

S/A MARVIN E. VAN DERA PRESENTED 30 YEAR LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD

CAPT. E. G. RIFENBURGH, Director, Naval Investigative Service recently awarded the 30 year length of service award to S/A Marvin E. Van Dera.

"Van" was initially employed as a Naval Intelligence Agent in January 1938 at Chicago (known then as DIO-9ND). He was called to active duty in the U.S. Navy in August of 1941 and was assigned duties as an officer agent and supervisor of investigations in DIO-9ND. On 10 December 1942 "Van" was transferred to San Diego to establish an investigations section within DIO-11ND, and, upon completion of this task, was again assigned to the Chicago office. In 1953 he was transferred to DIO-12ND where he assumed duties as the Reserve Intelligence Program Officer.

After a short tour of duty in San Francisco, "Van" was transferred to Germany where he fleeted up as the senior intelligence officer on the staff of CINCUSNAVEUR. He remained in Berlin until 1955 when he was transferred and assigned duties as the Assistant District Intelligence Officer (ADIO) in the Thirteenth Naval District.

After being promoted to the rank of Captain, "Van" assumed duties as the District Intelligence Officer (DIO), Fourth Naval District in 1958. He subsequently served as DIO-14ND from March 1960 until July 1962 when he retired from active duty.

In 1962, "Van" was re-employed as a Special Agent with the Office of Naval Intelligence and assigned to the Security Division at ONI Headquarters. He undertook a myriad of tasks including the monumental job of coordinating the conversion of the ONI file system. For his exemplary performance in these duties, he was awarded two Outstanding Performance Rating awards and the Sustained Superior Performance Award.

"Van" currently functions as Head, Records Systems Division, Naval Investigative Service Headquarters.

Captain VAN DERA (RET) Joins State Department

After 29 years with Naval Intelligence, Captain Marvin VAN DERA (RET), joined the U.S. State Department on 5 June 1967. "Van" is now providing his services to the Commodity Control Surveillance Division, Vietnam Bureau, Agency for International Development. His offices are in the new State Department building, 21st and C Streets, Washington, D. C.

"Van" began his public service career with the Internal Revenue Service (1932-1934) and first came aboard with Naval Intelligence in 1938. Twenty-one years of military service as an Intelligence Officer terminated when "Van" retired as a Captain in 1962. Since 1962, he has pursued Naval service as a civilian and most recently was Head, Security Records Division, NISHQ.

Service with State Department certainly will not preclude old Naval Intelligence friends from occasionally taking up the challenge of besting "Van" at the poker table or on the golf course. We trust, however, that if contact with "Van" is a little less frequent than when he was with us, we can rest assure that he is still conducting the nation's business in his own inimitable style and we wish him well.