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GUIDE LINES

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Dear Families and Friends of the GUIDE

As you no doubt all know, the GUIDE is presently undergoing a regular overhaul in Todd Shipyard, San Pedro, California. Since the time the previous "GUIDE LINES" went to press, the ships schedule has been confined to local operations and training prior to commencement of the present overhaul. These operations were supplemented with a two week trip to Portland, Oregon where the GUIDE participated in the Annual Rose Festival.

We are scheduled for completion in the yard on 1 October. The first three weeks of October will contain a heavy schedule of training. During the latter part of October and first part of November the GUIDE will be in San Diego for extensive refresher training. We return home for continued training until the commencement of the Holiday Leave period in Mid-December.

I relieved LCDR R. D. DUNCAN as Commanding Officer on May 25th. My wife and I are proud to be associated with a ship that enjoys such a fine reputation as the GUIDE.

Personalities in the news! LTJG E. B. MILLER, USN has relieved LT WHITE as Executive Officer. The present X.O., comes to the GUIDE after three years in the Engineering Department of the USS FLOYD B PARKS (DD884), home ported in San Diego. LTJG MILLER is married and has two children. ENS PAUL R GAGE has relieved LTJG WOODS as Operations Officer. ENS GAGE and his wife, Carol, come to the GUIDE directly from the campus of Ohio State University. LTJG KEENAN, the Engineering Officer, has recently received his additional "half stripe". Chief Commissaryman L. E. EPPERSON donned his hat on July 16th after receiving the traditional Captain's Mast - Congratulations Chief. Chief Engineman F. D. CAYWOOD and his wife, Imogene, recently welcomed a little girl into the world - Bravo Zulu Chief. (Navy term for "Well Done")

Recent additions to the crew include, SOMMERS, E. J., Seaman Apprentice; DODSON, W.E., Seaman; GURR, W.E., Boatswains Mate Second Class; BRUMMETT, M.E., Fireman Apprentice; HICKMAN, L.W. Jr., Boiler Tender Second Class; WILLIAMS, W. W., Radioman Second Class; HASTINGS H. H., Fireman Apprentice; FOSTER, H.L., Sonarman, Seaman Apprentice; LYLES, W.G., Stewards Mate Second Class; MC CORMICK, D.H., Seaman; MOORE, J.A., Seaman; RICHEY, D.L., Engineman Third Class; PEASLEE, R. C., Seaman and WESTERVELT, H.A., Interior Communications Fireman.

"GUIDE" has 15% of crew drawing Proficiency Pay" - So stated the headlines of a recent article of the Sea Horse, the Long Beach Naval Station Paper. Proficiency Pay is awarded to designated personnel possessing special proficiency in a military skill. Personnel considered eligible must be recommended by their Commanding Officer and then pass an intensified written test. The GUIDE is proud of the results of the recent selection which saw the following crew members selected for this program: BLACKWELL, R.A., IC1(Pl); BURNETTE, D.J., RD2(Pl); MARAK, C.A., EM2(Pl); SCHAAH, E. M., SFP2(Pl); HILES, C.E., RM3(Pl); MORRISSEY, L.F., RM3(Pl); NANCE, L.M., SM3(Pl); ROCS, J. Jr., RM2(Pl); POWELL, J. E., EM2(Pl) and WASHINGTON, B.V., SM3(Pl). In addition GREINE, R.G., QM1(Pl) and FREDERICK, M.T., ETN2(Pl) were already in the program.

Results of Battle Efficiency competition for the fiscal year found the GUIDE placing third in the standings of Mine Squadron NINE. The 16 ships comprising Mine Squadron NINE are in annual competition for the coveted "E" for excellence. This competition encompasses all phases of shipboard routine. Our standing of third, only 1 percentage point behind the winner is the result of the hard work and determination of the entire crew. Next year we expect to be first.

The summer sports program saw the GUIDE softball team winners of the MINPAC League with a final record of 15 wins and only 1 loss. The ship will receive a trophy in the near future. A "very well done" is extended to the team members: EVENSEN, R. O., Manager; BAKER, F.R., Coach; JOHNSON, L "C" Jr., First Base; JONES, R.T., Second Base; FETTERS, R. M., Third Base; KEENAN, C. A., Short Stop; MOORE, A. B.; KING, C. W.; BENAVIDES, N.R.; BRYANT, G.R.; GAGE, P. R.; and NELSON, E. J. Outfielders; WETZEL, T. L. and WASHINGTON, B. V., Catchers and LINDSEY, W. D., Pitcher.

The GUIDE Bowling team finished third in a ten team summer league. Team members include: RODGMAN, P.E.; JONES, R. T.; FETTERS, R. M.; KISTNER, S. V.; WETZEL, T.L.; MARAK, C.A.; KING, C.W.; and MOORE, A. B.

The ship's party is scheduled for early September at the Seal Beach Ammunition and Net Depot recreation area. We expect a good turn out and fine time will be enjoyed by all.

The annual dependents cruise is scheduled for early October. I am looking forward to meeting as many of the families of the crew members as can make the cruise with us. We anticipate a very enjoyable day.

I trust that this information letter has helped to keep you up-to-date on the accomplishments of our ship and her crew members. We are very proud of our record and look forward to continued success in order to keep the GUIDE among the very best ships in the fleet.



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