



By Larry  
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Two reenlistments occurred in the gunnery Department during the month of January.

'Shipping for six' were Linis D. Lewis, BM1, second division and Orwin J. Kingsbury, QM2, sixth division. This was the second reenlistment for both men. Lewis has completed 13 years of naval service, while Kingsbury has a total of eight years.

LCDR Joseph Durda reported aboard the Bennington on 12 January to relieve CDR E.M. Peck as Assistant Gunnery Officer and Ordnance Officer.

Mr. Durda attended George Washington University, U. of Minnesota, and Minnesota College of Law before entering the service in December, 1941. After entering the Navy he underwent flight training at Pensacola, Florida, graduating from there in October, 1942. After receiving his wings, Mr. Durda served with various patrol squadrons in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters until the end of World War II.

Since being recalled to Active duty in May 1952, LCDR Durda has been the Operations Officer of VP-49, Atlantic Fleet; Staff Operations Officer, Commander

Naval Air Bases Third Naval District; and Executive Officer, Navy Recruiting Office and Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Washington, D.C.

From 1946 to May 1952, Mr. Durda worked with various law enforcement agencies in civilian life as a special agent dealing with investigations.

Mr. Durda, who presently makes his home in Chula Vista, California, is married and has three children.

CDR E.M. Peck, whom Mr. Durda relieves, has served on board the Bennington for twenty-two months as Assistant Gunnery Officer and Ordnance Officer. CDR Peck is presently awaiting orders for his next duty assignment.



By  
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Three cheers for the 'Supply Sluggers' whose softball team went unbeaten during the softball tournament held recently in Subic Bay. Members of the team were Ronald Smith, Dave 'Home-run' Boross, Leo Dufort, Hector Flores, John Widman, Ray Hulbert, Steve Caco and Manager Sam Barnes. Congratulations!

The Supply S-1 Division held their big division party at Subic. There were sandwiches,

cookies, cold drinks and plenty of San Miguel beer on hand. A softball game was held as well as basketball, volleyball and swimming for the other men. All in all the party was considered a huge success.

They say it is better to be brief than boring and since news from Supply is thin, I'll close for now. See you next issue.



By  
Frank Galvin

NEW PAGES OF 1957: Mike Davis, YNSA, from Savannah, Illinois, reported aboard while the ship was in Yokohama for some typewriter pounding duty in the Operations Office. Davis received orders to Big Senn after graduating from Class 'A' Yeoman school in San Diego. To Mike, a hearty 'welcome aboard.'

Jim Brusa, PH3, was presented by J.J. Trahan, Photo Officer, with his long awaited Good Conduct Medal, for three years of good and faithful service; two of which were spent tripping shutters aboard Bennington. Congrats, Jim.

The Post Office has lost one of it's mailmen to shore duty. Gene Nelson, TEL, has hopped off to Atlantic City, New Jersey

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