

NSGA HOMESTEAD

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The recent (7/18/2016) death of Admiral Chester Phillips, former Commander Naval Security Group Command, brought to mind his visit to NSGA, Homestead as the honored guest and speaker at the Navy Birthday Ball in 1971. The ball was exceptionally well attended. The band was a Rock and Roll hit and the food was delicious and plentiful. Both the Skipper, Captain Carl Macon Smith, and Admiral Phillips delivered inspiring Navy talks. The Crew had a super fun time and the Skipper, the Admiral, and their families had a very enjoyable multi-day visit. Here are the letters to and from Admiral Phillips for inclusion in the Homestead record if you think that they are appropriate for inclusion.

The huge success of our Navy Ball was one of many career highlights for me during my tour at Homestead. As a former White Hat, CPO, WO/CWO, and now an Ensign, I had a lot to learn about the ways and traditions of the officer corps. With the help of the XO, CDR (LDO) Roger Graham and the Skipper, I learned many of those lessons at Homestead. CAPT Smith who was the most senior CAPT, and arguably, the most accomplished cryptologist in the SECGRU at that time, was a mentor, and a friend to me until the day of his death (4/24/1991).

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