

From The Captain's Chair



As many of you know, I have been preaching LEADERSHIP at every opportunity and consider this space in the HUKSTER an ideal place to continue the crusade.

Many definitions of leadership have been put forth. However, the end result of leadership is the coordination of individual strength to produce the maximum effort to accomplish a specific

task. In obtaining the coordination of individual strength the basic factor is the establishment of confidence between petty officers and non-rated personnel, between officers and senior petty officers. This confidence is gained by instruction of leading petty officers and junior officers in practical leadership, in establishing a recognized process for airing of problems, a state of cooperation, frankness and communication among those in a position of authority. Confidence can only be gained through a unique and close relationship between petty officers and men.

A division officer or a petty officer cannot influence his subordinates in their attitudes or behavior and conduct unless he himself sets the example. The way you act will determine the way your subordinates will act.

The old saying that "a taut ship is a happy ship" is still true. Tautness requires absolute fairness above all else. There must be a clear differentiation between the excellent and the poor. Follow through on all orders and reports. This will insure that the "poor" man will not get away with his "goldbricking" and that the excellent man will receive your praise and do an even better job the next time.

TENTATIVE OPERATING SCHEDULE

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| MARCH | |
| 1 | Official Change of Home Port |
| 18 | Pull Out of PSNS |
| 20 | Bye Bye Bangor- Off to the Pacific |
| 23-25 | Weekend at Alameda- Duty Sections 2&3 |
| 26-28 | Long Beach— Our New Home! |
| 30 | Arrive San Diego- Old Stomping Grounds |

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| APRIL | |
| 1 | Commence Refresher Training |

Mrs. Healy, BENN Wives Are Cited

Mrs. C. E. Healy, wife of BENNINGTON's commanding officer, was presented with a "100 Hour" service pin for her outstanding efforts in Navy Relief work during our current overhaul at PSNS.

Mrs. Healy's award was more than a reward for her outstanding individual effort however, because it symbolizes the willingness to work of approximately 40 BENNINGTON wives who have been active in Navy Relief work during the past five months.

According to Mrs. Arthur V. Miller, local Navy Relief Chairman, "More dependents of personnel on board the BENNINGTON have volunteered to work at either the Children's waiting room or at the thrift shop than dependents of personnel on board any other ship that has ever been at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard."

The Hukster would like to take this opportunity to voice a hearty "Well Done" to the BENNINGTON wives.



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