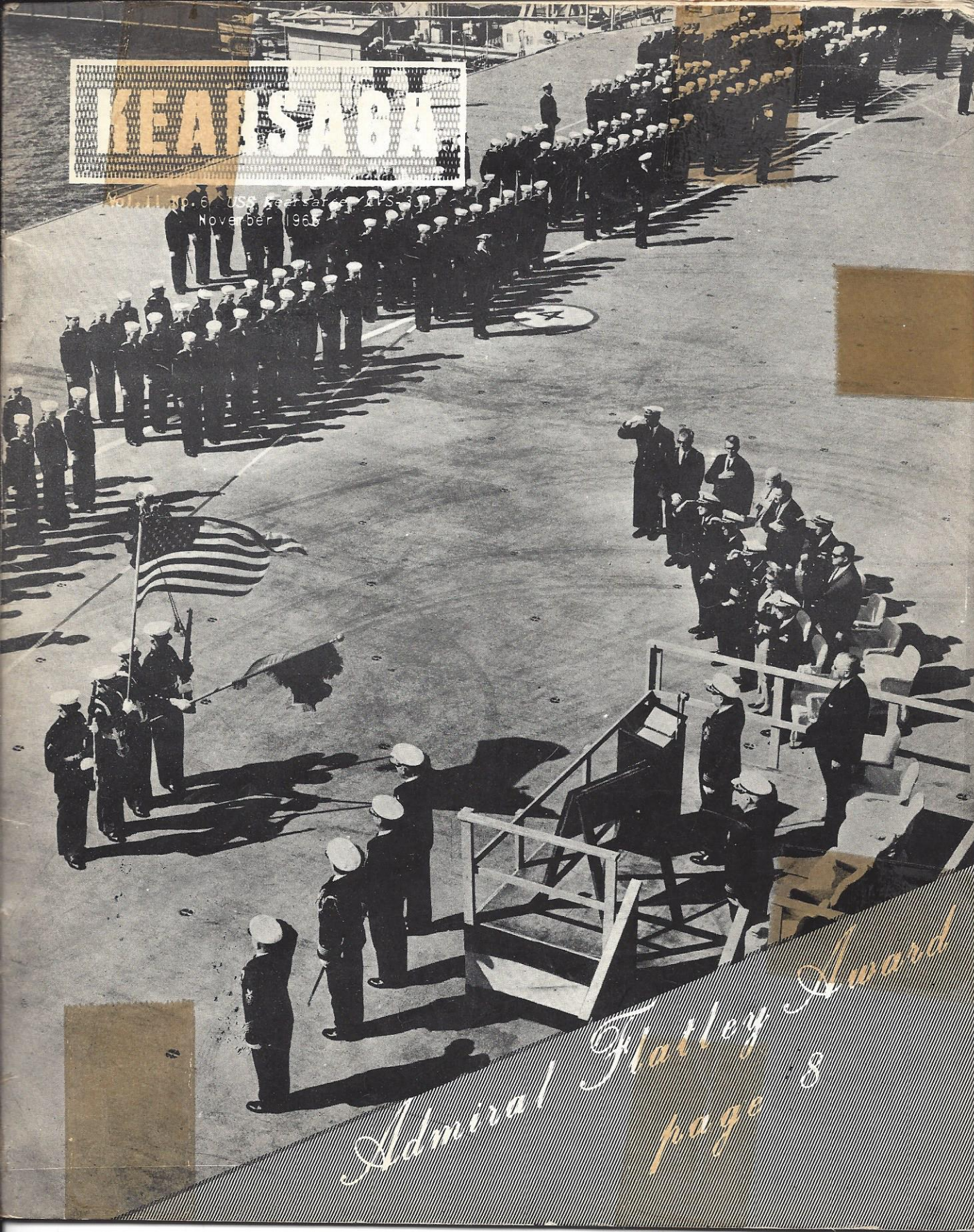


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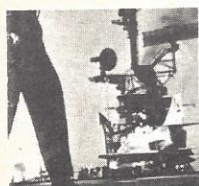
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For aviation safety during 1964 while conducting ASW operations, USS KEARSARGE was presented the coveted Admiral Flatley Memorial Award. The ceremony was held October 15.

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'How Long You in For?' 'The Duration and Six!'

TODAY'S young serviceman probably has not heard the expression "duration and six." It ment a person was in service for the duration of World War II and six months afterward. He was "frozen" until the job was done.

The expression afforded those wartime personnel a means for prideful joking. "Hey Joe! How long you in for?"

"The duration and six, what else, buddy."

This exchange usually brought laughs, making each person feel just a little more important, knowing his country needed him and he could go home only when things were wrapped up.

It was not unusual to see a 38-year-old bank teller, insurance man or farmer, matching push-ups with an 18-year-old high school graduate. Even some 45-year-olds were drafted. The older basic trainee invariably was called "Pop."

For some 20 years now, it has not been necessary to put men into service for the "duration and six." During the past 10 years no one over 26 has been drafted.

Recently, draft calls were considerably increased with the Navy and Marine Corps also asking for men. This marks the first time the Marine Corps has called on the Selective Service System since the Korean Conflict.

Some service personnel have had their terms extended several months and recruit training has been stepped up. That's where it stands now.

WWII victory was achieved, in great part, because of patriotic support. A woman recently referred to her WWII service saying matter-of-factly, "It was the patriotic thing to do at the time." A young man told his recruiter, "I have no right to my country's peacetime benefits if I fail to protect them during times of need."

Perhaps the old WWII exchange would have meaning today if changed slightly. "Hey Joe! How long you in for?"

"As long as my country needs me!"

America
will be the
Land of the
Free...Only so
long as it's
the Home of
the Brave!



KEARSAGA Wins Second Merit

The KEARSAGA has done it again!

For the second time since the beginning of its new format, the ship's monthly news magazine has received a **MERIT AWARD** from the Chief of Information, Rear Admiral William P. Mack.

The award covers the second quarter of calendar year 1965 and names the KEARSAGA as one of 50 outstanding Navy news magazines. Selections were made from a field of 500 papers. The latest award will take its place beside the one received for the last calendar year of 1964.

In accepting the **MERIT AWARD** the staff of the KEARSAGA wishes to thank the Photo Lab and Print Shop staffs for their excellent production work. Receiving this award would not have been possible without the cooperation of everyone concerned in helping to compile the KEARSAGA.

Crows Soar From Horn of Plenty

Thanksgiving will be just a little happier for 65 of Kay's crew this year. They compose the one first class, two second class, 12 third class and 51 seamen who sew on new petty officer crowns November 16 and receive their advancement certificates from Captain Merle M. Hershey.

This group is the first of six increments to be advanced as a result of the August service-wide examinations. A total of 135 Kearsarge crewmen will be advanced during the months January through April. Listings of these promotions will appear in later Kearsarge issues.

Following are those personnel being advanced within the first increment:

ANGELL, D.W., SFP2
BALDUS, H.J., ETR3
BERNARDI, O.J., YN3
REATHARD, J.H., RM3
BOSWELL, R.L., ETR3
BOUGHAN, E.L., QM3
BRENDTRO, R.J., YN3
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BRISSON, J.L., HM3

BURGAR, D.N., QM3
CONLEY, P.O., EM3
CORNETT, W.J., ABH3
CONLIN, P.J., ABF3
COLLINS, L.L., QM3
CULLOR, C.D., QM3
DENSON, J.P., ETR3
DODD, J.E., ETN3
EARL, J.F., SFP2
EMERSON, R.A., AK3
FOLEY, E.H., ADR3
GALLAGHER, P.M., ETR3

GARCIA, M (N), SK3
GONZALES, E.F., ETR2
GREEN, B.R., DC3
HANSON, M.E., DK3
HAYS, R.L., ABH2
HOSELTON, L.R., EM3
HOWARD, C.J., BT3
JENSEN, D.L., RM2

KENNEDY, L.W., SH3
KELLY, P.H., AK3
KIDD, R.L., SM3
KINSEY, J.E., EM2
LEPPER, L.A., BT3
LUND, R.G., RM2
MAUCK, D.A., FTG3
MARKWITH, R.L., BT3
MCCOMBS, J.H., RD2
MCCONNELL, J.D., SM2
MCFARLAND, L.D., YN3
MEYERS, R.L., YN3

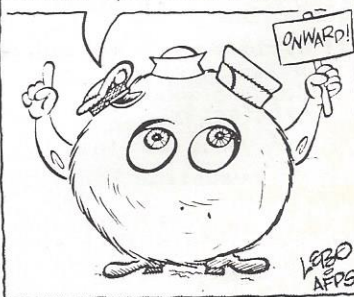
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MILES, W.N., CS3
NAUMAN, J.R., PH3
NIEMELA, E.M., RM2
NICHOLS, P.A., RM2
PALMER, F. (N), CSI
PARKER, S.R., RD3
RIDGEWAY, R.E., DC3
ROSEN, H.A., TM3
RODGERS, J.F., AMS3
RUPE, P.D., EM2
SEYMOUR, M.J., EN3
SHOEMAKER, K.R., GMG3
SHARP, K.M., FTG3

SINQUEFIELD, L. (N), CS3
SMITH, R.D., RD3
SMITH, N.C., AG3
SMITH, E.N., MM3
SWANGER, B.D., BT3
TALMADGE, M.J., ABH1
TOWNSEND, K.B., BT3
WILLIAMS, W.N., YN3
WOLFORD, J.A., ABH3



FOOF'S SPOOFS

EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, DON'T STOP TO **REST**—YOU MIGHT GET **RUN OVER**.





AFPS

PARADOX--Igor, pet of 8th Army parachute riggers in Korea, enjoys jumping with his masters.

'Bird-Dog' Igor Shows No Fear at Jumping

Igor, a seven-month-old pup who owns the parachute riggers at Ascom Depot, Korea, isn't a bird dog, but he has more right to call himself one than most dogs.

He recently completed his fifth parachute jump, and now proudly wears his parachutist's wings on his collar. He even has his own 18-foot, green and white parachute.

Igor made his first jump when he was about four months old. The riggers thought it would be best to start him young so that any fear of height would be eliminated. The pup surprised

IC3 Miller Selected As Outstanding Bluejacket

KEARSARGE has selected her Outstanding Bluejacket award recipient for the first quarter of fiscal year 1966.

He is Donald R. Miller, Interior Communications Electrician Third Class of the Engineering Department.

In addition to personal congratulations from Cdr. L. W. S. Laubach, Miller was presented with a certificate of merit in ceremonies witnessed by his department Nov. 5 on the carrier's flight deck.



DONALD R. MILLER

KAY's new Bluejacket is the leading petty officer in charge of the "E" Division shop responsible for the repair and maintenance of the ship's sound powered communications system.

In nominating him for the award, Miller's Division Officer, Ensign David R. Grant, wrote, "Miller is above all a worker. When any question exists in doing a job he is personally on hand to insure it's done correctly. His professional skill as an IC Electrician, his determination and above all, dependability have made him one of the finest third class petty officers in the division, and in WestPac earned him a well deserved Captain's commendation."

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Miller of Utica, Michigan, the Bluejacket was graduated from Utica High School prior to joining the Navy in October 1961. He reported on board **KEARSARGE** in December 1962.

Change of Rating Proves Fruitful

A 14-year veteran, who began his Navy career as an airman, a seaman, a personnelman, and pipe fitter, will receive an appointment to Chief Ship Fitter, Nov. 16.

Albert E. Evans, Jr., 33, of Davis, Calif., will don the coveted hard hat as **Kay's** sole first class promotion to the CPO ranks in November.

Evans entered the service as an airman, serving with trans-



port squadrons 2, 5 and 23 during which he worked toward an aviation metalsmith rating. Then, he switched to personnel man and while assigned to the Naval Repair Facility at San Diego, changed his rate to pipefitter third class.

After a tour on **USS RANGER**, he reported to **KEARSARGE** as a shipfitter first class, assuming LPO duties in the ship's shop.

Evans, his wife Estella and three children reside in Wilmington, Calif.

This Is The Captain Speaking

The holiday season will soon be here and with it the usual hustle and bustle of people traveling to spend these happy days with family and friends. They will travel by all modes available, including automobiles, buses, trains, and airplanes. Many will be Navymen and their families, some of them from *KEARSARGE*.

The volume of traffic will increase and many people, spurred by their eagerness to enjoy life, will fail to value it at its true worth, ignoring the grim statistics that our traffic analysts publish each year. I hope that the men of *Kearsarge* will be among those who exercise the maximum in safety precautions—not only during the holidays but at all times.

USN REPRESENTATIVES

While holiday traffic safety is of paramount importance, there is another serious matter also for us to consider — the fact that we are representatives of the United States Navy. There is never a holiday from this duty so long as we wear the uniform of an American fighting man.

Some of you will be traveling to small towns where few servicemen are seen. There the way people see you will be the way they see the Navy. To them you are the Navy, and to the other people in the Navy, you are *Kearsarge*.

IMAGE IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE

Presenting a good Navy image is of prime importance, especially at this critical time in world affairs. We owe it to ourselves and to our fellow Americans to wear the uniform proudly. A smart, military appearance, coupled with dignified, gentlemanly conduct will best demonstrate to our civilian friends and relatives that we take our responsibilities for the defense of the country seriously and that they may depend upon us when the going gets rough.

CHOOSE CAREFULLY WHAT WE SAY

Because of the conflict in the Republic of Vietnam there has been some turmoil and agitation by certain of our people who would use any involvement on our part as a source of embarrassment to the Armed Forces. For this reason we must be careful

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CAPTAIN M. M. HERSHEY

Cdr. Laubach Kearsarge's New Exec

Commander Luther W. S. Laubach became *Kearsarge's* Executive Officer Oct. 18 after serving as Commander of Carrier Anti-submarine Air Group 52.

Born in 1923 in San Antonio, Tex., the commander attended high school in Georgetown, Tex., and graduated from the University of Maryland.

He entered the Navy's V-1 program in 1942 and received his commission in 1944 at Cornell University.

Commander Laubach's first assignment was on board *USS BOMBARD*, then in 1947 he assumed command of *USS SWALLOW*. Two years later he reported to flight training, receiving his wings in April 1950.

IN KOREA

During the Korean Conflict he flew with Fighter Squadron



53 off the carriers *USS VALLEY FORGE* and *USS ESSEX*. For action against the enemy he was awarded the Distinguished

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Leatherneck laurels

By PFC A.A. GRANT, IV

In response to our football challenge in the last issue of the *KEARSAGA*, we finally got a game going.

V-3 Division and the Marines played on Nov. 4 at the Naval Station field. Both teams played well, with V-3 mostly running the ball while the Marines concentrated on passing. Our quarterback, 1stLt. D.C. Williams, made the scoring passes to LCpl Herb Linder and PFC Robert DeAvila. Linder was good for one touchdown and DeAvila made one TD and two conversions. The final score was 14 to 6. Thanks to V-3 for a good game. We certainly hope that other divisions will start to eat their Wheaties too.

Last month was promotion

PROMOTIONS

Last month was promotion month. Six LCpls and six Cpls received their advancement certificates from Capt. M.M. Hershey during ceremonies abreast of the quarterdeck.

Our new LCpls are: Gary L. Kirkpatrick, Randall F. Leonardo, Bryce S. Cool, Stephen H. Smith, Rodney Baker, A.C. Howard.

The new corporals are: Virgil H. Frana, Larry Horky, Joseph Herrera, Jr., Harris K. Shellito, Ozeal Lee, and Charles Van Dyke.

HIGH SHOOTER

One Marine is gaining a little notoriety. LCpl Ronald A. Schoub was one of the high Marine rifle shooters of the year.

With a score of 237, Schoub was first in the "C" Division of West Coast shooters. Although they didn't win any awards, Cpl Harris Shellito

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Madre's Marianne

Marriage

By Cdr. C.M. Tawler, USN

In an attempt to be helpful in marriage preparation, some counselors take a very dim view of the realities of "romantic love." They ignore that when people "fall in love," their emotions, physical and spiritual, are aroused. A glance, a word or touch can be like an electrical shock, and as unobserved by an outsider. Love at this stage is exciting.

But, when this fever-pitch excitement dies a quiet kind of death, so slowly that many couples hardly know it is gone, has love gone too? Is any excitement left?

Personal, human love, the love between two people of opposite sex does have a continuing excitement, but it is more spiritual than physical. This depends upon a definite awareness of the nature of the involvement.

Teilhard de Chardin whether it be the members of a society, spiritual synthesis - In every organized perfect themselves." profound observation the happy marriage.

woman, perfect themselves in the marriage and the union becomes strong and more enduring, not because they are alike but because they are so different.

Having one mind and one heart they still have an individual, unique personality, with a different personal role. The woman is not a pale reflection of the male. As a wife she becomes more womanly. The husband becomes more manly. Deliberately, they differentiate to achieve perfection.

A marriage dedicated to achieve perfection, for the union and for the individuals, is seldom dull. The husband is not jealous of his wife's growth or accomplishments and the wife is not resentful of her husband's authority. Becoming complementary partners is a challenging and life-long vocation.

The outsider can see this. Love at work, love succeeding is very visible. Happy marriages are always exciting and identifiable.



says "In any domain-cells of a body, the or the elements of a union differentiates. whole, the parts per- Reflecting upon this we can relate it to

The members, man and woman, perfect themselves in the marriage and the union becomes strong and more enduring, not because they are alike but because they are so different.

"Our glory is peace, not war; our greatness is in people, not power. The history of America is a history of outstanding achievements by individuals." — President Johnson at ceremony awarding 30 Presidential Medals of Freedom, Sept. 14, 1964.





The Admiral James H. Flatley Memorial Award for Naval Aviation Safety in antisubmarine warfare carrier operations was officially presented to *USS KEARSARGE* October 15.

Before the ship's company, resplendently decked out in full dress blue uniform, Rear Admiral Fillmore B. Gilkeson, Commander of Antisubmarine Group Three, made the presentation to Captain Merle M. Hershey and his crew.

The massive bronze plaque, representative of the award, shown brightly on the podium. It is now being displayed on the ship's quarterdeck for visitors to view. It will remain on board the rest of this fiscal year and will only be forwarded to a succeeding winner should *KEARSARGE's* safety record be topped this year.

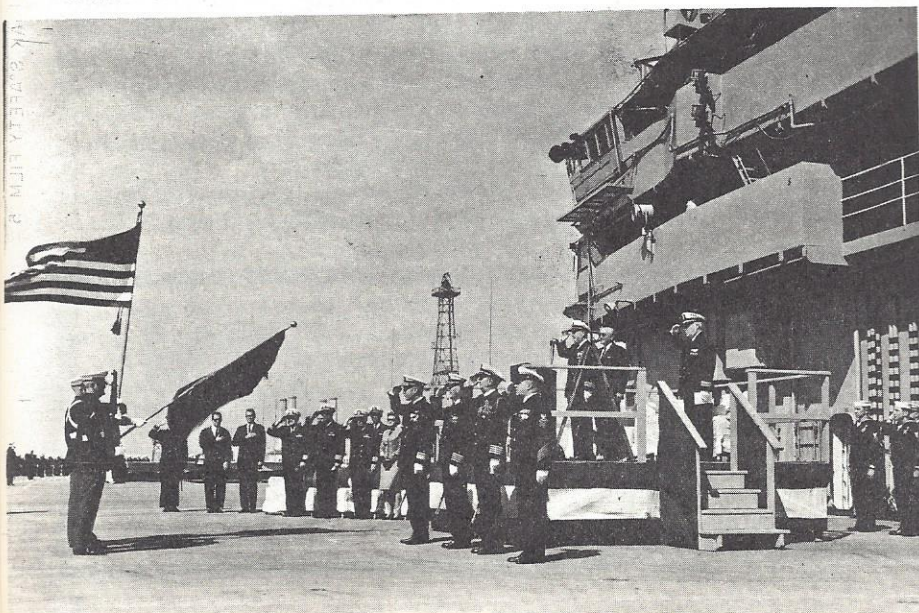
A smaller wall plaque of the award will be retained on board to hang along side those of Kay's space recoveries and other achievements.



Captain Merle M. Hershey accepts Admiral Flatley Memorial Award

Kay Presented ASW Flatley Award

Rendering honors to the color guard are special guests and military dignitaries present for the awards ceremony.



RAdm. Gilkeson and Capt. Hershey during cake-cutting ceremony.

Career

COUNSELLOR



A multitude of subjects came across the career counselor's desk this month; such as leadership in retention, education, life insurance and general military training.

LEADERSHIP IN RETENTION

An article by John G. Hubbell, first published in "The Navy Blue Book," relates the new program precipitated by General Order #21, and how important it is to turn the tide of apathy and cynicism if we are to remain combat ready. Although the article, entitled *To Give Our Young Men A Goal*, was first published five years ago it remains as timely as ever. There's still the need for good personal example, moral responsibility and good management practices. "In emphasizing the retention effort," says an AirPac leadership representative, "we may have a tendency to stress reenlistment incentives and minimize the thought that Naval Leadership should be the bedrock of our reenlistment efforts."

EDUCATIONAL POLICY

A naval aviation squadron has instituted a policy which utilizes the reporting interview to determine a newcomer's educational background. If the man desires to further his education, he is encouraged to do so in a follow-up interview scheduled after he has settled in the unit.

Taking into consideration that for a man to get a high school diploma in California

he must earn a minimum of two credits in actual attendance, the squadron is adjusting the working hours of a select number of outstanding personnel to meet this requirement.

THINK AHEAD

The Department of Defense has announced that persons thinking about cancelling the new \$10,000 group life insurance should definitely THINK TWICE.

Once the coverage is cancelled, a complete physical examination is required to reinstate it. A doctor's certificate will not suffice. The physical examination must meet civilian insurance medical standards.

The Department points out that a person may be qualified for military service and still not be qualified for reinstatement by civilian insurers' medical standards.

Also, before any cancellation of other insurance, the insurance officer should be consulted.

A handy guide containing information on insurance matters is the *Armed Forces Life Insurance Counselor's Guide NAVPERS 15212*. Incidentally, SGLI does not effect any NSLI now in force.

MILITARY TRAINING

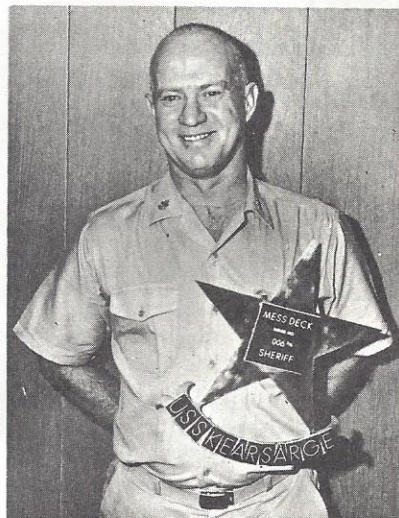
A new instruction has been released concerning General Military Training. It is OPNAVINST 1500.22.

This instruction outlines the specific objectives of general military training as developing an appreciation for the unique role the Navy has played in American history, and pride in himself as a professional in the naval service.

It should also create within the individual an awareness of the opportunities and responsibilities of a naval career and give him an understanding of the fundamental principles of our constitutional form of

government and the forces which threaten its security.

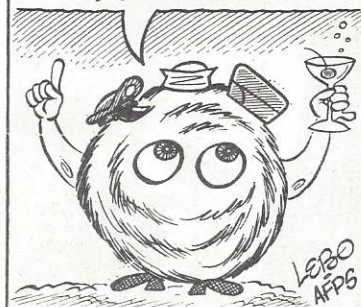
The instruction points out that the division officer is in charge of his personnel and is responsible for their training.



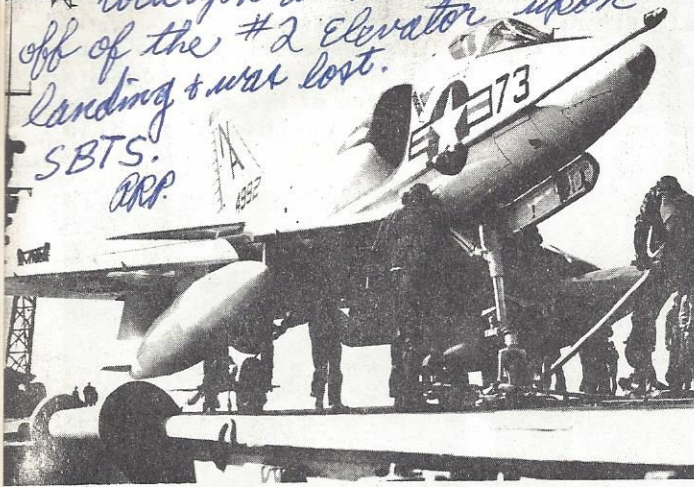
Chief Aviation Structural Mechanic Virgil A. Turner wears a badge presented to him by admiring fellow chiefs. The badge, along with a ludicrous letter of commendation from the Kay's Chiefs' Mess, lauds Chief Turner for the "outstanding manner" in which he has performed his new duties as Chief-Mess-Deck-Master-at-Arms... a job, the letter describes as "an exalted position."

FOOF'S SPOOFS

DIGNITY IS DIFFICULT TO PRESERVE IN ALCOHOL.



Dad, this is the plane that I told you about that went off of the #2 Elevator upon landing & was lost. SBTs. ARP.



VSF-1 aircraft is readied for cat shot.

The modern-day antisubmarine warfare (ASW) team was developed by the Navy to provide protection to other units of the Fleet from surprise attack by hostile submarines.

To accomplish their part of this vital mission, antisubmarine aircraft carriers serve as the at-sea base for ASW squadrons designed to seek out and destroy the enemy. These carriers have little worry of being surprised by undersea forces, but like all surface vessels, they remain vulnerable to air attack.

Until recently, the ASW Task Force was provided air protection by small detachments from attack-type squadrons. Today, however, the Navy has in commission a unique air defense squadron geared especially for the protection of our ASW units both in the Pacific and Atlantic Fleets. It's officially listed as Antisubmarine Warfare Fighter Squadron One, or VSF-1.

A "first" by VSF-1 on KEARSARGE



ONLY 14 AT CEREMONY

Commanded by Commander C.E. Waring of Savannah, Ga., VSF-1 was commissioned July 1, 1965, at the Naval Air Station, Lemoore, Calif. There were only two officers, Cdr. Waring and Lt(jg) John Chernowski, and 14 enlisted men then assigned to the squadron who attended the ceremony. Shortly afterwards, these "plank owners" moved their unit to its present home base, NAS Alameda near San Francisco.

MAJOR CONVERSION

As weeks went by new men arrived to bolster the squadron's strength. For those who

I flung my soul to the air

Like a falcon flying...William Rose B

ASW Falcon

had little or no experience in handling the A4 "Skyhawk" jet aircraft, they were sent to schools. As for the pilots, their task was converting their attack-type aircraft into a fighter-type interceptor. This proved to be a major undertaking since most of them came from attack and patrol squadrons. And, so, for three months it was work, change, and work some more.

OFF TO SEA

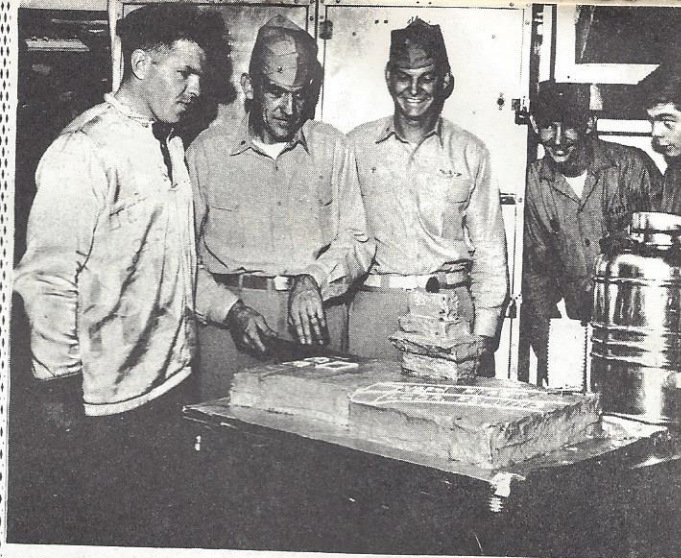
On October 18, the big day

ASW Task Force to receive fighter



net

cons Aloft



First landing ceremony is celebrated by (l-r) M.J. Kluksdahal, ADJ1, LCdr. T.A. Felling who made initial set down, and Cdr. C.E. Waring

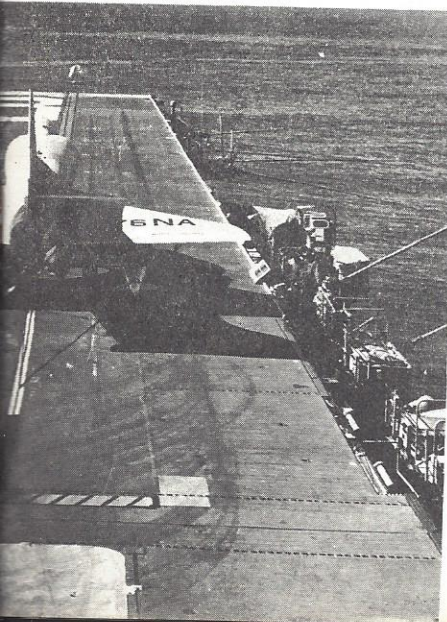
came. The squadron was going to sea for the first time since being commissioned.

Off the coast of California, Cdr. Waring led three of his five pilots onto the angled deck of the antisubmarine aircraft carrier *USS KEARSARGE*, thus marking a first for VSF-1. Besides Lt(jg) Chernowski, the other pilots were Lt. Cdr. Philip Johnson and Lt.Cdr. T.A. Felling.

MAKES 98,000TH LANDING

Later that same day, Cdr.

air cover from new VSF-1 squadron



Waring added still another achievement for his newly formed unit by making the 98,000th landing on the carrier. All hands, including the squadron's ground maintenance officer, Lt. E.J. Bradley and senior enlisted plankowner M.J. Kluksdahal, AD1, celebrated by tasting the traditional ceremonial cake

During the ensuing 18 hours flight time the pilots spent on board *KEARSARGE*, they made 55 day landings and 24 night landings toward their carrier qualification. This, however, was only the beginning of a rigorous schedule set for VSF-1.

PREPARING FOR DEPLOYMENT

The next two months will be devoted to a concentrated effort by the present five pilots and 120 maintenance men in grooming their first detachment for deployment to the Far East sometime early next year. In the meantime, crews will train while pilots spend a portion of their flight time at USMCAS Yuma, Ariz., undergoing "Sidewinder" rocket practice being adapted for fighter tactics.

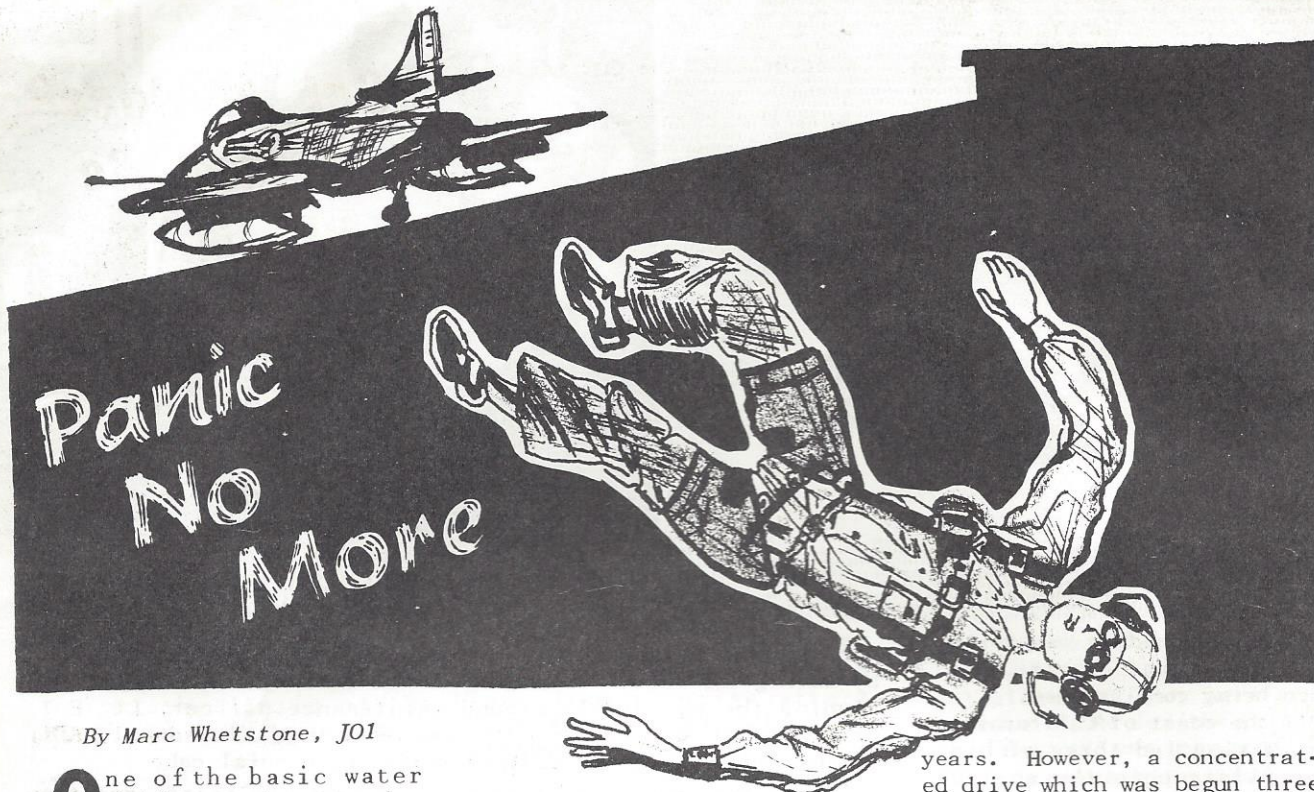
FULL STRENGTH BY MAY

"By next May," says Cdr. Waring, "the squadron should be up to its normal strength of 24 pilots, 225 enlisted men and four ground officers. He added that VSF-1 is primarily a Pacific Fleet unit. "However, if the occasion should ever arise, we are committed to support the Atlantic Fleet also."

Bearing in mind that the squadron is new and flies one of the smallest combatant jets in the world, it faces a tremendous challenge - portraying the ASW Falcon of the Navy's Hunter-Killer Team.

VSF-1 Skipper, Cdr. C.E. Waring





By Marc Whetstone, JO1

One of the basic water life-saving techniques taught Navy-men is to convert their trousers into a buoyant float by tying knots in the pants legs. This has been a practice used for as long as sailors began wearing pants.

Today, however, under evaluation at the Navy's Aerospace Recovery Facility at El Centro, Calif., is a unique combination of nylon strapping and rubber which shows promise in saving lives of aircraft carrier flight deck personnel who find

themselves at the mercy of the sea...with or without pants.

RESEMBLES A HARNESS

Basically, it resembles a parachute harness...less the parachute. It is designed with the primary purpose of serving as a lightweight life jacket which can be comfortably worn day and night without hindering a man while doing his job.

According to Aerospace engineer J.W. Turner, the idea is not new. In fact, various styles and modifications have been under study for several

years. However, a concentrated drive which was begun three years ago has narrowed the field to where the Navy feels it may have solved the problem with this new inflation-collar harness.

They've entitled it the *Thigh-type Plane Captain Restraint Harness*. Two other types are also under study, the *H-type* and *Torso-type*.

VA-125 TESTS...

To get a more comprehensive evaluation of the harnesses, the Bureau of Naval Weapons, spear-heading the project,

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THIGH-TYPE Harness is designed with helo-hoist ring for easy recovery as demonstrated here by C.L. McGinnis, AE3 of VA-125. He, together with squadron equipment officer Lt. G.C. Creighton, and ARF Engineer J.W. Turner, discuss the harness with Kay's XO, Cdr. Laubach. It proved worthy





DONNING the Thigh-type Harness is an easy process with a minimum of coupling devices.

channelled the practical testing through Aerospace to Attack Squadron One-Twenty-Five at NAS Lemoore, Calif.

...ON USS KEARSARGE

The final judgment came during mid-October on board *KEARSARGE*. Under the careful observance of Mr. Turner, the squadron plane captains and handlers put the harnesses through a rigorous 500-hour testing. They climbed onto, under, around and all but through their A4 Skyhawk jet aircraft. Of primary concern was if the garment or its metal fittings would hang up or cause a hinderance. The general consensus, said Mr. Turner, was that the *Thigh-type Harness* passed all its tests.

FAVORED BY CREW

The *Thigh-type Harness* seemed to be the favorite among the crew. It has two collapsed rubber flotation wings which are fastened to a strap on the harness. They are situated directly under the arms of the wearer and may be inflated upon contact with the water by activating two small CO2 bottles, one for each wing. Oral inflating tubes are featured in the event the wings become

punctured or the CO2 malfunctions.

On the right side of the harness shoulder strap is a battery powered blinker light visible for several miles, and a standard whistle to be used in destroyer rescue at night. Directly below the light is the standard helicopter pickup ring which may be clipped onto a helo hoist hook for recovery. Located in the thigh padding will be a slot which the maintenance man may keep a ready screw driver. And, one favored feature of this harness is that it will fit men weighing from 125 to 250 pounds by adjusting the straps.



WEARING the Harness under normal working conditions does not hinder aircraft mechanics.

The ultimate decision has yet to be made as to which harness will be accepted but it's pretty safe to assume that after final evaluations have been tallied, the *Thigh-type Harness* stands a good chance of being adapted into fleet carrier-wide use.

But, regardless of the selection, *KEARSARGE's* executive officer, Commander L.W.S. Laubach, made it infinitely clear that "flotation gear is something that's been needed for a long time."

Something besides knot-tied trousers, anyway.

Got An Idea? It May Be Worth \$\$

President Johnson has signed into law the authority to pay cash awards of up to \$25,000 to military personnel for suggestions, inventions, or scientific achievements which contribute to the efficiency and economy of government operations.

Here aboard *KEARSARGE*, any such contributions should be submitted in writing to the Commanding Officer, identifying the suggester by name, rank, and serial number.

VA-121 Skipper Logs No. 500

Another milestone occurred in the career of Commander W.T. Mitchell, Jr., Commanding Officer of Air Antisubmarine Squadron Twenty-One last month. He logged his 500th carrier landing on board *KEARSARGE* while operating off the California Coast.

LEATHERNECK LAURELS

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shot a 234 and LCpl Don McEvers shot a 236. Yes, despite some contrary beliefs, we do have some outstanding shooters.

COMING EVENTS

Marines will be firing all weapons we might have to use. This will take place off the fantail during future sea periods. Some of the weapons will be the Thompson sub machine gun, 30 calibre machine gun, Browning automatic rifle, and possibly the M60 machine gun and M1 carbine. In addition, plans are trying to be worked out for some field maneuvers.



Capt. Lefevre and Cpl. Virgil Frana cut anniversary cake

Kay Marines Celebrate Corps' 190th Anniversary



The 190th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps was celebrated by the Kearsarge Marine Detachment and their guests Nov. 10 at the non-commissioned officers' club at Fort MacArthur in San Pedro, Calif.

Attending the gala ball were Rear Admiral E.T. Reich, Commander of Antisubmarine Warfare Group Five, Captain and Mrs.

M.M. Hershey, Kay's Commanding Officer, and the carrier's Executive Officer Commander L.W.S. Laubach accompanied by his guest Miss Barbara Quintard.

Highlight of the celebration was the cutting of the birthday cake by Captain P.L. Lefevre, Detachment Commanding Officer. The cake was provided for the occasion by the ship's commissarymen.

1st Lt. D.C. Williams, the Marines' Executive Officer read an anniversary document after which everyone joined in the dancing.



Reading of anniversary document is done by 1st Lt. D.C. Williams after which PFC Robert DeAvila and Miss Vicki O'Shea twist.



Joining in are Capt. and Mrs. Hershey, Cdr. Laubach and guest Miss Barbara Quintard.

PFC Tensley Stetson and Miss Darlene McCurrie (l) with PFC and Mrs. Gary Lintz at the ball.



Answer Man

The Thanksgiving season is a time to count and be thankful for all we have to enjoy here in the land of the free. With this thought in mind the KEARSAGA roving reporter this month chose to ask various crewmembers what they are most thankful for this Thanksgiving.

Chief Personnelman R.L. Bowerman of X Div., gave the answer best representative of a married man: "This year I am most thankful that I can be home with my family to enjoy Thanksgiving Day."



CHIEF BOWERMAN

B.G. Birdsong, STG3, Messdeck Master-at-Arms, said, "There are many things for which we



BIRDSONG

can be thankful. I am most thankful this year that we are in the United States instead of overseas somewhere." M.A. Cunningham, DT1, of Dental, has a special reason to be thankful this year. "For the past two years," he said, "I've been away from my family on Thanksgiving. This year I am most thankful that I can be with them."

Representing the ship's Marine Detachment, LCpl B. W. Cool was



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unhesitant when he said, "I'm

thankful to be alive and have a place to sleep, food to eat and clothing to wear. Many people are not so well off."

As mentioned before, there are numerous reasons for being thankful whether it is Thanksgiving or not. For instance, the reply to our Answer Man question as given to us by Chaplain C.W. Lawler,



CHAPLAIN LAWLER

helps us to realize that down-to-earth thankfulness should be a part of our everyday way of life. He said, "I guess I am thankful because the Dodgers won the World Series."

COOL

From all of us to all of you—
"HAPPY THANKSGIVING!"



Challenging Months Ahead

In an introductory message to All NavAirPac commands, relieving Commander Vice Admiral Thomas F. Connolly stated...

"The months ahead will continue to be challenging. Perhaps requiring even greater efforts by each of us. However, I am certain that every challenge, no matter how difficult, will be met successfully."

VAdm. Connolly relieved VAdm. Paul D. Stoop as Force Commander October 30.

New Exec.....

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Flying Cross and the Air Medal with four Gold Stars.

The commander was an instructor in 1957 at the Atlantic Fleet ASW Tactical School, Norfolk, Va., and later served as Director of the Missile Ordnance Division of Research in the Bureau of Naval Weapons.

A graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College, Cmdr. Laubach served as Commanding Officer of Air Antisubmarine Squadron 25 before becoming Commander of Carrier Antisubmarine Air Group 52 in 1964.

During the GEMINI-FOUR recovery in June 1965, the commander served as on-scene commander and was the pilot who first spotted the capsule on its descent.

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Capt. Speaking

to avoid organized demonstrations against our government's policies in Vietnam. We must constantly think twice before we speak, and if necessary to speak at all, we must remember to choose carefully what we say.

I have confidence that the men of Kearsarge will represent our Navy at home in the same splendid manner in which you have represented our country overseas in the past.



SPORTS



Kay Marksman Vie For Marine Match

KEARSARGE sailors are out to beat the ship's Marine Detachment at its own game—marksmanship—and from the look of things they may do just that!

Ten sailors participated Nov. 5 in the first of two pistol matches to be held to determine who can best represent the Bluejackets when they meet the Leathernecks in pistol firing competition later this month. The five with the highest score from these matches will be selected for the job.

FROM 25 YARDS

The matches, conducted at the Long Beach NavSta indoor firing range, provide for 10 shots at slow fire and 10 shots at rapid fire, each from a distance of

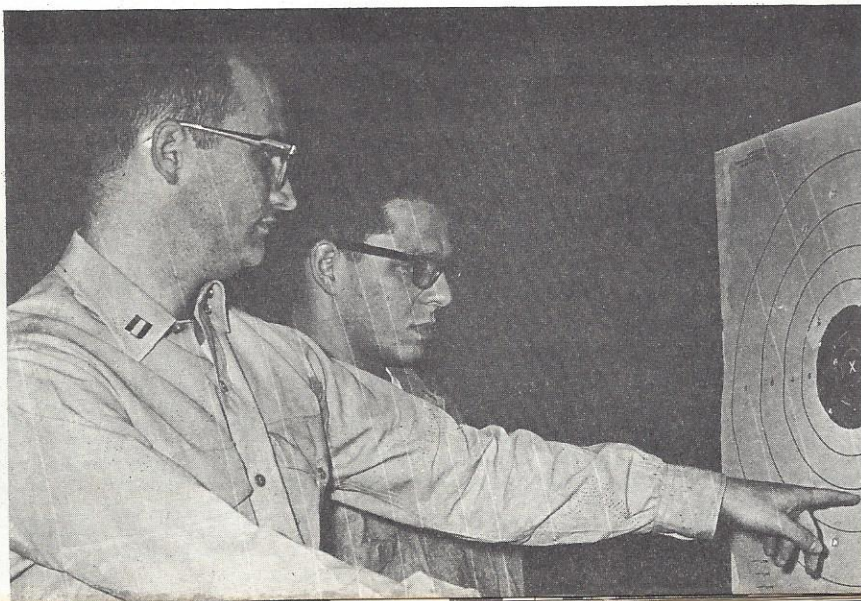
25 yards. This 20 shot total per man offers a possible score of 200 points.

HIGHEST SCORES

In the first elimination match the four Navymen with the highest scores were: LCdr. R.E. Crawford with 195, C.R. Yates, FT2, with 145, J.L. Hruska, FT3, with 133, and Jack DeMerit, LI3, with 113.

The second qualification match was set for Friday, Nov. 12.

EVALUATING their target scores are LT T.L. Hurst and LI3 Jack DeMerit. LT Hurst recently fired in IIND competition while DeMerit qualified for intramural slot against Kay's Marines.



Pistol Shooters In Good Form

Marksmen representing KEARSARGE at the 11th Naval District Pistol Match gave a good showing Oct. 9 at NAS Miramar, Calif.

The team, comprised of Lt. Lyle T. Shelton, Lt. Thomas L. Hurst, W.T. Blanton, TM3 and C.R. Yates, FT2, shot the National Match Course.

The NMC is shot twice with the .22 pistol and twice with the .45 pistol. Events include the 50 yard, 10-round slow fire; 25 yard, 10-round time fire; and 25 yard, 10-round rapid fire.

There are a possible 300 points in the course. Individual scores are as follows:

Lt Shelton	225	201	190	195
Lt Hurst	201	201	169	141
Yates	246	151	198	211
Blanton	194	209	129	173

In the past, three shooters from KEARSARGE have received the Navy Expert Pistol Medal. They are Lt. Hurst, Ens. F.J. Windle, and Yates.

There is still a need for interested personnel to represent KEARSARGE at future matches. So, if you know how to handle a shoot'in iron, see Ensign Hunt in the ship's Legal Office or call Ext. 215.



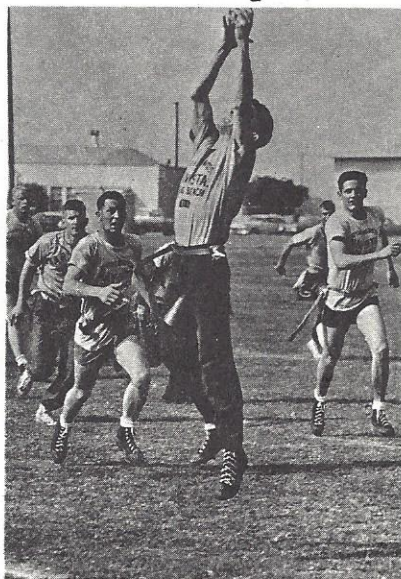
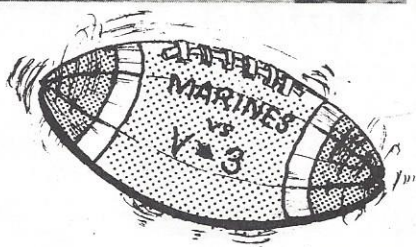
16 Teams In Running For Keg Honors

KEARSARGE's intramural bowling competition got into full swing Friday, Nov. 12, when the ship's 16 different teams met for their first tangle of the season. Games were played in the Naval Station Bowling Alley.

So intense has been the enthusiasm generated by the KEARSARGE Bowling League that three divisions were awaiting approval of the league's officials to enter their teams.

Games will be scheduled for each week KEARSARGE is in port, except during the holidays. When the bowling season ends next March, trophies furnished by the ship's Welfare and Recreation Fund Council will be presented to players with outstanding achievements.

Presently, the Engineering officers are the 1965 champions, but they face stiff competition from the First Class, the Chiefs and Kay's Medical Dept.



ACTION from the word "GO" was the gridiron clash between the Marines and V-3 (above) recently. Marine reporter PFC Grant tells his account of the game in this issue's Leatherneck Laurels.

Volleyballers Top Base Team

One of the most active sports on KEARSARGE's list is volleyball. And the ship's team has been playing it well.

In their first match, played the first of November at the Long Beach Naval Station's outdoor court, the KEARSARGE team defeated the Naval Station Personnel Office by a sweeping victory.

GAMES SCHEDULED

Subsequent games have been scheduled with the Naval Station Marine Detachment, the USS HAVEN, and various other Long Beach-based vessels.

There is still a need for "qualified" players. If you are interested, see LCdr. Shrewsbury in the Weapons Office.

DID YOU KNOW?

Joe Louis defended his heavyweight title a record 25 times.

The Preakness winner at Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore, Md., has been named Horse of the Year 13 times in the past 29 years.

ANSWER TO PUZZLE

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A HAPPY From Your PIO Staff THANKSGIVING

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 1-Time gone by
- 5-Man's nick-name
- 9-The ural
- 12-River in Germany
- 13-Fleet of ships
- 14-Hawaiian wreath
- 15-Tropical fruit (pl.)
- 17-Opposite to windward
- 19-Clothes-maker
- 21-Units
- 22-Ridicule
- 24-Preposition
- 25-Parcel of land
- 26-Hurried
- 27-Grated
- 29-Symbol for cerium
- 31-Urge on
- 32-Guido's low note
- 33-King of Bashan
- 34-Shallow vessel
- 35-Symbol for tellurium
- 36-Theater attendants
- 38-Illuminated
- 39-Residue
- 40-Compass point
- 41-Path
- 42-Skin ailment
- 44-Whirlpools
- 46-Order
- 48-Partners
- 51-Simian
- 52-Projecting tooth
- 54-Withered
- 55-Enchantment
- 56-Peel
- 57-Man's name

DOWN

- 1-Seed container
- 2-Girl's name
- 3-Scenic environment of play
- 4-Handle

5-Symbol for tin

- 6-Claws
- 7-Declare
- 8-Brood of pheasants
- 9-Incline
- 10-At this place
- 11-Helps
- 16-Spanish for "yes"
- 18-Forest
- 20-Disinclined
- 22-Allowance for waste
- 23-Carry on
- 25-Limbs
- 27-Hurry
- 28-Studied
- 29-Son of Adam
- 30-Heraldry: grafted
- 34-Wall coating
- 36-Employed
- 37-Make beloved
- 39-Join

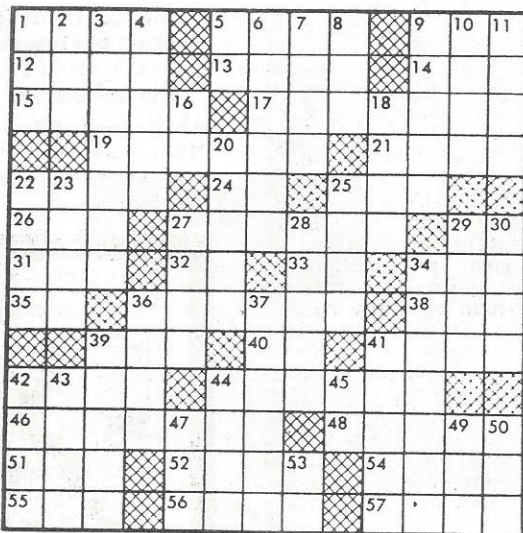
41-Rent

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- 43-Sleeveless cloak
- 44-Sicilian volcano

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- 47-Snake
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- 50-Dry, as wine
- 53-Earth goddess

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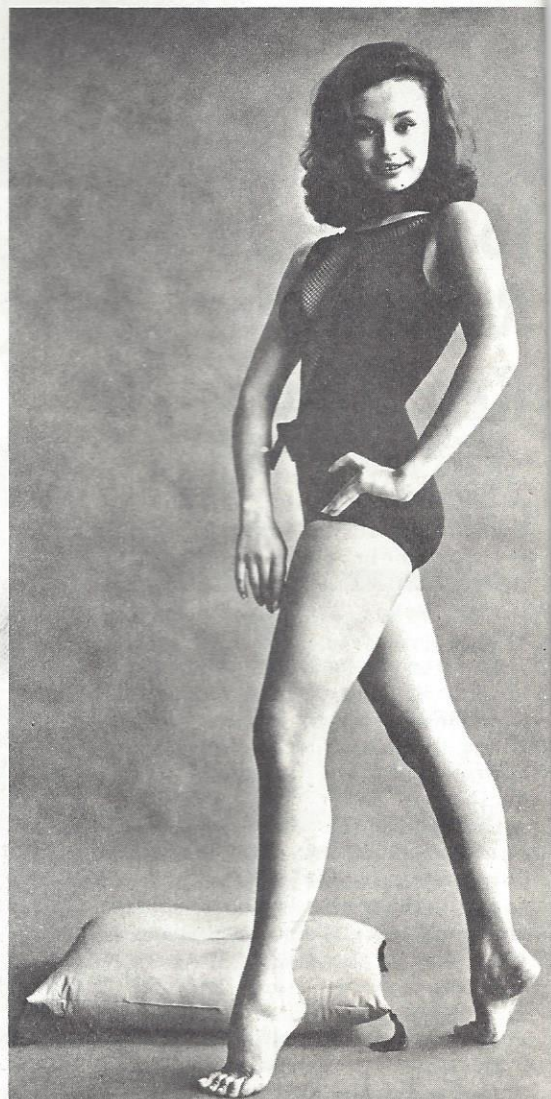
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BIRD-DOG

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them all by displaying no more fear in the aircraft than he did on the ground.

The original idea was to have igor make the five jumps to qualify him for his wings, but he seems to enjoy it so much the riggers are going to let him continue jumping. Unfortunately, they can't get him jump pay.



RAFFAELLA CARRA

CODE OF THE U.S. FIGHTING MAN

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When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am bound to give only name, rank, service number and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.



When questioned, a prisoner of war is required by the Geneva Convention and permitted by this Code to disclose his name, rank, service number and date of birth. A prisoner of war may also communicate with the enemy regarding his individual health or welfare as a prisoner of war and, when appropriate, on routine matters of camp administration. Oral or written confessions, true or false, questionnaires, personal history statements, propaganda recordings and broadcasts, appeals to other prisoners of war, signatures to peace or surrender appeals, self criticisms, or any oral or written communication on behalf of the enemy or critical or harmful to the United States, its allies, the Armed Forces or other prisoners are forbidden.

It is a violation of the Geneva Convention to place a prisoner of war under physical or mental torture or any other form of coercion to secure from him information of any kind. If, however, a prisoner is subjected to such treatment, he will endeavor to avoid by every means the disclosure of any information, or making any statement or the performance of any action harmful to the interests of the United States or its allies or which will provide aid or comfort to the enemy.

Under Communist bloc reservations to the Geneva Convention, the signing of a confession or the making of a statement by a prisoner is likely to be used to convict him as a war criminal under the laws of his captors. This conviction has the effect of removing him from the prisoner of war status and according to this Communist bloc device denying him any protection under the terms of the Geneva Convention and repatriation until a prison sentence is served. (AFPS)

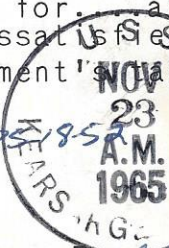
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KEARSARGE Operations Department rolled out the hoses, turned on the water, and started their clean-up project towards the Combined Federal Campaign. Each car wash donation was 75¢. Owners were guaranteed pleasing results or...they could have a second run through the wash line for...an additional 75¢. It was unreported the number of dissatisfied customers, but, at the end of two days, the department's take totalled a commendable \$49.



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