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COMFIFTEEN CHANGES HANDS

On 13 June 1969, RADM Charles D. NACE became the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and Commandant of the Fifteenth Naval District (COMUSNAVSO/COMFIFTEEN) in the Canal Zone. Prior to reporting to the Zone, Admiral NACE, an Annapolis graduate and veteran submariner, was Commander of Submarine Flotilla Two at New London, Connecticut.

RADM George P. KOCH, who was COMUSNAVSO/COMFIFTEEN since January 1967, will become Commandant of the Washington, D.C. Naval District. He and his wife left the Canal Zone for the United States following June 13th Change of Command ceremonies at Fifteenth Naval District Headquarters in the Canal Zone.

RADM NACE was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and began active Navy service as an Ensign after graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy in June 1939.

The admiral completed submarine training in 1941 and served in submarines throughout World War II, including duty as commander of the submarine USS RASHER.

His career has included duty as an instructor and department head at the submarine school at New



RAdm. Charles D. Nace

London, 1946-1948; command of Submarine Division 72, 1954-1955; duty as operations officer for the Commander of Submarine Force Pacific Fleet, 1955-1957; command of the USS PICKAWAY, 1960-1961; and command of Submarine Flotilla Seven, 1962-1964. He held his submarine command at New London since August 1967.

RADM NACE has also had several assignments at Navy Department Headquarters in Washington, including in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in 1964-1965 and as Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Plans and Programs from March 1966 until August 1967.

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"Sailor of the Quarter"



CT3 David A. PECK, USN, was chosen the command's "Sailor of the Quarter" for the period ending 30 June 1969. The selection was based on his exemplary professional competence, dedication to duty, personal conduct--both on and off duty, leadership and military appearance. Petty Officer PECK, who joined the Navy in September, 1967, hails from Buffalo, New York. As a reward for his for his outstanding service Peck will receive a \$50.00 Savings Bond, three day pass, and a certificate of recognition presented to him by CDR G. W. COX.

EDITORIAL

The "El Marino" Profits You

Recently, the "Club El Marino" was taken under the wings of the Navy Exchange and new policies were adopted. With the rise of prices in drinks, many complaints were registered with the management. What went unnoticed by many patrons of the EM Club is the improved quality of service, variety of liquors and food, and increase in entertainment.

Entertainment, a direct result of the new management, has been more frequent and is expected to become even more so within the near future. At present the club offers a rock and roll band once every weekend. Plans are being established to have two rock bands during the weekends to come.

The juke box will be replenished by a fresh supply of records each month.

An increase in the price of drinks is to be expected if we are to pay for the entertainment we want and service we expect to receive from the management. There are not many places in the states, or in Panama for that matter, where you can walk into a club or bar and listen/dance to a band without paying any type of cover charge to do so. There is no cover charge in the club because it is your club, and you aren't expected to pay to go into your own club.

Looking at the price list a little closer, you will also see that many if not all the bottled liquors have been reduced in price; for example Ron Cortez, which used to sell for \$2.00, is now only \$1.30. Happy Hour is also held once each weekend before the dance and drinks may be purchased at almost half the normal price. So who's complaining?

the GED tests is to measure one's ability to think clearly, to interpret, to comprehend, and to evaluate. The tests determine whether the equivalent of high school education has been acquired.

At present, high school GED tests consist of five parts: (1) Correctness and Effectiveness of Expression; (2) Interpretation of Reading Materials in the Social Sciences; (3) Interpretation of Reading Materials in the Natural Sciences; (4) Interpretation of Literary Materials and (5) General Mathematical Ability. The cost for taking this battery of tests is \$7.50.

Each state establishes its own standard for the granting of diplomas of equivalency certificates.

In the case of those who desire to continue their education, some business and trade schools will accept the GED tests as a basis for taking an entrance examination.

For further information, contact PNL HAIRE in the Personnel Office.

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Dependents Earn High School Diploma via GED

NAVNEWS...Dependent Navy wives also have an opportunity to complete high school by successfully passing General Educational Development (GED) tests.

These tests measure the level of education one has acquired, either formally or through informal self-education and intellectual growth. The emphasis in

POETRY WANTED

An Anthology of Poetry written by military personnel during the past ten years is being compiled by Roger D. Brittain, 4301 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Penna., 19105. Anyone interested may submit his work for consideration.

A special note of thanks to all E5s and E6s who participated in helping to make necessary repairs to the station movie hall.

GALETA REMEMBERED

By Warren Yoshitomo Yogi
SP5 U.S. Army

*Tw'as in November '68 we did come,
Nine from the Army, a Sergeant and some.
The second deck we were told to go,
We looked at each other and said "We don't know."
A chief he did come and explained it to us,
"A deck is a floor", no bother, no fuss.
"A mop is a swab, the latrine a head,"
"You don't eat in the messhall but the galley instead."*

*So this is Galeta, an island they say,
A small drainage ditch, you see, makes it that way.
Old buildings abandoned, broken and dying,
Once they were filled, but now only sighing.
Many men came here, many have gone,
There are still a few left to carry it on.
The Navy at Galeta, landlubbers all,
No ship to sail on, no ports on which to call.*

*Good times remembered, friends we have made,
From Army to Navy we wish we could trade.
Doggies they called us, "Yeah squid" we'd say,
Then laughing and smiling we'd be on our way.
Down to the club we would tip a few,
Come back too drunk and smelling like brew.
To get up in the morning, a task much too hard,
Gotta get up, go to work, and punch that card.*

*You put in your time and earn your pay,
You work very hard, or so you say.
Watching the clock, you feel very sore,
Remembering the boozing from the night before.*

*A good rack to sleep on, a good meal to eat,
The men of Galeta are sure hard to beat.
Eight months we've been here, we leave with regret,
Galeta remembered, we'll never forget.*

New Switch In Numbers

Military service numbers will have gone the way of other good things by January 1972. They will have been replaced by Social Security Numbers. The phase-out begins this July when recruits will no longer be assigned the old military identifier.



BULLS-EYE — Your AFPS staff hit the target dead-center this week with their pin-up selection of Raquel Welch. Here she appears in one of her costumes from her latest picture "100 Rifles" produced by 20th Century Fox Studios.

MAY ADVANCEMENT HIGHEST EVER

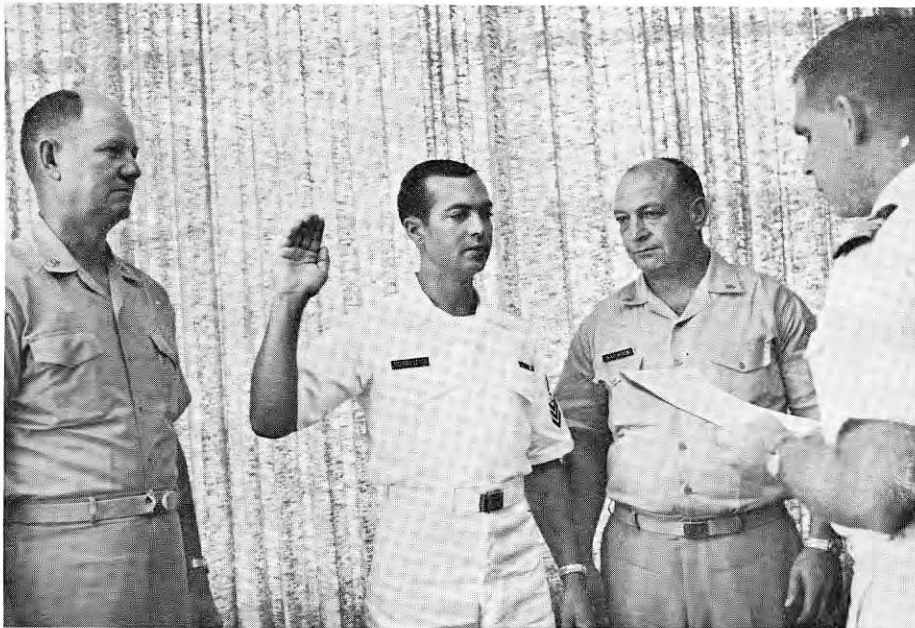
HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN for 28 E-3 sailors of Galeta who took the special May '69 advancement exam. By percentage (88%), this was the largest group to be advanced at our command for quite awhile. Through the months of July, August and September, 28 sailors will sew on their Third Class Crow and begin their first step of climbing the ladder of naval leadership. We wish you all success in your new position and a "Well done."

Our country is in a strange mood these days. Uncertainty surrounds us. So what can you do about it? Buy U. S. Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares.

Turbville . . . A First Class Reenlistment

Commissaryman First Class Billie Wayne TURBVILLE recently reenlisted for four years. Present at the ceremony was Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, GMCM Delbert D. BLACK, who signed Billie's papers as "Witness." TURBVILLE hails from Forest, Mississippi. Prior to reporting aboard Galeta, Billie was assigned for duty at the Naval Communications Station, Kami Seya, Japan. As luck would have it, on June 1st Billie departed here to return for another tour of duty at Kami Seya.

In the above picture, TURBVILLE is sworn in by CDR G. W. COX with GMCM Delbert D. BLACK on his right and CSC GASNICK on his left.



McPon Visits Galeta

Recently, the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, GMCM Delbert D. BLACK, USN, paid a visit to this activity and spoke with the mem at a special discussion held in the gym. In his speech, Chief BLACK noted many changes in Naval policy and regulations that are due to occur in the near future. Most emphasized were the new uniform changes, e. g. working uniform for enlisted men, new style for raincoats, use of permanent press fabrics, and the new dress uniform for the first class petty officer, which is still pending approval. A possible sea-pay increase was also mentioned, along with a raise in clothing allowances for first class petty officers.

During his brief stay, Chief BLACK also attended

a luncheon in his honor with the other CPOs of the base.

Highlighting his visit here Chief BLACK attended CS1 Billie W. TURBVILLE's reenlistment and stood by his side as "Witness" to Billie's oath of allegiance.

Freedom '69

WASHINGTON (NAVNEWS)... A letter of 500 words or less could win you \$1,000.

That's the top prize in the annual Freedoms Foundation Letter Contest which this year is on the subject: "My Hopes For America's Future."

There will also be 100 other money awards for active duty personnel. Reservists have a chance at an identical number of awards.

Last year 1,200 active duty Navy personnel entered the contest with 23 taking cash honors. Another 80 won George Washington honor medals or honor certificates.

Rules are simple:

1) Letters must not exceed 500 words.

2) Print or type your full name, rank, service number, full military address, service or reserve component, and full home address.

3) Entries should be addressed to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Penn., 19481.

4) They must be post-marked by 1 November 1969.

Notification of winners will be made in February 1970.



Cross-Roads of the Americas



The flag of Panama is divided into four rectangles. The lower left rectangle is blue; the upper left is white with a blue star in the middle; the lower right white with a red star in the middle; the upper right red. The flag was designed in 1903 by the son of the first President. White stands for peace, red and blue for the two political parties existing at the time of Panama's independence. The stars symbolize strength and faith.

The Republic of Panama occupies the southern end of the isthmus which forms the land connection between the North and South American Continents. It is bounded on the west by Costa Rica, on the east by Colombia, and on the south by the Pacific Ocean. The country has a total area of 28,575 square miles slightly smaller than the State of South Carolina. Panama is bisected by a 10 mile wide strip of territory known as the Canal Zone, which, by grant in perpetuity from Panama, is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States. The topography is in large part mountainous and hilly, with two main mountain ranges forming the backbone of the isthmus. There are peaks in Panama with altitudes of more than 5,000 feet, yet the cordillera descends in the Canal Zone to a height of only 290 feet. There

are coastal lowlands on both sides of the isthmus. The Atlantic side and the eastern side of Panama are covered almost entirely by heavy tropical rain forests. The climate of Panama is tropical, and rainfall is heavy, but seasonal. The Atlantic side has a much higher precipitation and a less well defined dry season than the Pacific side.

Panama once suffered greatly from tropical diseases, but the yellow fever and malaria, which once were endemic here, have practically disappeared from the area of the canal as a result of modern sanitation introduced by the American Health Authorities. The Canal Zone itself is the healthiest spot in the tropics today, and the Republic of Panama has benefited considerably from the Zone's health and sanitation measures.



CTCM Feeley Appointed SEA

ENS Elfers Earns Officer Indoctrination Course Honors



NCTC, Pensacola, May 29...

An Ensign who was commissioned last April earned the highest average ever recorded in the Center's Officer Indoctrination Course.

Terrence J. ELFERS averaged 98 in the four-week-long course.

Beginning his naval career last fall at the Officer Candidate School, Newport, R.I., Ensign ELFERS was commissioned April 11. He graduated from OCS third in a class of about 340 officer candidates.

The 22 year old graduate of the University of Wisconsin was awarded a Fulbright Grant for study in Argentina, but was unable to accept the grant because of military obligations. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in June 1968 with a double major in Spanish and Latin American Studies.

CTCM James A. FEELEY was recently appointed as the Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA) for the station by CDR G. W. COX, Commanding Officer. In this capacity, he serves as SEA to the Commanding Officer on matters pertaining to enlisted personnel of this command. He serves as top enlisted manager, supervising and coordinating enlisted activities which affect enlisted personnel of the command as a whole. He serves as a direct link between the Commanding Officer and the enlisted members of his command and assists him in ensuring the highest standards of conduct, morale and gener-

al appearance.

Since joining the Navy in 1943, Master Chief FEELEY has served in Kami Seya, Japan; Adak, Alaska; and Pensacola, Florida. He reported here at Galeta in September, 1966. An avid golfer, he and his wife, Ellie, and 11 year old son Jimmy, have thoroughly enjoyed their tour in the Canal Zone. He and his family have earned the fond respect of all personnel stationed here and he soon intends to settle down and retire here on the Isthmus.



Above CTCM James A. FEELEY receives his appointment to Station Senior Enlisted Advisor from CDR G.W. COX.



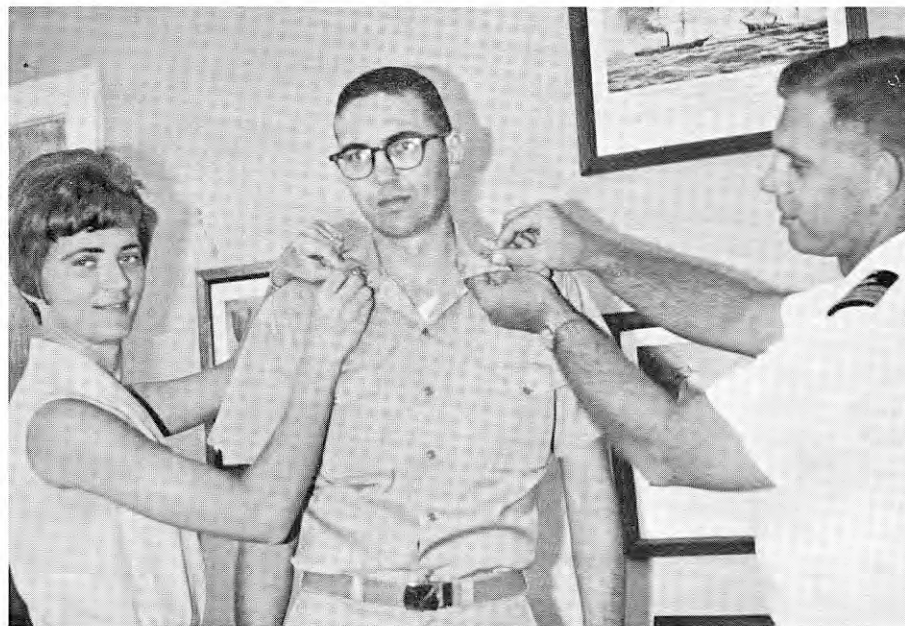
LT. R. C. Taylor Receives Navy Commendation Medal

RADM Ralph E. COOK honored LT Robert C. TAYLOR, former Administrative Officer of Galeta, with the Navy Commendation Medal at U. S. Naval Security Station, Washington, D. C. during inspection exercises held 11 April 1969.

Mr. TAYLOR received this medal for having distinguished himself by his particularly outstanding performance of duty during the last 18 months here at Galeta. He performed with distinction in at least 25 collateral projects, and was involved during his tour in practically every aspect of liaison which occurred between this command and the many civilian and service activities on the Isthmus of Panama.

LT TAYLOR started his Naval career in March of 1953 as a Seaman Recruit at the Great Lakes Recruit Training Depot. Upon completion of recruit training, he went on to CT "A" School in August of the same year. LT TAYLOR had been advanced to CTC before receiving his commission 1 July 1963 - indeed, he may be considered an enlisted man's champion.

LT TAYLOR's commendation medal will be worn along with several other distinguished awards, among which appear the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Navy Unit Commendation for service in Viet Nam. He also received a citation from the Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Fleet.



CTCS Edgar D. WINNINGHAM receives his new stars from his wife, Bettie, and CDR G. W. COX at his recent promotion to Senior Chief Petty Officer.

Photo News

WASHINGTON (NAVNEWS)... If you're entering the 13th Interservice Photography Contest, you should send your photos to Chief of Naval Personnel (Pers G-11), Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C. 20370.

Deadline for receipt at the Bureau is October 15. The Bureau will go through entries before turning them over to the Air Force which is hosting this year's contest.

Community Vote For Galeta

Our activity was recently granted voting membership in the Coco Solo - France Field Civic Council. The council includes representatives from the Pan Canal and FAA employees living at Coco Solo and France Field as well as the Navy. The purpose of the council is to stimulate a sense of individual interest in the general welfare of the community, to consider matters of community interest, to initiate studies of conditions pertaining to our general welfare and to make recommendations for improvements deemed necessary, and to promote a better understanding and feeling of regard for each other. If you have a problem concerning the Coco Solo community that you would like to have presented to the council, contact LTJG D.A. DE GRAAF, who has been appointed as the station representative.

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His rank of rear admiral dates from August 10, 1965.

The admiral has twice been awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" device. He also holds the Submarine Combat Insignia with four stars, the Philippine Republic Presidential Citation Badge, and numerous campaign and service medals.

He attended the Armed Forces Staff College in 1953; the National War College 1957-1958; and the Center for International

Affairs, Harvard University, 1961-1962.

RADM NACE is married to the former Frances Mansker of Jackson, Tennessee. They have two daughters, Stephanie and Christine. Christine, 19, will spend the summer with her parents in the Canal Zone.

FIRE PREVENTION...



PHIBRON Rebuilds School

During the Amphibious Squadron Twelve's (PHIBRON 12) visit to Coco Solo, villagers of New Providence and PHIBRON Navy men joined hands in a civic action project to make much needed repairs to the village school house. Coordinated by our activity three ships of the group contributed men and material to help the villagers rebuild the roof and renovate the building.

Volunteers from the USS Fort Snelling (LSD1), USS Waldo County (LST1163), and the USS Raleigh (LPD1) with the help of many of the New Providence residents replaced the old rafters and trusses with new 2x4's and 2x6's; installed electrical fixtures in hopes that someday the town would have electricity; painted the inside of the classrooms, desks and outside of the building; and replaced the old walls separating the teacher's quarters from the classrooms with new wall board.

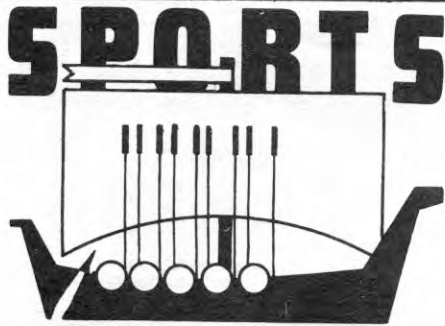
The project started on Monday, 14 April, and was completed by Friday, 18 April. To celebrate project completion, refreshments and cookies provided by the sailors were enjoyed by the villagers and all who took part in the project. CDR G. W. COX, LCDR E. W. GUFFEY and ENS W. M. NORRIS (Galeta); CAPT D. M. WELLS, LTJG BRUCE GEYMAN (Fort Snelling); Chaplain J. SPREIER (COMPHIBRON 12); Chaplain R. M. RADASKY (Raleigh); ENS JOE SMITH (Waldo County); and the 35 sailors who worked on the project were present when the project was completed to enjoy the refreshments and view a short program presented by the villagers in appreciation. The U. S. and Panamanian National Anthems were sung; a small village girl sang "To Sir With Love;" an elderly gentleman sang "America America." Chaplain SPREIER presented the school with a swing set.

Adios Chaplain Solomon

Last month we bid goodbye to Chaplain James K. SOLOMON who devoted much of his time to the welfare and guidance of the men stationed here at Galeta. Before his departure from the Canal Zone, Chaplain SOLOMON was awarded a station plaque and a letter of appreciation from CDR G. W. COX in recognition of his service.

Since the Chaplain's arrival in the Canal Zone in May 1965, he visited Galeta Island over 300 times to make himself available for counseling and to provide the inspirational guidance necessary, to those beset by trouble and grief. He likewise distributed religious literature prepared newspaper articles, and delivered extremely effective moral guidance lectures. He managed to serve so effectively as our Chaplain because of his sincere desire to help and his personal sacrifice of time to do so.





Capt's Cup Program News

After a wavering start, the Captain's Cup Intramural Sports Program is now moving right along. Interest and participation are on the upswing, and Unit Athletic Coordinators are quite enthusiastically providing their cooperation and support.

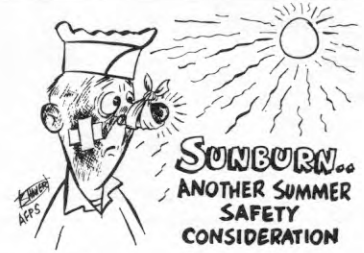
Two athletic events, Softball and Golf, have been completed. Flag football was postponed due to the extended length of the softball season and the arrival of the rainy season.

Currently, Intramural Bowling is in progress. Pistol firing is completed.

The station now has a varsity Basketball team entered in the AAIC program. To facilitate practice and an easy scheduling of games, the varsity basketball team players have all been shifted to section one in each respective division. If this proves operationally sound an attempt will be made to do this for all varsity activity.

Due to some conflict with AAIC scheduled events, all future Captain's Cup events will precede the

AAIC scheduling of the same event on the varsity level. Since AAIC will begin Volleyball in October, the intramural Volleyball will probably be scheduled for either August or September



TEN PIN CORNER

BY WALLY

The Galeta Navy Men's Handicap League ended on 7 May. The final top 3 positions were not decided until the last 2 nites of bowling. Special Services sponsored an Awards Nite at the "Club El Marino" on 14 May. Final standings, scores and statistics were:

League President - CT1 PARKS	<u>Trophy/Prize Com</u>
League V. President - CS1 ROBINSON	CTC MOYER
League Secy/Tres - CT1 HUTCHINGS	CT1 CLEVINGER
League Delegate - CT2 DANNELLEY	PC2 OLSON

1st Place Team (W43 L17)
 CS1 ROBINSON (Team Capt)
 CTC HOGABOAM
 CT1 WOODS
 CT1 SMIETANA
 CS3 ROSSITER

2nd Place Team (W39 L21)
 PC2 OLSON (Team Capt)
 PN1 WAGONER
 PN1 BEUCHER
 PNC WALLACE
 SH3 GRABLE

High Average
 PN1 WAGONER (190)
 PNC WALLACE (185)

Most Improved Average
 PNC WALLACE (+8)
 PNSN WALKER (+7)

High Handicap Game - CT3 PERNIER (264)
 SP5 YOGI (270)

Low Scratch Game - CT2 CARANNA (79)

High Handicap Series - PNC WALLACE (676)
 PNSN WALKER (718)

Low Scratch Series - CT3 SAARHEIM (258)

1969 AAIC Tournament

The Annual AAIC Bowling Tourney was rolled at Fort Gulick Lanes on 26/27 April and 3/4 May. HDQTRS AAIC beat out our team again this year with Galeta ending up second. CTC MC GLOTHLIN and PN1 WAGONER finished second in the doubles competition. CS1 ROBINSON won the singles event with a 627 series and he finished second in all events. The other three team members were CTC SIRMONS, CT1 BAKKUM and PC2 OLSON.

Pan Canal Bowling Association News

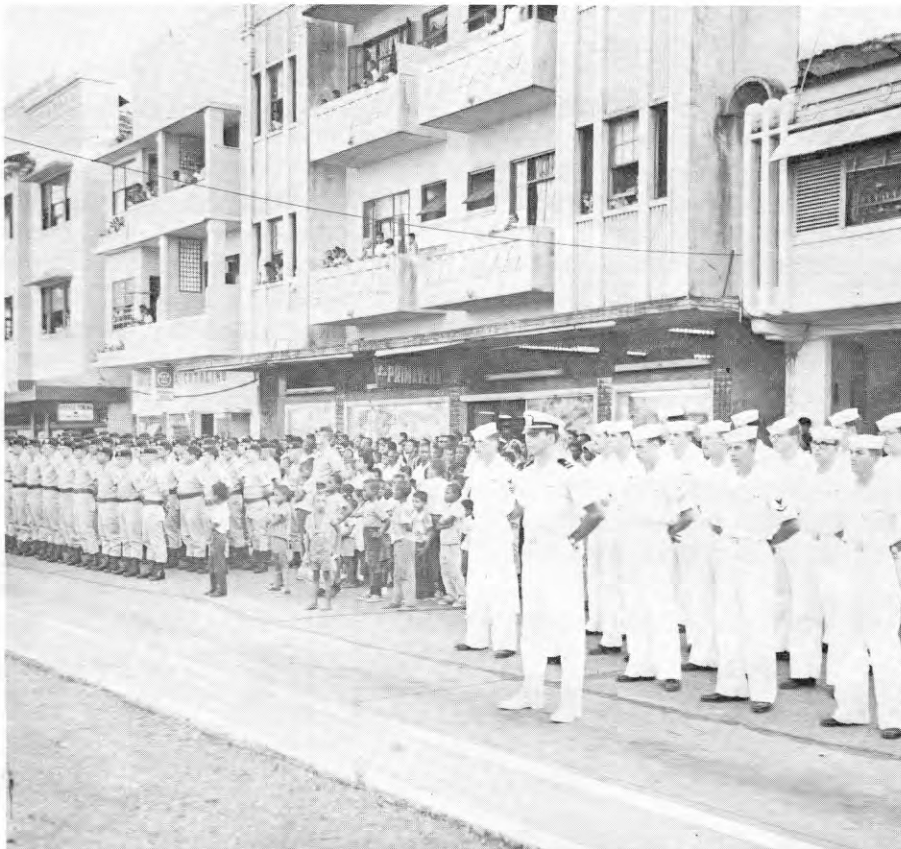
At the annual meeting on 24 May PN1 Lennie E. WAGONER was voted "Bowler of the Year" from the Canal Zone (this

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includes all male sanctioned bowlers which number a few over 2,000). Also CSI Hugh T. ROBINSON was elected as an Association Director (effective 1 AUG 69). PNI WAGONER and PNC WALLACE will finish up a one year term as association directors on 31 JUL 69. PNI WAGONER was on the PCBA Championship Tournament Team (set new record locally) and won the Scratch All Events with a 1831. He averaged 205 for the 27 games he rolled in the 28th annual city tourney. PNC WALLACE won the 6th Annual League/Association Officers Tourney with 246 game and 620 series.

Bomberos Parade '69



QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

This Question and Answer department has been established for the benefit of all military personnel. Send questions to: Armed Forces Press File, 1117 N. 19th St., Arlington, Va. 22209.

Q. How many semester hours are required for full time training in graduate school?

A. An accredited graduate course will be considered full time when 14 semester hours or the equivalent are taken unless it is the established policy of the school to consider less. A school official must so certify.

Q. Where does the funding for operation of the MSTS command come from?

A. It is operated under what is known as the Navy Industrial Fund. The operation differs from commercial shipping in that it must make no profit and sustain no loss.

Q. My brother received an honorable discharge from his Korean Conflict service. He later received a bad conduct discharge from his post-Korean service. Does this bar him from all veteran benefits?

A. No. Benefit entitlement earned during his honorable wartime service is undisturbed by post-Korean service provided there was a break between the two service periods.

Q. If a veteran has an annual income of \$1,576, how much VA monthly pension will he get under the new law?

A. A monthly pension of \$57 is payable to veterans who do not have dependents and whose annual income ranges between \$1,500 and \$1,600.

Q. Who decides what priority is placed on MSTS shipments?

A. The Joint Chiefs of Staff determine the priority of what should move first and when.

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