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## The Commander's Corner

*A word from your Commander*

Greetings and welcome to our second family and friends newsletter. As my tour on CONCORD comes to an end I will cherish the terrific memories. Being overseas and away from family and friends is always hard but serving with CONCORD's fine Sailors and Civilian Mariners has lessened the sense of separation for me and helped make the time pass quickly. During my tour I have experienced so many wonderful events including promoting and re-enlisting several sailors, PS1 Dumpit's earning SEALOGPAC Sailor of the Year, all the port calls, and seeing SK1(SW) Mancilla, a great Sailor and trusted shipmate, complete a full career and retire. I will also remember SK1 Jones, a fine Sailor and family man, may he rest in peace.

I am actually sad that I am leaving but will rejoice in knowing, just like the original Minute Men of Concord, the true American spirit the officers and crew of USNS CONCORD display on a daily basis will continue long into the future.

Thank You,

Roland G. Wadge  
CDR, SC, USN

## “98.02%...OUTSTANDING”

*By IT3 Austin, Blakely K*

Scoring 643 of 656 possible points, USNS CONCORD (T-AFS 5) earned a 98.02% on the Supply Management Certification (SMC). Just as the ship's crew expected, the overall score was “OUTSTANDING”.

The SMC is an inspection that determines whether or not the General Stores and Information Technology (IT) areas have the ability to effectively complete their primary mission. This three day process involves specifically the Stock Control Division, Material/Quality Assurance (QA) Division, and the IT Division.

“There was an apparent indication of continuous training, dedication, and professionalism throughout the Stock Control Division”, are the words CDR (SEL) James T. Albritton wrote in his final report. SK1 (SW) Sajid Cabebe was noted for his outstanding efforts as the Functional Area Supervisor. Among the civilians, Mr. Fernando Laysa and Mr. Mario Romias were also commended for their much-needed dedication.

The QA Division also did remarkably well in their area of the SMC. The accuracy of the QA Division was highly commended as an outstanding and organized workspace. IT3 (SW) Christopher Abele was acknowledged for his exceptional efforts coordinating all location audits and inventories. His superior knowledge of the Integrated Barcode System significantly contributed to the outstanding Location Audit Process and inventory accuracy.

The IT Division looked impressive with sustained high level of performance. The ADP shop was well prepared and trained for the SMC. ET2 (SW) William Power, IT3 Blakely Austin, and ITSN Charles Boyce showed how well they could do with good teamwork and dedication.

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# Fair Winds and Following Seas

*SK1(SW) Arnel J. Mancilla retires*

SK1(SW) Arnel J. Mancilla recently retired after 20 years of service. While aboard the USNS CONCORD (T-AFS 5), he proved himself to be an essential part of the crew and military department. His hard work and dedication to his job was very much alive even in the last few months of his career. From staying a few hours after quitting time to get the job done to showing up early the next morning to get an early jump on the day's work, proved that SK1(SW) Mancilla truly loved his job.

Beginning his career on August 18, 1986 at the Recruit Training Command, San Diego, CA, Arnel J. Mancilla graduated and reported aboard USS FIFE (DDG 91), homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. From December 04, 1986 up to August 14, 1989 SKSN Mancilla served there while still getting used to the Navy's way of life. After a fruitful three years on USS FIFE (DDG 91) Petty Officer Mancilla received orders to Naval Station Subic Bay Philippines.

In August 28, 1992 Petty Officer Mancilla was transferred to USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3), home ported in Guam. He served there until August 17, 1994. After USS NIAGARA FALLS, he reported for duty at Third Naval Construction Battalion Guam where he spent the next two years. Upon his completion of duty with the Construction Battalion, Petty Officer Mancilla did not have to travel far for his new duty station. USS FRANK CABLE (AS-40) was also home ported in Guam. He spent over five years on the USS FRANK CABLE detaching November 01, 2001. While aboard USS FRANK CABLE, Petty Officer Mancilla's diligence and dedication earned him his first two Navy Achievement Medals.

On November 01, 2001 Petty Officer Mancilla reported to his seventh duty station, FISC NOACT YOKOTA, JAPAN. There he continued to perform at his best and proved that he was willing to do whatever it took to get the job done. For the third time his impressive work ethic was acknowledged by his command which earned him another Navy Achievement Medal. On June 15, 2005 Petty Officer Mancilla left Yokota, Japan and headed back to Guam to serve at his last command, USNS CONCORD (T-AFS 5).

Petty Officer Mancilla reported to USNS CONCORD on June 26, 2005. He spent his last year in the military here and was greatly appreciated for all of his hard work. He was an outstanding First Class Petty Officer that set a fine example. On May 13, 2006

the Military Department gathered together for a retirement ceremony for SK1(SW) Arnel J. Mancilla where he was honored and thanked for his service in the United States Navy. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal upon his retirement for his hard work and dedication during his tour on USNS CONCORD. Among the many thanks to Petty Officer Mancilla, there were also many thanks that went out to his family, who was present for the ceremony. They were commended for being such a supportive family and thanked for all the sacrifices they had to give over the years.

Petty Officer Mancilla is now spending some very well deserved time with his wife of 20 years Lilibeth B. Mancilla, his son Arli, who is 19 years old, his 15 year old daughter, Arlene, his 10 year old son, Arren and his wonderful mother-in-law Leonila I. Bautista. <sup>3</sup>

## PROUD TO MARCH FOR CONCORD

*Written by: IT1 David Kirkland*

The Concord Massachusetts Patriots Day Parade was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. The weekend is dedicated to various celebrations commemorating the spirit of the minutemen of the American Revolution. The parade began in Concord center and wound its way through Minute Man National Park and over North Bridge. It was here, at The North Bridge on April 19, 1775 when the farmer's left their plows and defended their rights, creating the saying, "the shot heard 'round the world". As the parade formed up everyone had the opportunity to see the colonial re-enactors, the Naval Academy Band, Boy Scouts, Veterans and many others including the three of us from the USNS CONCORD. It was quite an impressive group of parade participants.

It was a special day and you could feel the positive energy from the crowd. The locals enthusiasm for the history behind the events is contagious and we quickly felt how very special the day was and what it meant to the city of Concord and to our nation. Everyone wanted to talk with us and say thanks for our service to country, which was very gratifying. It was clearly a town that was very passionate about what the day meant to them and to the nation.

After the parade we all gathered for lunch at the Concord Battery where we dined on spaghetti and meatballs. Everyone there made us feel right at home. At the Concord Battery we got to know more about Concord, MA and the people that live there. It was truly a very good time and an eye opening experience about American History. I would recommend this trip to all the Military onboard USNS CONCORD. <sup>3</sup>

CDR (SEL) James T. Albritton acknowledged the superb overall teamwork and great working relation between the CIVMAR and Military personnel. CONCORD's leadership was praised for their personal involvement to make the SMC a success. The ability of the CONCORD to do her job effectively and efficiently was once again proven beyond a shadow of a doubt.<sup>3</sup>

## SEALOGPAC SAILOR OF THE YEAR

*PS1(SW) Roberto Dumpitt is Sailor of the Year*

During a recent military department inspection and awards ceremony PS1(SW) Roberto Dumpitt was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal in recognition of his selection as the 2005 Sealift Logistics Command Pacific's Sailor of the Year. He continually serves at a superior level and his dedication is essential to the efficiency of the military department aboard the USNS CONCORD (T-AFS 5).

This award further exemplifies Petty Officer Dumpitt's ability to work hard at all times. Coming to us from the Marine Corps Air Station in Futenma, Japan he has taken every day as serious as his first day. His work ethic is unwavering and has allowed him to succeed in many areas of his career. Petty Officer Dumpitt is currently the Administrative and Personnel Officer. He is responsible for maintaining and administering 4 officers and 22 enlisted pay and personnel records onboard CONCORD. He also serves as Command Career Counselor, Command Legal Officer, Education Services Officer, Military Department Secretary, Assistant Casualty Calls Officer and Command Urinalysis Coordinator.

PS1(SW) Dumpitt is an outstanding Petty Officer who is truly deserving of this special recognition. In a Military Department staffed filled with hard working professionals, Petty Officer Dumpitt is a proven leader, administrator and manager. His professional knowledge coupled with superb technical and managerial skills were the driving force behind the Administration Department exceeding all requirements in support of command mission and combat readiness. Firm but fair, a staunch advocate of equal treatment and opportunity, he is very effective in getting his many jobs done and done right. His impeccable military bearing and appearance is something emulated by his peers and juniors. We take great pride in knowing that Petty Officer Dumpitt is Sealift Logistics Command Pacific's 2005 Sea Sailor of the Year.<sup>3</sup>

## CONCORD SAILORS MARCH IN CONCORD PARADE



From left to right; IT1 Kirkland, ET2(SW) Power and CDR Wadge. Picture taken in Concord, Massachusetts.

USNS CONCORD derives its name from the town Concord, MA.

## NAVAL TERMINOLOGY

**"A"-SCHOOL** — Apprentice School

This school provides the necessary training for sailors to understand and develop the necessary skills for their rate, prior to reporting to the fleet.

**MANNING THE RAIL** — Men and woman aboard ships stand evenly spaced apart along the railing and super structure of the ship, in order to render honor to the president, the head of a foreign state, or the member of a reigning royal family.

**MONKEY'S FIST** — A type of knot that is given its name because it slightly resembles a small clinched fist. It is tied at the end of a rope to provide weight, so the rope is then easier to throw.