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GHANA NAVY SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH HO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY



The Ghana Navy signed a partnership agreement with Ho Technical University to pave way for the certification and accreditation of courses run at the Supply Application School of the Ghana Navy at Nutekpor to ensure personnel receive recognized qualifications and also enhance the standard of education at the School. The partnership was formalized with a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Chief Staff Officer at the Naval Headquarters, Commodore Prosper Mensah Modey on behalf of the Chief of the Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu and the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Ben Honyenuga at a brief ceremony held at the FO Kwami Chamber at the school premises on Tuesday 13 June 2023.



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Minister for Defence and Chief of the Naval Staff visit Naval Training Command



Editorial

DEBUNK IMB REPORT; BUILDING A BETTER NAVY



NAVAL CAPTAIN ANDY LA-ANYANE
CHIEF EDITOR

Over the period, the maritime industry has made boundless contributions to the world economy and the Ghana Navy's role in maintaining a blue economy cannot be over-emphasized.

Despite the Navy's efforts in making sure that Ghana's waters are secure and safe, a misleading report was released last year by the International Maritime Bureau (IMB) Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) which portrayed Ghana as the country with the highest piracy incidents globally.

This is misleading and disingenuous to the overall success of the Ghana Navy's effort towards curbing criminal activities at sea.

The Report indicated that Ghana and Angola rose to the top of the list of countries reporting piracy incidents in the Gulf of Guinea. The data indicated that the Takoradi and the Luanda anchorages were both included in the IMB PRC's list of worldwide ports with three or more reported incidents of piracy in 2022, and more than two-thirds of the events occurring while ships were anchored or berthed. In the report, Ghana was rated the highest in terms of incidents scoring 33% and Angola recording 24%.

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) defines piracy as an act of violence or detention perpetrated on the high seas against a ship outside of state's jurisdiction of 12 nautical miles off its coast.

The IMB for whatever reason, chose to redefine piracy as the act of boarding any vessel with the intent to commit theft or any other crime and with an intent or capacity to use force in furtherance of

that act. The incidents of petty thefts which occurred on some vessels at the Takoradi Port and anchorage does not fit the definition of UNCLOS.

It is the sole mandate of every vessel to keep proper watch on board to ensure that the issue of theft is prevented hence what may have led to the IMB's report was that the vessels did not report such incidents to the local authorities on detection but rather chose to report them to their parent companies overseas, thereby denying local authorities the opportunity to act swiftly on the incidents.

The Ghana Navy has over the past two years not encountered any violent attack or kidnapping against vessels in our waters and with support from its collaborators, have nipped piracy in the bud by building capacity and sharing information, resulting in increased presence at sea and the deployment of armed guards on fishing vessels. The Navy remains committed towards fighting criminal activities at sea and is still making efforts in curbing these practices.

The Ghana Navy has over the period been able to acquire 4 Offshore Security Vessels or River Class Ships namely, Ghana Navy Ship (GNS) VOLTA, GNS PRA, GNS DENSU and GNS ANKOBRA with the support of government. These Offshore Security Vessels for the Navy were considered expedient to broaden the scope of the naming tradition to include major Rivers in the country. The Offshore Security Vessels will assist in the discharge of her security duties associated with the increased economic activities in Ghana's maritime domain.

Again, the Navy recently received 2 Mitsubishi Pajero Vehicles from the

Danish government to support its Special Forces. The tri-lateral partnership formed among the Danish Naval Special Warfare Group referred to as the Frogman Corps, the United States African Command and the Ghana Navy seeks to develop the Ghana Navy Special Boat Squadron to an elite force, well trained and equipped to conduct all kinds of maritime interdictions and specialized operations. This stead I must state is highly commendable.

Joining the Virtual Regional Maritime Traffic Centre (V-RMTC) and Trans-Regional Maritime Network (T-RMN) is another milestone that is worth mentioning. This venture seeks to enhance information sharing amongst international maritime stakeholders and improve upon maritime threats faced within the Mediterranean Region.

Additionally, the construction of a Forward Operating Base situated at Ezinlinbo in the Jomoro District of the Western Region as well as accommodation and office facilities at the Naval Training Command, Nutekpor in the Volta Region is underway in improving on the Navy's operational capabilities.

These developments are laudable in building and enhancing a formidable and better Navy.

As officers and men of the Ghana Navy and the Ghana Armed Forces (GAF) at large, we owe it a duty to carry out our tasks and duties professionally without fear or favour.

May God bless us all as we continue to work for the Ghana Navy, GAF and our dear country, Ghana.

Ghana Navy, AHoy!

MINISTER FOR DEFENCE VISITS NAVAL TRAINING COMMAND



The Minister for Defence, Honourable (Hon) Dominic Nitiwul paid a working visit to the Naval Training Command, (NAVTRAC), at Nutekpor, Sogakope in Volta Region on Thursday 11 May 2023. The visit sought to afford the Defence Minister have a first-hand information on the operational activities and challenges facing the Command.

Hon Dominic Nitiwul was accompanied by the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu, and some

senior officers and were welcomed on arrival by the former Flag Officer Commanding (FOC) NAVTRAC, Commodore Godwin Livinus Bessing.

On arrival, the delegation was briefed on the operations, ongoing projects and some challenges confronting the Command.

Hon Nitiwul, in his remarks said he was committed towards working closely with the CNS to ensure that the issues raised were addressed.

He commended the CNS and the FOC NAVTRAC for the effort of work in the development of the Command despite their limited resources. The Defence Minister urged them to continue to work harder for the betterment of the Ghana Navy.

The Minister for Defence and the team toured some facilities of the Command including the Special Boat Squadron construction camp site, the Range, the United States Sea-Bees camp and some centres in the Command.



DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE AND MILITARY HIGH COMMAND VISIT NAVAL TRAINING COMMAND

In an effort to ascertain the state of development at the Naval Training Command (NAVTRAC), a delegation led by the Deputy Minister for Defence, Honourable (Hon) Kofi Amankwa-Manu and the Military High Command paid a working visit to NAVTRAC on Thursday 4 May 2023.



The Deputy Minister for Defence was accompanied by the Chief of the Defence Staff, Vice Admiral Seth Amoama, the Chief of the Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu and the Commandant Training and Doctrine Command, Major General Bismark Onwona and were received by the former Flag Officer Commanding (FOC) NAVTRAC, Commodore Godwin Livinus Bessing.

The team was briefed on the state of the Command after which they toured the facilities there.

In his remarks, Hon Amankwa-Manu said he was pleased with the level of work done so far by the FOC and his staff and assured his outfit and the

Military High Command will help with drainage and construction works at the Command.

On his part, the CNS also assured them on the procurement of some bedding facilities and other necessary items for the Medical Centre at the Command.





CDS VISITS NAVAL HEADQUARTERS

■ Emily Gonyo

The Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS), Vice Admiral Seth Amoama, paid a working visit to the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu at the Naval Headquarters on 11 January 2023.



CDS signing the Visitors book at the Naval Headquarters

The visit formed part of his official tour to the 3 Service Headquarters' at Burma Camp in the new year.

During his visit, the CDS lauded the CNS for his enormous contributions in steering the affairs of the Ghana Navy and particularly commended him for his unwavering support to the Ghana Armed Forces (GAF).

On his part, the CNS, assured the CDS that the Ghana Navy will continue to work assiduously to project the image of GAF and Ghana at large. He expressed gratitude to the CDS for the visit.

The CDS was welcomed by some Directors at the Naval Headquarters.



CDS, CNS and some Directors at the Naval Headquarters

SPECIAL BOAT SQUADRON OPERATIVES OF GHANA NAVY GRADUATE

■ Charles Annang



Maj General Oppong-Peprah,
Chief of the Army Staff
inspects Quarter Guard
at NAVTRAC

Eight operatives were adorned the Special Forces badge. They have thus advanced into Ghana Navy's Special Boat Squadron (SBS) after successfully completing the maiden 6-month Boat Squadron Basic Operative Capability Course 1/22 at the Naval Training Command (NAVTRAC), Nutekpor, Sogakope, on 15 September 2022. Although the course began with 25 trainees, only 8 were able to make it through the 6 months training.

The Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), Major General (Maj Gen) Thomas Oppong-Peprah was the Guest of Honour for the

occasion.

The COAS, who represented the Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS), said the establishment of Special Operations Forces had become a priority in modern military setups to be used to protect vital national interests.

Maj Gen Oppong-Peprah stressed that with dynamic and complex maritime security challenges, it is imperative for Ghana Navy to possess an elite, well-trained and equipped force capable of conducting all kinds of maritime interdiction in specialized operations.

On his part, the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu, commended the Ghana Army and Air Force for using the Army Special Operations Training School (ASOTS) as a training ground and providing air support for the SBS respectively.

Present at the occasion were the Ambassador of Denmark to Ghana HE Tom Norring, General Officer Commanding Northern Command Brigadier General Matthew Essien, and also Air Commodore Joshua Mensah Lakai who represented the Chief of Air Staff. The other dignitaries were the Flag Officer Commanding, Eastern Naval Command, Commodore Emmanuel Ayesu Kwafo, United States Defence Attaché at the Accra Embassy, Commander Calton Maclian, Member of Parliament for South Tongu, Wisdom Kobena Wayome and Sergeant Major of the Army, Master Warrant Officer Ansaheboah Isaac.

The conduct of the SBS training in Ghana is one of the key conditions required to achieve its objective of capacity building in the Special Boat Squadron's 5-year Development Plan. It is drawn by the Tripartite Partnership of the Ghana Navy, the Danish Naval Special Warfare Group (Frogman Corps) and the United States Africa Command.



Special Boat Squadron
passing out
in pictures

CNS VISITS FOB CONSTRUCTION SITE AT EZINLINBO

■ Enoch TN Opata



CNS (middle) Tours Forward Operating Base Ezinlinbo

The Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu visited the Ghana Navy Forward Operating Base (FOB) construction site situated at Ezinlinbo in the Jomoro District of the Western Region on 23 November 2022.

The visit was to enable the CNS obtain a first-hand information on the progress of work at the site. The project, funded by the Government of Ghana, is expected to be completed within a period of 33 months under the auspices of Amandi and Vuluxx Constructions Limited.

The CNS, in the company of the Flag Officer Commanding (FOC), Western Naval Command (WNC) Cdre Emmanuel Ayesu Kwafo had a round table discussion with the management of the 2 construction companies where they were briefed on the

progress of work. The contractors tabled their concerns and were confident that the project will be completed within the allotted time.

The CNS was pleased with the progress of work and commended the contractors for their level of involvement in the project. He urged them to continue the good work and was hopeful that government will do its best to ensure the project was brought to fruition.

Rear Admiral Yakubu and his entourage toured the construction site to assess the level of work done.

The new FOB will have a Main breakwater, Lee breakwater, Wharf, Offices, a Maritime Operations Centre, Regimental Aid Post, Gate house, and Guard house. Other facilities will include an Armoury, Junior Staff dormitory, Senior Staff apartment, Ratings and Officers Mess, VIP Guest house, Officers apartment and others.



CNS HOLDS 2022 END OF YEAR DURBAR WITH ALL RANKS AND DEFENCE CIVILIAN STAFF

■ Emily Gonyo



CNS (left) with CSO at the Durbar

The Chief of the Naval Staff, (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu, held his 2022 End of Year durbar with all Ranks and Defence Civilian Staff at the Naval Headquarters at Burma Camp on 16 November 2022.

The durbar sought to address and deliberate on matters significant to the Ghana Navy and to commend personnel for their dedication, exemplary service,

and discipline throughout the year.

The CNS mentioned that, it was important to adopt more training programmes for the Navy. He stressed that, the introduction of the Chief Petty Officer's Orientation Course, online courses and accreditation of local courses with private institutions would equip personnel of the Navy in the professional discharge of their duties. With this, he

assured personnel that, the Navy was strictly complying with the necessary regulations to ensure timely promotion of qualified and deserving personnel.

The CNS emphasized that some projects and initiatives had been taken to reduce the accommodation deficit for personnel of the Navy. He said that, the construction of a 2000-unit accommodation for personnel and 2 blocks of 8 flats each for Senior Rates were underway.

On disciplinary matters, the CNS cautioned personnel to desist from absenting themselves without leave. He further cautioned personnel to desist from abusing the wearing of military uniforms and its accoutrements. Additionally, he admonished personnel to eschew the involvement in unauthorized operations which may tarnish the image of the Ghana Armed Forces (GAF).

Rear Admiral Yakubu, emphasized the need for personnel to remain loyal, dedicated and disciplined in order to achieve higher laurels. He also encouraged personnel to maintain good working relations with other sister security services in protecting the image and integrity of Ghana at all times.



Directors, Officers and Ratings seated at the CNS Durbar



Interactive session with the CNS

CNS OPENS YOUNG OFFICERS' CONVENTION AT WNC

■ Enoch TN Opata (2 Garrison PR Detach)



The CNS addressing participants of the Young Officers Convention

The Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu officially opened a 5-day Young Officers' Convention at the School of Marine Engineering and Combat Systems (SMECS) at the Western Naval Command (WNC), Sekondi on 29 August 2022.

The Convention, made up of 40 Young Naval Officers from all branches nominated from various Commands and tri-service units was under the theme “Enhancing the Capacity of the Young Officer in an Expanding Navy.”

The CNS, in his opening address, noted that the Young Officers Convention over the years had been a platform to refresh Junior officers on contemporary, operational and administra-

tive issues. He added that, the convention was a platform to solicit for ideas from the participants to inform future planning and decision making. He pointed out that the theme for the convention was harmonious with his vision and also timely and relevant as they cultivated their effort in building a modern and effective Navy. He mentioned that the issue of maritime threats had necessitated the Navy to adopt strategies to enhance

the safety and security of Ghana's maritime domain. One of such included maintaining a professional and motivated formidable Naval force.

The CNS said that the involvement of the Young Officers in the entire process could not be overemphasised as the increasing operational requirement had necessitated the current expansion drive of the Ghana Armed Forces (GAF), which has led to a major restructuring of the Ghana Navy. He averred that the expansion would give them a brighter opportunity as young officers to work in a more dynamic and competitive road to meet future operational demands in the Navy. He stressed that, it was imperative efforts are directed towards building their capacity in anticipation of future demands. He, however, urged them to develop their leadership abilities and potentials.

Rear Admiral Yakubu reiterated that, continuous coordinated efforts were also key in maintaining the time-tested traditions of the Ghana Navy and therefore, there was the need to build and develop their capacity to take up those roles effectively as the Navy expanded.

He entreated the participants to show maximum interest in the Convention to produce a workable communique. He expressed his appreciation to the then Flag Officer Commanding (FOC), Western Naval Command (WNC), Commodore Samuel Walker and his staff as well as facilitators for organising the Convention. The Commanding Officer, SMECS, Commander JK Tchum who welcomed the participants on behalf of the FOC noted that such conventions were organised annually as part of measures to involve young officers in the decision-making process of the Ghana Navy.

He said that the convention affords participants the opportunity to brainstorm on topical issues to produce affordable ideas for consideration by Higher Command. He was hopeful that the Convention will renew the capacity of the participants to positively impact on the Ghana Navy and GAF as a whole.

Some topics treated were Understanding the Vision of the CNS, Military Discipline, Expectations of Command, Enhancing Leadership Qualities of Young Officers, Challenges of Command, the Role of the Young Officer among others.



Participants of YOC in a group photograph with CNS and some Directors

EXERCISE OBANGAME EXPRESS 2023 ENDS IN ACCRA



■ Sgt Ankomah Stephen Jnr

The 2023 edition of Exercise OBANGAME EXPRESS which commenced on 13 January 2023 in Lagos was officially closed at the Naval Headquarters, Burma Camp on 3 February 2023.

Exercise OBANGAME EXPRESS is an annual event designed to build the capacity of the navies in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) region organised under the auspices of the United States Naval Forces Africa (NAVAF).

It aims to maintain a safe and secured maritime environment for socio-economic development involving stakeholders in Ghana's maritime partners and cooperation at sea.

The Exercise also focused on the practical implementation of some laid down inter-agency procedure towards managing maritime security threats and incidents and focuses mainly on information sharing between maritime stakeholders.

The Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) of the Ghana Navy, Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu in his closing remarks expressed his delight at the level of professionalism and commitment demonstrated by participants in making the Exercise a success.

The CNS mentioned that the basic principle of maritime security was cooperation. Hence, the outcome of the Exercise exhibited the





importance of collaboration and cooperation amongst agencies within the maritime domain toward a greater maritime security.

He was confident that, the reviewed Harmonized Standard Operating Procedures (HSOP's) and documents for National Integrated Maritime Strategy would be passed to be officially part of the exercise in coming years to address lapses encountered in the past years.

OBANGAME EXPRESS comprised the Ghana Navy, West and Central Africa navies and maritime stakeholders in partnership with the United States and Euro-Atlantic navies and maritime stakeholders from 31 countries with focus on increased regional cooperation and maritime safety and security.

Countries that participated in the exercise were Angola, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Cape Verde, Cameroun, Canada, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, France, Gambia and Ghana. The other countries were Germany, Guinea, Liberia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Morocco, Poland, Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Togo and the United States of America. In addition, there were observers from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS).



COMMODORE WALKER HANDS OVER HELM OF COMMAND TO COMMODORE KWAFO

■ Enoch TN Oyata

The Flag Officer Commanding (FOC), Western Naval Command (WNC), Cdre Samuel Walker officially handed the Helm of Command to his successor, Cdre Emmanuel Ayesu Kwafo on 7 October 2022.

The ceremony was preceded by an All Ranks durbar where the incoming FOC was officially introduced to the personnel.

During the durbar, Cdre Walker expressed his profound gratitude to Officers, Men and Defence Civilian Staff for their tireless dedication and support shown him during his 2 years tenure of office as the FOC of the Western Naval Command.

He added that, the success rate of the Command was as a result of the dedication and professionalism exhibited by the personnel under his Command. He entreated the personnel to offer the same support to the new FOC.

Before departing the Command, Cdre Walker inspected a Guard mounted in his honour.



Cdre Walker (right) Handing Over the Helm of Command to Cdre Ayesu Kwafo



Cdre Walker with Cdre Ayesu Kwafo

Outgone FOC,
Cdre Samuel Walker



WNC HOLDS VALEDICTORY RELIGIOUS SERVICE FOR OUT-GOING FOC

■ Enoch TN Oyata

A Valedictory Religious Service was held for the Flag Officer Commanding (FOC) the Western Naval Command who doubles as the 2 Garrison Commander, Cdre Samuel Walker at the Harry Seshie Shed, at Naval Base on 16 October 2022.

The Service, under the theme “In all Things Give Thanks” was officiated by the 2 Garrison Clergy with the sermon delivered by Bishop Francis Oppong-Ankomah (PhD).

In his remarks, the out-going FOC said that although his assumption of Command coincided with the COVID-19 pandemic, the hard work and sacrifice of personnel helped him to surmount its challenges. He acknowledged the

efforts of the gallant medical professionals and other persons who were at the fore front of the fight against the disease. He mentioned that he was highly indebted to the Regional Minister for the support provided to his Command in diverse ways.

Cdre Walker stressed that his period as the FOC and the Garrison Commander saw an unprecedented level of inter-departmental cooperation, thus appreciated the efforts of

members of the Regional Security Council, Heads and Staff of key institutions whose collective efforts were instrumental in achieving the positive results.

The FOC was grateful to God for wisdom in steering affairs during his tenure of office. He took the opportunity to thank Officers, Ratings and Defence Civilian Staff for their loyalty, support and sacrifice admonishing them to extend

same to his successor.

On his part, the Western Regional Minister, Hon Kwabena Okyere Darko Mensah, described the FOC as a selfless and dedicated person who was committed to the service of the noble profession. He said that not only had his leadership been exemplary, but was one worthy of emulation.

He mentioned that the FOC's leadership

fostered a good Civil-Military relationship which strengthened the mutual ties. He however admonished personnel to refrain from activities that could tarnish the image of the GAF irrespective of their background.

The Western Regional Minister commended the spouse of FOC and his family for their support. He prayed for God's guidance in all his future endeavours.



Hon. Kwabena Okyere Darko Mensah



A picture of Congregants at the Service



A group photograph of congregants

GHANA NAVY EXTOLS COMMODORE SAMUEL ANGMOR

■ Sgt Ankomah Stephen Jnr



A farewell reception was held for Commodore (Cdre) Samuel Angmor for his remarkable contributions in the Ghana Armed Forces (GAF) having served the colours for over 37 years. The reception took place at the Wardroom, Accra on 27 October 2022.

The Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS), Vice Admiral Seth Amoama who was present at the occasion, commended the Senior officer for the great strides achieved in the GAF.

On his part, the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu, described Cdre Angmor as an astute Marine Engineer officer worthy of emulation. He said that he had mentored a number of officers who had the opportunity of working with and under him.

The CNS further stated that the Senior officer's retirement had left a void that would be difficult to fill in the Navy. He was however optimistic that, with the guidance, knowledge and positive work ethics passed on, his exit from the service will not be overlooked. He commended Cdre Angmor for his exemplary leadership and achievements in the military.

In his response, Cdre Angmor expressed his profound gratitude to God and to the Military High Command for a career enrichment opportunity in the GAF. He entreated the Navy to resource its Research and Development Directorate while collaborating with indigenous companies to produce ship parts locally to alleviate some of the constraints faced.

Cdre Angmor was enlisted into the Ghana Military Academy as a Naval cadet on 2 November 1984. He proceeded to the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering and was later commissioned into the Technical Branch of the Ghana Navy on

13 October 1989.

He served in various appointments both ashore and afloat. In recognition of his exemplary service, Cdre Angmor was presented with special gifts including a set of living room furniture from the Navy and a citation for his achievements.



GHANA NAVY JOINS INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC NETWORK

■ Sgt Ankomah Stephen Jnr

The Ghana Navy has officially joined the Virtual Regional Maritime Traffic Centre (V-RMTC) and Trans Regional Maritime Network (T-RMN). This move is to enhance information sharing amongst international maritime stakeholders and to improve upon maritime threats faced within the Mediterranean Region.

The official signing ceremony for the Note of Accession for Ghana's entry onto the V-RMTC took place on 8 November 2022 onboard Italian Navy Ship (ITS) NAVE BORSINI, which was berthed at the Tema Harbour.

The V-RMTC and T-RMN Community is a virtual network connecting Maritime Operation Centres of member Navies, which was launched by the Italian Navy at the fifth Venice Regional Seapower Symposium Edition in 2004. The edition recorded the common will and urge to improve the situational awareness of the maritime domain and merchant traffic in the Mediterranean Region. The community currently has a strength of 37-member Navies worldwide where Ghana Navy became its newest member.

The Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu, who signed the Note of Accession, emphasized that the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) Region is faced with maritime security challenges including piracy, illegal fishing, trafficking of drugs amongst other criminal activities at sea. He stressed that in a bid towards addressing these challenges, Ghana Navy's Agenda 2024



CNS on a tour on ITS BORSINI

Maritime Security Strategy recognizes the need to collaborate with other Navies both at the Regional and International levels to improve on maritime domain awareness.

He said that Ghana's admission into the V-RMTC and T-RMN community was timely, as the system would not only enhance Ghana's maritime domain awareness, but will also bolster

stakeholder confidence to effectively eliminate threats at sea.

The CNS acknowledged the efforts of international partners in contributing to the reduction of maritime related crimes in the GoG. With this, he commended the European Union's Coordinated Maritime Patrols which had helped reduce sea-based crimes in the sub-region and assured of Ghana Navy's continuous support in strengthening the cordial relationship that exist between Ghana and Italy.

He called for a more collaborative effort in joint training of personnel both at sea and ashore. "Ghana Navy looks forward to collaborating with all member navies and other security agencies to improve maritime security for the benefit of what is now referred to as the blue economy," he added.

CNS expressed his profound gratitude to the Chief of the Italian Navy, Admiral Enrico Credendino and members of the V-RMTC and T-RMN community for making it possible for the Ghana Navy to join the network.

The Commander of the 3rd Naval Division, Rear Admiral Valentino Rinaldi, a representative of the Chief of the Italian Navy, noted that the Italian Navy was prepared to collaborate with local Navies to strengthen maritime security, international cooperation and exchange operational information within the maritime domain.

He reiterated that the V-RMTC and T-RMN had proven to be an effective community that, while enhancing maritime situational awareness and security, it also strengthens mutual trust, builds confidence amongst stakeholders and allow creating synergies by way of sharing information and resources.

The Commanding Officer ITS NAVE BORSINI, Commander Carlo Corso gave a guided tour to the CNS and his team onboard the ship. CNS and Commander Carlo Corso in turn exchanged plaques and souvenirs to commemorate the day.



CNS signing the Note of Accession



CNS presenting a plaque to Rear Admiral Rinaldi



CNS giving his remarks

335 RECRUITS PASS OUT FROM NRTS

■ Charles Annang (7 Garrison PR Detach)



The Reviewing Officer, Cdre Samuel Angmor (Rtd) addressing the Recruits



Recruits in a Drill display

A total of 335 Recruits made up of 243 males and 92 females passed out of the Naval Recruit Training School (NRTS) at the Naval Training Command, Nutepkor in Sogakope on 27 January 2023.

The former Director General Training at the General Headquarters, Cdre Samuel Angmor, (Rtd) who was the Reviewing Officer for the parade, admonished the young sailors to desist from unauthorized activities such as engaging in partisan politics, illegal mining, and intimidating civilians. He reminded the new sailors to be bound by the oath sworn in the interest of the State and urged them to be professional in the discharge of their duties.

Awards were presented to deserving young ratings. Ordinary Seaman under Naval Training (OSUNT) Abetorku Richmond received the Overall Best Recruit with OSUNT Abariga Emma receiving the Best in Drill. OSUNT Ameyaw

Patience also received the Best in Academics.

Other award winners were OSUNT Haruna Salamatu, Best Female Recruit, and OSUNT Birikrang Takyi Monica who received the Flag Officer Commanding's (FOC's) Leadership Award.

Dignitaries present included the FOC Naval Training Command, Cdre Bessing, Director General Logistics at the General Headquarters Cdre Agyenim Boateng, Flag Officer Fleet Cdre Atiayao, and some Directors from the Naval Headquarters.



FOC NAVTRAC, presenting the FOC's Leadership Award to OSUNT Birikrang Takyi Monica

DIRECTOR GENERAL MEDICAL TOURS MEDICAL CENTRES IN 2 GARRISON

■ Enoch TN Oyata

The Director General Medical Services DG(MED) of the Ghana Armed Forces (GAF), Brigadier General Raymond Kwablah Ewusi embarked on a 2-day working tour of all Medical Centres in the 2 Garrison from 26 to 27 October 2022.

The tour was to enable him and the Directors of the various Units obtain a firsthand information on the operations, achievements and challenges of the various facilities. The visit was to help the Department of Medical Services chart ways of enhancing the delivery of quality health service to personnel of the GAF, their dependents and communities within which they operate.

The Medical Officers at the Western Naval Command Sick Bay, Air Force Medical Centre and the Second Infantry Battalion Medical Reception Station (MRS) took turns to give detailed briefings on their activities whilst making some recommendations that could help mitigate their challenges.

The DG(MED) applauded the ingenuity,



DG (MED) Brig Gen Raymond Kwablah Ewusi Inspecting a Quarter Guard

professionalism, efficiency and hard work of the officers and other Medical Staff of the Garrison assuring them of High Command's support to enable them deliver quality healthcare to the GAF and the country at large.

During courtesy calls on the Flag Officer Commanding the Western Naval Command, Commander Air Force Base Takoradi and Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion of Infantry, Brigadier General Ewusi was thankful to them for their immense support to

the various medical facilities within their respective Units encouraging them to continue the good work.

The Medical Staff were appreciative of the visit pledging to continue to give off their best to ensure all their clients receive quality healthcare.

The Director General and his entourage also paid visits to the Western Regional Medical Director, Western Regional National Health Insurance Office (NHIS) and Director Health Service.



FOF Cdre Atiyayao (left) with DG (MED) Brig Gen Raymond Kwablah Ewusi



DG (MED), FOF and Some Senior Officers at the WNC

DANISH GOVERNMENT DONATES VEHICLES TO GHANA NAVY

■ Sgt Ankomah Stephen Jnr



The Ghana Navy took delivery of 2 brand-new Mitsubishi Pajero vehicles presented by the Royal Danish Government on 14 April 2023 at the forecourt of the Naval Headquarters, Burma Camp.

The Danish Ambassador to Ghana, His Excellency Tom Norring, who presented the vehicles on behalf of the Danish Government, said the acquisition of the vehicles was a joint idea between the Ghana Navy and the Danish Government

to support the development of the Ghana Navy Special Boat Squadron (GNSBS) as part of the Danish Maritime Security Programme (DMSP) on the strategic and operational level.

The Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu who received the keys to the vehicles on behalf of the Ghana Navy, expressed his appreciation to the Danish Government for the unwavering support towards the Navy, as well as the fight against maritime security challenges faced in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG).

The CNS said about 2 years ago, the Danish Naval Special Warfare Group commonly known as the Frogman Corps, the United States African Command and the Ghana Navy formed a tri-lateral partnership, to develop the GNSBS to an elite force, well trained and equipped to



Danish Ambassador to Ghana, H.E Tom Norring, inspecting a Quarter Guard at the Naval Headquarters

conduct all kinds of maritime interdictions and specialized operations.

“I wish to put on record that this tri-lateral partnership has made tremendous strides since its inception. The donation of these vehicles to support the development of the project is just one of the numerous supports the Special Boat Squadron has received from the Danish Government over the last 2 years,” he added.

The CNS underscored that developing and sustaining a specialised force in the Ghana Navy was prudent due to the increasing economic activities in the maritime domain and its accompanying dynamics which involves complex and asymmetric maritime security challenges. In that regard, any collaborative effort to support the Navy to build a robust force capable of conducting all kinds of specialized operations at sea is in the right direction.

He further stated that the maiden Special Boat Squadron (SBS) Basic Operative Capability Course was successfully conducted at the Naval Training Command (NAVTRAC) last year, with the Frogman Corps supporting the training with human resources and the necessary logistics. With this, he added that the second course was currently in session and progressing steadily.



The CNS assisting H.E Tom Norring in the ribbon cutting ceremony

CNS (3rd from left) in a group photograph with the Danish Ambassador, and some Senior Officers at the Naval Headquarters



CNS HOLDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE WITH FOCs AND DIRECTORS

■ Sgt Ankomah Stephen Jnr

The Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu, held his annual conference with Flag Officers Commanding (FOCs) and Directors to deliberate on issues confronting the Ghana Navy, and to also plan for the future.

The 2-day conference which began on 23 February 2023 was held at the Naval Headquarters, Burma Camp, under the theme, “Strengthening Leadership Towards Accomplishing Agenda 2024”.

In his opening remarks, the CNS said that, the Conference, has over the years, been a calendar event which afforded the naval hierarchy, the platform to brainstorm and bring to bear transforming policies for the development of the Navy. He stressed that the conference was to cross-examine the past year and strategize for 2023 to aid in the realisation of the Navy’s mandate.

He urged Commanders to continue to strengthen leadership at all levels to consolidate their achievements which would leave a lasting legacy. “Leadership is not about identifying problems and pointing them out; you must try to think through solutions outside the box”, he added.

The CNS highlighted some of the major milestones chalked by the Ghana Navy since his assumption of office. He was optimistic that the innovative ideas would foster the success of Agenda 2024. While assuring that his outfit will do its best to offer transparent leadership to



boost the morale of troops in the Ghana Navy, the CNS also admonished Commanders to prioritize the welfare of officers and sailors assigned to them hence tapping innovative ideas from them.

The CNS commended personnel for their hard work, dedication and commitment to duty which had raised the image of the Navy despite limited resources.

He added that leadership and innovation

were critical in these trying times to build on the legacy left by their predecessors.





CEO OF LELE GROUP VISITS CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF

PR Desk

The Chief Executive Officer of Lele Group, Mr Hussein Jaber paid a courtesy call on the Chief of the Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu at the Naval Headquarters, Burma Camp. The visit sought to explore possible ways of cooperation and tap on ideas in strengthening the mutual ties that exist between the Ghana Navy and Lele Group.



NAVAL CAPTAIN GASU LAUNCHES BOOK

■ Sgt Ankomah Stephen Jnr



The Chief Instructor (CI) at the Naval Faculty of the Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College (GAF CSC), Captain (GN) Wilfred Gasu, launched a book titled “A Guide for Young Naval Officers towards Fewer Faux Pas and Gaffes”, on 27 January 2023 at Burma Hall in Burma Camp.

The 27 paged-book presents historic customs, traditions and protocols of naval life of the young officers' career in the Ghana Navy.

In his welcome address, the author said that the book will serve as a comprehensive

guide on etiquette for young officers, covering a wide range of topics that are essential for maintaining professional standards, respect, and decorum in the naval service.

He stressed that, his motivation was to help establish a renewed sense of pride and dedication in accordance with military standards and discipline amongst young officers. He hoped that the book would be a great asset to all and sundry.

Captain (GN) Gasu donated 5 copies of the book to each of the Service Headquarters.

Commodore Michael Kwaku Addison (Rtd), who was the Chairman for the occasion, encouraged personnel in the service to purchase the book to enhance their learning capabilities and be guided in their respective careers. While expressing gratitude to the author of the book, he maintained that the book will guide their steps and equip them to impart the knowledge acquired to others.

The Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu, Retired Officers and some individuals were present at the launch.



A cross section of invited guests at the book launch



Naval Capt Gasu delivering his address



Rear Admiral Issah Yakubu (CNS), giving his remarks



Lt Gen JH Smith (Rtd) receives a copy of the book

MASTER COXSWAIN MISHIAME BOWS OUT FROM GHANA NAVY

■ Emily Gonyo



On 31 March 2023, Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO) Mishiame Gilbert handed over his appointment as the Master Coxswain (MCON) of the Navy to FCPO1 Kpormego Joseph Kwashie.

The Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu, was the Guest of Honour at the colourful event held at the Senior Rates' Mess.

In his remarks, the CNS described MCPO Mishiame as an astute and industrious person who had passion and served the colours with dedication and loyalty during his tenure of office. He added that the outgoing Master Coxswain (MCON) demonstrated exceptional leadership skills during his term as the longest serving Master Coxswain of the Ghana Navy. He further expressed gratitude to the outgoing Master Coxswain for his enormous support in diverse ways to all Officers, Ratings and the Navy as a whole. The CNS wished MCPO Mishiame well as he proceeded on retirement.



FCPO1 Kpormego receiving the Helm of Command from outgoing Master Coxswain



CNS (left) With outgoing Master Coxswain

MCPO Mishiame drew down the curtain on his industrious and meritorious naval

career after actively serving the colours for over 27 years.

In his remarks, the MCON acknowledged the support of the CNS, past Chiefs of the Naval Staff, the Military High Command and the entire Navy for the support and cooperation he received throughout his service and was hopeful that same would be extended to his successor.

On his part, MCON Kpormego, congratulated his predecessor for the yeoman's job which had charted the path for him in order to achieve more. He gave his word that he will put in his best to propel and secure further gains for the Ghana Navy.

The ceremony was witnessed by some Senior Officers, Forces Sergeant Major, Ratings and Defence Civilian Staff of the Ghana Navy. Also present were the spouses of the Master Coxswains, members of Naval Wives Association, friends and families.



Outgoing Master Coxswain MCPO Mishiame GK (left) and newly appointed Master Coxswain FCPO1 Kpormego JK



CNS in a photograph with outgoing and newly appointed Master Coxswains with their spouses and Senior Officers

WNC HOLDS 2022 WASSA

The Western Naval Command (WNC) held its End-of-Year West African Soldiers Social Activity (WASSA) on 9 December 2022 at the Harry Seshie Parade Square.

■ Enoch TN Oyata



Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu (CNS) giving his remarks

It was a moment for personnel to socialise, reflect and take stock of their performance during the year and make amends where they fell short.

In his remarks, the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu who was the Guest of Honour expressed his joy to be part of such a gathering after it was put on hold due to

the COVID-19 pandemic.

He said the nation was faced with dynamic maritime threats and it was imperative for personnel to up their game in order to keep up the stride. He added that Command had been compelled to take the necessary steps required in tackling the threats in the maritime domain. He was proud to say

that the Navy was winning. He stated that despite the challenges that may arise in putting strategies in place, he was confident they will deliver.

The CNS emphasised that the Navy's vigilance and operational activities had created a peaceful maritime domain devoid of attacks and kidnapping of seafarers as well as other illegal activities. He stressed that with a well-motivated and formidable Naval Force, the Navy will continue to consolidate its effort in building an effective and efficient Navy despite budgetary constraint.

He was grateful to the Command for its relentless effort of maintaining peace and security at sea which was not achieved on a silver platter, especially with its limited budgetary allocation. He commended personnel for their effort and was hopeful the coming years will be much brighter as plans were far advanced for the government to do a lot of things for the Navy.

He averred that by dint of hard work, the Navy has been able to acquire 4 offshore security vessels which will support the offshore oil sector and be available for other operations. He advised the ships



CNS (middle) with some FOC's and Directors at the WNC WASSA

company to maintain them appropriately.

On infrastructure development, he said a number of projects were ongoing and was happy to announce that a 2000 housing unit barracks accommodation project for all Commands had been signed and awaiting sod cutting for construction to start. He noted that the initiative will reduce the accommodation deficit of the Navy.

He urged personnel to be alert during the yuletide in order to curb any breach of security. He entreated personnel not to allow themselves to be used by some miscreants to disturb the peace and security of the nation. He applauded all for their loyalty to the Constitution and ensuring a stable country.

On his part, the Flag Officer Commanding (FOC), Western Naval Command, Cdre Emmanuel Ayesu Kwafo, indicated that

the support from the CNS and other stakeholders had enabled the Command to discharge its mandate creditably and was therefore determined to maintain and possibly surpass their achievements in the coming year.

He acknowledged the challenges they were faced with, but noted that with the support of Higher Command and their own determination they would surmount the challenges. He thanked the CNS for his leadership support and resources to the Command.

The event also witnessed the outdoor of a new Lapel for the Fleet Chief Petty Officers (FCPO). One Master Chief Petty Officer and 15 Fleet Chief Petty Officers of the Western Naval Command were decorated with the new Lapels which will distinguish and motivate them as well.

The ranks of the FCPOs were the same as the Chief Petty Officers rank creating the erroneous impression that the FCPO were wearing a rank in addition to their ranks worn on the right arm. As a result, Command decided that there was the need in line with Naval traditions to introduce a new lapel commensurate with the ranks of the newly introduced FCPO rank. The Lapel is made up of a golden anchor with the anchor cable around the shank and a star at the shank of the anchor.



FOC Western Naval Command, Cdre Ayesu Kwafo delivering his address



CNS decorating a Fleet Chief Petty Officer with a Lapel

GHANA NAVY HOLDS 2022 END-OF-YEAR RELIGIOUS SERVICE

■ Emily Gonyo

The Ghana Navy held its 2022 End-of-Year Religious Service at the Naval Headquarters on 23 December 2022.

*The Service was under the theme, “**Thank God for His grace and mercies throughout the year**”.*



Director Naval Religious Affairs, Cdr Benedict Quayson delivering a sermon

The Director Naval Religious Affairs, Cdr Benedict Quayson, who led the Service, recounted the goodness of God in the year despite challenges faced. He urged all and sundry to demonstrate love towards one another especially in the festive season.

The Chief Imam of the Ghana Armed Forces, Lt Col Najmudeen Mohammed, who was in attendance urged all to live a life worthy of emulation. He, however, cautioned personnel against engaging in

any unscrupulous activities during the festive season.

In a brief address, the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu expressed his appreciation to personnel for their unwavering support and contribution to the Navy.

He stressed that the Ghana Navy had become a beacon of light across the Gulf of Guinea with the loyalty and dedication of personnel as there had not been any

record of pirate attacks in the year.

The CNS continued that it was necessary to be grateful to God for His endless mercies throughout 2022. He urged personnel to celebrate the festive season in modesty while welcoming the New Year. He further reminded personnel to remain loyal to the oath of service and put their shoulders to the wheel to drive the Navy forward.



Chief Imam of Ghana Armed Forces, Lt Col Najmudeen Mohammed delivering a sermon



Congregants at the Owusu Ansa Hall



Ghana Navy Choir performing during the Religious Service

VISITS



Commander Danish Special Operations, Maj Gen PH Boysen, visits Naval Headquarters



Commander Danish Special Operations, Maj Gen PH Boysen visits NAVTRAC



South Africa Defence Attaché, Col A Arnoldnus visits Naval Headquarters



India Defence Attaché, Col RS Legha visits Naval Headquarters

VISITS



Commander Danish Frogman Corps, Cdr (Senior Grade) FE Haar visits Naval Headquarters



Chief of Air Staff, Air Vice Marshal FAK Bekoe visits Naval Headquarters



Deputy Minister for Consular Affairs and Overseas Koreans, HE WJ Kim visits Naval Headquarters



Director ECOWAS MMCC ZONE F, Naval Capt N Oboumou visits Naval Headquarters



GHANA NAVY HONOURS FALLEN HEROES

■ Enoch TN Opata

Ghana Navy held its ninth Memorial Day Service in honour of naval personnel who lost their lives in the course of duty at the Western Naval Command (WNC), Sekondi on 14 September 2022.

The then Flag Officer Commanding (FOC), Western Naval Command, Cdre Samuel Walker, read a speech on behalf of the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS). He indicated that, the Memorial Day was an opportunity for all to solemnly reflect on the sacrifices made by Officers and Ratings who died in the interest of peace, freedom and national development.

The CNS posited that the full potential of the fallen heroes may not be known, however they would have imparted lives positively. He mentioned that, it was important to recognize the bereaved families despite the lapse of time. It was his prayer that the vacuum created by their loss will be filled.

Rear Admiral Yakubu said the greatest sacrifice was protecting the freedom of

others at the expense of their own safety. He therefore urged personnel not to rest on their oars, but to put their shoulders to the wheel to keep the Ensign flying high.

The Western Regional Minister, Honourable Kwabena Okyere Darko-Mensah who was the Guest of Honour for the Memorial service, noted that, he could only fathom what true heroism was as he recalled the sacrifices of the departed gallant Officers and Ratings of the Ghana Navy, who left their families and loved ones in the pursuit of international and internal peace and security.

He stated that many Officers and Ratings had paid the ultimate price with their lives on peace keeping operations in South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo and some conflict-ridden areas.



Cenotaph Guard in position

He mentioned that the Memorial Day was significant because it inspires others to continue to keep faith with the values of selflessness, loyalty, honour and integrity which underpin the noble profession of arms, and by which those servicemen lived and died for.

He pointed out that while they could never pay the debt owed to those who lost their lives in defending the nation, they must do everything possible to uphold their commitment to those who

put on uniform in the defence of the nation.

He, on the other hand, assured the Ghana Navy that plans were far advanced to acquire additional platforms in support of the tremendous work in progress in keeping Ghana's waters safe whilst promoting the blue economy.

Some members of the Western Regional Security Council (REGSEC) and the Paramount Chief of the Essikado

Traditional Area, Nana Kobina Nketsia V were among the dignitaries who were in attendance at the ceremony.

It will be recalled that in 1990, Ghana Navy for the first time, contributed ships as part of the ECOMOG Force in Liberia. It was during the operation that Ghana Navy Ship YOGAGA, was bombed on 14 September 1990 by one of the militant factions involved in the conflict.



Hon. Kwabena Okyere Darko-Mensah delivering his address



Wreath bearers on Parade

COMMODORE BESSING HANDS OVER TO COMMODORE ATIAYAO



■ Charles Annang

Commodore (Cdre) Godwin Livinus Bessing handed over command to Cdre Bright Emmanuel Kojo Atiayao as Flag Officer Commanding (FOC) Naval Training Command (NAVTRAC) at a brief but colourful ceremony at Nutekpor near Sogakope in the Volta Region on Friday 16 June 2023.

As part of the ceremony, the outgoing FOC, Cdre Bessing inspected a 48 man Guard of Honour commanded by Lt (GN) Daniel Fredick Otu, the acting 2nd-In-Charge of the Supply Application School (SAS). The Ghana Navy Regimental Band was in attendance.

In his farewell address, Cdre Bessing expressed his gratitude to his staff and personnel of the Command for their tremendous support throughout his tenure of office.

He said that in line with the Command's vision to train officers and ratings for leadership positions in the Ghana Navy and beyond, it became imperative that courses are run in some tertiary institutions to enable them receive certificates in order to enhance their fields.

He stressed that in line with this, the Ghana Navy signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ho Technical University to issue certificates for courses run by SAS.

He revealed that, the School of Marine Engineering and Combat Systems (SMECS) at Sekondi, School of Maritime Operations (SMOPS) and the Leadership Training School (LTS) based at Sogakope and Tema respectively, have started discussions with the Takoradi Technical University (TTU) and the University of Ghana Business School (UGBS) to also issue certificates for courses run.

He mentioned that command was able to construct and commission a water sachet factory to produce sachet water for personnel at a reduced rate.

In addition, a tricycle has also been purchased from the internally generated funds to aid the sale of the water produced by the factory.

Cdre Bessing thanked the District Chief Executive for South Tongu District, Hon Seth Agbi for the support to the command and hoped that same will be extended to Cdre Atiayao.

He also expressed his gratitude to the Ghana Journalist Association (GJA), Volta and Oti Chapters for the support extended him throughout his stay at NAVTRAC.

The Volta Chapter of the GJA presented a citation to Cdre Bessing for the friendship ties established with the Association and wished him well in his new appointment as the Defence Advisor to Ghana High Commission to Nigeria.

The FOC Eastern Naval Command, Cdre Maxwell Arhen, Director General Medical Services, Brigadier General Raymond Kwablah Ewusi, Deputy Commandant Training and Doctrine Command, Brigadier General Lawrence Kwaku Gbetanu, and members of Intake 32 were present.

Others were Directors, some senior officers from the Naval Headquarters and executives of the Volta and Oti Chapters of GJA.





GHANA NAVY RECEIVES TWO BOUNDARY CLASS SHIPS FROM US GOVERNMENT

■ Enoch TN Oyata

The Ghana Navy took delivery of two Boundary Class Ships from the United States of America (USA) at the Tarkoradi Harbour on Saturday 17 June 2023.

The two Ships were donated by the US Government to assist the Ghana Navy effectively patrol its maritime domain.

The US Naval Attaché to Ghana, Commander (Cdr) Carlton McClain, in his remarks delivered on behalf of the government of the USA, said the Gulf of Guinea had become an important marine root for world trade hence, it was imperative that such vessels were delivered to eradicate threats faced. He thanked Ghana's leadership for their fruitful cooperation.

On his part, the Flag Officer Commanding (FOC) Western Naval Command, Commodore (Cdre) Emmanuel Ayesu Kwafo who received the vessels on behalf of the Government of Ghana, expressed his profound gratitude to the US Government for the thoughtful gesture.



"Not only will the vessels strengthen maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea, but they will also enhance the operations of Ghana's maritime domain while

embarking on various missions at sea" he added.

A reception ceremony was held in line with the traditions of the Ghana Navy before the deployment of vessels on their arrival.

The reception of the Boundary Class Ships christened Ghana Navy Ship (GNS) AFLAO and (GNS) HALF ASSINI which marked another significant milestone in the history of the Ghana Navy, in furtherance of her vision to modernize its fleet towards maintaining a blue economy and its oil fields.



PHOTO NEWS

CNS visits Former Chief Justice Kwesi Annin Yeboah



Danish Government Provides Prefabs for the Special Boat Squadron at NAVTRAC



PHOTO NEWS

Receipt of drones from GNPC and Ghana Boundary Commission



Naval Detachment Reinforcement Team to Bawku



The Director Naval Religious Affairs and the President of the Naval Wives Association presenting items to the Methodist Rafiki Satellite Orphanage



CNS COMMENDS GHANA NAVY SPORTS TEAMS FOR STERLING PERFORMANCE

■ Emily Gonyo

The Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu, commended the Ghana Navy Sports Teams especially the Male Handball team for their splendid performance during the 2022 National Handball League season.



Trophies won by the Naval Sports Teams

The Ghana Navy Male Handball team emerged Overall Winners in the 2022 National League and also placed Second in the Champion of Champions competition. At the end of the season, Petty Officer Class One Offei Daniel was adjudged the Best Centre-back and also emerged as the country's Most Valuable Player.

The team paid a courtesy call on the CNS to present the trophies and medals won in the various tournaments at the Naval Headquarters in Burma Camp on 26 January 2023.

The CNS applauded the team for making the Navy in particular and the Ghana Armed Forces in general proud. He commended them for their immeasurable dedication and commitment and admonished the team not to rest on their oars but rather use the achievement as a spring board to even work harder.

He challenged the other Navy sports teams to emulate the achievements of the Handball and Tennis teams in order to perform better in the coming season.

In a related development, at both the national and international Tennis tournaments held in Ghana and Togo, the Ghana Navy Tennis team also placed second in the Champion of Champions competition where Able Seaman Class One Nti Emmanuel placed second in both competitions.

The CNS presented a token of appreciation to the teams and further assured them of his continuous support to enable them perform better.



AB1 Nti Emmanuel presenting his trophy to CNS



The Coach of the Handball Team presenting the trophy to the CNS



CNS in a hand shake with the Navy's Female Table Tennis Player, POI Borquaye Bernice



CNS presenting a token to the Team



PO1 Offei Daniel presenting his Award as the Best Handball Center-back to CNS

LT CDR DUODU MAKES GHANA NAVY PROUD

■ PR Desk

Lieutenant Commander Kofi Amponsah Duodu was honoured with two (2) prestigious awards after successfully completing a one-year graduate-level programme on Friday 16 June 2023 at the United States of America Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. The awards are the Rear Admiral Joseph C Strasser Junior International Leadership Prize and the Lieutenant Michael P Murphy Counterterrorism Prize. With 49 students worldwide on the course, he was the only African Student at the Naval War College, both at Senior Naval Command College and Intermediate Naval College classes to be awarded. He was also the president of the Naval Staff College Class of 2023. The Ghana Navy congratulates you on this valuable feat.



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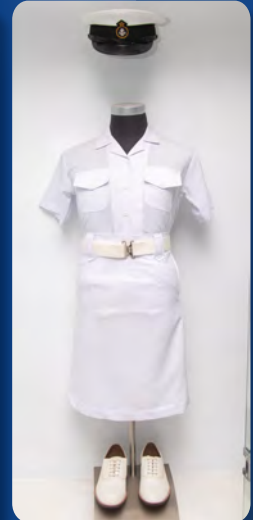
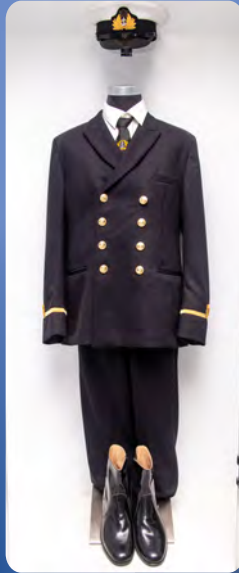
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