

# From The Captain's Chair



Are your personal affairs in good shape? If you are in debt, what sort of plan do you have to get on top of your financial obligations? If you are in trouble financially you are setting a bad reputation not only for yourself and your immediate family, but also your irresponsibility has a marked effect on the reputation of BENNINGTON and the Navy.

I strongly urge you to make use of the assistance readily available to you from your division officer and the legal office to establish a plan to get out of debt and then stick to the plan. Our goal..no bad debts in BENNINGTON.

I have jotted down some notes concerning arrangements we all should make to provide properly for our dependents. Here they are:

Carry adequate life insurance. The non profit insurance available through USBA (E-2 and above) and MBA is not the least of your "fringe benefits."

Make sure you change the beneficiary when your next of kin changes...you marry, a parent dies...get that change in immediately.

Make a will and keep it current. This costs nothing but an hour or so of your time.

Make up a personal file containing birth and marriage certificates, insurance policies, auto title, mortgage, tax records, leases, deeds, etc... and make sure your wife, or if unmarried, your next of kin knows where this file is. When I go to sea I leave this stuff at home.

In reviewing the above comments I seriously doubt if I have said anything every man in BENNINGTON didn't know before, but if the "corner" in this issue of the HUKSTER prompts you into squaring away your personal affairs, then it has served its purpose. Get the message?

## MARDET

by PFC Jim Paynter

On 10 November, at the Marine Corps Ball in Long Beach, MarDet's 2nd Lt. K. E. Junkins received his regular commission. Lt. Junkins is the Detachment's Executive Officer, and was a former enlisted man.

Coming aboard were: CPL Lanphier; PFC's, James, Wylie, Mullins; and PVT's, Hilburn, Rice, Bateman, and Bunker.

Leaving were CPL's Gray, Wolfe, Sullivan; and LCPL Anstine. Also coming into the Detachment was LCPL Bosserdet, formerly a flag orderly.

1st/SGT Mahood, and LCPL's Stockton and Schupbach attended Movie Projection School in November at Camp Pendleton.

On his first liberty after returning from school LCPL Stockton received injuries due to an automobile/pedestrian accident on Pier Echo. He was placed aboard the hospital ship HAVEN with a possible concussion. Many men of the Detachment have visited him, and all wish him a speedy recovery.

As a sidelight, there has been a "lifer" discovered among the men of the Detachment. 1st/Sgt. Mahood, re-enlisted during the month of November under the hand of Capt. J.P. Senik, adding to his 24 years of dedicated service. In all due respect, Top, Congratulations.