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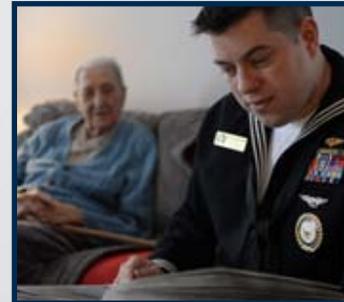
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Team Nashville,

Crossing “over the hump” of Fiscal Year 2015, the District is in outstanding shape across the board among all missions. On a daily basis, we continue to see superior accomplishments as a result of our command’s pursuit of excellence. Nashville remains ahead of the pack due to the hard work and diligence of our Team, which is in keeping with our “Year of the Leader” motto.

As spring unfolds in the Mid-South, I’d like to remind you to exercise caution both on and off duty as the weather changes. We know too well that although the winter ice may be behind us, many of us live and work in areas with a high propensity for tornadoes and other extreme weather. Be prepared, stay safe and remember to “SELL” the Navy every day. I feel very privileged to serve as your CO and look forward to seeing each one of you in the very near future.

Very respectfully yours,
Skipper

TEAMWORK

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MC1(SW/AW) TIMOTHY WALTER

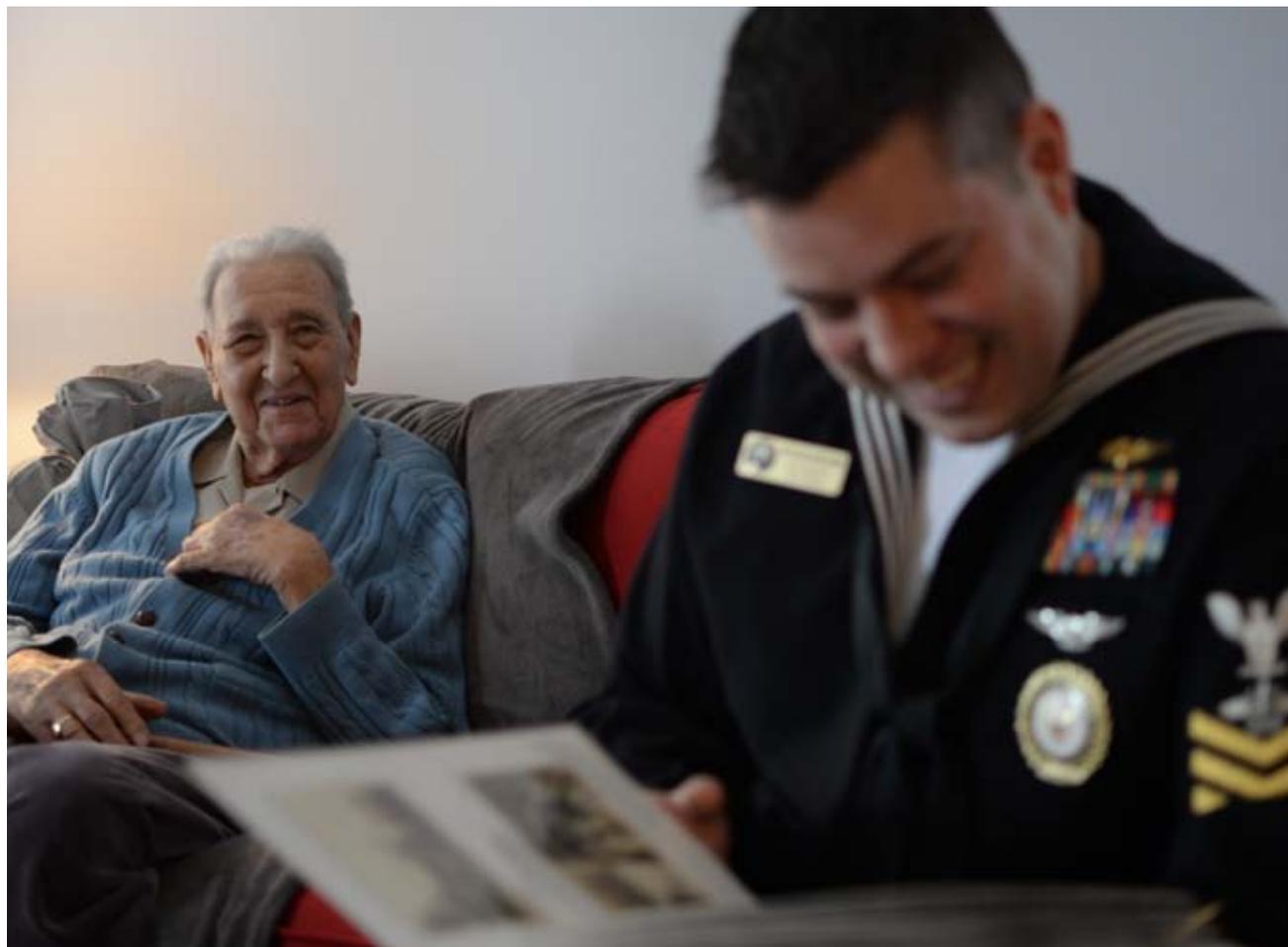
When he saw a Sailor in his dress blue uniform, Bill Stein was shocked.

“They told me some men from the Navy were coming over, but I didn’t believe them,” Stein said with a grin. He was sitting on a couch in his daughter’s home in Spring Hill, Tenn., where he moved to in early January from his former home in Clearwater, Fla. As he sat there, a cane was close to his side and a pile of photo albums filled the coffee table.

Naval Aircrewman (Mechanical) 1st Class Jasen Billman, a recruiter assigned to Navy Recruiting Station Franklin, quickly introduced himself to Stein and told him that he came to welcome a fellow Sailor to the area.

But it wasn’t the first time Stein had seen Music City. Nearly 70 years ago one of the most arduous journeys of his life brought him here by way of a passenger train called the Tennessean. It was Nov. 24, 1945 – the day of his honorable discharge from the Navy at the Naval Personnel Separation Center Nashville.

It was a journey that started a little over three years before that day – a journey that took him from the Philadelphia Navy Yard to the coasts of Africa and Italy and across the globe to the islands of Japan. It was a story he would write in his journal and later produce into a book called, “I was a Navy Amphib: APAs in action in the greatest war



Naval Aircrewman (Mechanical) 1st Class Jasen Billman, a Navy recruiter assigned to Navy Recruiting District Nashville, looks through a photo album with World War II Navy veteran Bill Stein during a surprise visit to welcome the former Sailor to the area. Stein, who recently moved to the Nashville area to be closer to family, served on amphibious missions in both the European and Pacific theaters aboard several attack transport ships. Stein and his wife authored a book based on his experiences, titled “I was a Navy Amphib.”

in American history.”

But Stein was more interested in Billman’s rate and the places he has served. After Billman detailed his duty stations and job, Stein’s wife, Ann, brought their attention to the photo albums that she had brought out for the occasion. Hundreds of images detailed a far-flung excursion to foreign beaches and hostile coastlines. In his humility, Stein interjected several times that they were just photos and probably should be put away in a box. But for Billman it was a glimpse into something amazing.

“It was awesome to see the photos and then relate those to all the stories he had to tell,” Billman said. “I thought it was an honor to sit down and learn about his past and history. If you think about it, the times back then are completely different than they are now. Just to hear from firsthand experience instead of reading it from a book was a reality check for me of the difference between the Navy then and now.”

At one point, Stein pulled aside the left portion of his light blue sweater to reveal the ribbons that he earned during his three-year tour. His wife had laid out his second class petty officer uniform was just a few feet away. Despite his claims that it wasn’t that important, his face told a different story.

“I thought it was awesome to see the look on his face when we came out there and for him to know that what he did is still very much appreciated. You could just tell that his eyes lit up when we walked in,” Billman said. “It was definitely time well-spent.”



A plaque lists the service dates of Machinist’s Mate 2nd Class William “Bill” Stein during World War II.



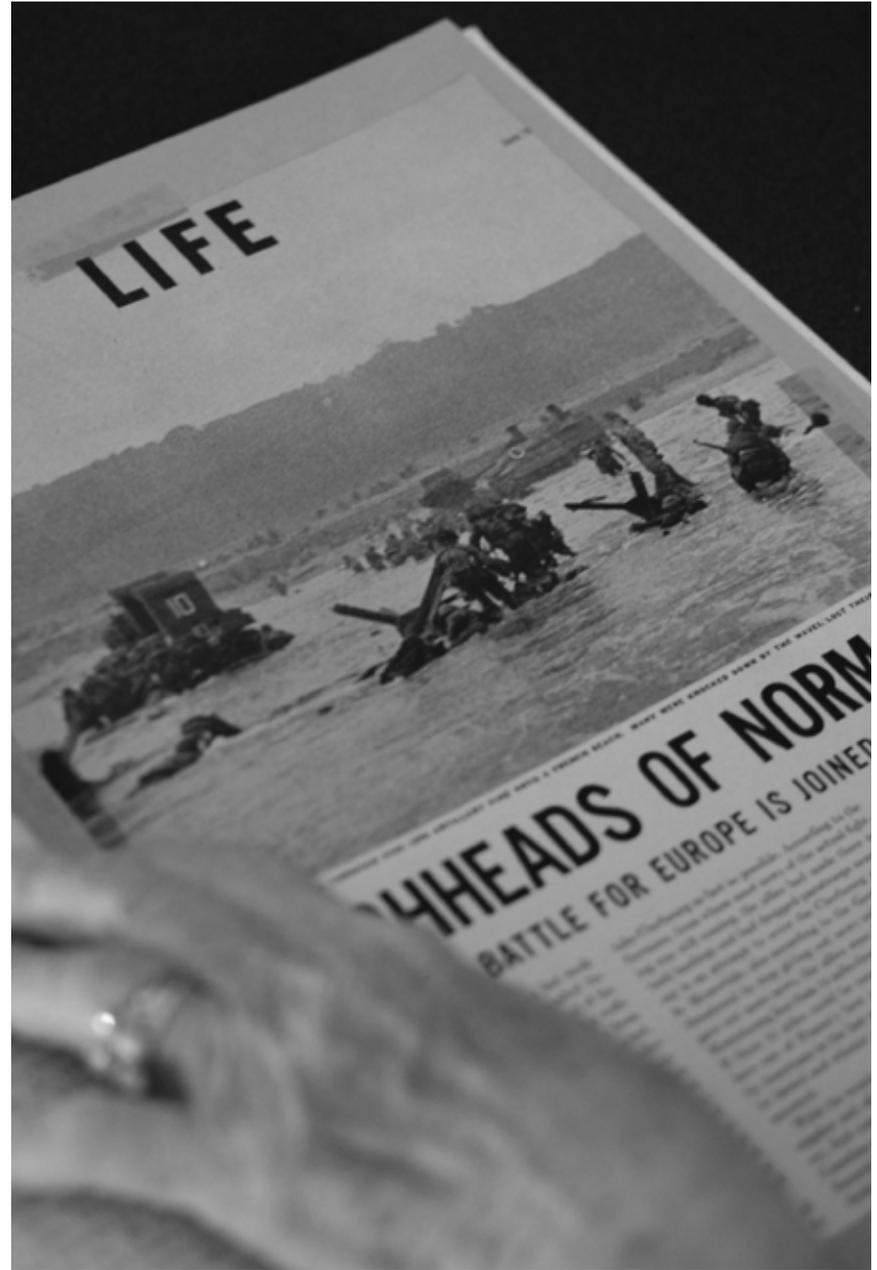
Naval Aircrewman (Mechanical) 1st Class Jasen Billman speaks with Ann Stein after he met with her husband World War II Navy veteran Bill Stein.



World War II Navy veteran Bill Stein shows off his ribbons to Naval Aircrewman (Mechanical) 1st Class Jasen Billman.



World War II Navy veteran Bill Stein smiles during a surprise visit by Naval Aircrewman (Mechanical) 1st Class Jasen Billman.



Ann Stein shows the scrapbook of her husband's travels.

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Naval Aircrewman (Mechanical) 1st Class Jasen Billman, left, meets with World War II Navy veteran Bill Stein during a surprise visit to welcome the former Sailor to the area. Stein, who recently moved to the Nashville area to be closer to family, served on amphibious missions in both the European and Pacific theaters aboard several attack transport ships.

INSPECTION

Cmdr. Jaime Hernandez, left, commanding officer of Navy Recruiting District (NRD) Nashville, reviews the uniform of Religious Programs Specialist 1st Class Jonathon Shields during a personnel inspection at NRD Nashville Headquarters.



XO Notes

Team Nashville-

We made it through the rough winter months, station closures, and problems getting our shippers to RTC. Take advantage of the improving weather to ensure you are fully prepared in all respects for the spring Physical Fitness Assessment.

I have had the opportunity to meet more of our great team and am inspired daily by the great things each of you accomplish routinely. We continue to excel in our "Year of the Leader" at all levels in the command. We continue to raise the bar for Station LPO qualifications and our Sailors continue to surpass the bar... through great training and mentoring.

We have been busy filling our vacant civil service positions and seeing immediate positive impact. Our team of professionals is our greatest asset — continue to support one another



to accomplish mission early through sound practices with unquestionable integrity. OUR Navy Core Values must be evident in our actions daily. Our uniformed personnel are "walking infomercials" every time we are in the public eye - make those quality infomercials!

Do not forget, we are all to strive for excellence. This should carry forward in our personal lives as much as it is in our professional lives. Set goals, keep them at the forefront and work to accomplish them daily.

I look forward to getting out more this upcoming quarter, meeting each of you and seeing Team Nashville continue to do great things.

With much respect,
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NRD REENLISTMENT

STS1 Joshua Moore
NRS Murfreesboro, Tenn.



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IT2 Heather Cross
NRS Rivergate, Tenn.



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MM1 Travis Altena
NRS Dalton, Ga.



CMC SPEAKS

Greetings Shipmates,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families doing well!

Thank you for all that you do every day. What a crazy winter this has been. Hopefully the arrival of spring will bring an end to the cold weather.

First off, congratulations to the 21 First Class Petty Officers who took the Chiefs exam in January and became Selection Board Eligible. I look forward to seeing all of you advanced to Chief this summer.

As the warmer weather approaches, please make sure you are thinking “Safety” when you start all your spring projects. Our Navy needs us to be healthy and safe.

If you have not already done so, it is not too late to prepare for the weigh-ins in April and the PRT in May. We all know the standards for physical fitness and must work every day to meet those standards. If you have any questions concerning the PFA please contact EMC(SW) Smith.

As always, I sincerely appreciate your hard work and dedication to our Navy and NRD Nashville. You are all “Great Americans”!

I will see you about the deckplates!

V/R R/ CMC

NRD ACHIEVEMENTS

ET2 Shay Mcclurg
passes Advanced Recruiter Board



CTMI Matthew Armstrong
passes Advanced Recruiter Board



GSE2 Christopher Spaid
passes Advanced Recruiter Board



ET2 Vernon Costello
passes Advanced Recruiter Board



NRD ACHIEVEMENTS

AM2 Nicholas Chicarello
passes Advanced Recruiter Board



QM2 Katisha Ross
passes Advanced Recruiter Board



EMI Cory John
passes Advanced Recruiter Board



LT Claudia Alday
receives Recruiting Gold Wreath



NRD DEPARTING

MMI William Robacker



AQ2 Jerimie Dortch



ETC Jonathan Wallace



AQ2 Joshua Collins



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DC1 Isaiah Prescott



AT1 Jeremy Goodman



AME1 TJ Coots



LT Howard Maits



Ensign Kevin Lutz



Ensign Kevin Lutz, left, a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., receives his commissioning document from Lt. Seth Gay during a commissioning ceremony at Navy Recruiting District Nashville. Lutz will be serving in the Navy's nuclear field school as an instructor for incoming Sailors and officers.

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Ensign Mark Bolen



Ensign Mark Bolen, a health care administrator at the TriStar Summit Medical Center, takes the Oath of Office to become a Navy Reserve Medical Service Corps officer during a commissioning ceremony held in the medical center's chapel.

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