



LEAHY GRAM

GO MODERN - GO NAVY

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Dear LEAHY Families and Friends,

I hope that all of you had a pleasant holiday season. In this first LEAHYGRAM of the new year, there are several items of interest on our calendar plus a collection of photographs from the past five months. Although our schedule has not been confirmed, we are committed to several predictable events. The ship will probably leave the shipyard on April the 25th after a brief check out cruise. We will then visit Yorktown, Virginia to reload our ammunition in about the last week of April. The ship will then remain in Norfolk for training and tender repairs until approximately June. If LEAHY follows the usual routine for ships after a shipyard overhaul, she will visit the Caribbean Sea and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for two months of training beginning in mid-June. At this time it is far too early to speculate about the next deployment which depends to a large extent on national commitments.

The current shipyard overhaul is proceeding well and keeping all hands busy. The Engineering Department has been rebuilding the brick work and tubes inside the ship's boilers. Both propellers and the rudder have been removed to be reworked by the shipyard and the generators are being repaired to provide better electricity to all of the ship's systems. The radio room is being completely rebuilt and new electronic navigation equipment has been installed. All of the ship's radars are being repaired and the associated computers are being overhauled. The sonar dome was removed and new transducers were installed. The ASROC (anti-submarine rocket) launcher has been removed for repairs and so have the starboard guns. A new washer and dryer are being purchased and they should help give more reliable laundry service to the crew.

On 20 December the crew gave thirty underprivileged children in Portsmouth, Virginia a Christmas Party. Volunteers sponsored each child and bought a gift with him in mind. Refreshments, gifts and of course SANTA CLAUS played by YN3 ART CONNORS combined to bring a Merry Christmas to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Due to the difficulty of printing pictures with each LEAHYGRAM, a collection of photographs from the past five months have been enclosed. I am sure they will remind you of some memorable moments with LEAHY. Both the Chaplain and Career Counselor are beginning their columns in the LEAHYGRAM and we plan on continuing them in future issues.

Sincerely,


W. W. JORDAN, Jr.
Captain, United States Navy

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

I am happy to add my own "greetings" to LEAHY's extended family via this column. Although we do not come into contact with you everyday, you are a very real part of our activities.

Since this is my first opportunity to inform you of our religious activities, I will begin with the services held on board. Each Sunday at 9:15 AM Protestant Services are held on LEAHY. These services are very general in order to attract persons from the many different religious denominations. It is my privilege to encourage each man to become stronger in his own faith whether he participates on board or attends his own denominational services. Our religious ministry is extended by publishing information on where other services are held nearby. In those instances when we are at sea, we normally request the services of a Catholic Chaplain, but if the distance or schedule preclude, we enlist the services of our Catholic Lay Leader, Ensign Edward OWEN, in holding Catholic lay services. We also have three other lay leaders. Senior Storekeeper Chief WEBB, our Protestant Lay Leader, is a very active churchman whose daughter has begun full-time christian service since graduation from college with an associate arts degree. Sonar Technician Second Class HALIKMAN, our Jewish Lay Leader, has conducted Jewish services on high holy days when we were at sea. Data Systems Technician Second Class BRUCE, our Latter Day Saints Lay Leader, has consistently met with another very active LDS member, Fire Control Technician Missileman HAWKINS when we were deployed and no services were available. All of these services are open to all who desire to participate, including families in the Protestant services, which are currently the only services held on board while we are in port.

We chaplains are fortunate in that people think of us in the helping roll, but let me also briefly mention others who are prepared to help in time of need. Should there arise the need to communicate an emergency message to your LEAHYMAN, remember the local chapter of the American Red Cross. They save you both time and money because of familiarity with Naval requirements for emergency leave. You may find it difficult to telephone the ship because the line is extremely busy, therefore I would encourage you to write or telegram all non-emergency messages. Our telegraphic address is USS LEAHY (DLG 16), in care of Naval Communications Station, Washington, D. C.



If you become concerned about anything, do not hesitate to contact anyone in the chain of command. In particular, your LEAHYMAN's Division Officer will usually be able to assist with any problems that may arise. He may be contacted by writing to: Division Officer, _____ Division, USS LEAHY (DLG 16), FPO, N. Y., N. Y. 09501 or telephone the ship.

Finally, I would encourage all wives in the Tidewater area to become an active member of our LEAHY wives club. This month's meeting will be devoted to the election of officers. Our out-going president Mrs. Dennis CROWLEY, has done a very fine job along with the other officers. The programs usually center around an outside speaker who brings an informative program. Recently some underprivileged children in Suffolk had a nice Christmas because of the work of our fine wives. If you want to have more information about the privileges afforded servicemen and their families you are encouraged to consider the Navy Wives Information course from 9:30 to 12:30 January 22-25 at the Norfolk Naval Station. Information on pay, allowances and benefits are the timely subject. Call 444-7274 for information. This school will help you understand and benefit from the many special aspects of navy life.

Cordially,

R. R. Helveston

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CAREER CORNER



In this issue of the "LEAHY-GRAM" a new column has been established. The "Career Corner." This will be a permanent feature of this publication.

This column is dedicated to that very special person, without whose support, steadfast loyalty and understanding, this great Navy of ours would not be so great, the "Career Wife."

In this column I will be discussing primarily the benefits, privileges and entitlements that the active duty serviceman has but are designed to protect and aid the Navy wife. Some of the subjects may seem morbid such as "Survivor's Annuities" which include such topics as: Death Gratuity, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, War Orphans Educational Assistance, Social Security, Serviceman's Group Insurance, Burial Allowances, and the new plan, enacted under Public Law 92-425 on 21 September 1972. Survivor's Benefit Plan, hospitalization and medical benefits including CHAMPUS. No one likes to think about tragedy but a well informed person can better adjust to a tragic situation than an uninformed person. This then is the purpose of this column to better inform you the navy wife about life within the Navy. Other topics of interest that will be discussed will include such items as: "It's your move", Miscellaneous Benefits such as: recreational facilities, military clubs, the navy exchange to name a few.

In the next issue of the "LEAHY-GRAM" we will discuss the "Survivor's Benefit Plan."

If you have any topic that would be of interest to the readers of this column and would like to see discussed you may send your inquiries to the address below:

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As LEAHY returned home from her seven months of separation, the waiting wives stretched their welcome across JOSEPHUS DANIELS' stern.





Although the weather was damp, the homecoming was warm. The crowd on pier twenty-one was as anxious as the crew.





After a three day offload at Yorktown, Virginia, Rear Admiral Welander presented the AAW Trophy and Engineering "E" to LEAHY. FTCS Richard Smith and BTCM Jerry White received the awards for their shipmates.





October 13th was Navy Day and LEAHY's return from Yorktown was planned as a GO NAVY cruise. The weather was perfect and the navy's 197th birthday was a big success. Lt. and Mrs. Herb Fauth observed part of the voyage from high in the superstructure while HTFN and Mrs. Steve Wordehoff, HTFN and Mrs. Dale Townsend, HT2 and Mrs. Leroy Peters and YN3 and Mrs. Mike Minish chat near the fantail. BT1 and Mrs. Cecil Kleth and two of their children seemed to be enjoying the trip also.





As mentioned in the last LEAHYGRAM, the Navy Sabbath service on the mess decks included the baptism of Brian Duane Zingler. Pictured from left to right are Chaplain Siebert, Petty Officer and Mrs. Duane Zingler holding Brian, Chaplain Helveston, Petty Officer and Mrs. Stanley Berdinski and Captain Jordan. The ship's bell was used as the baptismal font in the tradition of the sea.

On December 20th, volunteers from the crew gave a Christmas Party for thirty underprivileged children. Each child had a sponsor who bought him a gift. Pictured are Valerie and Julius Deberry sitting on Santa's knee (YN3 Art Connors) while FTM3 Nad Miyasato and DK3 Billy Cox, their sponsors, watch.



