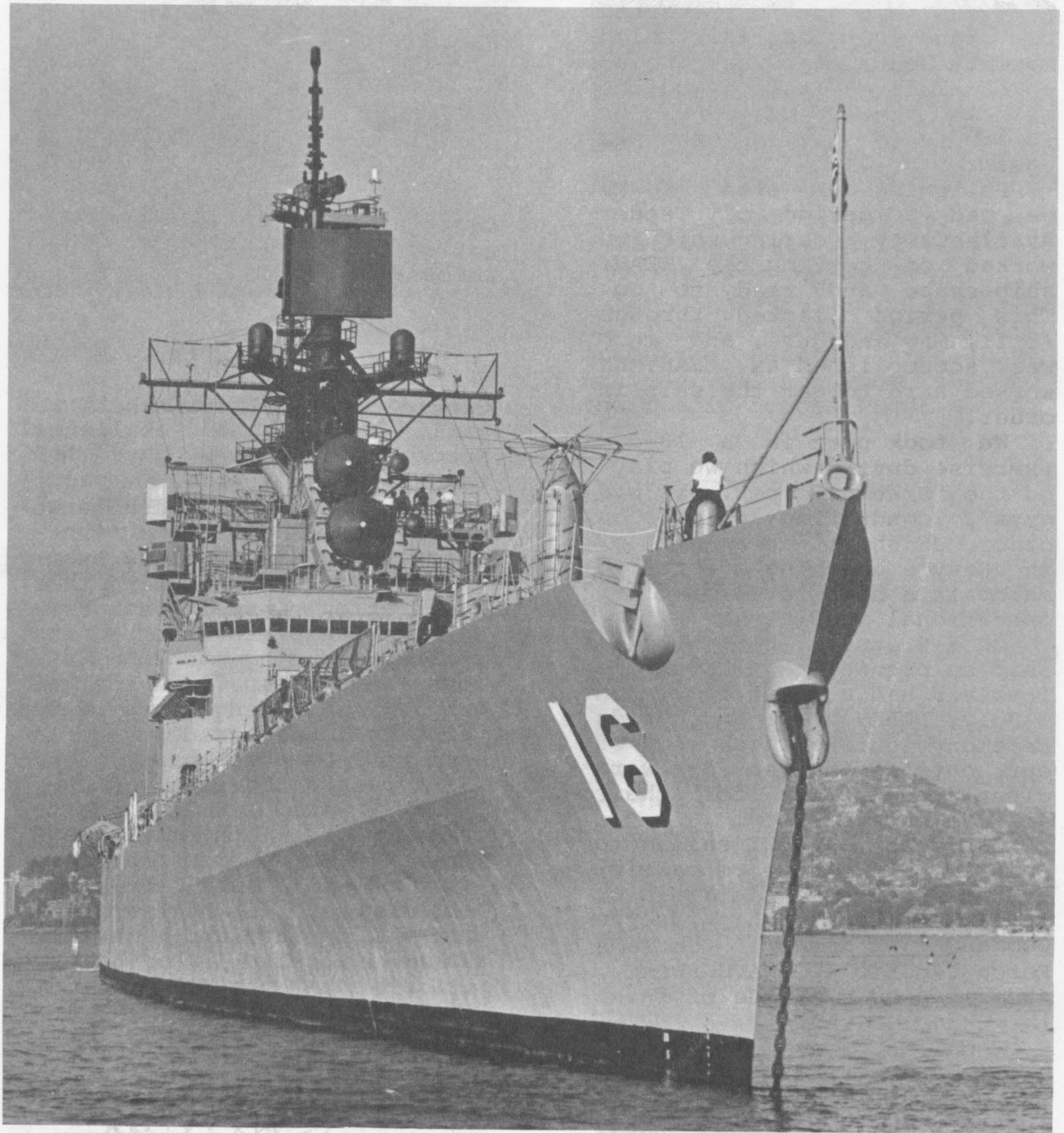


LEAHYGRAM VIII



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Greetings, friends and families of our LEAHYMEN! When I last wrote you, we had recently returned from our Western Pacific Cruise, or WESTPAC, and were in a one-month period of stand down, during which maximum leave time was allowed to LEAHYMEN. It felt good to be home, but we must now look forward to getting to sea again.

Following our stand down, we had a period of Tender Availability, during which we worked on getting the LEAHY ship-shape and ready to go. This period lasted through April, May and June, and much was accomplished as LEAHYMEN worked hard to get the ship in order.

We took part in a 10-day exercise during which we played the "Orange Force", or "bad guys", conducting raids on other US ships as a part of the Navy's on-going efforts to maintain a high level of fleet operational readiness.

On 8-9 June, LEAHY held a ship's picnic, and everyone involved had a great time. On 3 July, LEAHY held an awards ceremony, during which some of our outstanding sailors were given recognition for their achievements.

In August, LEAHY sailed to Seattle, WA., where we participated in the Seattle Seafair, acting as the flagship for the Commander Naval Surface Force Pacific (COMNAVSURFPAC), and leading a parade of ships into Puget Sound.

Now, the LEAHY faces the challenge of Refresher Training (REFTRA), during which LEAHYMEN will review their knowledge of what their jobs are, and the ship will be graded on exercises in Damage



Captain Ulrich holds a conversation with a possible future Commanding Officer.

Control. I believe that we will meet this challenge successfully, as we have met those in the past.

The most recent challenge involving LEAHY was the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination, or OPPE. During this examination, inspectors boarded the ship to observe the engineers during such operations as casualty control drills. The engineers were very well prepared, due to hard work on their parts, and LEAHY passed the test.

I would like to congratulate those crewmembers who were married, advanced in rank, or who became proud fathers in the past few months, and wish them all good luck.

I am sure that the crew of LEAHY joins me in sending our regards to family and friends. Thank you.

C.H. Ulrich
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer



Seafair Queen contestants get a first-hand look at LEAHY during the opening ceremony.

SEATTLE SEFAAIR '79

Our week-long stay in Seattle was a memorable one to be sure. We departed San Diego on 28 July, steaming up the coast to San Francisco, where LEAHY entered the Bay, circled around Alcatraz, and recieved onboard four Senior Officer engineering students who were involved in the Senior Officer's Ship Material Readiness Course (SCSMRC). They observed and tested our engineers, the engineering administration aboard LEAHY, and engineering spaces, findina all in order.

On the next day, 30 July, LEAHY participated in Sea Crow, an Anti-Aircraft Warfare Exercise. Air Force Captain Nolan, from the 4th Tactical Squadron stationed at Hill Air Force Base in Utah, was aboard to witness a group of Air Force F-4's stage an attack on LEAHY to test both the Air Force and our anti-aircraft capabilities.

On 1 August, LEAHY moored at Manchester, WA., where she took on fuel and visitors. The Commander Naval Surface Force Pacific, Vice Admiral Lee Baggett Jr., boarded. Also along for the ride were Miss Seafair and her court,

and a large group of members from the Seattle area Navy League, all of whom enjoyed their trip across Puget Sound.



Three tall ships against the Seattle skyline.



LEAHYmen from First Division handle the lines as LEAHY moors at Seattle in August. In front stands Seaman Apprentice Martin.

LEAHY took the lead in a parade of four ships, crossing Eliot Bay in full view of Seattle. The ships circled and separated to their respective berthing areas. LEAHY pulled in to Pier 70, where she was met by a large crowd of Seattle citizens who were eager to show their hospitality. The mood was festive, and once LEAHY was securely moored to the pier, a wave of people poured onto LEAHY to witness the opening ceremony.

Following the ceremony, LEAHYMEN were free to "hit the beach", where there was a more than ample schedule of things to do. Softball and basketball tournaments were held between ships, there were tours to a winery, brewery, the Seattle Kingdome, and to majestic Mount Rainier. Tickets were supplied for little or no charge to such events as Mariners baseball games, or volleyball with the Seattle Smashers.

LEAHYMEN took advantage of these things, getting out and meeting the people of Seattle. The people of Seattle also took the time to visit LEAHY. Every day during our stay, LEAHY was open during certain hours to visitors who got to see Navy life close-at-hand.

LEAHY remained in Seattle for six days, and on 7 August, we were again underway, back to our home port of San Diego.

During America's Finest City Week, LEAHY participated, by again allowing visitors aboard while moored at the Broadway Pier in downtown San Diego.



LEAHYMEN at quarters for entering port as LEAHY passes in review. In the foreground are BTSA Brantley and BT3 Evens.



Navy League members prepare to board LEAHY at Manchester, WA.



Pier 70, our Seattle berth and the center of Seafair opening ceremonies.



An example of LEAHY hospitality. During Seafair, ENFN Wolfe provides assistance to a young lady with a cast.



GMM3 Chaney acts as a tour-guide during Seafair.



Lieutenant Junior Grade Gaskin and Lieutenant Commander Gilbert explain the inner workings of LEAHY to a group of interested visitors.



The Commander Naval Surface Force, Pacific (COMNAVSURFPAC), Vice Admiral Lee Baggett Jr., departs LEAHY in Seattle.

And Now For Divisional News:

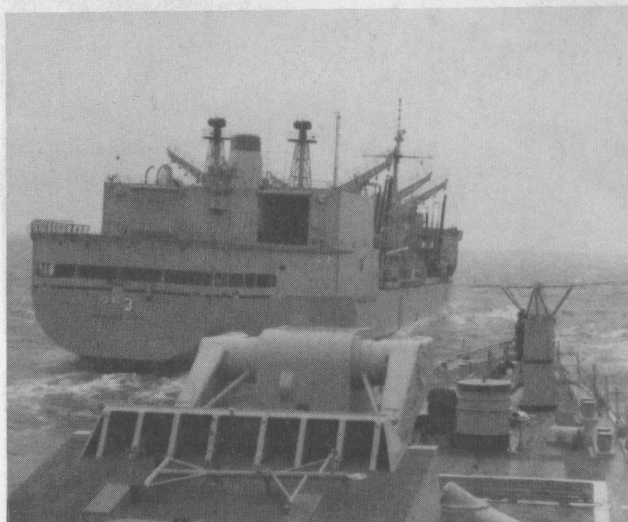
OC DIVISION

We have welcomed many new faces to OC Division within the past three months. Chief Radioman Richard Sasso and his wife, Nancy, Radioman Seaman Apprentice Adrian Tongson and Radioman Seaman Apprentice Paul Freeman and his wife, Joanne, have all joined the LEAHY communications team. Congratulations are also extended to Radioman Second Class Dan Orozco and his new bride, Cathie, and also to Seaman Bill Mapp and his bride, Tina, for their recent marriages.

New equipment developments are always exciting, and LEAHY is fortunate to get first crack at a system which could radically improve tactical communications within the fleet. We were chosen, along with two other ships, to be the test ships for the Systems Operation Evaluation. Radioman Second Class Mike Price will be our expert operator, and he is traveling to Scottsdale, Arizona for a training course on the capabilities of the system.

During the ship's recent trip to Seattle, Washington, to participate in Seafair festivities, our own Signalman Third Class Mike Archer had bestowed upon him the title of Seafair King, and of course, along with the title, he had the opportunity to escort the Seafair Queen. A special note of congratulations goes out to Radioman Second Class Reece Pouncil for his selection as LEAHYMAN of the Quarter. This is truly an honor, considering that he was chosen over other outstanding representatives from each department. A

LEAHY making her approach to the USS Kansas City in preparation for Underway Replenishment (UNREP).



hearty well done from your co-workers in OC Division, Petty Officer Pouncil.

OI DIVISION

Personnel advancements in OI Division during the past three months were Operations Specialist Seaman Harvey, Operations Specialist Seaman Carson and Operations Specialist Seaman Levi, advanced to Petty Officer Third Class. OI Division has participated in an Amalgam Chief Air Defense Intercept Zone (ADIZ) penetration exercise with North American Air Defense (NORAD), and other live, multi-ship anti-aircraft warfare exercises. Also, extensive training was conducted in Fleet Combat Training Center Pacific (FLECOMBATRACENPAC) mock-up trainers.

OD DIVISION

Advancement was a high point for OD Division this summer. Data System Technician Second Class Dave Johnson and Data System Technician Second Class Rick Deaner were frocked to First Class Petty Officers, and Data Systems Technician Third Class Tom Conner was frocked to Second Class.

Because of a shortage of DS's on board the ship, Data Systems Technician Tom Conner has been working hard in cross training to be a computer technician.

June was an important month for Data Systems Technician Chuck Ercck. Chuck was married during that month to Dena Rowe. Congratulations to Chuck and to those who were promoted.

OE DIVISION

As in all fields, or "rates" on board the LEAHY, OE Division is spending time wisely and professionally in maintaining and repairing the vital electronic equipment assigned to them. But the work doesn't stop there, for being assigned to a guided missile cruiser means responsibility in an all around aspect.

Training and practical knowledge in such fields as first-aid, damage control, watch-standing and personnel discipline are essential, so OE Division personnel, like their shipmates in other divisions, have been busy in a wide variety of activities.



MS3 Britt (left) and Seaman Apprentice Zelicki look on as LEAHY departs San Francisco Bay.

N+X DIVISION

Since the last LEAHYGRAM, N+X Department has said goodbye to some old friends. Journalist Second Class Chuck Warzyn went off to Memphis, Quartermaster Second Class Eister is attending the California Maritime Institute, Quartermaster Seaman Pena is working in the Los Angeles area, and Yoeman Second Class Klinge is off to try his hand at one of the Chicago White Sox minor league baseball teams, the Iowa AAA club, as a left-fielder. We wish them all the best of luck.

The new faces in the Department include Postal Clerk Seaman Mullen, Yoeman Seaman Clemons and Quartermaster Seaman Bryan. Congratulations are in order for Quartermaster Third Class Kline and Personnelman Third Class Ker, who were advanced in rate, and to Chief Operations Specialist Saturday, who retired.

1ST DIVISION

First Division has continued to work hard at keeping the ship looking it's best. During a period of restricted availability in May and June, we completed a long list of both corrective and planned maintenance items in addition to a freshly painted flight deck on the fantail.

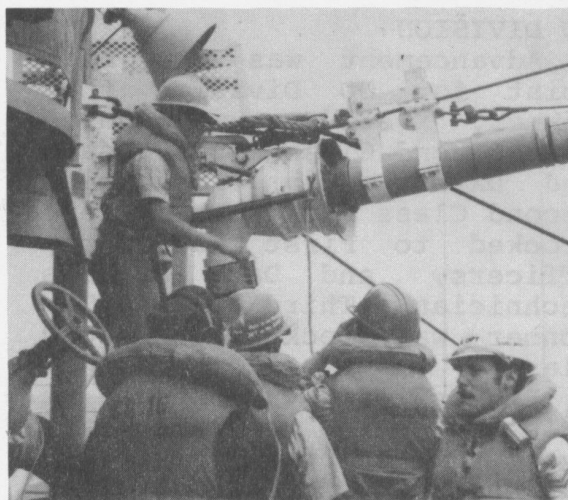
The crew's berthing compartment also saw improvements with the addition of more locker space and the enlargement of Petty Officers' berthing. These enlargements came about through a ship alteration undertaken by the ship's work force.

During July, we made our preparations for a visit to Seattle. Long hours of work were proven well worth our efforts after receiving many complements on our clean and well-cared-for appearance from the several thousand visitors at Seattle. Morale was boosted with six days of enthusiastic Seattle hospitality.

New arrivals to the First Division are Seaman Roach and Boatswain's Mate Second Class Johnston, while promotions were awarded to Boatswain's Mate Third Class Stalter, Boatswain's Mate Third Class Roach and Boatswain's Mate Second Class Murray. Congratulations to all.



Seaman Telford enjoys a hearty meal in the Enlisted Dining Facility, fondly called the "Dew Drop Inn".



Seaman Conant secures the fuel delivery probe to LEAHY's probe receiver prior to starting to take on fuel. "Fill 'er up."

FC DIVISION

The following personnel made rate during the last three months:

Fire Control Technician Second Class Armor Fair, on 16 Sept.
Fire Control Technician Second Class Russ Killingsworth, on 16 March.

Fire Control Technician Second Class Thomas Lawson, on 16 July.

Senior Chief Fire Control Technician John Schiff, on 16 Sept.

Senior Chief Schiff received his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist pin on 3 July.

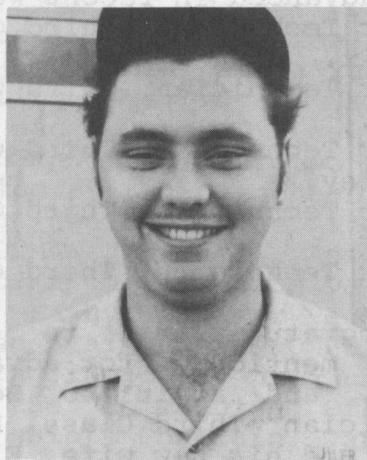
Chief Fire Control Technician Darrell Allen completed 11 weeks of Terrier MK76 MOD 8 Systems School at Mare Island, and was number one in his class.

2ND DIVISION

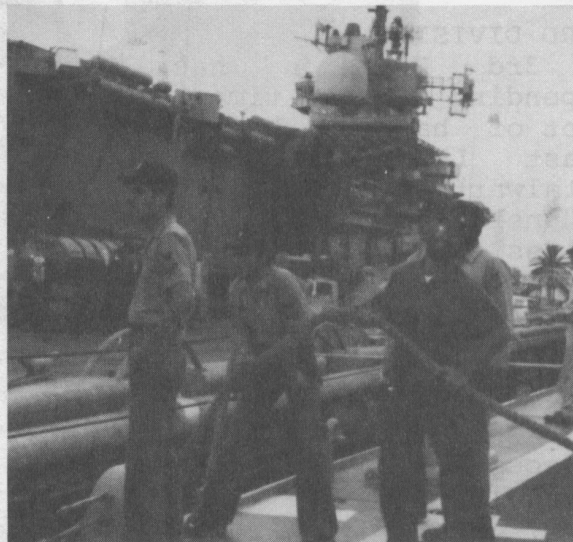
First of all, a hearty welcome aboard to Gunner's Mate Missiles Second Class A. Rodriguez. Gunner's Mate Missiles Third Class G. G. Hamilton and Gunner's Mate Missiles Third Class J. A. Massey as they join the LEAHY.

Advancements were Gunner's Mate Missiles Third Class R.J. McVay, and Gunner's Mate Missiles Third Class J. A. Vause. Gunner's Mate Missiles Third Class J. W. Ashmore re-enlisted on 8 May 79. Selectees in the recent past have been Gunner's Mate Missiles Third Class J. L. Joseph, Gunner's Mate Third Class J.W. Ashmore and Gunner's Mate Missiles Third Class E. W. Sweatt.

Additions to the LEAHY have been made in the form of a marriage and a birth. Gunner's Mate Third Class J. W. Ashmore was married to Marge Bartell, and Gunner's Mate Missiles Seaman Apprentice Michael Butler became a proud father when his wife, Daisy, gave birth to Matthew, a 9-pound, 2-ounce boy, on 23 March. Congratulations to both of these fine young men, and to all of those who were advanced in recent weeks.



Second Division
boasted a proud dad,
GMMSA Mike Butler.



As LEAHY returns from Seafair to San Diego, FTM2 Barton, MM3 Cruse and FTM3 Ewell are seen seriously at work. In the background is Lieutenant Maynard.

ASW DIVISION

Congratulations to Harry M. Richer, who recently was advanced to Gunner's Mate Third Class. Best wishes to Sonar Technician Second Class Steven J. Dyer, who was married on 31 August to Aviation Storekeeper Airman Fontana Smith.

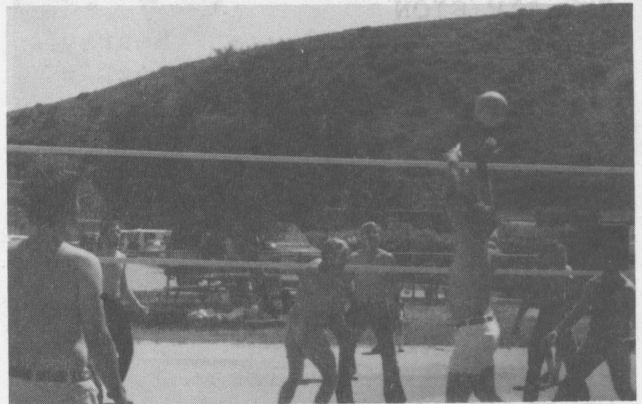
Welcome aboard to Gunner's Mate First Class (Torpedoes) Saxton, who reported aboard LEAHY from the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Illinois, and also to Gunner's Mate (Torpedoes) Seaman Pence.

3RD DIVISION

3rd Division has been spending their time doing a lot of hard work since the last LEAHYGRAM. Under the stalwart leadership of Gunner's Mate (Guns) Second Class Grosbier, they chipped and painted almost all of their spaces in preparation for the rigorous exercise schedule that they will face during Refresher Training (REFTRA). Their guns and spaces are now "Spic-N-Span", and in tip-top shape. Now, they are engaged in the more rewarding job of gunnery practice.

Since the last LEAHYGRAM, there have been several advancements, including that of their Division Officer, Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Gaskin. Other advancements during this period have been Gunner's Mate (Guns) Second Class Bergeron. There was also one new addition, Gunner's Mate (Guns) Seaman Apprentice Mullinix, who came from 2nd Division. "I just needed more challenge", said Mullinix when asked about the reason for his transfer. That it is a challenge, the entire division will agree, but they are also sure that they'll be able to face the demands of REFTRA and the Western Pacific deployment in May.

BT2 Stouder dines,
surrounded by
Navy Leaguers.



LEAHYMEN involved in a volleyball game during the ship's picnic in June.

B DIVISION

B Division has had good success, and we are keeping abreast of all ship's work, getting ready for our next at-sea period.

At this time, we have completed and passed the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination, during which the Propulsion Examination Board conducted extensive written and oral examinations in engineering in order to evaluate the ability of our LEAHYMEN to control and correct numerous boiler casualties.

The following people have been advanced in recent weeks. Boiler Technician Third Class Hendrix.

Boiler Technician Third Class Werth.

Boiler Technician Third Class Brantley.

Boiler Technician Third Class Nash.

Boiler Technician Third Class Evans.

Congratulations to all those mentioned for advancements, and again to Boiler Technician Third Class Randy Werth and his new wife, Ellen.



Captain Ulrich hosts a luncheon for past and present OMBUDSMEN. The guests are, clockwise from the left, Mrs. Schaffer (present), Captain Ulrich, Mrs. Finn, Mrs. Blaine (new asst.), Mrs. Ulrich and Mrs. Skinner (past).

OMBUDSMAN HONORED

Along with the ship's Chaplain and the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Command, the Command OMBUDSMAN stands ready to assist crew-members and their families in a multitude of areas. LEAHY has been fortunate to have had a series of dedicated Navy wives who have given freely of their time and concern as ship's OMBUDSMEN. Recently, the Commanding Officer drew attention to this at a luncheon honoring Mrs. Joan Skinner, who had served as LEAHY OMBUDSMAN for over two years.

Also at the luncheon, and being welcomed as incoming OMBUDSMAN and Assistant OMBUDSMAN respectively, were Mrs. Kathy Shaffer and Mrs. Jeanne Blaine. The OMBUDSMAN, working in close conjunction with the Commanding Officer, the ship's Chaplain, and the

COMNAVSURFPAC Dependent's Assistance Board, provide both two-way communication between the command and its families, and personal information and assistance during emergencies.



Mrs. Skinner receives a plaque for her contributions to LEAHY as the OMBUDSMAN. For Navy wives who wish to contact the OMBUDSMAN, Mrs. Cathy Schaffer may be reached at 565-6479, and Mrs. Jean Blair's number is 292-6133.



An anxious moment as Yeoman Third Class Mary Lachut draws the name of first-prize winner Chief Boiler Technician Scott, who won the Las Vegas trip.

Captain Ulrich cuts into the May birthday cake, surrounded by birthday cake celebrants. From left to right: ET3 Ferrer, FTMI Crumpton, BT3 Mauseth, Seaman Drummond, BT3 Werth, RM3 Truman, Seaman Church, Captain Ulrich and OS2 Gallaher.



A Human Resource Management Availability was held from 21-25 March, during which LEAHYMEN were given a chance to give their opinions of management practices in order to assist the Commanding Officer in increasing the effectiveness of our "People Program." Attending one of these seminars, from left to right, are: DS1 Brown, ETCS Ames, Ensign Driscoll, SKC Capilla, QM2 Bister, BTC Dodd, FTCS Schiff, and nearest the camera, Lieutenant Junior Grade Melnyk.

