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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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