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ALL HANDS Photo Contest

The *All Hands* Photo Contest is open to all active-duty, Reserve and civilian Navy personnel in two categories: **Professional** and **Amateur**. The professional category includes Navy photographer's mates, journalists, officers and civilians working in photography or public affairs.

All entries must be Navy related and people oriented. Photos need not be taken in the calendar year of the contest.

Competition includes single-image feature picture and picture story (three or more photos on a single theme) in black-and-white print, and color print or color transparency. No glass-mounted transparencies or instant film (Polaroid) entries are allowed. Photo stories presented in color transparencies should be numbered in the order you wish to have them viewed and accompanied by a design layout board showing where and how you would position the photographs.

There is a limit of six entries per person. Each picture story is considered one entry regardless of the number of views.

Minimum size for each single-image feature picture is 5 inches by 7 inches.

All photographs must be mounted on black 11-inch by 14-inch mount board.

Picture stories must be mounted on three, black 11-inch by 14-inch mount boards taped together, excluding photo stories entered as transparencies.

Please use the entry form below and include the **Title** of the photograph and complete **Cutline** information on a separate piece of paper taped to the back of the photo or slide mount.

Certificates will be awarded to lst, 2nd and 3rd place winners as well as Honorable Mention in each of the categories. Winning photographs will be featured in *All Hands* magazine.

Entries will not be returned to the photographer.

For more information about the *All Hands* Photo Contest, contact PH1(AW) Joseph Dorey at DSN 288-4209 or (202) 433-4209 or JOCS Robert Rucker at DSN 288-4182 or (202) 433-4182.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCT. 1, 1993.

For each entry, please indicate in which category and group you are entering the photograph. Attach a completed copy of this form to your entry.

Single-image feature

- ☐ Black-and-white print
- ☐ Color print or transparencies

Photo story

- ☐ Black-and-white
- ☐ Color print or transparencies

- ☐ Professional
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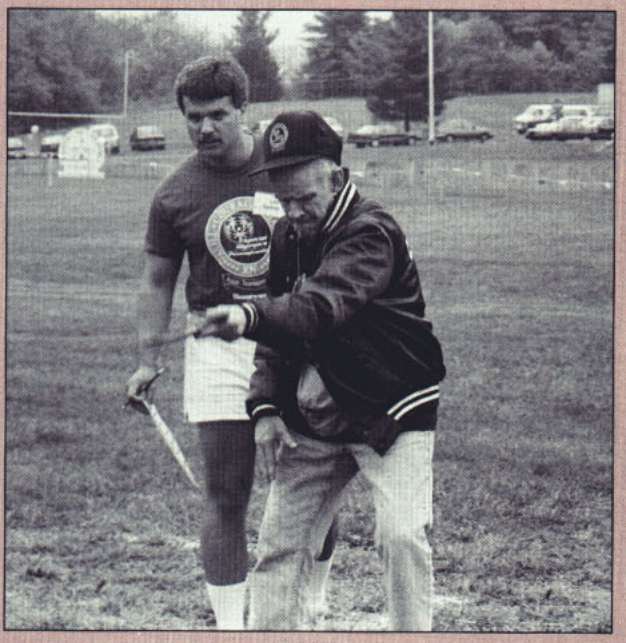

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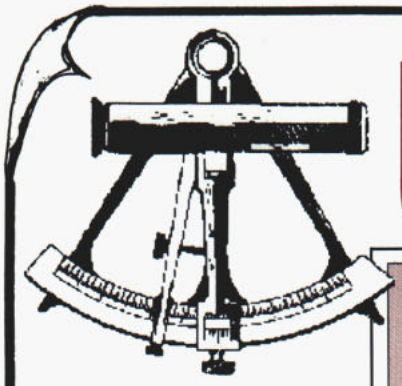


From the charthouse

BuPers sets procedures for FY94 enlisted SER boards

To remain within legal limits on the number of senior and master chief petty officers in FY94 (which begins Oct. 1, 1993), the Navy is making plans for enlisted selective early retirement (SER) boards to consider the records of E-9s, E-8s and E-7s who will have 20 or more years of active military service by July 31, 1994.

The master chief petty officer board convenes at the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BuPers) Sept. 7. A separate board convenes Nov. 3 for chief and senior chief petty officers.

For the second year, personnel planners at BuPers are forecasting that SERs will be needed for the Navy to stay within mandated limits of E-8s and E-9s because of downsizing requirements plus record-high retention and fewer than normal retirements. By law, the total number of people serving in those top two pay grades may not exceed 3 percent of the entire enlisted force, while the total number of E-9s may not exceed 1 percent.

According to BuPers, the actual number of senior enlisted members selected for early retirement in 1994 will depend on voluntary retirements approved before the convening of each board.

FY94 Defense budget retires 29 additional ships

The following U.S. Navy ships, in addition to previously planned retirements, are scheduled for decommissioning in FY94:

SHIP	HOME PORT
USS *Saratoga* (CV 60)	Mayport, Fla.
USS *Forrestal* (AVT 59)	Pensacola, Fla.
USS *Leahy* (CG 16)	San Diego
USS *Harry E. Yarnell* (CG 17)	Norfolk
USS *Worden* (CG 18)	Pearl Harbor
USS *Reeves* (CG 24)	Pearl Harbor
USS *Wainwright* (CG 28)	Charleston, S.C.
USS *Biddle* (CG 34)	Norfolk
USS *Virginia* (CGN 38)	Norfolk
USS *Texas* (CGN 39)	Bremerton, Wash.
USS *Baton Rouge* (SSN 689)	Norfolk
USS *Richard B. Russell* (SSN 687)	Vallejo, Calif.
USS *Pegasus* (PHM 1)	Key West, Fla.
USS *Hercules* (PHM 2)	Key West, Fla.
USS *Taurus* (PHM 3)	Key West, Fla.
USS *Aquila* (PHM 4)	Key West, Fla.
USS *Aries* (PHM 5)	Key West, Fla.
USS *Gemini* (PHM 6)	Key West, Fla.
USS *Sierra* (AD 18)	Charleston, S.C.
USS *Yosemite* (AD 19)	Mayport, Fla.
USS *Hunley* (AS 31)	Norfolk
USS *Joseph Hewes* (FFT 1078)	Ingleside, Texas
USS *Bowen* (FFT 1079)	New York
USS *McCandless* (FFT 1084)	Ingleside, Texas
USS *Donald B. Beary* (FFT 1085)	New York
USS *Jesse L. Brown* (FFT 1089)	Mobile, Ala.
USS *Ainsworth* (FFT 1090)	New York
USS *Truett* (FFT 1095)	Ingleside, Texas
USS *Moinester* (FFT 1097)	Norfolk

BuMed clarifies policy on abortions at overseas hospitals

In January, President Clinton, through an executive order, removed the restrictions on therapeutic or "on request" abortions at military hospitals overseas.

The military will not pay for the procedure, so the average one-day surgery would cost a patient about $477.

The abortion issue is complex, and each of the following criteria must be met before an abortion can be performed at an overseas military hospital:

- The physicians and staff must be trained and qualified to perform the procedure.
- The physician and the operating room staff must be willing to perform the procedure — DoD and DoN will not direct a physician or operating room staff to perform an abortion if it is against the individual's personal, ethi-

cal or religious beliefs.

• Applicability of national law of the host-country as permitted by the Status of Forces Agreement or other agreements.

For more information contact your local overseas facility for details and availability.

Navy announces new rules for geographic bachelor berthing

With the number of "geographic bachelors" (GBs) in the Navy growing and demand exceeding the supply of bachelors quarters (BQs) at most bases, the Navy is adopting new service-wide rules for sensible and equitable assignment of berthing or barracks available for geographic bachelors.

The Bureau of Naval Personnel (BuPers) estimates that more than 35,000 Navy personnel are serving in permanent assignments with their immediate family living elsewhere, having voluntarily chosen to relocate under orders without their family members. In the past, BQs generally accommodated GBs on a space-available, first-come, first-served basis. All GBs were subject to displacement if space was needed for personnel of higher priority, including unmarried personnel on permanent change of station orders.

Under a new policy recently announced by BuPers, GBs who demonstrate a true hardship, such as special education or medical needs precluding co-location with family members, will be berthed on a space-required basis, protected from displacement for the entire length of their tour.

Other GBs can benefit from more stability under the new policy if they demonstrate other extenuating circumstances. Geographic Bachelor Policy Review Boards will be established in officially designated "critical housing areas" in CONUS and Hawaii to review applications for berthing and determine needy applicants. The membership of the review boards will include the host commanding officer or executive officer, the base command master chief and a personal financial counselor.

Other elements of the new policy on GBs include:

• GBs approved by a review board will be berthed on a space-required basis for 180 days to give them time to find permanent housing.

• GBs not assigned to critical housing areas, without demonstrated hardship, or not approved by a review board for 180 days of space-required berthing will continue to be eligible for space-available berthing at all activities.

• All GBs may be berthed at less than the minimum "adequacy" standards for their pay-grade, but not less than 72 square feet.

• GBs may be charged only for optional services such as housekeeping, linen and laundry services. Rent cannot be charged.

Civilian clothes authorized on AMC flights

Sailors and Marines traveling on flights originated by Air Mobility Command (AMC) are now allowed to wear

appropriate civilian clothing. AMC, formerly the Military Airlift Command, is a military passenger service that contracts civilian and military aircraft for its missions.

This change applies to Navy personnel flying on AMC flights for permanent change of station orders, temporary additional duty, emergency leave or space available status. Appropriate clothing for the flight excludes tank-tops, T-shirts as outer garments, shorts, sandals and revealing, soiled or torn clothing.

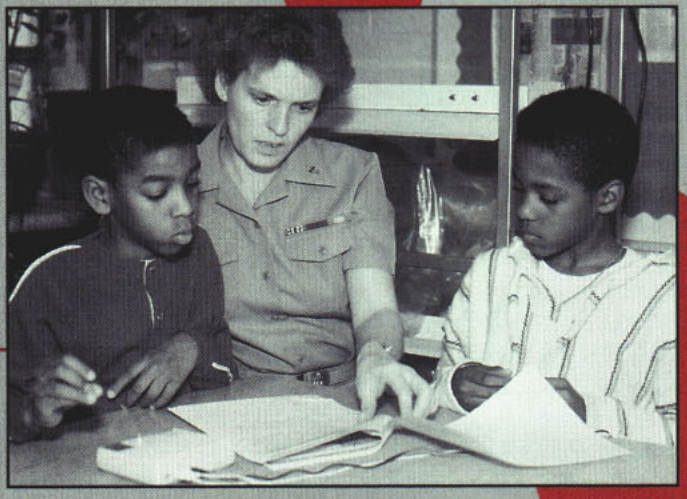
This does not apply to flights originated by the Navy, where current uniform regulations are still in effect. The change also does not apply to flights originated by the Army or Marine Corps.

An upcoming change to Navy Uniform Regulations will reflect this new policy, which was announced in NavAdmin 047/93.

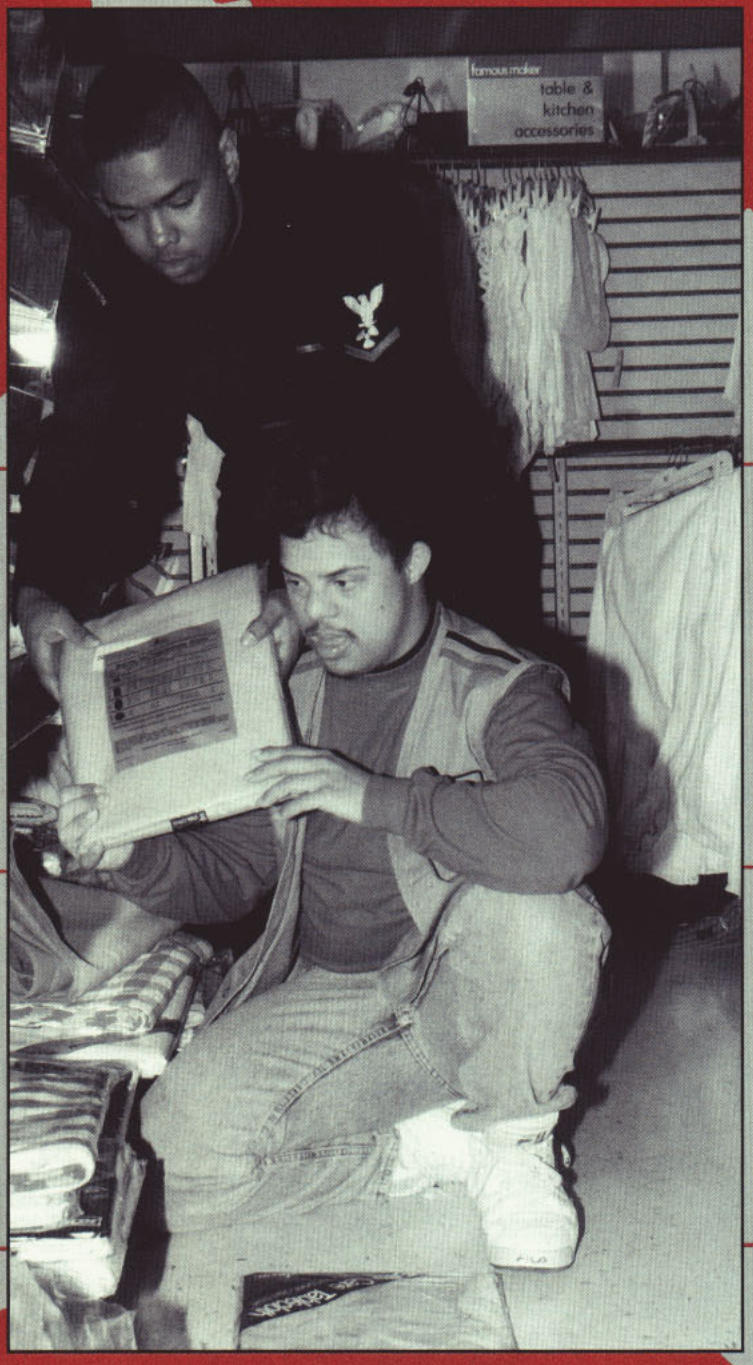
Room at the inn?

Navy families around the world now have an easy reference guide to Navy Lodge facilities. The new Navy Lodge directory includes information and detailed directions to 40 Navy Lodges worldwide.

For a copy of the Navy Lodge directory or to make reservations for Navy Lodges in CONUS, call 1-800-NAVY-INN, 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.



Neighbors with no boundaries



NAVY, according to the old joke, stands for, "Never Again Volunteer Yourself." But not in today's Navy!

From local school partnerships and environmental initiatives to emergency relief in all corners of the world, sailors and Marines are personally involved in their local communities. It doesn't matter whether it's the ships' homeport, the community outside the main gate or just a short port visit during a long cruise, sailors and Marines are making a difference.

As you look through this edition of *All Hands*, you will catch just a glimpse of what Navy personnel are doing, every day, to better the world and others. Concerned sailors and Marines are putting their own unique touches to established programs, and tailoring their own programs to best suit their community.

You will also discover what drives them to give so freely of themselves and their spare time — not merely as a bullet for their evals, but from a deep-seated, personal commitment to improve their community — to be a good neighbor.

In today's Navy, being an ambassador of goodwill starts in your own backyard. ■

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It's not if you win or lose...

Story and photos by JOC Rich Beth

Skill, courage, joy — all these feelings could be seen in the faces of the athletes participating in the Special Olympics at Fort Washington, Pa. They could also be seen in the faces of the sailors, Marines and civilians from Naval Air Station (NAS) Willow Grove, Pa., helping with the event.

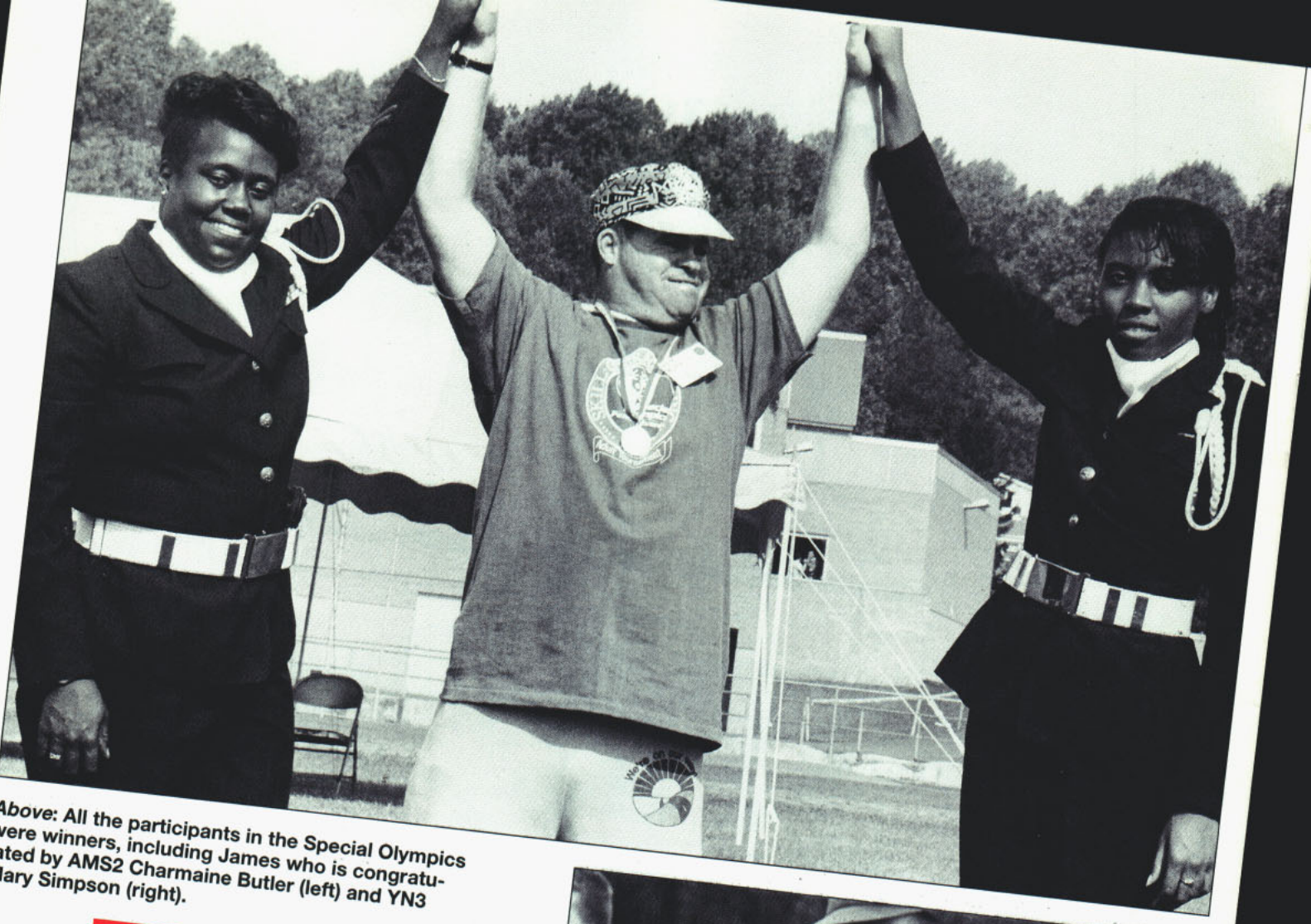
For the fourth consecutive year, personnel from NAS Willow Grove volunteered their time and talents to the Honeywell, Pa., Special Olympics Adult Tournament.

Special Olympics gives individuals with special needs the chance to compete and win in physical skills events. It provides healthy and safe competition for people with physical and mental handicaps.

"We were really happy to have the Navy back again this year," said Sue Clark, volunteer coordinator for the event. "We were short on volunteers at the beginning, so five of the Navy guys volunteered to take a whole

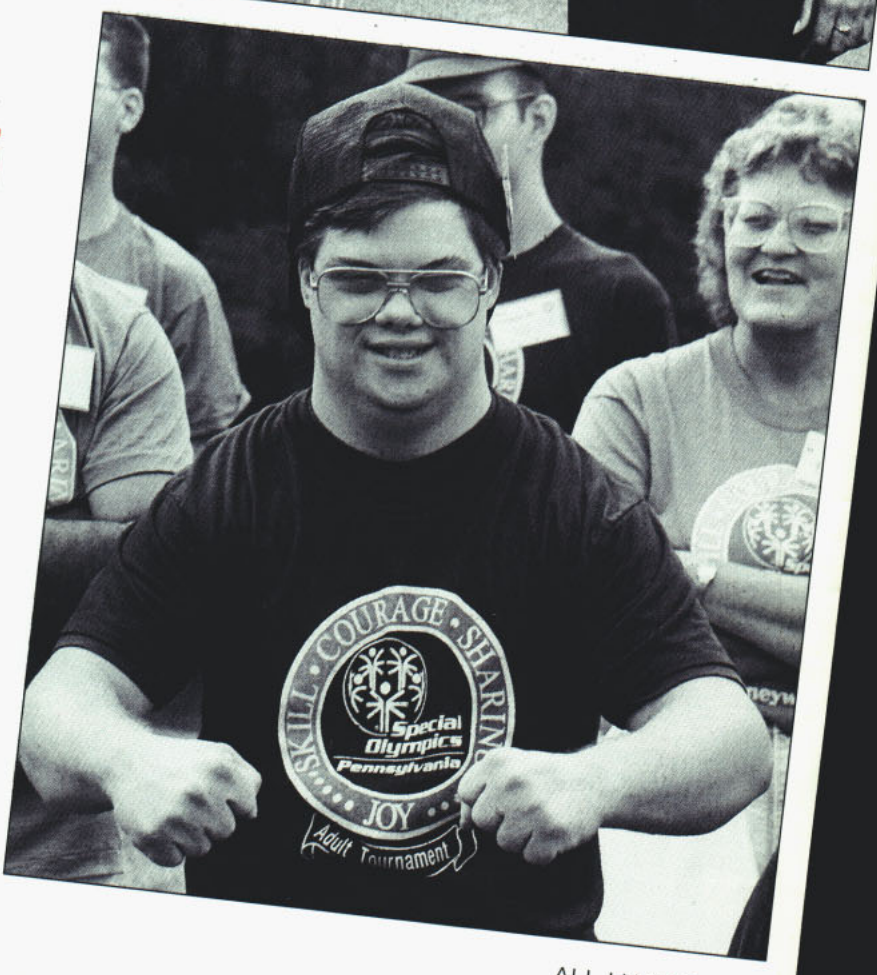
***Left*: Before the competition started, Navy volunteers and Special Olympians got to know each other, such as AC3 Carolyn Charville and athlete Michael.**

***Right*: NAS Willow Grove personnel joined with the community to support this worthwhile event. Special Olympics events are held nationwide.**

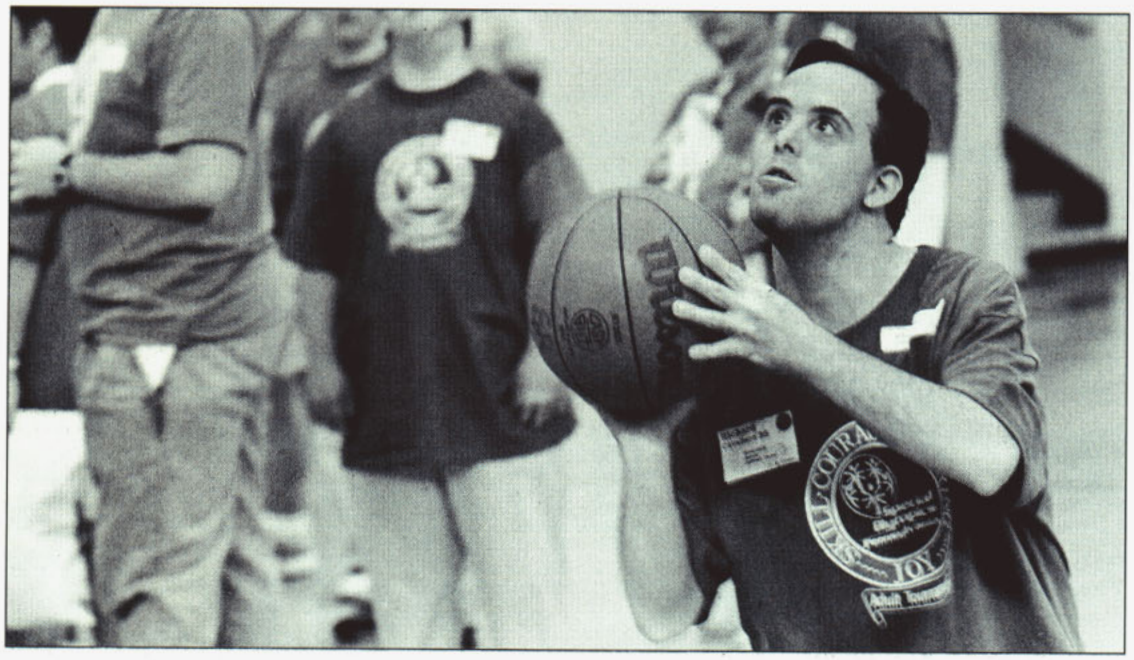


Above: All the participants in the Special Olympics were winners, including James who is congratulated by AMS2 Charmaine Butler (left) and YN3 Hilary Simpson (right).

"It's an enriching experience. They put so much effort into it and get so much out of it. They may be throwing a sock through a hoop, but they get so excited."



Right: Special Olympics helps build confidence and self-esteem in the athletes. Everyone, athletes and volunteers, comes out a winner.



***Left*: The Special Olympics may not carry the worldwide press interest of the other Olympics, but the competitors take their sports just as seriously.**

bus-load of athletes. That's an extra special effort on their part."

"I keep going back because it's really rewarding work," said Chief Avionics Technician Michael Angelo. "I like watching their reactions and doing things with them. I particularly enjoy seeing the smiles they get from my encouragement and each success."

"It's an enriching experience," said AT1 Randy Phillips. "They put so much effort into it and get so much out of it. They may be throwing a sock through a hoop, but they get so excited."

Phillips said when he first participated in the Special Olympics he was uncomfortable working with people with special needs. But after about an hour the discomfort disappeared. "You get attached to the athletes," he said. "They get to be like your own kids. Their excitement is contagious."

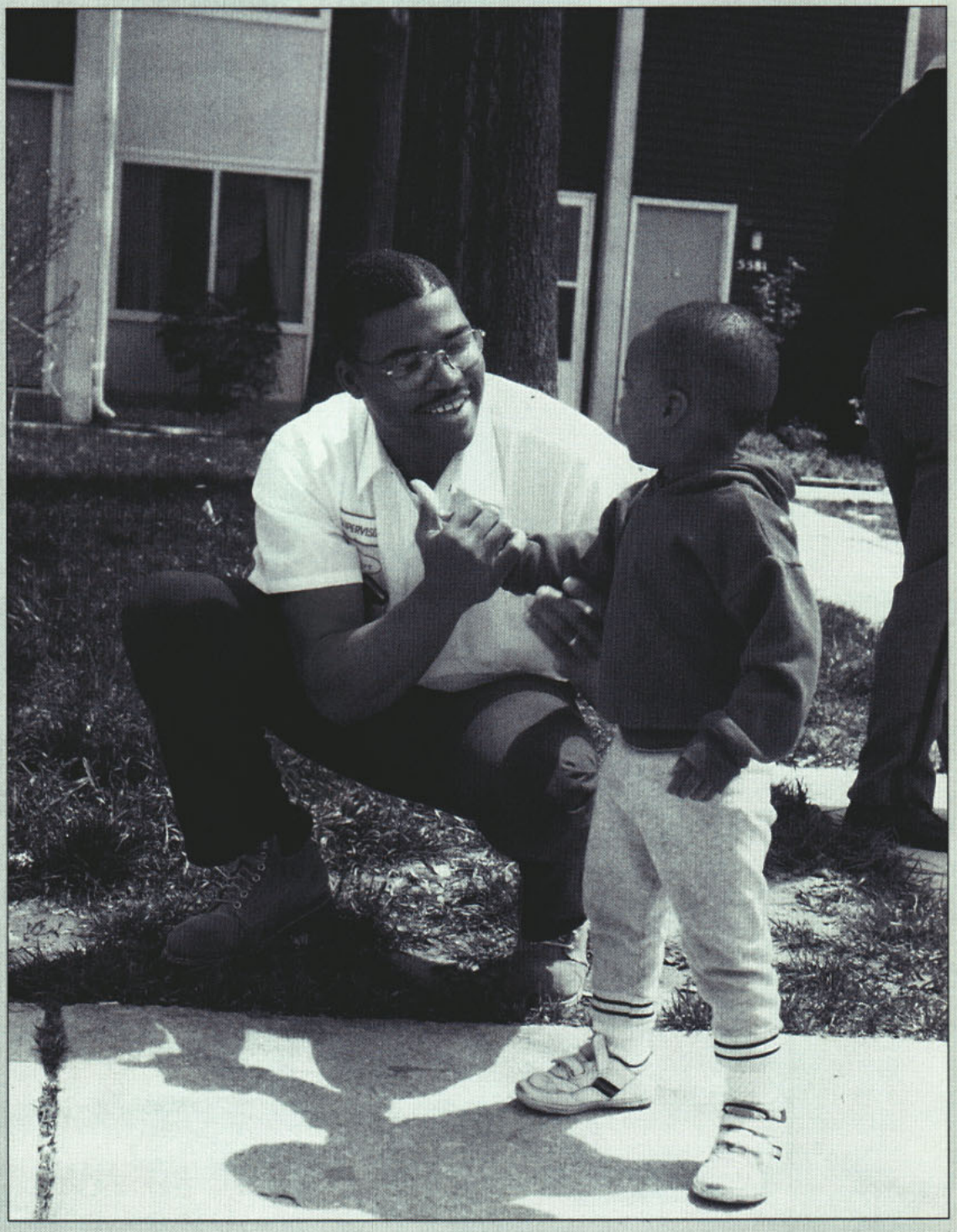
That excitement was what drove the day, and, in the end, it didn't matter who won or lost — everyone came out a winner. □

Beth is assigned to the public affairs office, NAS Willow Grove, Pa.

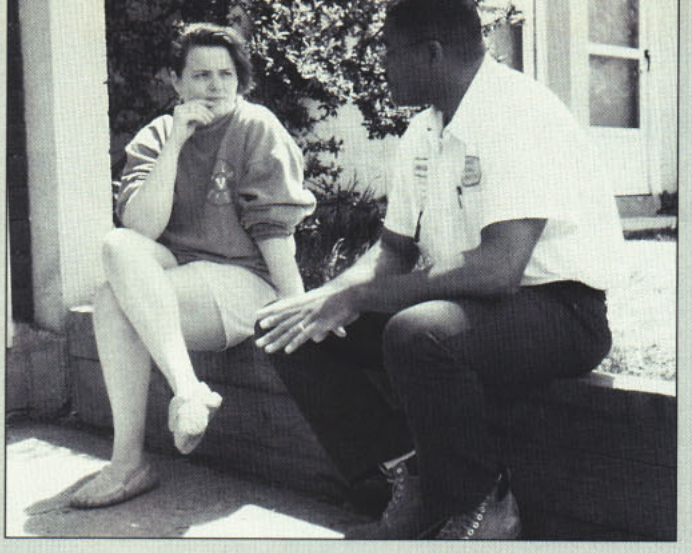
***Right*: AT1 Christine Standiford (right) and ATCS Helen Allen (left) encourage George at the miniature golf competition.**

Former sailor LEAPs at chance to help others

Story by JO2(SW) Jim Conner, photos by JO2 Brett Bryan



***Right*: Gray listens to all the residents, no matter how small their complaint.**



***Left*: Gray stops to chat with residents about recruiting volunteers to help landscape the neighborhood.**

***Below*: Gray makes personal contact with residents, either in their apartments or on the street, to ensure that maintenance is being completed to their satisfaction.**

Most of the residents in the public housing project knew he was looking for trouble when he slowly pulled his car up to the curb. He got out and began casing the neighborhood as if he owned it. In a sense, he does.

Trevor Gray, a 34-year-old former Navy interior communications electrician, is a maintenance superintendent for Columbia Housing Corporation in Columbia, Md. He supervises seven people who perform maintenance on 374 housing units that 1,500 people call home. He got the job through a federally funded training program called Leadership Employment for Armed Services Personnel (LEAP).

"After getting out of the Navy, I filled out many applications but couldn't find work," he explained. "When I heard about LEAP, I was very interested because it involved the kind of work I like best — helping others less fortunate."

Gray was among the first 50 graduates of a six-week prototype program developed by the National Center for Housing Management in Quantico, Va. He and the other former servicemen were trained to prepare for jobs as housing project managers or in fields ranging from social services to crime prevention.

"They taught us how to interact with people and how to deal with different scenarios," Gray said. "In these types of public housing projects, with all the crime and drugs, you never know what you'll run into.

"I want these people to realize that someone cares," he said. "Eleven years in the military gave me the experience I needed to deal with people. I go to their homes, talk to their kids and try to maintain a personal relationship with them. I think that is the best way to gain their trust and respect."

Gordon Stevens, LEAP program director, is working with the Clinton administration and Congress to fund future training sessions. "Our goal is to get enough funding to hold five training sessions every year, beginning in 1994," he said. "So far we've been getting positive feedback from veteran graduates as well as from residents of various communities they serve." Anyone interested in the LEAP program can call Stevens at (202) 872-1717 or toll free at 1-800-368-5625. □

Conner is a staff writer and Bryan is a photojournalist for All Hands.

SOS!

Navy medical team helps airline passengers

Story by JO3 Aaron Strickland, photos by JO1 Walter H. Panych

It has to be pretty scary when you know your jet airliner is going to have to make an emergency landing, especially when going down in the middle of nowhere, and help for injured passengers may not arrive for a very long time.

Luckily for the 265 passengers of the China Eastern MD-11 airliner who had to make an emergency landing at Shemya Air Force Base in the Aleutian Islands, the U.S. Military was there to help. Members of the Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard rallied to the call for help and worked together to provide emergency medical assistance and evacuate injured passengers.

After receiving a request for help from Shemya Air Force Base's sole doctor at 3:55 a.m. local time, Adak's Branch Hospital alerted Patrol Squadron (VP) 40 to stand by to transport medical personnel.

VP-40's P-3C was on its way in less than two hours with Navy doctors, nurses and hospital corpsmen from Branch Hospital, Naval Air Station Adak, Alaska, rushing to Sheyma to treat passengers injured on board the Chinese jetliner.

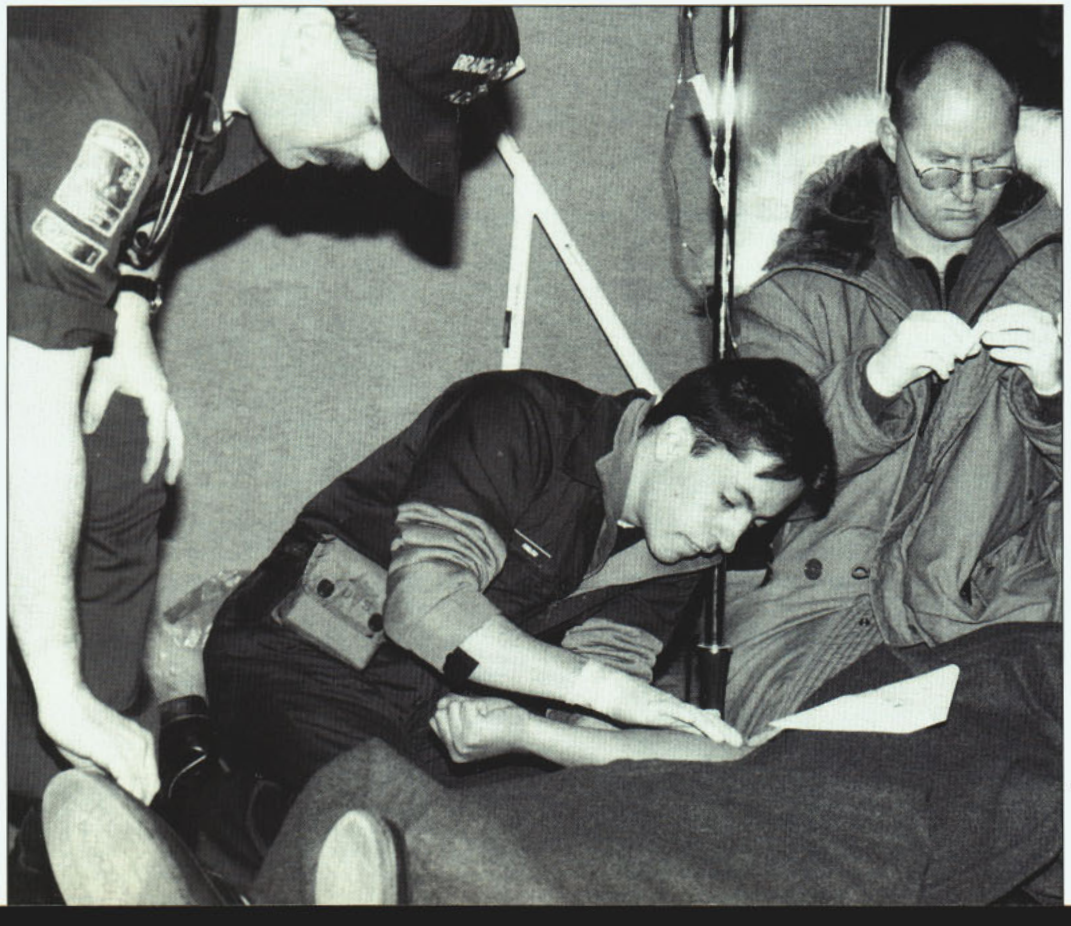
Once there, the medical team assessed the extent of the injuries and what medical supplies would be needed. Shortly afterward, NAS Adak's C-130, "The Spirit of Adak," was on its way with additional personnel and supplies.

In all, Adak mobilized 25 medical personnel, including a U.S. Army doctor and his assistant assigned to Adak. Following initial treatment at Shemya, the Navy evacuated 89 of the most seriously injured passengers to Elmendorf Air Force Base. The other injured passengers were taken to Elmendorf Medical Center, and three local hospitals in Anchorage, Alaska.

The speed and teamwork with which the assistance was provided is another example that the U.S. Navy is always willing to lend a hand to people in need wherever they may be.

Strickland and Panych are assigned to the public affairs office, NAS Adak, Alaska.

***Left*: Adak Branch Hospital medical teams worked with an Air Force doctor and three Air Force medics to treat injured passengers. An Air Force RC-135 at Shemya took 27 of the most critically injured passengers for Elmendorf Air Force Base.**



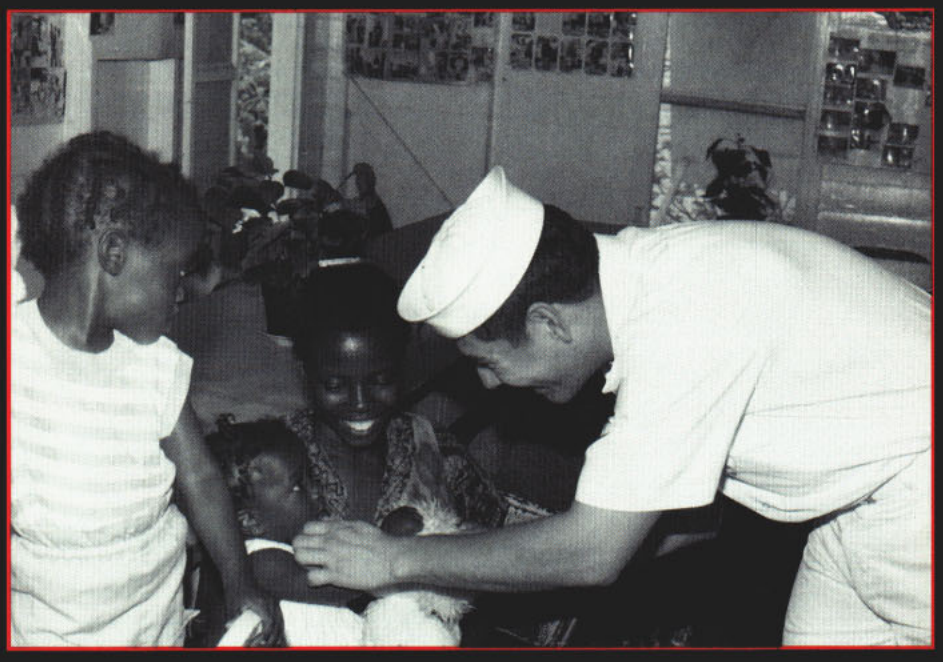
***Left*: The remaining seriously injured passengers were evacuated on board NAS Adak's C-130. An additional 60 less-seriously injured passengers were medevaced on an Air Force C-141.**

They've got the Spearit

Sailors help at HIV camp

". . . they should move around. Put a rake or a paint brush in their hands. Put a hammer in their hands. That'll bring them back into life. This way, they don't go to bed expecting to die. They go to bed knowing that they've got work they didn't finish."

Right: HTFN David Gainey tries to get a smile from a tiny resident of All Saints Camp of St. John the Divine.



Story by JO1 Chris Price, photo by PHAN Amy Hupper

The HIV virus doesn't discriminate — it knows no color, age or gender. It weakens the body and suppresses the spirit. But at All Saints Camp of St. John the Divine in Nassau, Bahamas, the victims of AIDS refuse to wallow in self-pity.

A Christian ministry and health care program, All Saints Camp is unique in that 90 percent of its members are infected with the HIV virus — or they already have symptoms of full-blown AIDS.

The camp, located on Lazaretto Road in Nassau, is far from the mainstream of the city. Except for a makeshift wooden gate manned by residents at the roadside entrance, few signs point to its existence. In fact, very few people venture up the steep road leading to the camp — not because of the rocky twists and turns — rather, the fear of AIDS.

Sailors from the Norfolk-based submarine tender USS *L.Y. Spear* (AS 36) put aside any fear and visited the camp during their Nassau port call in April. The sailors brought food, toys and clothes as well as love and hope.

"It's not good politics to share what's going on here. In the Bahamian hospitals, the attitude generally is — these people will die," said camp director Rev. Father Glenroy W. Nottage. "Patients will languish in the bed and pity themselves, while the hospital pampers them. I don't do that.

"I feel they [AIDS sufferers] should move around. Put a rake or a paint brush in their hands. Put a hammer in their hands," he said. "That'll bring them back into life. This way, they don't go to bed expecting to die. They go to bed knowing that they've got work they didn't finish."

"I want to help. I want to share a little bit of my time," said Ship's Serviceman 2nd Class Divina Dualan. "I can go to the beach anytime. But I'm so proud today to be here as a representative of the United States."

SH3 Hector Romero echoed that sentiment. "Our visit shows what a little work and love can do."

Price and Hupper are assigned to USS L.Y. Spear *(AS 36).*

"I want to help. I want to share a little bit of my time."

Sailors help needy children

Story and photos by LT Don Biadog Jr.

For the needy residents of *Ejercito de Salvacion* children's home in Acapulco, Mexico, help came at a time when it was badly needed, and from a place least expected . . . from the sea.

USS *Roanoke* (AOR 7), working with "Friends of Acapulco," distributed more than three tons of food and supplies to five different childrens' homes in and around Acapulco through Project Handclasp.

Project Handclasp, a small program started by Navy personnel in 1962, has grown into a worldwide program using naval ships and aircraft to carry needed supplies to other countries to aid those less fortunate. Supplies are donated by private individuals, businesses, religious and humanitarian organizations.

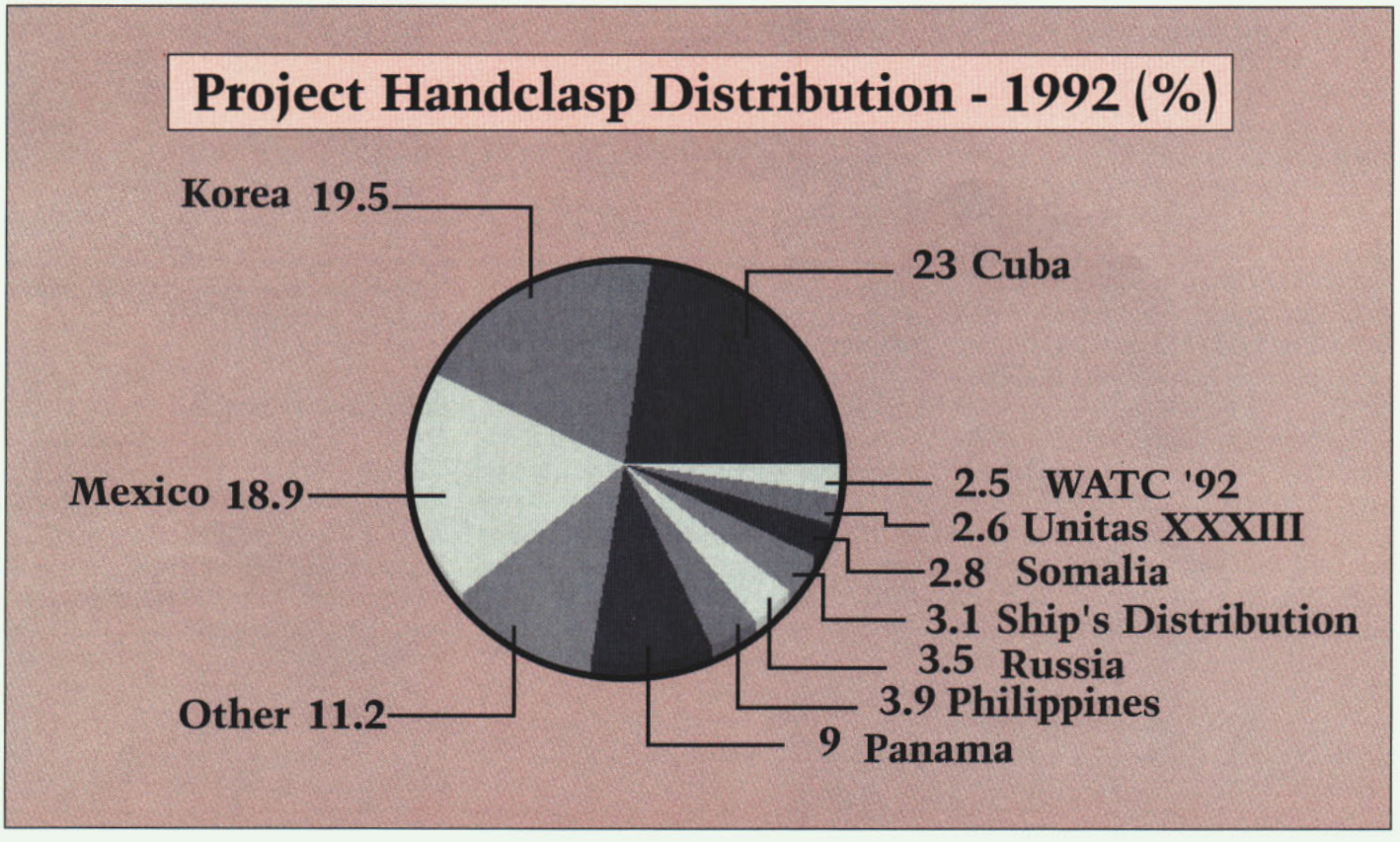
At *Ejercito de Salvacion*, along with distribution of food and supplies, *Roanoke* sailors painted, and fixed plumbing and electrical problems making the home a better place to live.

Children at the home got a first-hand look at the Navy's good neighbor efforts and were invited aboard for a tour of the ship and lunch on the mess decks. □

Biadog is assigned to USS Roanoke *(AOR 7).*

***Left*: For more than 30 years, Project Handclasp has reached out to countries in need. Food, medical supplies and equipment are donated to the program and distributed by Navy ships during foreign port calls.**

Above: "You always feel great when you're able to help someone. When that someone is a child you feel even better."



Navy dad teaches geography from the sea

Where in the world is Kalamazoo?

Story by JO1 Steve Orr and JO1 Sherri E. Bashore

When a Navy dad is on deployment, his children eagerly await their father's letters.

For LCDR Jerome Mahar, executive officer of USS *Kalamazoo* (AOR 6), letters from dad became a study in geography and culture for his daughter, Meghan, and her classmates at Antietam Elementary School in Woodbridge, Va.

Before departing from Norfolk for the Mediterranean, Mahar visited Meghan's school and worked out a unique plan with her third-grade teacher Maryann Bannwart.

"I started sending letters to the kids just days after we sailed," explained Mahar, a father of three. "The questions I asked were not just about geography. They also covered subjects such as culture and history."

His questions were as varied as the children who answered them, Mahar said. "When *Kalamazoo* passed close by the Bermuda Triangle and the Sargasso Sea, I posed questions like, 'We're traveling through an area where you see many sharks, kelp and flying fish. The winds are dead, etc.,'" he recalled. "'Where are we?' Then in my next letter, I would explain where we were, give them the latitude, longitude and history — that sort of thing."

Photo by JO2 Brett Bryan

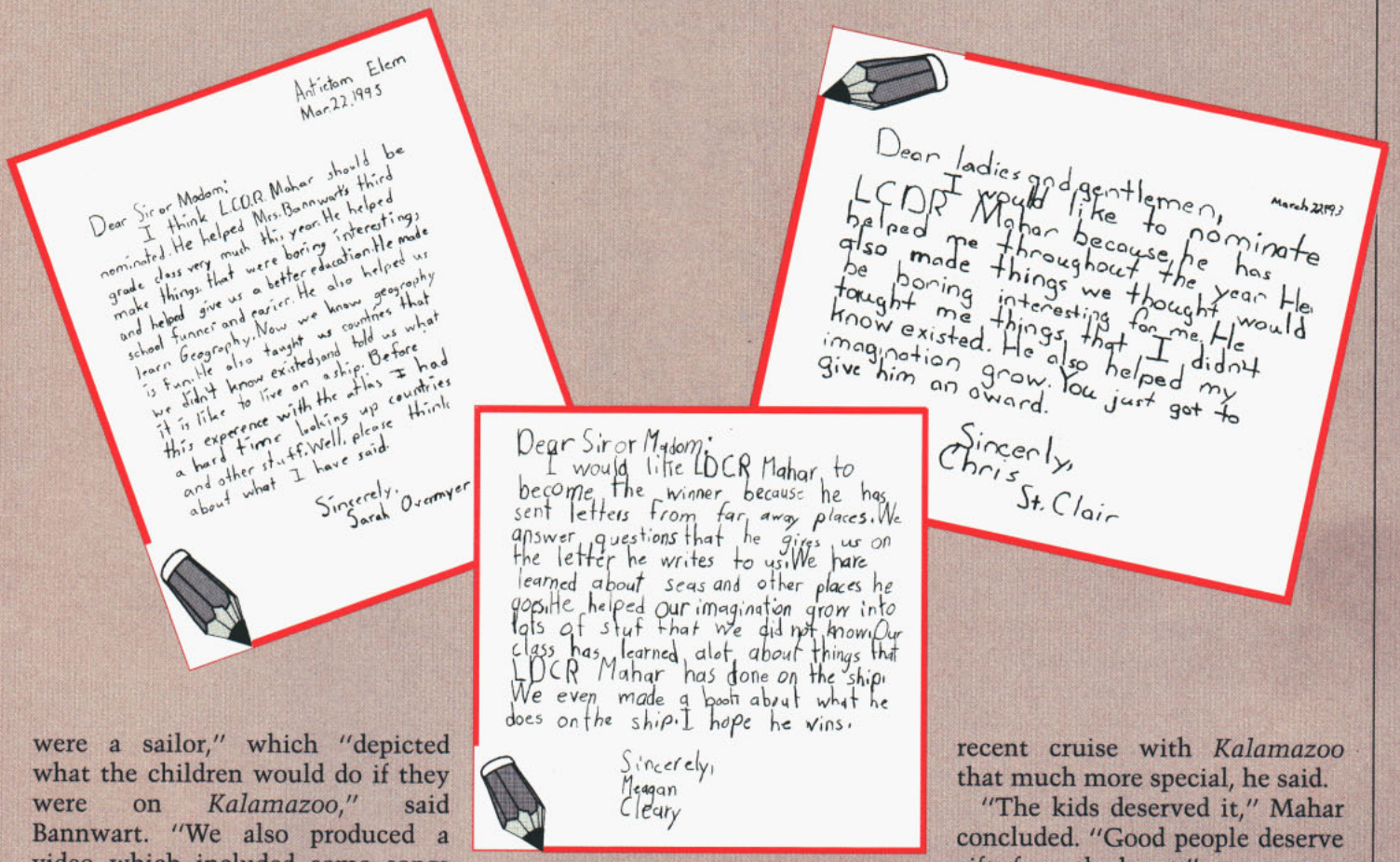
Above: **Tyler Twombley, Genevieve White and Siobahn Ortiz point out *Kalamazoo*'s whereabouts. Antietam Elementary school officials and the children of Bannwart's third-grade class (sample letters on opposite page) nominated Mahar for the Volunteer Services to Education Award as a result of his efforts.**

The communication was definitely two-way. "The other side of the deal was the kids were to write to me," said Mahar. "I'd suggest subjects, like oceanography, or the culture of a certain country. The children would do the research, and then send me what they found. I'd send back critique sheets and prizes for the best work, best spelling, penmanship and so forth. I tried to make sure that each kid got something for their work."

One of Meghan's classmates, Christopher St. Clair, said, "I learned that some French people speak English. I didn't know that."

"I liked going to the library and looking up everything he wrote about," Jennifer Jessie added. "The pyramids in Egypt are really neat. They are one of the seven wonders of the world."

The students joined forces and created a book for Mahar called "If I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Dear Sir or Madam:
I think LCDR Mahar should be nominated. He helped Mrs. Bannwarts third grade class very much this year. He helped make things that were boring interesting and helped give us a better education. He made school funner and easier. He also helped us learn Geography. Now we know geography is fun. He also taught us countries that we didn't know existed and told us what it is like to live on a ship. Before this experence with the atlas I had a hard time looking up countries and other stuff. Well, please think about what I have said.

Sincerely,
Sarah Overmyer

March 22, 1993

Dear ladies and gentlemen,
I would like to nominate LCDR Mahar because he has helped me throughout the year. He also made things we thought would be boring interesting for me. He taught me things that I didn't know existed. He also helped my imagination grow. You just got to give him an award.

Sincerly,
Chris St. Clair

Dear Sir or Madam:
I would like LDCR Mahar to become the winner because he has sent letters from far away places. We answer questions that he gives us on the letter he writes to us. We have learned about seas and other places he goes. He helped our imagination grow into lots of stuf that we did not know. Our class has learned alot about things that LDCR Mahar has done on the ship. We even made a booth about what he does on the ship. I hope he wins.

Sincerely,
Meagan
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were a sailor," which "depicted what the children would do if they were on *Kalamazoo*," said Bannwart. "We also produced a video which included some songs from the third-grade program and the reading of selected poems and knock-knock jokes. Our goal was to get the book and the tape to him by Christmas." A follow-on letter from Mahar informed the students of their success and let them know he shared his Christmas present with his shipmates.

A desire to remain close to his children, even while away, is what motivated the naval officer to become so involved with the school. "You sacrifice many things for the Navy life," acknowledged Mahar, "but you don't want to sacrifice everything where your kids are concerned."

Keeping in touch with her dad gave Meghan a secure feeling. "When we got his letters, I knew he was safe," she said. "Once we didn't hear from him for a month, but then he sent me a big package at home, and I brought it into class."

Quizzing Meghan and her schoolmates, then rewarding them with foreign coins and patches for their hard work, made Mahar's most recent cruise with *Kalamazoo* that much more special, he said.

"The kids deserved it," Mahar concluded. "Good people deserve gifts from the heart." □

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Photo by JO1 Steve Orr

***Above*: LCDR Jerome Mahar, USS *Kalamazoo*'s executive officer, spent time during his most recent deployment educating his daughter, Meghan's, third-grade class. Through a series of letters, Mahar gave the children a glimpse of a variety of countries, each with its own customs, currency and other interesting features.**

Sicilian cork trees studied

Story and photos by JOSN Joe Clark

From a small acorn, a great tree can grow. The Boy Scouts know the same is true when helping young men expand their knowledge, learn new skills and develop into confident, capable, caring individuals. That's why many sailors have been leaders in scouting.

Recently, a dozen members of Boy Scout Troop 53, from Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily, literally helped trees grow by taking part in a discovery project where they collected acorns from cork trees in the Niscemi forest. Together with the sailors that lead the troop, the scouts travelled to the forest, located approximately 60 miles from Sigonella, then sent the acorns to Portugal for scientific study.

"Acorn specimens from around the world are going to undergo a long range genetic study of their favorable characteristics, such as tree resistance to adverse environments and disease," explained Giuseppe Furnari, an NAS environmental engineer. "We will also study the quality, yield and shape of the cork."

The Niscemi forest was selected to represent Sicily and individual tree selection was based upon their desirable characteristics, such as age, health condition, shape and length of the stem and cork quality, Furnari said.

"The trip to Niscemi not only aided the study but it also brought the kids together for a fun project," explained CWO3 John Tipton, NAS Sigonella Boy Scout committee chairman.

"It was a chance for us to help out Portugal," said Boy Scout Mark Sheldon, "and we had a good time." □

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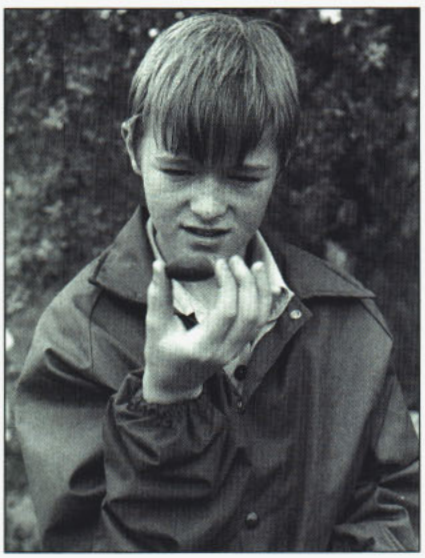

Left: **Examining nature close up gives scouts a chance to learn by discovery.**

Below: **Learning about cork in Sicily is just one of the unique opportunities scouts take part in while living overseas with their Navy families.**

IN AN UNASSUMING STORE FRONT NEAR A LARGE NAVAL INSTALLATION...
POW!
OPEN
MARVEL-OUS COMICS!!
AN AMAZING PHENOMENA IS TAKING PLACE!
SAILORS ARE LIVING VICARIOUSLY AS BATMAN, SPIDERMAN AND OTHER COSTUMED VIGILANTES...
THROUGH THE PAGES OF COMIC BOOKS!
THESE WILL BE WORTH FIVE TIMES THEIR COVER PRICE IN THREE WEEKS!
SOME PURCHASE THE BOOKS, THEN TREAT THE MAGAZINES AS PRECIOUS COMMODITIES...
BY STORING THEM IN PROTECTIVE PLASTIC BAGS...
WHILE OTHERS BUY THE BOOKS JUST TO READ THE STORIES!
WHY ARE COMIC BOOKS SUCH A BIG DEAL? WHAT MAKES ONE BOOK MORE VALUABLE THAN ANOTHER? ARE COMIC BOOKS REALLY WORTH THE TIME AND MONEY?
It's A Hobby...
It's An Investment...
IT'S COMIC COLLECTING!
STORY, ART AND PHOTOS BY STEVE ORR
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Superman is it means big

The Man of Steel has kicked the bucket, but the four different Superman titles are doing a lively business for D.C. Comics. D.C. hopes to further capitalize on Superman's death by announcing his permanent replacement this month. The candidates: an alien, an android, a kid and a construction worker — all wearing variations of the familiar red-and-blue costume.

The death and replacement of Superman is the latest escalation in the war between comic book publishers looking to increase their market share. While D.C. has consistently run a distant second in sales to comic-giant Marvel, up-and-coming independent publishers like Image, Malibu, Valiant and Dark Horse are steadily gaining ground on the more-established companies.

This means that literally hundreds of new comic books are released each year. Collectors discover that the search for a gem in the avalanche of potential hits is becoming increasingly difficult and expensive.

"Sailors aren't the only ones laying out their cash for comics," says Tom Morley, the owner of Trek Shack and a former sailor whose store caters to many deployed military. "Executives, doctors, lawyers — there's big money being spent on comic books."

Customers come in two types: readers and investors.

"In the past several years, there's been a big increase in the number of people who buy the books as an investment," says Dave Progelhof, who runs Emerald City Comics in Norfolk. "It's viewed as a way to make money with little investment and a quick turn-around."

Comic collecting isn't just a monetary investment, according to Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate (SW) Michael Shaw, who assists his children in their collecting. "It's fun to do and a viable investment," Shaw said. "It's something my family can do together." □

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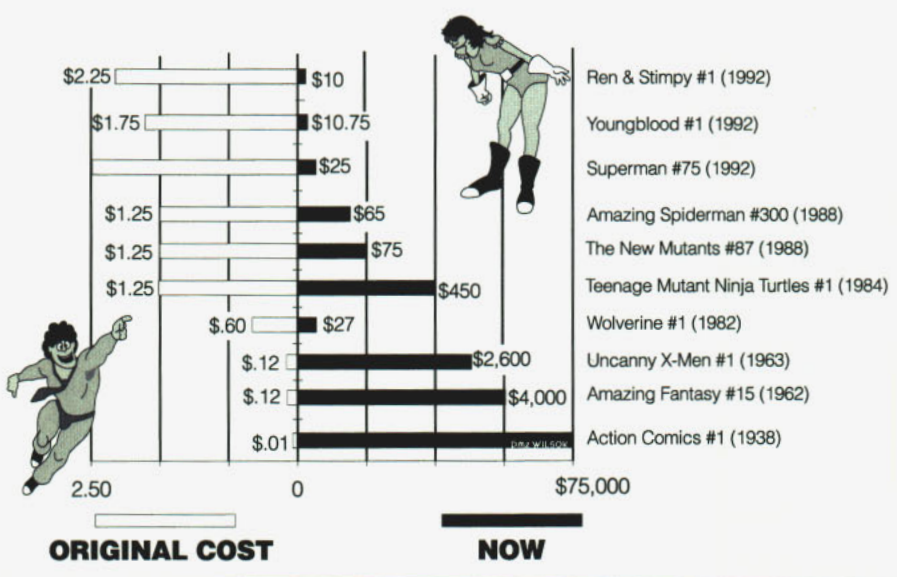
Comic book values soar



dead and bucks

Comic Books Top Ten

1. Spawn (Image)
2. Uncanny X-Men (Marvel)
3. X-Men (Marvel)
4. Superman - all four titles (D.C.)
5. Amazing Spiderman (Marvel)
6. Cyberforce (Image)
7. Youngblood (Image)
8. Wild C.A.T.S. (Image)
9. Cable (Marvel)
10. Magnus -Robot Fighter (Valiant)

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Left: To attract the eye of comic buyers, publishers use gimmick covers — silver-foil, die-cuts, holograms and pop-ups — to make their books stand out on the shelf.

Next to go?

As the fervor over Superman's death begins to die down, D.C. Comics is plotting the downfall of the current incarnation of everyone's favorite caped crusader, Batman.

A 22-part story line called "Knightfall" will conclude in Batman #500. D.C. Comics announced that during a fight Bruce Wayne will suffer a major spinal injury, but will continue to sleuth while confined to a wheelchair. A relatively new character named Azrael will inherit the Batcave and all its wonders. Azrael will become the new Dark Knight, complete with a brand-new costume and more violent attitude toward crime.

Will the passing of the Batcowl be permanent? Only time and D.C. Comics will tell. □

Preservation

Once a sailor purchases a comic book, there is only one way to safely store their investment — bags and boards. "You have to remember that a book is made of paper and will eventually begin to deteriorate," explained Kevin Waters, an employee of Trek Shack, and a hull technician in the Navy. "You can slow the deterioration by using acid-free plastic or Mylar bags (especially made for comic and magazine storage)." Boards are made of stiff paper and placed behind the comic book to keep the bag rigid.

Other important storage tips include:

- Keep bagged and boarded books out of direct sunlight.
- Store the books in the dark, preferably in specially-made comic storage boxes. Boxes should be kept in a cool, dry place.
- Change bags and boards every two to three years. This will help preserve a comic collector's precious investment. □

There are still some heroes

Blue Angels do more than aerial stunts

Story by JO2 Paul Taylor, photos courtesy of the Blue Angels

A thunderous roar shakes the ground as four blue and gold F/A-18 *Hornets* streak overhead in formation, their wing tips just inches apart — another breathtaking performance by the Navy's Flight Demonstration Team, the Blue Angels.

During their eight-month touring season, the Blue Angels visit cities across the country. At each of these stops, the pilots do more than just fly. They also visit local schools and hospitals, delivering messages that include "the importance of staying in school, off drugs, and reaching goals," said Marine Capt. Ken Switzer, the team's lead solo.

Rick Fulton is the assistant principal at West Valley High School in Yakima, Wash., where the Blue Angels recently paid a visit. "They gave a brief presentation," he said. "They then answered questions about their experiences, their education and why they joined the military. The kids have since told me how impressed they were."

"I think this is the most important thing we do," Switzer said. "Seeing the kids' faces light up when we walk in really makes my day — they're the reason we're out there."

Fulton said the Blue Angels are excellent examples of why kids should stay in school. "Even in the sports world, you hear stories about athletes abusing steroids and other drugs. It was refreshing to see these young men who serve our country and are such excellent role models for kids — there are still some heroes in America today!"

Taylor is a staff writer for All Hands.

The Blue Angels' blue and gold F/A-18s can be combat ready in a short time with removal of smoke generating equipment, installation of the *Hornet*'s 20mm cannon and a few other modifications — including a new coat of fleet-gray paint.

USS Racine

Operation Remembrance

Story and photos by PHC Carolyn Harris

When USS *Racine* (LST 1191) returned to her Long Beach, Calif., home port after a three-month deployment, the sailors, soldiers and Marines aboard brought back more than just the usual souvenirs — they brought back tales of the South Pacific. *Racine* visited seven South Pacific Island nations during the cruise.

For many Marines, the zenith of the entire journey was arriving at Honiara, Guadalcanal, the week of the 50th anniversary of the famous World War II battle. Task Force Guadalcanal, along with about 1,000 veterans, took part in several memorial ceremonies and the dedication of three monuments.

During a port visit to New Caledonia, sailors and Marines joined with French citizens to help celebrate the liberation of New Caledonia and the arrival of the Allies.

"New Caledonia was the highlight of the cruise for me," said Chief Boatswain's Mate Bret Young, who was invited to the home of a local family. The father of the family said Americans gave him his first taste of chewing gum and ice cream, and he wanted to return the generosity 50 years later. "For two days, the family showered us with food, drink and gifts," said Young. "They actually cried when we left." □

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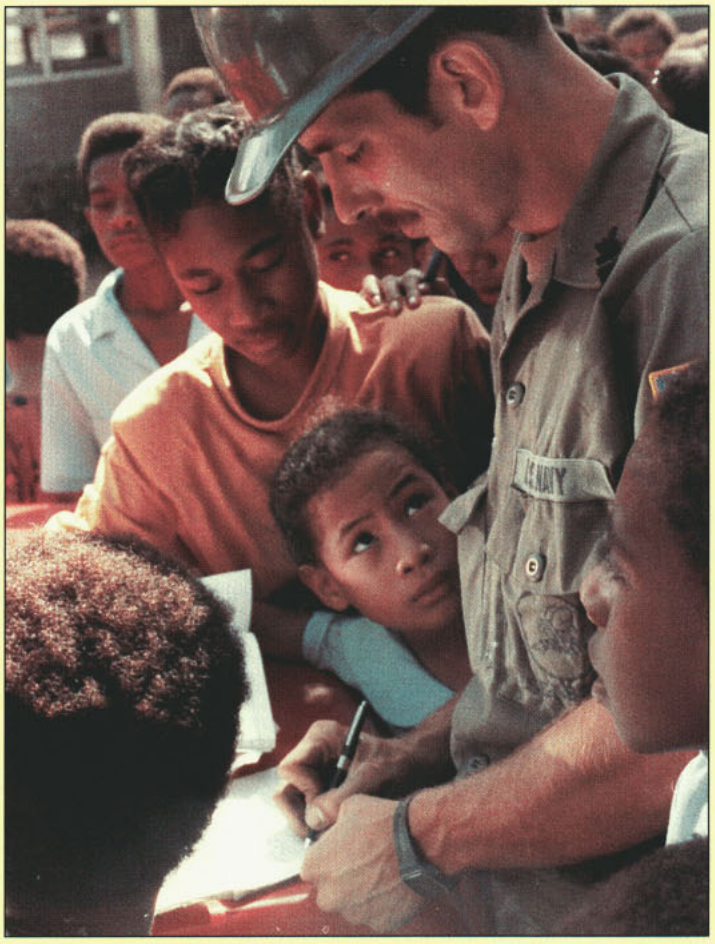


Left: CM1 Robert Wilczynski signs an autograph for a student at Bavaroko Community School in Port Moresby, Papua, New Guinea. The Seabees, soldiers and Marine engineers from Task Force Guadalcanal spent several days repairing and painting the school.

Above: USS *Racine* sailors and their families stream aboard the ship upon its return from a three-month, DoD-sponsored cruise to the South Pacific.

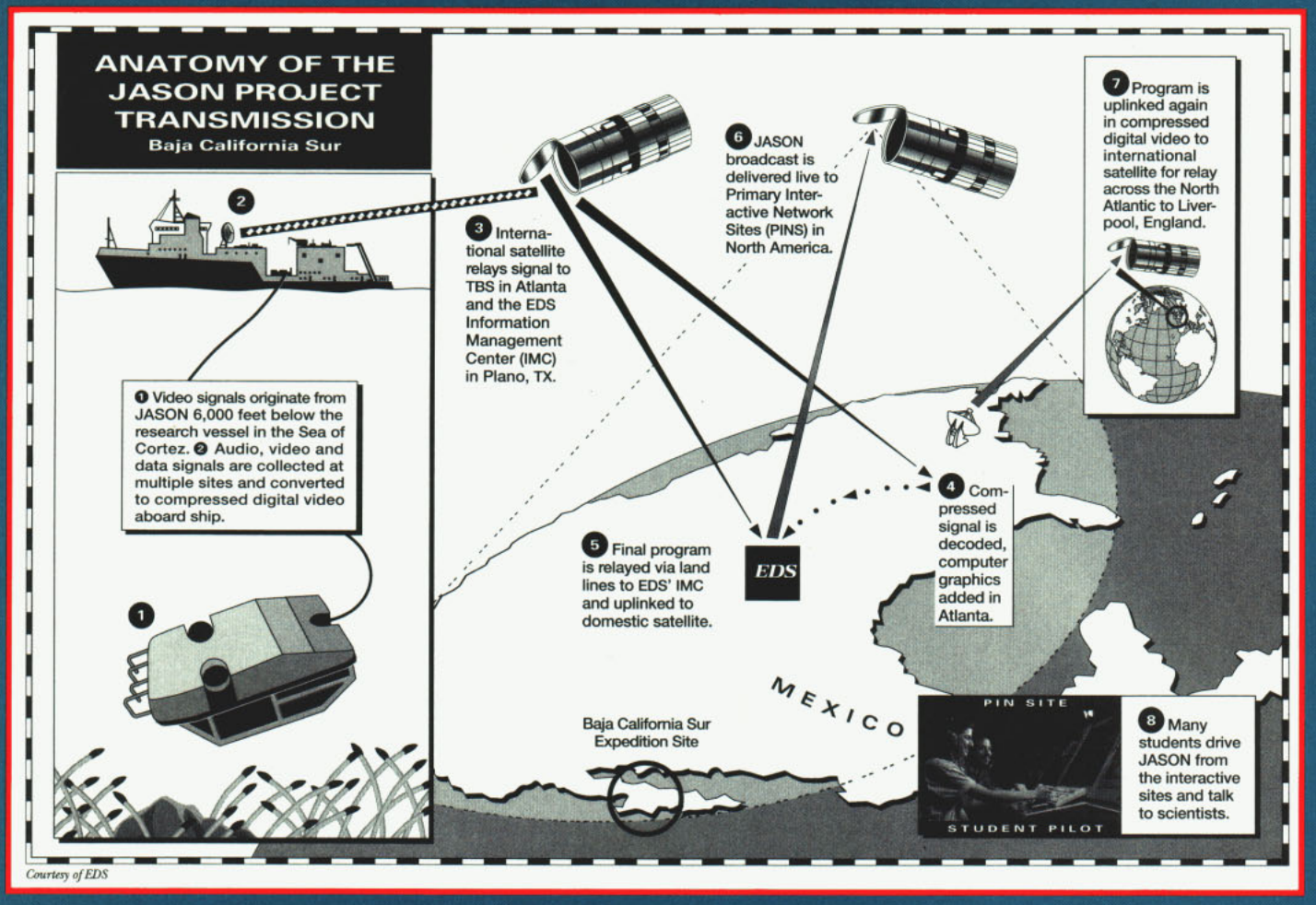
Left: LCDR Margaret Anne Connors, a Navy nurse, meets Solomon Islanders during a dedication ceremony at Guadalcanal.

Left: USS *Racine* is silhouetted in the peaceful evening light in the harbor of Honiara, Guadalcanal, a dramatic contrast to the same scene 50 years earlier. Some of the fiercest fighting of WWII happened here.

Jason Project

Navy joins students to explore the deep

Story by LT Mary Hanson, USNR



Courtesy of EDS

The Navy is always going to new depths to improve the public's knowledge of the sea. Even if it means taking a group of students more than a mile underneath the waves.

The kids don't literally go down with the ship, but they do get to take part in an interactive learning experience called the *Jason Project*, where by using special underwater video cameras, students get to experience life under the sea and learn about science through discovery.

The two-week oceanographic expedition recently took 20 student "argonauts" aboard Navy research vessel *Laney Chouest* in the Gulf of California. Along with submariners of Navy Deep Submergence Unit, San Diego, the students investigated underwater hydrothermal vents and diverse life forms living in the Guymas Basin, 7,000 feet down. State-of-the-art communications allowed more than 700,000 science students around the country to share in the excitement of scientific discoveries via satellite.

The annual project is the brainchild of Dr. Robert Ballard, senior scientist at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Mass., and a commander in the Naval Reserve. Ballard believes the way to excite students about science is to involve them directly in scientific research so more of them will become scientists, engineers, mathematicians and technicians themselves. "The key is to involve everyone," he said, "including the U.S. Navy."

Teacher argonaut Robin Sayre, gave the Navy high marks for its support. "The Navy has gone out of its way to make these kids feel comfortable," Sayre said, adding that the students' exposure to the Navy's role in the Jason Project would likely broaden their views of the Navy's mission. "The kids see the Navy heavily involved in research — not just weapons."

That point was not lost on student argonaut Clay Sellers, 14, from Linville, Va. "If it wasn't for the Navy, this whole expedition would not be possible," he said. "Before I came here, I had no idea of the extent of the Navy's involvement in science and technology."

It is these youths whom Ballard — along with the dozens who joined him on *Jason* IV — was trying to reach. He said, "After all, it's their generation that will determine the fate of our planet." □

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Left: **The *Jason Project* is a unique example of how the Navy is helping students to learn by discovery.**

Tutors, mentors... friends

Partners in education

Making a long-term investment in young people was added to the Navy's mission in 1986, when then Chief of Naval Operations ADM James D. Watkins formed a commission on Personal Excellence and National Security. The result — the Personal Excellence Partnership Program — was an extremely rewarding way for sailors and schoolchildren to interact and learn more about their community.

At last count, more than 1,200 partnerships have been formed in the United States and overseas, involving more than 200,000 young people and 20,000 volunteers. Partnership activities include: tutoring, career exploration, environmental education, classroom assistance and guest speaking, just to mention a few.

If your command is interested in becoming involved in the program contact: Bureau of Naval Personnel, (Pers 603), Navy Annex, Washington, D.C. 20370; (703) 614-5742 or DSN 224-5742. □

Helping hands

Story by JO1(SW) Randy Navaroli, photos by PH3 Robert Goza

For the crew of USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65), being in dry dock and revitalizing their ship was not enough. They felt the need to get involved in their new community.

Journalist 2nd Class Don Kennedy, of *Enterprise*'s public affairs office, approached Newport News Public School officials asking what the crew could do to help. They were teamed with Warwick High School's Enclave program, a class of 27 special education students who went to an area shopping mall to learn valuable skills they can use to get jobs after graduation.

Kennedy began recruiting a pool of volunteers called the *Enterprise* Helping Hands Network. The sailors served as job coaches and mentors for the students, teaching them, one-on-one, the skills they needed.

"They taught me a lot," said Lorraine Savage, an Enclave student. "I like having them around because they make working fun."

The fun job site atmosphere makes an ideal learning environment. Often the volunteers don't realize the impact they have on the students. "It's not until you work with the students for a long time, then look back and remember where the students were when you started," said Machinist's Mate 1st Class Shane Lazio. "I never knew how much of a difference I was making. I just thought it was the right thing to do. I think I got more out of it than I put into it."

Two years ago only one graduating student in five was accepted into the local employment center where they would continue working, while the remaining four were placed on a

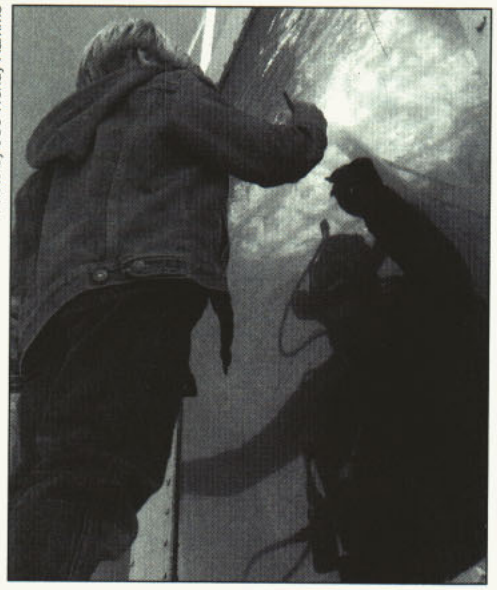
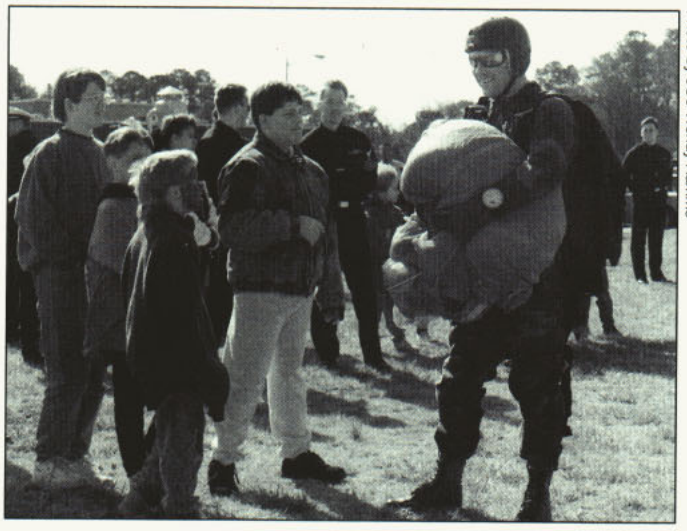


Photo by JO3 Wendy Hamme

Left: **During a visit to the Independence Middle School in Little Creek, Va., an explosive ordnance diver plays tic-tac-toe with a student on the glass of a dive demonstration tank.**

Below left: **EOD Unit II "drops in" on Independence Middle School in Little Creek, Va., as part of its Partners in Education program.**

Below right: **Sailors from USS *Roanoke* (AOR 7) are partners with Rossmoor Elementary School in Los Alamitos, Calif. *Roanoke*'s crew recently celebrated National Book Month with the students.**



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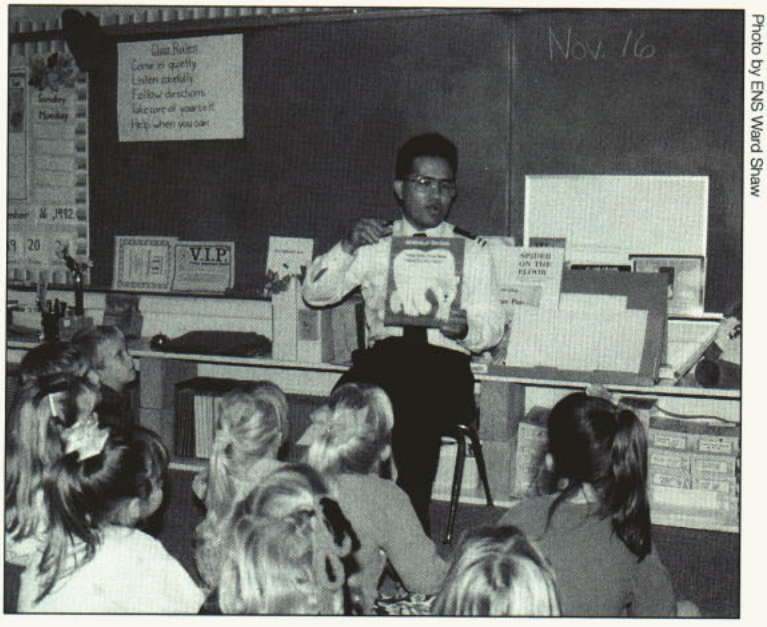

Photo by ENS Ward Shaw

waiting list and sent home. Last year, five of five were accepted immediately into the center.

The program's success has been recognized by many, including, the city of Newport News, Va., the Virginia Department of Education, the National School Administrators Association, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Governor of Virginia and by former-President George Bush as the 886th "Daily Point of Light."

Navaroli and Goza are assigned to USS Enterprise (CVN 65).

There is always something to do at the TJ Maxx department store. Tyrone Gill and his new Navy friend work together to fold a table cloth.

Reaching out

Story and photos by JO1 Tom Wiseman

La Salle sailors extend a helping hand to Abu Dhabi school

A day in the park was all it took to break down age and language barriers when crewmen from USS *La Salle* (AGF 3) visited a center for handicapped children during a recent port call to Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

Smiles, smiles, smiles! Everywhere you look, smiles! Smiles on the faces of 29 sailors from the command ship USS *La Salle* (AGF 3), and smiles on the faces of the 29 handicapped children with whom they spent a day during a recent port visit to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

La Salle's sailors were only the second group of U.S. Navy crew members to visit the Indian Ladies Associated Special Care Center which provides self-help and other training programs for handicapped children. Chaplain (LCDR) James Lobby organized the visit and said he was very pleased so many sailors would spend their liberty in such a meaningful way. "It gave the crew something worthwhile to do while we were in port," he said. "In fact, it's easy for me to get the guys to work on these programs."

Electronics Warfare Technician 1st Class Kim McCann said he loved helping out, especially since his 28-year-old brother is also handicapped. "When we set up this visit, I was worried about how the crew would react to [the kids]. But, after we got to the school, the guys looked like they had been working with handicapped children all their lives."

Each sailor was assigned a student as his day-long companion. After overcoming the initial shyness during a get acquainted period, students, sailors and teachers boarded buses to visit a local park. Before returning to the school, they shared a picnic supplied by the school's staff.

"It's very beneficial for the students when sailors visit the school," said Annie John, the school's coordinator. "Our center is operated by women, but the kids need male influences. We are all looking forward to the next American crew to visit the school." □

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DNA

fingerprinting

Missing aviator comes home

Story and photo by JO2 Brett Bryan

Hundreds of families still wait for news of loved ones who never came home from the Vietnam War. For the family of one naval aviator, the search for answers has finally ended after 25 years.

LT Ralph E. "Skip" Foulks Jr.'s A-4E attack plane was reported shot down near Haiphong, North Vietnam, the night of Jan. 5, 1968. His last radio transmission gave no sign of trouble. That was the last thing the Foulks family, or anyone, would hear about Skip's whereabouts for almost 20 years.

"We felt from the very beginning he was killed, since there were no sightings of him being shot down or captured. Other pilots in his squadron told us they think he was killed in the crash." said CDR Debra Campbell, Foulks' sister.

Foulks was classified as missing-in-action (MIA) in 1968, and later reclassified in 1975 as presumed-killed-in-action (PKIA). Any lingering hopes that he might still be alive began to diminish. "Until the POWs came back, there was always an idea that he may have been a POW," Campbell said.

> **"Not knowing for sure was very difficult."**

For the thousands of families who lost someone in the Vietnam War, a PKIA classification leaves many questions.

"Not knowing for sure was very difficult. The only information we received came from the National League of Families and what comes out of the Navy," Campbell said.

For 20 years Foulks' family looked for answers, each time reaching a dead end. Then in 1988, more than three dozen sets of remains came back from Vietnam. One had a name identifying it to be Foulks.

Campbell said that, though relieved about a breakthrough, she

was still skeptical. "At that point the Vietnamese government was sending back lots of bodies with names attached to them in an effort to appear they were working with the government. So, there was no way of saying why his name was attached to that set of remains. I'd been told later on, it could have been someone who just identified the sight of the grave to his name, someone could have seen information at the time — a wing, a tail, something like that, and tied the name to his," she said. "But dog tags or personal things have never been recovered with it.

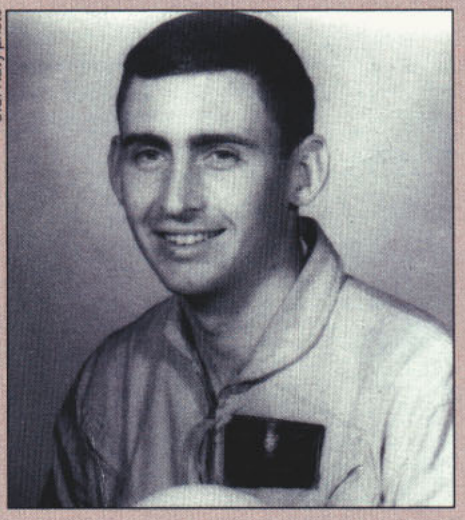
"We prepared for a funeral. But there was no skull with the remains that came back, so there was no way of identifying the remains through dental records." she said. "We were told that until the process improved, there was no way of identifying those remains. They couldn't be sure, and the lab wasn't going to put a name to it."

For five years Skip Foulk's remains sat in limbo in a laboratory in Hawaii, with no clear way of making an identification, until the summer of '92, when the Foulks family heard about a new process of identification — DNA matching. "We had gone to the National League of Families meeting this last summer. They had the lab folks from Hawaii come out and give an overview of the DNA process.

"There was a bloodmobile set up, and they encouraged people to give blood for the purpose of testing against the remains they had," she said.

On Dec. 31, Campbell received a call from the lab saying they had a match — the remains in Hawaii were positively identified as that of Skip Foulks. Almost 25 years to the date of his disappearance, Skip Foulks was finally going home. Foulks was buried in Pensacola, Fla., on March 6, one of the first servicemen killed in Vietnam to be identified through DNA testing.

U.S. Navy photo



LT Ralph E. "Skip " Foulks as a young aviator. Foulks was shot down over Vietnam in 1968. His body remained unidentified for more than 20 years.

Campbell said the DNA test was the key to identifying the remains of her brother, and recommends that any maternal relative who has someone in an MIA or PKIA status give blood to be tested. "Maybe they can finally have an answer too." □

Bryan is a photojournalist for All Hands.

Mitochondrial DNA: How is it used to identify human remains?

DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) is found in the cells of every living creature. For the purpose of DNA typing of a casualty, mitochondrial DNA (MtDNA) is used. Unlike genomic DNA, which is composed of equal parts of both parents' DNA, MtDNA is inherited only from the mother. Once a small fragment of MtDNA is obtained from the remains and amplified thousands of times, it can be matched with a reference specimen given by a maternal relative (mother, maternal grandmother, maternal aunts and uncles, even maternal cousins).

The analysis of MtDNA for identification purposes performed at the Armed Forces DNA Identification Lab is a relatively new idea. In fact, only four other labs in the world are capable of using MtDNA as a means of identifying skeletal remains. □

DNA Analysis

Recently the Navy started using DNA analysis to aid in identifying human remains.

"We'll use dental records and fingerprints as a double check, but DNA will become the primary means of identification," said LCDR Edward Kane, DNA program manager at the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C.

Navy medical personnel are currently collecting blood and tissue samples from new recruits. Part of each sample is placed in the individual's medical record and the other is sent to a DoD storage facility where it is catalogued into a central computer for future use.

"We began collecting samples in 1992 and we expect to start collecting from fleet units in late 1993," Kane said. The DNA program should be in place in all services within the next few years. □

Story by BuPers Public Affairs.

World relief

Story and photos by JO2 Pat Lauderdale

Big things come from little places

Below: Air Force Airman Terence C. Muldoon (left) and Airman 1st Class Jonathan E. Hanners (right), assist in loading a pallet of more than five tons of medical supplies and sports equipment routed for Somalia and Armenia.

In the war-torn countries of Somalia and Armenia, the lives of children and families at various refugee camps have been made a little healthier and happier with the help of Navy Recruiting District (NRD), Little Rock, Ark.

One hundred sixty personnel from NRD Little Rock, in conjunction with the United Methodist Church of Little Rock, donated more than five tons of medical supplies and sports equipment to the countries. The supplies were distributed by the International Red Cross.

According to Dr. Jay Holland, coordinator for the relief efforts, many of the children of Somalia and Armenia are dying from pneumonia and diseases that accompany starvation.

Somalia, like Armenia, has no government, and the fight for power continues. As a result, the countries' food distribution networks have been disrupted, and thousands of people have been forced to leave their homes to find food and escape the fighting.

"What began as a mere thought, turned into a joint effort with a minimum of bureaucracy and a lot of willpower," said CDR Diane Carnevale, NRD's commanding officer. "The effort was, in the purest sense of the word, a vision — and a vision with action can make a difference." □

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Hammer time!

Seabees build alternatives for students

Story and photos by JO1 Mark Everts

***Above*: Career days expose students to occupations they may never before have considered. MR1 Constante Banez explains one of his skills, tuning an engine, to Rebecca Avila (left) and Sue Pendas (right).**

"Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country" are more than famous words from President John F. Kennedy. They express a philosophy, a commitment, to building a better America. For 15 students from Roosevelt Roads Middle School in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, a recent field trip to a Seabee construction site exposed them to skills that could make their lives productive and help build a better tomorrow.

Nancy Lee, a science teacher at the school, coordinated the trip as part of the school's career day. "Career day gives students a broader look at what people do for a living," said Lee. "It shows students job opportunities after high school or college."

First, the students learned the Seabees role — field construction and defense.

Following the briefing, the students toured the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 boathouse project. The crew leader pointed out various skills used by Seabees in constructing this type of building. As they observed the Seabees at work, the students asked about training opportunities and discussed life in the Navy.

Several of the young women on the tour were amazed at the opportunities available to women Seabees. "I'm really not sure what I'll do when I graduate," said eighth-grader Sue Pendas. "But this tour has given me some ideas."

The group's final stop was Alfa Company, where they learned about the roles equipment operators and construction mechanics play in a construction battalion. "Today's field trip has taught me a lot," said Christian Gonzales. "Though I'm not real sure of my future right now, I won't rule out the possibility of one day becoming a Seabee." □

Everts is assigned to the public affairs office, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4.

"Career day gives students a broader look at what people do for a living."

Left: With all Seabee ratings open to women, these students could one day find themselves doing the same job as BU2 Scott McIntyre.

Helping hands

Story by JO1(SW) Mike Dean, photo by Carl Cason

Gunner's Mate (Guns) 1st Class (SW/AW) Robert Powers, of the Norfolk-based amphibious assault ship USS *Nassau* (LHA 4), helps homeless people in Virginia Beach, Va., for a very personal reason.

When Powers was 15 years old, the Nevada native was on his own. As a homeless teenager living out of a car in Las Vegas, Powers learned firsthand the dangers and hardships of homelessness.

Literally saved by the Navy, Powers knows now that he can make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

As a volunteer at the Judeo-Christian Outreach Homeless Shelter in Virginia Beach, Powers helps the homeless by serving food, working at the shelter's thrift store, and organizing fund raisers for the non-profit organization.

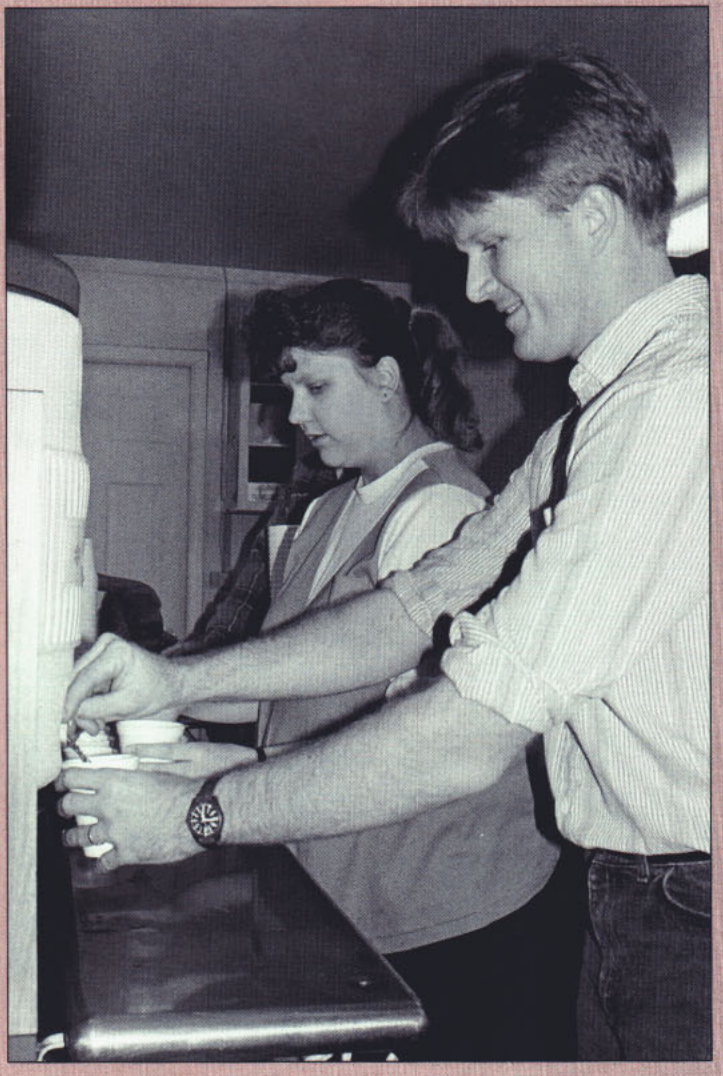
The facility, which houses up to 50 people, is equipped with a kitchen staffed by volunteers from 59 area churches and synagogues. A rotating schedule, similar to a ship's watch bill, designates days for each volunteer group to prepare and serve meals for up to 110 people.

"You can just show up and eat," said Powers, who represents Virginia Beach's Suburban Christian Church. "What bothers me is we have a lot of kids coming down from the trailer park, and this is the only hot meal they'll have all day."

During the bitter cold winter of 1985, when Virginia Beach encountered record numbers of homeless people, Powers met Dick Powell who, while coordinating efforts to deal with Virginia Beach's problem, founded the Outreach Shelter. As the shelter's director, Powell likes the work Powers does.

"I wish I had more volunteers like Rob," Powell said. The 28-year-old sailor visits the shelter three or four times a week and does everything from driving homeless people to job interviews to installing speakers at the thrift store.

This concern for the homeless is not likely to dissipate anytime soon, Powers said. "Just helping people" makes it all worthwhile. □



Dean was formerly stationed aboard USS Nassau *(LHA 4). Cason is a retired Navy chief petty officer.*

The meals, made of food donated by local businesses, churches, and families, are served seven-days-a-week to all people.

U.S. Navy photo

YN1 Marcus T. Mitchell gives a presentation at Fisher Elementary School near Algiers, La. Fisher is one of hundreds of Naval Reservists who volunteer their time with Campaign Drug Free.

Just say No!

Story by JO2 Sheri Crowe

The Naval Reserve's three-year-old Campaign Drug Free (CDF) program is sweeping the country with a powerful message for kids to stay off drugs.

"We've made a very large commitment," said RADM Thomas Hall, commander, Naval Reserve Force (ComNavResFor). "We have 140,000 potential volunteers (reservists) in all 50 states. Our people will be trained and working out of reserve centers, air stations . . . anywhere there's a reserve activity."

The volunteers come fully equipped. They're armed with information packages and videotapes targeted at elementary, middle and high school students. The information reiterates the importance of staying off drugs.

The program, piloted in New Orleans, and Washington, D.C., is getting good reviews as well as lots of volunteers.

> **"If this program saves one child who lives a full life and becomes a productive citizen . . . it's been paid for a thousand times over."**

Although the Naval Reserve speakers are not drug or substance abuse experts, they serve as positive role models for school children, teaching them to make correct decisions concerning drugs — to just say no.

To appeal to kids in reservists hometowns, the Naval Reserve is tapping into the Selected Reserve Force. "Most reservists are role models in their respective communities," said CAPT Robert Erbetta, CDF coordinator from Naval District, Washington, D.C. "What better way for reservists to show kids what they do and to show the Navy's view regarding drugs."

To become speakers, reservists and active-duty volunteers should contact their appropriate Readiness Command, Naval Air Station, Naval Air Facility or Naval Air Reserve.

School groups interested in having anti-drug presentations can call the Naval Reserve at 1-800-554-4542. □

Crowe is assigned to the public affairs office, ComNavResFor, New Orleans.

Good neighbors

Story and photos by JO1 David W. Crenshaw

Neighbors. For most, the word alone conjures memories of good times, caring and sharing with friends who live close at hand. Good neighbors can be a joy.

So when USS *Iwo Jima* (LPH 2) crew members deploy from their Norfolk home port, they like to take their policy of being a good neighbor with them and show the communities they visit that the Navy is always willing to lend a hand. So whenever they pull in for a port visit, they keep their ears open for any calls for help.

When the Ronald McDonald House in New Orleans, which provides a place to stay for families of locally hospitalized and terminally ill children, asked for help with some minor repairs and upkeep, sailors and Marines from *Iwo Jima* were quick to answer.

***Above*: FCCS Dennis L. James is one of 13 *Iwo Jima* crew members who helped with maintenance on the Ronald McDonald House in New Orleans.**

Helping with "the house that love built"

Above: **Ronald McDonald Houses provide lodging for families of locally hospitalized and terminally ill children.**

Right: **Sailors and Marines are more than willing to "pull the load" by lending helping hands in communities around the world.**

Descending upon the "house that love built," sailors and Marines armed with brooms, paint brushes and other implements of construction, soon had the house looking ship shape. It was then they found out the children of the "house that love built" had an agenda of their own.

Mardi Gras had come once again to the town of New Orleans. Parades and party-goers filled the streets and the children at Ronald McDonald house were not going to be left out. They had chosen their own King and Queen of Mardi Gras, and had set them upon thrones of balloons, crepe paper and little red wagons.

They were to be pulled about a mile down the mid-city parade route to a reviewing stand where they would receive honors from the Captain, King and Queen of the Mid-City Mardi Gras parade.

All they needed was someone to pull.

It was then that the King and Queen cast an eye toward Electronics Technician 1st Class Roger Byers and Marine Sgt. B.W. Keenum. In a very short time, the royal family had procured for themselves a military escort and were brought to the parade in style.

After all, it was the neighborly thing to do. □

Crenshaw is assigned to USS Iwo Jima *(LPH 2).*

United forces give facelift to shack

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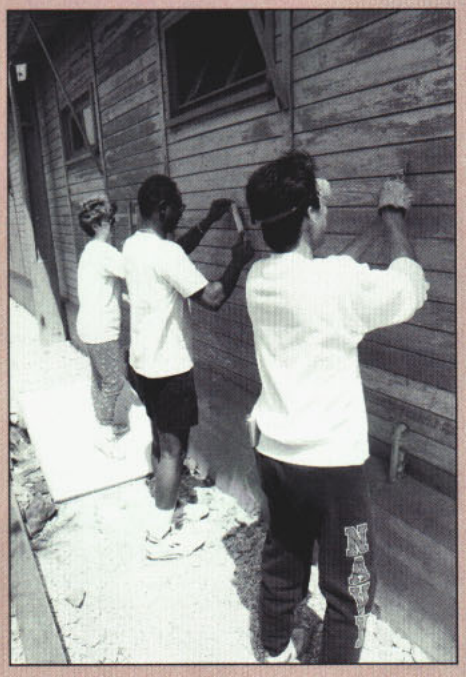


Story and photos by JO2 Dan L. Kuester

Service members from three countries at a NATO base in Oeiras, Portugal, proved that, with good will and cooperation, big things can happen.

Volunteers from Commander-In-Chief Iberian Atlantic (CinCIber-Lant) area headquarters recently turned an abandoned shack into a community center. The facility has a child play center, a library and a community room, which is a central meeting place for on and off-base groups.

Previously, service members didn't "have a place to relax in and call their own. They had limited facilities and inadequate play grounds for children and a very small library," according to RADM R.G. Guilbault, deputy commander in chief of the base.

But, there was an abandoned contractors' shack on the compound that could satisfy these needs. It seemed like a perfect match.

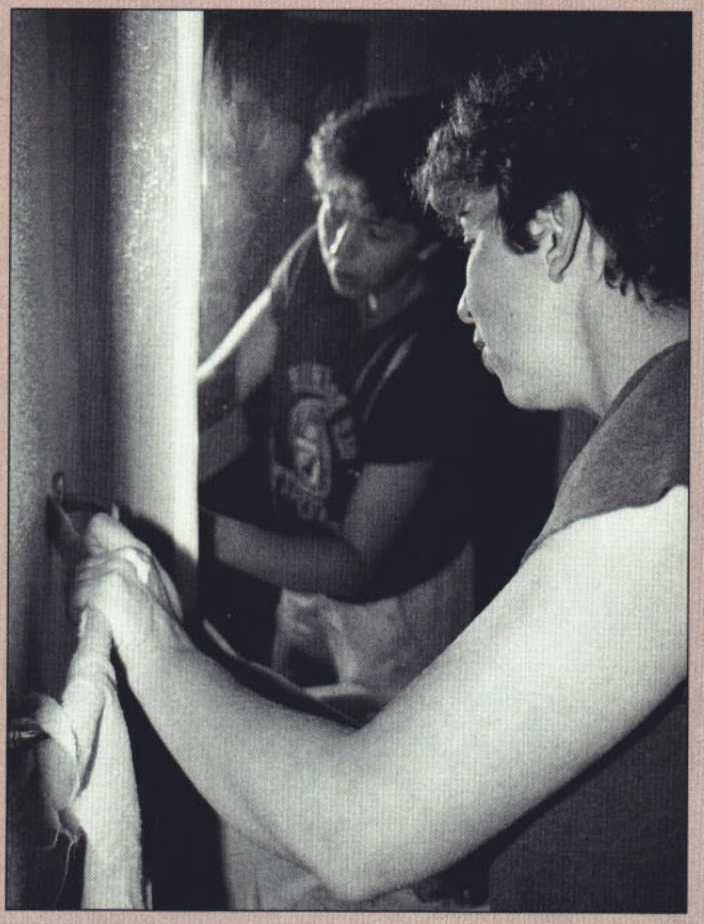
A team of ambitious volunteers, both active-duty and family members, from the United States, United

PARTY

Kingdom and Portuguese navy, army and air force came to the rescue. "We got together and painted, moved dirt, put up fences, rewired the building, built partitions. We did it all," said Senior Chief Radioman Dickey Oliver, who spent time on the project after work and on weekends.

Because of a little ambition and planning and a lot of international cooperation, the new facilities have helped forge a tighter bond between people and nations. □

Kuester is assigned to the public affairs office, CinCIberLant.



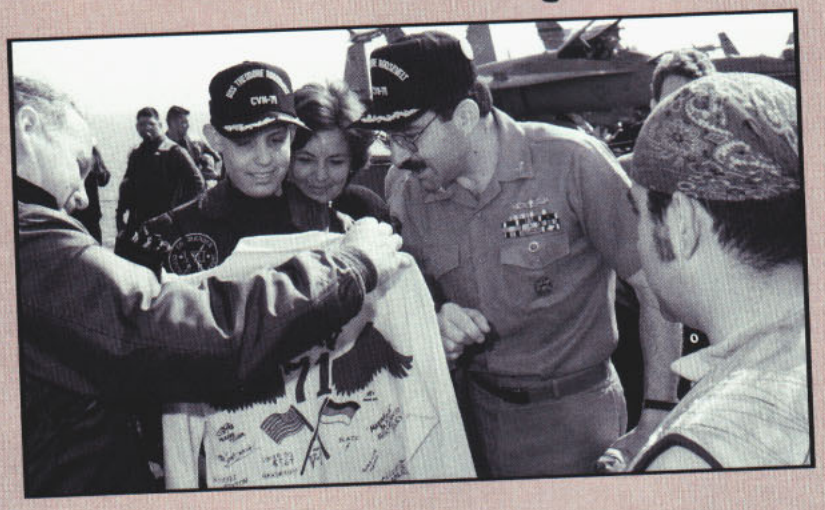
Above: **RMC Carlynn Wolfe probably had memories of boot camp as she polished brightwork in the center's head facilities. Sailors, soldiers and airmen from three different countries worked on the project.**

Left: **The community center as it appears today. More than 2,000 manhours from NATO volunteers were put into converting the center which now houses the base library, community room and child play center.**

Opposite page, top: **The outside of the building required a total facelift. LCDR (Dr.) Nancy C. Griffee, DT2 Tony M. Ratliff and DPC Ed H. Quismorio clean the exterior.**

Left: **Landscaping the grounds in front of the community center building was a team project.**

Making dreams a reality



Many of the crew members on *Roosevelt* gave Frank Klaren souvenirs of his visit, including a jersey signed by the flight deck airmen.

Frank Klaren is like any 15-year-old-boy; his eyes lit up when he landed on board the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71) in the Adriatic Sea in April.

Klaren, from Mehring, Germany, has leukemia, but you couldn't tell that from his healthy excitement on this day.

Stepping off the C-2 *Greyhound* plane that they flew from Capodichino, Italy, he walked across the flight deck, accompanied by his father, Herr Helmut Klaren, and Franu Ranate Loft, the President of the German Make-A-Wish-Foundation.

"It's wonderful. It's great. When Frank told me he wanted to be on an aircraft carrier, it seemed unbelievable," said Loft. "In Germany it could never be done. I still think it's a dream; I can't believe we are here now."

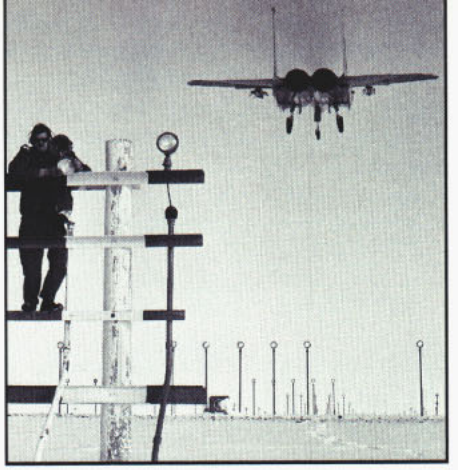
The first stop for the group was to CAPT S. W. Bryant's cabin where the group met *Roosevelt*'s commanding officer and he exchanged gifts with the youth.

"[It's always been] his dream to get a jacket from the ship," said the older Klaren.

"Nobody minds having a guest come on the flight deck for a cause like this. It's important. We wanted to show him who we are and what we do," said Airman Greg Rogers, a flight deck director.

The feeling was shared by much of the crew. "I think it's a great program, and it's good that *Roosevelt* can be a part of it," said LT Eric Shierling. "It feels incredibly good to be able to make someone's wish come true. I'm also sure it means a lot to Frank, and that's what's most important." ■

Story by JO3 Robert B. Carr, photo by PHAN Todd Lackovitch, both assigned to USS Theodore Roosevelt *(CVN 71).*



The force of the snow thrown from the plows often snaps the lights along the edges of the runways. The plows also dig up a number of runway center lights, mangling them beyond recognition. But thanks to the airfield lighting crew such as EM1 Dennis Martin, the lights aren't beyond repair.

Let there be light

An invisible force maintains the nearly 5,000 lights which line more than 50,000 feet of runway and taxiways at Naval Air Station, Keflavik, Iceland. Or so it would seem, until lights are out and aircraft are unable to see the taxiways.

"It's a never-ending battle," said Electrician's Mate 1st Class Dennis Martin, airfield lighting leading petty officer. "We repair or replace an average 15 to 25 lights daily. Naturally, light bulbs are going to burn out, but in Iceland, during the winter, snow plows cause the most damage."

In January, a snow plow knocked out a light and its concrete base, shorting out the lighting along an entire taxi way. It took the crew two days of digging through several feet of snow, going from one light to the next, before they found the problem.

"It's one of those jobs — if we do it right, nobody knows we're here," said Martin. ■

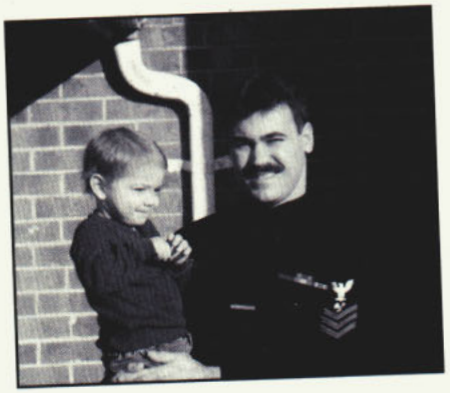
Story and photo by JO2 Carlos Bongioanni, assigned to the Iceland Defense Force.

Breath of life saves child

It started out as a typical Sunday at Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Va., base housing. Instrumentman 2nd Class Sam Patrick was on duty while Pam, his wife, was doing household chores. Checking on the couple's 18-month-old son, Casey, Pam saw a drapery cord wrapped around the unconscious baby's neck.

Pam grabbed her son and ran next door to the home of Machinist's Mate 1st Class Brad and Jodie Vogel. Brad, an instructor at the Fleet Training Center, blew air into Casey's mouth, hoping for a miracle. "I know adult CPR but not infant," he said. "I couldn't get air into him at first, but I knew I had to get him breathing. Finally, when I lifted his back up, air got in."

Within minutes, the Chesapeake Beach Rescue Squad arrived on the scene. By then, Casey's coloring had changed from blue to a pale flesh tone, he was conscious and breathing faintly on his own. Doctors at the hospital examined Casey, and after an overnight stay, released him to his parents. ■



Doctors estimate that Casey Patrick had been without oxygen for at least two minutes before MM1 Brad Vogel was able to get the child to breathe on his own.

Story and photo by RMCM(SW) Karan C. Fisher, assigned to Fleet Training Center, Norfolk.

Mind over matter

A small cloud of chalk fills the air as the short, stocky man clasps his hands together. He pops his neck to the left, and then to the right while simultaneously stretching and relaxing his fingers. Centering himself over the bar, he reaches down and makes sure he has a firm grip. The powerlifter's heart is racing now as he strains to lift the weight.

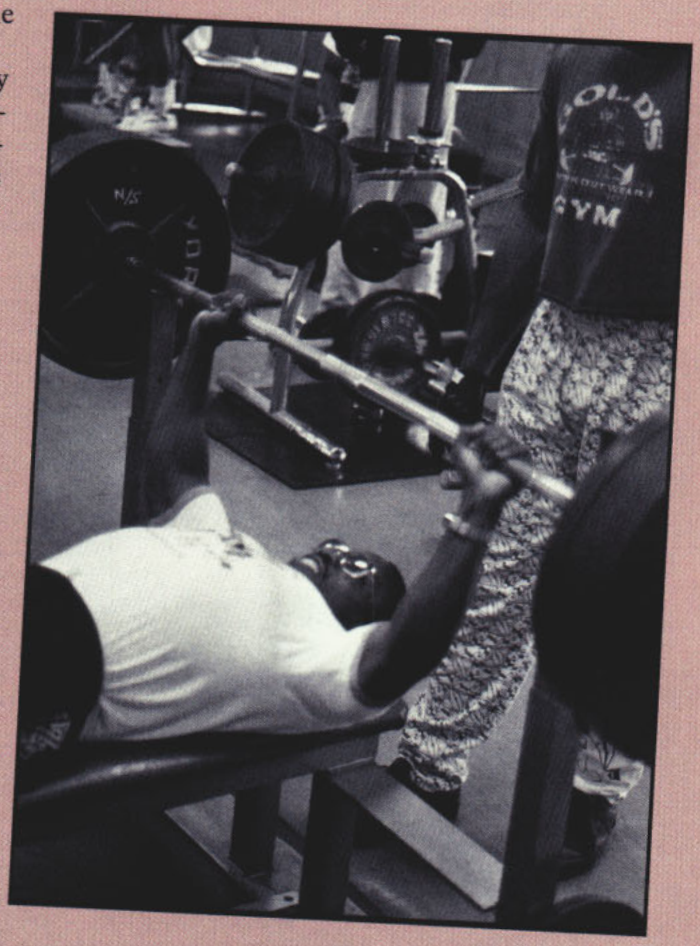
LCDR David L. Ricks, the assistant facilities officer at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, has returned with yet another victory. Ricks has won six national weightlifting titles in the last three years, and successfully defended his World Champion title this year.

Ricks recently returned from Birmingham, England, where he competed in the International Powerlifting Federation World Championship. Ricks won the 165-pound weight class with a squat of 617 pounds, a benchpress of 402 pounds, and a deadlift just above 672 pounds. This was no small task for the 33-year-old.

"I put myself through a 12-week, self-designed training schedule before every major competition," Ricks said. "I start at about 70 percent of my lifting capacity during the first week, and by the 12th week I'm at 95 to 100 percent of my lifting capacity."

Ricks, who has been powerlifting on and off for 12 years, says next year will be his last year of competition. "I've won six national titles and two world titles . . . I have accomplished everything I set out to do," he said with a smile. "I will defend the title one more time, and then graciously retire from the sport." ■

LCDR David Ricks trains for a powerlifting competition. Though not yet an Olympic event, the explosive power of the sport is becoming more popular.



Story by Marine Cpl. Leigh K. Weld III, assigned to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan.

Close look

As a 25-year Navy man, most of which was on submarines, and a long time fan of *All Hands* as a publication, I felt a need to point out a mistake in the December '92 issue. Your articles have always been informative and worthwhile reading. I believe they have indirectly inspired many re-enlistments.

The error is an incorrect caption to a photograph in one of the articles, "Thrust of the *Spear*" on Page 13. In the photo, which is on the first page of the story, the caption says USS *L.Y. Spear* (AS 36) is providing services to two U.S. and two Norwegian submarines. It is a British nuclear submarine outboard the now-decommissioned USS *Jack* (SSN 605) on the tender's starboard side and if memory serves me correctly, the two 'Norwegian' subs were actually Germans. It was all part of an exercise several years ago (1987 or 1988). I was there as Chief of the Boat on *Jack*.

I thought you would want to correct this small error. We have no subs today, nor from the past, which look like the British sub in the photograph. There are probably not a lot of people around today who would look closely at the photo and recognize it, but this one did.

At any rate, keep up the good work. We, the members of it, would like to see more coverage of the submarine force in the future.

—MMCM(SS) Dave Ellis
PSC 819, Norfolk

Mine countermeasures

In reading the "Mail Buoy" section of the April '93 edition of *All Hands*, I was taken aback by the letter from PO2CR Edward Siteman, Canadian Forces Station, Masset, B.C., entitled "Bad Credit."

The "facts" he presented concerning USS *Princeton*'s (CG 59) minestrike and her subsequent extraction from the minefield have been distorted. It was indeed USS *Adroit* (MSO 509) who led USS *Beaufort* (ATS 2) into the minefield to the stricken *Aegis* cruiser and who lead both ships back out to safety. I was the First Lieutenant of *Adroit* and the MCM evaluator throughout the 18-hour ordeal. The CO of *Princeton* cited *Adroit* for her "superb professionalism" and specifically commented, "You were a lifesaver. Your aggressive, professional leadout, locating more mine-like objects than you had flares to mark was an impressive show."

While I do not wish to discount any accomplishments of our allies, the credit for this operation clearly belongs to *Adroit*. Should there be any question, the cover art of the Autumn '93 edition of the *Naval War College Review* depicts the incident most clearly.

—LT Eric J. Preble
XO, NRC Staten Island, N.Y.

Whales never forget

While your story about this year's participants in the *Unitas* deployment told a much needed story about one of the most significant regular deployments currently being conducted by naval forces, it slighted one of the major participants. USS *Whale* (SSN 638) chopped to Task Force 138 on July 1, 1992, and outchopped Nov. 12. *Whale* was an active participant in all phases. She was the only nuclear-powered vessel to make the deployment and our performance in all areas was outstanding.

This is particularly noteworthy given that *Whale* made the full five-month deployment without outside maintenance assistance once we left U.S. bases.

We wish you would acknowledge the superb job done by 150 submarine sailors in carrying the spirit of *Unitas* to South America — 'From (Under) the Sea,' too.

—A.V. Harris Jr.
CO, USS *Whale* (SSN 638)

• All Hands *regrets omitting mention of* Whale *in the* Unitas *article. Certainly all units — aviation, surface and submarine — must work together for any operation to be successful. Normally,* All Hands *is very good at detecting a unit's presence. You certainly evaded our detection! — ed.*

Marathon date changes

• *The date for the Marine Corps Marathon reported in the May '93 issue of* All Hands *has been changed. The marathon will be run October 24 vice November 7. If you're interested in more details write: Marine Corps Marathon, P.O. Box 188, Quantico, Va. 22134; or call (703) 640-2225. — ed.*

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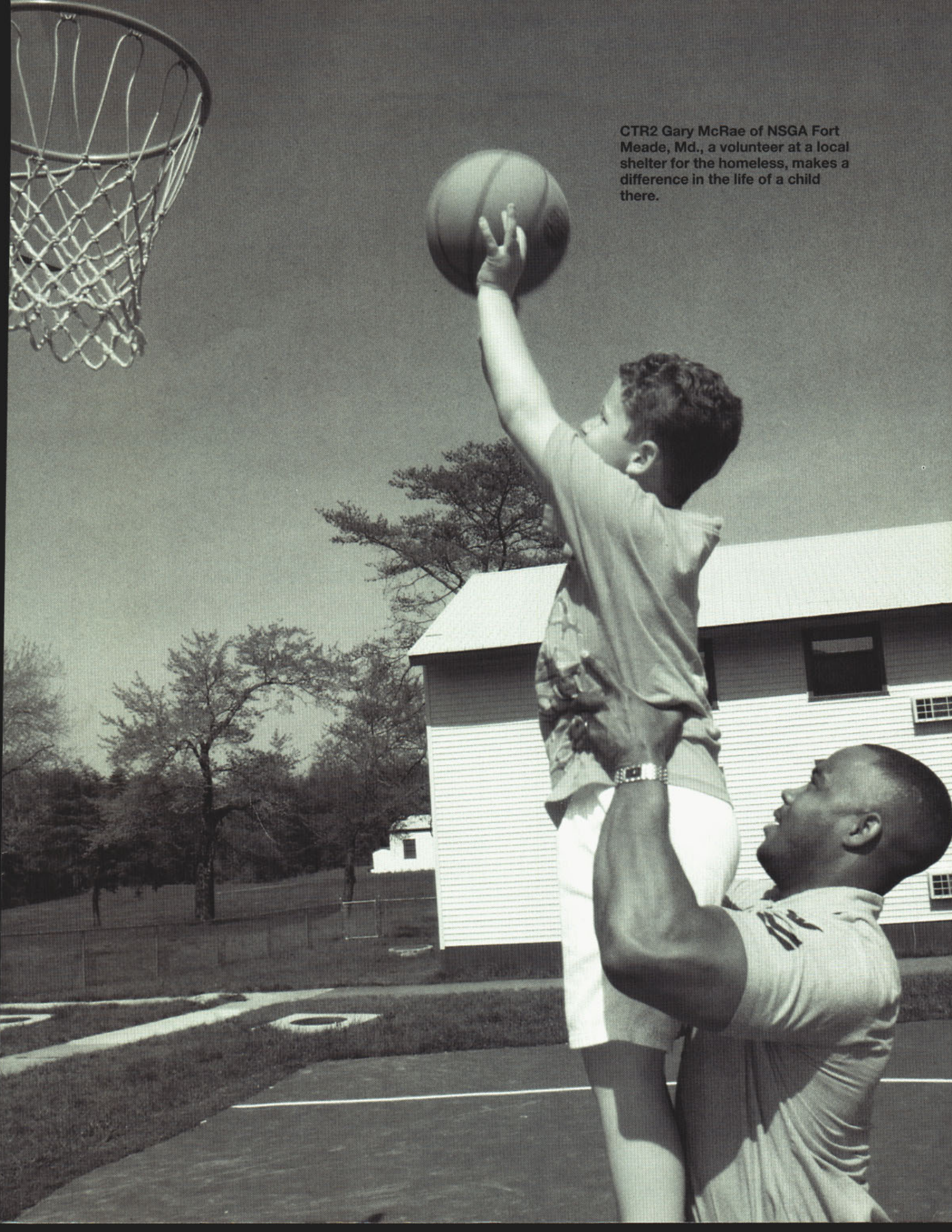

CTR2 Gary McRae of NSGA Fort Meade, Md., a volunteer at a local shelter for the homeless, makes a difference in the life of a child there.

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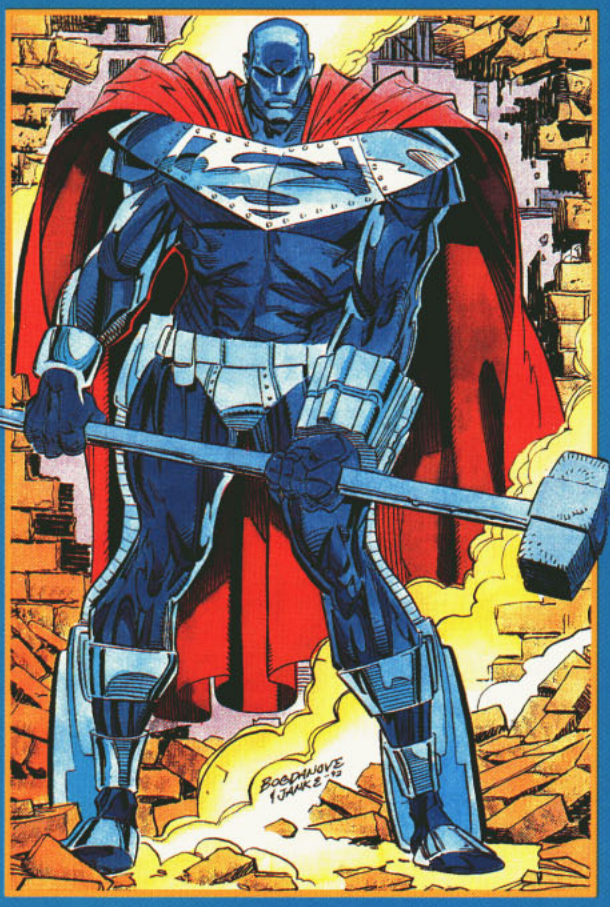

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