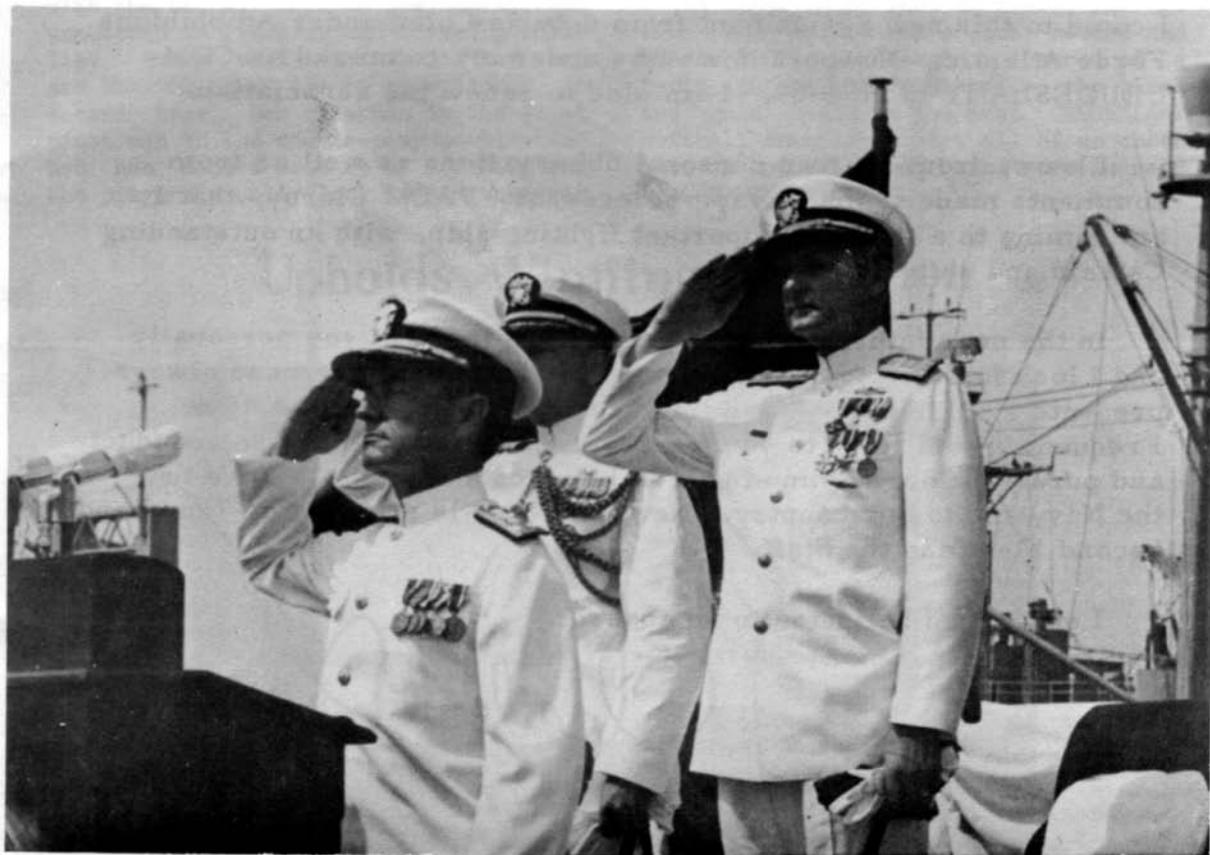


# *The Rapidfire*

USS NEWPORT NEWS



"Break my flag," is the order given to Captain McCarty by Vice Admiral Charles K. Duncan as he assumes command of the U.S. Second Fleet.

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On 19 May it was my very great pleasure to assume the duties of Commander Second Fleet, Commander Striking Fleet Atlantic, and Commander Joint Task Force 122. As many of you are aware, I come to this new assignment from duty as Commander Amphibious Force Atlantic. Newport News was under my command as COM-CRUDESLANT in 1964-65. I am glad to renew the association.

I know, from my own personal observations as well as from comments made to me by my predecessor, VADM Clarey, that I am coming to a fine and important fighting ship, with an outstanding Captain and ship's company.

In the near future I hope to get to know many of you personally and I look forward to serving with you. Each new command always presents a challenge — and this one is certainly no exception. Frequently I will turn to you for assistance and advice in the conduct and pursuit of our common goal — being of maximum service to the Navy and to our country. Newport News is essential to Commander Second Fleet and the Staff.

I am indeed delighted to be aboard.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles K. Duncan". The signature is written over a faint background watermark that includes the text "UNITED STATES SECOND FLEET".

Charles K. Duncan  
Vice Admiral  
Commander Second Fleet

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# VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

## by CAPT Lindsay C. McCarty, USN

As I write this, I am on the bridge of the USS Newport News, just beginning the second week of our Midshipmen Training Cruise. So far, I am pleased with the progress of the cruise and, more specifically, with the training of the midshipmen. Our officers and petty officers did a fine job of planning for midshipmen instruction in each department. It is recognized, however, that the success of these plans depends upon the interest and effort of the entire crew, not just upon the few who initiated the program. Each officer and man of the ship's company must pull his oar throughout the cruise, as has been done these first few days.

Really, it is a tremendous opportunity that we have to help train the Navy's prospective officers. Each of you have some idea of the qualities that you think a naval officer must have. Undoubtedly, one of these qualities, and an important one at that, is the professional knowledge—the know-how of the way of seamen and the sea. This is your opportunity to teach some of the professionalism that you have acquired. As the first class midshipmen work alongside the Division Officer, they can be taught both by example and instruction. The third classmen do their daily chores and stand their watches alongside the seamen and firemen, and from their example learn new skills. Equally important, you can help make sure the midshipmen appreciate what it means to be a non-rated man in the Navy. If he is taught this, his chances of leading well in the years ahead will improve.

This midshipmen training works both ways. You, the midshipmen, must do your part to seek the information and skills which we can impart to you. I believe you are doing just this at the outset of this cruise, and I urge you to continue with your good effort. Indeed, if both ship's company and midshipmen can maintain initiative and positive attitude, this particular NEWPORT NEWS cruise will be a great success. I have confidence that it will be just that.



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## Moral Side of the . . . NEWS

by Chaplain Walter "J" Schwartz, USN

Once upon a time there was a rich man named Job who owned seven thousand sheep and three thousand camels and thousands of other animals. He was not only rich, but upright; and he was well respected throughout the land.

One day, he gave a dinner party for his seven children and their wives and husbands. They had a good time together but according to the Old Testament story these family celebrations seemed too much for Satan. It was apparent that Satan was jealous of Job and his prosperity. He simply did not like to see a son of God making good. He taunted God that Job was faithful only because he was rich--and could afford to be faithful. "Just give me a chance," Satan said to God, "and I will show up Job!" And God, who looks at the heart of all men, had faith in Job that he could lose his things without losing his way-----that he was a man who could take it. God said as much to Satan.

So, according to the story, Satan went to work to show God about the motive for Job's religion. Job's sons and his cattle and camels were either slaughtered or stolen by thieves; his

wife left him; and he was covered from head to foot with boils. "And in all this, Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly."

Three friends came to visit Job and spent a whole week arguing with him, telling him how foolish he was to trust a God who would let these calamities happen. It is hard to be argued with when one is covered with boils, but Job simply answered, "Shall I teach God knowledge?"

Job was not bragging. He was clinging to his deepest hunch, born of both experience and thought, that God would sustain his suffering and use it to free his soul.

Satan finally gave up. He was dumfounded. And then the story says that God blessed Job with as many good things as he had had in the beginning. No doubt Job was pleased with his restored prosperity and no doubt Satan was chagrined by it. But the chances are that the thousands of cattle did not seem very important to Job because he now owned something more satisfactory: he was still "blameless and upright, one who feared God, and turned away from evil." He owned his own soul.



BM1 William L. Bedwell explains ship's anchor-windless to Chaplain Walter "J" Schwartz, far left, and Chaplains from the Officer Indoctrination School (Chaplains).

# Flagship Marines Aid Korean Girl



LCPL William Mauntel



KANG Yung Sook



Early this year, LCPL William Mauntel of the Marine Detachment, came across a Post magazine article about Americans supporting underprivileged children overseas. "I have always been fond of children and was intrigued by what I read," Bill said.

The article told of the Christian Children's Fund and the aid that organization was providing for underprivileged children in the United States and foreign countries.

LCPL Mauntel explained that he was surprised to learn anyone could support a child for as little as \$10 a month; he felt that he could afford that much. However, it occurred to him that this would be an excellent project for the entire Marine Detachment to take part in. The Marines got together, talked it over among themselves and decided to contact the Christian Children's Fund headquarters in Richmond, Virginia.

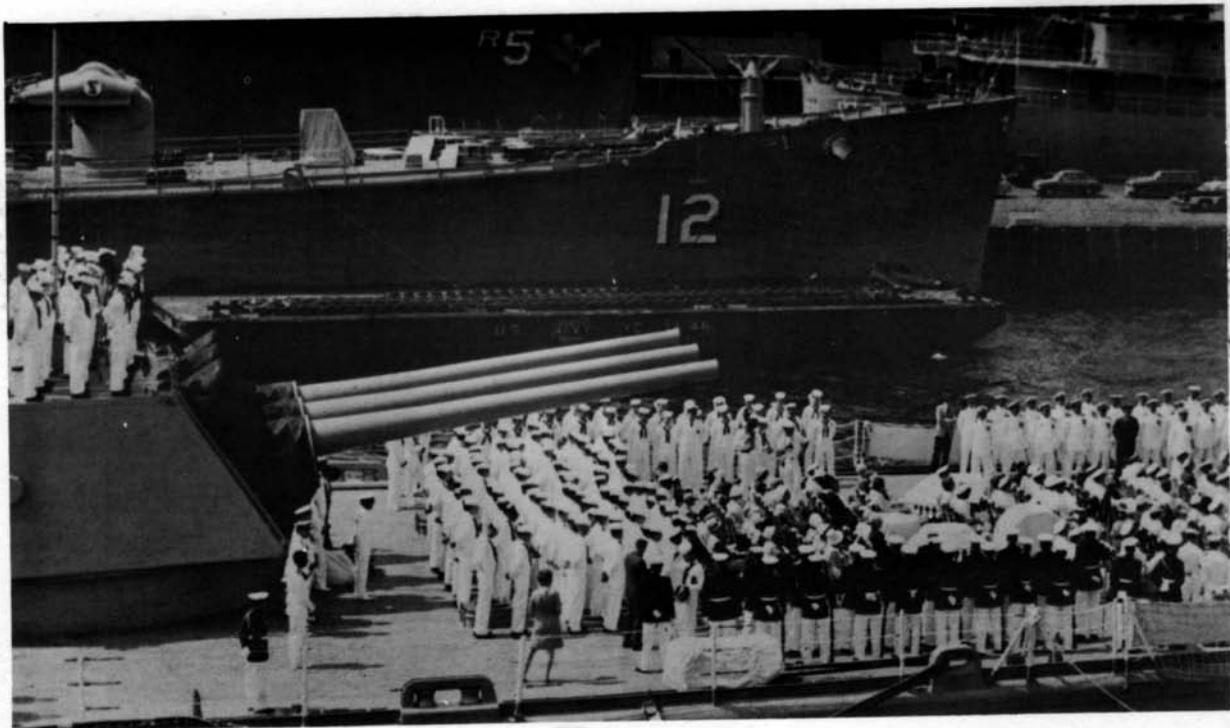
The Marines didn't express any pref-

erence on the nationality of the child, but all agreed they wanted a girl. They decided to let the Fund choose the nationality on the basis of the child who needed immediate help.

Recently, the Marines were notified they were sponsoring an 11-year-old Korean girl named KANG Yung Sook. Yung Sook has had an unfortunate childhood. Her father, poverty-stricken and in ill health, died some time ago, leaving the mother alone to provide for the family. The poor woman struggled to meet the needs of her children, but she could not provide even the basic necessities of life. Finally she was forced to bring her daughter to the Christian Children's Fund.

Thanks to the Marines on board Newport News, Yung Sook has a fine new life ahead of her. The \$10 a month contribution will pay for her clothing, medical attention, food and shelter, and education.

WELL DONE, Marines.



USS SALT LAKE CITY

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## VADM C.K. Duncan Takes

Vice Admiral Charles K. Duncan relieved Vice Admiral Bernard A. Clarey as Commander SECOND Fleet and NATO's Striking Fleet, Atlantic, on May 19.

Admiral Duncan, whose prior duty was Commander Amphibious Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, became the 21st commander to take the helm of the SECOND Fleet in the fleet's 22-year history. He was relieved of the Amphibious Forces post May 16th by Vice Admiral Lloyd M. Mustin.

Admiral Clarey, who took command of the SECOND Fleet in Oslo, Norway, on August 22, 1966, is being transferred to the Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

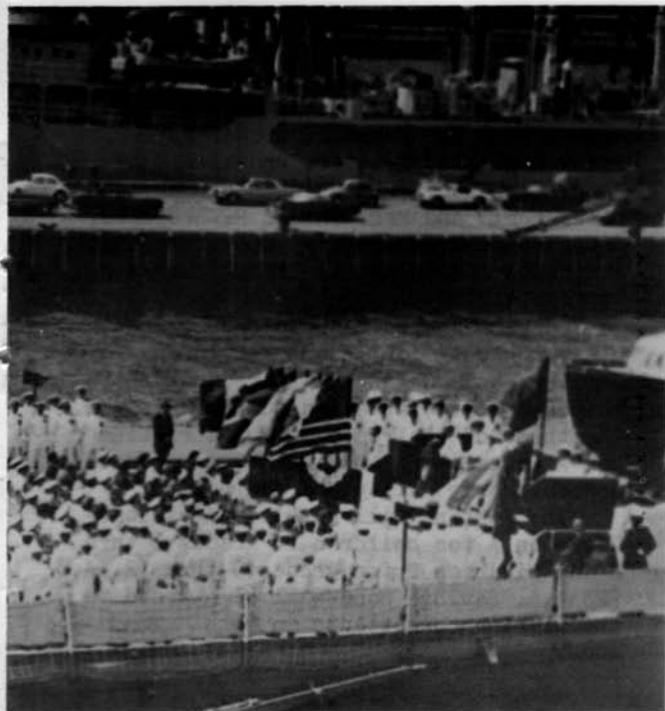
In attendance at the change of command ceremony were dignitaries of the military, civilian and political communities, headed by Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, Commander In Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Commander Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic.

Admiral Duncan is a native of Kentucky and is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1933.

Following his graduation, his first duty was on board the cruiser USS SALT LAKE CITY. Subsequent tours have included destroyer duty in USS SCHENCK, HUTCHINS and WILSON, as Engineering, Executive and Commanding Officer, respectively.

From June 1946 to January 1948 he was executive officer of the fast battleship USS WISCONSIN. He commanded the attack transport USS CHILTON from August 1955 to November 1956, immediately prior to reporting as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations on the staff of Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet.

Additionally, Admiral Duncan has served on the staffs of Commander in



WIVES CLUB NEW

# CHANGE OF COMMAND



## 2nd Fleet Helm

Chief, Atlantic Fleet and Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic, Destroyer and Services Forces, Atlantic Fleet.

He is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and has served as a member of the "Holloway Board." This board, established in September 1945 by the Secretary of the Navy, studied the form, system and method of education of Naval officers of the post war United States Navy.

While in the Pacific, he was Commander, Amphibious Group One, headed the Amphibious Training Command, and commanded the U.S. Naval Base, Subic Bay, in the Philippines. In January 1962, he was ordered to Washington, D.C. to become Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for plans, in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department.



Admiral Duncan Cook command of the Atlantic Fleet's Cruiser-Destroyer Force on May 10, 1964, before being named Amphibious Forces Commander in June 1965.

He is married to the former Sheila Taylor of Halifax, Nova Scotia. They have two children, Bruce and Anne.

# WIVES CLUB NEWS

"Partners to men of the Navy"—this is an unofficial motto of Navy wives throughout the world and it is particularly true of the ladies who assemble each first Tuesday of the month as members of the USS NEWPORT NEWS Enlisted Men's Wives Club.

The club, which celebrated its second anniversary in January of this year, is open to all enlisted wives, both ship's company and staff, whose husbands are attached to the ship.

Completing her term of office as president of the Enlisted Men's Wives Club this month is Mrs. William L. Bussey. Assisting Mrs. Bussey were the following 1966-67 officers: Mrs. Frank Castellucci, recording secretary; Mrs. Armans Arenas, corresponding secretary and chaplain; and Mrs. Robert Eckhart, treasurer.

Installed as officers for the 1967-68

year at the club's June meeting were: Mrs. Harvey A. Crandall, president; Mrs. Frank Castellucci, vice president; Mrs. Jerry R. Hutto, recording secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Thomas R. Sheppard, corresponding secretary and chaplain. The club's sponsor is Mrs. Thomas M. Applegate.

Currently, the club is sponsoring an essay contest for school children of Officer and Enlisted personnel (both ship and staff) attached to NEWPORT NEWS. The theme of the essay is "Patriotism" or "Americanism" and will be judged on content, originality and neatness.

The contest will have two divisions—Division A for children in grades 6 thru 8 and Division B for grades 9 thru 12. A \$25 U.S. Savings Bond will be awarded to the winning contestants in both divisions.



Captain McCarty presents ship's plaque to Mrs. William L. Bussey, outgoing president of the Enlisted Men's Wives Club.

# DIVISION OF THE MONTH



BML James Shadoan and BML Grady Huff discuss a Fourth Division project with ENS Leonids Predtechenskis, Division Officer.

## 4<sup>th</sup> DIVISION

The job of a boatswain's mate is an art, not an exact science; and the skill of seamanship, as in an art, can only be attained by constant practice and experience. There are certain principles, techniques and lessons that may be learned from books which help the boatswain's mate readily. Yet, the only place where he can become master of his art is aboard ship. Aboard the NEWPORT NEWS under the direction of ENS Leonids Predtechenskis, Leading Petty Officer BML Shadoan and BML Grady Huff, Fourth Division has proven to be one of the best deck divisions.

Responsibilities for the division include maintenance of the port side, above and below deck spaces, from frame

136 to Mount 52. In port watches consist of Post Four, anchor watch and garbage watch. Fourth Division men are also used for damage control and assistance detail. Underway watches require boat watches, in case of a man overboard, and messenger watches which are stood on the Bridge.

If the "News" is moored at a pier, it is the duty of the division to tie up by handling lines three and four and to renew the appearance of the deck by "Holy Stoning". While at anchor, Fourth Division boatswain's mates handle rigging the boat boom, the accommodation ladder, and supply men for the liberty launches. Fourth Division also participates in highlining and replenishment operations, during at-sea refueling de-

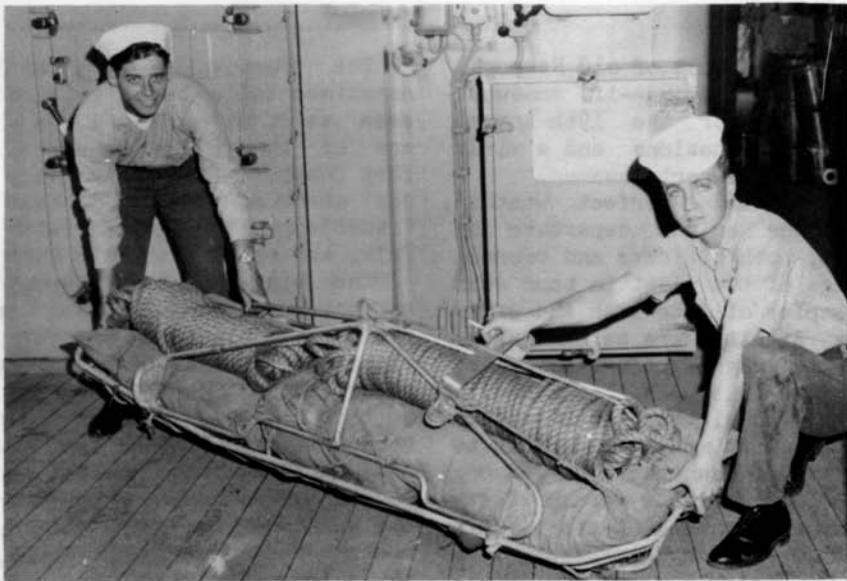


## 4th Division

tails. At General Quarters, Fourth Division men man Mounts 52, 54, 56 and 38. Responsibility in manning the Captain's Gig, four utility boats, supplying of four night workers and one man for the side boys, are additional assignments handled by the division.

The boatswain's mate has two trademarks: his knowledge of tying knots and his skill in the use of the bos'n pipe. There is a long tradition involved in his knowledge of both these skills. Because of his varied shipboard duties, a boatswain's mate is not a specialist in any particular phase of the ship's operation, but he is, more or less, a Jack-of-all-Trades. He has to be to handle the myriad of duties assigned him and his division.





The highline litter, basically a Stokes stretcher, is rigged by SN Warren Wheat and SN Charles Hooverman, of Fourth Division.

# NEWPORT VISIT



The stately castles of old Newport, R.I., provided a fitting--if somewhat austere--backdrop for the 19th Annual Global Strategy Discussions and a visit to New England by Newport Newsmen.

Despite less than perfect weather, which delayed the ship's departure by several hours, both officers and crewmen took advantage of the visit to tour such splendid examples of late 19th and early 20th Century architecture as the Breakers, with its magnificent Cliff Walk; The Elms, Whitehall, and Marble House.

Newport's proximity to Boston allowed many Newsmen to make a side trip to the "birthplace of democracy." Among the most popular sights were Boston's new 50-story Prudential Center, Old North Church, Harvard University, the Boston Common, Copley Square, and Fenway Park. A trip to Boston is always a pleasant lesson in American history and a visit to be remembered.

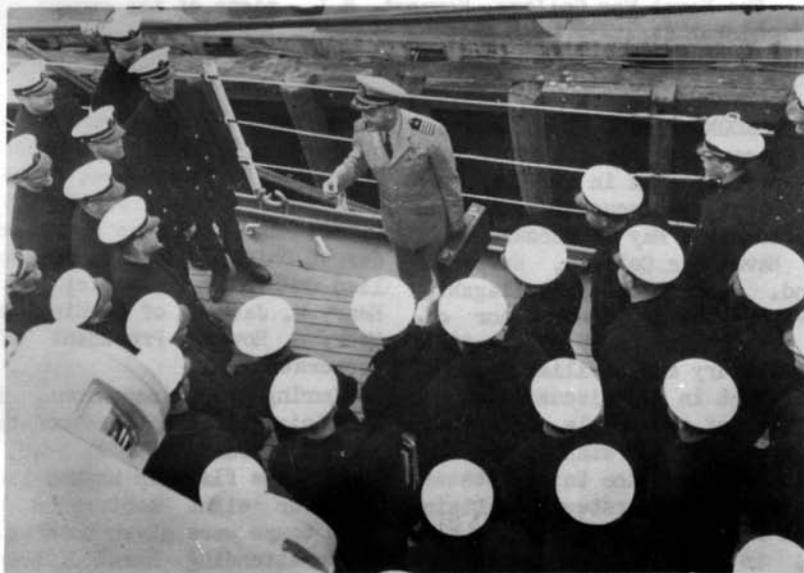
The "Festival City", as Newport is sometimes called, has remained much the same as it was in the 1770s when it was one of the three major cities on the East Coast. Just as the city was a major cultural center in that era, the tradition has remained with the jazz, folk, and opera festivals each summer.

The high point of Newport's history was between 1890-1910 when mansions of the wealthy blossomed on every hand, and elaborate entertainments were a common occurrence.

Today Newport is undergoing an economic change. Many of the large estates are being cut into smaller lots and new modern homes are being constructed. But the beauty of the city---its quaint narrow streets and Colonial homes, its interesting waterfront, and the more modern section with the homes of the summer colony still make the city one of charm and interest and a great port to visit for Newport Newsmen.



Beautiful Victorian-style architecture is **very much** in evidence in Newport and the surrounding countryside.



NEWPORT NEWS was host to many guests while in Newport. Above, Captain McCarty chats with visitors from the nearby Naval Officer Candidate School.

# Global Strategy Conference



The Naval War College, Newport, R.I., scene of the recent Global Strategy Discussions.

Commander SECOND Fleet, Vice Admiral Charles K. Duncan, and several staff officers were participants in the 19th annual Global Strategy Discussions, which were conducted from May 22 through May 25 at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. Admiral Duncan's flagship NEWPORT NEWS had the distinct honor of welcoming and hosting many of the distinguished military and civilian personnel who took part in the discussions.

The purpose of the yearly conference is: "To further an understanding of the problems confronting the United States in formulating global strategy to attain our national objectives." Attending the conference, in addition to high-ranking Naval officers, were emissaries of the Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps, as well as civilian dignitaries representing both government and industry.

The highlights of the Global Strategy

Discussions were addresses on subjects of major significance by guest speakers of national prominence. The speakers included Secretary of the Navy Paul H. Nitze; Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, Commander in Chief, Atlantic, and Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic; U. S. Senator Henry M. Jackson of Washington; and Mr. Henry S. Rowen, President of the Rand Corporation.

During the discussions, 15 civilian participants were accommodated in quarters on board NEWPORT NEWS. In addition, the flagship hosted luncheon visits for eight conference committees. Ship tours were given to nearly 500 students attending Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport. Open House was conducted on Sunday, May 21, the date of the flagship's arrival in Newport.

The Global Strategy Discussions were concluded at noon, May 25.

# SecNav Guest No Stranger to Flagship



John Speer and Chief Bos'n Christopher G. Schmidt renew an old friendship on board NEWPORT NEWS during cruise from Newport, R.I. to Norfolk. Both were shipmates on NEWPORT NEWS from 1955 to 1958.

May was homecoming month for one Secretary of the Navy guest who joined the ship for the cruise from Newport to Norfolk.

For John Speer of Huntington, W.Va., NEWPORT NEWS is an old friend. From June 1955 to June 1958, Mr. Speer--then LTJG Speer--served as A Division Officer and Damage Control Assistant.

During Mr. Speer's tenure, the ship served, alternately, as flagship for the SIXTH Fleet and COMCRUDIV II.

Mr. Speer made two Med cruises aboard NEWPORT NEWS and considers them a highlight of his tour of duty.

During the two Med cruises, the ship was host to such notables as the King and Queen of Greece.

"I thoroughly enjoyed serving aboard NEWPORT NEWS," Mr. Speer said. "To my thinking, she's the finest ship in the fleet."

"There are a lot of improvements going on around the ship," Mr. Speer said. He noted the crew's barber shop and the recently renovated ship's store as examples.

Mr. Speer is now employed by the S.S. Logan Packing Company in Huntington.

He is married to the former Ann Logan of Huntington. They have three children.

LT. Robert Foxwell, LT. Robert Scherrer and LCDR. John Canal are congratulated by Captain McCarty following their advancements.



## *Onward, Upward*

SPCM John Smith is congratulated by Captain McCarty after his reelistment.

CS1 Harry Shupla takes the oath of reenlistment from Captain McCarty





Captain Lindsay C. McCarty admires the plaques of BT3 Rodger Young and EM3 Thomas Mitchell. Engraved plaques are presented at all reenlistments.



## & Farewell

LT. John W. Luksich receives farewell from Marine Captain Karl H. Hutzler, Commanding Officer of Marine Detachment, as he departs Flagship for Destroyer duty in the Gulf.



The Commanding Officer congratulates members of the crew who earned good conduct awards.



Standing from left: Charles Hoepfl, Joe DeFrancis, Bob McKernan, Shirl Fosler, John King, Dave Balf, LTJG Greenfield. Kneeling from left: Robert Timony, Dan Warren, Frank Rozzi, Dave Grapshi, and Perry Perrone.

## Softball Team Undefeated

"Sterike tharee, yer out!" YN3 Shirl Fosler, in his black and gold striped uniform, threw glove, mask, and ball in the air and ran from behind the plate. With big smile and open arms, he was running to the pitchers mound, as was the entire NEWPORT NEWS softball team, to congratulate CTL Dave Balf. Dave had just hurled a no-hitter against the USS SHENANDOAH, the first of his pitching career, and had led the NEWPORT NEWS team to their first victory of the season in the CRUDESANT softball league. In seven innings the NEWPORT NEWS sluggers had managed to score nine runs, in an impressive and convincing 9-1 win.

A 3-1 victory over the USS STEINAKER was by far the closest game of the season. Other victories include a 4-1 win over the USS SIERRA, an 8-2 win over the USS SHENANDOAH, an 11-1 trouncing of the USS COLUMBUS. Recently the CA-148 team

exploded with an awesome display of power at the plate in dealing the USS WIL-LARD KIETH a 14-4 defeat in a game that only went four innings.

The following game with the USS NORTH-AMPTON was an even more impressive display of batting prowess with a 12-2 win, which in the hour and a half time limit, also went only four innings. Catcher Shirl Fosler played his last game against the NORTHAMPTON and retired from the league in style. In the second inning the "BIG FOZ" slammed a three-run homer well over the right field fence. Both Fosler and CPL Robert Timony have proved their batting skill thus far this season with one home run each.

Unlike many of the CRUDESANT softball teams, NEWPORT NEWS has managed to field a team that operates in a highly professional manner. All of the players have a deep sense of loyalty and do what

they are told whether the word comes from manager J. J. Allen, or pitcher-coach LTJG Greenfield, or one of the base coaches. Joey DeFrancis, at short-stop, is the unanimous choice for chief spirit maker. Joe takes over in the field and calls the shots on defense. He also assumes the responsibility for keeping the chatter alive and the rest of the fielders alert. At bat, "Joey Dee" is an expert place hitter and bunter.

Dave Grapshi from Third Division, claims top spot in the outfield and has proven himself to be a dedicated all-around ball player. Dave is excellent with the stick, deft on the bases, and unmatched in fielding and throwing ability. Every ball team has its key man and NEWPORT NEWS is no exception. At second base, Bob McKernan is the vital pivot man in the double-play combination. Bob has made a science of softball and the players usually look to him whenever

a technical question arises. Batting is the latter part of the order for "Mack", who is not considered a power hitter. He has gained recognition with his timely raps, contributing to an impressive RBI average.

Unfortunately, softball rules limit the number of players at one time to nine. Consequently, NEWPORT NEWS has tremendous depth in its bench. Dan Warren, Perry Perrone, Harvey Sanders, John King and J. J. Allen are all regulars in the outfield. If the need arises, one or the other can fill any vacant spot. This is team versatility.

As this story goes to press, NEWPORT NEWS has maintained a clear record and stands 8-0 in the league. Assured of a berth in the league playoffs, the black and gold could be the next CRUDESANT softball champions. Let all of us cheer them on and help them bring more laurels to USS NEWPORT NEWS.

## Upholds Winning Tradition



"He's out!" Third baseman, CPL Frank Rozzi, tags a USS RANDOLPH player out in a close one. Rozzi is considered one of the finest fielders in the league and has been a great all-around asset to the Newport News team.



Weekly physical fitness keeps crew fit even in Newport.



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