarreal, whose efforts saved the command about \$500 in financing expenses. Many thanks to all who helped make our bazaar a success. A total of \$5,760 was earned for the Command Association Fund. We could not have done it without each of you.



DK1 Joe Pinlac, Disbursing Office, counts some of the funds from the NSGA Bazaar. (Photo by CTA2 Guy Fitzgerald)



The people patter



SSgt. Paul Sanchez accepts a Certificate of Recognition from Major Jack Wagstaff. Sanchez was recognized on April 19 for his involvement in the Youth Sports program at Misawa. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)

Thirteen recognized on Mar. 30

The following personnel were advanced to their present rates on March 30: CTR2 David Orr; CTA2 Mike Beard; CTR2 John Audia; CTT3 Allan Myers; and CTT3 Ernest Eldridge.



Commander P.T. "Pete" Smith, left, Commanding Officer, Patrol Squadron 47, displays the Battle Efficiency "E" Award to VP-47's Executive Officer, Commander Dennis T. Graff; Lieutenant General Goro Takeda, Commandant, Northern Air Defense Force, JASDF; and Rear Admiral Masuke Miyazawa, Commander, Second Air Fleet Wing, JMSDF. Vice Admiral R.B. Baldwin, Commander, Naval Air, Pacific, flew to Misawa to present the coveted award in ceremonies on April 1. (Photo by CTA2 Guy Fitzgerald)

During the March 30 ceremony, the following received awards: CTI1 Beverly Berryman, Navy Commendation Medal; CTR2 Steve Creech, Good Conduct Award (1st); and Lt. Michael Hardcastle-Taylor, Lt. Richard Ammons, Lt.(j.g.) Matthew Staniewicz, and CTI1 Robert Sluter received Navy Expeditionary Medals.

CTI2 Darryl Miller and CTI2 James Taylor accepted Letters of Appreciation.

The Enlisted Member of the Quarter (April-June) is CTT1 Robert Wilford. He was recognized for his professional excellence during a ceremony on April 9. Full coverage of his selection will be in the May MISAWAN. Congratulations!!



CTRC Homer T. White, formerly of 54 Division, waits to be chauffeured to his retirement reception after being piped over the side. Chief White retired on April 8, completing over 20 years of Naval service. Smooth sailing, chief. (Photo by CTA2 Guy Fitzgerald)

Paper gets new photog

CTR1 Charles "Chuck" McGee relieved CTA2 Guy Fitzgerald as the Command Photographer this month. Fitzgerald will be leaving with his family shortly to report to the Naval Reserve Center in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where he will be in charge of Naval Security Group Reservists. Welcome to the staff, Chuck, and good luck, Guy.

Plays on CNFJ team

Bob Wesolowski of 52 Division was chosen to play for the Commander, Naval Forces, Japan volleyball team following the CNFJ tournament at Fleet Activities, Yokosuka. Wesolowski, a powerful spiker, made the trip to the Western Pacific tournament in Hawaii, held March 29 - April 2.

May Spring Open slated

Word from Bob Depontbriand on upcoming events includes NSGA's Second Annual Spring Open Golf Tournament slated for sometime in May. The Command's seasonal tournaments have become some of the most popular activities here at Misawa and, with an influx of superior golfers, this year's tourney should prove to be quite competitive. But duffers, don't despair! There will be three categories for you - sort of good, medium and bad - so we 100 shooters won't have to compete against the scratch shooters. There are prizes for each group. Be watching the POD for more complete information.

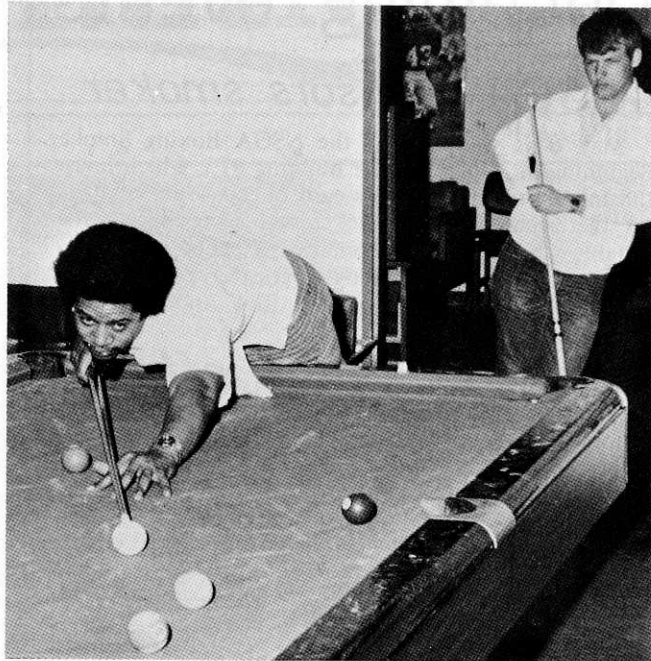
Youth leagues formed

The 1976 Youth Baseball Program begins May 31 and continues through July 31. Leagues will be formed within the following age groups: Colt (13 & up); Pony (10-12); Bronco (8-10); T-Ball (Boys, 5-7 & Girls, 5-8); and Mustang (Girls softball, 9 and up).

To train umpires for the Youth Program, an umpire's school is scheduled for 26, 28, 30 April and May 3 and 5 from 6-9 p.m. at the Conroy Youth Center. Although primarily for umpires, coaches and players are welcome. The instructor, Joe Soboul, is a member of the National Baseball Congress Association of Approved Umpires. There is no charge for the program. For further information, stop by the Youth Center, Building S-95, or call Joe at 3220.



Section One volleyball champs received their trophies at a recent ceremony from the Commanding Officer, Capt. P.W. Dillingham, Jr., left. Team members, left to right, are: Del Cloud, Dave Orr, Jim Shepherd, Sue White and John Crawley, coach. Howard Tripp, far right, accepted the second place trophy on behalf of the Officers. (Photo by CTA2 Gut Fitzgerald)



Ray Smaw, 51 Division, shows his winning form as he draws a bead on the ten ball during the recent NSGA pool tournament. Smaw went on to defeat Wayne Hill (watching), also of 51 Division, to take first place in the cue competition. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)

Bowlers to CNFJ play

NSGA will be entering personnel in the annual CNFJ bowling tournament at Yokosuka in May. The teams will be chosen by means of a composite average of scores in all leagues in which a bowler participated during the previous league period. There will be at least one six-man team going to represent NSGA Misawa, but there is a possibility that two teams will make the trip. Pete Browning is taking care of the particulars and compiling the averages. If you have any questions, see Pete Browning or call him at 5338.

2 sports need coaches

Anyone interested in coaching slow-pitch softball or varsity tackle football (Navy/Marine team), please call Special Services at 5733.

Flag football begins soon

Bob Depontbriand has the Captain's Cup Flag Football season slated to begin on May 3. The exact number of teams was not available at press time, but the league will be single round robin, with each team playing the other teams once. Section One, the winners of the volleyball competition, will be trying to make it two sports in a row, giving them a substantial lead towards a repeat as Captain's Cup champions.

Upcoming events

NSGA sponsors smoker

May 8 is the date of the NSGA Boxing Smoker. Beginning at 7 p.m. in the Building 973, which houses the indoor tennis courts, a card of ten bouts is already on the agenda. Boxers are classed according to their weight, ability and experience. Tickets will be \$2 each with all proceeds going to the Navy Relief Fund. For more information, contact Ron Anderson of 52 Division.

Instructor course offered

The American Red Cross is offering an instructor training course in "Preparation for Parenthood" to all registered nurses on May 4 at the Mokuteki Recreation Center. The complete course runs from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Those interested and wishing to teach, please call the Red Cross office at 3016 or 5372 to register.

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an opportunity to complete my education and possibly get into one of the most interesting fields available now," she said.

Both selectees are veterans of college prior to enlisting in the Navy. Creech already has 85 hours to his credit and Cottrell has earned 93. "Of course," she explained, "not all of those hours will be acceptable in a Science curriculum." They both estimate that it will require at least two years after prep school for them to earn their degrees.

The summer before their final year of schooling will include 10 weeks back at Newport for Officers Candidate School, commissioning at graduation and then back to the Fleet - again.

The staff of the MISAWAN extends congratulations to Petty Officers Creech and Cottrell.

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able to enlist support from congressmen from the states of New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Michigan and California, all states with heavy military concentrations or with large numbers of eligible voters serving in the military.

An in-depth analysis of the 1976 general election shows how this was accomplished. California election officials report that of 76,700 military personnel eligible to vote, ballots were returned by only 7,600 or 10% of the total eligible. The congressmen from California campaigned on an anti-military platform and won narrow victories. Election officials report that exercising the right to vote by 100% of the military absentees in favor of the pro-military congressmen who were seeking reelection would have spelled defeat for the doves. Similar reports have been received from election officials in the other states mentioned."

Okay, this sounds kind of farfetched, doesn't it? Yet, proposals that affect us in the military are made in Congress every day by our elected officials. So, the above story can happen.

The privilege of voting is yours and yours alone. Exercise your privilege, won't you?

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explained American etiquette, customs, the differences between U.S. and Japanese police procedures and answered questions about being a woman officer. She noted, "To them (Japanese), women officers are kind of a novelty. They asked why I would want to be an officer and what I had to do to be one."

When discussing the reluctance of Americans to fill out or sign forms for the police, a possible area of misunderstanding, the lieutenant explained, "In the United States, we don't have to say anything when the police pick us up. In Japan, it is the opposite. If you commit a crime, they (Japanese) expect you to confess; if you confess, that's good. If you don't confess, they'll be twice as hard on you if they find you are guilty." She continued by telling the police that this was not an indication of uncooperativeness but rather the American concept of the right to remain silent.

Since her official visit to the police station, Lt(j.g.) Lawrence has been invited to visit again and was the guest of some of the police at dinner.

During these gatherings, Mr. Yamahata keeps the communication flowing between Ms. Lawrence and the police officers, although some of them speak a little English. She recalled one incident, saying, "At the Operation Eyesight dinner, the brother of the truant officer (the only woman on the force) was there and he'd been taking conversational English. Several of us were talking and I thought he understood until he popped up and said, 'I only understand 50 per cent of what you are saying.' " Another time Lt(j.g.) Lawrence and a young policeman were talking and, not knowing how much English he knew, she let him do most of the talking, answering the questions he asked. When he left abruptly, the interpreter explained that the young man thought she didn't like him because she didn't talk much.

Lt(j.g.) Lawrence enjoys meeting Japanese citizens. She visits friends in Tokyo and meets other Japanese people through them. "I like almost everything about Japan because when I was in college I had Japanese roommates. I like Japanese music, T.V. and the people," she commented.

A native of Springfield, Missouri, Lt(j.g.) Lawrence attended the School of the Ozarks in Branson, Missouri. She taught Junior High School English before joining the Navy in November, 1973. Prior to reporting to NSGA, Misawa, in October, 1975, she was stationed on Midway Island.

Everyone doesn't have the opportunity to meet their Japanese hosts to the degree Lt(j.g.) Lawrence does nor do many persons make it as successful a venture as she has.

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command. Many members are now aware that in any large organization it takes time and energy to solve what appeared to be a relatively simple problem at its inception."

In conclusion, Capt. Dillingham, Jr., remarked that the process was educational for all involved and well worth the effort. "The time and effort expended, while tremendous in retrospect, will pay huge dividends over the next few years," he explained.