



Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense Joan Dempsey presents FCI awards to Special Agent Michael Harris (top left), Special Agent Wanda Simmen (top right), former Special Agent Tracy Neary (bottom left) and Special Agent Gary Mayer. (Department of Defense Photos)

effort, four Marines were apprehended and later pled guilty at general court-martials to kidnapping, murder and conspiracy in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. All four received dishonorable discharges. Three were sentenced to life in prison and the fourth to 25 years, to be served at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas."

Moran was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania in 1953, graduated from Bishop Hannan High School and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is married and is the father of two children. He is active in little league baseball and scouting.

Special Agent Valerie Cernosek was honored as one of Hawaii's "Top Cops" during the 13th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon

and Exhibit held at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki on October 3, 1997.

According to the write-up on Cernosek in the awards luncheon booklet: "Cernosek has been responsible for providing law enforcement and "force protection" support to Hawaii-based U.S. Military forces deploying to countries such as the Republic of Korea, Thailand, and Australia.

"Cernosek routinely traveled throughout Asia and the Pacific to conduct liaison with the United States and host country law enforcement and security agencies. This liaison, information sharing, and cooperative actions, have been the foundation from which we are able to gather important criminal and terrorism information that may pose a threat to forces deploying to a particular country. This unique mission also requires extensive knowledge of the host country



U.S. Army Honors McMurdo

Special Agent R. Burke McMurdo was recently presented with the Department of the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Lt. Gen. David L. Benton, III, Chief of Staff, U.S. European Command, presented the award to McMurdo for his performance as counterintelligence support officer.

law enforcement and security structures, procedures, laws, and local customs which could impact upon the safety and security of our forces. This information is presented to senior military leaders in Hawaii to ensure all possible precautions are taken for a safe, crime-free deployment."

The awards luncheon booklet added: "As a footnote to her achievements, Cernosek participated in the 1997 World Police and Fire Games held in Calgary, Canada, from June 27, to July 4, 1997. These games involved over 9,000 participants from 47 different countries. Cernosek clearly distinguished herself by winning two gold medals for body building and one gold medal for the bench press in the Women's Senior Division."

The NCIS Resident Agency in Kings Bay, Georgia, recently received a citation from Rear Adm. Charles J. Beers, Jr., Commander Submarine Group 10.

The citation read in part as follows: "For professional achievement in the superior performance of their duties...from January, 1996, to March, 1997... The dedication and professionalism of NCIS Kings Bay has been instrumental in implementing all internal security measures, the preservation of order, and a continuous surveillance for the purpose of detecting and preventing criminal acts at Kings Bay.

"Their efforts have resolved numerous cases, brought perpetrators to justice, and increased the quality of life for the workers and residents of Kings Bay Naval Community. Additionally, their keen

investigative efforts during operation 'Steal Trap' directly resulted in ending a theft ring at the Navy Exchange."



Assistant Director for Administration Franz Schwarm presents the Navy Civilian Meritorious Service Medal to Special Agent Darrick Kennedy.

The award was presented to Kennedy for his outstanding support to the U.S.S. Enterprise (CVN-65) battle group during a Mediterranean deployment.

Kennedy served as the Special Agent Afloat on the U.S.S. Enterprise from March, 1995, to December, 1996.

Special Agent Torri Piper has received the 1997 "Outstanding Community Service Award" from the Civilian Welfare and Recreation Department, Naval Station, San Diego.

In addition to the numerous hours Piper spends diligently and conscientiously investigating contract fraud, she is also co-chairperson of the San Diego Chapter of the Interagency Committee on Women in Federal Law Enforcement (ICWIFLE).

Piper is involved in an ICWIFLE project that collects food and clothing for



Rachel Women's Center, San Diego Rescue Mission, "EYE" Battered Women's Shelter, St. Claire Battered Women's Center and San Diego Battered Women's Center. ICWIFLE also has a mentoring program at three different schools in San Diego - an alternate high school, junior high school and elementary school.

As the mother of three, Piper expends numerous hours at her children's school helping on career day and is on call for Japanese translation needs at the school and church.

The Virginia Homicide Investigators Association recognized **Special Agent Joe D. Kennedy**, **Special Agent William S. Heath**, and **Special Agent Ed Coyle** for their work in resolving the 1982 rape and murder of a 22-year-old enlisted Navy woman, whose body was found later in her submerged car in Willoughby Bay, near the Breezy Point Communications Center at Naval Air Station Norfolk.

The case was reopened by the NCIS "Cold Case Squad" in 1995, and, with the help of new, scientific techniques, including DNA testing, a suspect was identified and subsequently taken into custody. The suspect later pled guilty and was sentenced to two life sentences.

In addition, Kennedy was named by the association as "Homicide Investigator of the Year."

Kennedy and Heath also were recognized for their role in that case on November 13, at the Agents Award Ceremony hosted by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Norfolk Division.

The U.S. Attorney's Office also commended **Special Agent John P. Pucky** and **Special Agent**

San Diego Agent Exemplifies the Spirit Of "Volunteerism"

NCIS Special Agent Joel Gossett of the San Diego Field Office exemplifies the meaning of the word volunteer.

A year ago, Gossett was named Naval Station San Diego's "1996 Civilian Welfare & Morale Volunteer of the Year."

A certified CPR instructor, he provides his CPR training skills to groups in the community. He also was responsible for coordinating a blood drive with the San Diego Blood Bank during Law Enforcement Memorial Week.

He coordinated the field office's participation in the national "Take Our Daughter's to Work Day" and is extremely active in the Boy Scouts of America. Since becoming scoutmaster in 1992, troop membership has doubled to over 45 boys and two have reached the rank of Eagle Scout. He also has used his training in aquatics to train boys and adults in safe swimming and safety afloat.

Gossett frequently assists the Kiwanis Club in their service to the community, and has helped to raise money for the Children's Hospital Center for Abused Children, the YMCA, and other educational, youth, and charitable organizations.

He is very involved in education and supports the supports the Fine Arts Magnet Education Program at Flying Hills Elementary School. He also is responsible for obtaining exhibits from the San Diego Natural History Museum to be used in classes where the teachers combine science and nature study with art.

He works closely with the Christian Community Theater, and he is active in the Interfaith Shelter Network, which provides food, shelter, counseling, housing assistance and job leads to the homeless.

And in what little spare time he has left, Gossett does other things like working with the local high school band booster and working as a volunteer at the concession stand during high school athletic events.

Scott Campbell for their outstanding work on two other cases.

Pucky was recognized for his outstanding work in a fraud investigation which resulted in the conviction of three individuals for conspiracy to defraud the U.S. and perjury before a grand jury.

In the process of preparing a bid to perform janitorial services at the CINCLANT Fleet compound in Norfolk, the defendants misappropriated the proprietary cost information of a competing contractor, enabling them to receive a \$1.3 million contract as the lowest bidder.

According to the write-up in the Awards Ceremony brochure: "Agent Pucky's investigative efforts led to the convictions. He reviewed and analyzed voluminous records, interviewed numerous witnesses, prepared the forensic examination requests for fingerprinting and handwriting analyses, and assisted in the preparation of trial exhibit for our (the U.S. Attorney's) handwriting expert -- the results of which were critical to the outcome of the case. He also testified at the trial and withstood the grueling cross-examination of three defense attorneys. All defendants were convicted on all counts."

Campbell was honored for his performance while assigned to the Drug Enforcement Task Force. Campbell was the main case agent in two cases resulting in the successful prosecution of eight persons who trafficked in excess of 70 kilograms of methamphetamine. The drugs were manufactured on the West Coast, then sent by mail to Dallas, Texas, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Norfolk for further distribution.

Two of the defendants met while serving time in federal prison. After one of them was paroled in 1988, he and the other defendant, who was still in prison, began a mail order methamphetamine business. When the other defendant got out of jail in 1992, he began supplying drugs to other individuals they had recruited.

The second defendant was later killed in a traffic accident, but all others were prosecuted and are now serving time.

According to the Awards Ceremony brochure, "Agent Campbell conducted a very thorough investigation and performed an outstanding job during the course of the investigation, trial prep and trial."

Resident Agent in Charge Jeff Walton of the NCIS Resident Agency Manila, Republic of the

Philippines, was recognized earlier in the year for his leadership and support in local counterdrug efforts.

Walton received a plaque of appreciation from the National Police Commission, Philippine National Police (PNP), Narcotics Group.

The presentation was made by PNP Director General Recaredo Sarmiento, III, at PNP Headquarters in Manila during the "Drug Free Philippines" parade and review ceremony.

Special Agent Scott Bernat recently was awarded the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal for his outstanding performance while serving on the staff of Navy Special Warfare Group Two.

Bernat has served as Special Staff Officer for Counterintelligence and Antiterrorism with Group since April, 1995.



Capt. T.R. Williams of Special Warfare Group Two presents an award to Special Agent Scott Bernat.

According to the citation: "Bernat's professional expertise, hard work and dedication to duty have significantly improved the operational readiness and mission capability of Group Two and its component commands. By his many achievements, which include primary counterintelligence support to force protection, threat assessments, foreign travel briefings and many other security recommendations... he has set a standard for future special agents to follow. Bernat independently established the counterintelli-

gence and antiterrorism program for Group Two, and due to his personal expertise and extraordinary professional abilities, has provided similar efforts to Commander, Navy Special Boat Squadron Two. He has proven to be indispensable in his tireless efforts."

Two members of the NCIS Records Management Division, **Mr. Henry Persons, Jr.**, and **Ms. Deborah A. Ritchie**, were awarded Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medals in November during a ceremony at NCIS Headquarters.

Persons is head of the Records Management Division. According to his citation: "Acting as an ad hoc member of a committee comprised of representatives of five government agencies, Mr. Persons provided timely and accurate advice to key decision makers regarding promotion board screening for officers selected for promotion within the Navy and Marine Corps. Utilizing his vast experience with records management and rules regarding disclosure of information to the public, Mr. Persons thoroughly researched existing policy and was instrumental in drafting new procedures for handling sensitive information critical to the efficient management of personnel action within the Navy and Marine Corps.

"By conducting in-depth research into existing policy regarding the Privacy Act, Freedom of Information Act and system notice regulations, Mr. Persons recommended new policies regarding disclosure of information. His research in this area resulted in the development of new system notices for the Department of the Navy. Furthermore, utilizing his superb writing and editing skills in drafting policy documents, Mr. Persons provided key commentary on a new interagency memorandum of understanding which was approved in record time within the Department of Defense. The memorandum is a prime example of DoD's initiative to more closely control the disclosure of investigative records, the timeliness of which would not have been possible without the attention to detail and perseverance of Mr. Persons."

Mrs. Ritchie is an information security specialist assigned to the Records Management Division. According to her citation: "By providing technical advice to a committee comprised of representatives of five government agencies, Mrs. Ritchie helped establish new policy for promotion board screening of commissioned officers selected for promotion



Deputy Director John F. McEleny presents the Navy Civilian Meritorious Service Medal to Ms. Deborah Ritchie, in the top photo, and to Mr. Henry Persons, in the photo above.

within the Navy and Marine Corps.

"Utilizing her vast experience with records indexing and retrieval using the Defense Clearance



Medal Awarded To Forrest

Deputy Assistant Director for Information and Personnel Security Mike Brown congratulates Mr. Edwin Forrest, who recently was awarded the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Assistant Director for Counterintelligence Joseph Hefferon, center, made the presentation during an awards ceremony at NCIS Headquarters.

and Investigations Index, Mrs. Ritchie assisted in the development of procedures for promotion board screening by direct support to key decision makers who were formulating new policy for disclosure of information to the public. In this role, she identified and streamlined steps in the records retrieval process, thus enabling an effective and efficient procedure to accomplish promotion board screening. Her effort contributed to the development of an interagency memorandum of understanding for promotion board screening which serves as a prime example of DoD's initiative to more closely control the disclosure of investigative records.

"In addition to assisting in the development of policy for the disclosure of information, Mrs. Ritchie demonstrated superior performance as she handled

records screening and retrieval for over 5,000 requests during the Fiscal Year 1998 Navy and Marine Corps promotion board period. Furthermore, she trained Navy and Marine Corps personnel in the use of the DCII for investigative records identification."

Special Agent Mark R. Cranfill and **Special Agent Raymond S. Mack** received commendations from the Virginia Beach Police Department earlier in the year for providing assistance to a marine patrol officer who was pursuing an offender in a boat.

The incident occurred on the night of December 11, 1996, after Virginia Beach Marine Patrol Officer S.N. Clayton observed a boating violation. But when Clayton attempted to issue a summons, the offender

U.S. Attorney's Office In Hawaii Commends Eade

Special Agent in Charge Cliff Simmen of the Hawaii Field Office looks on as Assistant Special Agent in Charge Bille Eade is presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ed Kubo. The presentation was made as Eade wrapped up a three-year assignment in Hawaii. Eade is now at NCIS Headquarters.



fled in a boat. Cranfill and Mack, who saw the incident from an adjacent dock, identified themselves as special agents and offered to assist in apprehending the offender.

After a lengthy pursuit on the water, Clayton finally was able to maneuver the police vessel alongside the offender's boat. While still underway, the agents were able to remove the offender from his boat.

The man subsequently was charged with nine violations including boating under the influence, obstruction of a law enforcement officer in the performance of his duties, and escape by force.

According to a write-up on the incident: "As Marine Patrol Officer Clayton was the sole officer on the police vessel at the time of this incident, the arrest of this offender could not have occurred without the assistance of Special Agents Cranfill and Mack."

Mrs. Jackie Hoffman, NCIS Deputy Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, received a certificate of appreciation from Office of the Secretary of

Defense. The certificate was presented to Hoffman by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

According to the certificate, Mrs. Hoffman provided, "outstanding support to the Department of Defense Leadership Development Program. Your assistance in this joint training to support the unified commanders-in-chief was extremely beneficial to the participants.

"Your personal commitment to the development of future defense executives has resulted in a significant return on investment and reflects great credit upon you, the Department of Defense, and the United States of America."

Special Agent Susan Rasner was commended by Chief Masanori Tanigawa of the Sasebo, Japan, Police Department during the summer for her role in resolving a high-profile case involving aggravated assault and robbery.

The incident occurred in Sasebo, Japan, on

Pryor, Blincoe Honored For FCI Work



Analyst Watson Pryor and Special Agent Marc Blincoe received the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal during a ceremony at NCIS Headquarters in November, 1997. In the top right photo, Director David L. Brant presents a medal to Pryor, who was honored for his outstanding performance as a counterterrorism analyst while assigned to Commander, U.S. Force Europe. Blincoe was honored for his outstanding performance while assigned to the On Site Inspection Agency. Shown in the photo at right photo are Assistant Director for Counterintelligence Joseph Hefferon, Blincoe, and Director Brant.



Special Agent Susan Rasner and Sasebo Police Chief Masanori Tanigawa

November 20, 1996, when two men robbed and assaulted a Japanese man who a few hours earlier had undergone his weekly kidney dialysis. Numerous Police officials from Nagasaki Police Headquarters and other departments within the Sasebo Police Department were detailed to this investigation.

The crime scene investigation and interview of the victim did not provide any significant information relative to the identity of the perpetrators.

However, Rasner continued to pursue the case and after many hours and numerous interviews, she was able to identify two Navy service members as suspects.

Rasner interrogated the two suspects, who admitted culpability and subsequently were turned over to the Japanese Police. They were found guilty in Japanese court and sentenced to Japanese prison for five-and-a-half years.

NCIS special agents from the **Resident Agency in Rota, Spain**, and the **Resident Unit in La Maddelena, Italy**, recently completed a highly successful counternarcotics operation in Palma de

Mallorca, Spain.

NCIS, working in conjunction with agents from the Spanish National Police Anti-Drug Squad, conducted the joint operation during the port visit of the U.S.S. Simon Lake (AS-33).

The three-day operation resulted in the arrest of 12 foreign nationals attempting to sell narcotics to U.S.S. Simon Lake crew members and the recovery of \$18,640 in ecstasy and cocaine, cash and personal property belonging to the drug dealers.

The NCIS Resident Agency Rota frequently conducts joint counternarcotics operations in support of U.S. Navy ship visits, having completed successful operations in Portugal, Gibraltar and other ports in Spain.



Members of the NCIS Resident Agency Rota who participated in the counterdrug operation include, from left to right, Intelligence Operations Specialist Juan Carlos Wiggs (standing), Special Agent Leo Lamont (kneeling), and Special Agent Philip "Tony" Cox. Shown with them on the table are narcotics seized during the first night of the Palma de Mallorca drug op.

NCIS Special Agent Mary Beth Eversman and Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS) Special Agent Wade Muraoka were commended by U.S. Attorney Steven S. Alm of the District of Hawaii for their outstanding performance in a qui tam case involving a Honolulu-based disposal company.

The company had numerous contracts to collect, transport, and dispose of refuse from Army, Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard bases and housing areas. Over a dozen of these contracts were the

subject of an investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office which was looking into allegations of systematic overbilling, a violation of the False Claims Act. Eversman and Muraoka contributed significantly to the United States' efforts in this case and were able to work very closely and effectively with Assistant U.S. Attorney Tracy Hino, according to a letter from U.S. Attorney Alm to NCIS Special Agent in Charge Bernadine Ayer of the Hawaii Field Office and DCIS Special Agent in Charge John Sauer of the Western Field Office in Mission Viejo, California.

The letter went on to say: "Special Agent Muraoka and Special Agent Eversman conducted numerous interviews of past and present employees of the defendant. These witnesses were extremely reluctant to cooperate with the investigation; however, as the direct result of Special Agent Muraoka and Special Agent Eversman's initiative, persistence, and commitment to this investigation, several witnesses finally disclosed key investigative information to them."

According to the U.S. Attorney, during the settlement negotiations, redacted copies of Eversman's and Muraoka's reports were distributed and reviewed by the defendant's attorneys. Based in part on the strength and quality of those reports, the defendant elected not to contest the United States, allegations that it over-billed the government by submitting inflated claims for payment.

U.S. Attorney Alm concluded his letter by saying, "Accordingly, the Defendant has paid the U.S. Attorney's Office \$823,986 to settle the above-

referenced cases. This figure amounts to twice the estimated dollar loss to the United States, and the U.S. Attorney's Office considers this to be an outstanding resolution of these cases."

Special Agent Tom Coyle has been awarded the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal for his exceptional performance while assigned as the NCIS representative to the Special Operations Command, U.S. Atlantic Command (SOCOM). Coyle was assigned to SOCOM from November 1995 to January 1997 as the Counterdrug Coordinator under the Director for Operations (J3).

According to the award citation, signed by then Acting Director McEleny: "Special Agent Coyle served as the Counterdrug Coordinator and was responsible for developing, planning and coordinating Counter Drug Support missions for Special Operations Forces (SOF) within the USACOM.

"Throughout his tour at SOCOM, Coyle successfully articulated the essence of these missions at the General Officer and Ambassador level, and served as a primary link between the Department of Defense and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) throughout the Caribbean.

"He envisioned the need for a full-time SOF DEA support position in Nassau, Bahamas and initiated the inter-staff coordination to accomplish this. His efforts resulted in an immediate increase in the number of successful DEA/Royal Bahamian Defense Force drug seizures and arrests..."

If you haven't visited the NCIS Homepage on the World Wide Web, here is the address:

<http://www.ncis.navy.mil>

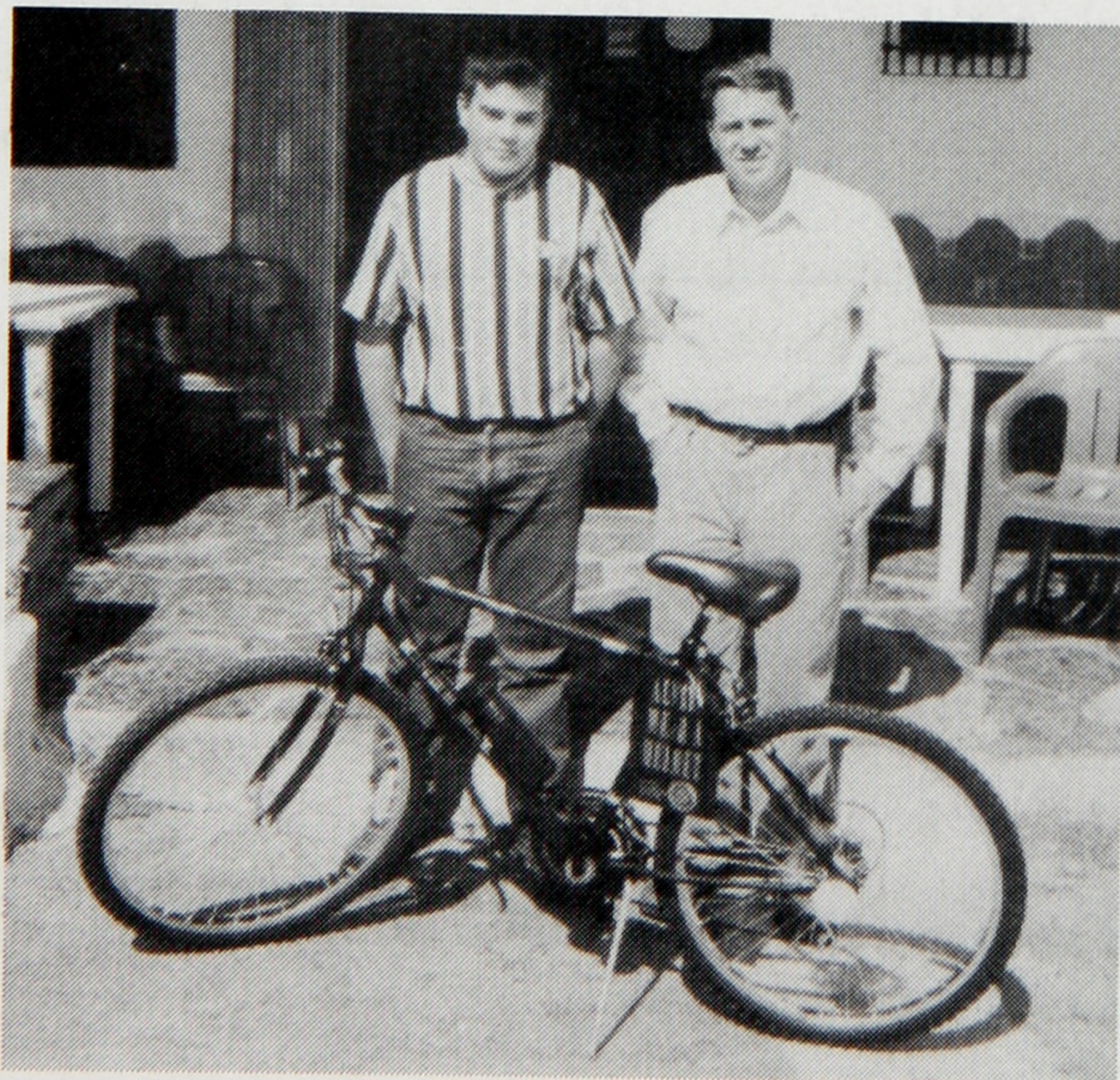
Six Members Of The Guardia Civil Are The First Recipients Of The NCIS Medal Of Valor

*By Resident Agent in Charge Al DiFederico
Rota Resident Agency*

Six members of the Guardia Civil Mountain Rescue Squad received medals from the U.S. Government, including the first ever awards of the NCIS Medal of Valor, for their rescue of two U.S. citizens trapped in a snow storm. The awards ceremony took place on May 16, 1997, in Granada Spain.

The six members of the Mountain Rescue Squad had been the main participants in the daring rescue of NCIS Special Agent Brent Gregory and U.S. Navy Lt. Robin Lind after the pair had been stranded in the Sierra Nevada mountains in freezing temperatures for nearly a week in November, 1996.

Special Agent in Charge Robert Hartley of the European Field Office in Naples presented the group members with the NCIS Medal of Valor, the first time the newly issued award has ever been presented.



Francisco Bosquez Gregory, who provided information which led to the rescues, poses with his new bicycle and Special Agent Brent Gregory.



Special Agent in Charge Robert Hartley presents the NCIS Medal of Valor to six members of the Guardia Civil.

Mr. Lawrence Rossin, Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Madrid, presented the Guardia Civil members with Navy and Marine Corps Medals, Navy Commendation Medals and the Meritorious Service Medals authorized for presentation by the U.S. Secretary of Defense.

The Navy and Marine Corps Medal, which is presented for heroism, was presented to Cabo Primero Antonio Casado Membrives and Guardia Civil Juan Castillo Peralta. The Meritorious Service Medal was presented to Tiente Pedro Ramirez Del Rio. Navy Commendation Medals were presented to Brigada Francisco Lopez Toro, Guardia Civil Alberto M. Leon Montesinos, and Guardia Civil Emilio J. Hinojosa Naveros.

The governor of Granada Province, the Mayor of the City of Granada and several other high level Spanish dignitaries attended and spoke at the ceremony. The award ceremony received national attention in Spain and was covered by several members of the Spanish television and print media.

Prior to the awards ceremony, Francisco Bosquez Lopez, a Spanish youth living in the mountainous regions of Granada who had provided vital information which led to the successful recovery of the lost Americans, was given a bicycle by NCIS Rota as a reward for his timely cooperation during the search.



MCAS El Toro Air Show "Grand Finale" Marks End Of One Of NCIS' Most Successful Ongoing Liaison Events

*By Resident Agent in Charge Ed Kunigonis
NCIS Resident Agency El Toro*

Months of planning, last minute changes, and eleventh hour RSVP's were standard fare for what was billed as the last NCIS Air Show Liaison event at the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro, California.

In concert with the April 25, 1997 full dress rehearsal for the MCAS El Toro Air Show, the NCIS Los Angeles Field Office once again hosted a law enforcement/criminal justice liaison function.

NCIS Deputy Director John McEleny was present at the show and the liaison party.

Although the Air Show was scheduled to start at 9 a.m. and the liaison function was set for 3:30 p.m., the day began early for the staff at the El Toro Resident Agency.

Shortly after 7 a.m. two 45-foot long RV's full of law enforcement professionals parked outside the

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NCIS spaces. As the day wore on, scores of law enforcement officers and their families stopped by the El Toro Resident Agency to ensure they wouldn't



From left to right are: Special Agent in Charge Rod Miller of the Los Angeles Field Office; Los Angeles District Attorney Gil Garcetti; and Deputy Director John McEleny.

miss out on the fun after the Air Show.

Early in the afternoon it was learned that Los Angeles County District Attorney Gil Garcetti would be arriving for the liaison event at about the same time traffic would be brought to a standstill outside the base as the U.S. Navy Blue Angels conducted their flight demonstration. However, liaison with the base Provost Marshal resulted in a smooth entry for Mr. Garcetti and his party.

The liaison function began on time with representatives from over 45 agencies at the federal, state and local levels from Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The event featured a catered barbecue and a Country & Western band. Approximately 30 agents and support staff from the Los Angeles Field Office and sur-

rounding resident agencies worked registration tables and served beverages to ensure that the event was a total success.

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With the scheduled closure of MCAS El Toro in 1999 and the move to what will become MCAS Miramar, this was the "Grand Finale" for the air show, the largest of its kind in the United States, and the curtain call for what had become an annual NCIS Los Angeles Field Office liaison event.

San Diego Field Office

Mexican Police General Visits NCIS

*By Special Agent Cliff Link
San Diego Field Office*

One of the most important issues facing the law enforcement community along the U.S. / Mexico border is the problem of cross border crime. Common in the media are stories of narcotics trafficking, illegal alien immigration, thefts, robberies, assaults and murder occurring along the border.

With the close proximity of San Diego, California's Navy and Marine Corps mega-port to Mexico, San Diego Field Office agents often find themselves in cases that involve liaison with our law enforcement friends to the south.

Frequently, Navy and Marine Corps personnel are identified as both victims and perpetrators of crime in Mexico. This is especially true in the Tijuana and Ensenada areas south of San Diego; as well as Mexicali, South of Naval Air Station El Centro; and San Luis, south of Marine Corps Air Station Yuma.

The San Diego law enforcement community has placed tremendous emphasis on cross-border crime issues, and has established a senior international steering committee and working groups to address common issues.

As a result of the prevalence of crime in Mexico involving Navy personnel, Special Agent in Charge Cliff Simmen hosted a liaison meeting with General Jose Luis (Chavez) Garcia, the head of the Baja California, Mexico, Federal Police. Also in attendance were Senor Luis Herrera-Lasso, the Mexican Consul General stationed in San Diego; Senora Adriana (Gonzalez) Correa, the Consulate's Chief Legal Counsel; and Senora Diana (Cortiz) Villacorta, the general's assistant.



Shown in the photo above, from left to right, are Senora Cortiz, Senora Gonzales, Special Agent in Charge Simmen, General Chavez, and Senor Herrera-Lasso.

During the visit, General Chavez was given a tour of the field office, which included a demonstration of the NCIS lab capabilities. He also viewed a Spanish translated version of the NCIS mission video. After receiving a brief on the NCIS mission and interests, the General provided an informal description of his department's priorities and objectives. Not surprisingly, many of his law enforcement goals for the border region matched those of NCIS.

He agreed that the safety of Navy personnel visiting south of the border was clearly a goal in which both countries could benefit. He pledged continued support and the desire for future discussions and liaison meetings.

NCIS Resident Agency Singapore Sponsors "Meet The Police" Day

*Resident Agent in Charge Stephen Smith
NCIS Resident Agency Singapore*

The NCIS Resident Agency Singapore sponsored a community "Meet the Police" day for the young and the young at heart at the U.S. Navy Club, Sembawang, Singapore.

The event, which took place just before the summer, was attended by about 250 people from U.S. and Department of Defense agencies, the American Embassy and allied military communities.

Featured events included a police canine demonstration, a drug awareness presentation by the Singapore Central Narcotics Bureau; and a demonstration by the resplendent 25 member Singapore Police Gurkha Contingent "Drum and Pipes" marching platoon.

Attendees browsed Crime Prevention booths featuring NCIS, U.S. Customs, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Singapore Police Force and Central Narcotics Bureau, where they were able to collect tee-shirts, hats, water bottles, literature and other mementoes.

A variety of Singapore Police emergency response vehicles, patrol cars and motorcycles were open to the kids. Hot dogs, chips and refreshments were also available.

The Meet the Police Day was a team effort arranged by the NCIS Resident Agency Singapore with the support and participation of the Singapore Police Ang Mo Kio Police Division, Gurkha Contingent, Canine Unit and Central Narcotics Bureau; the local U.S. Air Force Security Police, the Navy Security Officer, local military commanders; the combined U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force Morale Welfare and Recreation divisions; the U.S. Customs Service; DEA, the American Embassy Regional Security Officer; the New Zealand Installation Auxiliary Police Force and The Royal Australian Naval Police.



Above, from left to right, are the family of Deputy Chief of Mission Emile Skodon of the U.S. Embassy in Singapore; NCIS Special Agent Chuck Howard; NCIS Resident Agent in Charge Stephen Smith; and Singapore Police Inspector David Conceicao.

In the photo below, a member of the Singapore Police Department stands by as Special Agent Howard's daughter, Kathleen, gets a close up look at the controls of a police motorcycle.



Nevada Attorney General Attends NCIS Liaison Event At NAS Fallon



The NCIS Resident Unit at Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon, Nevada, held its Law Enforcement Liaison Day on April 18, 1997.

Representatives of various Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies attended the event. Among the guests were Nevada Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa and Nevada Assistant Attorney General Bob Pike.

In the photo at left, Special Agent Richard Tjaden presents an NCIS medallion to Attorney General Del Papa as Assistant Attorney General Pike looks on.

Other Liaison Activities . . .

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) was represented at the International Police Organization's Annual Meeting in New Dehli, India, October 15-20. Shown in the photo at right are Special Agent Tom Orzechowski of the Far East Field Office; Special Agent Tom Malik; and Assistant Director Vic McPherson, Office of Government Liaison and Public Affairs, NCIS Headquarters.

Other liaison events NCIS participated in included the National Sheriff's Association's Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, June 22-25; and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida, October 25-30.

NCIS also had representatives at the Interagency Committee on Women in Federal Law Enforcement (ICWIFLE) and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).





ARNISSA Gathers In Williamsburg

By Special Agent Victor H. McPherson
Assistant Director
Government Liaison & Public Affairs

Retired special agents from all over the country converged on Williamsburg, Virginia, on Wednesday, September 25, 1997, for what turned out to be one of the most successful gatherings held yet by the Association of Retired NIS Special Agents (ARNISSA).

NCIS Director David L. Brant was the keynote speaker at the banquet, which was held on the second day of the three-day conference. Director Brant reemphasized the importance of the agency maintaining close ties with its past and its former agents, who have done so much in defense of this country.

One of the topics that generated a lot of interest and excitement among the retirees was the Director's overview of the Cold Case Squad.

"Because of the thorough, detailed investigations done by many of you and your fellow agents, we were able to go back and, with the help of some new forensic techniques, solve these crimes," Director Brant said.



Among the familiar faces at this year's ARNISSA gathering were Larry Butler, Bill Hudson, Claude Rollins and J. Brian McKee.



Members of the ARNISSA family shown above are Pete Reilly, Koji Watanabe, and their wives, Marci Watanabe and Margaret Reilly. (Photos by Vic McPherson)

Director Brant then invited Special Agent Gerry Nance to provide the retirees with some details of one of the Cold Case Squads more publicized successes involving the 1982 rape and murder of a female enlisted sailor in Norfolk, Virginia.

As Nance, who had helped create the Cold Case Squad, related details of the initial investigation, the crowd of more than 120 was so quiet that one could have heard a pin drop.

Nance praised the work of the agents on the initial investigation, as well as the quality of their notes and photographs. Their work, he said, coupled with new, scientific techniques and the work done by the Cold Case Squad, resulted in the apprehension of a former service-member, who is now serving two life sentences for the crime.

As a result of that case, three NCIS special agents were honored by the Virginia State Homicide Investigators Association. (See page 33.)

Other activities during the ARNISSA conference included a golf tournament and business meeting.



From left to right are Mr. J. Brian McKee, Mr. Sherman Bliss, Mr. Bert Truxell, Director David L. Brant, Mr. Earl Richey, Mr. Jack "I" Guedalia, and Mr. Charles R. Lannom.

(Photo by Gary M. Comerford)

Former Directors Return To NCIS

*By Special Agent Victor H. McPherson
Assistant Director for
Government Liaison & Public Affairs*

Six former civilian directors and associate directors visited Naval Criminal Investigative Service Headquarters on Tuesday, September 23, 1997, as guests of Director David L. Brant.

Although their titles differed, all served as the senior civilian special agent in the organization in a position that encompassed all the duties of a director.

The group included Mr. Earl Richey (October, 1976 - February, 1980), Mr. M. Sherman Bliss (March, 1980 - December, 1981), Mr. Bert G. Truxell (January, 1982 - December, 1984), Mr. Jack "I" Guedalia (August, 1984 - July, 1986), Mr. J. Brian McKee (December, 1986 - July, 1990), and Mr. Charles R. Lannom (July, 1990 - December, 1992).

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As always, McKee was the first to arrive, showing up 45 minutes early.

Although he wasn't aware of it at the time, his early arrival had enabled him to avoid becoming part of a later demonstration on the surveillance capability of the Technical Services Department. Those who arrived on time were photographed from a distance with a digital camera and later shown their images during a presentation.

More than 80 employees showed up for the 7:30 a.m. reception for the former directors. Although many years had passed, the former directors recognized many well-wishers by name and were able to catch up on old times and the progress of many careers.

By 8:30 a.m., the former directors were in the third floor conference room for a series of presentations that began with a welcome from Director Brant and Special Agent P. Cole Hanner, Deputy Assistant for Government Liaison, who was in charge of

organizing the event.

Special Agent Keith Clark of the Technical Services Department followed with a "show and tell" session covering the new weapons used by NCIS, including the Sig Sauer 228 and the H&K MP5 submachinegun.

The presentation quickly transitioned into the high tech area, however, when Special Agent Brian Vaught began his portion with a demonstration of digital imagery, including photos of some of the former directors arriving. Using other digital photos taken earlier, Vaught went on to demonstrate how photos could be enhanced and even manipulated with computer software.

Special Agent Paul Bright of the Information Systems Department followed with another computer demonstration, this time highlighting the capabilities of Case Agent Tools. Then Special Agent Matt Parsons of the Computer Investigations and Operations Department made a presentation on

computer crimes, including an overview of the NCIS role in resolving a highly-publicized case involving an Argentinean hacker who had broken into several university and Department of Defense computers.

The topic quickly turned back to more familiar turf when Special Agent Pete Hughes gave his presentation on the "Cold Case Squad" and its successes in resolving previously unsolved homicides.

Lt. Rai Seifart rounded out the presentations with an in-depth briefing on what has been happening in the foreign counterintelligence arena.

Although the formal presentations were scheduled to end at 11:30 a.m., they didn't actually conclude until noon because the former directors asked a lot of questions and seemed genuinely impressed by what they saw.

All expressed their thanks for the opportunity to renew old ties with an organization which had been such a big part of their lives.

Mrs. Lynch Visits Headquarters



Mrs. John W. Lynch, whose late husband served as Associate Director from 1973 to 1976, recently visited NCIS Headquarters as a guest of Director David L. Brant, who presented her with a commemorative NCIS medallion.

Above, Director Brant spends time talking with Mrs. Lynch in his office. At left are Director Brant, Mrs. Lynch, and her son-in-law, Special Agent Al Carballo.

(Photos by Gary M. Comerford)

Col. Swan Retires

Col. Swan is presented with a shadow box during his retirement ceremony held August 1, 1997, on the Display Ship Barry at the Washington Navy Yard. Deputy Director John F. McEleny presented the Legion of Merit to Col. Swan, who had served as the Military Assistant to the Director of NCIS. (Photo by Bobby J. Leek)



Retired List

The following is a list of NCIS personnel who have retired since July 1, 1997.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Retired</u>
SA William Eckles	Kansas City, KS	July 1, 1997
SA Gary Witte	Mitchel Field, NY	July 1, 1997
SA Daniel Fernandez	Barbers Point, HI	July 3, 1997
Mr. Steven Draper	Norfolk, VA	July 31, 1997
SA Jackie Parkey	Memphis, TN	July 31, 1997
Col. David Swan, USMC	Washington, DC	August 1, 1997
SA Richard Lucas	Patuxent River, MD	August 2, 1997
SA Rick Machin	Norfolk, VA	August 2, 1997
SA Leon Williams	Iwakuni, Japan	September 1, 1997
Mr. Francis Kiernan	London, England	September 30, 1997
SA Ken Lord	Memphis, TN	October 31, 1997
SA James Poindexter	Washington, DC	October 31, 1997
SA Patrick Hurt	Camp Pendleton, CA	November 1, 1997
SA William Homburg	Washington, DC	December 1, 1997
SA Anthony E. D'Amico	El Toro, CA	December 31, 1997



Other "Blue Angels" Help San Diego Youths Stay Out of Trouble

By Gary M. Comerford
Bulletin Editor

While they may not be the "Blue Angels" the U.S. Navy is famous for, they do share the name and to the youngsters they help, they are the closest thing on earth to the real thing.

As a matter of fact, they are known around the San Diego, California, neighborhoods they serve as the "Miracle from 32nd Street."

"Naval Station San Diego is at the foot of 32nd street, so most of the people in the community connect it with the Navy," said NCIS Special Agent Karl Rodriguez, who has been involved in this version of the "Blue Angels" since it began in 1993. "It is a ministry set up between Navy chaplains and the local clergy and churches in the community."

"The goal is to bring the message of Jesus Christ to the kids in the community in hope of deterring them from using alcohol and drugs, and being involved in gang violence," said Rodriguez, who serves on the Blue Angels' executive board and teaches in the neighborhoods.

There are six sites currently up and running in the San Diego area, some of which are in the inner city and some are in Navy housing areas. Volunteers meet with the children one day a week, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., in playgrounds, parking lots or community centers. Rodriguez does everything from providing

music and leading games, to providing food for children when they attend the program.

Other NCIS special agents are also Blue Angel volunteers.

"I worked on this project for two years while I was assigned to the San Diego Field office," said Special Agent Alma Peterson, whose husband is a Navy officer and served as the commanding officer of a submarine while they were stationed in the San Diego

"We're beginning to see a difference in some of the neighborhoods," Peterson continued. "Some of the kids have been coming for three years and not gotten into any trouble or involved with gangs, drugs or alcohol. The kids really look forward to this. On days when it was raining, we'd go out to tell them to go home and they wanted to stay and play. They really enjoyed hanging out with us."



Special Agent Rodriguez talks with local youths.

area. "This is something that helps the Navy and the community," Peterson said.

"What we were trying to do is get these kids thinking about what is right and wrong and that there were other alternatives to fighting and killing each other," said Peterson, who is now assigned to the Washington Field Office.

The good work being done by the Blue Angels has attracted attention from the Joint Chiefs of Staff, according to Peterson. As a matter of fact, the wife of retired Gen. John Shaliskasvili, the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, even showed up at one of the functions.

Reserves



NCIS Reservist Serves On Force Protection Team 40

By Lt. Cmdr. Rudy A. Selitsch, USNR

ZAGREB - What do six people from various services, who come from different parts of the world with different backgrounds, have in common?

For a short period of time they have all come together to make the highly mobile, extremely effective, multi-service counterintelligence unit named Force Protection Team 40.

Team 40 is the only team of its type currently operating in the European theater. It operates in a truly "purple" joint environment providing force protection support to the National Intelligence Center in Sarajevo, Bosnia, which in turn reports to the European Command (EUCOM).

Team 40 also provides force protection support to Stabilization Force (SFOR) Support Command



NCIS Special Agent Doug Floto and Lt. Cmdr. Rudy Selitsch

and to the National Support Joint Task Force (NSJTF).

The main tasking of Team 40 is to provide identification of threats to SFOR and US person-

nel, who are part of Operation Joint Guard, which involve terrorism, foreign intelligence services, criminal threats and potential civil disturbance threats caused by the former warring factions.

Team 40 covers all of Croatia, including Eastern Slavonia. At the time this article was written, the team was led by NCIS Special Agent Douglas Floto. Rounding out the roster were Special Agents Gene Smith (Army), Rick Geist (Air Force), Anthony LaMere (Army), Tom Schroedel (Air Force) and NCIS Reservist Rudy A. Selitsch. The team has an active travel schedule and regularly conducts business in Vukovar, Sarajevo, Dubrovnik and Split.

Team 40 provides a variety of



War Damage

The photo at left shows war damaged newspaper offices in Sarajevo.

(Photo by Rudy Selitsch)

support services to the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps. Often times this support comes from two agents from two different services. Team 40 was the first Force Protection team on the scene in Vukovar (Eastern Slavonia) after the arrest of a Serbian war criminal, providing identification of potential civil reaction by the Serbian populace.

The team also was involved in the pre-deployment support of an

anticipated visit to the Dalmation Coast by a U.S. aircraft carrier. Supporting Marine Corps contingency planning in Croatia is also part of Team 40's responsibility.

Nothing in Croatia is simple.

Getting office supplies or simple repairs done can be an exercise in patience. On this team everyone compliments one another by bringing a myriad of experiences and skills to the table. These talents include foreign

language capabilities; the creativity to make small repairs which reduce down time; the ability to overcome both small and large obstacles; and the spirit to help one another out at a moment's notice.

Editor's Note: The author, Lt. Cmdr. Selitsch, drills with NCIS 2794 in San Diego, California, and served in Croatia this past summer.

NCIS Reserve Coordinator Promoted To Commander

For the past two years, Lt. Cmdr. Russ Spaulding has done an outstanding job as NCIS Reserve Coordinator, providing much-needed reserve support throughout the organization, to include assignments such as the one featured in the article on the opposite page.

On December 3, 1997, his efforts paid off as he was promoted to the rank of commander during a ceremony held in the atrium of NCIS Headquarters.

Col. Carlos Hollifield, USMC, presided over the ceremony, which was attended by Cmdr. Spaulding's wife, Michele, and five children, Stephen (15), Matthew (12), David (10), Peter (6), and Catherine (6 months).



Sports



Second Annual NCIS Softball Tournament at Earle, N.J., Attracts Over 250 Participants

*By Special Agent Ray Mack
Earle Resident Agency*

(Special Agent Mack is the organizer and director of the NCIS Softball Tournament at Earle.)

Over 250 participants from federal, state and local law enforcement agencies across the state of New Jersey, along with a couple of hundred additional spectators gathered at the Naval Weapons Station in Earle for the Second Annual Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Law Enforcement Softball Tournament on June 14, 1997.

The tournament, which benefits the New Jersey Law Enforcement Special Olympics, drew 180 participants in its debut in 1996 and was won by the New Jersey State Police (NJSP).

The 1996 defending champion NJSP team returned to this year's tournament with a special guest to throw out the first pitch -- retired NJSP Lt. John O'Connor, father of NCIS Special Agents Jack O'Connor of the Washington Field Office, and Terry O'Connor of the Earle Resident Agency.



Special Agent Terry O'Connor, son of retired New Jersey State Police Lt. John O'Connor, eyes an incoming pitch.



Capt John Schick (left) and Det. Mark Auriema (center) accept the 1997 NCIS Law Enforcement Softball Tournament Championship plaque from Assistant Special Agent in Charge Mark Clookie.

Lt. O'Connor retired from the NJSP in 1982 after 31 years service. Troopers on the NJSP team spent a lot of time talking with Lt. O'Connor, who was recruited by the NJSP in 1951, before any of them were born.

This year's tournament was played on a beautiful, sunny Saturday afternoon during the Father's Day weekend -- and what a better way to spend it than with family, friends, fellow police officers, prosecutors and federal agents from throughout the state of New Jersey.

Unfortunately for the defending champions, they were not able to repeat, as the Hoboken Police Department went on to win the 1997 tournament.

Agencies and organizations fielding teams in the 1997 NCIS Tournament included: the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; The Postal Inspection Service; Department of Defense and military police from the Naval Air Warfare Center in Lakehurst and the Naval Weapons Station in Earle; the New Jersey Attorney General's Office; the New Jersey State Police; Monmouth County Chiefs of Police; the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office; the Ocean County Sheriff's

Office; New Jersey Lawmen; Jersey Shore Lawmen; the Hoboken Police Department; the Jersey City Police Department; the Newark Police Department; the Lakehurst Police Department; the Barnegate Police Department; the Old Bridge Police Department; the Spring Lake Police Department; the Belmar Police Department; the Freehold Boro Police Department; the Fair Haven Police Department; the Eatontown Police Department; the Fort Monmouth Police Department; the Rumson Police Department; the New Jersey Park Police; the Briell Police Department; the Monmouth Beach Police Department; the Little Silver Police Department; the Monmouth College Police Department; the Colts Neck Police Department; the Wall Town Police Department; and the Howell Police Department.

New teams attending this year's tournament included: the West Milford Police Department; the Aberdeen Police Department; the Union County Sheriff's Department; and the Bloomfield Police Department.



The New Jersey State Police softball team included a special guest, retired NJSP Lt. John O'Conner (standing at right). Lt. O'Conner is the father of NCIS Special Agent Jack O'Connor of the Washington Field Office, and NCIS Special Agent Terry O'Connor of the Earle Resident Agency. Lt. O'Connor threw out the first pitch of the tournament. The NJSP team won the 1996 NCIS tournament.

"Hey! Aren't You . . ."

Liaison events, such as the softball tournament sponsored by the NCIS Resident Agency in Earle, N.J., are not only good for making and maintaining friendships, but they also can help law enforcement officers renew old ones.

That's exactly what happened last year to Special Agent Greg Galeone, Resident Agent in Charge of the Earle Resident Agency, at the 1996 NCIS Softball Tournament at the Naval Weapons Station.

"I was standing next to a fence watching one of the games



GALEONE

involving the New Jersey State Police and I was talking to a couple of the guys from the Postal Inspection Service," Galeone recalled.

"During the conversation, I mentioned that I had played football at Archbishop Wood High School in Philadelphia. Then this guy turns around to me and says, 'You're Galeone!'"

The voice belonged to U.S. Postal Inspector Gary Stoudt, who works out of the Postal Inspection Service Office in Newark, N.J.

"At that point, I recognized him," Galeone said. "We had played on the same football team at Archbishop Wood. I was a senior and he was a sophomore at the time. I graduated from high school in 1972 and he graduated in 1974. He was a good player."

Stoudt is still a good player. According to Galeone, when the Postal Inspection Service and NCIS played in the 1996 tournament, "They beat us pretty good."

In fact, *NCIS has lost all four games* it played in the two double-elimination tournaments and Ray Mack is looking for new talent. **Any volunteers?**

Editor's Note: These photos were taken by Bob Ferguson and Drew Lieb. Ferguson is a retired New Jersey State Police captain and currently works as forensic detective with the Monmouth County, N.J., Prosecutor's office. Lieb is a trooper with the New Jersey State Police. Both are NCIS reserve agents.



NCIS Has Its Best Turnout For The D.C. Torch Run

*By Ms. Cheryl Marsh
Training Department*

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) fielded its largest group of runners and walkers to date in the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run benefitting the Washington, D.C. Special Olympics.

A total of 56 NCIS employees participated in the 1997 Law Enforcement Torch Run, while many other NCIS employees also supported this worthwhile event by purchasing Torch Run tee-shirts.

As a result, NCIS received the "Shooting Star Award." This award is given to the five agencies improving the most by percentage of increase over last years tee-shirt sales.

The new format of the Torch Run generated overwhelming support and terrific enthusiasm. The impact of representatives from more than 50 law enforcement

agencies gathered together at the Capitol for the opening ceremony, followed by a large crowd of people wearing the same style shirt either running or walking along the Mall, sent a strong message about the importance of the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The "team" of runners and walkers fielded by NCIS consisted of the following:

Command & Staff Offices:
Stephanie Smart

Procurement & Supply Department: Pam Greene and Don Schall

Comptroller Department: Gwen Norris, Rosilyn Burrell, Antoinette Simms, Renee Jones, Michael Jackson, Charles Anthony, and Janella Jennings

Inspections Department: Kevin Edge and Debbie Reese

Government Liaison & Public Affairs: Cole Hanner

Information & Personnel Security Department: Shane Terrill,

Counterintelligence Department: Dani Gresham (with her husband and baby), Joe Hefferon,

Michael Rouse, Sharon Snider, Tressa Davis, and Michael Weist

Fraud Investigations Department: Mary Proctor, Hilary Osborn, Boris Nazaroff, and Karen Estes

Criminal Investigations Department: Angie Queen, Lila Jackson, Cathy Clements, Janet Moller, and Tonya Harris

Career Services Department:
Becky Wagoner and her daughter, Monica

Information Systems Department: Ofelia Perotti, Grace Barcia, and Debbie Gibson

Security Department: Ron Bell, Anita Taylor, Pete Enchelmayer, Jamie Page, and Ben Anderson

DoN Central Adjudication Facility Adjudication Department: Sherri Andrade, Kimberly Lew, Audrey Bryant, Venita Murphy, Pam Robinson, Shirley Watts, Al Hammock, Josephine Vines, Kim Cristaudo, Deanna Jinks, Laura Stanley, and Lisa Foster.

Norfolk Field Office Cyclists Raise Money For MS

The NCIS Norfolk Field Office sponsored a team called the "Felony Fliers" in the annual Multiple Sclerosis (MS) 150 Bike Tour in May, 1997.

To participate in the 150 mile tour between Virginia and North Carolina, all team members had to raise at least \$150 for MS. This year, the team raised over \$2,000.

Some team members have family members or friends stricken with MS, a degenerative disease of the central nervous system. Most team members were veterans of three MS 150 Tours.



"Felony Fliers" from left to right are: Gregg Van Orden, Gary Van Orden, Ronald Possanza, Daniel Rice, Ken Knudsen, Tom Coyle and Ray Koon.

Gregg Van Orden, brother of Special Agent Gary Van Orden, personally raised over \$600 for

MS. Special Agent Daniel Rice was the Felony Flier Team Captain.

Legends of Baseball Visit Rota



NCIS Special Agent Al DiFederico of the NCIS Resident Agency in Rota, Spain, got a chance to play against four former Major League baseball players when they visited the Naval Station for a friendly game of softball.

The four were in Rota in July as part of the "Legends of Baseball" Tour.

From left to right, are: George Foster (Cincinnati Reds); Special Agent DiFederico; Bert Campaneris (Oakland A's); Tommy Davis (Los Angeles Dodgers); and Willie Horton (Detroit Tigers).

Norfolk Field Office's "Top Guns" Make A "Respectable" Showing

The NCIS Norfolk Field Office pistol team participated in the 3rd annual Virginia Beach Police Department (VBPD) Invitational Pistol Competition held in April, 1997.

NCIS fielded a four-man team, comprised of Special Agents Dennis Gwozdz, Ron Possanza, Pat Ott, and Klain Garriga. NCIS also fielded a two-man team made up of Special Agent Mark Cranfill and Jose Vega, along with a single entry competitor, Special Agent David Black.

The four combat courses of fire were arranged on separate ranges to test each shooter's quick reaction and shooting accuracy skills.

The Norfolk Field Office's four-man team finished 7th overall. The competition was tough! The NCIS two man team was ranked 16th of 20 competing teams. In the singles category, Black finished 53rd of 114, a respectable placing considering the number of nationally ranked police officers that competed!

NCIS was the only federal law enforcement agency represented in all team and single shooter competitions. Local and state police departments that entered teams included: the Norfolk Police Department; Chesapeake Police Department; Norfolk Airport Police Department; James City County Police Department; Allegheny County Sheriff's Office; Portsmouth Police Department; High Point, North Carolina, Police Department; Cumberland,



Norfolk "Top Guns" kneeling from left to right are Mark Cranfill, Patrick Ott and Ronald Possanza. Standing, from left to right are David Black, Klain Garriga, Dennis Gwozdz and Jose Vega.

Maryland, Police Department; Pulaski Police Department; Chesterfield County Police Department; Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek Police Department; Williamsburg City Police Department; Virginia State Police; Virginia State University Police Department; Colonial Williamsburg Police Department; and Alexandria Office of the Sheriff.

It was a fun filled day of

competition. The Norfolk Field Office "won" the overall raffle competition by having all but one of its team members win prizes donated by sponsors of the event!

Supervisory Special Agent Dennis Gwozdz was awarded the Norfolk Field Office's "top gun" prize for his outstanding shooting skills! Of all the NCIS team members he finished first.

Lohman Runs Another 50-Miler

NCIS Chief of Staff Charles M. "Chuck" Lohman ran the "JFK 50" on November 22, 1997. The course ran along the Appalachian Trail from Boonsboro to Waynesboro, Maryland. Lohman, a retired Marine colonel, has run a 50-miler before as well as marathons. The run is named in honor of the late President John F. Kennedy.



Just For Kicks!!!

These photos were taken earlier this year at a public martial arts display in Yigo, Guam, and show NCIS Special Agent Daniel P. Owens demonstrating his skills.

Owens is a black belt in the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. He holds an international instructor certificate and volunteers his after duty hours instructing at a martial arts school in Guam.

The school, while open to the public, is comprised mostly of students from Korea, Vietnam, China, Laos, Cambodia, and of course, Guam. Several of the students are Guam Police Officers. SA Owens is the only member of the school from the U.S. mainland.

In these photos, Owens demonstrates the power of a sidekick and how to use an axe kick to defeat a hand or arm attack.



New Site For NCIS Liaison Golf Tourney Is A Real Winner

Traditionally, the Annual NCIS Liaison Golf Tournament had been held at the scenic Medal of Honor Golf Course at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia.

But sometimes a break with tradition is good. And fortunately for the more than 80 golfers who attended the 1997 NCIS Liaison Golf Tournament, the new site chosen for this year's event was a sure winner -- the U.S. Naval Academy Golf Club at Annapolis, Maryland.



The change of scenery and a host of new challenges from this course made a big hit with counterparts from federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, as well as those from the intelligence community.

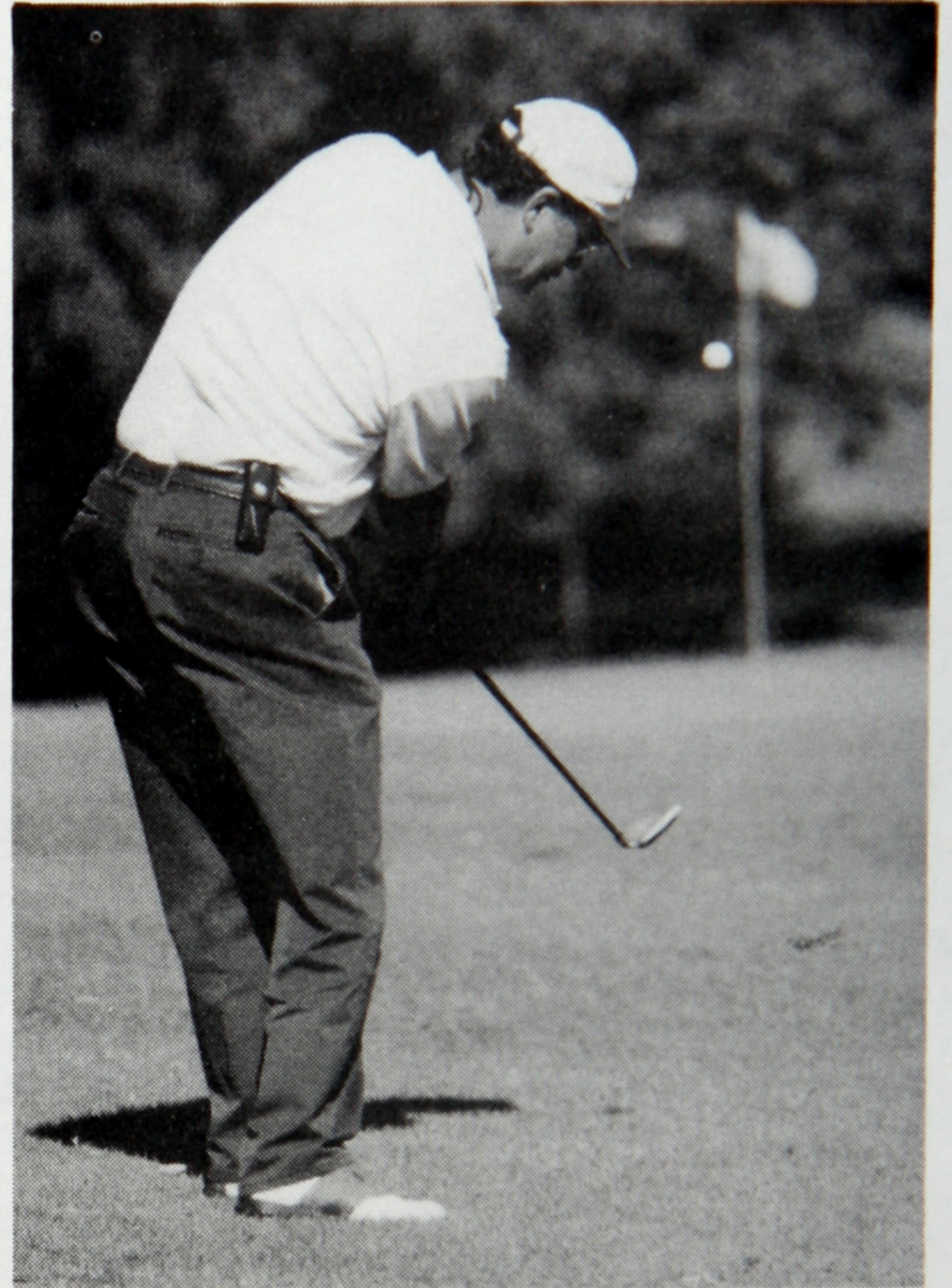
With the help of Resident Agent in Charge Andy

Sperber of the NCIS Resident Agency in Annapolis, NCIS was able to reserve the USNA course for Monday, September 29, 1997, for the tournament. Sperber is an avid golfer and plays that course frequently.

Although stormy skies threatened when golfers began arriving early in the morning for the 8 a.m. check-in, the sun was shining brightly by the time shotgun start commenced at 9 a.m.

The format was a four-person scramble and by the time the final scores had been tallied around 2 p.m., the winning team turned out to be the one led by Sperber.

Despite Sperber's "home course" advantage, he may be in for a run for his money in 1998. Everyone who attended is looking forward to coming back next year.



There were the great shots, like FBI Special Agent Alan Carroll's pitch to the green above.



Not all shots, however, found the fairway!



One of the more scenic holes, above, was also one of the more challenging.

In the top right photo, Deputy Director John F. McEleny (far right) talks with a friend from another agency while they wait between holes.

At right, Director David L. Brant and his foursome watch a shot.

Below, Resident Agent in Charge Andy Sperber lofts a chip shot at the pin.



(Photos by Gary M. Comerford)



Top Twenty List

The NCIS "Top Twenty List" includes the top 20 professional support staff personnel in terms of length of service. The "Top Twenty" as of January 1, 1998, are listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Duty Station</u>	<u>NCIS Date</u>
1. Conover, Jean S.	Washington, D.C.	October 19, 1964
2. Neely, Mary E.	Washington, D.C.	January 11, 1965
3. Lee, Brenda Sue	Washington, D.C.	August 22, 1966
4. Scroggie, Linda L.	San Francisco, California	October 13, 1968
5. Hooker, Nancy Gayle	Mayport, Florida	May 12, 1969
6. Kelly, Elaine B.	Pensacola, Florida	July 1, 1971
7. Hamand, Jerilynn A.	San Diego, California	March 27, 1973
8. Allport, Sandra D.	Washington, D.C.	August 5, 1973
9. Green, Donna C.	Washington, D.C.	June 24, 1974
10. Cross, Deborah Ruth	Memphis, Tennessee	August 5, 1974
11. Rommes, Barrie Ann	Pensacola, Florida	August 12, 1974
12. Lucy, Donna Jean	St. Louis, Missouri	December 2, 1974
13. Anderson, Mary Ann	Washington, D.C.	March 3, 1975
14. Kohler, Nancy Leigh	San Diego, CA	April 7, 1975
15. Griffith, David R.	London, England	July 14, 1975
16. Carter, Jan Cook	New River, NC	September 2, 1975
17. Parham, Deborah L.	Norfolk, Virginia	October 20, 1975
18. Reynolds, Janet D.	Washington, D.C.	November 17, 1975
19. McGuinn, Gary A.	Washington, D.C.	March 3, 1976
20. Koen, Joyce G.	LeMoore, California	June 20, 1977

Plank Owners' List

In keeping with time honored traditions, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service periodically publishes the "Plank Owners' List" showing the top 25 special agents in terms of length of service. The "Plank Owners" as of January 1, 1998, are listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Duty Station</u>	<u>NCS Date</u>
1. Laing, William D.	Philadelphia, PA	May 17, 1965
2. Whidden, Marshall J.	Pensacola, FL	May 24, 1965
3. Marretta, Albert	Pensacola, FL	June 21, 1965
4. Arnold, Lance M.	Newport, RI	June 29, 1965
5. McPherson, Victor H.	HQ, Career Services	August 26, 1968
6. Austin, James A.	Washington, DC	December 18, 1972
Gerwerth, Joseph F.	Naples, Italy	December 18, 1972
8. Spears, Stephen E.	Stuttgart, Germany	June 17, 1973
9. Clookie, Wayne D.	San Diego, CA	November 23, 1973
10. Bruggeman, Michael D.	HQ, Counterintelligence	November 26, 1973
11. Kelly, Lauchlin A., III	HQ, Counterintelligence	January 7, 1974
12. Landin, Joseph C.	Oceana, VA	May 13, 1974
13. Allen, Richard R.	Washington, DC	June 24, 1974
Mugglesworth, Charles D.	HQ, Counterintelligence	June 24, 1974
15. Boley, Thomas F.	HQ, Criminal Investigations	July 22, 1974
Coyle, Charles K.	Pensacola, FL	July 22, 1974
Gehri, John R.	Jacksonville, FL	July 22, 1974
Rossman, Harlan	Washington D.C.	July 22, 1974
19. Nigro, Robert M.	Washington, D.C.	July 25, 1974
20. Carman, Ray	Washington, DC	July 26, 1974
Hughes, William	HQ, Counterintelligence	July 26, 1974
Jester, John	Norfolk, VA	July 26, 1974
Logan, Gary	Jacksonville, FL	July 26, 1974
24. Bradley, Vaughn M.	Bethesda, MD	July 27, 1974
25. Bruce A. Smart	Camp Pendleton, CA	July 29, 1974

Upholding A Navy Tradition



Special Agent in Charge Al Billington (second from left) and Assistant Special Agent in Charge Debbie Winslow (third from left) of the Bahrain Field Office represented NCIS at the Navy Ball held October 16, 1997, at the Gulf Hotel in Manama. Seated at left, next to Billington, is Lt.Col. Al Mansoori, Commanding officer of the Bahraini Flotilla. Seated second from the right, next to Winslow, is Maj. Al Aseyadi, commanding officer of the Bahraini ship "Ashqaq."

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