Enlisted Man Earns Degree, Medal, Promotion

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A 33-year-old Black Navy man says, "It's been a hell of a great month. I've been promoted to Warrant Officer, received a medal from the admiral and graduated from college."

It all started 16 years ago when young high school dropout Moses D. Alston of Andrews, S.C., decided to "join the Navy and see the world."

Since that time, his travels have taken him to several countries in Europe, the Far East and many of the islands of the Caribbean.

"YOU'VE COME a long way baby and it's been a helluva great month," ponders Warrant Officer Alston as he glances at the three hats he recently wore.

LOOKING BACK

Looking back today, Warrant Officer Alston, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Alston of Rochester, N.Y., says, "It's much better to finish high school first and then try to broaden your horizons by traveling."

He adds, "Of course, when I was 17 years old in a small South Carolina school, the Navy sure did look good. I worked hard, studied and was a little lucky."

Warrant Officer Alston looked back on his early Navy days and said, "When I enlisted, Blacks were generally placed in food service ratings such as cooks or stewards or in other less desirable jobs.

WASN'T EASY

"We weren't automatically considered for ratings such as electronics technicians, missilemen, photo-interpreters or other such jobs."

"There weren't very many Black officers either," he said. "Long ago, I decided that I wanted to be a yeoman and that I was going to be a damned good one, too.

"It wasn't easy for me, but it was worth it," he stated.

REAL THING

It all started in 1956 when he began studying and preparing for the yeoman exams.

He passed the exam and was promoted to Yeoman Third Class. The following year, he studied and passed the U.S. Armed Forces Institute General Educational Development Test for a high school diploma and received the equivalent certificate.

He advanced to Yeoman Second Class the next year and decided he wanted to trade the GED high school equivalent certificate for the real thing.

CLASS HONORMAN

After a year of adult night study at San Diego's Lincoln High School, crammed between military duties and family responsibilities, he earned a "regular" high school diploma.

Warrant Officer Alston's goal was partially fulfilled when he graduated as the class honorman and number one in his advanced Yeoman School at San Diego in February 1964.

By this time he was a Yeoman First Class.

INTENSE QUEST

Shortly after being promoted to Chief Yeoman in 1965, he began an intense quest for knowledge and started hitting the books at "full speed ahead" in a drive for a college degree.

He has scholastic credits from San Diego City College, University of Maryland, and University of Hawaii.

When he reported to Commander Naval Forces Marianas on Guam in July 1970, he immediately enrolled at the University of Guam and started burning the midnight oil again.

MOST DIFFICULT

He settled into his new job as Flag Office Supervisor and studied at night.

"Trigonometry and college sciences were my most difficult subjects," he recalls, "but I always knew that I'd make it. It was just a matter of time."

He didn't let his college studies slow him down in his military studies. He was promoted again, this time to Senior Chief Yeoman.

CONFIDENT NAVYMAN

At commencement exercises this past June, a confident Navyman walked across the University of Guam stage and received his long-sought bachelor's degree in business administration.

Little did he know that four days later, his boss, Rear Admiral Paul E. Pugh, would award him the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

The citation accompanying the Medal cited the former Senior Chief Petty Officer for

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

". . .Meritorious service as supervisor and manager of the Flag Office on the Staff, Commander in Chief Pacific Representative Guam and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and Commander Naval Forces Marianas from July 1970 to July 1972."

"Senior Chief Alston consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. . .Displaying exceptional skill and resourcefulness, he developed and instituted a successful administrative system which, in conjunction with his diligent efforts towards training and personal concern for prompt and efficient service, has contributed significantly to the accomplishment of this command's mission.

"Senior Chief Alston's exceptional professional ability, initiative and loyal dedication to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. . ."

FITTING CLIMAX

Sounds like a fitting climax for a good tour of duty, doesn't it? But the story doesn't end there.

The following week, with his wife Yayoi smiling proudly, Senior Chief Yeoman Moses D. Alston was promoted to Warrant Officer.

His highly successful two-year tour on Guam will draw to a close later this month when he and his family depart for duty at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

He will serve as the administrative assistant and personnel officer on the staff of Commander Service Squadron FIVE.

Thinking back over the 16 years, Warrant Officer Alston chuckled to himself, "You've come a long way, baby."

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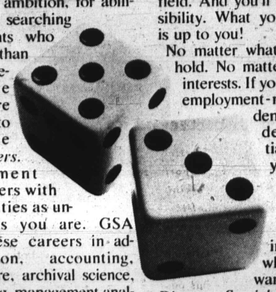

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A LTJG Nurse's Story

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Lieut. Junior Grad Jean George, of Baton Rouge, La., is a member of the surgical staff at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Oakland, Calif.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hopkins, of 1235 Terrace St., Baton Rouge, it has been her desire to become a nurse for as long as she can remember.

For three years following high school graduation, the then Miss Jean Marie Hopkins, worked in special education.

When prevailing circumstances interrupted her college career, she enrolled in and completed a course in vocational nursing.

Spurred on by the encouragement of her instructors, she went on to receive her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Northwestern State University in January 1970.

Later, she engaged in post-graduate study at Southern University in Louisiana.

In June 1971, after working in the intensive care unit of a civilian hospital, she decided she would like to travel, increase her financial security and continue working toward her master's degree.

So she joined the Navy.

LTJG George arrived at the Oakland Naval Hospital in August 1971 and began her first tour of military duty.

When not working at the hospital or caring for her two children, Tina, 9, and Timothy, 8, LTJG George enjoys cooking, sewing, reading and studying.

Her new goals are to get her master's degree in surgical nursing, become a clinical specialist and to travel overseas.

Tots Education Plan Refunded for Extra Year

ATLANTA, Ga. — Atlanta University's Early Childhood Education Fellowship Program, which focuses on learning and language development in children, has been refunded for the upcoming year.

Dr. James F. Doyle, director of the program in the School of Education, says the additional grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare brings the cumulative amount of program funding to more than $443,000.

The intent of the program is to prepare teachers and leadership personnel for critically needed service in the early childhood education field, and to expose them to a sequence of instruction and field experience with special attention to early learning and language development problems of socially disadvantaged children.

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interest are welcome to use these collections and the Institution's library.

Great Majority

The Anacostia Neighborhood Museum, through its exhibits and activities, speaks directly to the interests of the Black people who make up the great majority of its constituents.

The museum was founded as an experiment to bring the resources of the Smithsonian direct to the community.

Having celebrated its fifth anniversary this month, the museum is no longer an experiment, but a permanent, integral part of the community.

Most Popular

All exhibits of the museum have been based on suggestions from the Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

Their topics have been as diverse as "This Thing Called Jazz" and "The Rat: Man's Invited Affliction." Most have dealt with some aspect of Black history.

One of the most popular, "The Frederick Douglass Years," is now being circulated throughout the country by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

Urgent Problems

The Anacostia Museum's Research Center has recently developed a Black history of the neighborhood, which adds to the too-small but expanding body of knowledge of the history of Black Americans.

Two exhibitions resulted from this basic research.

The current one, based on interviews with neighborhood residents, documents what they consider the Anacostia's five most urgent problems — drugs, education, housing crime and unemployment.

Their Own Beauty

The National Portrait Gallery is also offering Black people an opportunity to gain a greater sense of their own heritage, with special exhibitions in the past year, such as "A Glimmer of Their Own Beauty," which featured such important Black contributors to the arts as Langston Hughes and Bessie Smith, and displays on the Black history of Washington.

The Gallery's most recently acquired portrait is one of the great Black Shakespearean actor of the last century, Ira Aldridge.

In April, 1973, the Gallery will open its major exhibition of the year, "History of the Black Man in America," a comprehensive show encompassing all 14 galleries on the first floor.

Planned for five years the exhibit will span the years from the Revolutionary War to World War II.

The National Collection of Fine Arts, this past year, brought attention to a long neglected Black artist, William H. Johnson. The show was such a hit that it to is being circulated by the Traveling Exhibition Service.

Opportunities for Black people at the Smithsonian, then, go beyond an employment range as diverse as that anywhere to include opportunities for education and entertainment.

And the opportunities in both areas can be counted on to expand.

Parks Sausage Promotes Three To Top Jobs

BALTIMORE, Md. — Henry G. Parks Jr., president and chairman of the board of Parks Sausage Co., recently named three men to managerial positions.

Haskell N. Arnold was appointed as controller; Theo C. Rodgers, assistant to the president; and Kiah S. Carter Jr., of Parks' New York operation, sales administrative manager.

Rodgers comes to Parks from a staff associate position with National CEBO in Washington, D.C.

His background experiences include employment as a mechanical engineer with General Motors, as a planner and engineer with Dow Corning and Urban Data Processing.

Rodgers graduated from Tennessee A and I University and earned an MBA from Harvard.

He is married to the former Blanche Davis and is the father of one child.

Arnold comes from Arthur Andersen CPA firm, after service with Arthur Young and Co. in Boston, and stretches with the Chrysler Corp. and E. J. Dupont.

Arnold has served as finance officer in the Army.

After an undergraduate degree from Hampton Institute, he took his MBA from Harvard.

He is married to the former Linda Grayson and is the father of two children.

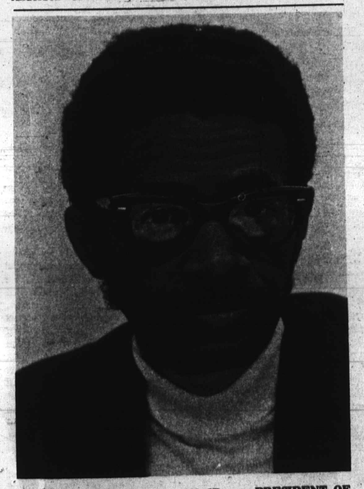
Carter is a 12-year employee with Parks organization, as Philadelphia sales supervisor and New York administrative manager.

A one time accounting clerk in New York, he adds his experience as a former circulation manager with the Richmond AFRO-AMERICAN and service with Redevelopment Authority in Philadelphia.

He is married to the former Gwerdolyn Green and is the father of one child.

The Labor Department has allocated $8.4 million under the Emergency Employment Act to provide public service jobs for unemployed reservation Indians in 221 tribes.

In gas and electric utilities, where output and output per man hour increased at about the same rate, employment has remained relatively constant.



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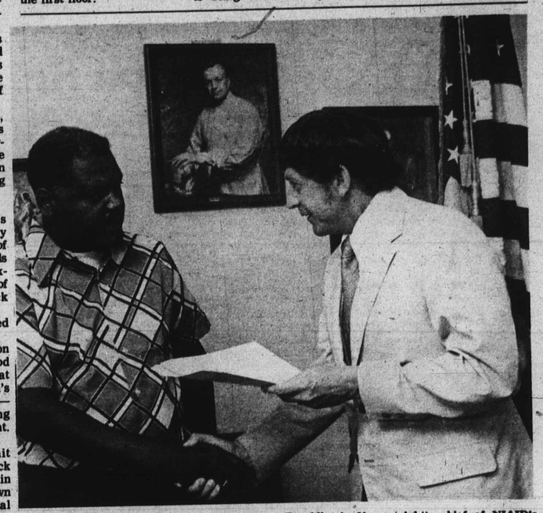

AN INTEREST in animals can be rewarding in a variety of ways, as A. Louis Prather, a laboratory animal caretaker with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md., discovered. Mr. Prather recently received a check for $200 and a special achievement award certificate from Dr. Franklin A. Neva (right), chief of NIAID's laboratory of parasitic diseases. Several different species of monkeys are maintained by Mr. Prather for use by laboratory scientists in their studies of malaria and filariasis. A native of Germantown and now a resident of Silver Spring (both in Maryland), Mr. Prather came to NIAID in 1957.

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