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Introduction. This is the first issue of the Fleet Support Bulletin. This publication will be published quarterly and distributed to all commands with Lithographer billets. The purpose of the Bulletin is to establish an effective communication link with the Lithographer community on all publications and printing matters. This first issue will be of a very general nature—a brief outline of the various NPPS Fleet Support Programs. Future issues of the publication will be devoted to providing addressees with more specific details and status reports on these programs and on other items of interest.

NPPS. The Navy Publications and Printing Service (NPPS) is the central publications and printing office of the Department of the Navy. NPPS operates under the direction of the Chief of Naval Material and the Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command. The primary responsibility of the organization is to promote the efficient and economical administration of the Navy's publications and printing programs.

NPPS employs approximately 1,300 personnel through a world-wide network of 33 plants, ranging in size from 6 to 350 personnel.

Fleet Support Program. NPPS recently expanded its Fleet Support Branch from 1 to 4 personnel to improve our fleet support capability.

Technical Advisor for the Lithographer Enlisted Rating
(NAVSUP Instruction 3502.1 of 19 Mar 1976)

NPPS is the Primary and Technical Advisor and Sponsor for the Lithographer Enlisted Rating. The Fleet Support Staff is currently involved in plans for establishing a formal Class "A" School for the Lithographer Rating. We will keep you posted on the status of this effort.



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Fleet Printing Plant Program

(NAVSUP Instruction 5600.16B of 6 Feb 76)

NPPS exercises technical direction of the Navy's shipboard offset duplicating/printing facilities. This office provides technical assistance to the Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, the project managers, and the fleet and type commanders for planning and designing offset duplicating/printing facilities of ships under construction or conversion, and for updating and modernizing existing offset/duplicating printing facilities as required and approved by all concerned. It should be noted that this staff is planning to revise and update the Fleet Printing Plant Program Directive, NAVSUP Instruction 5600.16B in the very near future.

Acquisition/Replacement of Offset Duplicating/Printing Equipment.

Authority to acquire or replace equipment items for shipboard offset duplicating/printing facilities must be obtained from the Navy Publications and Printing Service Management Office (NPPSMO), Washington, D.C. Requests for NPPSMO technical assistance and authorization should be submitted via letter, message, or telephone if necessary. The request should include: the equipment item(s) desired, manufacturer(s) and model number(s), and approximate cost(s). Upon review, NPPSMO will assign an authorization number for each equipment item which is approved, so that the requesting command may initiate procurement action. The NPPSMO authorization number should be cited by the command on all procurement documents. Local procurement offices will not process any requisition for printing equipment which does not cite an appropriate NPPSMO authorization number. The primary goal of this effort, and the Fleet Printing Plant Program in general, is to standardize the fleet offset duplicating/printing equipment allowance with the most effective and economical equipment items available, while ensuring that shipboard offset duplicating/printing facilities are capable of effectively meeting mission and workload requirements.

NAVSEC Industrial Shop Survey Program

(NAVSUP Instruction 5600.16B of 6 Feb 76)

The Naval Ship Engineering Center (NSEC) is responsible for conducting scheduled Industrial Plant Equipment Surveys for the AS, AD, and AR class ships. In conjunction with this NSEC program, NPPS provides the NSEC survey team with a printing specialist to survey the printing facilities of these ships. To date, surveys of offset duplicating/printing facilities of ship classes other than the AS, AD, and AR classes, have been conducted on an informal, case by case basis, in contrast to the

formal survey program for the AS, AD, and AR classes. However, in consideration of this office's fleet support responsibilities in the Fleet Printing Plant Program, this staff is interested in conducting on-site surveys of all shipboard offset duplicating/printing facilities. NPPSMO recently forwarded a request to all Type Commanders requesting approval to establish a formal, scheduled survey program for all shipboard offset duplicating/printing facilities. The TYCOMS have been requested to submit, by geographical location, a list of the ships with offset duplicating/printing facilities under their cognizance for inclusion in this program. Information obtained from these surveys would be used to assist Fleet/Force/Type Commanders, Systems Commands, and this service in modernization and program management plans for subject facilities.

Allowance Equipage Lists (AELS) for Shipboard Offset Duplicating/Printing Facilities

NPPS is the Technical Advisor to the Ships Parts Control Center (SPCC), Mechanicsburg, PA, for the AELS for shipboard offset duplicating/printing facilities. This staff is currently revising and updating the AELS for all class ships with offset duplicating/printing facilities. This staff intends to enclose the revised AELS in the impending revision of NAVSUP Instruction 5600.16B. NPPS also plans to establish program procedures for select fleet units to test and evaluate various printing/duplicating equipment items for possible addition to these lists as allowable equipment items.

On-the-Job Training for the Lithographer Rating (NAVSUP Instruction 3502.2 of 6 Aug 1976)

Select NPPS offices provide advanced on-the-job training to the Lithographers at no cost. In the past year, approximately 65 Lithographers have received on-the-job training.

3M Program (PMS)

NPPS is the Technical Advisor for the 3M Program for shipboard offset duplicating/printing equipment. The objectives of this program are to:

(1) obtain fleet input on deficiencies of maintenance related items (includes errors in maintenance procedures, frequency intervals, etc.) and equipment/systems design problems.

(2) Implement the addition, deletion, or modification of maintenance procedure steps, tools, parts, materials, as required, to improve PMS performance.

Addressees are advised to report any Maintenance Requirements Card (MRC) or Maintenance Index Page (MIP) discrepancies to the Naval Sea Support Center (NAVSEASUPCEN), Norfolk or San Diego for review.

Other Items of Interest:

Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet ltr FF4-12:N441, 9890 Ser: 92 of 6 Jan 78 advises that "the Engineering Department Manual for Naval Nuclear Propulsion Plants (NAVSEA 0989-019-2000 REV. 2) no longer requires that allowable maximum and minimum parameter readings be printed in red ink on each applicable log. In the interest of economy and submarine support activity workload , as individual logs require revision/reprinting they should be printed using only black ink".

SECNAV Instruction 5603.2A of 22 Dec 1977.

This instruction, subject, "Printed matter for official ceremonies; policy, standards and availability for", has recently been issued. You should obtain a copy for reference.

Conclusion.

If the NPPS Fleet Support Staff can be of any assistance to you, or if you have any comments or suggestions for this or future issues of the Fleet Support Bulletin, please contact us.