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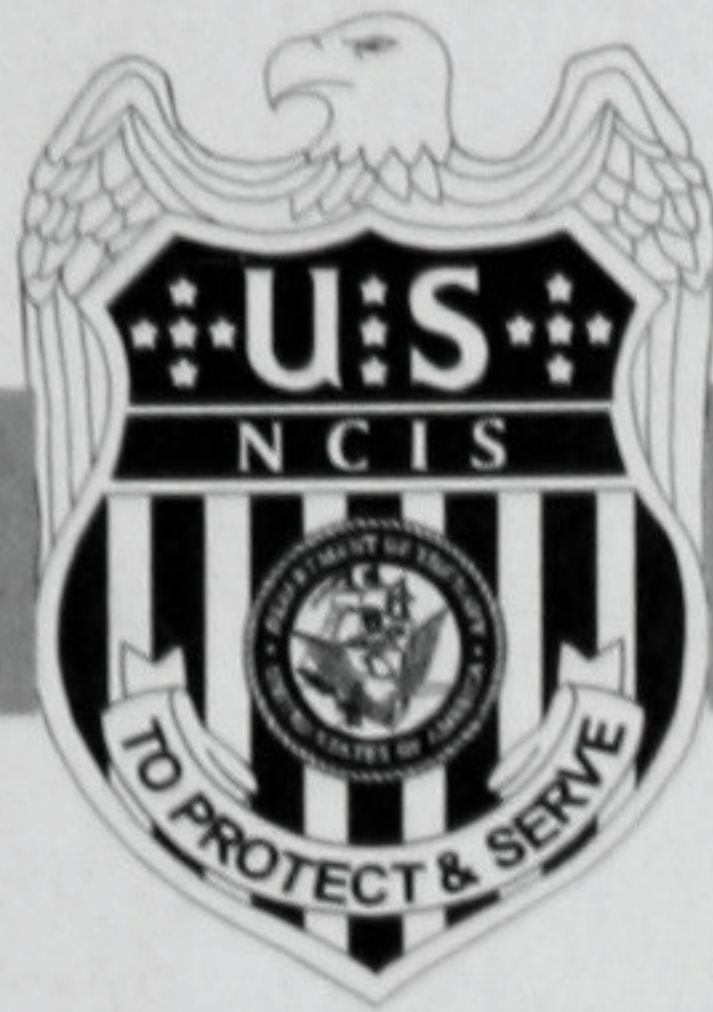
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## Director's Message . . .

Many of you have probably heard the story about the Texas Ranger who was sent to a small town to quell a riot. When the Ranger arrived, the townspeople asked him where the other Rangers were. According to the legend, he replied, "One riot – one Ranger!"

That might have worked in the late 1800s, but even the Texas Rangers don't try to go it alone these days. Law enforcement is far too complex and frequently requires multi-jurisdictional cooperation to counter criminals whose areas of influence often cross international boundaries.

For many years we have prided ourselves on our ability to work closely with local law enforcement agencies. A good example is the lead story in this edition, which details the successes of our Cold Case Homicide Unit. Even big city departments have asked to take a look at our program. A little over a month ago, Special Agent Pete Hughes made a presentation on the Cold Case Homicide Unit to the Chicago Police Department.



NCIS is now achieving that same spirit of cooperation with its counterparts in the Defense Criminal Investigative Organization (DCIO) community. I was pleased to be a guest recently at the Headquarters of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), where Brig. Gen. Francis X. Taylor (shown at left) and I signed a memorandum of agreement calling for the exchange of AFOSI and NCIS personnel in Turkey and Bahrain. As you will see from the article on page 8, it is

expected to enhance both the efficiency and effectiveness of both agencies.

One of the members of the drug suppression operation we conducted in Thailand, in conjunction with "Cobra Gold '98", is a Marine CID agent and staff sergeant assigned to NCIS. If you look at the photos on page 12, you will see that he fit right in with the NCIS and DEA agents, as well as with their Thai police counterparts.

Our relationship with the Marine Corps has never been better. I am very pleased to announce that NCIS has been inducted as one of the eight board members of the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation, a charitable organization designed to provide financial support to the families of police officers killed in the line of duty and to children of Marines with terminal illnesses.

Civilian or military, law enforcement is still the same. Regardless of the communities we serve, we share a common goal -- "to protect and serve." The more we can learn to work together, the better chance we have of achieving those goals to the benefit of everyone.

DAVID L. BRANT

There is a need for enhancing communication between Headquarters and the field elements of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). We can satisfy this need and increase our effectiveness in serving the Department of the Navy by selectively publishing information of interest to the members of NCIS. This Bulletin is intended for use by all members of NCIS.



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## NCIS Unit Praised By Local Police

# Cold Case Homicide Unit Ensures That Victims Are Never Forgotten

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By Gary M. Comerford, Editor  
and YNC Sherri R. Jones

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*For Roxanne Fricke, May 13, 1988, started out like so many others before – just a routine day in the life of a Navy wife and mother.*

*Shortly after 7 p.m., she went shopping at a local supermarket in Virginia Beach, Virginia.*

*About a half hour later, she emerged from the store with a basket filled with several bags of groceries.*

*After loading her groceries in the back of her 1984 blue sedan, she opened the driver's side door, got in and fastened her seat belt.*

*Just as she was getting ready to drive off, a man walked up, pulled out a .357 magnum revolver and fired two shots. One struck Fricke in the head, while the other lodged in her chest, causing her body to lurch leftward and down onto the seat.*

*The gunman then calmly turned, walked through a crowd of stunned and horrified shoppers, and disappeared.*

*Fricke's husband, a naval flight officer, was subsequently convicted at courts martial of hiring the gunman. He was sentenced to life in prison. The gunman, however, remains at large – at least for now.*



**Roxanne Fricke**

This is just one of the cases currently being investigated by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Cold Case Homicide Unit. And, if the unit's record so far is any indication, there is a high probability that the gunman in the Fricke case will eventually be in the grasp of the long arm of the law.

Since it was initiated in 1995, the Cold Case Homicide Unit has resolved a dozen previously unsolved homicides through the arrest of suspects in those cases. The oldest "cold case" resolved by arrest, so far, dates back to 1968 and involves the murder of a dependent wife living onboard Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

The Cold Case Homicide Unit has also resolved several other cases in which the causes were eventually found to be either suicide or natural. The result has not only been justice served, but also an increased awareness of NCIS.

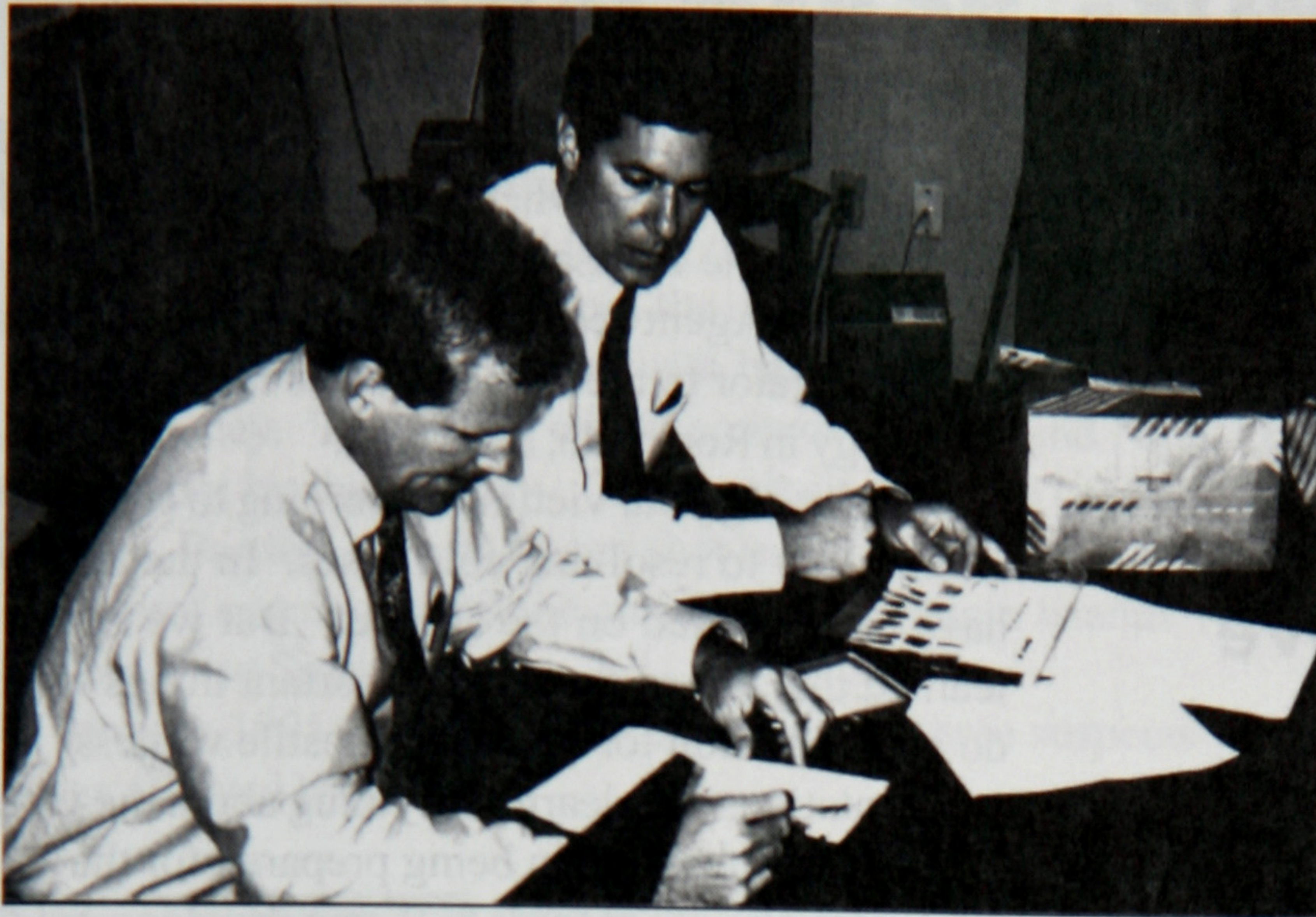
"There are several reasons linked to the program's success. First, we have an established methodology and protocol, which is instrumental in how the cases are programmed and investigated. Second, we have some of the best agents in the field implementing the protocol. Finally, the program has the full support of Headquarters, stated Special Agent Peter S. Hughes.

As a result of the program's successful efforts, it has received considerable recognition and respect from state and local law enforcement agencies. "In recent months, several agencies, including the Chicago Police Department and the Louisiana State Police, have requested our assistance with helping them create their cold case programs. This reflects favorably on both our program and the agency as a whole," Hughes continued.

Recognition from local law enforcement agencies has a special meaning for Hughes, who served four years as a patrolman with the Charlotte, North Carolina Police Department before joining NCIS in 1986.

It also has special meaning for two other members of the NCIS Cold Case Homicide Unit, Special





**Special Agents David Early (left) and Thomas Asimos of the Mayport NCIS Cold Case Homicide Unit review evidence on a cold case.**

Agent Raymond Collier, a Master Sergeant in the Marine CID, and Cold Case Unit Analyst Michael Sullivan.

Collier, a Marine Corps Criminal Investigation Division (CID) agent, is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Chaminade University in Hawaii.

Sullivan is a retired detective from the Washington Metropolitan Police Department, where he worked more than 100 homicide cases during his career. Furthermore, Sullivan served on the joint Metropolitan Police Department and FBI Cold Case Squad during the last five years of his career.

"When we go with locals, they recognize us as being very proactive and having a lot of ingenuity when it comes to these cases," Collier said. "They like the way we think outside the box."

"It's not always easy for a federal agent or member of a military organization to get close to some of these local police departments," Sullivan said. "Initially, I believe they accept us because a lot of our agents are former police officers and state troopers. Then, when they see what we can do, it really wins them over and makes them believers in NCIS and our program."

Hughes, Collier and Sullivan, who are all assigned to NCIS Headquarters, have travelled to several local police departments to talk about the Cold Case Homicide Unit and share information. When it comes to taking the credit, however, they are quick to direct it elsewhere.

"We monitor the program and provide administrative and operational support to the cold case field

agents. They are the backbone of this program. They are the ones utilizing the established protocol and nontraditional investigative techniques in taking these cases to the next level," Hughes said. Some of the field agents who have made significant contributions to the cold case effort include: Special Agents Thomas Asimos, David Early, Samuel Worth, Cathy Clements, James Coady, James Grebas, William Heath, Daniel Rice, Wayne Brown, Paul Mobley, Paul Graf, Dennis Donahue, Kirk Greffen, Bruce Warshawsky, Cheryl Craycraft, Don Thompson, Mike Keleher, Donald Johnston, and Ken Proffit.

"We also owe a lot to Special Agents Jerry Nance, Al Carballo and Joe Kennedy. They were the architects of the Cold Case Homicide Unit and they were the ones who got it started."

One of the keys to the success of the Cold Case Homicide Unit has been the availability of new technology. "DNA analysis has played a very big role in some of these cases," Collier said.

As a matter of fact, the impact of scientific analysis on evidence from previously unsolved cases has even led to a revision in the NCIS guidelines regarding the retention of evidence.

Prior to the initiation of the Cold Case Program, evidence was routinely disposed of in those cases that were closed as unresolved. But, due to the continued advancements in technology over the past 10 years, new policy has been implemented that all evidence be maintained for 75 years.

Another factor in the success of the Cold Case Homicide Unit is the support it has received from the NCIS Forensic Consultant (FC) Program. "For example, after reactivating a 12-year-old case, one of



our agents had a lot of questions about the sequence of events provided by one of the witnesses, Hughes said.

"He contacted one of our FC's who directed him to an internationally renowned expert in knife wounds. After looking at photographs of the victim's knife wounds and reviewing the witness' account, the expert said, that in his opinion, the murder did not occur as the witness had stated. Based upon that

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**-Special Agent Hughes**

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opinion and other information, the 'witness' is now the focus of the investigation. The resourcefulness of agents like this is another reason for the program's success," Hughes stated.

To be an NCIS FC, a special agent must have a master's degree in forensic science, along with additional highly specialized training in that field.

NCIS currently has five forensic consultants. Special Agent Don Houseman is assigned to Headquarters as the supervisor of the FC program.

Special Agent Mike Maloney is assigned to the Carolinas Field Office in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he is responsible for providing assistance in investigations on the East Coast and in Europe.

Special Agent Bill Herzig is assigned to the San Diego Field Office, where he is responsible for providing assistance on the West Coast.

Special Agent Burt Nakasone is assigned to the Hawaii Field Office, where he provides assistance in Hawaii and the Far East.

Special Agent Jean Marie Sentell is assigned as an investigator to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Rockville, Maryland.

"Knowing your victim," according to Hughes, "is another key to resolving cold cases. In the past we have concentrated on the suspect. But we have learned that one of the most important things we can do in preparation for suspect or hostile witness confrontations is to learn everything about the victim. There is no substitute in being prepared for the interrogation with regards to theme development."

Hughes said Dr. Michael Gelles, Psy.D., the NCIS staff psychologist, has been very helpful in this area. "We work very closely with Doc Gelles in victim psychological autopsies and profiles," Hughes said.

Unlike the movies and television, homicide cases, especially old ones, are rarely solved by one great, dramatic revelation.

"It's not fancy or sexy, but the key to the vast majority of these cases is attention to detail, constant analysis, review of all the information available, and continuing analysis of that information," Hughes said. "And we don't just review the evidence, statements and reports – we also review the notes. We have found information in the notes that was never documented in the statements or reports. Some of this information has been critical in establishing either motive or identifying a potential suspect."

"Teamwork is the key to resolving these cold cases. The team usually consists of the original control agent or investigator, medical examiner, prosecutor, crime scene and lab personnel, forensic consultants and psychological profiler," Sullivan said.

Tying all this together is one other factor – the friends and relatives of the victims.

"It brings back to home what we are doing and why we are doing it when a friend or relative of the victim gets very emotional," Hughes said. "They recognize someone cares."



# COLD CASE SUMMARIES

**Lt. Robert D. Bartlett**, and two other Navy crewmen from the USS Yorktown (CG-48), which made a port visit in St Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, on June 15, 1993, were making telephone calls at a public telephone approximately 500 yards away from the ship.

Three unidentified men, armed with handguns and a baseball bat, approached the crewmembers and demanded money. Two of the crewmembers, Bartlett and Navy Petty Officer Michael R. Nendze were beaten and shot by the gunmen. The assailant, with the baseball bat, also beat U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Patrick S. Gardella. Bartlett, who had been shot in the head at point blank range, subsequently died on June 24, 1993. The case went unsolved until the creation of the Virgin Islands Task Force, which led to the creation of the NCIS Cold Case Squad.

In January 1995, the case was reopened and three suspects were arrested and sentenced to the maximum sentences allowed by law.



**Pamela Kimbrue**

**RMSN Pamela Ann Kimbrue's** body was found in a car in Willoughby Bay at the Norfolk Naval Station on January 5, 1982. She had been raped, beaten and tied up in the back of her car, which was then pushed into the bay, where she drowned. The 24-year-old radioman's death went unsolved until the NCIS Cold Case Squad reopened the case in December 1995. Six months later, additional evidence had been developed and supported by DNA analysis. As a result, a 40-year-old former sailor was arrested in Los Angeles, California, in February 1996, and charged with the murder. He was subsequently convicted in federal court and sentenced to two life terms.

**Jean Marie Tehan's** body was found burning in a ditch along a rural highway in Jasper County, South Carolina, in November 1989. She was beat about the head and face beyond recognition and was buried as a 'Jane Doe'. Her remains went unidentified until 1995, when similarities were identified between 'Jane Doe' and an NCIS missing persons investigation. The Cold Case Squad developed information resulting in the arrest of an active duty Navy chief petty officer. The chief was subsequently convicted of murder at a courts martial and was sentenced to 30 years confinement.

**ET1 Jerry Allen McClendon's** body was discovered in a vacant field in Henry County, Virginia, in October 1992. It was determined that McClendon, who was assigned to the Norfolk Naval Station, died as a result of asphyxiation. The case eventually was closed as unsolved.

In May 1998, the NCIS Cold Case Homicide Unit, along with members of the Virginia Beach Police Department, reopened the case. As a result of tremendous cooperation and investigative efforts among both agencies, two suspects have confessed and been arrested for the murder.



**Jerry McClendon**



**Dina Fay Kichler's** nude body was discovered in the upstairs bedroom of her off-base apartment near Naval Station Mayport, Florida, on December 30, 1990. Kichler, a dependent wife, had been sexually assaulted and died as a result of manual strangulation. In December 1991, a suspect was arrested and held in pretrial confinement for approximately three years before the charges were subsequently dropped.

In November 1996, the NCIS Cold Case Squad reopened the investigation. The Squad was instrumental in linking the suspect to three other sexual assault homicides that had occurred in New Hampshire in the 1980's. During interrogations, the suspect made incriminating statements in Kichler's death and one of the New Hampshire murder cases. The suspect was arrested by New Hampshire authorities and is awaiting trial. Upon adjudication, the suspect will be charged by Florida authorities with the rape and murder of Kichler.

**Carol Dean Hutto's** partially nude body was found in a pond near a home construction site in Key Largo, Florida, in 1976. The cause of death was determined to be drowning and the manner of death was a homicide. A suspect was developed at the time of the murder; however, during the initial interrogation, he denied any knowledge or involvement. The suspect subsequently joined the U.S. Navy.

In 1994, the Key Largo Police Department elicited the assistance of the NCIS for a second interrogation of the suspect who is now a Petty Officer Second Class. The suspect admitted that he might have been responsible for Hutto's death. Lacking additional evidence, the investigation was placed in an inactive status. In 1996, the NCIS Cold Case Squad in Mayport reopened the investigation to interview friends and associates of the suspect and Hutto in an attempt to collect and analyze additional evidence.

On July 15, 1998, NCIS Cold Case agents interrogated the suspect who confessed to the murder. The suspect was extradited to Florida and is awaiting trial.



**Carol Dean Hutto**



**Karetha Gray**

**Karetha Shaneen Gray**, a dependent daughter, was found unconscious by her mother after left in the care of a family member on May 8, 1985. Gray was rushed to Tripler Army Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii, where she was pronounced dead. The cause of death was determined to be as a result of child abuse.

In 1989, the family member was interrogated in Indianapolis, Indiana, denied culpability, and refused to submit to a polygraph examination. In September 1995, this investigation was redesignated as a cold case, additional information was developed in the case. In December 1996, a grand jury indicted the suspect. Subsequently the suspect fled the Indianapolis area, and a fugitive case was initiated in an attempt to arrest the suspect.

On September 10, 1997, the suspect was arrested by the Gary Indiana Police Department and extradited to Honolulu, where he is currently awaiting trial.

**Timothy Joseph Ellis Jr.**, a dependent son, was



**Timothy Joseph Ellis Jr.**, a dependent son, was transported to the Jacksonville Hospital emergency room, Jacksonville, Florida, by his mother for treatment of a head injury. At this time he was treated and released. On June 4, 1994, Ellis was transported to the Naval Air Station Jacksonville emergency room with another head injury, and subsequently died. A suspect was developed; however, during interrogation he denied culpability.

The Florida State Attorney's Office requested investigative assistance from the NCIS to conduct pretrial interviews. The suspect was reinterrogated and admitted culpability. The suspect was convicted by a general courts martial and awarded six years confinement, a bad conduct discharge, reduction in rate to E-1 and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.

**Verle Lee Hartley**, a Navy officer, died of unknown causes at the Naval Regional Medical Center, Jacksonville, Florida, following a prolonged illness in November 1982. Subsequent toxicology analysis determined Hartley died as a result of arsenic poisoning. A suspect was developed and interrogated, but denied culpability. In September 1995, the NCIS Cold Case Squad reopened the investigation. The suspect was reinterrogated March 13, 1996, and admitted culpability.

**Anita Mae Lukander**, a U.S. Navy sailor, was found dead in the intracoastal waterway located in the Jacksonville, Florida, area on March 23, 1988. She had been severely mutilated and died as a result of strangulation. A suspect was identified, interrogated and arrested.

**Marvin Minear's** body was discovered by his roommate who was identified as the suspect on April 6, 1992. The cause of death was determined to be as a result of strangulation. The suspect was interrogated and made numerous inconsistencies in his statement. The suspect was subsequently arrested and pled guilty. The suspect is currently awaiting trial.

**Nancy Fern Pope**, a dependent wife, was discovered dead in her on-base quarters with several stab wounds to her chest on May 1, 1968. A U.S. Marine was developed as a suspect, interrogated and denied culpability. The investigation was closed unresolved October 31, 1968.

On October 6, 1995, the NCIS Cold Case Squad reopened this case. Additional investigative efforts between October 6, 1995 and May 8, 1997, implicated the suspect with the death of Pope. In May 1997, the suspect was arrested.

*Overall, the NCIS Cold Case Homicide Unit has resolved 20 cases. The remaining cases (not listed) were originally suspected as being homicides, but were later determined to be either suicides or natural deaths.*



## Strategic Planning Group Update

# NCIS And AFOSI Exchange Agent Billets

At a ceremony held at the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) Headquarters, Andrews Air Force Base, Washington DC, on September 2, Director David L. Brant, NCIS, and Gen. Francis X. Taylor, Commander AFOSI, signed two agreements that will result in the assignment of an NCIS agent to the AFOSI detachment in Izmir, Turkey, and an AFOSI agent to the NCIS Middle East Field Office, Bahrain.

The signing of the two memoranda of agreement was the most recent illustration of the sense of cooperation and common purpose that has been generated within the Defense Criminal Investigative Organizations (DCIO) community, particularly between NCIS and AFOSI.



***Brig. Gen. Francis X. Taylor, Commander, AFOSI and Director David L. Brant sign a memorandum of agreement which calls for the exchange of special agent personnel between the AFOSI Office in Izmir, Turkey, and the NCIS Field Office in Bahrain.***

(AFOSI Photo by Mike Hastings)

As stated in the text of the agreements, the documents "formalize a joint policy undertaking of the two agencies to co-locate and integrate personnel and to share resources, where appropriate, for the purpose of enhancing the efficiency and economy of DCIO operations."

Present at the signing ceremony, along with

Director Brant, were Mr. Dan Butler, Executive Assistant to the Director and Coordinator of the Strategic Planning Group (SPG); and Special Agent John Harris, the SPG member responsible for DCIO community projects.

The day following the signing ceremony, the new NCIS agent billet in Izmir was formally announced via NCIS General Administration (GEN:25A-0140/03SEP98) and interested agents were encouraged to submit bids to the NCIS Headquarters Career Services Department.

The significance of the agreement is enhanced by the fact that, rather than being merely co-located with the counterpart office, the two new billets will be fully integrated into the operation of those offices. This arrangement should result not only in the assigned agent's rapid rise to full operational efficiency, but also provide him/her a unique opportunity to become familiar with counterpart agency mission objectives and procedures.

Harris, who together with AFOSI Headquarters Policy Division personnel drafted the agent exchange agreements, described the Izmir/Bahrain agent exchange as being "part of a much larger program." Harris advised that the objective of that program is to bring a more business-like approach to the deployment of DCIO resources around the world.

In order to accomplish that objective, various basic changes in the traditional methods of doing business must be made. "When we plan our resource deployment, we need to think in terms of the entire MCIO (Military Criminal Investigative Organizations) and DCIO community," Harris said.

Other examples of this community-based approach to the utilization of resources include: the "cross-servicing of leads agreement" among the DCIOs, and the establishment of joint MCIO offices in such locations as San Diego, Camp Pendleton and Islip, New York.

Harris added that the DCIO Co-location Panel, which he chairs, is currently examining several other locations in the United States and overseas where the establishment of joint DCIO offices would result in improved operational efficiency and cost savings.



# *NCIS Director Is Guest Of Honor At Marine Corps' Sunset Parade*



*NCIS Director David L. Brant was the guest of honor at the Marine Corps' Sunset Parade at the historic Iwo Jima Memorial at Arlington Cemetery on August 18.*

*Prior to the ceremony, Director Brant and several members of his Headquarters staff were guests at a reception at Headquarters Marine Corps. The reception was hosted by Brig. Gen. Stephen Cheney, Inspector General of the Marine Corps, shown above with Director Brant.*

*Shown in the photo below are Colonel Dennis J. Hejlik, Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Barracks 8th and I, Director Brant, and Brig. Gen. Cheney.*



(Photos by Gary M. Comerford)





*Members of the Hawaii MCRT are (top row from left to right) Special Agents Mike Moran, Sandy MacIsaac, Mike Eversman, Corbin Rinehard, Chris McGrady and Bob Rzepka. In the front row (left to right) are Special Agents Bob Iorio, Kris Peterson, Burt Nakasone and Mike Brady. Shown on the opposite page is the specially-equipped crime scene van. (Photos by Special Agent Dan Simas)*

## Hawaii Field Office Forms Major Case Response Team

Modern technology definitely has its advantages, especially in criminal investigations. But it also has a drawback.

The new tools of the trade and the highly skilled professionals that employ them must be available on-scene in order to be used; and therein lies the problem.

In answer to that dilemma, the NCIS Hawaii Field Office formally established its first Major Case Response Team (MCRT) in January of this year.

The first step was to assemble the core of the team. The Hawaii Field Office already had Special

Agent Burt Nakasone, who is one of four forensic consultants (FCs) in NCIS. Nakasone has a master's of forensic science (MFS) degree from George Washington University and also completed a one-year fellowship at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

He was later joined by Special Agents Kris Peterson and Bob Iorio, who both served at the Washington, DC Field Office and were on the MCRT before transferring to Hawaii. In addition, Peterson had been the advanced crime scene specialist (ACSS) and

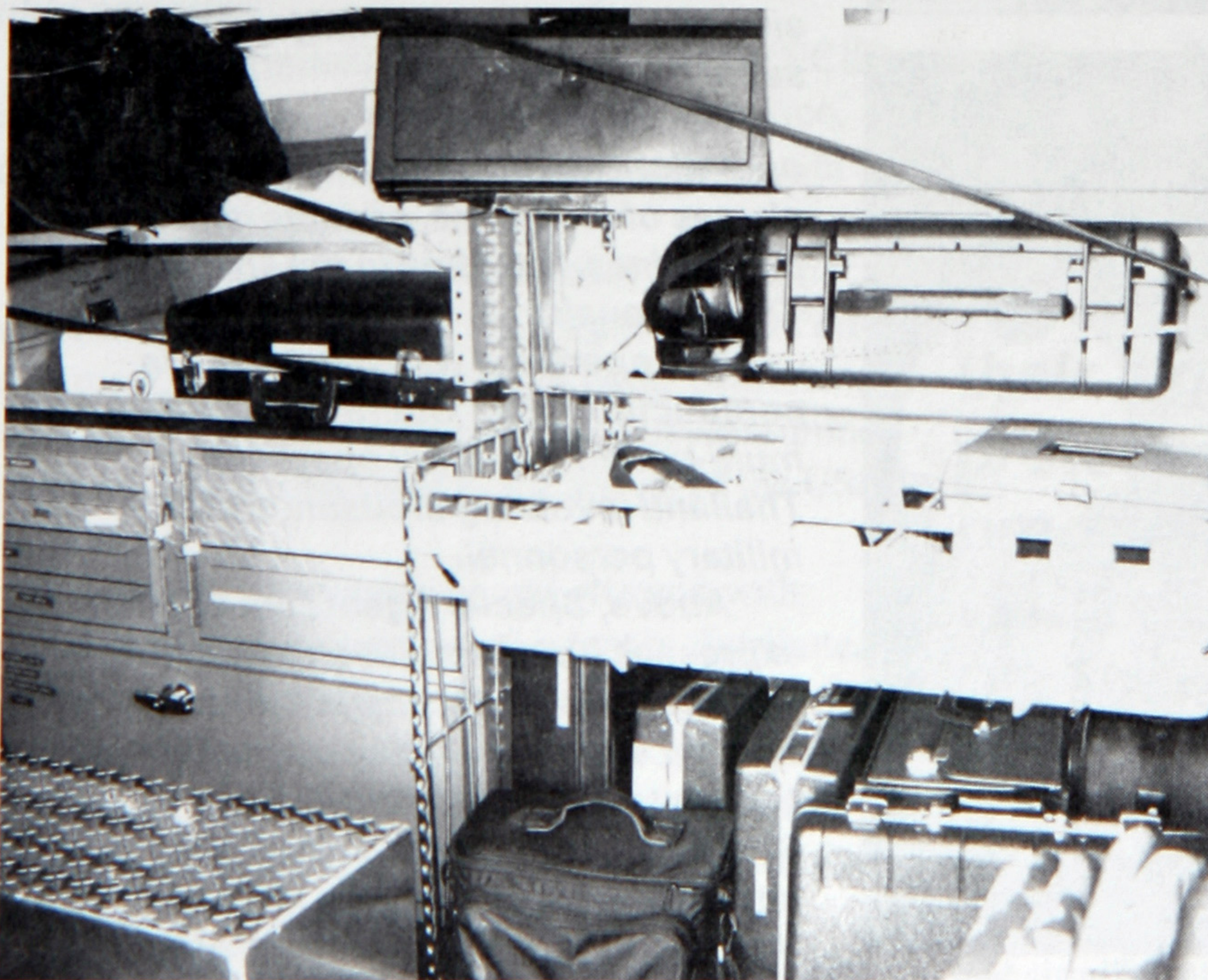
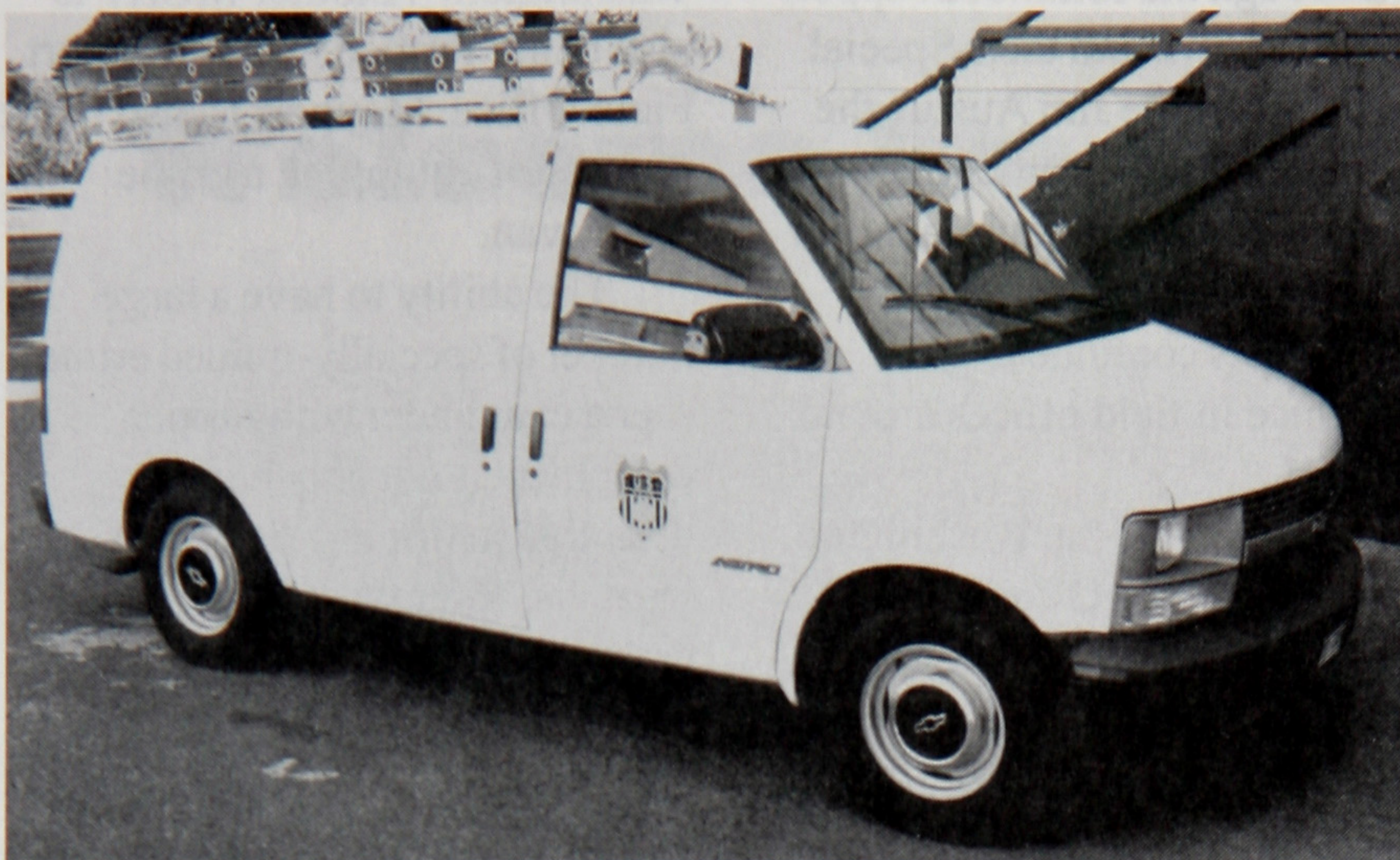
the overall Team Coordinator for the Washington Field Office MCRT.

Meanwhile, Nakasone had also procured a van and, with the assistance of Special Agent Pia Teves, installed custom shelving and cabinets to carry a variety of crime scene processing equipment.

Combined with the support of Special Agent-in-Charge Bernye Ayer and Assistant Special Agent in Charge Dan Simas, the Hawaii MCRT evolved into a well-equipped and effective unit.

In its short history, the Hawaii MCRT or elements of it have





processed several death scenes, sexual assault scenes, a fire scene, and assisted in a cold case homicide.

In addition to Nakasone, Peterson, and Iorio, the Hawaii MCRT includes Special Agents Michael Eversman, Alexander MacIsaac, and Corbin Rinehart. The Kaneohe Bay MCRT Element includes Special Agents Christopher McGady, Robert Rzepka and Michael Moran.

The MCRT concept evolved gradually over the last several years. It started after Special Agents Don Housman and Michael Maloney completed their MFS degrees at George Washington University, when they established a protocol for the different levels of forensic training in NCIS.

The highest level consists of FCs who have the MFS degree. Second is the ACSSs assigned to the field offices.

Housman is now at NCIS Headquarters, where he is in charge of the FC program, while Maloney is at Camp Lejeune.

At a minimum, agents assigned to MCRTs must complete the three week NCIS ACSS training. However, many have attended other advanced crime scene training.

The third level is that all NCIS special agents will attend the one week Basic Crime Scene Processing Course taught by their FCs and ACSSs.

The first Basic Crime Scene Processing Course was taught in Washington, D.C., in October 1995. Since then other courses have been held at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Mayport, Florida; Newport, Rhode Island; Rota, Spain; San Diego, California; Los Angeles, California; and two in Hawaii, with the most recent in July 1998.

Upon completion of the first



Basic Crime Scene Processing Course taught by Housman and Maloney, Special Agent Ron Olive, who was then the Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge (ASAC) for Criminal Investigations at the Washington Field Office, established an MCRT.

Shortly thereafter, the field office experienced a string of homicides and other high visibility death cases, including the suicide of the then-Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Jeremy Boorda.

Through the continued support of ASAC Olive and then-Special Agent-in-Charge Jim Austin, the Washington MCRT procured a van and state-of-the-art equipment for processing crime scenes.

MCRT's continue to gain acceptance in field offices around the NCIS.

In addition to the Washington and Hawaii Field Offices, MCRTs have been formed at the San Diego Field Office and the Northeast Field Office in Puget Sound,

Washington. Another MCRT is also being formed in the Mayport Field Office. Mayport is also in the process of equipping a crime scene van.

The ability to have a large number of specially-trained crime scene examiners with proper equipment is not only highly desirable in this day of increased legal and forensic scrutiny -- it is essential.

## LIAISON IN THAILAND



*Members of NCIS, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the Thai National Police gathered for a little celebration in Pattaya, Thailand earlier this year to celebrate the conclusion of a highly successful joint drug suppression operation.*

*During the three-day undercover operation, agents made multiple purchases of marijuana, cocaine, and amphetamines, resulting in the arrest of 25 Thai nationals.*

*The operation was conducted in conjunction with "Cobra Gold '98", a multi-national military operation in Thailand involving thousands of U.S. military personnel.*

*Above, Special Agent Kirk Greffen expresses his appreciation to his police counterparts. In the top left photo, Special Agent Kevin Naylong presents a memento to a Thai narcotics agent. Standing in the center of the photo, at left, is Staff Sergeant Ken Morse, a Marine CID agent assigned to NCIS.*





## **Welcome To St. Thomas**



*The USS Enterprise arrives in the scenic port of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.*

*(Photos by Special Agent Paul McCreary)*

## **"Roosey's Cantina" Keeps Pushers Off The Street**

*By Special Agent Cindy D. Alvarez  
Roosevelt Roads Resident Agency*

Sometimes the long arm of the law reaches across oceans to keep streets safe for military and civilian personnel.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Resident Agency in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, recently conducted a drug suppression operation in St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands.

The joint operation, dubbed "Roosey's Cantina", was conducted by the NCIS, the Virgin Islands Police Department, and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force. The purpose was to deter criminal activity in St. Thomas prior to the arrival of the USS Enterprise.

Five people were arrested and charged with possession of an illegal drug with intent to distribute, after two NCIS undercover agents, posing as tourists, purchased crack cocaine and marijuana from local street dealers. Approximately one half-pound of marijuana and more than 150 rocks of crack cocaine, a \$4,000 street value, were seized.

"By the second night of the operation, word had

spread throughout St. Thomas that NCIS was conducting a drug suppression operation," said Joseph D. Kennedy, NCIS resident agent-in-charge at Roosevelt Roads. "The criminal element was telling

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***Rear Adm. Stanley W. Bryant, Commander Carrier Group Four praised the Roosevelt Roads NCIS agents "... for their highly successful force protection operations preceding and during the visit of USS Enterprise to St. Thomas ..."***

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one another to avoid selling narcotics to any individuals unknown to them. This proves that the operation had significant impact," Kennedy added.



Rear Adm. Stanley W. Bryant, Commander Carrier Group Four, praised the Roosevelt Roads NCIS agents "...for their highly successful force protection operations preceding and during the visit of USS Enterprise to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

"Clearly, NCIS' efforts made St. Thomas safer for sailors and islanders alike. This is but one of a series of successes enjoyed by NCIS Roosevelt Roads during recent Composite Training Unit Exercise port visits in the Caribbean.

"Roosey's Cantina" was the third drug suppression operation conducted in St. Thomas by NCIS Roosevelt Roads in the last 18 months.



*Special Agents John Wagner and Cindy Alvarez take a break before going to work on "Roosey's Cantina."*

## **Memorial Scholarship Set In Honor of Special Agent Bradley McKnight**

This past summer, NCIS lost one of its own when Special Agent Bradley D. McKnight succumbed to a five-year battle with cancer.

McKnight achieved many things in his life. In addition to being the Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge for Fraud Investigations at the NCIS Washington, D.C., Field Office, he was a captain in the Naval Reserve.

He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

As a tribute to McKnight and the leadership skills he built during his years at Franklin College, members of his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE), have set up a scholarship fund in his memory -- The Bradley D. McKnight Memorial Scholarship Fund.

It is available to young men or women who want to attend the SAE Leadership School at Indiana Alpha, Franklin College.

Interested and qualified applicants may write to the Bradley D. McKnight Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 8974, South Charleston, West Virginia 25303 for more information.

To keep this scholarship alive, tax deductible donations are being accepted in memory of McKnight by the endowment fund at SAE National Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois.

The first funded scholarships awarded in McKnight's name will begin with the 1999 Leadership School Class.





## Two From NCIS Receive DOD FCI Awards

Special Agent Valerie Cernosek and Intelligence Analyst John Beattie were among the six people honored at the 11th Annual Department of Defense Counterintelligence Awards Ceremony held at the Pentagon on June 22, 1998.

Cernosek received the top award in the category of counterintelligence support to military operations.

According to the awards brochure, "Special Agent Cernosek's support to the Special Operations Command, Pacific (SOPAC), from January through December 1997 was outstanding. She provided staff and field support to the command both in garrison and while deployed OCONUS."

Beattie received the award in the investigations category. While assigned to the Washington Field Office, Beattie played a critical role in the successful espionage investigation of Robert Kim. According to the awards brochure, "Mr. Beattie's activities provided key pieces to the investigative puzzle that led to the eventual arrest and conviction of Kim."



*Shown from left to right are Director David L. Brant, Mr. Beattie, Special Agent Cernosek, and Assistant Director for Counterintelligence Joseph Hefferon after presentation of awards.*

## Surrounded!



*Months before Robert Kim was arrested and subsequently convicted of espionage, NCIS was keeping tabs on both him and his Korean "handler," Capt. Don I. Baek. Shown from left to right at a social function are Special Agent Joseph Hefferon, now Assistant Director for Counterintelligence; Capt. Baek; Intelligence Analyst John Beattie; and Special Agent Fran Lindenbaum.*

*Shortly after Kim's arrest, Baek, who had diplomatic immunity, was required to leave the United States.*



Three NCIS special agents were presented with awards by Rear Adm. Donald J. Gutter, Deputy Judge Advocate of the Navy, during a ceremony at the Hawaii Field Office.

The awards were presented on behalf of the Trial Service Office (TSO) Pacific, in recognition of outstanding investigative support.

**Special Agent Alexander J. MacIsaac** was selected as the TSO Pacific NCIS Agent of the Year for 1997.



**Rear Adm. Gutter presents Special Agent MacIsaac with the TSO Pacific Agent of the Year Award.**

As the newest member of the criminal squad at NCIS Field Office, Hawaii, MacIsaac "hit the ground running," according to the letter of commendation he received.

"Your obvious willingness to work hard, along with your ability to work smart, quickly caught the attention of the Pearl Harbor trial counsel and you rapidly developed a reputation as an extremely savvy, thorough and trustworthy agent," the commendation went on to state.

Most of MacIsaac's accomplishments occurred while serving as a member of NCIS Hawaii's aggressive, undercover drug team. According to the commendation, MacIsaac's innovative and highly effective "team trial" approach to the investigation and prosecution of drug cases allows for a well organized, strategically planned investigation and prosecution.

**Special Agent Robert A. Crosson** was recognized for his expert handling of several sensitive cases. He was specifically cited for his work on two child molestation cases and one child physical abuse case.



**Rear Adm. Gutter presents Special Agent Crosson with a letter of commendation.**

According to the citation, Crosson's extensive experience with child victims was of great assistance to the trial counsel during case preparation and trial, which led to convictions in all cases.

**Special Agent Robert Iorio** was recognized for his work as the lead investigator on several high profile cases. Of particular note was his extensive work on a case involving two individuals charged with stealing sensitive military property.

According to the citation, "Your hard work resulted in two successful prosecutions and sentences totaling 20 years of confinement. Additionally, your tireless dedication on a pending child murder case resulted in the successful indictment of a military dependent."



**Rear Adm. Gutter presents Special Agent Iorio with a letter of commendation for his work as lead investigator.**



**Special Agent Paul Ciccarelli** was presented the Navy Commendation for Meritorious Civilian Service for his performance while serving as Supervisory Special Agent at NCIS Kings Bay, Georgia.

According to the commendation, Ciccarelli "distinguished himself through the numerous successful undercover operations and drug use suppression efforts which have improved the quality of life for both Navy and civilian personnel at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay.

"Specifically, his outstanding efforts in narcotic suppression were recognized when he was presented with the International Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association Navy Award last year. He is one of five agents worldwide who have received this stellar award," the commendation further stated.

Ciccarelli and the members of his office were also honored by the St. Marys Police Department by receiving the Meritorious Community Service Award.

**Special Agent Joel W. Gossett** was selected as the NCIS San Diego Field Office Employee of the Quarter (third quarter).

According to the letter accompanying Gossett's award, "As the Field Training Coordinator, his efforts are instrumental in keeping all personnel up-to-date on required training -- something that is difficult to do, due to each individual's schedules and locations."

Gossett's tireless volunteer efforts do not go unnoticed and are relentless in nature. He has handled everything from coordinating Law Enforcement Day at a San Diego Padre game to working with the local police department in coordinating "Kidz-Watch" classes to lending assistance to the Boy Scouts, church committees and "taxiing" his own children to the community theater productions.

The commendation went on to state, "Officially, you continually take care of people, programs, and situations in a highly professional manner. During the holiday periods, your relentless efforts ensure safe passage for those crossing the border. Additionally, on off-duty time, you participated as a member of the "ENT" on hostage negotiations in the city with the local police force. Once again, enhancing the working relation NCIS shares with the San Diego Police Department."

**YN2 Arthur D. Beasley**, the NCIS yeoman aboard the USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63), was selected as the San Diego Field Office's 1997 NCIS Sailor of the Year.

As a yeoman assigned to the NCIS Special Agent Afloat Program, Beasley provides administra-

tive support to the NCIS Special Agent assigned to the USS Kitty Hawk carrier battle group. When in port, additionally, he assists the NCIS Resident Agency at Naval Air Station North Island, CA.

For his superior performance, Beasley was awarded a Navy Achievement Medal (gold star in lieu of a second award) for his performance as Afloat Yeoman.

According to the citation presented to Beasley, "His administrative procedures, as well as report submission deadlines, were major factors contributing to the successful accomplishment of the Agent Afloat mission."

In addition to his regular assignment, YN2 Beasley is the command firearms qualification administrative aide where he assists in recording scores of NCIS personnel.

Eight NCIS Special Agents and four Japanese National Narcotic Agents were recognized by the International Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association during an awards ceremony held on August 24 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Commendation awards were presented to **Special Agent Brian Baird**, who is also a Marine CID, of the NCIS Resident Agency, Parris Island, South Carolina, and **Special Agent L. Matthew Butler**, who is assigned to NCIS Headquarters.

U.S. Navy awards were presented to **Special Agent Michael Keleher** of the NCIS Resident Agency, Great Lakes, Illinois, and **Special Agent Charlton Howard** of the NCIS Resident Agency Singapore.

Four NCIS special agents received the International Award of Honor. They were **Supervisory Special Agent Kevin Dodds** and **Special Agents Kirk Greffen, Richard Jackson, and Kevin Naylon** of the NCIS Resident Agency, Okinawa, Japan.

Also receiving the International Award of Honor were Hideharu Maeki, Masakazu Ameku, Kaoru Izena and Takayki Nakagawa of the Narcotics Control Office, Kyushu District, Okinawa.





## ***Training***

# **FCI Managers Participate In "Team Building" Program**

***By Robert C. LeFrancois  
Training Department***

Whenever we hear people speak about "Team Building" programs, it makes a lot of us think about people sitting around a campfire singing.

However, Foreign Counterintelligence (FCI) managers recently participated in a unique team building experience at the start of the 1998 FCI Management Conference in Leesburg, Virginia.

Each manager was part of an individual team that used a variety of outdoor activities and exercises as vehicles for learning and change. This professional development program placed each person in an unfamiliar environment with the necessary tools for solving problems as part of a cooperative team.

Some team activities included building rope bridges and catapults, orienteering through the woods, and guiding teammates through small obstacle courses.

(Photos by Robert C. LeFrancios)





# Reserves



## Lt.Cmdr. Blickle Replaces Cmdr. Spaulding As The NCIS Reserve Program Coordinator

As the new NCIS Reserve Program Coordinator, Lt. Cmdr. Kathryn E. Blickle is the newest member to join the ranks of NCIS. She replaced Cmdr. Russ Spaulding.

Blickle is no stranger to the reserve program. She began her career in 1981 when she joined the naval reserve through the Advanced Pay Grade program, as an intelligence specialist. Three years later she received her commission and began serving as a naval reserve intelligence officer (1635).

She has served in a variety of reserve units. Her last duty assignment was at Commander, Naval Reserve Intelligence Command, Dallas, Texas, as the Special Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff (Manpower) for Recruiting.

Blickle graduated from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Linguistics (Spanish). She is qualified as a linguist in Danish and Spanish with Defense Language Proficiency tests completed in both.

Combining her civilian administrative and teaching abilities with her extensive naval reserve intelligence knowledge makes her a valuable asset to the six NCIS naval reserve units she supports.

Blickle's decorations include the Navy Achievement Medal (second award), the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Reserve Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Recruiting and the Pistol Sharpshooter ribbons.

## NR NCISHQ 0166 Wins Award

*Cmdr. Joseph Schmitz, Executive Officer of NR NCISHQ 0166, displays the "Stoddard Award" during the unit's recent change of command.*

*The Stoddard Award is presented by Reserve Intelligence Area NINETEEN annually to a unit in recognition of outstanding production support to the unit's gaining command.*

*During the ceremony, Capt. Richard Trout was relieved by Capt. Eleanor T. Schoonover. The ceremony was held in the atrium of NCIS Headquarters at the Washington Navy Yard.*





# 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 September 30, 1998, are listed below:

Name	Duty Station	NCIS Date
1. Conover, Jean S.	Washington, DC	October 19, 1964
2. Neely, Mary E.	Washington, DC	January 11, 1965
3. Lee, Brenda Sue	Washington, DC	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, DC	August 5, 1973
9. Green, Donna C.	Washington, DC	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, DC	March 3, 1975
14. Kohler, Nancy Leigh	San Diego, California	April 7, 1975
15. Griffith, David R.	London, England	July 14, 1975
16. Carter, Jan Cook	New River, North Carolina	September 2, 1975
17. Parham, Deborah L.	Norfolk, Virginia	October 20, 1975
18. Reynolds, Janet D.	Washington, DC	November 17, 1975
19. McGuinn, Gary A.	Washington, DC	March 3, 1976
20. Koen, Joyce G.	LeMoore, California	June 20, 1977

## HICKMAN BRINGS ENTHUSIASM AND 36 YEARS OF POLYGRAPH EXPERIENCE TO THE JOB

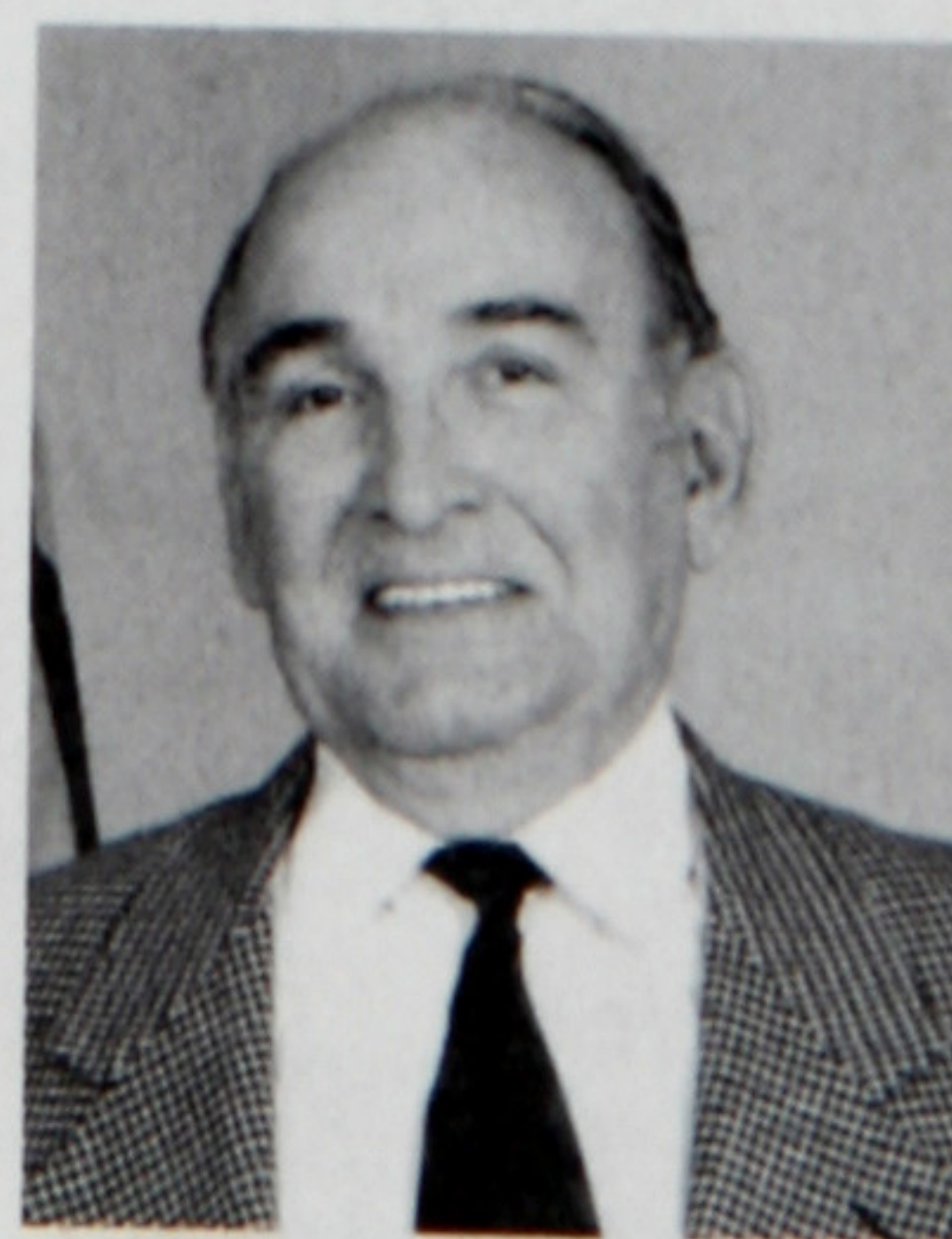
Although not among our Top Twenty List, Mr. Richard Hickman is definitely one of the more experienced members of the NCIS professional support staff. As one special agent put it, "He has forgotten more about polygraph than what I have ever known."

Mr. Hickman's profile reads like a history book. He has fought in the South Pacific during World War II and participated in several beach assaults at Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon, and Mindanao. After completing polygraph school at Fort Gordon, Georgia, in 1963, he was stationed in Germany where he served with the Army counterintelligence corps. During his 13 year tour in Germany, he worked extensively against the East Germans. Hickman is fluent in German and visits Germany every year.

After his Army career, Hickman opened his own polygraph schools in Los Angeles and San Francisco, California as well as Las Vegas,

Nevada. He joined NCIS in 1992 as a senior examiner and has become somewhat of a legend, according to Special Agent Alex Bedoya, Hickman's supervisor at the San Diego Polygraph Unit.

"Mr. Hickman brings experience, dedication



**Hickman**

and an enthusiastic approach to his job that's contagious," said Bedoya, who points out that Hickman has more than 36 years experience as a polygraph examiner. "It is clear, by his work habits, that he experiences life to the fullest every day. Never one to be late or keep people waiting, he gets to his office by 6:15 a.m. every day. From the moment he arrives at work one knows he is ready to start the day."



# PLANK OWNERS' LIST

The "Plank Owners' List" showing the top 25 NCIS special agents in terms of length of service. The "Plank Owners" as of September 30, 1998, are listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Duty Station</u>	<u>NCIS Date</u>
1. Laing, William D.	Philadelphia, PA	May 17, 1965
2. Whidden, Marshall T.	Pensacola, Florida	May 24, 1965
3. Marretta, Albert	Pensacola, Florida	June 21, 1965
4. McPherson, Victor H.	Washington, DC	August 26, 1968
5. Gerwerth, Joseph F.	Norfolk, Virginia	December 18, 1972
6. Spears, Stephen E.	Stuttgart, Germany	June 17, 1973
7. Clookie, Wayne D.	San Diego, California	November 23, 1973
8. Bruggeman, Michael D.	Washington, DC	November 26, 1973
9. Kelly, Lauchlin A., III	Washington, DC	January 7, 1974
10. Landin, Joseph C.	Norfolk, Virginia	May 13, 1974
11. Mugglesworth, Charles D.	Frankfurt, Germany	June 24, 1974
12. Boley, Thomas F.	Washington, DC	July 22, 1974
Coyle, Charles K.	Pensacola, Florida	July 22, 1974
Gehri, John R.	Jacksonville, Florida	July 22, 1974
Rossman, Harlan	Washington DC	July 22, 1974
16. Nigro, Robert M.	Washington, DC	July 25, 1974
Carman, Ray	Washington, DC	July 26, 1974
Jester, John	Norfolk, Virginia	July 26, 1974
Logan, Gary	Jacksonville, Florida	July 26, 1974
21. Bradley, Vaughn M.	Baltimore, Maryland	July 29, 1974
22. Smart, Bruce A.	San Diego, California	July 31, 1974
23. Zane, Alexander P.	Washington, DC	August 1, 1974
24. Bruce, Donald R.	Pensacola, Florida	August 5, 1974
25. Harris, Michael W.	Orlando, Florida	August 6, 1974
Kauffman, Frank	Washington, DC	August 6, 1974

# RETIRED

The following is a list of NCIS personnel who have retired since June 1, 1998:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Retired</u>
SA Flora Wilson	San Diego, California	June 1, 1998
Ms. Lahoma Rieder	Los Angeles, California	July 1, 1998
SA Kevin Hart	Naples, Italy	July 3, 1998
Ms. Ann Anderson	Washington, DC	August 3, 1998
SA William Hughes	Los Angeles, California	August 3, 1998

The address for the NCIS Web Site is:

**[www.ncis.navy.mil](http://www.ncis.navy.mil)**



## Ambushed!!!

*Capt. Clyde Villemetz, JAGC, USN, didn't want a lot of fanfare when he left NCIS in August 1998 to take an assignment at the Navy Inspector General's Office.*

*Villemetz has a lot of friends at NCIS, however, and they weren't about to let him get away scott-free. So when Villemetz returned to NCIS for a visit in September, Director David L. Brant surprised him with a shadow box containing the representative credentials he carried while he served with NCIS, along with an NCIS emblem and JAG captain shoulderboards.*

*(Photo by Gary M. Comerford)*



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