Best In USNVAEUR

NSGA Annual COMSEC Inspection

On the 8th of July, the Communications Officer, LCDR Jack Hairzip and "It looks like we are ready!" Apparently they were, because the Communications Department of NAUSEBARAGRT BREMERHAVEN was evaluated as the best electrical processing Activity in the USNAVAEUR area over the last twelve month period. The evaluation was made by the Inspecting Officer, U.S. NAVSECGRU, Staff, CINUSNAVAEUR after conducting the annual COMSEC (Communications Security) Inspection for this Activity. The inspection was to ensure all precautions were taken by the command to ensure the maintenance of communications security. The procedures for processing, handling, and distributing classified messages were scrutinized as well as the procedures used to ensure physical security, transmission security, and cryptosecurity of the Communications Activity. In addition, the handling of RPS material and equipment and the records maintained were checked very thoroughly.

After two days the Inspecting Officer departed with copies of three instructions prepared within the Communications Department. It stated that he would use them to show others commands "how things should be done.

DELTA SENIORS--Members of Delta Section enjoy a "Tag of War," during recent Command Picnic held at the Slatting Area.

RPS Custodian Of The Quarter
LCDR Jack Hairzip has been selected by the Director, Naval Security Group Europe as the Registered Publication Custodian of the quarter for the European area. The billet of RPS Custodian is controlled by very stringent rules and regulations. In a letter of appreciation, personally addressed to LCDR Hairzip, the EURNAVSECGRU stated:

"I am writing to express appreciation for your outstanding performance of duty as RPS Custodian for the U. S. Naval Security Group Activity, Bremerhaven, Germany. During the period from 1 January 1969 to 31 March 1969, it has been evident that you have consistently demonstrated imagination, initiative, mature judgment, and high professional ability in the management of RPS matters of your command. Your dedication to current RPS practices, regulations, policies and directives, plus timely and accurate submissions of your command's RPS bib to RPS London was of great value, for it insured your command of maintaining its correct RPS allowance. Your outstanding performance reflects credit to the Navy, your command, and upon yourself."

Dinner-Dance Held For Installation
The annual NORDSEE Branch 144, Fleet Reserve Association Installation Dinner-Dance was held on 15 July 1969 at the NCO Club, Bremerhaven. Featured were a hat and hour of cocktails the officers-elect were given the oath of office and the post officers re-elected their positions. The incoming officers are: President: CTM E. Heffernan; Vice President: CTM Byrd; 2nd Vice President: CPO Frankl, Secretary: CPO Bragon; and Treasurer: SGM Gooden.

The incoming Board of Directors are: CTM Berg, CTM Dettwiller, CTM Bunte, CPO Schrader, CPO Chong, CTM Fisher, CTM LaFleur, and CTM Nunnan.

A good time was had by all, with plenty of good food, entertainment, and drinks. Special guests were Captain T. R. Hume, Jr., CDR, and Mrs. T. R. Hume, Mrs. T. C. Bowlby, Mrs. T. C. Bowlby, Mrs. J. L. Nebigam, CTM E. V. Berg, and Miss Berg, was the installing officer.

Operation Palette' at Folkfest
"Operation Palette," an official exhibition of over 40 original works of art executed by U.S. Navy artists, will be open from 8 August in Bremerhaven at the American High School during the annual German-American Festival. The exhibition, now touring this section of Europe, will be open to the public from 1400 through 1900.

The paintings in "Operation Palette" were selected from the Navy Department collection of more than 4,000 action paintings and a few-scene drawings made by specially commissioned artists since 1943. Most of these are the works of nationally known artists and representing a variety of media, having been reproduced in national magazines and books.

The exhibition has been almost continually on tour since 1948, and Navy Department records show that more than 50 million people have seen it in the United States and overseas.

It's All-Navy Apollo
WASHINGTON—An All-Navy crew is scheduled for the flight of Apollo 12, which is scheduled to leave the Kennedy Space Center November 14th. Commanders Conrad and Gordon are both space-flight veterans. Cdr. Conrad was in Gemini 5 and 11—the second times with Cdr. Gordon. Apollo 12 will be L.t. Cdr. Bean's first flight. Gordon was appointed a Naval Cadet while an AN at Naval Prep. while Conrad and Bean are NROTC Grads from Princeton and Texas.

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Bremerhaven Toastmasters
'Prosit' Public Speaking

What can Toastmasters International do for you? Its purpose is to help you help yourself in the art of public speaking. Since its inception in 1924, approximately a million men have benefited from the Toastmasters program.

There are approximately 80,000 Toastmasters in 47 countries and territories throughout the free world. Their objective is to afford practice and training in the art of public speaking and presenting over meetings, as well as to promote sociability and good fellowship among members.

Toastmasters is dedicated to better listening, thinking, and speaking said Bremerhaven Toastmaster, CFI Dave Smell of Second Division. "In the midst of international frustration and fear, members of Toastmasters gain hope, confidence and ability to communicate with each other, by evaluating each other's words and ideas. We do not exaggerate in our common goal, Toastmasters International truly needs no other justification than to serve as the instrumentality of this, our collective aspiration.”
An Open Letter
On Tours
August 13, 1949

An Open Letter to All Personnel,

Navy Special Services schedules sightseeing trips and tours with you, the Sailor and Marine, in mind. These tours are arranged at the lowest possible costs so that everyone may enjoy the sights of Europe while stationed at NAVY HEADQUARTERS Bremerhaven.

Many people say they can tour Europe at a lesser cost. But what about the expense of gas, oil, and car maintenance? What about the time and inconvenience incurred when trying to find a good hotel or restaurant? And what about the cost of local tours that all seem to want you to take to the high priced “tourist traps”?

With your Special Services tours you don’t have to worry about any of these. We arrange for transportation, hotel accommodations, and site tours. We’re your private ushers, guiding you through the fun cities of the European Theater.

One more thing. We are always open to suggestions. Call 3739-3138 and maybe a tour can be arranged to the city of your choice.

Sincerely Yours,
Special Services Tour Guides

Sailor of
The Month

SGT DAVID G. O’BRIEN

Sgt David G. O’Brien of Company “F” has been selected as the "Sailor-Marine of the Month" for the month of August. In Sgt O’Brien’s letter of selection, Capt. Osterman stated in part:

“You have been selected as the U. S. Naval Security Group Activity, Bremerhaven, ‘Sailor-Marine of the Month’ for August 1949.

Since you arrived at this Command in August 1947, you have consistently exhibited technical knowledge, industry, and initiative that has for exceeded standards. One example of your outstanding performance was evidenced by your participation in the NATO Naval Communications Competition both in 1949 and 1949.

You have also eagerly sought to improve your professional and leadership qualities as well as to willingly accept and master new assignments. In addition to your professional accomplishments, your attitude, appearance, and faultless military bearing have greatly impressed all associated with you.

The personal example you have set has always been in the highest traditions of the U.S. Marine Corps.

I commend you for your excellent performance and am pleased to present you with a handsome trophy, a Savings Bond, and a plaque commemorating your selection as Sailor-Marine of the Month. Well done!”

Focus on Faith

By Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebreton

Have you ever stopped to think how useless power is when it is not harnessed? Steam, electrical energy, and atomic energy provide so much useless, improperly controlled, and it is brought under control, power also can be very destructive. Human nature is useless too, and it can be very dangerous, when it is uncontrolled. The most pathetic waste is to see a man live for pleasure only.

To avoid dissipating our energy and ability, we must seek principles and live by them. A principle is a “beginning” or “foundation.” As it pertains to morals and ethics it may be defined as “a settled rule of action, a governing law of conduct.” The most destructive force a man will face is temptation. Most temptations come to us without warning and immediately they put to test the principles which control us. In these crises, we either stand or fall. At the moment the decision must be made, we will not have the time or the resources available to suddenly become moral or religious. Life affords very few of us the opportunity of inventing a deliberate strategy against a coming battle. We must fight as we stand.

How do we acquire principles? Virtue develops as a result of training and discipline. Behind every human act there lies a history. The act is the result of that history. Jesus said as much when he declared that men do not gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles. In short, character rules conduct.

There are two principles upon which we must have a firm grasp: to know that we are accountable to God for our actions and that certain actions destroy not only ourselves but others as well. Principles are powerful!

Speed to Burn?
It’s All Wasted

Two interesting experiments with speed took place not long ago in West Germany. A couple of automotive accessory manufacturers took two identical cars, fitter them with instruments that measured every detail of the trip, and sent them out on a 1,000 mile journey. One driver was told to make the best time he could; the other was told to avoid risk and move with the traffic flow permitted.

The speed demon finished 21 minutes ahead of the slow driver after nearly 3,500 miles. He drove for 20 hours and 12 minutes, braked 1,328 times, passed 2,000 cars and was passed by only 11. The slow driver braked 623 times, passed 445 times, and was passed 145 times in 58 hours, 47 minutes.

Unconnected, West Germany’s biggest motorcycle club tried the test themselves over an 888-mile run. The fast car took 16 hours, 32 minutes; the slow one took 21 minutes longer. The fast driver used 16 more gallons of gas than did the slower driver. (National Safety Council)

NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL — During recent Company “F” Marine Formation, Major James Neuman presents Sgt Jack Mercado with the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V" for meritorious achievement while serving in Vietnam in 1966.

COMMANDING OFFICER . . . . . . . . CAPT. J. W. OSMER EXECUTIVE OFFICER . . . . . . . . . . . . . CDR T. C. BOSWORTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER . . . . . . . . . . . . LT. C. C. PAINTER ASST. PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER . . . . . . . . CTC J. C. DEVITT EDITOR IN CHIEF . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . JOE LES GOLDBERG

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First Words

by R. D. Norr"o

It might be interesting to note what the first words of NAA, as a new man looks, especially one stationed at NAA, Bremerhaven. We averaged all the men in CHAIR 130 to have a meeting and come up with the following statistics: He is 5 feet 8 inches; has a size 23 trouser, a 15½ shirt and a 3 or 4 inch hue; he has brown hair and eyes, weighs 159 pounds, is 27 years, 6 months and 13 days old and has been in Bremerhaven for about 14 months. Or, he is an average, red-blooded U.S. male with a distinctive like for German beer.

Foxhole Defenders

We’ll find the field problem and the rifle training are finally over it was a major task for the men. All the by-laws and regulations and order that we could imagine were thrown to the wind, and we were left to our own devices. The new men were eager to intercept a patrol or reconnoiter a nearby German camp. It was tiring to see the thousands of men working so hard after all their training to get those orders that they had been working for.

Sleeping in the Foxholes

Those of us who have been here for a few months might have noticed that the foxholes have been dug deeper and the box shells have been replaced with some new design. The new designs appear to be more comfortable and offer better protection from the elements.

VA Benefits

WASHINGTON — According to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, there are 30 million veterans in the United States. Of these, 26 million are eligible for the benefits offered by the VA.

Although it is a relatively new program, VA benefits are widely known and generally considered to be a valuable resource for veterans and their families.

The VA benefits program includes a wide range of services, including health care, education, housing, and disability support. The program is designed to provide assistance to veterans who have served in the military and to their families.

The benefits are available to all eligible veterans, regardless of their military service or length of service. The program is funded by taxes paid by veterans and their families.

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It Was a Day Of change for Second Division

The fourteenth of July was a day of change in Second Division. LCDR Edward G. Mcgrath relieved LT Robert V. Kehphart as Division Officer and LT Jay H. Wilkinson assumed duties of Assistant Division Officer.

LCDR Edward G. Mcgrath and his family arrived from NAVCOMSTA Morocco where he was the Operations Officer. LT Kehphart and family departed Bremerhaven on the fourth of August for Norfolk, VA, where he will be assigned to the SEEBRIGET, CRKCLANTFLY. Since reporting to Bremerhaven in August of 1966, LT Kehphart initially served as Assistant Division Officer and later as Division Officer.

CW2 Lawrence C. Schaffer has returned from Operational TAD and has resumed his duties as Technical Support Officier for Second Division.

By W. G. Castle

Since I will be leaving shortly, this will be my last article for the Windjammer. I'm presently running around yelling "short!"

I'll try my best to give you a true picture of the windjammer and the various things we do here. I have been there for almost a week and I have never had the good fortune of being a golfer at lovely Windy Acres?

WINDY ACRES

Being an avid golfer and proud of it, I ventured out recently with several friends and gave it a take of a time. Pro material I'm definitely not, but I enjoy the game. I'm afraid I can't get quite as excited as some of our co-workers, however. My golf is very primitive and I was quite amused and lost forever in the sounds of Windy Acres itself, which when told to think of it, isn’t very hard to do, but I must confess for him by what he is.

I've seen short temper people in my day, but Greg has to be the topper. First of all let me say, Greg post once when I was there. He is a good fellow, but I'm sure he has the temper of his. Have you ever seen anyone throw a bag of clubs or a club in a bag of clubs? This is not a recommended habit and should only be witnessed from a great distance. Oh well, maybe Greg is still taking out his vengeance on whoever foisted his VW several weeks ago.

Truthfully, I myself probably held the course for laughs when I practically flipped over the club house just a few days ago. Since that close call with humiliation, I have steered clear of the first hole, much to the manager's delight, I'm sure.

More recently, I actually sunk a 4-foot putt on the seventh hole. It was the biggest in my entire cup of duffing, I mean golfing. I'm only mentionning it to let you know that there was no witness and no one will believe me.

NEWEST LGT

Getting on to more serious matters, I think a belated public announced congratulations is in order on this command's newest LGT. LTG Morgan recently replaced several tarnished gold bars for four shiny silver ones. As Mr. Morgan would say, Atta boy... sir! Also due to a change in the incremental date for advancement to E5, Bob Mason and Neil Guesthorne became second class, almost overnight. Maybe now Bob can ship all his home clothes.

He was just about to the point of not being around the area with his guitar, singing for gleaning. That has been disastrous for all of us.

Loser Of The Month Award

By EN2 Jim Pederson

For the second consecutive month, Public Works has sponsored a contest for the “Loser of the Month”. The award is given to the individual who has made the most mistakes or errors in their work. The winner is selected by a panel of judges based on a variety of criteria, including errors made, time spent fixing mistakes, and overall performance.

The contest has gained popularity among the staff, with many feeling that it is a good way to encourage attention to detail and improve quality. The loser is usually given a small prize, such as a certificate or a gift card, to help them reflect on their mistakes and improve their performance.

This month’s winner was a member of the Maintenance Department, who received a certificate of recognition and a small prize. The winner was congratulated by their supervisor and the entire department, who praised their efforts and encouraged them to continue improving.

The Loser of the Month Award is a reminder to all staff members that mistakes happen and that it is important to learn from them and strive for excellence in all aspects of their work.