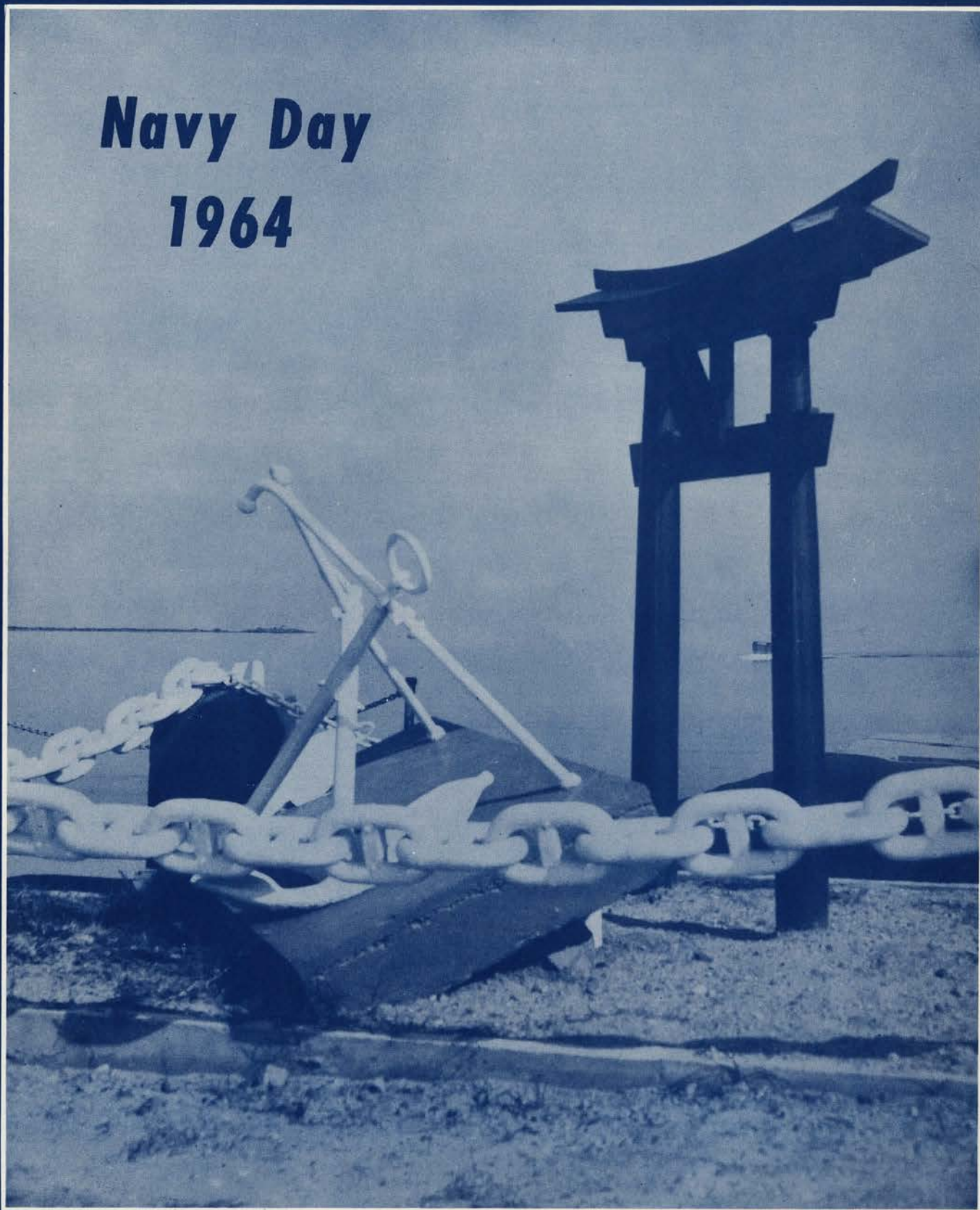


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## Navy Day 1964



On hand to meet the squadron's "Top Dog" was Col. John D. Noble, MAG-12 commander. Col. Noble extended his personal congratulations to LtCol. Sparling for firing a perfect score of four "E's" during the event.

LtCol. Sparling scored an "E" in all events: low, medium, high angle and lay down delivery.

The remainder of the squadron's pilots came through with a total of 55 "E's", giving VMA-121 59 out of a possible 112 "E's", for a respectable 53 percent.



LTCOL. SPARLING, COL. NOBLE

## AOC Report

LtCol. S. R. Lauer, project officer for AOC, has announced that response to the American Overseas Campaign has been very light to date. With the campaign going into its final week, the Wing has received only 49% participation from its units and the total amount donated has only reached \$1190.

Listed below are the units and their percentage of participation:

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|-------------------|------|
| H&HS-1            | 25.8 |
| MACS-9            | 36   |
| MACS-8            | 60.1 |
| MASS-2            | 65   |
| 11TH FORCE DENTAL | 0    |
| MABS-17           | 97   |
| H&HS-17           | 93   |
| VMGR-152          | 79   |
| MAMS-17           | 70   |
| MCAF FUTEMA       | 100  |
| MABS-16           | 40   |
| H&MS-16           | 77   |
| VMO-2             | 100  |
| HMM-162           | 0    |
| HMM-365           | 0    |
| CTE SUB UNIT 2    | 0    |
| H&MS-12           | 100  |
| MABS-12           | 75   |
| VMA-121           | 21   |
| VMA-225           | 80   |
| VMCJ-1            | 100  |

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| MABS-11  | 55 |
| VMF-122  | 44 |
| H&MS-11  | 32 |
| VMF-314  | 5  |
| VMFA-513 | 0  |

## WASHINGTON

### Possible Pay Raise

Informed sources in Washington have said reports by which a pay raise would be determined point to another boost in take-home pay sometime during 1965.

Defense Secretary McNamara earlier stated that, with the exception of retired pay, all systems are "go," indicating a modest increase in military pay dollars.

The index for enlisted men with less than 2 years of service has risen 2.8 points. Only 2 points are required for a raise. The two indicators for quarters and subsistence pay have also exceeded their marks.

Roughly 275 million dollars are earmarked for the anticipated pay raise.

### Double Captains

Navy Times has announced good news for senior First Lieutenants.

Originally, the Marine Corps had planned to promote 512 1stLt's. to Captain in fiscal year 65. This zone included officers in their fifth year of commissioned service.

But on second figuring, personnel planners found they were going to have to drop the zone to include Lieutenants in their fourth year of service in order to maintain officer strength.

The unrestricted zone, as determined by these changes, was expanded from 503 unrestricted to 1056, and the number to be selected was doubled.

Headquarters Marine Corps explained that the new figures take into account the officers who will elect to leave the service this fiscal year.

President of the Captain selection board will be Brig Gen Alvin S. Sanders. Members are Cols. Albert J. Roose, Howard A. York, Victor J. Harwick, Joseph H. Reinburg, Andrew M. Wilkinson, Gordon P. Hagberg, John B. Berteling and Hugh T. Stoddard.

Captain Andrew J. Donnelly is recorder, with 1stLt. Ted O' Dickson his assistant.

Headquarters Marine Corps announced last week that the Commandants' Aviation Efficiency Award for 1964 has been awarded to VMCJ-1.

"The officers and men of the 1st MAW join me in congratulating VMCJ-1 upon its selection as the recipient of this years Aviation Efficiency Award.

"The record speaks for itself and is indicative of the highest sort of aviation professionalism and dedication to duty. A more fitting honor could not be bestowed in recognition of the really unsurpassed performance of your command."

P. J. Fontana, MajGen.  
Commanding General.

## Please "Tootle With Vigor"

The American Automobile Association (AAA) has compiled a list of foreign traffic customs and signals which are given free with their American International driving permits. Some of them can be amusing... as well as confusing.

For example, according to highway officials in Japan, "When passengers on the road are in sight, tootle the horn-trumpet to him melodiously at first. If he is still an obstacle to your passage, tootle him with vigor and express by word of mouth the warning, 'Hi! Hi!'"

Also in Japan motorists may have to memorize quite a few Japanese road signs, and that, too, can be something of a problem. Translated into English, some signs read "May Parking," "May Stopping," "Section for Sound of Horn" and "Right Turn Immediate."

In Austria, fines for traffic offenses are levied according to the driver's financial status, and the policeman giving the ticket decides what the fine will be. Driving in that nation, it might be well to go dressed in the oldest possible clothes. In addition, do not under any circumstances, argue with the policeman. Each word in the argument leads to a higher fine.

It's against the law in Madrid to drive any vehicle which causes loud rattling or other disturbing noises while it is in motion.

Visitors or military personnel assigned to Athens, should call at the local police office. There they can get a list of special parking places that are available to foreign visitors.

Breaking a minor traffic law in Munich will get the driver a letter from the police, which will include a form which the motorist is to fill out and send off with his fine.

In Hungary, female traffic violators are punished by having their names and ages printed conspicuously in newspapers.

For travelers to Bulgaria, the AAA issues a warning to be especially careful of driving after having drinks. Second offenders, when it comes to drunken driving, are inevitably sentenced to death and the sentence is invariably carried out.

## Strike Mission In Vietnam

Flying two strike missions in a single day, Marine Helicopter pilots and crews operating out of Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam, lifted Vietnamese reinforcements into a rugged, unsecured landing zone, and later evacuated wounded from another landing spot still under enemy mortar fire.

The Marine Task Element, flying UH-34D helicopters, performs troop lifting, re-supply, evacuation of wounded and assorted helo flights as may be requested by the Republic of Vietnam Forces.

Moments after daylight, on the day in question, the first helo strike was requested by Republic of Vietnam Forces.

The strike was underway minutes later.

RVN (Republic of Vietnam) soldiers were lifted into an area where an estimated battalion of Viet Cong was under small arms fire.

The fire fight was raging at An Boun, located 10 miles west of Hue Citadel, uncomfortably close to the Laotian border.

At take-off, only fragmentary information was available, so the mission briefing was conducted en-route by the squadron skipper, LtCol. Joseph Koler Jr.

Flying in extremely poor visibility, the Marine choppers approached a tiny landing zone perched on a sloping hillside.

U. S. Army armed UH-1 Helicopters, the redoubtable Hueys, completed a pre-strike mission, riddling the landing zone with rockets. Attack aircraft strafed the area as well. Smoke and flame were visible to the orbiting troop-loaded Marine helos.

Smoke continued to drift upward as the first two choppers settled into the head high elephant wood on a ridge finger supporting the landing zone.

Tumbling out of the choppers, the RVNs formed into a skirmish line at the edge of the landing zone, and moved down into a valley nearby. They were to support an RVN unit already engaged in a fire fight near that location.

Two by two, the Marine Helicopters discharged their armed Vietnamese troops, touching deck scant seconds to unload.

No sooner had the Task Element Marines landed back at Da Nang than word came into their operations section, that an urgent evacuation mission was being set up.

Twelve wounded were waiting removal from a lonely outpost called Phouc Lam.

Before the helos could be refueled and crews briefed, the twelve wounded had grown to nineteen.

Arriving at Phouc Lam, the helicopter pilots found a tiny landing zone which could only accomodate one chopper at a time.

One by one the copters settled in while the wounded RVNs were loaded.

The last casualty had just been placed aboard, when a mortar round exploded near the landing zone, sending shrapnel into the tail of plane number 19, barely missing the gunner stationed in the plane's belly.

With no injuries reported, the pilot, 1stLt Bill Martin, returned to the RVNs hospital with his load of wounded, completing the evacuation mission with no further difficulty.



NEARING THE LANDING ZONE



GRIM DETERMINATION



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EVACUATING CASUALTIES

Meanwhile, every available helo and crew was lifting reinforcements into the strike zone, at Phouc Lam.

Small arms fire continued around the position during all troop lifts, but other than noise of rifles and automatic weapons, no further incident was

reported. Later back at Da Nang, pilots and crews relaxed somewhat and agreed that it had been a good day's work, one of many the Marine Task Element can expect in its role of aerial work-horse unit in South Vietnam.

# Navy Day 1964: Big Events For Units At MCAS Iwakuni

Navymen the world over will pause Oct. 27 to observe the anniversary of the founding of the United States Navy. Perhaps they may think, for a moment, of Lt.(j.g.) Everett Alvarez and Lt.(j.g.) Richard Sather.

Lt.'s Alvarez and Sather, both Naval Aviators, were reported missing after units of the Seventh Fleet responded to North Vietnamese attacks on the destroyers USS Maddox and Turner Joy.

It was during the much publicized Gulf of Tonkin "incident" that U.S. citizens and servicemen alike had an opportunity to witness our Navy meeting its "Four Ocean Challenge."

Alvarez, reported a prisoner of the North Vietnamese, and Sather are now part of a proud Navy heritage which dates back to the Revolutionary War and the days of "wooden ships and iron men."

This year's theme "U.S. Navyman, First Element of Seapower," will re-emphasize the role which every officer and sailor plays in today's Navy.

Locally, Iwakuni Naval personnel will enjoy a holiday menu, featuring ham, turkey, roast beef and all the trimmings.

At noon holiday routine commences for all Navy hands. Open house will begin at 1:00 p.m. aboard the USS Precyen, a Navy stores ship, for



THE STATION'S HARBOR, A BUSY PLACE

military personnel, dependents and Japanese nationals.

A flag football game between the Navy Fleet Air Detachment and Navy Shore Establishment is slated for 2 p.m. Capt. R. L. Dahloff, Fleet Air Wing-6 commander, will address football fans and assembled guests during half-time ceremonies.

The 1st Wing Band will provide a musical background for the half-time activities.

At Iwakuni, Navy personnel operate the Station Hospital, Ordnance Department, Public Works and Supply and Fiscal Departments. Navy mechanics and technicians also staff the Aircraft Maintenance Department which keeps

Iwakuni-based Navy patrol squadrons in a constant state of readiness.

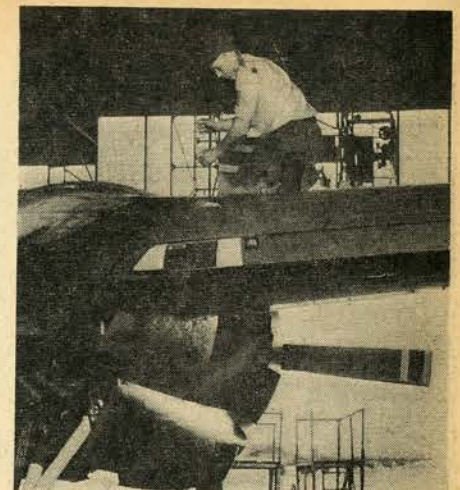
Fleet Air Wing-6, with headquarters here, conducts air operations of anti-submarine warfare, search and reconnaissance flights, aerial mining and other missions assigned by higher authority.

Present-day Navymen have inherited proud traditions established by men and ships since John Paul Jones hoisted the American flag aboard the USS Alfred in 1775.

Men such as Nicholas Biddle, William Bainbridge, Stephen Decatur, David Farragut, George Dewey and John F. Kennedy have set high standards for present-day Navymen to meet.

Today's Navyman, the first element of seapower, continues to play just as vital a role as the boarders who stormed over the rails of the HMS Serapis, during the Revolutionary War, to win a major sea victory for the Colonies.

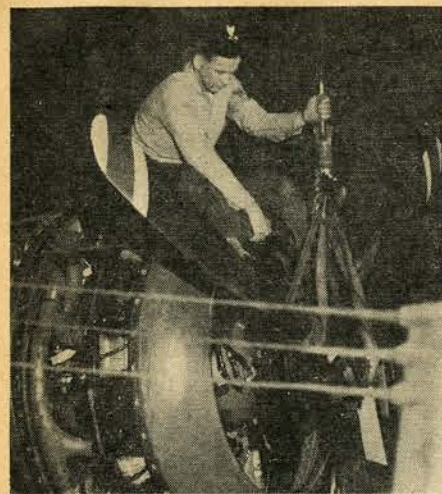
Instead of wielding a cutlass, they may be scanning a radar set, repairing an engine, typing correspondence or standing watch on the bridge of a guided missile cruiser. Whatever the job, today's Navymen have the satisfaction of knowing that they play a vital role in keeping the nation's defense team at peak readiness.



MAKING READY TO FLY



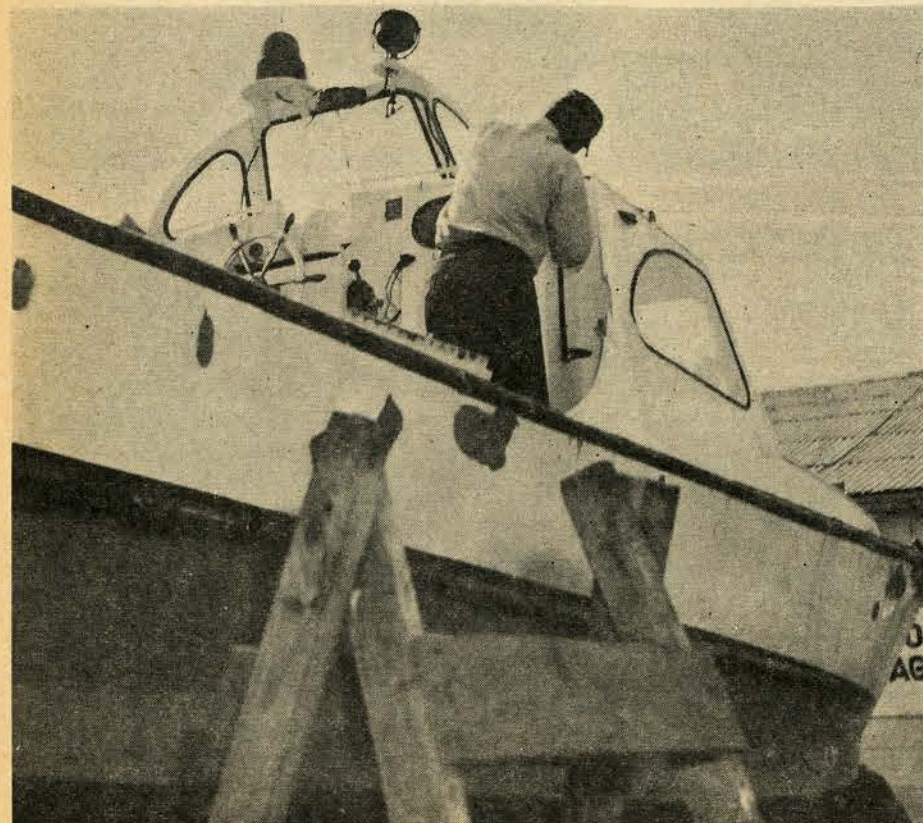
THE HOSPITAL'S LABROTORY



PROP GETS AN OVERHAUL



PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE



TIME OUT FOR PAINT



PLANES, BOATS AND CRANES AT THE HARBOR



A PART OF THE TEAM