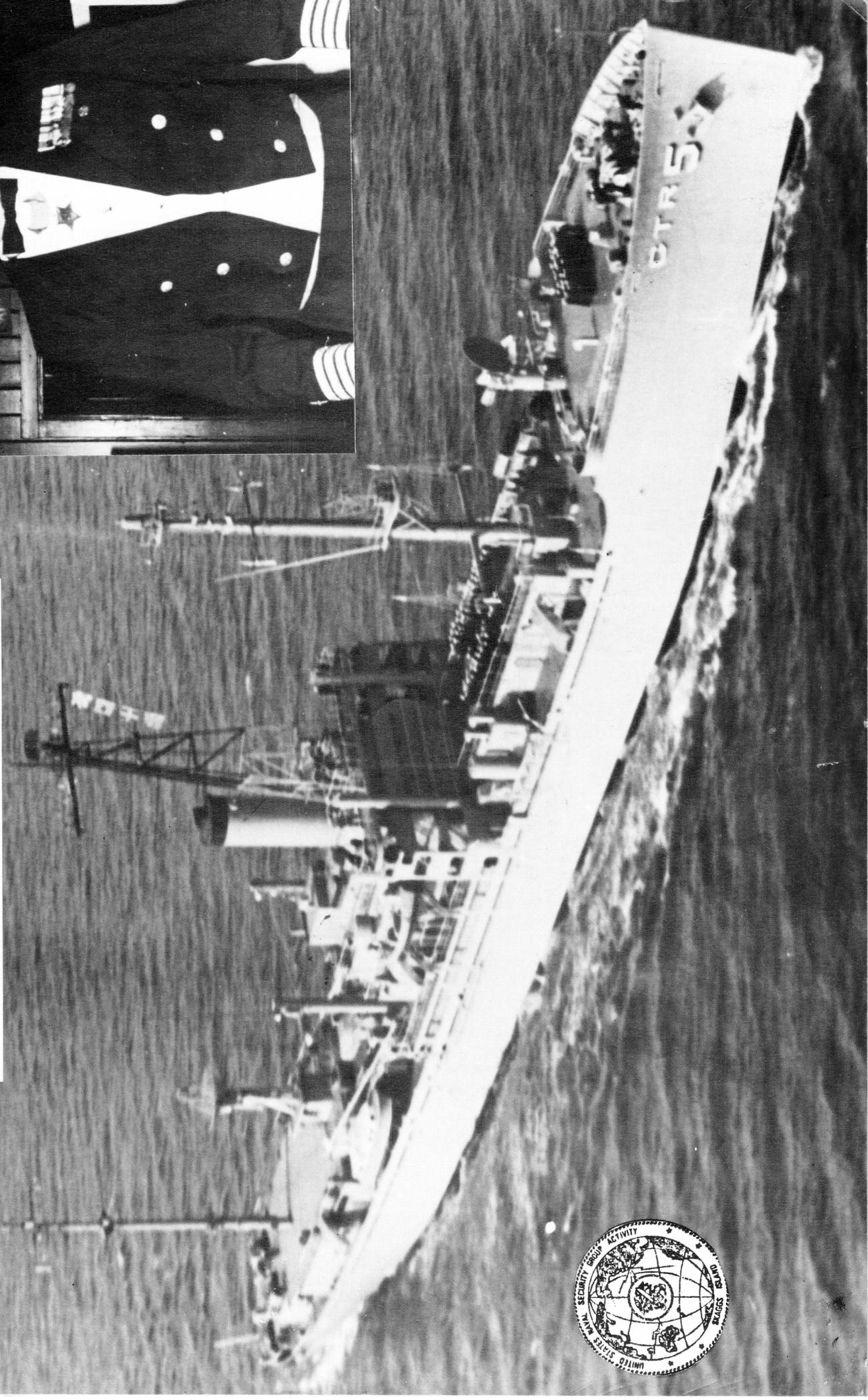




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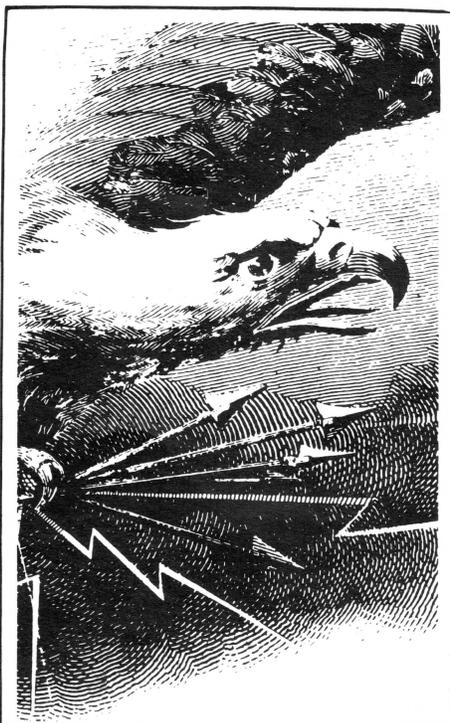
On 5 October, we celebrated the Navy's 210th Birthday. This year's theme was "LIBERTY - A PROUD HERITAGE." Our guest speaker, Captain William L. McGonagle, USN, Ret., provided us a unique perspective of that heritage as he related events prior to and after the attack on the USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) on 8 June 1967. Captain McGonagle, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, was the Commanding Officer on that fateful day when Israeli war planes and torpedo boats attacked, killing 34 men and wounding 171 others. Captain

McGonagle himself was severely wounded but remained at his battle station of the badly damaged bridge until he was assured that his ship and crew were safe again. It was indeed an honor to have a man of such professional stature as our guest of honor.

Jonathan H. Gates

In the past 15 months, you have heard me talk frequently about your professionalism and superb reputation throughout not only the Naval Security Group community but the fleet as well. In this issue I would like to single out some shipmates who contribute much to the quality of life here at Skaggs Island but whose successes seldom receive as much recognition as our highly touted cryptologic mission accomplishments. They are the people we often refer to as "support personnel." They manage the BEQ, provide base supplies and operating funds, operate the Club Islander, prepare and serve meals in the Galley, keep essential utilities functioning and pot holes filled, provide health care services, organize a full range of off-duty recreational activities, and generally keep me out of trouble (read Dorothy).

Because of security considerations, most of those involved have little knowledge of the Security Group's mission. However, without their hard work and dedication, the command's mission would have been impossible to accomplish. Furthermore, it was largely through their efforts that the command was selected as runner-up for the Bronze Hammer Award; nominated for and selected as a finalist for the prestigious Admiral Zumwalt Award (awaiting final results now); and provided a strong contender for this year's NEY award.



VETERANS DAY Nov 11

COVERS

(Front) CAPT William L. McGonagle, USN, Ret., former Commanding Officer of the USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) and recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor; was Skaggs Island's guest speaker at this year's 210th Navy Day Birthday celebration.

(Back) S.I.'s Captain Gates and LCDR Sueirro competing at this year's ever popular "Grape Stomp".



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S.I. WELCOMES NEW CM/C- CTRCM ERICKSON



Skaggs Island's Executive Officer, CDR Cosgriff pins the Command Master Chief's badge on our new C M/C, CTRCM D.J. Erickson.

Master Chief Erickson's 23 year naval career is characterized by involvement in a wide-range of Naval Security Group cryptologic operations. His primary area of expertise and experience lies in HFDF (NCO/ANCO & outstation) operations, in which he spent nearly 15 years assisting in its growth and development. In addition to HFDF, Master Chief Erickson has worked in the collection arena as a morse collector and IATS/AG-22 computer operator. He's also worked in SIGSEC, direct support and has had some exposure to processing and reporting. To round out his varied duty assignment career pattern, the Master Chief spent three years on recruiting duty where he achieved remarkable success in enlisting over 130 young men and women for naval service. He enlisted in the Navy in Marquette, Michigan in March 1962 and attended recruit training at the Naval Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. Following NRTC, he attended CTR "A" school in Pensacola, Florida and upon completion, began a long list of Naval Security Group Command duty assignments which include:

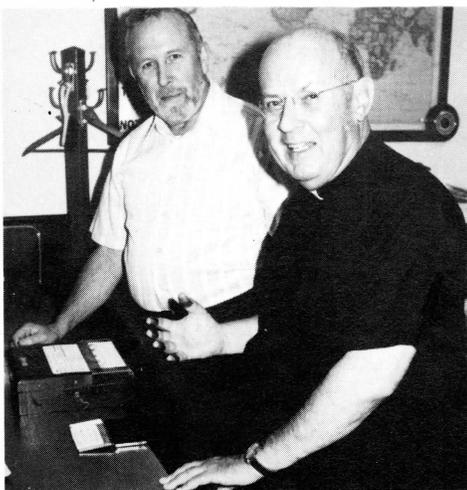
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1964-65-NSGD CAPE CHINIAK, ALASKA
1965-67-NAVRADSTA IMPERIAL BEACH, CA
1967-69-NAVCOMMSTA GUAM
1969-71-NSGA KEFLAVIK, ICELAND
1971-72-NSGA MARIETTA, WASHINGTON
1972-74-NSGA SKAGGS ISLAND, CA
1974-79-NAVCOMMSTA SPAIN - TAD:
USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62)
1979-82-NAVRECSTA MARQUETTE, MI,
NAVRECSTA GREEN BAY, WI
1982-85-NSGA EDZELL, SCOTLAND
1985-P -NSGA SKAGGS ISLAND, CA

Some of the highlights of Master Chief Erickson's career include his earning the Navy Achievement Medal while serving on recruiting duty with Naval Recruiting Command Headquarters in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In addition to the

NAM, while assigned to recruiting duty, Master Chief Erickson was the recipient of a highly prestigious patriotic award known as the "MAJOR IRA BONG AWARD." This award is given annually to a member of each service by the Wisconsin Fraternal Order of Eagles and represents dedication and patriotic service to country. The Master Chief has been an active participant in Navy sports programs throughout his career and has achieved the distinction of playing "All-Navy" softball and has also played and coached "All-Navy" level basketball. He is an avid golfer and bowler and has competed in "All-Navy" regional competitions in both sports. He and his wife Sandra ("Sandy") met in high school in Gwinn, Michigan and married on 20 February, 1965 at Hamilton A.F.B. California. The Master Chief has been heard saying that he has "been around" and his list of 12 separate PCS transfers involving 11 different commands certainly attests to that phrase. The staff of the BAY WINDOW joins the officers, men and women of NSGA Skaggs Island in a hearty "Welcome aboard" to our new C M/C and his wife Sandy.



In Memoriam
Of
Mr. Robert William Grundman
1924- 1985



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On 23 September 1985, Mr. Robert William Grundman, a long-time employee and friend of NSGA Skaggs Island, passed away in Sonoma, California. Bob was born on 18 May 1924 in Faribault, Minnesota and entered the U.S. Navy in February 1944, completing 20 years of activity duty in 1964; retiring as a PN1. Mr. Grundman was also a 20 year veteran of the Federal Civil Service. From April 1964 through June 1984, Bob worked in the administrative Office of the Naval Security Group Activity Skaggs Island. Survivors include his wife, Elvira; one son, Doug; one daughter, Barbara; and two grandchildren, Christine and Robert. The officers, men and women of NSGA Skaggs Island offer our deepest sympathy in this loss of our true friend and great shipmate.



CTM1 ROSAS NAMED SOQ

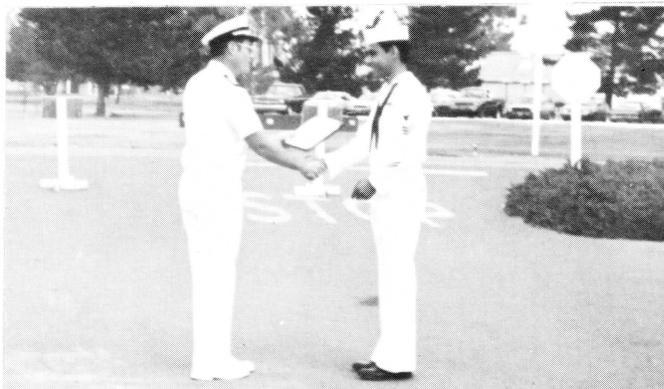


Sailor Of The Quarter

JUL- SEP 1985

Morgan Rosas Jr.

"I don't think I made Sailor of the Quarter, I think the people made me SOQ because all through my 11 years of service, people have helped me all the way. I learned from good leaders; you can learn so much from the people around you," says CTM1 Morgan Rosas Jr., HFDF Net Control Systems Programmer in 80 Department, who beat out 13 other outstanding petty officers for the command's high honor. "I have a solid goal, that being, becoming a project manager of a major computer system, and since I'm still striving for that goal, I feel my educational background as well as the way I conducted myself before the board were the greatest assets of my selection, with work being secondary." Petty Officer Rosas hails from Stockton, CA, graduating from Amos Alonzo Stagg high school in 1974. Rosas is currently working on his dual Bachelor's degree, in General Studies with emphasis in Computer Science, and the other in Business Management/Systems Analysis from Roosevelt University in Chicago. Petty Officer Rosas is hoping he makes chief this next time around and if so, he contemplates the Warrant Officer Program. Off duty, he enjoys tennis, volleyball, raquetball and bike riding. He and his wife, Pauline, keep very busy running the "Rosas Homeschool" licensed through the state of California, to teach their kids at home the same subjects as public schools offer. Each evening Petty Officer Rosas holds Bible study at home. The members of Skaggs Island wish to congratulate Petty Officer Rosas on a job "Well Done" and hope his career continues in the trend he's established.



CAPT Gates presented the newly selected SOQ with a command Letter of Commendation and command plaque commemorating the occasion.



Mr. Jim Metzger, representing the Sonoma Chamber of Commerce presented PO1 Rosas with a merit of Certificate, a bottle of champagne and a \$20 gift certificate.



Mr. Dan Cadilla, Vice-President of the Pacific Central Region of the Bay Area Council Navy League presents a \$50 savings bond to the new SOQ.

Mr. Tom Salsman, Napa Navy League also presented a \$50 savings bond to Petty Officer Rosas.



NEW CHIEFS GLOW WITH GLADNESS



A record number of Skaggs Island sailors (13) were recently selected for E-7. On 16 September they, their family and friends, gathered at the Islander for the official "pinning on the anchors" ceremony. Pictured above prior to the ceremony Back Row (L to R): CTOC Bascom, Front Row (L to R) CTMC Althoff, CTMC Hoyt, CTCR Givens, CTCR Boothroyd, CTOC Clark and CTMC Boone.



Following the "pinning on the anchors" ceremony, the new chiefs posed for a group photo. Back Row (L to R) CTOC Boone, CTMC Goehring, CTMC Althoff, CTOC Clark, CTOC Bascom, Front Row (L to R) CTCR Kupfer, CTCR Roller, CTAC

Givens, CTCR Givens and CTMC Buchanan. Not pictured: CTMC Monnies, CTMC Hoyt and CTCR Boothroyd. Four of the 13 Chiefs were promoted on 16 September, 1985. They were CTMC Althoff, CTMC Hoyt, CTCR Boothroyd and CTCR Givens.

RETIREMENTS

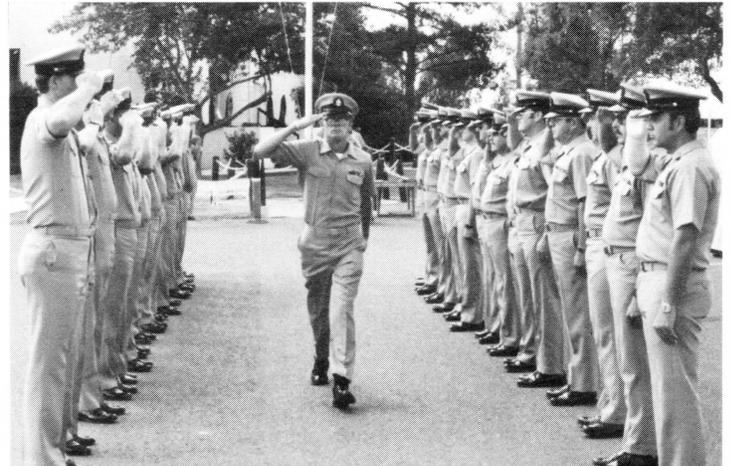
BU1 WILLIE T. WILLIAMS

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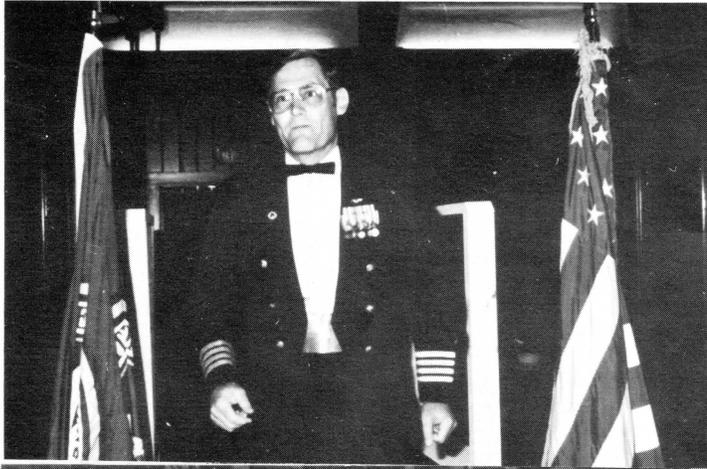


SKAGGS ISLAND CELEBRATES 210th

Story By: CTAC M. Givens

"LIBERTY - A PROUD HERITAGE", was the theme for the Navy's recent 210th Birthday celebration honored traditionally by the officers, men and women of the Naval Security Group Activity Skaggs Island. The Officers' Club aboard the Naval Shipyard, Mare Island hosted our 1985 Navy Birthday party.

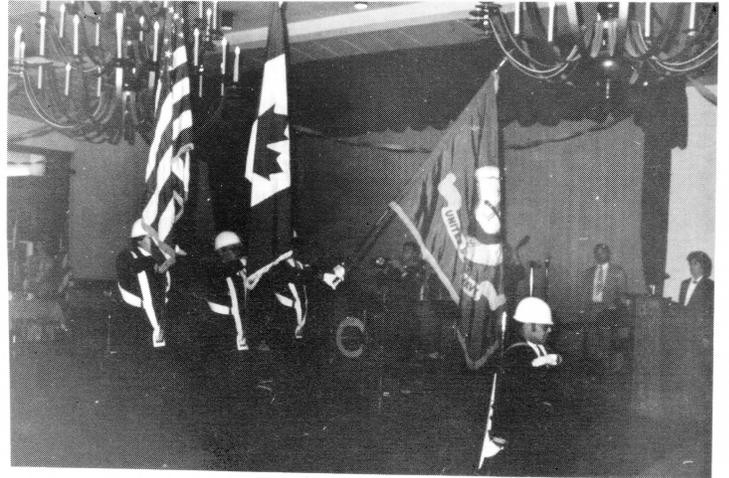
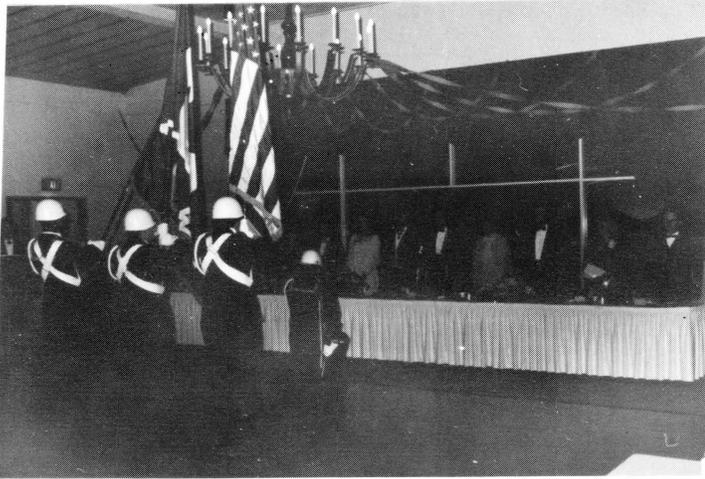
Cocktails began at 1800. The cake, baked by MS2 Bunggay and MS2 Gray and decorated by MS1 Quitoriano and CT02 Conrad, greeted participants, their families and guests.



Formal festivities got underway at 1900 with the "crossing of the brow". Following the arrival of Skaggs Island's Commanding Officer, CAPT Gates, and guest speaker, CAPT McGonagle, USN, Ret., CTAC Paulette Givens, master of ceremonies, began the evening's program.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Kreiensieck. Skaggs Island Color Guard members, consisting of CTM1 O'Grady, MCPL (CF) Barnes, PN3 Ashley and SK3 La Valley smartly posted colors, after which both the American and Canadian national anthems were played.

U.S. NAVY BIRTHDAY



An honored naval observance followed, the traditional Two Bell Ceremony, reminding us of the reverence we owe to our departed shipmates and to those who guard the honor of our country on the sea, in the air, and on foreign soil.

Chaplain Kreiencieck then offered grace and dinner commenced with a delicious menu with a choice of Prime Rib of Beef or Chicken Riev along with a variety of

NSGA SKAGGS ISLAND'S 1985 NAVY DAY BALL

entrees. Following dinner, CAPT Gates, NSGA Skaggs Island Commanding Officer, spoke briefly and introduced the guest speaker, CAPT William L. McGonagle, former Commanding Officer of the USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) and recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Upon conclusion of this inspiring speech, CAPT Gates presented CAPT McGonagle a NSGA Skaggs Island plaque in gratitude for his participation in this year's observance.



Next in line were the traditional Navy toasts and then the highlight of the evening, the cake cutting ceremony. Accompanying CAPT Gates were the Sailor of the Year, CTAC Givens; Sailor of the Second Quarter, CT03 Condell; as well as the oldest and youngest member of the command, CTRCM White and CTOSA Didesch respectively.

"LIBERTY—A PROUD HERITAGE"

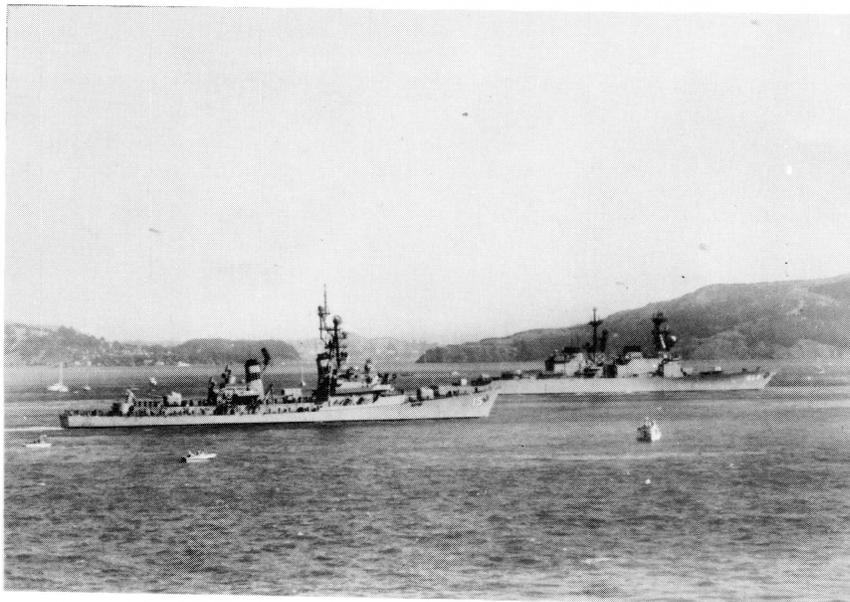


Then it was time for everyone to put on their dancing shoes and dance the night away with the Navy Band's 18-piece ensemble, "Show Band West", under the direction of Petty Officer Manny Constancio, which featured the solid sounds of today in a big band format. A hearty thanks to the energetic and hard working Navy Day Ball Committee, headed by LTJG Berg, in what was considered the best Navy Day Ball yet. Other members included: CTAC Clark, CTAC Givens, CT01 C. Williams, CTA1 Smith, SGT Bernard, CTA2 Geinzer, CT02 Conrad, CT02 Loving, CTM2 Pless, CTT2 Kuchenmeister, CTM3 Baxter, CTM3 May and Mrs. Birdsong.



Photography By: CTO1 M. Francis

FLEET WEEK- "THRILL OF A LIFETIME"



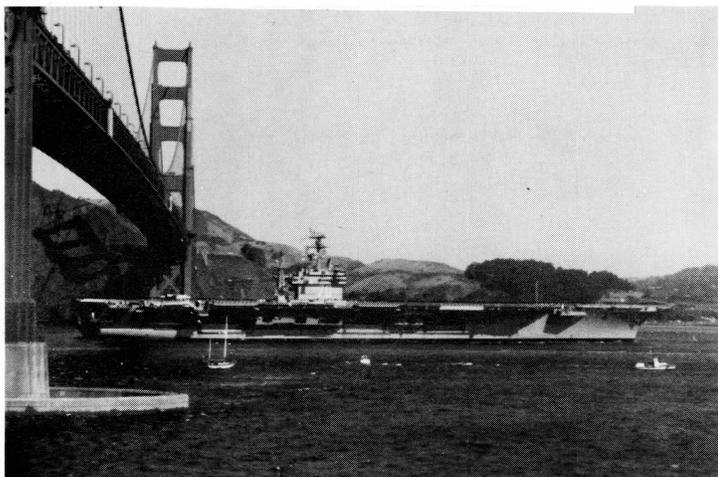
The fifth annual joint celebration by the Navy and the city of San Francisco was a very special event. Several hundred thousand San Franciscans and guests turned out for this exuberant event despite overcast skies to observe a 12-ship flotilla led by the USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) followed in parade formation under the Golden Gate Bridge by an amphibious assault ship, destroyers, a guided missile cruiser, a U.S. Coast Guard cutter and the aircraft carrier, the USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70).

Mayor Diane Feinstein and Rear Admiral James Lyons were only two of the many honored guests on hand. The USS CARL VINSON fired a 17-gun salute to honor Rear Admiral Lyons, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

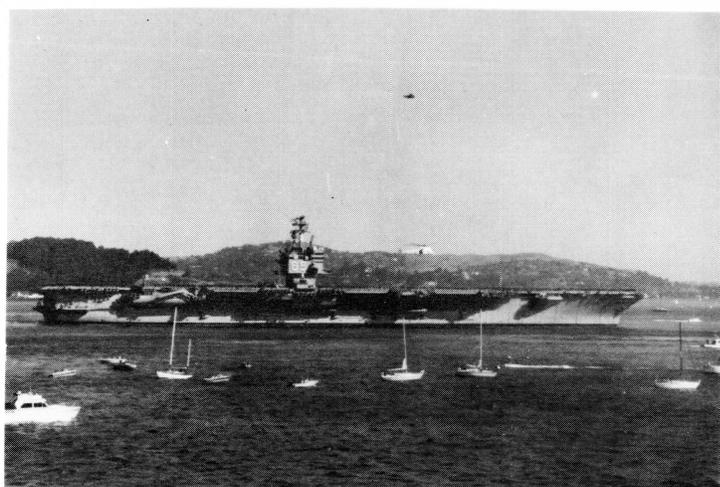
The Navy's "Blue Angels", world-famous flight demonstration squadron displayed aviation skill with several aerobatics such as rollouts, loops, dives and inverted passes as thousands watched in awe. Their performance was dedicated to LCDR Mike Gershon who was killed in a earlier show this year. Other events included ship's tours and military band performances.



Photos By: CTOI Francis & CTMI Rosenberg



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JUST LIKE OLD TIMES

Story By: LCDR J. Boyd, USNR

Sixteen years later, two former USS NEW JERSEY (BB-62) crew members walked her decks one more time. Commander Robert Cosgriff, Executive Officer, Navy Security Group Activity Skaggs Island and Senior Chief Storekeeper Robert Bowerman, Supply Department Chief at Skaggs, talked over old times on the forecandle during the NEW JERSEY's recent visit to San Francisco. The New Jersey visited the port as part of the Fourteenth Anniversary of Peace in the Pacific celebration.

A graduate of Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) from Villanova University,

CDR Cosgriff's first set of orders were to the famous battleship. He joined the NEW JERSEY in Long Beach, California as the assistant navigator in June 1969. The New Jersey had been in its homeport just one month after its return from Vietnam. Three months later in August, when its third decommissioning was announced, CDR Cosgriff says it was a sad time for the crew. They had worked hard readying her in anticipation of their next cruise.

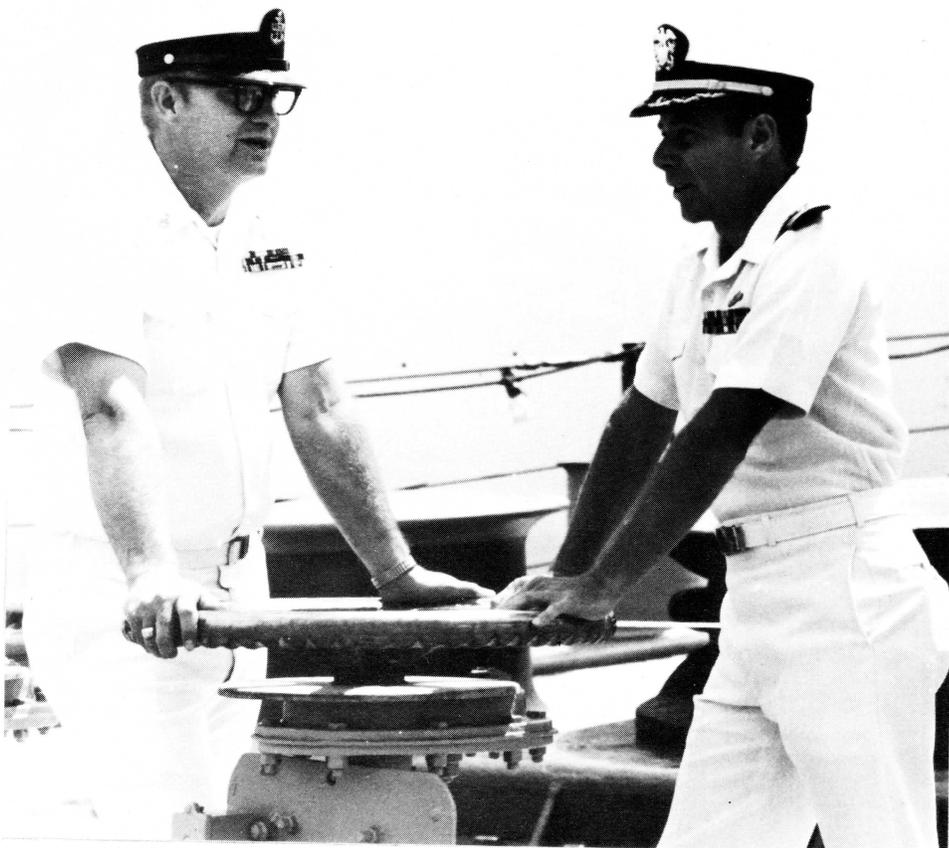
In September the NEW JERSEY departed Long Beach for Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. CDR Cosgriff had the conn on her last underway watch. He received orders shortly thereafter and departed before its decommissioning.

"There is no comparison between the NEW JERSEY and the other ships I've served on," says CDR Cosgriff. "One can feel a sense of history as you moved around her decks."

SKCS Bowerman and CDR Cosgriff didn't know each other while aboard the NEW JERSEY. While reminiscing aboard Skaggs Island about former commands, they realized they had the legendary battleship in common.

SKCS Bowerman was a Second Class Storekeeper and came aboard the NEW JERSEY in December 1967 while it was in the Philadelphia Shipyards preparing for its third commissioning. He was aboard two years from commissioning to decommissioning. While a battleship Storekeeper is the same as any other Storekeeper in the fleet, there is one logistical difference, according to SKCS Bowerman. Moving stores below decks requires physically handing them down six decks. SKCS Bowerman is quick to point out to young Storekeepers, who complain about their tedious job of striking stores below decks, that they at least have the convenience of elevators and conveyors aboard modern ships.

"The NEW JERSEY was the highlight of my Navy career," says SKCS Bowerman. "The Stores Division were



a great bunch of people. I still get Christmas cards from two of them. When I heard she was being recommissioned, I got a warm feeling

inside and was pleased to be aboard again, even if only for a short time."



WORK GROUPS IN FOCUS:

ADMIN DEPT

"Where's my "A" brancher?" is a question often heard around Skaggs on any given day. Well, here's the latest skinny on the whereabouts of all the "A" branchers and the happenings in the wonderful world of Admin. First, we have bid farewell to LCDR Beersdorf, who transferred to 20 Department. We enjoyed his tenure as our 'fearless leader' and wish him luck in his new job as Comm Officer. LCDR Beersdorf was relieved by CWO4 Lawrence, from NSGA Northwest VA. Being an ex-"A" brancher himself, we are sure he will keep us on the straight and narrow path of accuracy and timeliness in our work. Welcome aboard, Mr. Lawrence!

CTA1 Dave Macomber departed for an arduous tour of duty in Hawaii and CTAC (ENS) Beckerdite has transferred to NCS San Diego. We also said "adios" to CTA2 Diane Collier (VQ2), CTA2 Tom Magaha (AZ "A" School) and SN Sue Schmidt (TDRL). All of the people who departed will definitely be missed, but not to worry, we have some able bodied new arrivals trying to fill their shoes. Recent arrivals include CTASN Eric Manning, CTASN Rueben (Mario-say hey) Labrado, and CTASN Scott (Gimp) Schneider from NTTC Pensacola as well as CTA2 Barb



Sullivan from NSGA Adak. Hope you all enjoy your tour here.

A few interdepartmental changes have also taken place (we know, what's new?). CTA1 (Smitty) Smith took CTA1 Macomber's job of keeping the Admin Services shop running smoothly. CTA2 Sullivan has the conn in 50 Department as CTA2 Reagan is ready to roll on "between the ditches" all the way to ARFCOSTA Norfolk, VA.; and last but not least, newly frocked CTAC Givens (CONGRATS!!) now has the burden of command in the PASS Office, while CTAC Clark is temporarily overseeing the operations of the Recreation Services crew. Congratulations are also in order to CTA2 Jim Reagan and CTA3 Stacey Molter on their recent

reenlistments. They both are proven assets to the Navy and we are proud to have them aboard for another term. (P.S.: Jim is also a new daddy for the second time during this tour! Must be something in the S.I. water.) Petty Officer Molter will soon transfer to NTTC Pensacola.

Remember, the next time you want an "A" brancher, just look in the yellow pages under, DEDICATED, PROUD AND PROFESSIONAL and you will likely find a list of names of the "A" branchers stationed at Skaggs Island. Until next time...

Story By: CTA2 D. Sherrod

80 DEPARTMENT

The year of 1985 has been one of flux and travel for 80 Department. From Hawaii, Washington, D.C., Edzell, to Diego Garcia, 80 Department personnel have perambulated the world to enrich the software capabilities of Navy communication.

First off, let's congratulate our newly frocked chiefs - CTOC CLARK, CTOC BOONE, CTOC BASCOM AND CTMC BUCHANAN. A big step upward, and best of luck in your new billets and your future ascension through the enlisted hierarchy.

Lots of new arrivals! 81 Div: CTM2 Mike Lines; 82 Div: CTR1 Ron Sifford, CTR2 Willie McCall, CTR2 Terri Matula, CTR2 Frank Dodd, CTR2 Alexander Stewart, and CTR2 Rich Davis. 83 Div: ENS Karen Hagerman, CTOC Ron Lunsford, CTO2 Russ Lindemann, CTO2 Kevin Adams, and CTO2 Brian McMurray. 84 Div: LT Paul Albin, CTOC Gary Clark, CTOC Gerald Boone, CTO1 David Kinnamont, CTO1 Joe Watters and CTO2 Kent Hamilton. Welcome to all of you and your families!

As for departures, it's always sad to see shipmates and good friends transfer. We send best wishes in the future to: LTJG Jim Prodger, CTOC Bill Culmer, CTRC Bill Erhardt, CTR1 Rick Biederstadt, CTR1 Steve Cole and CTR1 Chuck Hopkins.

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81 Division, under the steady hand of ENS Steve Briese, handled its responsibilities of documentation, work processing administration, and MUSIC hardware liason with quiet efficiency. CTMC Vandervort and CTM1 Jerry Buchanan accompanied the MUSIC software team to Kami Seya, providing insights into the aspects of MUSIC-Lemonade interfacing intricacies.

82 Division (Bullseye) continued its march toward software supremacy under its new division officer, ENS Jeff Burtch. In this quest, personnel have traveled to Washington, D.C., Northwest, San Diego, and Hawaii. Congrats go out to Lou Sundberg who was recently advanced to CTR1. Perhaps the most beneficial work related contribution was moving to Building 21, giving the rest of 80 Department some peace and quiet.

83 Division (IACINTEL) has a hefty lead in the "Miles logged while TAD" competition. Led by the peripatetic Carl "If this is Tuesday, it must be Edzell" Sharp, 83 Division has cornered the market on the frequent flier program. They've been to more places than Robert Vesco ever dreamed about. Rich Sauter, Jacqueline Crannell, and B.J. Jones have also been substantial contributors in IACINTEL's quest for air supremacy.

84 Division has also had its share of itinerant personnel involved in MUSIC testing, training and field deployment. CTOC's Pace and Hudgens, PO's Baxter, Williams, Miller and Visser recently returned after six weeks of net testing at Kami Seya. The six jet-lagged programmers returned with new software and hopes for improvement during the next field site testing cycle. As Thomas Edison once said, "I haven't failed - I've just found 10,000 ways that don't work."

CONGRATULATIONS to the following members of our department with their newest family additions: CTR1 Kurt and Lou Sundberg, (Kristen Lee), CTR1 Rick and Kim Biederstadt, (Eric Richard), CTR1 Randy and CTO1 C. Williams, (Brandy Lee), and CTM1 Ed and Kathy McCarty, (James Wesley).

From our department head, LT Prack, and all department members, we are proud to supply top-notch software support. We will work toward further refining our art to provide the best naval communications possible.

Story By: CTO1 D. Schmidt

WORK GROUPS IN FOCUS:

SECURITY

Story By: CTM1 B. Alberts



Skaggs Island Security has gone through some noticeable changes within the last few months due to policy changes from the CNO in the area of law enforcement and physical security. The Security Office, formerly known as the Chief Master-at-Arms Office, is headed by the Security Officer, LCDR Beersdorf. The office is manned by CTOC(NAC) Flood, Security Chief, who is being relieved by CTOC Ronnie Lunsford. Patrolmen include GMG1 Angel Otero, who is also Assistant Security Chief; CTM1 Bill Alberts, MA1 Steve Hillard, and MS2 Ellis Carter. All the patrolmen have completed Priority I & II Law Enforcement training conducted by NAS Alameda Security Department. Chief Flood and Petty Officer Alberts recently completed a five day Physical Security Supervisors course held at NAS Alameda, instructed by the Law Enforcement Physical Survey/Mobile training team from San Diego.

In keeping with the CNO's new policy of physical security, we have established a Crisis Response Force (CRF), consisting of 20 individuals, including security personnel. The CRF's newest 15 members went through Priority I & II Law Enforcement conducted by Skaggs Island Security with assistance from Naval Investigative Service, Mare Island.

The CRF completed a Special Weapons and Tactics training course conducted by Don Cameron Consultants through the Santa Rosa Criminal Justice training center. Training consisted of building searches, both day and night; setting up inner and outer perimeters; rappelling and basic team movements. The CRF is

divided into four teams of five men each. At the end of each daily session, an obstacle course was run to test each team's physical abilities. At the conclusion of the week's training, a "Survival" course consisting of a variety of obstacles, including movement through water, and over buildings was conducted as a final exam for the teams to further test their teamwork.

On Friday, 13 September, the CRF participated in a training exercise with several commands and the exercise lasted from dusk until dawn. This is just the first of a series of team exercises scheduled for the Crisis Response Force. Look for continued changes from the Security Office.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Welcome to another exciting episode of "As the Maintenance Department Turns". As we look in on our quiet little hamlet, we see that a lot has been going on since our last visit.

The 40 Dept football team is looking good this season. I think they're in third place. The latest victory was against the chiefs/officers. Final score was 38-6. The teams casualty list continues to grow. So far we've got; Greg Guidry, Tom Muirhead, Senior Chief Kazubinski, and Charles Fraser on our 'get well' list.

Our thanks goes out to the chiefs for supplying the liquid refreshments at the 40 Dept picnic. The picnic was a great success, as are most events where the food is free. The weather was beautiful and the grill didn't get a break all day! Most everyone from 40 showed up at one time or another. The day came to a end with a softball game, which, by the way is the official Skaggs Island national pass-time (along with football, basketball and spades).

Elsewhere, we find that several of our former white-hats are now wearing khakis.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order to:

CTMC Dennis Althoff
CTMC Robert Goehring
CTMC Craig Hoyt
CTMC Kevin McMonnies

Also CONGRATULATIONS to: Tom and Carol Muirhead on the birth of their first baby. Ray and Harumi Anderson also experienced the miracle of birth recently, as did Tim Stoelb and his wife. All Boys!!!

Speaking of new arrivals, a hearty WELCOME ABOARD to: CTM1 Lavern Davis from NSGA Kami Seya, CTM1 Pat Scherer and CTM2 Bex Fox, both from NAVCAMS EASTPAC, CTM2 Anne Bolger from NAVCAMS WESTPAC, CTM2 Jeff Byrnes from San Vito via NCO Maint school, CTM2 Peggy Kile from NCS Spain also via NCO Maint school, CTM3 Mary Haslett from NTC San Diego, and CTM3 Joe Dimodica, CTM3 WAYNE Hartneck, CTM3 Colleen Raley and CTM3 Karl Sittler all from NTC Corry Station. Hope you all enjoy your tours here.

In order to have arrivals we must also have departures. We wish "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to: CTM2 John Kottong to Fleet Reserve, CTM2 Linda Doty to NESSEC, CTM2 Jess Hall to Diego Garcia, CTM2 Clint Phillips to Pensacola for instructor duty,

CTA3 Sam Bailey to Admin, and CTM3 Debbie Prosser to COMNAVFORJAPAN.

Also, CTM1 Tom Doty, CTM2 Angie Boyer, CTM2 Brian Harris and CTM2 Tim Kelley leave us to pursue their fortunes in the civilian world. Good luck to you all!

Thanks to everyone who went to the Special Olympics at Sonoma state hospital and help making it a huge success.

Well, that's all for this month. I'm sure I forgot something important and I'll remember what it was right after I turn this in for print. Until next time.....

By: CTM2 Walter & CTM3 May

BUYING PERSONAL COMPUTERS

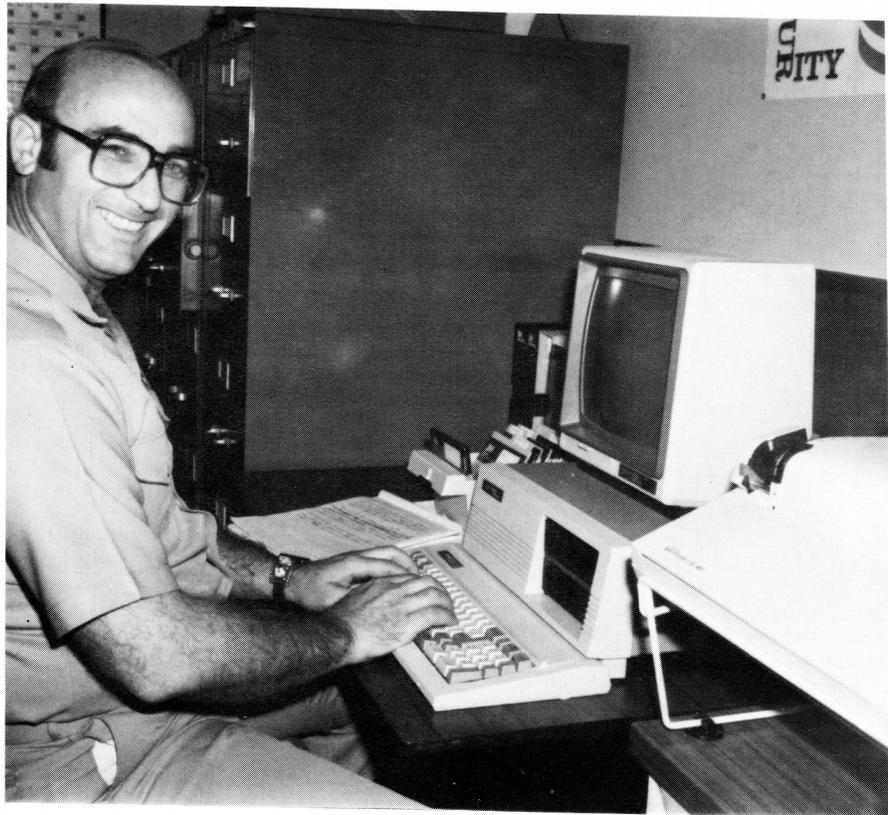
Buying a personal computer, like buying a car, is often based on taste rather than the technical merits of the computer. Factors such as price, expandability, software availability, even fashion determine the choice. With the right combination of hardware and software, almost any home computer can do anything any other home computer can do.

You may spend only about \$100 for your computer but you will have to purchase a disk drive for about \$200 for most applications. A printer is also handy for almost any application and can cost \$150 up. Most computers also require an interface card to connect a printer. This is another \$50 to \$200.

A basic Atari or Commodore system with one drive or a printer will be about \$400 (if you already have a television). A more professional IBM or MacIntosh system will be about \$2000. Sometimes package deals or mail order will save you some money. After you decide you have a use for a computer, the trick is to get the right combination of hardware and software for your application. Since you may have more than one application, this can really be tricky. Another problem is trying figure out if the company that makes your computer is going to be in business for a while. It could be very important to you in the future that the company manufacturing the computer you select stays solvent and continues to make that computer. This assures the owner of continued hardware and software from both the company and third-party supporters.

There is something to be said for brandname concerns and considerations. Texas Instruments computer owners now have limited hardware and software resources since the company dropped their computer. Commodore is still in business but has yet to make two lines of compatible computers. Atari has been around for a while but video-game stigma and poor management have brought third-party hardware and software development almost to a halt.

Apple's II family of computers have been around since 1977 and all of them are pretty much mutually compatible with the Apple II's hard and software base. Apple's MacIntosh is unique for the time-being but rumor has it that Atari's new ST (sixteen/thirty-two bit) series can read and write in the Mac's disk format. The two computers are also based on the same true sixteen bit (as opposed to the IBM PC) microprocessor, making it easy to translate programs from one computer to the other. These computers are great for people who would rather use a computer than learn it. They



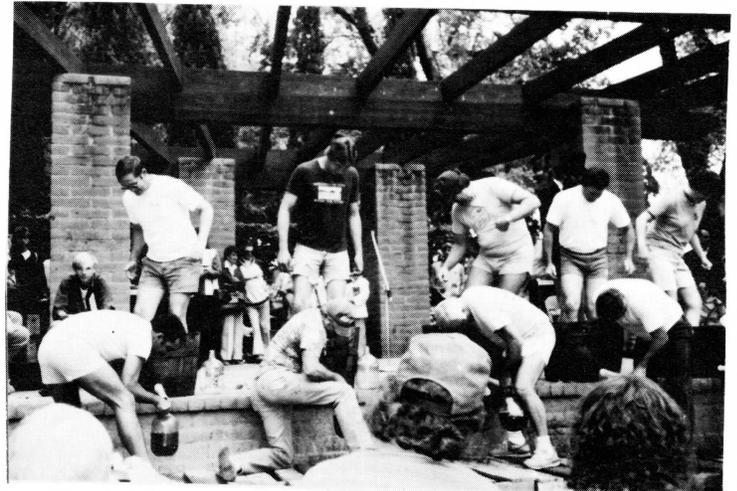
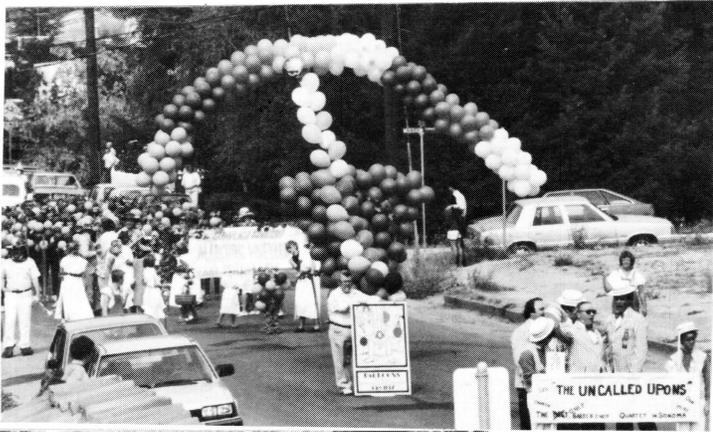
both use GEM (Graphics Environment Manager) to act as a go-between for you and the operating system. GEM could make it a lot easier (cheaper) for programmers to translate their programs for different computers. The IBM PC is internally expandable with more memory and special hardware are easily plugged into internal slots. Like most of the Apple II family, there are many IBM compatible computers by other manufacturers. The more popular the better as far as computers go. Hardware and software will be more plentiful and less expensive as the popularity increases. IBM is not very likely to go out of business soon either.

Probably the surest ways to find the computer you want would be to play around with a friend's or ask for demos in computer stores. It is a good idea to play with the machine yourself, it may not do what you want, it may be too expensive, it could be too complicated, or you may just not like the way the thing looks!

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1985 "VALLEY OF THE MOON" VINTAGE FESTIVAL



Captain Gates, Skaggs Island Commanding Officer along with several Skaggs Island personnel recently participated in the 39th annual "Valley of the Moon" Vintage Festival in Sonoma. The festival parade featured over 75 floats with Skaggs Island's CPOA float, "LIBERTY IN THE VALLEY" coming in third place.

One of the many popular festival events held during the three day celebration, The "Grape Stomp" was entered by our own CAPT Gates and LCDR Suiero. Upon conclusion of this mushy event, our team, CAPT Gates and LCDR Suiero came in second place. Everyone had a most enjoyable time and certainly look forward to next year's!!

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SPORTS SPECIAL

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Many people watch the Olympics on T.V. and wish they were there as a participant to win the gold. We

watch the athletes dig deep and strain for that extra inch or try to run the race in a tenth of a second

faster. Competition is always fierce whether it's to come in first or to set a new record.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Recently Sonoma State Hospital hosted their Special Olympics and when the call for volunteers was heard, it was heeded. Over 40 volunteers from Skaggs Island were not only able to witness such an event but to assist. They joined a throng of over two-hundred other volunteers, officer and enlisted, men and women who wanted to show their admiration, respect and love for the athletes.



To watch these Special Olympians was indeed a humbling and uplifting experience. The words to recognize and honor these athletes are not easy to find. Let it be said that they honor themselves in their actions and their pledge.

Let me win,
But if I cannot win,
Let me be brave in the attempt.

P.S. ONE more hug to the volunteers.

