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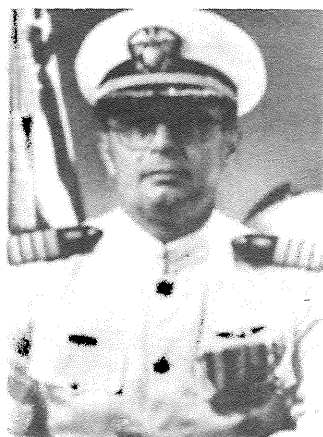
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CAPTAIN CARVER ASSUMES COMMAND OF NRMC MEMPHIS

At 0900 on the first day of August, 1980, Captain Michael C. Carver assumed command of the Naval Regional Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

Commander Charles E. Stuckey, interim Commanding Officer for the last two months was officially relieved of duty. Doctor Stuckey will be missed both as a Commanding Officer and a very capable surgeon. We wish him and his family the very best of luck as he continues his most successful career.



CAPTAIN MICHAEL C. CARVER



CAPTAIN CARVER accepts the Command from CDR STUCKEY.



CAPTAIN Bauer was the guest speaker at the NRMC Memphis Change of Command Ceremony.

CAPT CARVER BACK IN HOME STATE

Born and reared in Morristown Tennessee on 19 May 1930, Captain Michael C. CARVER graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Medicine in December of 1955. He completed his internship at the John Gaston Hospital and entered Naval Service in April of 1957.

Captain CARVER's initial duty assignment was at the School of Aviation Medicine, Pensacola, Florida, where he was designated a Flight Surgeon in September 1957. His operational tours include Fleet Aircraft Service Squadron 106, Argentia, Newfoundland, and Carrier Airwing 10, on board USS ESSEX (CVA-9) and later USS SHANGRILA (CVA-38).

He entered residency training in Aerospace Medicine. Upon completion of Board Certification in this speciality, he reported as Medical Officer, USS Constellation (CVA-64).

Subsequent to a brief tour as Assistant Medical Officer, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Washington, he was the Chief, Schools Division, Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Pensacola, Florida. His last operational tour was as the Medical Officer, USS AMERICA (CVA-66). Captain CARVER served as Executive Officer of the Naval Hospital, Patuxent River, Maryland, from 1970-1972, and as Commanding Officer until 1976. He was the Director of Clinical Services at the Naval Regional Aerospace Medical Center, Pensacola, Florida, subsequent to his most recent assignment as Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Regional Medical Center, Guam, from July 1978- July 1980.

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CMC's CORNER

HMCM N J DAVID

DID I DO THE BEST I COULD? Ask yourself this question and really think about it. Did I do the job just to get it done, because it had to be done or I was told by someone to do it. How many times have we done a slipshod job because nobody cares anyway. The last time I did a really good job my supervisor didn't thank me or even notice, so who cares? We all thrive on praise from our superiors and peers, but the most important accolade that one can receive is when he or she can stand before a mirror and say; "I DID THE BEST I COULD; BUT I WILL DO BETTER TOMORROW".

What happens when the command is called upon to help satisfy a creditor for a staff member?

Failure to pay just debts or repeatedly incurring debts beyond a member's ability to pay is evidence of irresponsibility and may jeopardize the member's security clearance status, advancement status, duty assignment, qualification for reenlistment or extension of enlistment, and in aggravated circumstances may become grounds for disciplinary action or administrative discharge.

CARVER

Captain CARVER is a fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association and a Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine.

He is married to the former Sammy Yancey of Fayetteville, Arkansas. They have three (3) children: Rachel, Michael and Robert.

CORPSMANIACS



JUST A SECOND - I HAVE MY STUPID THUMB CAUGHT IN THE ROPE



TADA
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DYING

BY ROBERT N. TEST
 (CINCINNATI POST)

The day will come when my body will lie upon a white sheet neatly tucked under four corners of a mattress located in a hospital busily occupied with the living and the dying. At a certain moment a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped.

When that happens, do not attempt to instill artificial life into my body by the use of a machine. And don't call this my deathbed. Let it be called the Bed of Life, and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives.

Give my sight to the man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman. Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain. Give my blood to the teenager who was pulled from the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren play. Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week. Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body and find a way to make a crippled child walk.

Explore every corner of my brain. Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that, someday, a speechless boy will shout at the crack of the bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her window.

Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow.

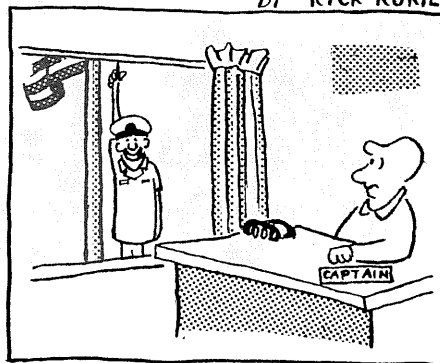
If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses and all prejudice against my fellow man.

Give my sins to the devil. Give my soul to God.

If by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.

BY RYCK RORIE

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LETS TALK....

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ANYTHING AT NRMCMFS, WHAT WOULD IT BE???



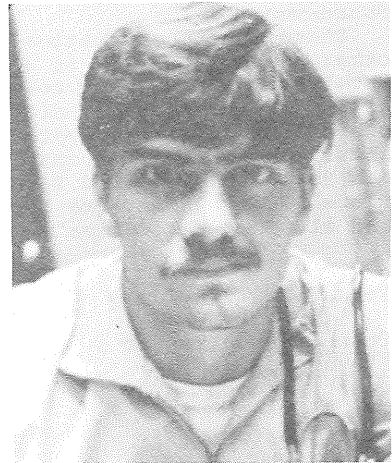
HM3 Clint Varvel, Surg. Clinic:
"Elimination of double standards, be they Doctor's, Nurses or Corpsmen. This would be a definite asset to the morale at this command."



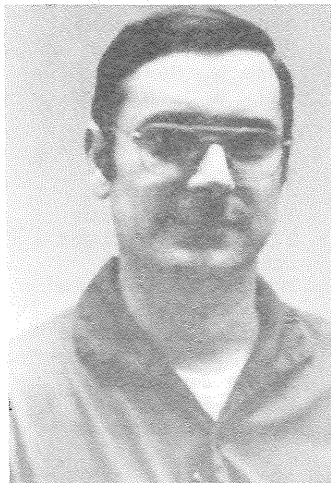
HM2 James Huber, LAB:
"Transportation for people off base. For example; a bus service down Navy Road so people don't have to drive their own cars, therefore saving energy."



LTJG George Hudson, OPD:
"We need to eliminate the double standards that prevail throughout the Hospital".



HM3 Tom Crawford, FPC:
"Having Patient care corpsmen in a duty status that associates them with their job in patient care thus allowing continuity and more responsibility in the patient care areas."



HM3 Norton, Branch Clinic:
"If I could change anything at this command it would be two things that occur not only here but Navy wide; respect for Petty Officers and pride for the Navy in the community."

EEO

The Equal Employment Opportunity program is available to all civilian employees at NRMCM Memphis. Any employee who feels the need for EEO counseling may contact any one of the following individuals during normal working hours:

Dorothy Henderson, Deputy EEO Officer, Ext. 5900.

Calvin Taylor, EEO Counselor, Ext. 5820.

Lou Ann Bates, Federal Womens Program Manager, Ext. 5822.



YEAH, I KNOW I'VE BEEN GONE FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF, BUT I COULDN'T FIND A PLACE TO PARK AT THE POST OFFICE. THEN I HAD TO WAIT IN LINE TO CASH MY PAYCHECK. AND I THOUGHT I WAS SHORT-CHANGED SO I STOOD IN LINE AGAIN... AND YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE MONEY ORDER WINDOW... ALL, CAN I GO TO LUNCH NOW?

SOFTBALL

WRAPUP

The softball season has ended and with it came the annual NAS Millington Invitational Softball Tournament. Each Command puts together an "All Star" team and participates in this double elimination affair.

Steve Beaver took his NRMCMemphis League Champs, the "Misfits", and added a little spice from the other Hospital teams and called them the "All Stars". Underdogs going into the tournament, but alas, as the last day approached, and the semi-finals with it, we found those Misfits, that is our NRMCMemphis "All Stars" leading an undefeated Marine team in the bottom of the 8th by two runs. The Marines were obviously disturbed about the upset taking place, but they were not to be denied. They went on to score 3 runs in the 9th to win the game and the Tournament.

There were some better than other players but all in all it took teamwork and good coaching to get as far as they did. As one of the Marine players said about the Hospital team; "not bad for a team picked for last place". Congratulations "Beav", and all your "All Stars".

Team members:

Coach :Steve Beaver

Players:

- Clark Pitcock
- Tom Crawford
- Mike Clayton
- Greg Muir
- Mike Kend rick
- Kurt McCool
- Glenn Hinson
- Scott Rice
- Dave Windham
- JT Taylor
- Vince Ozier
- Mike Sanchez
- Alfonso Roggiero
- Carl Overstreet
- Bo Brown
- Bob Conley
- Pat Vaughan
- Tom Tomczak
- Martin Milla ge

MEDICAL LIBRARY

The purpose of the Medical Library is to serve you, the medical staff of this hospital with your information needs. This information should be authoritative and up to date, as the medical field is constantly

CLIPPER CLOSE-UP

The Clipper wishes to recognize HM2 Ed Lee. HM2 Lee arrived on board NRMCMemphis in the summer of 1978. Upon his arrival he was assigned to the Urinalysis Department of the Laboratory where he has remained since. During the first few months on board, although a newly wed, he was separated from his wife who remained in Lee's native country, The Phillipines. Tina, his wife was reunited with Lee in September of that year. He is now the father of a son and also was granted his U.S. Citizenship in May of this year.

"I like the area very much in West Tennessee, but if I did complain about anything here it would be the fact that this hospital seems more isolated in comparison to other Naval Hospitals stateside", said Lee.

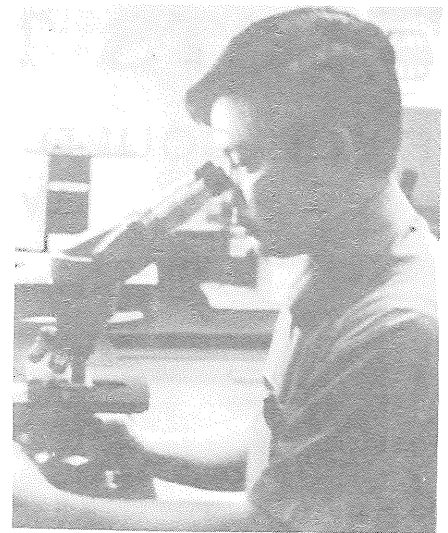
Lee's main task each day is performing urinalysis testing. His collateral duties include but are not limited to; semen analysis, pregnancy testing and assisting in serology when required. "In an average day I do about 50 or 60 UA tests and also serve as supply corpsman for the entire laboratory," he added.

"My greatest moment came when I was granted my U.S. citizenship. There are so many advantages to being an American citizen, and the greatest single one is being able to bring your family with you to each accompanied duty station without having to wait and send for her at a later date after completing loads of paperwork. The chances for advancement seem greater, being an American citizen", he said.

The Clipper extends you a hearty welcome and best wishes for the future!

changing by advances in medical research, materials and technology. The collection should be well rounded and comprehensive, so as to touch all bases of hospital care and concern.

This new collection should provide a base for future growth and renewal.



HM2 Lee performing a routine microscopic test.

PROMOTIONS

To HMCS:

Clifford L. Mcqueen

To HML:

Aaron D. Barnett

To HM2:

Teddy D. Anderson

To HM3:

- Jane C. Kelly
- Malcolm D. Wilcox
- Kay Wagner
- Darrell M. Sandner
- Donald B. Robinson
- June Jr. Pilcher
- Vincent T. Ozier
- Jackie L. Murphy
- Sakae A. Moore
- Michael W. Nelson
- Tonya E. Winfield
- Michelle D. Barnes
- Charles W. Booker
- Frederick B. Brown
- Henry R. Marshall
- Randolph Lollar
- Dale W. Maas
- Calvin C. Miller
- John P. Maxson
- Dennis W. Edwards
- Brenda K. Cox
- John A. Garrett
- Timothy W. Boldt
- Eleanor L. Bright
- Donald P. Hill
- Ronnie L. Landers
- John G. Leist
- Charles M. Martin
- Richard K. Cunningham
- Linda J. Bryant
- Wilye Hickerson
- Jerry A. Keppers

PRIORITIES

Nothing irritates me more than hearing the expression, "I'm a DOCTOR first then a Naval Officer." Such comment, suggesting an immediate need to assign precedence of function, is usually elicited when a Navy physician is challenged regarding the length of his hair. That comment, or words to that effect, gets under my skin because it is so patently absurd. It implies that a Navy doctor is two people, Dr. Jekyll and LCDR Hyde, MC, USNR., whose separate distinct responsibilities are in tumultuous conflict with one another. On the contrary, being both doctor and military officer should rarely create an adversary situation.

In fact, each of us is many more than two people. We are US Citizens, Naval personnel, medical care providers, church members, political party registrants, spouses, parents, homeowners, baseball fans, Indian guides, etcetera ad nauseum. In each of our multifaceted roles we have responsibilities which require our special attention. The priorities vary within the individual situations; seldom are they exclusive and contradictory.

My obligation to take out the garbage at home does not interfere with my duty to perform a pap smear or my requirement to wear a clean shirt or my function to sign an official report. The coalescence of all our responsibilities incurred from our various roles, our execution of those responsibilities and our accountability for them make each of us unique.

Don't cop out with phoney priorities. A tapered haircut does not inhibit proper recognition of an aortic insufficiency murmur.

By: Captain J.A. Zimble,
MC, USN



GUESS WHO???

There are two pretty (I use that term loosely) familiar faces in the above photograph. Try to match two faces with two names of the two presently assigned staff members pictured above and you will win absolutely 'NOTHING'. CLUE: Both are still active duty.

HAIL & FAREWELL

LCDR S.A. Lindsay
LCDR T.F. Rekins
LT W.C. Eichelberg
CDR J.C. Roberts
CDR P.J. Fleury
LT D.L. Lay
CAPT M.C. Carver
LT Arthur Dumont

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HR J.W. Thomas
HR C.E. Smith
HR S.J. Seaman
HA T.L. Lewis
HM1 A.R. LAIRD
HR P.S. Holmquist
HA T.A. Gray
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HN G.M. Marinalli
HR A. Sheridan
HR D.E. Burtnett
HA R.G. Schuhs
HM3 G.J. Lightbourn
HN B.L. Mitchell
HA D.J. Pisano

LCDR J.D. Solmen
LCDR J.R. White
LCDR P.L. McChristian
CDR W.J. Hanes
LCDR W.F. Campbell
LT J.S. Johnson
LTJG C.W. Heaberlien
LCDR N.A. Cummings
LCDR G.W. Dumais
LCDR A.D. Cromartie
LTJG C.A. Lombardo

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HM2 P.L. Turner
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HM3 R. Litterell
HMCS C.L. McQueen
HM3 E. Reyes
HM2 T.M. Clayton



TOSSED SALAD

OF
LIFE



A tossed salad contains a great variety of greens as vegetables, but it is usually the dressing that adds the "touch" of delight.

So in life, life is made up somewhat like a "tossed salad". Some things by themselves, especially in great quantities, are not so palatable. Life consists of work, problems, job, sorrow, pleasant surprises, disappointments, leisure, birth, death, and so the list can go on with the things "tossed" into life.

The question is how can all these things when blended together still provide us with a "taste" treat?

Well, to begin with, let's recognize that life, with all its perplexities, is still held onto quite dearly by us all. We do, however, often fail to recognize the ingredients of the dressing that makes life more delightful.

For a good recipe for a happy life please consider the following ingredients: commitment, thankfulness, enthusiasm and appreciation as they relate to God and People!

By: CHAPLAIN B. R. NOBLES



Southern Illinois
University at Carbondale

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is holding registration for the on-base off-duty education program in Health Care Services in room 220 at the Naval Regional Medical Center Memphis. Classes for the Fall 1980 semester begin on 6 September 1980. The Health Care Services program leads to the Bachelor of Science Degree. The program is offered to active duty members, dependents and civil service employees who desire to prepare for a career in the health care field.

Advance credit standing may be available for those military members who have attended military service schools. College courses that have previously been completed usually transfer into the program. College credits may also be earned by satisfactorily completing the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES).

The Southern Illinois Health Care Services Program is a 16 month program and classes are held at the Naval Regional Medical Center Memphis.

Persons interested in the program are requested to call Jim New or Irene Cherry at 872-8621 or visit the Southern Illinois Office in room 220, Naval Regional Medical Center Memphis.

CREDIT UNION

One of the most commonly asked questions at the Credit Union is, "How much money can I borrow?". While this seems like a simple question, the answer is far from simple.

Each loan application that is submitted is considered on an individual basis and judged on its own merits. Being a member, being employed, or being a certain pay-grade does not automatically mean a loan will be approved for a set amount of money.

Some of the criteria that is considered when an application is submitted is (1) income, (2) length of employment, (3) ratio of debt to income and (4) past credit history. The amount requested is considered. For example, an individual must make a down payment on an automobile loan. The Credit Union, and very few other financial institutions, will finance the entire purchase of an automobile.

When completing a loan application, answer all questions completely. If you do not have the pertinent information on hand, take the application home, fill it out and return it later. When the application is completed, take it to the loan department where a loan clerk will assist you and answer any further questions.

Once the application is accepted, it is reviewed by the Credit Committee on the following day. You may call after 1:00 p.m. the day after submitting the application for the loan status. When a loan is not approved, members are notified by mail explaining the reason behind the decision. The Credit Committee will answer any questions pertaining to the action taken on the application.

Today the lending policies of all financial institutions are affected by the economy. Prime interest rates are on the rise. Money is tight because fewer people are saving and more people are borrowing. Money available for lending depends on savings on deposit. No financial institution has an inexhaustible supply of money. In order to make funds available to the maximum number of members, it is not always possible to lend as much as a member requests even though the individual is perfectly capable of repaying the loan.

As you can see, the questions most commonly asked about borrowing are not simple ones to answer. There are no hard fast rules when each member is treated individually. There are however, general guidelines that must be adhered to. Submit the loan application based on your needs.

BY CAROLYN RUNIONS, NMFCU

'Time Out'

EDITORIAL

As long as I can remember, the sports program at the Naval Regional Medical Center Memphis has been one of the finest NAS Memphis could produce. When an opponent realized they were scheduled to play the Hospital, immediate concern and preparation was instituted because each individual knew we were a team not to be taken lightly. Sportsmanship was readily apparent by all and a good clean, hard fought contest almost always resulted.

However, during the last season of intramural football (8 man tackle), multiple occurrences have arisen whereas the officials overseeing the games NRMC

Memphis had participated in have either had to stop a contest as a result of unsportsman-like conduct on the part of NRMC Memphis, or have had to sit back and watch as the players from the Hospital take part in a brawl over some minor infraction imposed on them even after the game had been won by the opposition. Who was at fault? The important thing is; we have a reputation to uphold at our Hospital and gentlemen these incidents do not add to our once valued prominence as a much feared, well liked contender.

With the football season rapidly approaching, don't you think we should cease the verbal and sometimes physical assaults on our opponents and get NRMC Memphis back on top where we belong? I do. Let's all get together this season and support the best football team in the history of NRMC Memphis.