

JET BLAST

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Navy Awards Contract For Fifth Super Carrier

Washington (AFPS)—The Navy has awarded a \$119,841,034 contract for the construction of a fifth Forrestal class carrier to the New York Shipbuilding Corp., Camden, N. J.

The Navy said the contract was awarded as the result of competitive bidding in which the bid submitted by the Camden firm was the lowest by a "substantial margin."



Most servicemen approach their EOS date in a balanced frame of mind. Most of them have been conscientiously doing their job since they entered the service and they don't "goof off" as separation day approaches.

There is a minority, however, that seems to mark off the last 90 days or so as "let down" time. The serviceman who figures that because he is leaving he has the right to back-slide will probably do the same thing when he enters civilian life.

The difference is that in civilian life only he will suffer. As a serviceman, however, his lackadaisical performance directly can hurt his group's mission and, indirectly, the defense effort.

Whether a man is on the deck force, at an office desk or on a combat mission, his job and duty are as important to the service the day he leaves it as it was the day he entered. (AFPS)

Chaplain's Corner

February 14 is celebrated as Valentine's day. A day when we have the fondest dreams of our heart throb, when we think about the object of our affections and long to be near them. Yet it is also a day, for many of us, for sad reflections for we look back and remember how unfaithful we have been; how we had forgotten to remember our loved ones and gotten ourselves all fouled up.

Christ told us "Blessed are the pure in heart." Those who have filled their heart - the seat of desire - with basic love - charity - for our fellow men. Those whose thoughts, motivations, and every deed is content in the Pure thoughts of love for our fellowmen. When our lives are governed by this love, this desire, then we will have fond memories of our "True Valentine." We will someday face them again and we will be able to face them strong, brave, pure, and free. Free from evil, desire, lust, and desires both

Draft Need Less Says Navy Head

(AFPS) — Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas has declared that between now and June the Navy would need to draft less than half the number of men previously thought necessary.

Originally the Navy had expected 56,000 men would be needed between December and June, he said. But increased enlistments have reduced the need for draftees.

The secretary, on a Far East tour, paid tribute to navy personnel as good ambassadors. He said they showed high morale and good behavior in foreign ports.

Mr. Thomas said that ships are now being rotated from foreign duty nearly every six months in order to allow more time for sailors to be with their families. He explained that 80 per cent of petty officers are married, compared to 1925 when 30 per cent of this group were single.

of soul and body; strong and brave because we have stood fast, uncompromising in our one love; be she your mother, sister, wife, daughter, or sweet - heart.

May this truly be a Happy Valentine's day - one of Purity of heart, mind, body, and soul.

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