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Captain Alan S. Thompson

Capt. Thompson selected to serve on CNO's SSG

Captain Alan S. Thompson, SC, USN, FISC Norfolk's Commanding Officer, has recently been selected for a one-year assignment as a member of the Chief of Naval Operations's Strategic Studies Group (SSG). Headed by retired Navy Admiral James R. Hogg, the SSG is located at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, and is tasked by – and reports directly to – the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). Captain Thompson is the first staff corps officer to be selected for this group. The CNO personally selects the senior Navy officers and approves assignment of Marine Corps and Coast Guard nominees to serve as CNO Fellows on the SSG. Many previous SSG members have gone on to senior Navy leadership positions, including the present Chief of Naval Operations.

The Strategic Studies Group generates revolutionary naval warfare concepts. Revolutionary implies that the

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Change of command scheduled for June 26

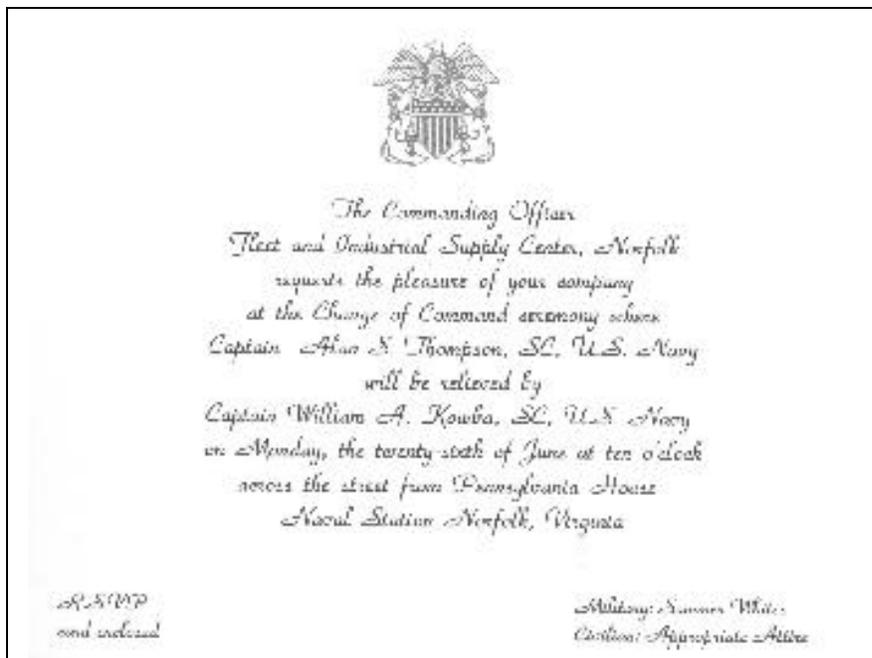
Captain William A. Kowba will relieve Captain Alan S. Thompson as Commanding officer of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk, on Monday, June 26, at 10 A.M. during change of command ceremonies across the street from Pennsylvania House at Naval Station Norfolk. Capt. Thompson transfers to Newport, R.I., where he will become a member of a Chief of Naval Operations Study Group.

Capt. Kowba is a Rochester, N.Y., native and was commissioned through the Officer Candidate School program in 1976. He reports to FISC from Washington, D.C., where he was head of Supply Operations in the Transportation and Petroleum Branch on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. His sea duty tours included the fleet ballistic missile submarine *USS DANIEL WEBSTER* (SSBN 626), the submarine tender *USS HUNLEY* (AS 31), and the submarine tender *USS MCKEE* (AS 41).



Captain. William A. Kowba

Capt. Kowba's awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, five Navy Meritorious Service Medals, and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation and Achievement Medals.



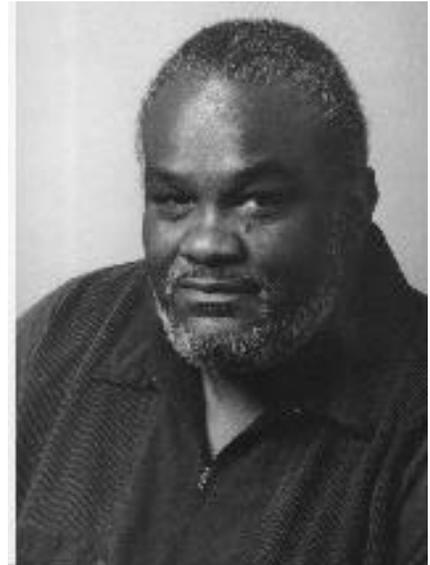
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Mr. Melvin Williams, from Defense Distribution Depot, Norfolk, Code SA, was recently selected as DDNV's Supervisor of the Quarter.



Mrs. Lynda Williams from Defense Distribution Depot, Norfolk, Code P, has been selected as the command's Wage Grade Employee of the Quarter.



Mr. Daniel Lee, assigned to Defense Distribution Depot, Norfolk, Code E, is the command's General Schedule Employee of the Quarter.

Captain Thompson selected for CNO's SSG

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concepts would upset the existing order. Therefore, these concepts are non-consensual. The SSG focuses its efforts upon warfighting concepts that appear to have great potential, but which Navy organizations are currently not pursuing. In conducting this mission, the SSG is at the leading edge of the Conceptualization Phase of the Process for Naval Warfare Innovation. Revolutionary innovation has been the key to U.S. naval supremacy in the 20th century.



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NAVTRANS' Mr. Arthur King receives a certificate of commendation from NAVTRANS Commanding Officer, Capt. Mark Brown, for having been selected as the command's Employee of the Quarter.



Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk's Mr. Kenneth E. Craig receives his certificate from FISC Commanding Officer, Capt. Alan S. Thompson, which recognizes Mr. Craig's 30 years of federal service.



Fleet and Industrial Supply Center's Mr. William R. Inman Jr., receives his certificate recognizing 25 years of federal service, from FISC Customer Service Department Head, Cmdr. Cathy Alexander.



Stephen C. Michielson from FISC's Technical Division, is awarded a certificate recognizing his 20 years of federal service. Making the presentation is FISC Customer Service Department Head, Cmdr. Cathy Alexander.



(Left photo) Petty Officer 1st Class (Air Warfare) Timothy B. Johnson, a postal clerk assigned to the Regional Navy Mail Center, was recently selected as the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk, Sailor of the Quarter. Petty Officer Johnson reported to the Navy Regional Mail Center in April 1999, from the Fleet Combat Training Center, Dam Neck, in Virginia Beach.

(Photo at right) Defense Distribution Depot, Norfolk, recently selected its Work Team of the Quarter. They are (from left to right) Mr. Ken Swenson, Mr. Hillard Reese, Ms. Kathy King, and Mr. Jose Mendoza. All are from DDNV Depot Operations (Code X).



Navy-owned tugboat fleet and crews have sailed into history

by Fred J. Klinkenberger Jr.

A chapter of naval history closed recently when the Navy took out of service the last of its harbor tugs, with Fleet tug boat services now to be provided by a commercial contractor.

Whether gently guiding a ship pier-side as it returned from a major cruise or simply from a short underway training period, to easing a ship away from the pier as it prepared to get underway, the approaching tugs brought joy or sadness to the ships' crews the tugs were servicing – depending upon whether the pier was “slipping away” or approaching.

It is a dramatic change for the Navy, which in the mid-1980s had 104 harbor tugs in service throughout the Fleet. The workhorse tugs – designated as YTB (large harbor tug) and YTM (medium harbor tug) – were themselves crewed by men and women who could easily understand the emotions of the ships' crews they were servicing, since many of those tug crew members had themselves been brought in and taken out by the tugboats they now manned.

What work horses the tugboats were! While a YTB displaced a mere 350 tons when fully loaded, its 2,000-horsepower two diesel engines and crew of 10 to 12 sailors could assist in nudging a 97,000-ton NIMITZ-class nuclear aircraft carrier out to sea or help

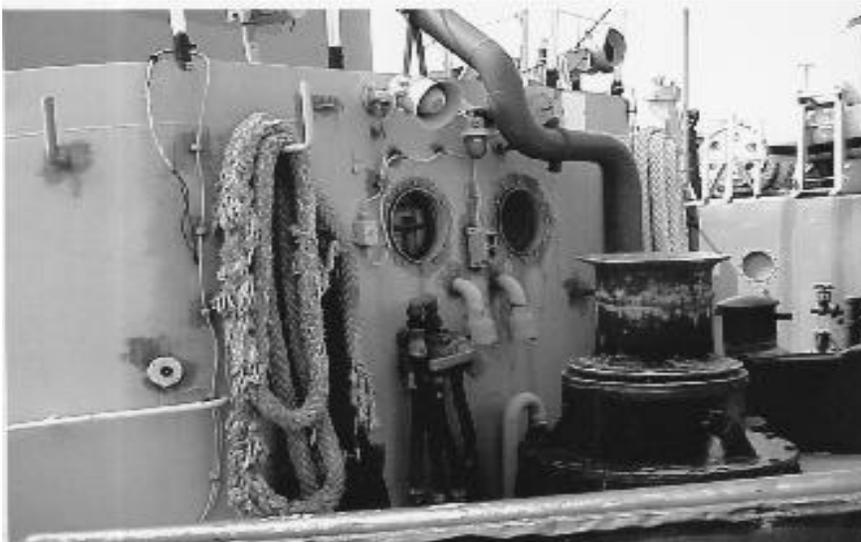


With plywood sheets covering the windows of the pilot house, one of the naval station's “decommissioned” tugboats is tied forlornly to the pier. The tugs have been stripped and their hull numbers removed or painted over, now identifiable only by the crudely painted numbers on the pilot house window coverings. Many will be sold, either to be scrapped or used by commercial companies.

to bring it pierside. The tugboats also offered one of the rare opportunities for Navy enlisted men and women to “command” their own ship – designated as craftmasters, tug boat captains were almost always petty officers 1st class, or senior, in rank.

Rain or shine, hot or cold, Navy tugs were there, standing by to serve the fleet. Sadly, those days have now faded into history. However, for those sailors

who have manned the rail aboard their ships as the powerful little craft came to bring them home, or get underway, they will never forget the sailors who provided this vital service. The tugboat crews were their Sea Service brothers and sisters who well knew the emotions coming into play when “UNDERWAY – SHIFT COLORS!” or “MOORED! SHIFT COLORS!” was heard aboard the ship they were guiding.



In the photo at left, an empty, worn capstan on the forward deck and a worn towing line are evidence of the legacy of work which these rugged vessels will leave behind. In the above photo, an empty stern is devoid of the lines and fenders once occupying the deck and used to guide Navy ships in or out of port.

SMSD's Chief Rivera is commissioned a Navy Chief Warrant Officer

During ceremonies held May 31, Special Material Supply Division's Chief Petty Officer Elizabeth Rivera took the commissioning oath and was sworn in as a Navy Chief Warrant Officer. SMSD Division Director, Lt. Carol A. McMillan, administered the commissioning oath. The newly commissioned warrant officer was also

awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal during the ceremonies. A Bronx, N.Y., native of Puerto Rican ancestry, Chief Warrant Officer Rivera was an electronics technician prior to her commissioning, and had been the calibration and radiological cage supervisor at SMSD during her two-year tour at Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk.

She joined the Navy in 1985, graduating from basic training at the Recruit Training Command in Orlando, Fla. During her FISC tour, she earned a master of arts degree in urban education (emphasis in guidance and counseling) from Norfolk State University, graduating May 21, 2000, with a 4.0 grade point average.



Proudly showing her Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, newly commissioned Chief Warrant Officer Elizabeth Rivera prepares to cut the cake following her May 31 commissioning. The photo on the cake was taken upon her 1985 graduation from basic training.



Having had the commissioning oath administered to her by SMSD Division Director, Lt. Carol A. McMillan, former Chief Petty Officer Rivera has her chief warrant officer shoulder boards pinned on by (left) her nephew, Johnny Espier and (right) her mother, Mrs. Juanita Rivera. This followed Capt. Phil Pfeil awarding her the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal – the last “official act” in which she participated as an enlisted woman. After Chief Warrant Officer Rivera was presented her officer's cover, Lt. McMillan gave a history of the tradition of an officer receiving his or her first salute.

Lt. DeBord receives Commendation Medal and prepares for IKE



Lieutenant Justin DeBord, is awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal by FISC Commanding Officer, Captain Alan S. Thompson, during a ceremony held June 2. Lt. DeBord, a contracting intern in FISC's Code 200, has been at FISC since January of 1999, and is transferring in June to the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69), where he will be the stores officer. The DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER will be his third ship, since his prior sea duty was aboard the nuclear attack submarines TREPANG (SSN 674) and L. MENDEL RIVERS (SSN 686). He has seven years in the Navy, having received his commission in 1993.

Appeal finalizes A-76 decision for San Diego to keep personal property functions in house

The Naval Supply Systems Command announced May 25, a final decision that the Navy will retain in house the personal property services functions at Naval Region Southwest.

On Feb. 24, 2000, NAVSUP announced a tentative decision – based upon an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-76 study – that the Navy would retain in house the Commander, Naval Region Southwest (CNRSW) personal property services functions. These functions are coordinated in the region through Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) San Diego, Calif.

During the appeal period following the tentative decision announcement, Starzz Management Co. of San Lean-

dro, Calif., the best value contractor in the A-76 study, filed an appeal. The Naval Inventory Control Point (NAVICP) Director of the A-76 Project Office was designated as the appeal authority. The appeal process exists to protect the rights of affected parties and to ensure final determinations are fair, equitable, and in accordance with OMB A-76, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) policies.

Affected employees and the competing contractor participated in the appeal process by providing written comments to the appeal authority. The appeal review upheld, and thus finalized, the initial decision to retain personal property functions in house.

Former FISC Yokosuka counselor joins FISC Norfolk legal team



Welcome aboard to Mr. Davis Young, who is the newest member of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk, Office of Counsel. Mr. Davis reports to FISC from “the Land of the Rising Sun” – the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center in Yokosuka, Japan, where he was an attorney assigned to the FISC Yokosuka Far East Contracting Department.

Cyber Trails: notes for those of us who are “hooked on silicon”

Are cellular phones the next security threat? Cell phones connected to the Internet could be used to launch viruses and store information on PCs while hiding the perpetrator’s location, according to a European software executive. Go to the Web site <http://www.zdnet.com> for more information.

New viruses will be stealthier. A group of software developers has released a report calling the ILOVEYOU worm “crude” and demonstrating the possibility of sophisticated, stealthy, cross-platform viruses that activate without user intervention. Go to <http://www.zdnet.com> for more information.

Worse viruses to come – many are unprepared. A Senate Subcommittee on Technology heard testimony from computer experts who warned that not much can be done to prevent worms even more virulent than ILOVEYOU from infecting information systems, and that many government agencies lack effective detection and prevention protocol. See the Web site <http://www.internetwk.com> for the story.

Federal agencies show cyber security lapses. An audit of 16 government agencies revealed a lack of appropriate procedures for changing software, thus exposing the agencies’ computer systems to security vulnerabilities. For more information about this, go to <http://www.fcw.com>.

Netscape, Microsoft tussle over browser bug. Microsoft and Netscape blame each other for a browser bug that could potentially expose users’ personal information to malicious web site operators. See <http://www.computeruser.com> for the details.

Learn not to burn – use high SPF sun block when out in the sun!

CEAP Notes:

The Civilian Employee Assistance Program (CEAP) staff invites all Centerites to celebrate June as “Family Take Charge” month. In recognition of this, CEAP will sponsor a lunch-and-learn on Tuesday, June 20, from 11 A.M. until noon in the building W-143, sixth floor San Diego Room. The session will feature Mrs. Joyce Simmons, a Virginia Corporation Extension Unit coordinator. Her lunch-and-learn topic will be “family concerns.”

Also throughout the month of June, CEAP will be distributing literature and posters promoting healthy and strong relationships within families.

Workers are also reminded that CEAP offers a variety of professional services and counseling – free – to all workers and their immediate families who are assigned to FISC, NAVTRANS, FOSSAC, DIPIC, AND ILO. If you are eligible, you are urged to utilize CEAP services. For more information, contact Mrs. Veronica Thomas at 4431049 or 4431490.

CEAP wants to serve you!

June 18 is Dad's Day

Father's Day was first observed on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Wash. The idea originated with Mrs. John B. Dodd, who wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran. Smart, a widower, raised his six children on a rural farm in eastern Washington. Although many cities and towns celebrated a "Father's Day" for many years, it was not until 1966 when President Lyndon Baines Johnson proclaimed it a national observance, declaring the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

OPSAIL 2000 starts June 16

Don't forget – OPSAIL 2000 takes place in Hampton Roads beginning Friday, June 16 and lasting through Sunday, June 18. This will be one the largest ever gathering of vintage sailing ships in the Tidewater area. Load up on film and sun screen because it will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to view tall ships from around the world.



What – Root Beer Day!?

Saturday, June 17, is root beer day (honest!). You can celebrate this day by quaffing one of dozens of brands of this American favorite, made from a combination of roots, herbs, and barks, including sassafras, sarsaparilla, wild cherry, wintergreen, and ginger. Philadelphia pharmacist Charles Hires developed the first formula in the mid-1800s. The company bearing his name is still one of the most prominent root beer makers in the United States.

So, on June 17, have a few beers – root beers, that is!



Remember the Red-White-and-Blue

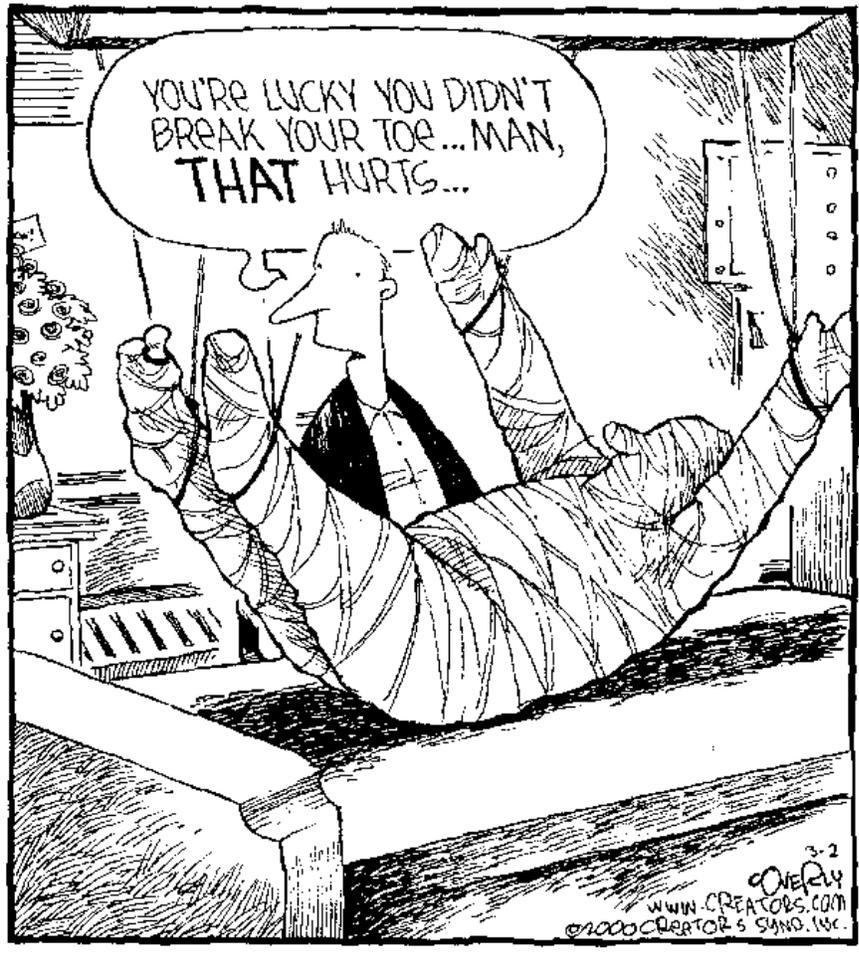
June 14 is nation's 51st Flag Day



The observance of the birthday of the American Flag began in 1885, 108 years after the initial adoption of the Stars and Stripes, when school teacher B.J. Cigrand and his pupils in Fredonia, Wis., celebrated June 14 as "Flag Birthday." George Balch, a New York kindergarten teacher, conducted similar ceremonies in 1889. The idea next spread to Pennsylvania and Illinois. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day by proclamation. The observance became official in 1949, when President Harry Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.

SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



Battleship WISCONSIN eases into shipyard to prepare for Nauticus



Short takes: Federal news from Capitol Hill . . .

Fed 2001 pay raise probably will be 3.7 percent

Federal employees will most likely get a 3.7 percent pay raise for fiscal year 2001. President Clinton recommended a 3.7 percent raise for America's uniformed men and women, and military and federal pay raises have traditionally been linked. However, some federal employees' unions and members of Congress may lobby for a 4.2 percent raise for civil servants. Last year, federal workers received a 4.8 percent raise, the largest in recent memory -- the high pay raise resulted from arguments that the federal work force deserved "pay parity" with the military.

Defense to look at civilian downsizing

The Department of Defense will try different approaches for dealing with its shrinking and aging civilian work force. Ten years of downsizing has changed the demographics of DoD's federal workers, with the average DoD civilian worker now aged 46 vice 42 a decade ago. Remaining workers are also of higher grades, since 66 percent of clerical positions and 47 percent of blue col-

lar positions have been eliminated. Since DoD began downsizing its civilian work force, 420,000 positions have been eliminated, and current plans call for 70,000 more civilian positions to be eliminated by fiscal year 2005.

According to recent Congressional testimony by a DoD civilian personnel official, new DoD employees will have to be more technologically savvy, be better service-oriented, and they must be adaptable.

What's your fantasy career?

Even federal workers can now choose a "fantasy career" in the military. DoD's latest effort at recruitment is an Internet contest where contestants must explain in 200 or fewer words why they would want to do such things as get underway aboard an aircraft carrier, spend four days in Houston with the U.S. Coast Guard, or fly an Apache attack helicopter. The only fantasy career stipulations are the contestant must be 18 years of age or older and must be in good health. Those interested should visit the DoD fantasy career Web site at: <http://careers.yahoo.com/employment/fantasy/home.html>.

The battleship WISCONSIN (BB 64) is eased down the Elizabeth River on May 31, moving from Naval Station's pier 21 to a temporary berth at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. The dreadnought will eventually be moved to a permanent berth alongside the Nauticus National Maritime Center in downtown Norfolk, where visitors will be able to tour her teakwood main deck. WISCONSIN was decommissioned for a 3rd and final time in September of 1991 at Naval Station Norfolk. Of the Navy's four battleships -- all of which are decommissioned -- only one, the IOWA (BB 61), has an indefinite future and is currently moored with the inactive fleet in Philadelphia. The MISSOURI (BB 62), aboard which the Imperial Japanese government surrendered to end World War II, is a memorial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, while the NEW JERSEY (BB 63) is in the process of becoming a memorial in the state after which it was named. (Photo by Bill Pointer)

The next deadline for inputs to the Supply Chest is noon on Friday, July 7, for the July 14 issue