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CAPT. ATWOOD RELIEVES CAPT. KEARNS

Captain Henry C. Atwood, Jr. relieved Captain William A. Kearns, Jr. as commanding officer of the USS NASSAU (LHA 4) in an August 9 ceremony. The change of command took place on the flight deck of the USS NASSAU.

Guest speaker for the ceremony was RADM Warren C. Hamm, Jr., Commander Amphibious Group Two, also present was VADM John D. Johnson, Jr. Commander Naval Surface Force Atlantic.

During the ceremony Capt. Kearns was awarded his second Meritorious Service Medal by VADM Johnson in recognition of his significant achievements in commissioning and commanding NASSAU.

Immediately after the change of command ceremony Capt. Kearns was frocked to Rear Admiral in a brief ceremony conducted by VADM Johnson. RADM Kearns' has been assigned as Inspector General on the staff of the Commander in Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

Capt. Atwood began his naval career in 1954 when he was commissioned an Ensign through the NROTC program at Brown University. Prior to taking command of Nassau, Capt. Atwood served as Commanding Officer USS TRENTON (LPD 14).

His other duty assignments include: DESRON 16, USS MASSEY (DD 778), Alaskan Sea Frontier, USS HENRY COUNTY (LST 824), BUPERS, USS AULT (DD 698), USS JOHN WILLIS (DE 1027), and USS DE VOGUE (DE 1047).

NEW MCPOC

Senior Chief Machinist Mate James Walsh relieved Master Chief Storekeeper Frederick Haisten as the USS NASSAU Senior Enlisted Advisor. Master Chief Haisten had served as Command Master Chief from July - September 1980.

Boatswain's Mate Petty Officer Second Class Charles Curtis was selected as NASSAU Petty Officer of the Quarter and Electronic Warfare Specialist Seaman Danny Lorenzo was selected as Sailor of the Quarter.

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NASSAU "A" TEAM WINS SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNER-UPS IN TOURNAMENT

The USS NASSAU (LHA 4) "A" Softball team captured the Forces Afloat Slo-pitch softball league championship in their first year of league competition with a for feat win over USS PAPAGO (ATF 160) on August 14.

The Nassau stickmen then went on to finish second in the Amphib Base overall softball championship tournament losing to the USS CORONADO (LPD 11) in the finals of the double-elimination tournament.

Beginning the season with a rush, the softballers won their

first twelve games and finished the season with a 28-6 won-lost record.

Team Manager Richard J. Osiecki cited team depth and the offense's ability to move runners as major factors in the team's success along with a defense which was always improving.

Hull Technician second class Dan Gura was selected as team MVP for his on-field leadership and superb defensive play. Osiecki called him the driving force on the team.

AWARDS

Cdr. Robert J. Ianucci was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal for his performance as the USS NASSAU's executive officer from pre-commissioning in December 1978 through July 1980.

The award was presented during a ceremony on September 11, 1980 on the NASSAU flight deck. Also during the ceremony Mess Management Specialist Second Class Phillip W. Matthews was meritoriously advanced to the rank of MS1.

Other awards included Good Conduct medals presented to: Photographer's Mate First Class Jerry R. Pritchett, Operations Specialist First Class Jeffrey L. Moore, Disbursing Clerk Second Class Gregory L. Reynolds, and Ship's Serviceman Second Class Sam Sherrod and Letters of Appreciation to: LCDR George W. Schwenke, Radioman Third Class Randy V. Gibson, and Radioman Seaman Keith H. Ferguson. In addition Cdr. John P. Gander, Jr. and Lt. Keith A. Jewell received Meritorious Unit Commendations from their previous commands.

What is an Ombudsman?

An Ombudsman is one who cuts governmental red tape and acts as liaison between the interested party and the office which he wished to contact.

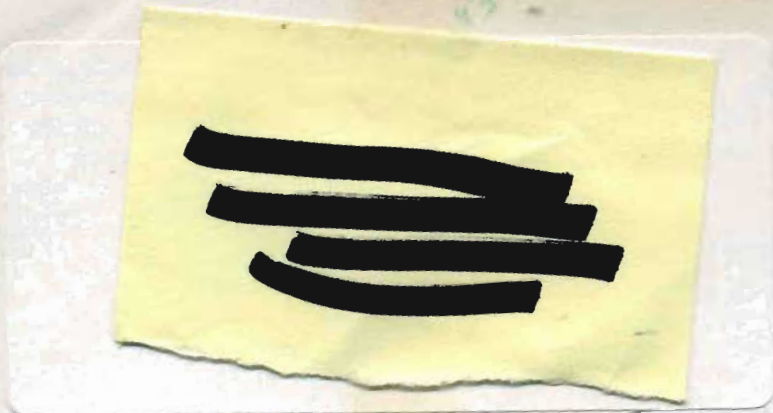
Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, then Chief of Naval Operations, established the Ombudsman of the Navy in October 1970. Approximately one month before this he issued "Z-gram Number 24," establishing the office of Wives Ombudsman in order to give dedicated Navy wives everywhere an official representative to express their views to commanding officers and base commanders.

The Wives Ombudsman will come in contact with the commanding officer, executive officer, and senior enlisted personnel of the command on many occasions. These people are available to help and advise her on any matters she may wish to discuss. In addition, she may contact other officers or officials not in that chain of command. This ability to cross the lines of command is unique to the office of Ombudsman.

Anyone who feels she has been unfairly dealt with by a government agency, local command, or service member may bring the complaint to the Ombudsman. There is nothing belittling to one in seeking advice or in asking for help from this office. People who are big in spirit are willing to ask for, accept, and consider advice. The answer received from an Ombudsman should be the honest and impartial advice of an honorable and independent woman well versed in the matter she handles.

The USS NASSAU has three Ombudsman. They are: Mrs. Harriet Riddle (425-8968), Mrs. Linda Louk (466-1718), and Mrs. Anita Willaims (489-1978).

Mrs. Riddle will be relieved shortly of her Ombudsman position when her husband CW03 J. Riddle is transferred from the ship.



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