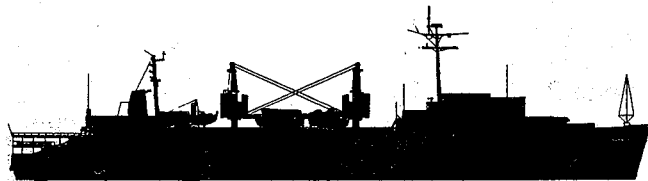


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# SOUNDER



## BT1 Washington selected as Sailor of the Year



BT1 Calvin A. Washington has been selected as our 1986 "Sailor of the Year," from six other outstanding Puget Sound sailors. And on March 5th he was chosen to represent Service Group Two for the upcoming CINCLANT competition, as Rear Adm. Toole announced Petty Officer First Class Washington had been chosen as the COMSERVGRU TWO "Sailor of the Year!"

Since reporting aboard

Puget Sound July 25th 1982, Washington has been an influential leader in "B" Division. He served as the ship's "Oil King" — usually an E-7 assignment — during his first year aboard. In 1983 he was assigned to the Engineering Training Team, which oversees the Engineering Officer of the Watch Training Program and the qualification programs for both M and B Divisions.

Though he was the junior First Class Petty Officer in B Division, Washington became the Fireroom Leading Petty Officer.

An Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist sailor, Washington's awards also include two Good Conduct Medals, the Sea Service Ribbon, and two Battle "E" Ribbons. He was also selected by his peers as the "B" Division Sailor of the Month in the past.

Enlisting in the U.S. Navy in June 1976, Petty Officer Washington has served aboard USS Ashtabula (AO-51) and USS Ajax (AR-6), and has participated in three Western Pacific deployments. He served two years at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida.

Washington is originally from Marion, South Carolina. He is married to the former Mellodee D. Wilkerson of San Diego, California. The Washingtons have two daughters, Delondia (age 6) and Carla (age 4) and one son Calvin Jr. (age 2).

## Bravo Zulu message received from Glover

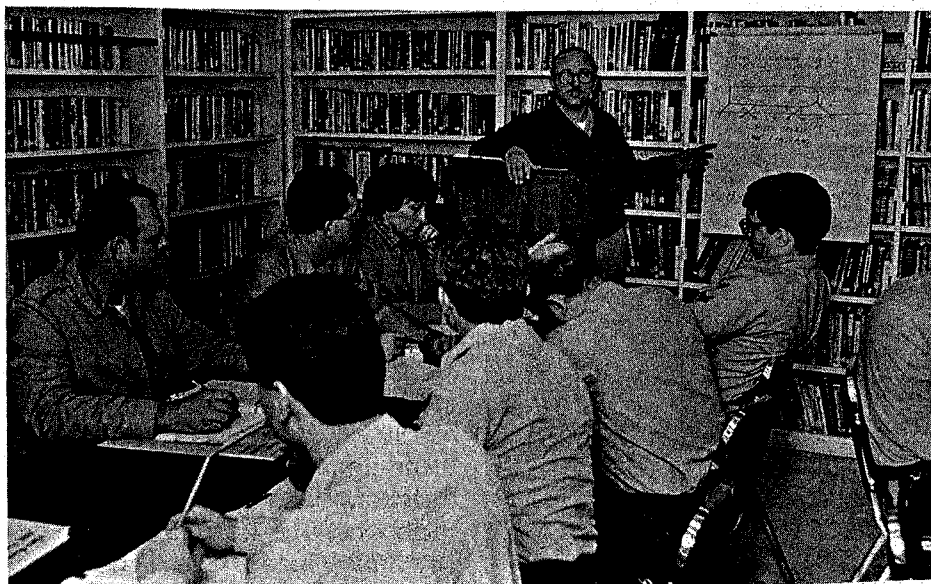


The following message was received from USS Glover (FFG 1098) on March 3rd:

"Puget Sound's assistance in correcting an emergent propulsion plant deficiency

appreciated. The timely response of Puget Sound in fully repairing a failed 1200 p.s.i. gage line on 1B MFP helped correct the casualty and supported correction of the ship's last DMSR propulsion restrictive. Bravo Zulu!

# ESWS program revitalized aboard Puget Sound



**QMC Rapoff makes a point during his surface warfare brief as others work on gauls.**

by JO3 James Slater

For the sailor in today's Navy, the letters E-S-W-S spell a special word: dedication. An Enlisted Surface Warfare Pin on a Navy uniform is the hallmark of professional knowledge, skills, and military training, as well as personal initiative.

Chief Quartermaster James Rapoff, the new ESWS coordinator aboard Puget Sound, talked about the newly reorganized ESWS training program.

"In the past the organization and interest of the program have gone up and down. We now have a regularly scheduled program of training and we hope to create widespread interest at this command."

The present program holds ESWS lectures three times a week: Monday and Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Fridays at 9 a.m. All classes are held in the ship's library. According to Rapoff, sailors attending these classes ranging from Administrative Organization to Deck Seamanship to Naval Missiles will be able to have their Personal Qualification Standards signed off within two months.

The final step to ESWS qualification is the oral examination board. With PQS sign-offs behind him, the sailor will go before a board consisting of the commanding officer, the executive officer, the command master chief, the ESWS coordinator, and an ESWS qualified person from either the Deck department or

Engineering.

This five or six-member board may change periodically. "With different people on the board, different and interesting questions sometimes come out," said Rapoff. "Because of this, a sailor going before a board must be well enough prepared for anything."

DP2 Barbara Tell qualified in 1985 aboard Puget Sound at a board held while the ship was underway. While she was being questioned, Captain McCarton received a phone call from Main Control regarding a problem with the ship's salt water intake for the steam cycle. Ironically, at that point Tell was answering questions regarding the steam cycle. When he put down the phone his next question to Tell was "If you ran into this kind of problem, how could it be solved?"

The length of time to complete the examination board varies each time and is dependent upon the individual attempting to qualify. Said Rapoff, "If a 4.0 sailor comes up before the board and he knows what he's talking about, it can last as little as 35 minutes. At the same time, if he stutters and talks in circles, he'll probably be questioned for two hours."

ESWS qualification programs are run differently throughout the Navy. Some commands have two separate boards. Rapoff qualified in a

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## TIGER TEAM COMMENDATIONS:

HTC Leroy Dennis

HT3 Austin Hammond

SK3 Daniel Rohrmiller

SN LeeAnne Preston

HT2 Carl Phillips

SK3 Eddie Murray

HTFN Daniel Flesher

SN Robert Simmons

HT3 Jeffery Barber

QM3 Sheryl Remy

SN James Jones

# A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Dear Puget Sound Crew and Family,

With the advent of spring comes a short spring break in Florida for Puget Sound. After our return, Puget Sound will maintain her readiness capabilities with a unique role reversal. Rather than repair other ships, Puget Sound will change her location from pier seven to Metro Machine Shipyard to undergo her first overhaul period since 1979. This, coupled with a Refresher Training Cruise later this summer, will prepare us for our return to the Mediterranean this fall.



Spring also brings the well-deserved recognition of Puget Sound's past efforts. In an award ceremony held on our forecandle, Rear Admiral Robert E. Toole presented the officers and crew of Puget Sound with a Meritorious Unit Commendation for her work while in the Mediterranean.

"...By their continuous display of professionalism, resourcefulness, and complete dedication to duty, the officers and enlisted personnel of USS Puget Sound reflect this credit of themselves," read the citation from the Secretary of the Navy, "and also reflect the highest tradition of United States Naval service."

In presenting the award, Rear Admiral Toole took the opportunity to congratulate the ship on her performance between July 1983 and July 1985 and to encourage our continued superior performance: "Puget Sound has a fine reputation," he said, "and I'm sure each and every one of you will continue to be professionals in sustaining that reputation."

General Douglas MacArthur once said, "New conditions require for solution new and imaginative methods. Wars are never won in the past." In my opinion, the hard work and trying times withstood by crewmembers during her extended Mediterranean deployment exemplifies the imagination, spirit and dedication necessary to sustain our 20th century Navy.

Thanks to the nature of the crew and families attached to Puget Sound, the shipwide spirit that earned the citation has not diminished since July 1985, but rather served as a starting point. Puget Sound will not only emulate previous accomplishments by meeting the requirements of each new and demanding situation, but attempt to exceed these expectations.

Sincerely yours,

Captain Joseph F. McCarton

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