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Navy Vets to Dedicate Pearl Harbor Monument

Pearl Harbor (APPS)--A monument to the U.S. sailors who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor, as well as those killed throughout the Pacific area during WWII, will be dedicated here Dec. 7.

The memorial, a natural granite statue in the form of a female figure symbolizing peace, is sponsored by the Navy Clubs of the U.S., a civilian organization of navy veterans.

THE EXEC ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

In an effort to keep the crew informed on questions concerning Bennington and Naval policies, the Executive Officer, CDR J.J. Hilton, Jr., will personally answer queries submitted by the men of the Bennington.

All questions should be submitted to the JET BLAST.

WHY ARE FLAG PERSONNEL ALLOWED TO WEAR BASEBALL CAPS AND NOT SHIP'S COMPANY MEN?

The wearing of baseball caps is not in accordance with Uniform Regulations. ComCarDivOne has granted special authorization for members of his staff to wear these caps and this does not apply to the ship's company in any way. An adequate stock of the new fatigue caps has been ordered and will be issued on receipt.

WHY ARE NON-RATED MEN NOT ALLOWED OVERNIGHT LIBERTY?

Non-rated men are not allowed overnight liberty (this is true only in certain ports) for various reasons. (1) Local regulations or the Senior Officer Present Afloat may direct exactly what liberty hours may be granted: (2) Local facilities may not be adequate to absorb large liberty parties and it is therefore "R.M.I.P." (3) Generally, non-rated men are not mature or responsible enough in their actions ashore to be permitted overnight liberty.

Because of this and since they have not demonstrated their ability to stay out of trouble in foreign ports, they are in effect protected from themselves by limiting their liberty. The extremely high rate of unauthorized absence, caused by willful drunkenness, falling asleep in the red light district and other public and disgraceful disturbances, originating within the non-rated ranks from this ship, is certainly a good example of what I'm talking about. If you have a legitimate reason for overnight liberty, it can usually be arranged through your division officer but it will not be granted carte blanche for you to simply carouse about town. You wouldn't do it at home so why insist on doing it here?

When you have grown up and demonstrated that you can act like a gentleman and an acceptable representative of the United States Navy ashore in a foreign port, (It's the usual ten to twenty percent who ruin it for everybody else) you will probably be given the freedom you should and do expect.

