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1976: *America's Bicentennial
NSGA's 5th anniversary*

The Skipper

Says...



By Captain P. W. Dillingham, Jr.

The Bicentennial Day celebrations were a tremendous success. A very wonderful American experience and traditional holiday was shared with the estimated 80,000 Japanese who arrived by chartered buses from as far away as Iwate and Akita prefectures as well as with those who live in the Misawa area. The success of the day's events must be credited to those whose dedication and energy organized and ran the festival as well as to those few who made our command's participation possible. That our float "Proud Tradition" won the "Best in Parade" award is additional tribute to those involved members who bring credit to the Navy and the command. This historic occasion is a symbol of two centuries of American achievement. It is a time when we, as Navy men and women, must strive to maintain the courage and convictions of those early settlers who built a nation dedicated to freedom. The role of the United States Navy is becoming more important than ever before to our national defense and we as members of the Naval Security Group are becoming an increasingly important part of that role.

July is also the celebration of this command's fifth anniversary in Misawa. As mentioned in the article reprinted from the last Kamiseyan, we may not yet be the biggest but we are certainly the best and our efforts are appreciated at all levels within the operating forces of the Pacific Fleet as well as within the various agencies and departments at the national level.

We are the best and will continue to meet the demands of our mission. Our personnel are currently deployed throughout the Pacific Command area maintaining our record of achievement and establishing new precedents for professionalism. Their outstanding performance is matched by those of us not so fortunate as to be able to deploy, but who provide the absolutely essential support which comes from Misawa and its detachments. Your rededication to freedom and the pursuit of world peace through the accomplishment of our command mission is needed now as ever before. Keep up the outstanding job you are doing.



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Congratulations America

On the cover

The NSGA float took top honors in the July 4/Bicentennial parade. Portraying the Navy then and now are (left to right) YN2 H.M. Coppock, CTIC N.F. Mantle (Uncle Sam), CTASN D.A. Grabowski and CTAC R.G. Hesser. More photos on pages 6-7. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)

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MAJ. Wagstaff relieves MAJ. Keener

On June 14, Major Jack Wagstaff relieved Major Arthur J.C. Keener as the Commanding Officer, Company E, Marine Support Battalion.

During the traditional Change of Command ceremony, the troops were reviewed by the old and new commanding officers after Major Keener passed the company colors to Major Wagstaff.

In a closing message, Major Keener remarked, "... Being the commanding officer has been a challenge; not in the sense of dealing with problems,



The color guard consists of, left to right, LCPL. A. Wong, CPL. J. Malone, SGT. K. Applegate, LCPL. J. McGrath and CPL. M. Willett. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)



Captain Carl Stipes accompanies Majors Wagstaff and Keener on their review of the troops as MSGT. James Leake stands ready. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)

but in the sense that the quality and energy of personnel demands a lot of effort just to keep up. . . The determination, dedication, expertise and devotion to duty have earned you an enviable reputation extending far beyond Misawa Air Base." He continued, "The friendship between the JASDF and Company E personnel has contributed greatly to fostering good relationships between our countries and to individual understanding."

Commenting on the future of Company E, Major Wagstaff said, "I am anxious to get on with the work that lies ahead in ensuring that the contributions of Marines, professionally and in support of the Misawa community, does not falter." He added, "I have the distinct privilege to be acquainted with each. . . member of the unit. I am keenly aware of your capabilities and I recognize the contributions you have made and will continue to make. . ." Assuring the men of his concern for their welfare, he said, ". . . I'm interested in you as individuals as well as Marines. Your problems are my problems. . . (you will) find that I am sincere in wanting to know about your problems."

Major Keener, a Cullowhee, North Carolina native, enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1961. Stationed in Puerto Rico following cryptologic training at Pensacola, Florida, he applied for and was accepted into the Officer Candidate program. After completing OCS and Communication Officers School at Quantico, Virginia, MAJ. Keener served with a number of commands including 2nd Marine Division; Defense Communications Agency, Vietnam; and Headquarters, Marine Corps. He was Company E's Ops' Officer from April, 1972 until July 10, 1973, when he relieved MAJ. R.B. Wilson as Company E Commanding Officer.

MAJ. Keener departed for Camp Lejeune where he will serve with the 2nd Force Service Support Group.

The new CO, MAJ. Jack Wagstaff, hails from Zanesville, Ohio. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on July 8, 1954.

Attending numerous service schools, he served in various cryptologic positions during his service as an enlisted man. As a staff sergeant,



Major Wagstaff accepts the Company colors from departing Major Keener. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)

he was selected for the Seventh Warrant Officer Screening Course and was promoted to warrant officer on February 25, 1966.

MAJ. Wagstaff was graduated from the Communication Officers School at Quantico with honors. Since then, he has served in Vietnam; with Company A, Quantico; Cherry Point, North Carolina; 1st Radio Battalion, Hawaii; and Company K, Pensacola, Florida. He arrived at Misawa in July, 1974, serving as 51 Division Officer until he relieved MAJ. Keener.

MAJ. Wagstaff continued his education at the North American School of Conservation and the Carteret Institute of Technology.

During his career, MAJ. Wagstaff has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal (with combat distinguishing device); Navy Unit Commendation; Army Unit Commendation; Vietnam Service Medal; Good Conduct Medal (3 awards); Vietnam Campaign Medal; and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry (with palm).

The major and his wife, Mary, are parents of two daughters, Kim and Mary, and two sons, Russell and Jack. MAJ. Wagstaff recently had the pleasure of seeing his oldest son, Jack, graduate from Marine Corps recruit training in San Diego, California.

Seven paygrades in under a month

We often make jokes on promotion day! "Working your way up that Navy ladder of success?" "Another rate grabber, are you?" Well, in the case of William C. (Bill) Gerhart, 55 Division, all that is true and then some.

When Bill Gerhart of the Fleet Support Division reported aboard, he was Cryptologic Technician (R) First Class Gerhart and was a Selectee for chief from the January 1975, examination. His date of promotion to chief was May 16, but that was just the beginning.

Consider this: May 16 being a Sunday, Chief Gerhart's initiation began at midnight that night and continued until the official ceremonies the following day, when Captain P.W. Dillingham, Jr., Commanding Officer, read the "Chief's Charge." As soon as Gerhart was officially a chief petty officer, Captain Dillingham read the notification from the Chief of Naval Personnel of Chief Gerhart's selection for the Limited Duty Officer (LDO) program. Knowing that Gerhart would soon be a commissioned officer, the command assigned him to the "Division Officer Trainee" position of a direct support team which deployed within days of



Captain P.W. Dillingham, Jr., NSGA Commanding Officer, removes Gerhart's chief's insignia prior to his commissioning as an ensign in ceremonies aboard the USS Parsons on June 4. (U.S. Navy photo)

his promotion to chief. While his ship was at sea, the appointment papers arrived at Misawa. On June 4, Chief Gerhart was promoted to Ensign Gerhart by Captain Dillingham at ceremonies aboard Gerhart's temporary home, USS PARSONS, in Yokosuka, Japan.

Thus, Ensign Gerhart went through

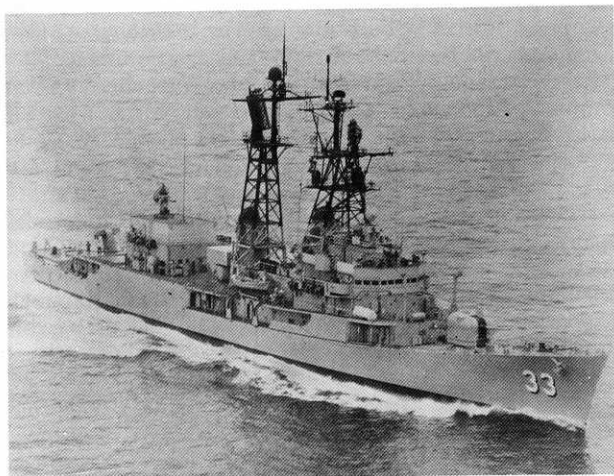
three hats (E-6, Chief, and Officer) and seven pay grades (including the warrant grades) in less than a month and moved from PARSONS CPO mess to the Wardroom. Now that is what is called "leap-frogging your way up the Navy ladder of success!" Ensign Gerhart's selection into the LDO program makes him, at 28, one of the youngest LDO ensigns in the Naval Security Group.

Success is no fluke in Gerhart's case: during his 10 years of naval service he has distinguished himself as a top performer, receiving the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V", Combat Action Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal (2 awards), Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (with three stars), Republic of the Philippines Presidential Unit Commendation, Republic of Vietnam Air Force Meritorious Unit Commendation (with Gallantry Cross), and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Gerhart's recent promotions are a very accurate reflection of his potential for continued productive service and assumption of leadership roles.

(See cartoon, page 16)

55 Div. gives Fleet support



USS Parsons (DDG-33), a Pacific Fleet ship, whose CO was recently supported by a team from NSGA's 55 Division, is underway. (U.S. Navy photo)

Ensign Bill Gerhart's (see related story) dedication to duty and pattern of frequent deployment to operational units of the Pacific Fleet are typical of a pattern set by the sea-going Cryptologic Technicians of NSGA's 160-member Fleet Support Division.

Seabags are quite literally kept ready by officers and enlisted alike in anticipation of those frequent "TAD" trips. Direct Support volunteers routinely expect to spend a significant portion of their tours at Misawa aboard aircraft or ships involved in fleet operations throughout the Pacific.

Prior to assignment to duty involving flying, members must attend the 1-week Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) course, accompanied by the one-and-a-half day Deep Water Environmental Survival Training (DWEST) course conducted in San Diego, California. Normally, flight volunteers deploy to the command's detachment at Atsugi, Japan, where 27 other "DIRSUPPERS" spend their PCS tours performing the same duties with a detachment of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron ONE (VQ-1) aboard P3 aircraft.

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Before Japanese school children and U.S. Boy Scouts renovated the monument, the site was overgrown with weeds. (Photo by USA Captain Campbell)

Scouts renovate site of transpacific flight

Community service and continuing U.S. and Japan friendship was the motivation for a group of NSGA Troop 12 Boy Scouts in a work project at the Sabishiro coastline of Misawa City. Life Scout Russell D. Campbell led the work group, consisting of Star Scouts Philip Lopez and William Gose Jr., and Tenderfoot Scouts Mike Keener, Brian Lopez and Dwayne Rodeheaver.

The scouts cleared away brush, painted the fence, provided, painted and set up trash barrels, and erected a new explanatory sign at the site commemorating the first successful non-stop transpacific flight.

On October 4, 1941, Misawa townspeople cleared a take-off area and gave apples for the flight to two young American aviators, Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon, who, at 7:01 a.m., set out in "Miss Veedol" for a 41 hour and 13 minute flight, successfully crashlanding in Wenatchee, Washington. (The landing gear was dropped after take-off to lighten the plane.)

There had been two previous unsuccessful attempts at non-stop flights and, after the successful flight, the

Sabishiro coastline became a favorite jumping-off spot for transpacific flights. Presenting apples to departing pilots also became popular and, in appreciation, many apple trees of the "delicious" variety were sent to Aomori Prefecture, an area which is now notable as a major producer of that kind of apple.

The Campbells departed Misawa in early July for Walla Walla, Washington, where Russ Campbell hopes to find the landing site of the historic flight and possibly visit with the families of the two pioneer pilots who made it.



The new monument was constructed from a pine tree donated by the Japanese government.

Story by
W. Varakin
Photos by
C. McGee

Scouts working on the project are, left to right, Russell Campbell, Brian and Philip Lopez, Dwayne Rodeheaver and William Gose, Jr. A sixth member, Mike Keener, is not pictured. To get to the monument, turn left at light outside main gate, continue to the "T" in the road (where the sign points right for Hachinohe) and turn left. Follow the road 8-10 kilometers until you see the sign.



Large crowds of Japanese and Americans join in celebrating America's 200th birthday.



A karate demonstration proved to be a crowd pleaser.



Color guards from all U.S. armed services at Misawa participated in the activities.

Misawans wel-

July 4, 1976, Misawa, Japan. . . Members of American armed forces, their families and Japanese hosts celebrated the Bicentennial. A parade, carnival, sports, tea ceremony, karate demonstration, square dancing, music, a skit, fireworks—these were some of the many ways celebrants said "Happy Birthday, America".

1776, America. . . Styles in dress were different. Family life was different. America, for the most part, was unexplored and unsettled. It was an era of defiance and revolution. Then, on July 4, 1776, a new nation, The United States of America, was created, demanding the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Since then, through lean years, war and discontent, America has weathered the storm, recalling not the bad but rather the good. The courage and hope of her

Photo by CTRI



Japanese "pioneers" recreate an era of America's settlement.



NSGA's float portrayed the old and modern Navy ships.

come 200th year

citizens; steps forward in science, aviation, technology, medicine and human rights; and the everyday aspects of American life continue to make her the greatest nation on earth.

The journey has been long and often hard, but nothing worth having ever comes easy. And, as we enter the 200th year, we still aren't finished because as long as we believe in and uphold the truths and principles on which America was founded, we have no choice but to proceed, remembering these words:

I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America,
And to the Republic for which it stands,
One Nation, under God, indivisible,
With Liberty and Justice for all.

Chuck McGee



A young Japanese visitor enjoys the Bicentennial celebration.



Kent Wells takes a swing during a game between U.S. and Japanese officers.



NSGA's rigging contest proved to be one of the most popular.



A traditional July 4 activity, fireworks lighted the Misawa skies.

Security Group boasts Japan

RM1 Brillhart
Dec. '45-Apr. '46



December 15, '45 COM-MSUPACT, Ominato, organized. Previous August, '45 - Japanese surrender, hostilities stop. April, '46 - F-4D Skyray becomes operational, delivered to Fleet.

RMC A. Geiken
Apr. '46-Nov. '48



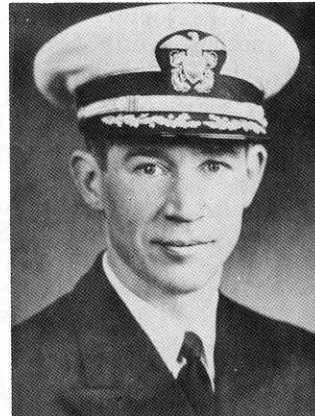
April 22, '46 COMMSU-PACT, Yokosuka, organized. July 7, '48 - First enlisted woman sworn in Regular Navy. October 15, '48 - First woman officer sworn in Regular Navy.

CDR. D.W. Heagy
Nov. '48-June '51



November 22, '48 NAV-COMMUNIT 35, Yokosuka, organized June 26, '50 - North Korea invades Republic of South Korea. July 22, '50 - First U.S. carrier reinforcements arrive in Far East. December 29, '50 NAV-RADFAC (s), Yokosuka organized.

CDR. T.R. Mackie
June '51-June '53



April 26, '52 - 176 lost in Hobson/Wasp collision. June 14, '52 - Keel laid for first nuclear submarine, the Nautilus. December 12, '52 NSG Dept., Kamiseya, organized.

CAPT. G.P. Taylor
Dec. '57-Feb. '58



June 27, '58 - NAV-COMMFAC, Kami Seya, accepts 1957 Navy Safety award. July, '58 - Typhoon Alice causes damage to base. November 16, '58 - Pro pay becomes effective.

CAPT. E.W. Knepper
Jan. '60-Aug. '62



August, '59 - Kami is NEY award winner. January 12, '60 NAVSEC-GRUACT, Kamiseya, organized. September, '62 - MAJ. C.W. Blyth assumes Co. E Command. July, '62 - Kami takes SecNav award for accident prevention. August 3, '64 - SecNav Paul H. Nitze visits Kami.

CDR. CAPT. R.C. Smith
Feb. '58-Jan. '60
Aug. '62-July '65



July 1, '60 - Kami Seya reorganized into biggest SECGRUACT at the time with detachments at Chitose, Sasebo, Hakata and Fuchu AB. August, October, '61 - Company G, Headquarters Battalion, is redesignated as Company E, Marine Support Battalion; MAJ. F.P. Wilson is CO.

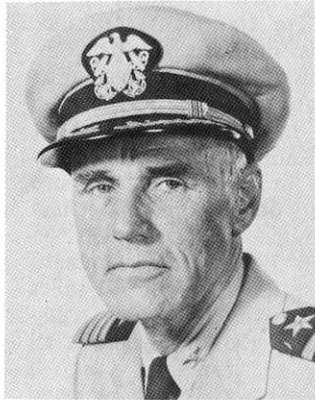
CAPT. J.W. Pearson
July '65-June '68



September, 24, '65 - Twelve Kamiseyans killed (10 sailors, 2 Marines) in Ops building fire. Twelve fire departments battled blaze for 3 hours. Dead were engaged in rescue or salvage operations. January, '66 - One third of Misawa City leveled by fire.

ese service covering 31 years

CDR. P.H. Currier
June '53-June '54



July 27, '53 - Korean conflict truce begins at 159th truce talks, Panmunjom. November 18, '53 - Jim Creek Radio Station commissioned near Seattle. January 21, '54 - Nautilus launched at Groton, Conn.

CDR. G. Chiles
June '54-Dec. '55



February 12, '55 - Tachen Island (near Formosa) evacuation of 24,000 completed by Navy. August, '55 - Kami Seya appropriated 151 family housing units.

CDR. W.C. White
Dec. '55-July '57



July 14, '56 - Navy Radio Station, Arlington, Va., decommissioned. August, '56 - Seabees begin construction on Kami Seya E.M. Club, pool shower room and recreation huts. October 15, '56 - Bowling alley opened.

CDR. W.L. Thomas
July '57-Dec. '57



August 7, '57 - New dependent housing area opened in Kami. August, '57 - Local Fleet Reserve Association holds meeting on top of Mt. Fuji.

CAPT. J.K. Everson
June '68-July '70



October, '68 Kami second in Travis Trophy competition. November, '68 - MCPO of Navy visits Kami Seya. April 15, '69 - Nine CTs from Atsugi shot down by North Koreans during a routine flight in an EC-121-M. March, '70 - Kami chosen as NEY award winner.

CAPT. G.P. March
July '70-Aug. '72



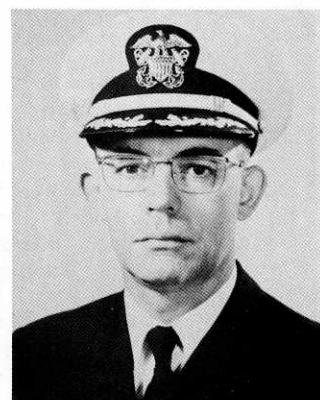
July, '70 & '71 - Kami Seya fire department takes first place in National Fire Prevention Association competition. July 1, '71 - Naval Security Group moved from Kami Seya to Misawa.

CAPT. H.K. Adkisson
Aug. '72-Aug. '74



April, '73 - NSGA receives Meritorious Unit Commendation for service during relocation from Kami to Misawa. July, '73 - MAJ. A.J.C. Keener relieves MAJ. R.B. Wilson as Co. E CO. January, '74 - Captain's Cup competition program implemented.

CAPT. P.W. Dillingham, Jr.
Aug. '74-present



October, '75 - NSGA is Travis Trophy winner. February, '76 - NSGA personnel aid victims of Guatemala earthquake. May, '76 - First NSGA-sponsored boxing smoker. July 1, '76 - NSGA celebrates 5th anniversary. July 1, '76 - "Old" blues phased out.

5 years ago this month...



The following KAMISEYAN article is the last "Skipper Says" by then Captain G.P. March, Commanding Officer at the time NSGA transferred from Kamiseya to Misawa in July, 1971.

After a life span of 11 years, 5 months and 15 days, NSGA Kamiseya will be no more. It and its predecessor organizations will have been at Kamiseya for 18 years, 6 months and 18 days. During this period of time tens of thousands of the Navy's finest have established an enviable record of achievement and a peerless tradition of excellence. We give credit to our predecessors and are grateful for the tradition we inherited. However, our challenge has been equal to any of the past: to wind down and transplant the biggest and the best of its kind into a new environment, without skipping a beat, and ending up with the not-quite-biggest but

The NSGA seal was designed by a lieutenant commander, G.D. Luzum, who was stationed at Kamiseya as Public Works Officer when the Security Group Activity was moved to Misawa in July, 1971. On a field of Navy blue and surrounded by a ring of gold, are the crossed anchors, eagle and shield of the Navy, on which is imposed the CT emblem. The four principle islands of Japan are in the shape of the Hachinohe horse, symbol of Aomori Prefecture. Radio signals are portrayed as converging on Misawa.

still the best. And to do it in less than a year. All departments have responded to the challenge in mag-

nificent fashion. It is impossible to single out any one which was better than another - this is true, sterling excellence. Unless there is some other, unforeseen snag occurring between now and 1 July, the move should be effected smoothly and efficiently. Included in the departments involved are, of course those outstanding detachments at Misawa and Yokosuka.

We don't have to worry about our ability to transplant tradition. Half of the members of the command at Misawa will have served at Kamiseya and will have learned the magic that has made it great. What moved to Kamiseya in 1952 had, in turn, been in Yokosuka for more than 6 years and before that it had been in Ominato (12 December '45 to 22 April '46). To find Ominato on the map, look about 40 miles north of Misawa. So we are really going back to the area where it all began over 25 years ago.

On this sad but challenging occasion we pay tribute to past achievements and greatness and to the highly competent Kamiseyans of the past and present and pledge to them that at Misawa we shall carry on in a manner of which they would approve. SAYONARA.

NSGA chosen a '76 Bicentennial command

What are you doing to commemorate the 200th birthday of the United States? What can you do? For one, you can participate in the various NSGA activities that are being planned and executed by the Bicentennial Committee. Naval Security Group Activity, Misawa, has been designated a Navy Bicentennial Command by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

The May 3 Talent Show for "Heritage 76" and the bicycle ride to Aomori were just the beginning. Of course the July 4 "Festival USA" was a major undertaking, but the observance by no means ended there. In mid-October, "Horizons 76" will encompass events rededicating American citizens to a new patriotic spirit. So it is by no means too late to pitch in.

Keep in touch with division Bicentennial Committee representatives. We all have a lot to be proud of and to be thankful for. Let's do something about it. Be a part of the foundation for the next 200 years.

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Officer Lonnie L. Rodeheaver was presented a Letter of Commendation for his work with the boxing smoker. Petty Officer Ronald A. Anderson and Chief Lawrence

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Mayoral greetings

This is the letter to Captain P.W. Dillingham, Jr. from the mayor of Aomori.

Please accept my sincere congratulations from the bottom of my heart for the Bicentennial celebration of your country.

I have received the commemorative plaque from **TOO-NIPPO**, a local newspaper, presented to me by the bicycle riders of your unit. I have placed the splendid plaque in the center of my office. I assure you that this plaque will be a bridge to promote friendly relations between our two countries and will remain in the mayor's office.

The citizens visiting my office have all expressed appreciation of the deep friendship you have demonstrated to us. In conclusion, I wish the best of health to you and to all the bicycle riders.

Sincerely,

MATSUZO NARAOKA

Mayor, City of Aomori

K. Porter, unable to attend, were also recognized for their special efforts. Other hardworking keypersons were Petty Officer Carl M. Jones, 60 Department, Chief John S. Cunningham, 30 Department, and Seaman Robert J. Gibson, 51 Division.

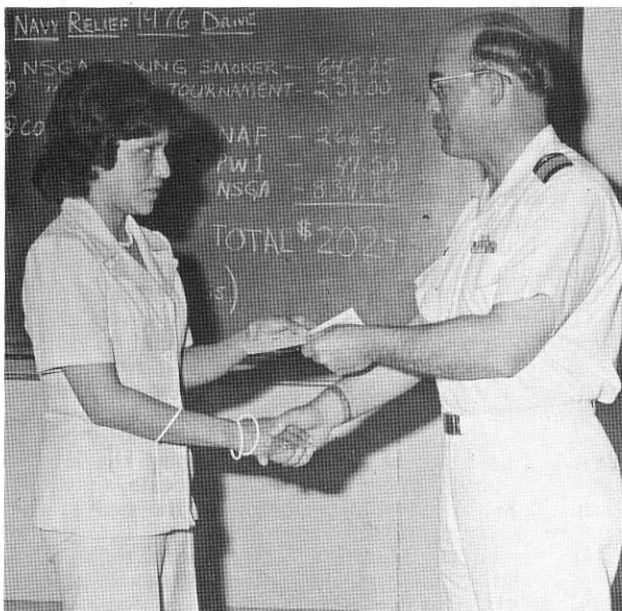
NSGA helps others through NRS fund

By LTJG. W. Varakin

The Navy population at Misawa has once again shown that it really does care. This year's Navy Relief Fund Drive to contributed \$2,044 to the Japan Auxiliary of the Navy Relief Society.

The whole process was very low-key, initially concentrating on informing personnel of the availability and scope of Navy Relief assistance. A benefit boxing smoker and golf tournament raised significant amounts of money and provided quite a bit of fun for those participating. In the closing weeks of the drive, division keypersons, who had been responsible for personal contact and contributions, proved very productive despite a no-pressure approach.

The drive came to a close on June 15 and Captain P.W. Dillingham, Jr., Commanding Officer and Misawa campaign coordinator, presented the proceeds check to Mrs. Ramona Wright, Misawa Navy Relief representative, during ceremonies. Petty Officer Howard W. Kadel received a plaque for his efforts as keyperson. Petty (Continued on page 10)



Mrs. Ramona Wright, NRS representative, accepts the fund check from Captain P.W. Dillingham, Jr. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)



Dave Reed accompanies himself on the piano. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)



Mr. Magic Man, Neil Robinson (above) performs a baffling trick while a Hawaiian dancer entertains (right). (Photos by CTR1 Chuck McGee)



Talent Shows honor music

Through America's history, music has been molded and changed to portray the needs and lifestyles of the people. Its range includes frivolous children's songs and games, eerie, mournful spirituals which helped ease the sorrow or the load of work, ballads reflecting anger and defiance and compositions which proclaim the ideals of God and country.

For this reason, the NSGA-sponsored Talent Show held in the

Officers' Club on July 4 proved to be a suitable tribute to America's Bicentennial.

From Hawaiian dancing to square dancing and country music to popular and patriotic songs, the shows (one afternoon and one evening) were fast-paced and varied. Other acts in the 20 act programs included baton twirling and magic acts.

Going beyond the music and entertainment, however, was the

bond of being Americans. As the song pronounces, "This land is your land. This land is my land. From California to the New York highlands. From the Redwood forests to the Gulf Stream waters, this land was made for you and me."

Misawans recall other Japan tours

To CTR1 George Thorn, 51 Division, orders to NSG units in Japan are old hat. He is one of the people at NSGA serving their second tour with the Naval Security Group in Japan.

A second class petty officer at the time, Thorn was first stationed with the Naval Security Group Detachment in Kami Seya from November, 1964 to March, 1965. Thorn then served with the detachment at Chitose, Hokkaido, until August, 1965, at which time he aided in the relocation from Chitose to Misawa.

One of the last nine DF personnel to leave Chitose, Thorn stood the last official watch, the mid on August 11. That morning, operations were shut down and the men began the final disassembling, closing the Chitose detachment. Boarding the 1 p.m. flight to Misawa, the group arrived at 2:30 p.m., a half an hour after operations had been resumed at Misawa. Although the detachment had been allotted 17 days to relocate, only five hours elapsed from the beginning to the end of the relocation, attesting the adaptability of the group.

On September 24, 1965, CTR1 Thorn, senior man on the mid watch, was the first in Misawa to receive word of the Ops building fire in Kami Seya which resulted in the death of 12 men and the loss of communications circuits. "My initial reaction was to assume (Kami Seya's) highest priority missions (which I did eight hours prior to official tasking). The second thought was to notify the communications chief (Chief William Martin) and the officer-in-charge (Lieutenant Thomas Finley) of what I'd done," he remarked.

There have been several major changes since Thorn's last assignment at Misawa. The base has changed from one with primarily tactical (fighter) units to one with a security support-type mission. At that time, NSGA spaces consisted of only two center rooms.

Lieutenant Bernard Ferrara, NSGA Admin Officer, was a CTA1 when he reported to Kami Seya in August, 1963.

He was assigned to the direct support division and

was relieved as Junior Officer of the Day just prior to the fire on September 24 which claimed the life the OOD, LTJG. R. Moody and 11 other men. His main responsibilities during the following weeks were to reconstruct the files. Messages, correspondence and other paperwork had to be gathered from safes buried in the rubble and dried out. Rows of tables served as temporary assembly lines as the files were pieced together.

Promoted to warrant officer in 1967 and lieutenant junior grade in 1971, Mr. Ferrara remarks about serving another tour with the Security Group community, this time as an officer, saying, "There is far greater responsibility and the scope (of the job) is greater. There is more of a commitment off the job, in other words, it is a 24-hour-a-day job."

CTICM John K. Karoly was attached to NSGA Misawa from August, 1969 to August, 1972. He served as P&R Division Officer until June, 1970 and as Ops Chief from July, 1970 to June, 1971.

During the early part of 1971, Master Chief Karoly coordinated Misawa's efforts to receive the men and mission from Kami Seya. This included signing for BEQs and furniture, coordinating housing efforts for married personnel and helping move the operation gear (52-53 Division) to the present area.

Chief Karoly is presently 54 Division Chief.

Other personnel who are "second timers" with NSGA or its detachments include: LCDR G. GILL; CWO4 D. Lanson; CWO3 J. Wright; LT. W. Bloomfield; LTJG. M. Staniewicz; CTT1 M. Herman; CTT2 L. Bassett; CTR1 J. Crawley; CTRC D. Mayberry; CTR1 T. Pridgen; CTR1 Z. Bedient; CTR1 R. Anderson; CTR1 R. Willis; CTRCS M. Oliver; CTR2 P. Patesel; CTR2 J. Kaziak; CTR3 L. Norgaard; CTIC N. Mantle; CTIC S. Garrison; CTI1 L. Nibert; CTI1 B. Berryman; CTI1 J. Poole; CTI1 P. Caffrey; CTI1 H. Kershner; CTI1 Carl Jones; CTI1 W. Myrons; CTI1 R. Fish; CTI1 J. Menting; CTI2 A. Shoemaker; CTI2 J. Bland; and CTA2 G. Armour.

Former CT doodles way to fame

Have you ever wondered what happened to that Seaman Navy you were stationed with "was back when"? Sometimes you hear that he just made master chief (wonder how he did that?) or retired or completed his 4-year enlistment before going into business. In one such case, Bill Maul, a former CT stationed in Kami Seya, has "popped up" again in a big way.

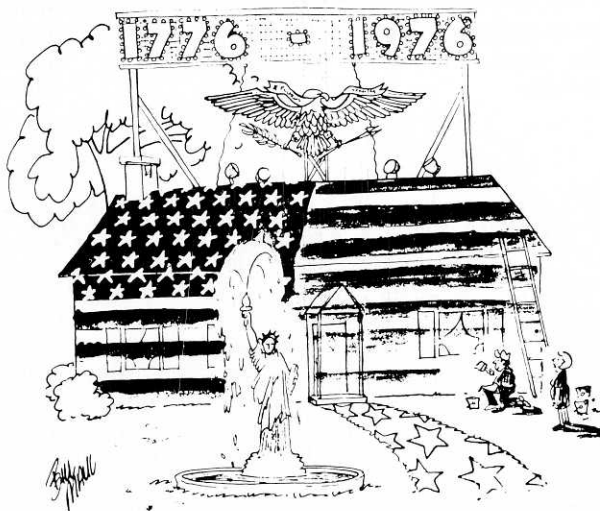
A first class petty officer when he arrived at Kami in August, 1957, Bill proceeded to use his talents as a cartoonist to comment on Navy life. His brainchild, "Seaman Irving", incorporated the personalities of his shipmates, making the comic strip in the station paper, COMFAX, an instant success. The success continued until Seaman Irving made the mistake of "making light" of an command issue and the consequent furor resulted in the strip being retired.

Bill reflected on this, saying, "I, of course, had nothing to do with it. He got us into all of the trouble." He continued, "Seaman Irving was probably the only cartoon character who received an official Letter of Commendation from the visiting IG team as a tremendous morale-booster, and an official condemnation by the CO of the station as a trouble-maker."

So, what is Bill doing now? Well, after retiring, he decided to go into professional cartooning. Sales of his

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The Misawan staff will continue to run a series of Bill's COMFAX cartoons in upcoming issues.



"Mark my words, Sid. You'll regret this at the end of the year."



Captain P.W. Dillingham, Jr. presents the NWCA charter to Mary Cunningham, Hachinohe Uma #292 president.

NWCA accepts its nat'l club charter

The Navy Wives Club of America, Hachinohe Uma #292, was presented its charter on May 16 at the North-

west Regional Wives Club convention in Seattle, Washington. Mary Cunningham and Charlene Dickey accepted the charter on behalf of the club from national president, Nancy Johnson.

On June 25, at the Club Tohoku, Captain P.W. Dillingham Jr. presented the club charter to the NWCA Hachinohe Uma #292, making the local club officially sanctioned in the NWCA.

After receiving the charter on behalf of the Navy Wives Club, Mary Cunningham, the club president, received the official club gavel, presented by Major Jack L. Wagstaff, of Company "E" Marines.

Following the charter presentation was the installation of new officers. Father Andre Leveille, from Misawa City, acted as installing officer. New officers installed were: Mary Cunningham - President, Charlene Dickey - Vice President, Joan Weiler - Secretary, Carol Bryant - Treasurer, Alice Phipps - Parliamentarian and Sylvia Miller - Chaplain.

Club sponsors were also installed. Mrs. Paula Huntington represents NSGA, Mrs. Dorothy Wagstaff represents Company "E" and Mrs. Helen Myers stood in as proxy for Mrs. Dorothy Blanchard, representing NAF.

Guest speaker for the event was Captain William S. Myers of NAF. Captain Myers congratulated the members on their achievements of the past two years and for finally achieving their goal of becoming a chartered club with national recognition.

MCPOC TALK

CTACM Richard Brooks Loomis



During the past several years, we have heard and read something about quality control, Petty Officer Review Board and warning letters. Just what do these words and phrases mean to us, in the field? Historically speaking, October, 1970, marked the convening of the first ever "Permanent Petty Officer Quality Control Review Board" in the Bureau of Naval Personnel and now the board meets annually to review the service records of many petty officers in paygrades E-5 to E-9.

The first board issued over 2,900 performance warning letters to E-7, E-8 and E-9 personnel who simply did not measure up to the Navy's standards. Each year subsequent to 1970, the number of E-7 to E-9 personnel requiring administrative action by the board has decreased until at present about 300 chiefs receive some board action each year. This amounts to about 25% of the records reviewed by the board.

Up to now, only chiefs were subject to a quality control review. However, this year E-5 and E-6 personnel are being screened as well. It's a mammoth job, since there are about 180,000 E-5s and E-6s. Automation of

the enlisted evaluation form has made it possible for the computer to screen and select the record of those who fall below certain criteria.

The criteria are contained in BuPers Manual, Article 3410180, but basically it is very simple: the Navy expects us to perform at least as a typically effective petty officer or as a typically outstanding chief. There is no stigma attached to being in the large group of good Navy men and women who do their job. The stigma lies in being in that small group who, for whatever reason, do not measure up to the standards.

The command is not directed to identify a certain number of personnel as poor performers each evaluation cycle. Rather, the personnel so identified have earned this dubious distinction through their own efforts - or is it lack of effort?

Administrative actions that the board can take include administrative discharge, reduction in rate, official warning letters, reenlistment restrictions and directed transfer to the Fleet Reserve or Retired List.

We call all avoid having our records before the Quality Control Board. We only have to do our jobs.



Petty Officers Kimbrell (left) and Wagner begin work on the cabin walls. (Photo by JO3 Diane Shepherd)

Cabin made of Emperor's logs

Modern day "Daniel Boones" who build log cabins aren't too unusual in our Bicentennial year. Not, however, until you consider the circumstances behind the log cabin built at Misawa by local Fleet Reserve Association members.

The initial preparation was a somewhat lengthy procedure. First, the Civil Engineers had to approve the area near the main gate. Then, the Japanese National Railroad inspectors checked to ensure that rail regulations pertaining to building near the train tracks were enforced.

After these steps were taken, a request was sent to Sendai seeking approval to use some of the Emperor's trees. Workman inspected the area, checking for such things as forest density, age and health of surrounding trees. Selected pine trees were marked and it was time to begin the actual construction.

Six telephone poles were sunk 3½ feet in the ground and a foundation of gravel and mortar was laid. The men added a chain saw, hand saw, hammer and two axes to their supply of "elbow grease" and work on the 10" by 10", 9" high structure was underway.

Two aviation machinist (jet) mates, Herm Wagner and Jerry Kimbrell, NAF, took leave to build the cabin and other FRA members joined the work during their free time.

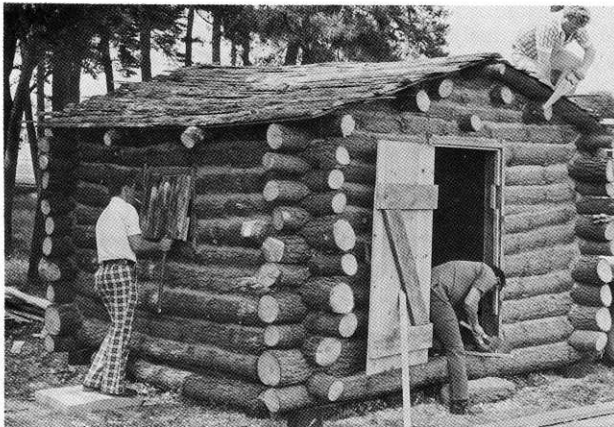
Slowly at first, the cabin took shape. Gaps in the walls were filled with a chinking of mortar, the floor was laid, the roof finished with bark shingles and the two wooden doors and one window were hung.

The group didn't stop there. A table and chair were fashioned from logs and a wooden bunk boasts a mattress of cloth and pine needles.

Built to commemorate the growth of our nation, the cabin was dedicated in ceremonies on July 4. However, the fact that it was built of 34 trees donated by the Japanese government and valued at \$10,000 (\$300 per tree, estimated worth) makes this cabin a little more unique than the rough hewn cabins of our early history.



ADJ1 Herm Wagner watches as ADJ1 Jerry Kimbrell works on the roof. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)

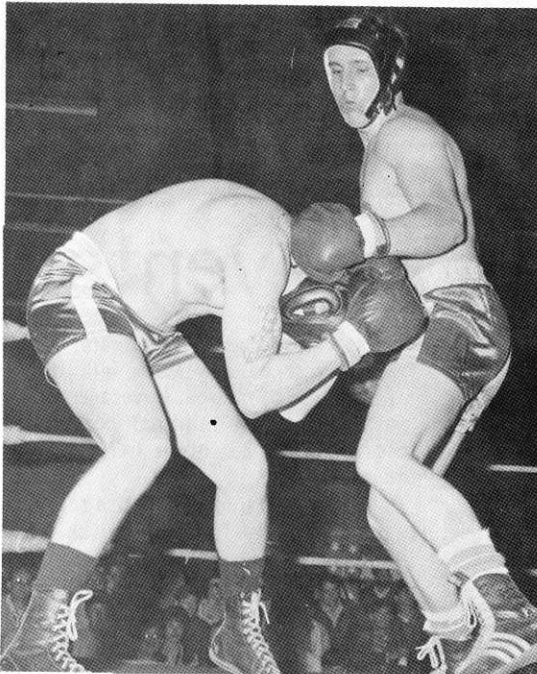


CTAC Robert Hesser (left), ADJ1 Jerry Kimbrell (at door) and ADJ1 Herm Wagner (on roof) put the finishing touches on the log cabin. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)

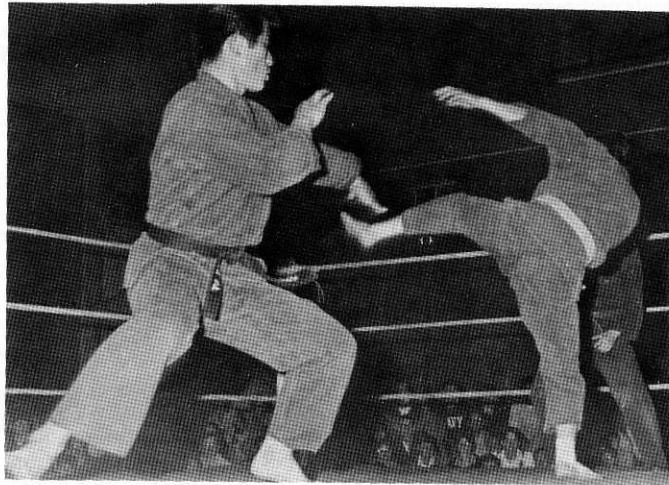
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work to such publications as PLAYBOY, PLAYGIRL, ESQUIRE, NATIONAL ENQUIRER, GOOD HOUSEKEEPING, FAMILY CIRCLE and SATURDAY EVENING POST, among others, prove this was a wise decision.

"...Be prepared to put up with ridicule and (to) live with the reputation of being a goof-off..." he observed. "Actually, this applies not only to cartooning, but to anything people want to do that is considered 'different'," he observed.



Bob Oleynick gets a left to the shoulder from Willie Tenhagen. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)



A side kick is blocked with graceful ease. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)

NSGA interservice smoker hosts a karate demo

The Naval Security Group Activity sponsored the first in a series of interservice boxing smokers on June 26. There were eight fights on the card that included a Ku Kempo (Chinese) karate demonstration.

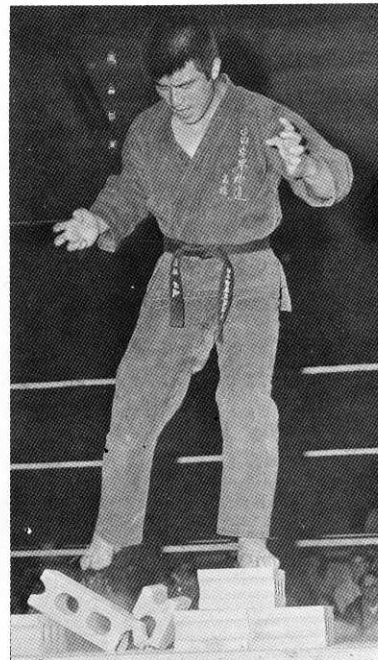
In the first fight, Greg Ferrell, 6920th Security Wing, won a unanimous decision over Fred Endler, Company E, after surviving a third round knock down. In the second fight, Wayne Look, Company E, scored a TKO, stopping Ron Huffman, 6920th Security Wing, midway through the second round. Jim Doud, VMFA-115, scored a KO over Jeff Vagg in the second round of the third preliminary fight. In the only mismatch of the evening, Willie Tenhagen, VMFA-115, won a unanimous three-round decision over Bob Oleynick. Oleynick spotted Tenhagen seven inches and 20 pounds but still took him to the limit. Tony Self, Civil Engineers, won a split decision over Mark Wilkes in the final pre-

liminary match.

In the first six-round main event, Al "Hobbitt" Myers took a unanimous decision over Army's Frank Velez in a real crowd pleaser. Mike Rand, Security Police, took a unanimous decision from Gary Ferstler, as Rand, a 25 fight veteran, proved too much for Ferstler. In the final bout of the evening, Leroy "Madman" McElrath scored a six round decision over Ron "Lurch" Morisch, Finace, with McElrath scoring repeatedly with rights to the body and head.

Fans were treated to a special halftime demonstration of Ku Kempo karate by some of the most renowned members of the karate world. Gonohe mayor, Yoshio Kawasaki, who is also president of the Japanese Ku Kempo Association, introduced the performers and gave the audience a Bicentennial greeting.

Mr. Shoin Fukuda, 10th degree black belt, Japan's Grand Master of Ku Kempo, then led his students



This karate participant makes breaking a cement block with his foot look easier than it is. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)

through a dazzling display of Ku Kempo power and technique. The
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crowd was amazed at the feats of the students who have been studying only four months.

Last year's tournament champion, Sensei Chido, startled the crowd with a forearm blow that smashed a ten-high stack of roofing tiles. The Grand

Master then delighted the audience, aided by 11-year-old Paul Ferrara, a Navy dependent. Using the art of "ki", Mr. Fukuda "froze" Paul in his tracks and instilled such strength in his arm that two men could not bend it.

At the conclusion of the evening Captain P.W. Dillingham, Jr., NSGA Commanding Officer, presented awards to the following boxers: Bob Oleynick, Best Effort; Mike Rand, Best Technical Boxer; and Frank Velez won the Best Sportsman award.

Upcoming events

Join your shipmates and join the fun at the annual NSGA picnic on Sunday, July 25. Beginning at noon, the picnic will provide the opportunity for family and friends of all ages to join in games and recreation of all

sorts. Hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad and baked beans will be the fare, free of charge. Beverages will be available for a minimal cost. Don't forget, July 25, noon to???

All interested golfers are reminded to sign up by July 26 for the NSGA Summer Open scheduled for August 2. Consisting of three flights and calloway, the entry fee for the open is \$1. For further information, contact Don Mayberry, 5373; Gary Wilhelm, 5338; Gregory Thomas, 5205; or Special Services at 5733.

The fascinating Nebuta Festival in Aomori is scheduled for August 3-6. The parades and dancing begin around 7 p.m., except on the last day when festivities begin at noon. Aomori is easy to reach, being only an hour trip by train. Call the Mokuteki Travel Information section, 3205, for further information.



"Dear Mother, Well, the officers here are finally taking a liking to me. Today they made me 'Officer of the Day'."

As an example of the flexibility of Fleet Support personnel, Petty Officers Jimmy Calvery and Andy Shoemake recently passed the 1000-day mark in days deployed TAD and other members of the division are not far behind. PO2 Calvery, who recently went PCS, had been TAD so much that when he occasionally spent a few days in the office between deployments, the common question was: "Who's that checking in?"

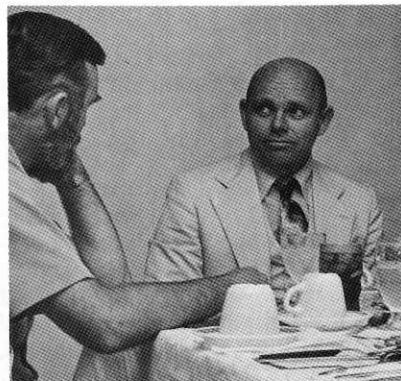
Direct Support personnel are finding themselves increasingly in demand by a fleet with a growing appreciation of the realities of electronic warfare. The enthusiastic and professional volunteers of the Fleet Support Division at Misawa are perfect examples of the Naval Security Group's readiness to fulfill its commitment to the fleet.



Captain P.W. Dillingham, Jr., Commanding Officer and Kuma District Chairman, accepts the Boy Scout Troop 12 charter on behalf of NSGA, which is the sponsoring institution. Ceremonies and a picnic were held on June 13. Special guests included Japanese Scouts from Troops 16, 35 in Hirosaki. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)



CTRC Michael Dallman, piped over on June 25, completed 20 years of naval Service. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)



Mr. Carl A. Rauber, Regional Coordinator, Pacific area, for Navy Campus for Achievement (NCFA), talks to CTAC Richard Smith, ESO, during lunch. Mr. Rauber visited NSGA on June 16-18. In addition to taking an in depth look at the various NCFA programs offered by the command, he also toured the various educational facilities at Misawa and visited with key personnel of the Navy commands here. (Photo by CTR1 Chuck McGee)