

USNI Announces Contest Winners

The U.S. Naval Institute has announced the winners of the 1987 Arleigh Burke essay contest.

The first-place winner of \$2,000 was Mr. Ronald O'Rourke for his entry titled "The Maritime Strategy and the Next Decade." Mr. O'Rourke is currently a naval affairs analyst for the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress.

Lieutenant Frederick A. Graf, USN, captured first honorable mention and \$1,000 for his essay titled "The Combat Officer and International Law." A 1978 Naval Academy graduate, he is currently an instructor at the Naval Submarine School in New London, CT.

Second Honorable Mention went to Lieutenant Scott A. Hastings, USNR, for his entry titled "A Maritime Strategy for 2037." Lieutenant Hastings is currently an instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy, Department of English. Hastings will be awarded \$750 for his entry.

The first prize essay will be published in the April issue of *Proceedings*, the monthly magazine of the U.S. Naval Institute.

The winners will be honored by the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral C.A.H. Trost, USN, at the annual meeting of the Naval Institute, to be held at the Naval War College in Newport, RI, on 21 and 22 April.

The Arleigh Burke Essay Contest is designed to promote thinking and research on the Naval Institute mission of "The advancement of professional, literary, and scientific knowledge in the naval and maritime services."

Nautical Etymology - Sailors' Jargon That Washed Ashore

By G.S. Prentice

Carry On - While the order "Carry On" now means only to proceed with any duty, it was originally a specific order not to shorten sail, but to carry on all canvas the ship would stand unless stress of bad weather dictated otherwise.

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HP-9845A Desk Top Computers Retired

The Hewlett Packard HP-9845A Desk Top Computer (DTC) will be removed from the NAVOCEANCOM Meteorological Equipment Inventory this month. These computers, originally procured by the Naval Ocean Systems Center, San Diego in 1978 to support the Integrated Refractive Effects Prediction System (IREPS) aboard aircraft carriers, have been replaced by the Tactical Environmental Support System (TESS 1.0). Seventeen of these units were transferred to COMNAVOCEANCOM during 1984 and subsequently incorporated into the Geophysics Fleet Mission Program Library (GF MPL).

The HP-9845B DTC, currently the mainstay of the Mobile Environmental Teams (MET's), will be replaced by the Interim MET Computer System (IMCS), designed around the Zenith Z-248 computer system and Z-120 GF MPL program this summer. The Mobile Oceanography Support System (MOSS), which will incorporate TESS 2.0 software, will replace IMCS beginning in FY89.

AG2 Graham Receives MILCAP Award

AG2 Gregory M. Graham, petty officer in charge of NOCD El Centro, recently received a total award of \$1000 for his proposed solution to safely transport helium cylinders on-board ships. In most OA divisions, the 125-lb. cylinders are currently manhandled up and down ladders to their storages areas, carrying a large risk of personal injury as well as potential missile hazard if the valve were struck by a heavy object. Petty Officer Graham's suggestion, designed for a standard helium cylinder, would allow safer transport.

The commanding officer, NOCF San Diego, reviewed the suggestion and awarded AG1 Graham \$200. A further review by the Naval Safety Center and COMNAVOCEANCOM net

ted an additional \$800. After testing and alteration, a decision will be made to forward the suggestion to CNO for Navy-wide adoption.

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NWSA Reunion

The Naval Weather Service Association will hold its reunion 22-25 June 1988 in Annapolis, MD. For more information, contact Will Gould, (USN-Ret.), 6450 Bairwood Drive, Huntingtown, MD 20639, (301) 855-7183.

OPARS Cost Effectiveness

Optimum Path Aircraft Routing System (OPARS) continues to be one of the most successful programs the Navy supports. In 1987, OPARS saved the Navy and other DoD users nearly seven and one half million dollars and over 62,000 man hours.

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