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LATEST FROM THE CAPTAIN

REINVIORATING THE EMPHASIS ON SAFETY

Crane, we've got a problem and I need your help. I look around when I'm walking through our facilities: our labs, shops, offices, warehouses, and so on. I'm privileged to meet many of you and am invariably impressed by the knowledge, confidence, and productivity throughout the Division. But...we've got a ways to go in several areas, first and foremost on my list of concerns is safety.

On far too many occasions, I've been shocked by the lack of appropriate housekeeping in work areas, improper use (or even non-use) of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), violation of HAZMAT storage and use restrictions, and so on. Simply put, we've got a problem and we've got to tackle it.

I'm picturing many of you reading this and thinking – OK, here we go again. It's a new CO with a new crusade that will last until about a month before the next change of command. We've seen it before, looks like we're seeing it again...OKAY, OK, Ok, ok...

All I can tell you is that it's not that way. Not this time, not with this CO, not on this subject. Nothing we do, no service we provide, no product we send out our gates is more important than the safety of our workforce. We have an obligation to ensure that everyone

that works here does so in an environment that is safe, that inherently dangerous work is undertaken only after rigorous evaluation of the risks and full incorporation of every mitigation strategy possible. We're not going to meet that obligation with a crusade; we'll meet it with a balanced emphasis on standards, on quality, on teamwork.

I'm asking for an emphasis on safety by all hands: every worker, every supervisor, every manager. Review the agenda for your stand-up safety meetings. Look around, be attentive, critically evaluate the processes you follow, the condition and suitability of the equipment you use. Pay more attention to housekeeping practices. Remember that safety is the first consideration in any endeavor undertaken at NSWC Crane Division. This request goes out to everyone at Crane, at every level of labor and management.

We have several programs in the works right now to include ISO 9001 2000 certification, implementation of the Malcolm Baldrige Management System, and training for adaptation of LEAN. All of these are sound programs. None of them is a panacea. But, all of them promote the same emphasis and the same goals. We don't need a crusade; we need a sense of enduring ownership. We will be a world

class organization when we take ownership of our processes and procedures that take full advantage of the best business practices in the world. We are working to institutionalize a way of doing business that promotes safety, quality, productivity and efficiency. By doing so, we move from compliance to ownership. That is how we tie all of this together, that is why it will last beyond the next change of command.

On the lighter side, speaking to CO crusades, don't worry, I'll do my best to come up with something colorful.

Thanks for listening and keep up the great work.

D. M. Wise



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

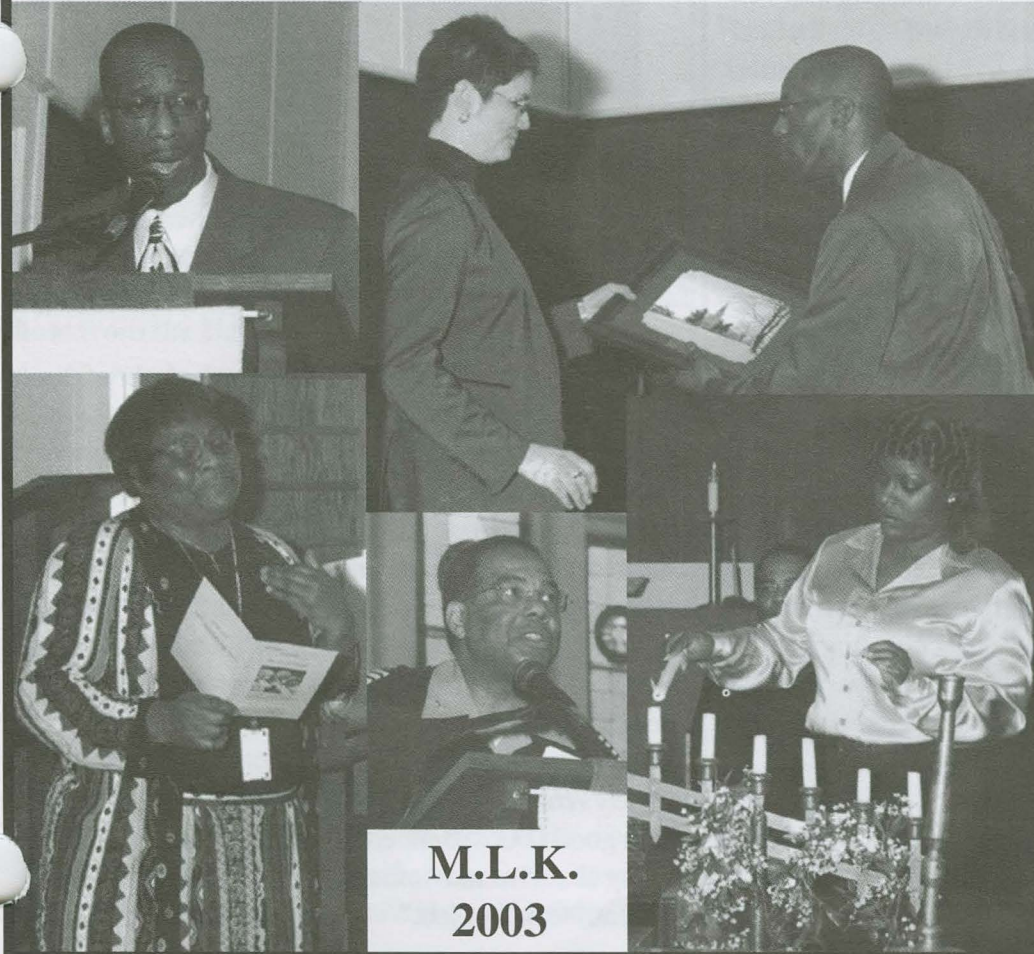
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U.S. civil-rights leader. Born in Atlanta, he became an adherent of nonviolence philosophies while in college. Ordained a Baptist minister in 1954, he became pastor of a church in Montgomery, Ala. He received his doctorate from Boston Univ. in 1955. He was selected to head the Montgomery Improvement Assn., whose efforts soon ended the city's public-transport segregation policies. In 1957 he formed the South-

ern Christian Leadership Conference and began lecturing nationwide, urging active nonviolence to achieve civil rights for blacks. In 1960 he returned to Atlanta to become copastor with his father of Ebenezer Baptist Church. He was arrested for protesting segregation at a lunch counter and jailed; the case drew national attention, and presidential candidate J. F. Kennedy interceded to obtain his release. In 1963 King helped organize the March on Washington, an assembly of more than 200,000 protestors at which he made his famous "I have a dream" speech. The march influenced the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and King was awarded the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize. In 1965 he was criticized from within the civil-rights movement for yielding to state troopers at a march in Selma, Ala., and failing in the effort to change Chicago's housing segregation policies. He broadened his advocacy to address the plight of the poor of all races and oppose the Vietnam War. In 1968 he went to Memphis, Tenn., to support a strike by sanitation workers; there on April 4, he was assassinated by J. E. Ray.

NSWC Crane observed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Thursday 9 January 2003 at 1200 at the Base Chapel. Pictured Clockwise: Reverend Kevin W. White, Sr. was the guest speaker; Ms. Cathi Crabtree was MC for the event - she is shown presenting the Reverend White with an appreciative picture of Crane; Ms. Carmalita Haley lit the ceremonial candles; CAPT Carpenter said a prayer for the event; and Ms. Frances Adkins sang a special hymn.



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THE VETERAN'S HISTORY PROJECT

Preserving Priceless Stories of Service for Future Generations

By *Brian Blackwell*

The Crane chapter of the Federal Managers Association (FMA) is partnering with Senator Lugar and his staff to support the Veterans History Project (VHP). The VHP is a congressionally funded program administered by the Library of Congress and its American Folklife Center and designed to honor our nation's veterans from all eras by creating a lasting legacy of recorded interviews and other documents chronicling veterans' experiences. These records will be preserved for future generations and will ultimately be made available to the public via the Internet.

Our involvement with the VHP is just beginning. Senator Lugar's staff has trained volunteer interviewers, and our Public Affairs Office is beginning to compile a list of veterans interested in sharing their experiences.

We were assured during the interviewer training that VHP interviews would be fascinating and rewarding for the interviewer as well. Our first interview lived up to that promise. The subject of the interview was Mr. Harold Bennett of Lawrence County, Indiana, father of Jim Bennett (Director of the Night Vision & Chemical/Biological Sensors Department). With Mr. Bennett's permission, portions of his interview are being published in this article to serve as an example of the kinds of experiences the VHP is meant to capture and to remind us all of the debt of gratitude we owe our Veterans.

Bennett entered the service in 1942 and embarked on a remarkable journey filled with memorable experiences. He became a turret gunner attached to the 703rd Bomb Squadron, 445th Bomb Group in what was to become known as the "Mighty 8th" Army Air Force. He talked of traveling back and forth across the country to receive his required training – a new experience for the young man who had seldom traveled outside Lawrence County.

During training outside of Baltimore, Maryland, Bennett was walking back to camp when a car pulled up and he was offered a ride. The car's passengers were President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Win-



Harold Bennett in his flight gear at Gowen Field, Idaho in October 1943. (Photo courtesy of Harold Bennett family)

ston Churchill. He declined the ride but had a brief discussion with two of history's most memorable men.

Bennett was stationed in England where he flew 21 missions. He enjoyed sightseeing in England and on one noteworthy trip to London he encountered Winston Churchill once again. Bennett passed Churchill and his entourage on the street. When they passed, Churchill stopped and said, "Hey Soldier, don't I know you?" and they reminisced briefly about their meeting back in the United States.

Bennett's commanding officer was actor James Stewart. "He was a good C.O.," Bennett recalls, "but he didn't want to be talking about his movie career. He told us we were here to concentrate on our job."

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On May 28th, 1944 after successfully releasing its bombs, Bennett's plane was shot down over Germany. Wounded



Actor James Stewart, Harold Bennett's commanding officer, speaking with an unidentified crewmember. (Photo from the U.S. Air Force Museum Website)

and unconscious and with the help of his fellow crewmembers, he parachuted out of the crippled plane. "I remember being in the plane when it was hit," he explained, "and the next thing I remember is waking up on the floor of a cell in the POW camp." He spoke of being interrogated at gunpoint by a German officer. "I only gave him my name, rank and serial number," he said with a slight grin.

Bennett was one of over 41,000 members of the Army Air Force to become prisoners of war during World War II. He was held for nearly a year in two German POW camps. He was treated humanely, although he received no medical attention for injuries sustained as the plane was hit and as a result of his unconscious parachute jump. He traded ciga-

rettes from Red Cross packages to his fellow prisoners for food and passed time by playing bridge and walking once his injuries healed.

Russians liberated the camp in April 1945. Bennett humorously recalls watching fellow Army Air Force members who, while in captivity swore never to fly again, gratefully board the Russian planes.

When asked if he would serve again, Bennett answered yes with no hesitation. It was clear that he knew that war is a horrible experience but he was proud to serve.

Mr. Bennett is a member of what Tom Brokaw called the "Greatest Generation" in a recent book. This generation made tremendous personal sacrifices for their country.

There are thousands of stories like Mr. Bennett's that may eventually be lost. The Library of Congress estimates that the number of veterans dwindles by 1,500 every day. If you would like to participate as an interviewer to preserve these memories or know a veteran who would like to participate in the VHP, please call Ms. Lorie Richardson, 854-6409.

NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK

February 16 - 22, 2003

In a blink of the eye, engineers have turned ideas for human flight into reality. National Engineers Week 2003, chaired by Lockheed Martin and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, celebrates the many contributions engineers make to our quality of life.

Checkout this website for details:
<http://www.eweek.org/>

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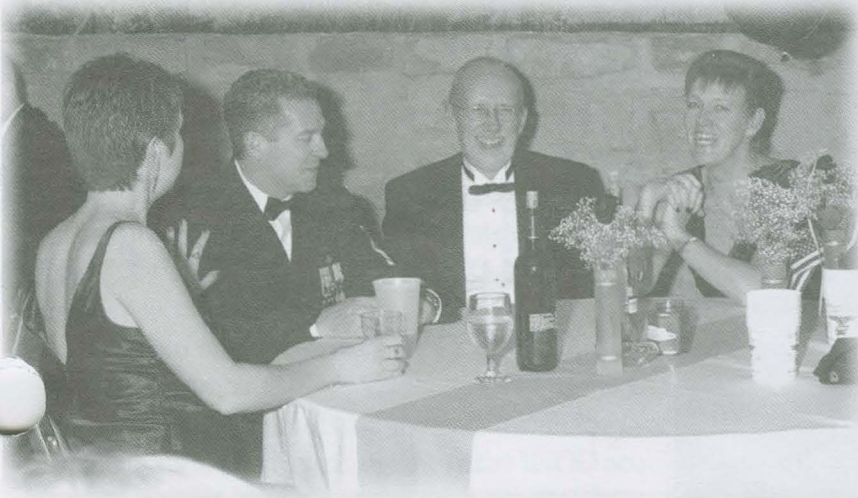
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LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS



James Keusch receives 35 Year Length of Service Award from CDR Ford.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Louis Kavanaugh receives 35 Year Length of Service Award from CDR Ford.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Carroll Wheatley receives 30 Year Length of Service Award from CDR Ford.

USASOC LETTER OF APPRECIATION - *By Scott Karcher* PRESENTED TO CRANE



NSWC Crane's Mr. Bill Helms, Code 805E, was recently presented with a letter of appreciation from the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) in recognition of his team's performance on the Improved Day/Night Fire Control/Observation Device (INOD) Acquisition Program. The letter was hand-delivered to CAPT Wise by MSGT John Martinson of USASOC and CAPT Wise presented it to Mr. Helms and the INOD Team on 7 January 2003. The INOD program is a joint U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) and Naval Special Warfare Command (NAVSPECWARCOM) program managed by USSOCOM. The device is a clip-on night vision sight that is used in conjunction with a day scope to provide Special Operations Snipers with night time targeting capability. The acquisition program was assigned to Crane in March 02 and the contract was awarded in September 02. It was a full and open competition procurement valued at \$9.1M and was awarded in 191 days from receipt of funding at Crane. With options the potential value of the contract could reach \$28M. This extraordinary effort has been praised at USSOCOM and USASOC as an example of an efficient, rapid acquisition that will provide the warfighter with much needed hardware in the shortest possible time. In part, the letter of appreciation stated "Your flexibility in dealing with the United States Special Operations Command's snipers ensured a state-of-the-art capability will be fielded in record time and will have an immediate impact on OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. Your professionalism is a credit to yourself and the Naval Surface Warfare Center." CAPT Wise stated that this is an excellent example of Crane's ability to harness the power of technology for the warfighter. Congratulations to Mr. Helms and the entire INOD acquisition team!



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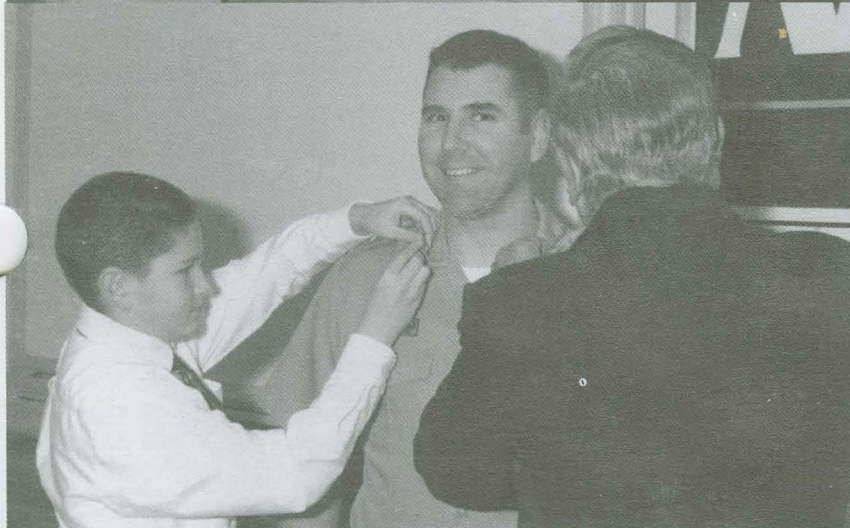
LT RONALD ZITZMAN PROMOTED



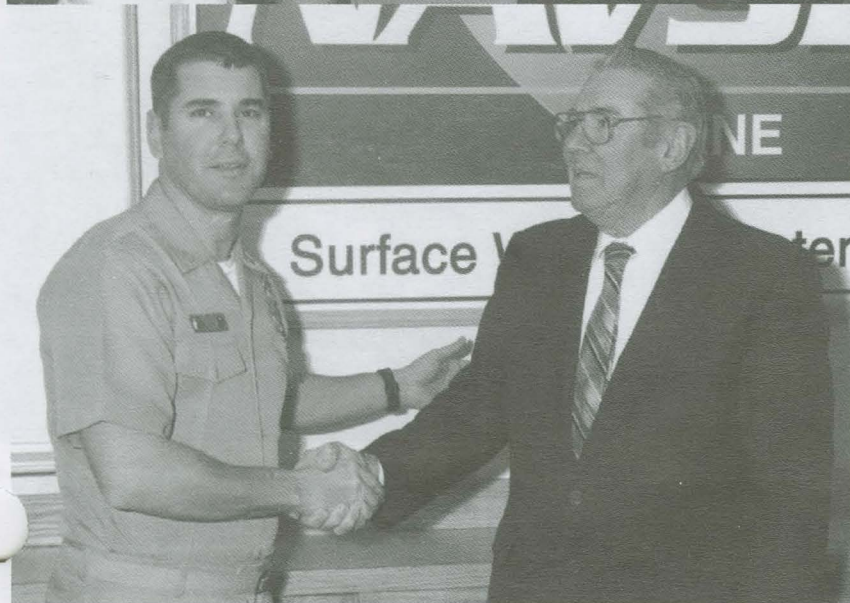
On 7 January 2003, LT Ronald Zitzman was promoted to Lieutenant. In a ceremony planned outdoors by the POW/MIA Monument, the cold weather and frigid wind brought guests to the Building 1 Conference Room.

LT Zitzman enlisted in the Navy in 1985. He has enjoyed several tours of duty that have taken him around the world. Promotion to Lieutenant was a major career milestone and proud moment for LT Zitzman.

Guests included family members, wife Jackie; son Ronnie; daughter Lauren; father Ron; and stepmother Jean.



LT Zitzman's son and father pinned the LT Bars on his collar. CAPT Wise delivered the Appointment to Rank of Lieutenant, while LT Zitzman raised his right hand and repeated the oath of office.



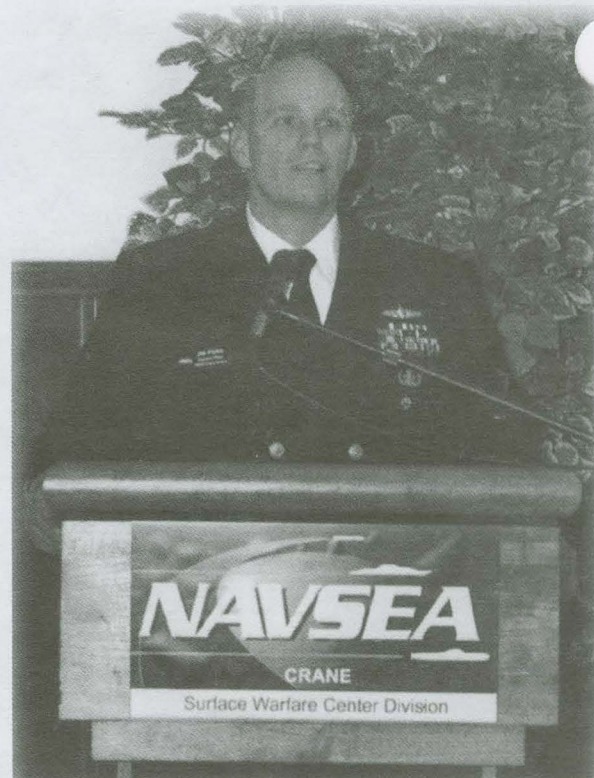
LT Zitzman thanked COL Dowdy and CAPT Wise for all of their support during his tour at Crane; he thanked the outstanding team that he works with who helped make his promotion possible; he thanked his father and stepmother for traveling to Indiana for the ceremony and for their support over the years; thanked his wife for standing by his side and doing everything for their family that has allowed him to follow his career dreams; and he thanked his kids for being so 'good' and making his job as a father easy.

Following the promotion, a celebration was held at Club Lakeview.

HOLIDAY RECEPTION

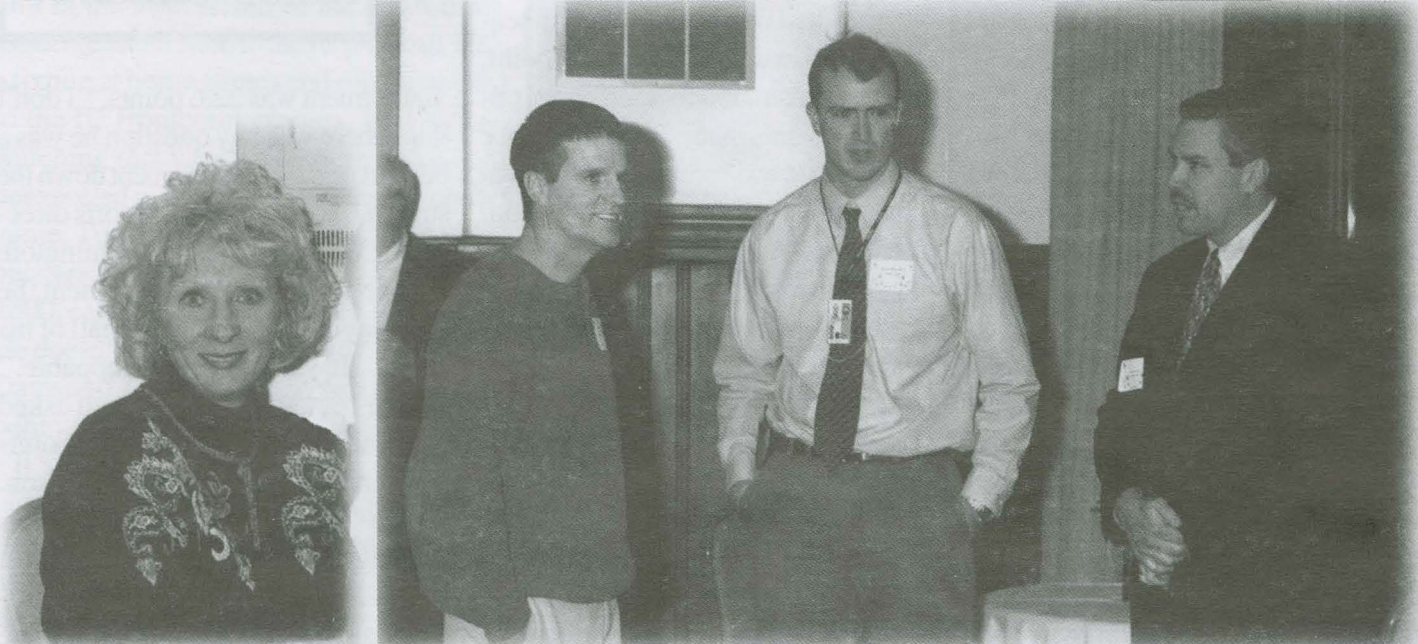


NSWC Crane's Holiday Reception was held on 10 December at Club Lakeview. Local representatives were in attendance, music was provided by Musical Attraction - from I.U., and remarks were given by Mr. Embree and CDR Ford.



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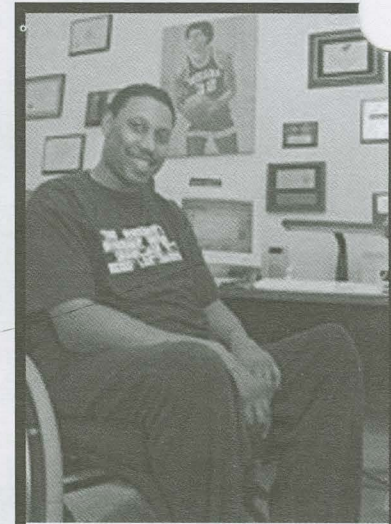
FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month Celebration will be held 27 February 2003 at 11:00 a.m. at Club Lakeview. Landon Turner will be the guest speaker.

**By Michael Grant
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The Courier-Journal**

Landon Turner once was benched because he appeared to lack motivation. These days, the former Indiana University basketball player provides motivation — from a wheelchair. All he has to do is recite his life story. As a motivational speaker, Turner, 41, talks about playing for the ultra-demanding Bob Knight and starting on the Hoosiers' 1981 national championship team. Turner knows a lot about the glory. He knows suffering, too. A likely career in the National Basketball Association was ripped away from him four months after the NCAA title when an automobile accident left the 6-foot-10 junior forward paralyzed from the chest down. Turner was limited in personal mobility, but he never felt limited in life. "I wanted to be a (professional) basketball player, but when I got hurt my options opened up," he said. "There were several things that I tried to do, but I enjoy public speaking. I try to motivate and help people overcome their personal problems. I speak to kids, businesses, at churches. I basically tell them my story. I tell them that you need to love yourself and have a never-say-die, never-quit attitude to overcome adversity in life." Most of

his speaking engagements aren't too far from his Indianapolis home, including some on IU's Bloomington campus. His goal is to make his listeners recognize positive things in their lives and provide inspiration. He's not angry or bitter, so why should anybody else be? "Maybe if they have a personal problem, they could think about me and maybe they won't think that their problem is so bad," Turner said. "I don't want people to be down on their lives or feeling bad about life." Turner spent time feeling bad about basketball during the 1980-81 season. The Hoosiers had a talented roster that also included Isiah Thomas, Ray Tolbert, Randy Wittman, Jim Thomas and Ted Kitchel. But they had only a 21-9 regular-season record and were 3-4 at one point. Knight's frustration focused on the talented but enigmatic Turner, whose playing time was limited during a five-game stretch in the Big Ten season. Turner acknowledges that he got buried in Knight's doghouse because of poor academics and because "I wanted to chase women and have them chase me." But once Turner "prioritized," things fell into place. Knight gave Turner another shot, and IU's fortunes changed. He returned to the starting lineup for the final five games of the regular season and throughout the NCAA Tournament. The Hoosiers closed the season with 10 straight victories, and Turner scored in double figures in nine of his final 11 games. IU's average margin of victory in the NCAA



Landon Turner was a standout for the Indiana University basketball team before an automobile accident left him paralyzed from the chest down. Now he's a motivational speaker and lives in the Indianapolis area.

PHOTO BY GREG GRIFFO

Tournament was 22.6 points. "I don't think there was any question he was a big part of IU's improvement down the stretch," said Joe Smith, sports director for WGLC radio in Bloomington. "Once IU got in the tournament, he was playing his best basketball of his career. He was almost unstoppable." Turner remains humble when asked about his role. He averaged 9.5 points and shot 56.1 percent for the season. But he seemed set for bigger and better things after scoring 20 points against Louisiana State in the national semifinals and 12 in the championship game against North Carolina. "Everyone tries to say that I was the key," Turner said. "But I just tried to play hard and assist my teammates. Coach Knight

had lost a lot of confidence in me because my play on the court was terrible and my play in practice was terrible. But once I got my act together and I was thrown back into the starting lineup, we never lost another game. There was no team in the nation that could stop us." But Turner's life changed in July 1981 on his way to King's Island amusement park. He lost control of his car on Ind. 46 near Columbus, Ind., and suffered a fractured spine in the accident. Turner, who never cared for Knight's strong language or in-your-face style, soon saw a different side to the coach. Knight started a fund that raised more than \$400,000 to help Turner. "When I got hurt I saw the real side to coach Knight instead of just the coach side," he said. "He gave large sums of money out of his own pocket to start the fund. Since I wasn't playing I saw the real him, and he's an all-right guy." Turner never had his pro career, but he was voted to an honorary position on the 1982 All-America team by the U.S. Basketball Writers. The Boston Celtics chose him in the 10th round of the NBA draft. Turner remains close to the IU program. He's a fixture at home games and routinely talks to the IU frontcourt players. He enjoyed watching this year's Hoosiers make their unexpected run to the NCAA championship game. Turner, one of Knight's most vocal backers when IU fired him in September 2000, called Mike Davis a "great coach." He doesn't see any conflict with supporting Davis and Knight. "I'm behind IU, and I'm behind Mike Davis all the way," he said. "It's not hard at all. I'm not a Texas Tech fan, but I would like to see coach Knight be successful. But I got my degree from Indiana University and support Indiana University 100 percent." And the program is glad to have him around. "He has such a presence, said IU assistant coach Jim Thomas, a former teammate of Turner's. "To see him now after everything he has been through is very inspiring to me."

NAVSEA COTS STEERING BOARD WORKSHOP

In an environment of decreasing budgets and reduced ship and squadron manning, today's managers, engineers, and logisticians have the mandate to introduce commercial equipment and systems into service without sacrificing necessary performance or mission capability. What strategies will work best? How can we reduce the risks involved with COTS insertion?

The COTS Steering Board Workshop (**February 19 - 20 at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab**) will address this, and many related issues in implementing and supporting COTS in our Military Systems. The workshop will focus on issues of COTS reliability; associated business processes, including funding, budgets and contracts; integration and operability of hardware and software; and technology refresh.

The COTS Workshop 2002/2003 is co-sponsored by the NAVSEA COTS Steering Board and the Southern Indiana Chapter of SOLE at Johns Hopkins University on February 19 - 20, 2003.

For additional information, please contact Rich Samuelson via email at samuelsn_rich@crane.navy.mil.

Check the following website for future updates:
<https://cots.navsea.navy.mil/cots>

Issues addressed will be of interest to Program Managers, Engineers, Logisticians, Fleet Personnel, Industry and DOD/ Navy Acquisition and Life cycle management personnel, and the in-depth agenda will address real-world COTS issues. Focus will be on the following areas of interest:

KEY TOPICS

- COTS Reliability
- Business Processes, including Funding, Budgets and Contracts
- Integration of HW/SW and Operability
- Technology Refresh

CAAA NEWS

COL BILLY J. DOWDY
Commander
LCDR DENNIS SICKEL
Executive Officer



LARRY L. LEONARD (Acting)
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YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST WINNER



Melissa Stedman, eighth grade student of North Daviess Junior High School, won first prize in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, “Patriot’s Pen” essay competition. Melissa, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Randy Stedman, received a \$50 Savings Bond. Her entry now advances to the district level. The eventual national winner will receive a \$10,000 grand prize.

(l-r) Phyllis Koch, CAAA employee and president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Crane VFW Post 9297, presents award to Melissa Stedman. At right is North Daviess Principal Jed Jerrels.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE – THE BEST DOING BETTER..

LCDR Sickel, CAAA Executive Officer, presented Mark Paulin with an Achievement Medal for Civilian Service. The certificate accompanying the medal stated, “In recognition of his expertise and outstanding leadership, during the period of October 01 – September 02, Mr. Paulin is commended for exceptional leadership and personal commitment to single handedly assure the Crane Army Ammunition Activity (CAAA) met its Value Engineering (VE) goal of \$1.7M. Mr. Paulin’s additional research, computation and the final write-up of every CAAA VE resulted in CAAA not just meeting but ex-

ceeding the CAAA VE goal by \$46,000.00.

This was accomplished in conjunction with his other fulltime functions. Without Mr. Paulin’s efforts, this would not have been accomplished. His continuous efforts and “can-do” attitude along with his team esprit de corps are a great example of the services provided by CAAA which reflect positively on The Total Army.”



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE

THE BEST DOING BETTER..

LCDR Sickel, CAAA Executive Officer, presented Betty Antal with an Achievement Medal for Civilian Service. The certificate accompanying the medal stated, "In recognition of her expertise and outstanding leadership, Ms. Antal is commended for exceptional leadership in leading the Crane Army Ammunition Activity (CAAA) Restructuring Initiative during the period of June 2002 – October 2002. Ms. Antal developed an ambitious implementation plan requiring specific milestones be met in order to meet fiscal year (FY) end requirements in preparation for FY03. She worked diligently to assure that all milestones were met. Coupled with

meeting each milestone, her efforts resulted in the total CAAA restructuring package being fully approved by the CAAA Commander, the CPAC and the HQ, OSC. Her unwavering effort and esprit de corps reflect great credit on herself, CAAA and The Total Army, providing a great example for others to follow."



NON MONETARY AWARDS WERE PRESENTED TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS BY LCDR DENNIS SICKEL, CAAA EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

Non Monetary Awards were presented to the following individuals for their great efforts, long hours during the months of September and October 2002 in cleaning up the CAAA financial records to assure CAAA achieved a "clean" finan-

cial statement for FY02. This required added effort in the absence of one of the senior accountants during this period. Without their efforts this would not have been accomplished. Not pictured: Kenny Inman, Amanda Hutchinson.



Donna Cox



Glenda White



Jerry Tompkins

Non Monetary Awards were presented to the following individuals for their great efforts and long hours during the closing weeks of FY02 to complete the budget close-out efforts. This is an effort that required much time and weekly/daily reporting in addition to the normal flow of workload

that came through this office during this period. Their continuous efforts and "can-do" attitude along with their team esprit de corps reflects positively on the DRM Finance team and the DRM in general. Not shown: William Hedges, Debbie Robinson, Brenda Mattingly, and Marsha Kern.



Deborah Byers



Esther Murphy

Non Monetary Awards were presented to the following individuals for their great efforts and long hours during the months of August - October 2002 in teaming with representatives from the Operations Support Command (OSC), Installation Management Activity (IMA) and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (ACSIM) in identify-

ing and documenting all facilities CAAA is credited as being "Proponent User." This required learning a new system and assuring proper posting on the financial records. CAAA picked these facilities up on our records. Without their efforts this would not have been accomplished.



Mark Paulin



Rheta Divine



Ron Mitchell



A Non Monetary Award was presented to Nancy Hooten for her exceptional efforts, from September 02 – November 02 for added hours and hard work during this time in providing assistance outside of her area in support of the Force Management team effort (in addition to her regular work). With the shortage of personnel, Nancy "stepped up to the plate" and took on these added responsibilities to assure the the Directorate of Resource Management Team continued to provide the required level of support expected.



Terri Winingter



A Non Monetary Award was presented to Carol Perkins for her exceptional efforts, from October 01 – September 02 for her long hours and hard work during this time in assuring the Drug Testing Program remained a success. During an assistance visit by Rock Island Arsenal Program manager, Carol was commended for having put together an exceptional program. She assured that the program stayed on track and received no discrepancies during this period. Carol has maintained a model program. With her continuous efforts and "can-do" attitude reflects positively on the Directorate of Resource Management.

A Non Monetary Award was presented to Carol Baldwin for her exceptional efforts, from October 01 – September 02, for her long hours and hard work during this time in assuring the Army Suggestion Program stayed on track. Not only did she assure it was on track, she kept her eye on the savings aspects of the program. The Army Suggestion Program monetary savings for FY02 was \$417,804. Her continuous efforts and "can-do" attitude along with her team spirit reflects positively on the Directorate of Resource Management Budget Team and the Directorate of Resource Management in general.



Ms. Judy Wright, NSWC, Crane Division, Management Analyst, receives a CAAA Jacket from LCDR Dennis Sickel, CAAA Executive Officer. Ms. Wright recently was an instrumental member of the Joint NSWC/CAAA Rails to Roads Team in their efforts to develop a comprehensive 5-year plan for significantly reducing rail infrastructure. This study identified how the reduction can be accomplished. A memorandum of agreement between CAAA and NSWC, Crane Division, is now being finalized and track reduction will begin in FY03. The savings at the end of the five years is estimated to be 4,624 million dollars in maintenance and repair of the railroad.

A Non Monetary Award was presented to Charlis Crays for her exceptional efforts as Head Librarian for CAAA for the period from October 01 – September 02. Charlis gives outstanding attention to each detail of all aspects of her assignments. She has shown a high degree of integrity and sense of duty to all in her performance of the mailroom functions such as the sorting and distributing of electronic and hard copy mail for the entire Activity.

NO PHOTOS AVAILABLE

CAAA WINS ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND (AMC) FY02 FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE AWARD...AGAIN



CAAA won the AMC FY02 for the seventh time in eight years. The NSWC Fire Prevention Office competed for this Award by submitting a report detailing specific activities they perform to support CAAA in the areas of Customer Service, Innovativeness, Implemented Quality Management Principles and Initiatives, Quality of Life Initiatives, and Other.

Donald Mills received a CAAA Jacket from Larry Leonard, Acting CAAA Civilian Executive Assistant. Mr. Mills received the award for his services as CAAA's Fire Inspector. Mr. Mills provides exemplary service day in and day out which directly impacts on CAAA's success in the area of fire prevention and emergency services. Mr. Donald Mills, NSWC, Crane Division, Fire Prevention Inspector, was directly responsible for submitting the award packet so that CAAA could be considered for the AMC FY02 Fire and Emergency Service Award.

CAAA HONORS RETIREES – CAAA WILL MISS YOU!!!!

Anthony Smith, Welder, Engineering Division, Manufacturing & Engineering Directorate, retired after 14 years, 6 months and 2 days of government service.

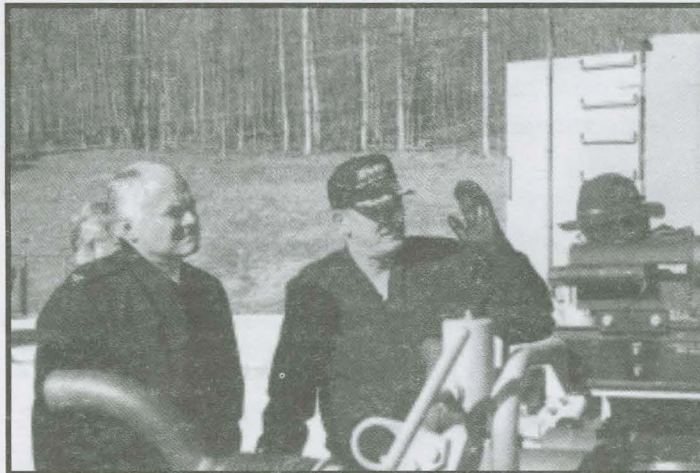
David Kimbrel, Planning & Control Division, Depot Operations Directorate retired after 37 years, 3 months and 21 days of government service.

Judith A. Smith, Production Controller, Planning & Quality Control Division, Manufacturing & Engineering Directorate, retired after 17 years, 6 months and 13 days of government service.

Glen Humphreys, Explosive Worker, Ammunition Operations Division, Manufacturing & Engineering Directorate, retired after 36 years, 3 months and 19 days of government service.

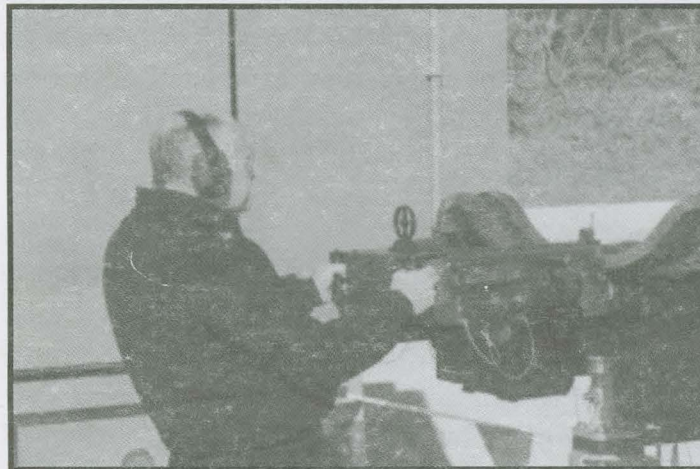
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VISITORS FROM WARFARE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING (SEA06)



RDML (Sel) Hicks, Deputy Commander, Warfare Systems Engineering (SEA06), visited NSWC Crane on 12 - 13 January 2003. He was accompanied by CDR Swicegood, Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Homeland Security Requirement Officer (OPNAVN764B); and Mr. Mervyn Leavitt, Warfare Systems Engineering (SEA 061). They toured Crane and were briefed on what we are doing to support the warfighter.

Pictured to Left: RDML (Sel) Hicks with CAPT Wise at the Small Arms Range.



RDML (Sel) Hicks fires the MK95 Mod1 Twin .50 caliber gun mount on the Small Arms Range.



Mr. Mervyn Leavitt takes his turn at firing.

CRANE INFORMATION LINE

The **Crane Information Line** is for use by customers/other callers. The numbers are:

1-800-798-2204

812-854-1762

812-854-1640

When a call comes in to one of these lines, callers will have the option of selecting 1) Fleet Support; 2) Job

Opportunities; 3) Information on Acquisition and Business Opportunities; 4) Other (includes public affairs, tech transfer, military management); and 5) to speak to a human being.

We hope this will assist callers to Crane in getting the assistance and support they need.

OUTDOOR ICE SKATING RINK OPEN FOR USE

The ice skating rink was a combined effort, "Self-Help" project, funded by MWR, engineered and constructed by BMC Dwain Stahl. The Crane Fire Department drove a fire truck over and filled the rink. MWR purchased 25 pair of used, assorted size skates. Skating rink is open to all personnel authorized to enter the Crane Base. The rink is open daily, sunrise to sunset, dependent, of course, on cold weather.

Rink is located near the Community Center. There is a limited quantity of skates, bring your own if possible. No charge to use the rink. Rink is primarily used by the Navy Housing kids. MWR has hosted bonfires and evening skating events. Pics - James Ford, Connor Ford & Laura Zitzman.



Armament Systems Branch Fields New Gun System on Deploying Ships - By Scott Johnson

NSWC Crane was tasked by NAVSEA (PMS NSW) in direct support of Chief of Naval Operations' (N764) Operation Task Force Hip Pocket to install additional small arms weapons on deploying ships for force protection. The directive to provide MK44 systems to several ships scheduled for near-term deployment was received on 26 November 2002 and in less than 45 days, 56 systems were procured, assembled, inspected, and



delivered to the TRUMAN Battle Group (BG) ships in Norfolk and the NIMITZ BG in San Diego. To accomplish this series of new installations at the direction of OPNAV, NSWC Crane personnel began training the Fleet on 2-4 January 03. NSWC Crane technical representatives from the Armament Systems Branch (Code 4082) conducted the necessary training and provided a complete system technical manual for Fleet operation and support. NSWC Crane will be providing interim spare parts support until the Navy Inventory Control Point can support this

system.

Task Force Hip Pocket is a collaborative effort among the Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark and other major Navy communities including Commander Fleet Forces Command, the surface warfare communities of both Atlantic and Pacific Fleets, the Naval Sea Systems Command,

the Naval Surface Warfare Center, the Navy's operational test community, and industry. "The CNO wants near-term capability as soon as possible for [deploying vessels]". "Including un-stabilized [gun] systems such as chain guns and other small arms."

Crane Employees Conducting MK44 Training on USS WINSTON S CHURCHILL.

The MK44 Gun System is a shipboard version of the 7.62mm Gatling gun currently used in the UH-1N and HH-60 helicopters supported by Crane 4082. The Armament Sys-

tems Branch has also installed these type of weapons on various small craft in support of the Navy Special War-



fare Command. Since the initial issue of these gun systems in SPECWAR, several system improvements have been made which has significantly increased the reliability of the weapon and reduced the maintenance require-



ments as well.

The upgraded MK44 systems provided to the TRUMAN BG were de-

livered and formal training conducted on board the USS WINSTON S CHURCHILL. During this training a total of 25 Navy personnel representing crews from the TRUMAN BG also attended the two-day course when 22 MK44 weapon systems were delivered by NSWC Crane for installation.

Upon completion of the East Coast installations, the team began training and installations for the NIMITZ BG. During the week of 6 January 2003, the Armament Systems Branch delivered and conducted training for the MK44 7.62mm Gatling gun system at the Fleet Training Center in San Diego. During this training Navy personnel representing crews from the NIMITZ BG attended the two-day course during which 14 MK44 weapon systems were delivered for installation. Additional training and installations were conducted in Yokosuka, Japan for three additional ships, which included six (6) MK44 weapon systems. A total of 26 MK44s have now been successfully trained and installed on West Coast ships.



To complete the MK44 urgent installations, During the week of 13 January 2003, the Armament Systems Branch

delivered and conducted training for the MK44 7.62mm Gatling gun on the USS FIREBOLT, USS CHINOOK, and HSV-X1 JOINT VENTURE. During this training Navy personnel representing crews from these ships attended the two-day course during which six (6) MK44 weapon systems were delivered by NSWC Crane for



installation as a new capability in force protection.

The directive to provide these MK44 systems to the deploying ships was received on 6 January 03. NSWC Crane personnel assembled, shipped, trained and installed these six systems the following week at the Little Creek Amphibious Base to meet deployment schedules. NSWC Crane technical representatives conducted the necessary training. Draft MRC data is being sent to FTCLANT for review and approval in support of this new system.

This effort included the total procurement, quality assurance inspection, packing, shipment, training and installation of 56 MK44 gun sys-

tems. The Armament System Branch wants to acknowledge the outstanding support provided by Ordnance Acquisition Code Branch and the Material Management Department to accomplish this task and meet the deployment schedules for two Battle Groups.

RADM LENGERICH TOURS CRANE

RADM Lengerich, Vice Commander, NAVSEA, toured Crane on 15 January 2003, after attending the Strategic Planning Conference in Bloomington. RADM Lengerich

was guest speaker at the conference where he addressed 'NAVSEA's Perspectives.'

During his speech, RADM Lengerich discussed Sea Power 21. He also stated the CNO's 2003 Priorities which include: Win the War on Terrorism, Protect the Nation & Its People, and Shape the Forces of the Future. To learn more about NAVSEA, the CNO's vision, and Sea Power 21, visit www.navsea.navy.mil.

While at Crane, he visited Building 3330 and was given briefs on NSWC Crane's involvement in Distance Support, Supply, Microwave Technology, Surface EW, Airborne EW, and Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection.



ICONOMY 2003

Iconomy 2003 took place at the Marriott in Indianapolis on Tuesday 14 January. This was the 1st year for the event, which was aimed at demystifying the technology-based economic development and laying a foundation for future dialogue among policymakers and their constituents. Iconomy 2003 was sponsored by the leaders of the House and Senate chambers, and the non-partisan event addressed the following questions among others:

- Why innovation is the key to unlocking the economic potential of the new economy
- What role technology plays in fostering growth in manufacturing and other industries that have been-and continue to be-the mainstays of Indiana's economy

- How investments now in nanotechnology, genomics and other emerging technologies can mean big payoffs later in public revenues and jobs for Hoosier citizens

- Why universities have been called the "engines of (new) economic growth"

- What other states are doing to spur technology-based economic development and specifically, what some low-cost options are for Indiana to do so

- How State government's adoption and use of technology affects the perception of Indiana's technology and business climate

NSWC Crane representatives included LCDR Paul Carff, Lorie Richardson,

Mike Pannell, and John Dement. Crane's booth was visited by many State Legislators and Business Leaders.

Some of the sponsors for Iconomy 2003 included: Purdue University, Indiana Health Industry Forum, University of Notre Dame, Bose McKinney & Evans, Rose-Hulman Ventures, Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, Techpoint, Indiana University, and BoseTreacy Associates.



(Above L to R) LCDR Paul Carff, Lorie Richardson, and John Dement converse with guests about NSWC Crane's technologies and capabilities.



(Above) John Dement shakes the hand of the Honorable Peggy Welch, Indiana House of Representatives.



(Left) LCDR Paul Carff and John Dement answer questions about NSWC Crane.

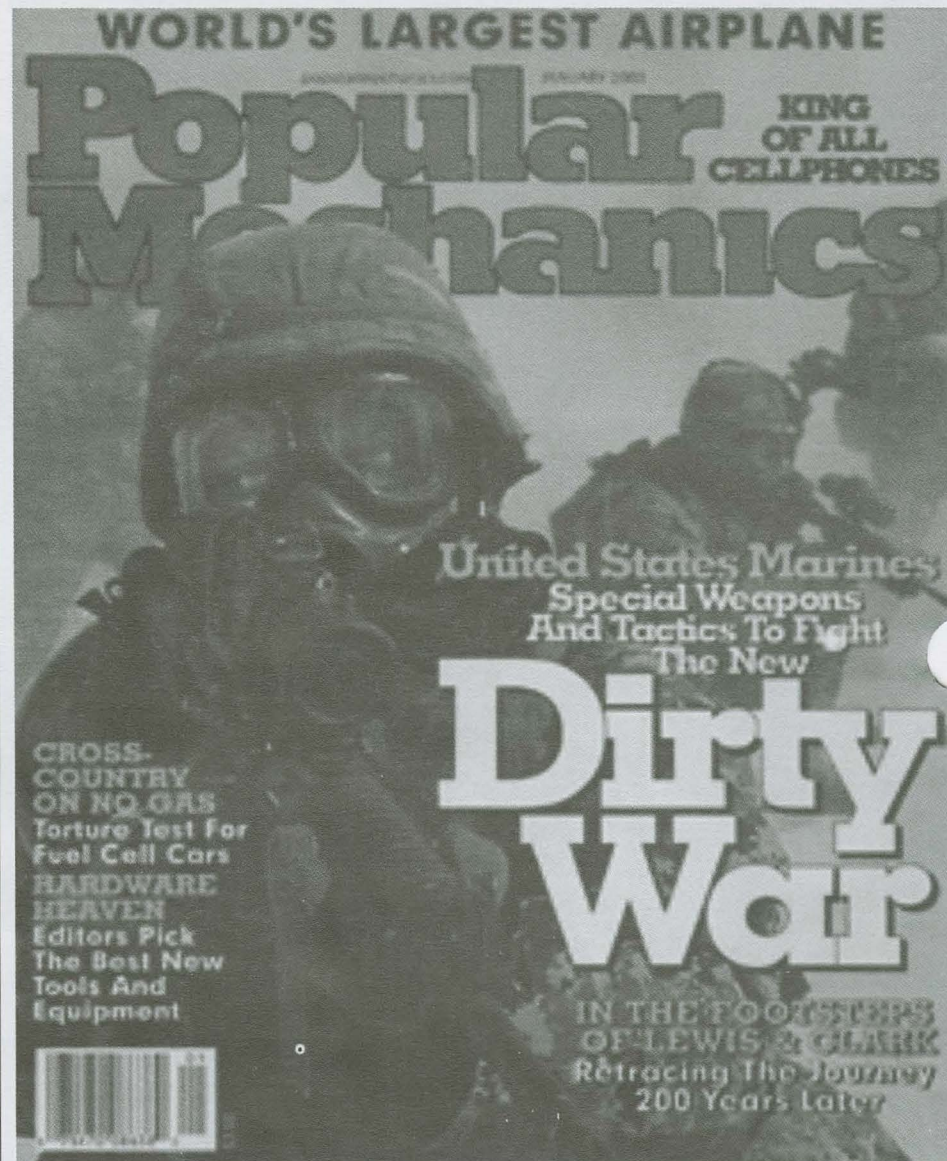
CRANE'S PRODUCTS APPEARING IN NATIONWIDE PUBLICATIONS

The January 2003 issue of Popular Mechanics Magazine shows a NSWC Crane, Code 805 procured product on its cover. Crane is the In-Service Engineering Agent (ISEA) for the product, to which it provided the procurement, testing, and evaluation before shipping to the Marine Corps. The AN/PVS-17 is a Night Vision Weapon Site. It is shown mounted on a M4 Carbine Rifle held by a Marine in Chemical & Biological Warfare (CBW) gear.

Crane's products have appeared within the pages or on the cover of several nationwide publications in recent months, but unless you're a Crane employee working directly with the product, you probably wouldn't recognize it as technology produced, procured, or tested at Crane. The items appearing in publications are typically part of a story aimed at a topic other than NSWC Crane, like the AN/PVS-17 shown here on the cover of Popular Mechanics. The article relating to the picture on the cover addresses the United States Marines and their special weapons and tactics, and does not mention the fact that the AN/PVS-17 is a NSWC Crane procured product, which is understandable. What it does show, however, is that NSWC Crane's products (whether ones that are produced, procured, refurbished, or tested at Crane), are making their way into the hands of the Armed Forces and having a huge impact on the security of the United States.

In another article about a Navy Seal exercise by Frank Fisher of The Asso-

POPULAR MECHANICS MAGAZINE

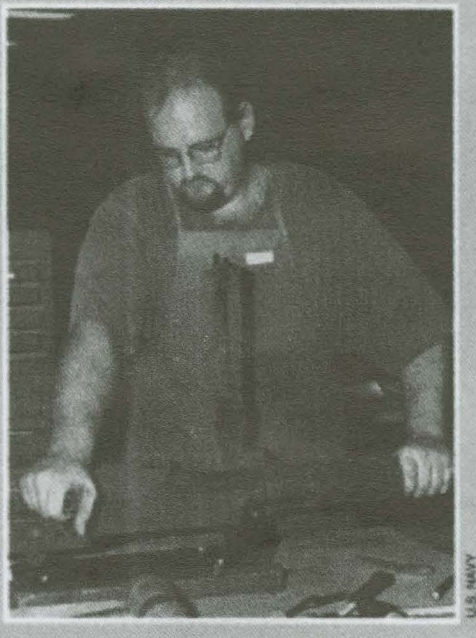


ciated Press, 'Scrappy Miss. Unit Rules Rivers,' of Clarion Ledger (MS) 24 Sep 02, Crane's equipment is in the picture within the article. A member of Special Boat Unit 22 is firing from the MK93 Mod2 Gun Mount with an M60 Adapter, and in the background there is a M60 Basic 7.62mm machine gun, all of which are Crane, Code 408 products. The Armament Systems Branch

has been involved with the Special Operations Craft Riverine (SOCR) which is the latest Special Operations craft program to put more maneuverable and higher speed craft in river environment. These efforts have been in direct support of the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), and Crane has provided all of the weapon and mounting

SEA POWER MAGAZINE

A Weapons Department technician overhauls an M2HB .50-caliber machine gun at the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) in Crane, Ind. NSWC Crane was assigned the task of overhauling a large number of M2HBs after the 9-11 al Qaeda terrorist attack because of a shortage of such weapons in the fleet. The center's Overhaul and Maintenance Branch—assisted by Navy reservists—worked overtime and on weekends to accomplish the work. NSWC Crane dedicated the final M2HB on 11 September 2002, one year after the terrorist attacks, and delivered it to the Arleigh Burke-class Aegis guided-missile destroyer USS *Cole*, herself a victim of an al Qaeda attack in Aden, Yemen, in October 2000.



The November issue of *Sea Power Magazine* pictured one of NSWC Crane's employees, Mr. Steve Wiswell, Code 4085. The summary accompanying the picture discussed Crane's overhaul efforts of the M2HB .50-caliber machine guns since 9-11, and the dedication of the last weapon to the USS *Cole*. The summary was taken from the article in the September issue of *The Commodore*, 'Weapons Overhaul/Maintenance Branch Up To Challenge! Dedication Of Final M2 HB .50 Caliber Machine Overhaul.' Picture was taken by Mr. Mike Pannell, Code 052.

hardware for these craft. Again, Crane is not the focus of the article and not mentioned, however, it proves again how Crane is impacting the U.S. Armed Forces and continues to be a tremendous value to U.S. security.

In the April 2002 issue of *Popular Mechanics*, there is an article - 'Air Force Special Ops,' in which Crane's SOFLAM and SOPMOD are mentioned. They are also pictured on page 72 being used by Air Force personnel. The Special Operations Forces Laser Marker System (SOFLAM) consists of three main components: laser marker AN/PEQ-1A, Night Sight AN/PVS-13, and a Tri-... Crane provides complete life-cycle sustainment and ISEA services in support

of the system, including procurement, maintenance, system improvements, training, and repair. The other item mentioned is the Special Operations Peculiar Modification (SOPMOD), which provides small arms accessories to Army, Navy, and Air Force Special Forces Operators.

In the January/February 2003 issue of *Jane's Navy International* magazine, Crane's (Code 408) MK26 MDD 17 .50 Caliber Gun Mount is pictured on page 10. It was designed at Crane, is overhauled at here, and Crane is the ISEA for the product. The U.S. Coast Guard Small Arms Repair Facility at NSWC Crane provides all depot level maintenance for the entire USCG - the M16 on page 12, and the 12 gauge shot gun on page 13 are USCG weapons.

The December 2002 issue of *Small Arms Review*, dedicated pages 29 through 35 to a story about NSWC Crane! The article is 'Where Seals Get Their Guns: Behind the Razor Wire at NSWC,' by Robert Bruce. It is an awesome account of our facilities, assets, and support of the warfighter. It states, "Determined to eliminate the inefficiency of the old days when each service's elite units were on their own when it came to finding and fielding cutting edge small arms, SOCOM has designated the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Crane, Indiana, as the lead entity in special weaponry for all U.S. special operations forces." And the article ends with this, "As we sit comfortably and safely reading all this, remember that rough men from SOCOM are at the same time operating under the most hostile conditions against some of the worst types of enemies that freedom has ever faces. While their job has never been easy, they can take some comfort in knowing that **NSWC's Small Arms team are doing everything possible to provide them with the best and most effective weaponry.**"

Again, NSWC Crane's role in protecting the U.S. Armed Forces is growing, and as it grows, the role becomes more evident to the world - Crane is a protector of Freedom!

JAN 03 FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM THE SEVENTY-SECOND SECRETARY OF THE NAVY// SECNAV WASHINGTON DC

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SECOND SECRETARY OF THE NAVY// RMKS/

1. IN LEAVING THIS WONDERFUL INSTITUTION, I AM REMINDED THAT WE IN THE NAVAL SERVICE ARE HEIRS TO 227 YEARS OF HISTORY IN WHICH SAILORS AND MARINES LIVE AND PERPETUATE OUR MOST CHERISHED TREASURE - PATRIOTIC DUTY TO AMERICA. TO ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN IN THIS GREAT SERVICE - MILITARY AND CIVILIAN ALIKE - YOU PERSONIFY A TIRELESS AMERICAN SPIRIT THAT FINDS HOPE ON EVERY NEW HORIZON.

2. YOUR SERVICE TO AMERICA'S PURPOSE AND SECURITY IS AS VITAL AS EVER. TODAY, WE FACE AN UNPRECEDENTED ARRAY OF DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES AROUND THE WORLD. FOLLOWING OUR STRONG PRESIDENT, AMERICANS EVERYWHERE ARE RISING TO THIS HISTORIC MOMENT USING DIPLOMATIC, FINANCIAL, HUMANITARIAN, AND, WHEN NECESSARY, OUR MILITARY MIGHT TO PROTECT AND ADVANCE HUMAN DIGNITY AND FREEDOM.

3. EVERYDAY WHEN I WALK INTO MY OFFICE, THREE PAINTINGS CONSTANTLY REMIND ME OF THE LIFE OF CONSEQUENCE THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN. ON ONE WALL IS A RENDITION OF USS CONSTITUTION - OLD IRONSIDES - ENGAGED IN THE U.S. NAVY'S FIRST MAJOR VICTORY AT SEA IN THE WAR OF 1812. WHEN I LOOK UP FROM MY DESK, I SEE FLEET ADMIRAL CHESTER NIMITZ STANDING ON THE DECK OF USS MISSOURI AS IF HE IS CAREFULLY WATCHING THE DECISIONS MADE IN THIS OFFICE. FINALLY, BEHIND MY DESK IS A PAINTING THAT DEPICTS BRAVE MARINES AND THE NAVY CORPSMAN RAISING THE AMERICAN FLAG AT IWO JIMA.

4. COINCIDENTALLY, MY OFFICE FACES THE IWO JIMA MEMORIAL. FELIX DE WELDON, THE MEMORIAL'S RENOWNED SCULPTOR, BEST CAPTURED OUR NATION'S CHALLENGES AND THE AMERICANS WHO RISE TO MEET THEM WHEN HE SAID, "FORTUNATELY FOR THIS GREAT NATION OF OURS, WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED THROUGH HERITAGE AND TRADITION BY A LIMITED NUMBER OF GREAT MEN, THUS FAR ADEQUATE IN NUMBERS TO OUR NATION'S NEEDS IN TIME OF GREAT STRESS." HIS WORDS STILL RING TRUE TODAY FOR THOSE WHO WEAR THE CLOTH OF THE NATION AND THE TWO STRONG LEADERS OF THIS DEPARTMENT, THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, ADMIRAL VERN CLARK AND THE NEW COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS, GENERAL MIKE HAGEE. WITH THEM IN YOUR VANGUARD, ADMIRAL CLARK AND GENERAL HAGEE ARE SHINING CHAMPIONS WHO DEAL HOPE FOR ALL OF US. THIS TEAM TRADITION IS THE LASTING LEGACY OF ADMIRAL CLARK AND GENERAL JIM JONES, GENERAL HAGEE'S PREDECESSOR.

5. FROM OLD IRONSIDES TO ENDURING FREEDOM, BRAVE AMERICANS NEVER REST IN DEFENDING OUR IDEALS, PRINCIPLES, AND VALUES. FOR THAT NOBLE DUTY, I THANK YOU. AS YOUR SPIRIT IS TIRELESS, MY GRATITUDE IS TIMELESS. I WILL WORRY ABOUT YOU WHEN YOU FACE DANGER AND I WILL SALUTE YOU WHEN YOU PREVAIL. I WILL MARVEL AT YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND I WILL GAIN STRENGTH FROM YOUR EXAMPLE. BUT AFTER ALL IS SAID AND DONE, WHEN I TAKE MY LEAVE ON 23 JANUARY, I WILL MISS YOU. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES, GOD BLESS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

6. RELEASED BY **THE HONORABLE GORDON R. ENGLAND, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY**

PH1 STEELE NAMED 2002 SAILOR OF THE YEAR FOR NSWC CRANE

Congratulations, PH1 Richard Steele, on being selected 2002 Sailor of the Year (SOY) for NSWC Crane! PH1 Steele is a Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technician, specializing in Diving & Demolition, in NSWC Crane's EOD Detachment. The announcement of SOY was made to military personnel and reservists on 22 January 2003 at the base cafeteria.

NSWC Crane's Sailor of the Quarter (SOQ) and Sailor of the Year (SOY) programs recognize the very best all around sailor. Sailors are nominated through a very detailed format that is regulated by the programs' guidelines. Several factors are considered, including level of performance, leadership, self-im-

provement, community involvement, and appearance. A selection board made up of the NSWC Crane Senior Enlisted Military selects a sailor each quarter for SOQ and a sailor for SOY at the turn of the calendar year, but the final decision is left to the Commanding Officer. Selection criteria also includes each sailor going before the selection board to be interviewed on General Military Knowledge, Military History, Military Law, Leadership, Chain of Command, and other areas deemed pertinent to assist in the selection process.

PH1 Steele enlisted in the Navy in June 1986. During his career, he held various

Naval positions around the world, including four major deployments on ships. After 11 years, and still looking for the 'right' challenging and rewarding career, he started EOD School. It was 1997, and PH1 Steele had found his 'calling.' He stated, "EOD really suits me - it's my 'calling.' I enjoy com-



ing to work every day, and doing what I do. It's nice to get help and work with this great team."

PH1 Steele arrived at Crane in January 2002. It didn't take him long to dive in and get his feet wet - PH1 Steele was named SOQ in Quarter 1 of 2002 - his first quarter at Crane!

In addition to on-going Naval training and classes, PH1 Steele believes in continuing his education by learning beyond the military, and donating time to the community. He is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Science

degree in Environmental Management. He also volunteers his time to Habitat for Humanity and represents the Navy at schools on career day to recruit students.

In response to being selected SOY, PH1 Steele said, "It's something I've worked my whole career for - it's nice to be recognized for all of the hard work. It's an honor to be named Sailor of the Year, and a major milestone in my career."

ENCM John LeFevre, EOD, provided the write-up for PH1 Steele's nomination. He commented about the new 2002 SOY, "PH1 Steele's an extremely hard worker, always respectful, responsible, and he maintains his composure under pressure. He made this nomination easy, because of all of his merits. We were just lucky enough to be able to document all his accomplishments along the way. My congrats go out to him."

PH1 Steele has been further nominated for NAVSEA's SOY. On 28 January, Crane was notified that PH1 Steele was selected as one of five finalists. He and his wife will fly to Washington, DC in March. PH1 Steele will go before a NAVSEA SOY Selection Board and then be interviewed by VADM Balisle. Winner of the NAVSEA SOY will be further nominated to the Chief of Naval Operations for the Navy's Shore Sailor of the Year.

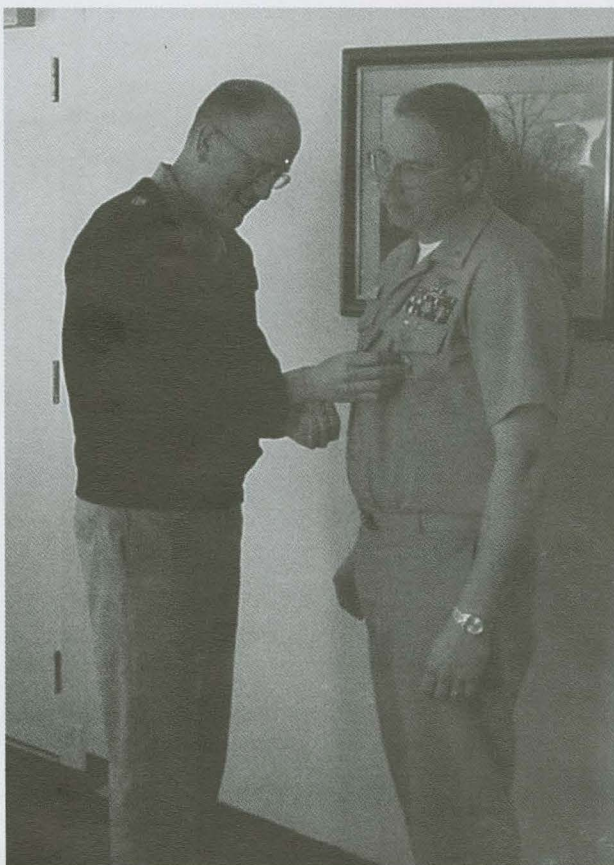
Best of luck to PH1 Steele in Washington, and Congratulations on a job well done as NSWC Crane's 2002 SOY! Crane is proud of you!

AWCS DONALD WELLS IS NEW NSWC CRANE COMMAND SENIOR CHIEF WHILE MASTER CHIEF LAPHAM TAKES TWILIGHT TOUR IN HAWAII

Senior Chief Aviation Warfare Systems Operator (AWCS) Donald Wells became NSWC Crane's Command Senior Chief on 24 January 2003. He assumed the duties and responsibilities that were held by Master Chief Fire Control Technician (FTCM) William Lapham, who has taken a twilight tour after serving 16 months at Crane.

FTCM Lapham's time at Crane was shorter than expected, because he was given the opportunity to do a twilight tour, which is only available to Navy personnel who have over 27 years of service. FTCM Lapham will be stationed at Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii. He and wife Darlene are looking forward to their time there. His departure opened a door of opportunity for the next highest enlisted military person on base, who in this Command position, becomes the voice for the enlisted sailor to Command, reports directly to the Captain, and helps the sailor solve any problems or issues whether personal or work related.

That door opened for AWCS Wells, who has been at Crane with his wife Deborah and their two daughters since August 2001. He is the Fleet Liaison for Code 6074B and will remain in that position in conjunction with his new role as Command Senior Chief. In his twenty years of service before coming to Crane, he spent 10 years flying as a Naval Aircrewman in the Navy's Maritime Patrol Aircraft, the P-3's Orion. His Airborne duties involved utilizing those



very same buoys designed and managed here at Crane. During the ten years preceding his P-3 assignments, he was an aircrewman in the SH-3 Sea King deploying on three different aircraft carriers. AWCS Wells plans to continue the efforts of his predecessors by honoring the open-door policy to all sailors. He is looking forward to his new role, which he expects to be both rewarding and challenging, especially with the uncertainties of war and the effects it may have on the sailors. Quoting President Bush statements, AWCS Wells stated, "The call of history has come to us."

A farewell luncheon was held on 24 January to say goodbye to FTCM Lapham and wish him

well in his new endeavor. At that time, AWCS Wells was pinned with the Command Senior Chief pin making his role as Command Senior Chief official.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the acts of kindness shown to my family and me during my recent surgeries and time off work. I really appreciated the donated leave. This helped a great deal. Thank you also to those who kept my work up while I was gone.

Blessings to all,
Cynthia (Cindi) Hamilton, Code 8092

2003 STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLANNING CONFERENCE VIDEOS

The Strategic Business Planning Conference, which was held on January 15th 2003, was video recorded to provide all Crane employees the availability of viewing the Conference. We will show the videos at least a couple times in the next couple of months so there will be several opportunities for viewing. The videos will be shown daily over Crane's Centernet on Channel 39, beginning at 1100, 1800 and 0100 hours. The following schedule identifies the presentations and the days they will be shown:

12 February 03	Opening Remarks {CAPT Dan Wise/Mr. Duane Embree/Mr. Bill Mason} [10 min] NAVSEA's Perspective [70 min] {RADM Anthony Lengerich, Vice Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command}
13 February 03	Division Progress Report {CAPT Dan Wise/Mr. Duane Embree} [75 min]
14 February 03	Major Customer Perspective [45 min] {Mr. Jeff Orner, Executive Director, Naval Supply Systems Command}
19 February 03	Division Strategic Business Planning {Mr. Larry Weaver} [30 min] Division Business Plan , {Mr. Larry Nash} [20 min]
20 February 03	The Way Ahead [45 min] {CAPT Dan Wise/Mr. Duane Embree}
21 February 03	Open Forum Question & Answer and Dismissal [75 min] {CAPT Dan Wise/Mr. Duane Embree/Mr. Bill Mason}

The associated viewgraphs can be found on Crane's Intranet. The Microsoft PowerPoint (PPT) presentations are available on the agenda at <https://intranet.crane.navy.mil/StrategicIssues/Conf03/Agenda.asp> or once in the Crane Intranet Main Menu, under Command; Strategic Issues; 2003 Conference; Agenda/Biographies. To view a PPT presentation, click on the bold underlined name of the **presentation** on the agenda. To view the RADM Lengerich or Mr. Orner's biography click on their **name** on the agenda. No viewgraphs were used for the "Opening Remarks" or the "NAVSEA Perspective" presentations.

Should you have an interest in viewing any of the tapes at different times from the above, please contact Mr. Dave Reising at 854-3144.

PRESIDENTS' DAY IS FEBRUARY 17, 2003

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY & REMEMBER OUR PAST PRESIDENTS



MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

FOR MORE THAN A YEAR, THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE U.S. MILITARY, TOGETHER WITH THEIR CIVILIAN COUNTERPARTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE — HAVE BEEN WORKING TO PRESERVE PEACE AND DEFEND FREEDOM AGAINST TERRORIST FORCES AND THOSE WHO WOULD HARBOR AND PROTECT THEM AROUND THE WORLD. TO EACH OF YOU, AND YOUR FAMILIES, WE EXPRESS OUR PROFOUND GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR THE RISKS YOU UNDERTAKE AND THE SACRIFICES YOU MAKE SO THAT ALL AMERICANS CAN ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF FREEDOM. THIS WAR, AS THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID, IS NOT ONE OF OUR MAKING. IT WAS THRUST UPON US. WE ACT IN SELF-DEFENSE - IN DELIBERATE RESPONSE TO ACTS OF WAR DIRECTED AGAINST THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND TO PREVENT FUTURE ACTS FROM CLAIMING EVEN MORE INNOCENT LIFE. WE ARE ENGAGED IN A GLOBAL WAR, AND IT IS BEING WAGED ON MANY FRONTS USING ALL THE INSTRUMENTS OF NATIONAL POWER. IN RECENT WEEKS AND MONTHS, THE PRESIDENT HAS CALLED THE WORLD'S ATTENTION TO SADDAM HUSSEIN'S REGIME IN IRAQ. HE HAS RALLIED THE UNITED NATIONS TO ENFORCE ITS RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR THE REGIME'S DISARMAMENT. TO ASSIST THIS DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE AND TO PRESERVE FUTURE OPTIONS, ADJUSTMENTS TO CURRENT MOBILIZATION, DE-

PLOYMENT AND ROTATION CYCLES MAY BE NECESSARY, ADJUSTMENTS THAT MAY MEAN LONGER TOURS OF DUTY THAN YOU MAY HAVE EXPECTED.

WHILE THE TIMES, PLACES, AND CONDITIONS OF DEPLOYMENT CANNOT NOW BE PRECISELY KNOWN, WE DO RECOGNIZE THE UNCERTAINTY THESE CIRCUMSTANCES MAY CREATE FOR THOSE IN UNIFORM, THE CIVILIANS WHO WORK BESIDE THEM, AND THE FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES, WITHOUT WHOSE SUPPORT THEIR SACRIFICES WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.

I KNOW THE SECRETARIES AND CHIEFS OF THE MILITARY SERVICES ARE COMMUNICATING WITH YOU IN GREATER DETAIL ABOUT THESE MATTERS, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACTS OF THESE DEPLOYMENTS IS IMPORTANT TO US.

BE ASSURED THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT DECIDE TO COMMIT FORCES UNLESS CONDITIONS REQUIRE IT, AND ONLY AS A LAST RESORT. SHOULD ACTION BE NECESSARY, YOU WILL HAVE WHAT YOU NEED TO CARRY OUT THE MISSIONS ASSIGNED. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR NATION AND THE WORLD.

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Safety Tips

Driving Safely in Inclement Weather

During bad weather it is always best to stay off the roads. However, for those who unfortunately don't have that option it is best to be properly prepared. Many feel comfortable driving in ice & snow. These are the people who take the time to slow down and avoid distractions. The use of the 2 second rule is very useful to them. However in bad weather it is best to add 1 second to the rule.

There are also drivers that winter driving makes very nervous. When winter weather sneaks up on us it is a good idea to have already planned ahead and to have your car stocked with some basic supplies in case there is a winter storm. The following are some ideas to have in your winter weather car kit:

- * A warm hat
- * Boots
- * Water & extra food
- * Gloves
- * Flashlight
- * Snow and ice scraper
- * Blanket
- * shovel

Be Sure Your Car is Properly Maintained for Winter Weather!

During the winter months it is a good idea to keep your vehicle maintenance up to date. When conditions turn near freezing, it's best to be sure that you are prepared. Some of the things that are essential to being safe during a storm, are the following:

- * Check your battery before you leave
- * If necessary, get a tune up.
- * Check coolants, oil, washer fluid, oil & gas
- * Carry 1 or 2 sand bags to use for traction on ice
- * Check to be sure your heater and defroster are working
- * Get snow tires if necessary
- * Carry a cell phone
- * **GO SLOW !!**

It's important not to get lulled into a false sense of security with your driving just because you think you have taken all necessary precautions, such as 4 wheel drive. The reason is because others may not.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◇ Cold weather supplies for your car
- ◇ The ins and outs of eyewash stations
- ◇ Appropriate maintenance check for driving in bad weather



Do you know Where Your Eye Wash Station Is?

Emergency eyewash stations should be found in all areas where an employees eyes are exposed to corrosive materials.

All eyewash facilities should be located so that an employee can have access to it within 10 seconds from the point of exposure.

Wash units are required to be activated every week for a minimum of three minutes to flush the line and verify it is operational.

Quarterly maintenance is also required for the eyewash units and written, dated and signed maintenance records are to be maintained.

The purpose of the eyewash stations is to be an emergency first aid device. An additional medical check up should follow.



NSWC CRANE LENGTH OF SERVICE DECEMBER 2002

35 YEARS

NICK L. NAPIER	05
WILLIAM P. WADE	40
JAMES L. JONES	60
ROBERT A. SAULTER	60
HELEN E. ENGLAND	60
TERRY D. HASH	60
JANICE S. MAY	80
ROGER D. SPOONMORE	80

30 YEARS

DIANA L. BYERS	09
DENNIS W. DECKARD	09
DARREL G. BURDETTE	40
TOMMY J. SANDERS	40
JOSEPH D. GIPSON	40
DALE W. MCKIBBEN	60
STEVEN B. HASH	60
DANIEL R. COWELL	60
BRIAN A. FILLINGIM	60

25 YEARS

DARRELL E. BROWN	09
DEBRAP. GRAVES	11
KAREN S. ABRAMS	40
STEPHEN J. PETIT	60
JAMES L. MELVIN	60

20 YEARS

DANIEL P. FITZGERALD	00
KEITH D. MCKINLEY	01
JAMES E. SHRIEVES JR.	09
LISAR. FLATER	11
PATRICK C. CONGER	11
MICHAEL J. HARBISON	11
ROBERT H. FLINN	40
G. FRED SHRUM	40
RICHARD I. FLINN	60
WALTER E. KIRK	80

15 YEARS

JAMES B. MAY	09
GREGORY M. SMITH	09
GREGORY A. BENHAM	11
DALE T. PEDRETTI	11
M. KELLY SIFFIN	11

15 YEARS

DONAL S. DAVIS	11
JAMES D. MARTIN	11
CHARLES W. BUENBURG	40
JESSICA F. HARKER	40
MARK W. GILLENWATER	80

10 YEARS

ALLEN E. GILLIAM	40
NICOLE S. ABRAMS	80
SHERI M. BEHME	80

CRANE WOMEN'S CLUB TO HOLD SILENT AUCTION

The NSWC Crane Women's Club will hold a Silent Auction at their March 19 meeting to benefit the Club's Scholarship Fund. CWC members from the Bedford area are hostesses for this luncheon to be held at Club Lakeview and ask those attending to please bring white elephant items not wrapped for the silent auction. The social hour will

begin at 11:30 with lunch served at noon. The White Elephant Silent Auction will be held following the luncheon.

Reservations for this luncheon to benefit the Crane Women's Club's Scholarship Fund should be made by Sunday, March 16 with Jane Payne at 854-3666.

SICK LEAVE AWARDS December 2002

500 Hours

Daniel Azimioara 40
Lynette K. Jones 60

1000 Hours

Erwin R. Kuehrmann 01
F. W. Brooks 40
Todd A. South 60
Douglas B. Johnson 80

1500 Hours

John W. Niehaus 02
Douglas P. Terrell 80

2500 Hours

Theresa J. Swayze 80

SICK LEAVE AWARDS November 2002

500 Hours

Max S. Hostettler 09
Michael E. Padgett 60
Michael R. Robison 80

1000 Hours

Virgil I. Daniels 01
Linda D. Brown 60
Keith J. Lannan 80

1500 Hours

Mark E. Parkes 09

2500 Hours

James A. Gucinski 60

THANK YOU

The family of Kenneth E. Ingle would like to thank all our Crane friends and coworkers for the many expressions of sympathy shown during our recent loss. Your thoughts, cards, flowers, visits and your prayers were greatly appreciated. Words will never convey what it meant to us to know that Kenny's life touched so many people. Thank you for all you did during this difficult time. May God Bless All of You!!

Marsha Ingle
Jon Sullivan



THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of our Crane friends for the many prayers, flowers, gifts, visits, and words of concern and comfort following the recent loss of our mother, Deloris Arford. We are truly blessed and will never forget all the expressions of kindness and sympathy shown to us and our families.



Jim & Diane Fisher (Codes 4082 & 4044)
Larry & Janet McRoberts (Codes 80932 & 6065)

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all my friends and coworkers for the prayers, cards, emails, flowers, gifts, food and funeral visits following the recent loss of my father. Your acts of kindness were very comforting and will remain with me always.

Sean Jackson
Code 0551



THANK YOU

Thank You for donating time for my Surgery and recuperation period. It was nice to know that I could concentrate on recuperating without having to worry about how long it was going to take. Again, Thank You!

Bob Kostin
Code 0552, ILSMIS SSG



Sales

ads for next issue due
10 MARCH 03

The FOR SALES page is for the benefit of Crane Division employees and military to advertise items for sale or wanted. There is no charge for this service, however ads may be abbreviated.

Ads may include your home phone. Names or government telephones will not be used, therefore work telephone extensions cannot be listed (except for military personnel.)

Regulations state that private business concerns cannot be advertised; this includes items or property offered for rent, services (such as tax preparation) and advertising animals which are raised solely for sale, etc.

To be printed, ads must contain a telephone number to contact. Yard, garage and moving sales will not be used.

Ads will only be run once. If you want it to run again, it must be resubmitted in writing.

Ads must be submitted in writing to the Public Affairs Office, and must note your name, site, code, and work extension for the editor's reference.

For Sale: Futon mattress with frame and two covers, \$50. Bookshelf Stereo System, 5-CD changer, AM/FM/Cass, \$20. Call 812-278-9209.

For Sale: Maple Console Piano. \$500. OBO. Call 812-279-3596 after 5pm.

For Sale: *Floral Sofa* (80 inch, Beige with Multi-Colors) 3 years old (Like New). New Price \$850 - Selling Price \$350. *Signature Series Adjustable Sleep System* - Adjusta Magic (Super Twin 38x80) - with remote control & massage feature - adjustable & removable side rails. Never used, includes 2 sets of sheets and bed coverings. New Price \$1,850 - Selling Price \$1,150. Call after 5:00 pm - 825-4616.

For Sale - 91 Plymouth Grand Voyager, AM/FM Cassette, seats 7, both back seats removable, top luggage rack. New right axial, new front brakes, & new motor mounts. ~170,000 miles. \$1,800 OBO. (812) 279-2833.

Wanted: Left over moving boxes in good condition. Will pick up. Please call 384-4026.

For Sale: 1994 Nissan Quest GXE Minivan, Fully Loaded NADA: \$7,700 / Kelly Blue Book \$7,500. Your Price: \$4,999 (or best reasonable offer). Call 854-0496 or 854-4314.

RETIREEES

Retiree	Code	Eff. Date
Kenneth McVey	60	12-27-02
Joe S. Nicholson	60	1-3-03
Byron J. Daniels	40	12-31-02
James W. Chandler III	80	1-3-03
Randy Smith	09	1-3-03
Richard E. Craig	09	1-3-03
Russell E. Nicosia	40	1-3-03
Michael D. Anderson	40	1-3-03
Forrest C. Lynch	40	1-3-03
Louis Wilkerson, Jr.	0131	12-2-02
Georgia Ackerman	80	11-29-02

IN MEMORIAM

Morris Fry, 74, of Owasso, Okla., passed away on December 7
Jerome P. Matthews, 84, of Loogootee, passed away on December 15
Robert Allen, 75, of Washington, passed away on December 17
Raymond L. Bland, 71, of Elnora, passed away on December 27
Ernest M. Colvin, 91, of Loogootee, passed away on December 27
George Allen Jackson, 52, of Mitchell, passed away on December 24
Jonathon Dale Noel, 82, of Bloomfield, passed away on January 5, 2003
Mary Foster, 90, of Montgomery, passed away on January 16
Cecil Morron, 75, of Newberry, passed away on January 9
Floyd E. 'Hap' Bruce, 90, of Bloomington, passed away on January 15
Bobbie A. Warren, 67, of Bedford, passed away on January 19
Richard Wood, 69, of Petersburg, passed away on January 24

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