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FOREWORD BY THE CNS



REAR ADMIRAL ISSAH ADAM YAKUBU
CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF

I feel highly honoured to write this foreword to introduce the maiden newsletter for the Ghana Navy. This is indeed a dream come true. I must state that early this year, I gave a directive to the Director Public Relations of the Ghana Navy to come up with a newsletter that will catalogue all the activities of the Headquarters and the Commands of the Ghana Navy for every quarter. This became necessary because the main magazine of the Navy, **"The Sailor"**, was published once

in a year, leaving most of our activities unpublished till the end of the year.

I therefore congratulate the Editor and his team for taking up the challenge and delivering this piece of work which has captured all the major activities of the Navy this year. I want to take this opportunity to urge them to ensure that they meet the deadline of publishing an edition every quarter.

The Ghana Navy is expanding very fast with a lot of activities taking place simultaneously in all the Commands. These are events that need to be documented for future reference and **the Anchor Newsletter** will no doubt play that all important role. I have no doubt that readers of this newsletter, both within the Ghana Armed Forces and our stakeholders, will find it very interesting and appreciate the work that the Navy is performing in ensuring the security of the maritime environment.

I take this opportunity to thank the Government of Ghana, most especially the Commander-in-Chief, for the support the Ghana Navy is receiving in the area of retooling and modernization of our operations. New platforms have been acquired whilst others are at various stages of construction. This is no doubt ensuring that we play our constitutional role of protecting the Exclusive Economic Zone of the country effectively. I also thank our stakeholders for your cooperation and continuous support. Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to the leadership of the Ghana Armed Forces, especially the Chief of the Defence Staff and my colleague Service Chiefs for your support and encouragement.

Finally, I congratulate all Officers, Ratings and Defence Civilian Staff of the Ghana Navy for your hard work and professionalism. The various roles you play have contributed immensely towards the successes being chalked and I thank you most sincerely.

Welcome onboard **"THE ANCHOR"**

C-IN-C COMMISSIONS FOUR NEW OFFSHORE SECURITY VESSELS FOR THE NAVY

■ F/Sgt Asempa Bernice



The President of the Republic of Ghana and Commander-in-Chief of the Ghana Armed Forces, His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo commissioned four brand new Offshore Security Vessels (OSVs) at the Naval Base, Sekondi on Friday, 25 February 2022.

The commissioning of the four 40-meter Offshore Security Vessels followed their recent acquisition through a lease agreement between the Ministry of Defence/Ghana Navy, Israel Shipyard Limited and the International Oil Companies with funding from GCB Bank PLC. This strategy formed part of the Government's

efforts to retool the Ghana Navy to enable them to provide dedicated security to offshore oil and gas infrastructure in Ghana's maritime domain as well as carry out any other security tasks in aid of national development.

The Commander-in-Chief, in his address, noted that rising insecurity in the Gulf

of Guinea and the West African sub-region required that the Ghana Navy being the lead maritime security agency receives all the needed support to carry out its statutory roles effectively.

The Minister for Defence, Hon Dominic Nitiwul, hinted in his speech, that plans to equip the Navy with more state-of-the-art ships were

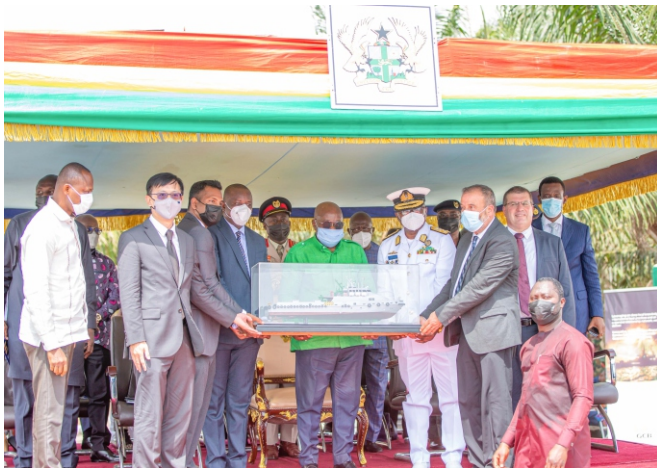
well advanced. He assured the President that good maintenance of the ships would be ensured to keep them operational to serve their purpose.

The Chief of the Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu, on his part, stated the vessels would not only protect offshore petroleum installations, but was a step towards re-equipping the Navy for the overall security of Ghana's territorial waters and development of the 'blue economy.

The Managing Director of

GCB Bank PLC, Mr. Kofi Adomakoh, said financing the acquisition of the vessels was a good sign of productive collaboration between indigenous banks and state institutions for national development.

In recognition of the importance of rivers in Ghana and the roles they play in the livelihood of its people, the vessels have been christened after some of the country's major water bodies - GNS VOLTA, GNS PRA, GNS DENSU and GNS ANKOBRA.



DANISH DEFENCE ATTACHÉ VISITS WESTERN NAVAL COMMAND

■ Enoch TN Opata (2 Garrison PR Detach)



The Danish Defence Attache (DA) to Ghana, Lt Col Lasse Sand, has paid a visit to the Western Naval Command. He was received by the Flag Officer Fleet (FOF) Commodore Bright Atiayao on Tuesday 21 June 2022.

Commodore Atiayao in his remarks, expressed his delight for the DAs visit and hoped it will strengthen the bond between the Armed Forces of the two countries. He noted that the Western Naval Command was a strategic asset with great potentials and always ready for any joint collaboration in terms of maritime training and security.

He explained the responsibilities of WNC and indicated that, they also work collaboratively with civil authorities and offer the necessary assistance when needed. He stated that illegal maritime activities such as illegal bunkering, robberies at sea among others were issues the Command was battling with, but praised the Government of Ghana for retooling the Ghana Navy to deal with such issues swiftly. He noted that Ghana

was non-aligned to any specific country and was therefore ready to work and cooperate with any country as far as maritime safety and security were concerned

On his part, the DA noted that maritime security remained a priority on the list of the Danish Ministry of Defence. He also

mentioned the Coordinated Maritime Presence (CMP) which is an EU initiative, and averred that, they will soon participate in EU missions which will ensure their continuous maritime presence and outreach in designated maritime areas of interest. He noted that Denmark was ready to collaborate with Ghana in the area of maritime security among others.

Commodore Atiayao took the DA on a tour of the Base where they visited the School of Marine Engineering and Combat Systems (SMECS), Ghana Navy Ship (GNS) DENSU which was one of the new ships acquired for the Ghana Navy by the Government of Ghana. At the Naval Dockyard, the DA had an interaction with the FOC NAVLOC Commodore Emmanuel Wayoe and also toured the Engineering departments and the Naval Dockyard slipway.

The DA was accompanied by the Director Naval Training, Captain (GN) Dennis KA Eghan, two Officers from the Danish Special Operations Command, Major Michael Sonne and Capt Bertram Hansen.



BRITISH MINISTER FOR THE ARMED FORCES DECORATES CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF WITH DARTMOUTH MEDAL

The British Minister for the Armed Forces, Honourable James Heappey, MP, has decorated the Chief of the Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu and the first Female seagoing Commanding Officer of the Ghana Navy, Lieutenant Commander Priscilla Dzokoto, with the Britannia Royal Naval College Medal.

The two Ghanaian Naval Officers are products of the prestigious Britannia Royal Naval College in the United Kingdom.

The Minister, who was in the country to cement the existing cordial relations between the United Kingdom Armed Forces and Ghana, commended the Chief of the Naval Staff for his exemplary leadership and contribution towards the fight against piracy and threats at sea. He also congratulated Lieutenant Commander Dzokoto for being the first female seagoing Commanding Officer in the Ghana Navy, a feat achieved through hard work and dedication. He encouraged her to continue to prove to



the world that females can also lead in a male dominated field.

Honourable James Heappey, MP, took the opportunity to visit the Multinational Maritime Coordination Centre Zone F located at the Osu Castle where he

received first hand briefing on the activities and operations of the centre in combating crimes at sea. He was met at the centre by the Director, Captain (GN) Yirenki who briefed the team extensively on their operations and challenges.



LT CDR PRISCILLA DZOKOTO,
the first female
Commanding Officer
of Ghana Navy Ship,
receiving the Britannia
Royal Naval College Medal
from Honourable James
Heappey, MP, United
Kingdom Minister of
the Armed Forces.

KOREAN DEPUTY MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS CALLS ON CNS

■ F/Sgt Siaw MK

The Korean Deputy Minister for Overseas and Consular Affairs, Mr Kim Wan-Joong on Tuesday 5 April 2022 paid a courtesy call on the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu at the Naval Headquarters in Burma Camp, Accra.

According to Mr Wan-Joong, the call was to collaborate and explore the possible avenue with the Ghana Navy to tackle the maritime insecurity in the Gulf of Guinea. He said the Korean government was committed to support and assist the Ghana Navy to confront issues such as piracy and kidnapping on the coast of Ghana.

He added that the Korean government had offered to train Ghanaian Naval personnel at the Korean Marine Academy after consultation with the Ghana Armed Forces (GAF).

The CNS, on behalf of the Ghana Navy and GAF, thanked Mr Wan-Joong for



calling on him at his office. He also thanked the Korean government for the immense support through the Korean Embassy for fighting against seaborne threats and ensuring the safety and security of the maritime domain. He added that the fight against piracy and kidnapping in the Gulf of Guinea was getting better.

He continued that the Korean government over the years had assisted in maintaining the Zone F in terms of logistics, communication gadgets, surveillance equipment and training.

The CNS urged the Korean government to establish a link in Ghana to support the fishing industry in Ghana.



NIGERIAN NAVAL WAR COLLEGE DELEGATION CALLS ON CNS



■ F/Sgt Siaw M K

As part of their one-week study tour in Ghana, a 40-member delegation made up of faculty members and participants of the Nigerian Naval War College led by the Commandant, Rear Admiral SA Akinwande paid a courtesy call on the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu on Monday, 18 July 2022 at the Naval Headquarters in Accra.

The tour which was aimed at equipping the faculty members and participants with the Socio-political, Economic and Military Institutions of Ghana was under the theme: “Countering Maritime Threats Through Cooperative Maritime Security in the Gulf of Guinea.”

The CNS welcomed the delegation to the Naval Headquarters and wished them well in their stay in the country. The Commandant on the other hand, thanked the CNS for the warm reception and hoped for continuous collaboration between Ghana and Nigeria.

At a presentation, the Director Naval Operations, Captain (GN) Samuel Ayelazono briefed the delegation on some of the security threats in Ghana's maritime domain and efforts being made to deal with them.

GNS ANKOBRA ARRIVES IN NIGERIA



■ By Sgt Ankamah Stephen

Ghana Navy Ship (GNS) ANKOBRA, under the Command of Lt Cdr Priscilla Ami Dzokoto arrived at the Onne Harbour in Nigeria as part of measures to bring to bear the cumulative strengths amongst the Navies of the Gulf of Guinea and those along the Eastern and Southern African Coastline on Thursday, 26 May 2022.

The team upon arrival was welcomed and congratulated by the Chief Staff Officer (CSO) Eastern Naval Command (ENC) Nigeria Navy, Rear Admiral MG Oamen for the successful journey. He commended the Commanding Officer for the high level of professionalism displayed in leading the team to Nigeria.

He added that amidst the challenges in sailing she was able to thrive as a female and urged her to be proud of her accomplishment as the first female Commanding Officer of a Ghana Navy Ship.



DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMISSION VISITS CNS

■ By Emily Gonyo

A delegation from the Narcotics Control Commission (NACOC) led by the Director General, Mr Kenneth Adu-Amanfoh, paid a visit to the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu, on Tuesday 22 March 2022 at the Naval Headquarters in Burma Camp.

The visit was to strengthen the cordial relations between the Ghana Navy and the NACOC to collaborate effectively in joint operations to curb drug smuggling at sea.

He expressed his appreciation to the CNS on the training of his personnel at the recent exercise OBANGAME EXPRESS held in the country.

Rear Admiral Issah Yakubu in his welcome remarks, congratulated Mr Adu-Amanfoh on his appointment as the Director-General of the NACOC and wished him success.

He further stated that the Ghana Navy and the NACOC had come a long way to build an amiable affiliation in working together, which has led to the most successful joint operations over the years. He noted that it was important they continue working together to aid in putting a stop to trafficking at sea.

He also outlined some challenges both institutions face which hinders success. It was his hope that challenges such as delayed information sharing, which at most times distort operations be addressed in order to work seamlessly to achieve a common goal.

The CNS reiterated that the Ghana Navy was willing to collaborate and assured them of his full support to provide constant training to the personnel of the NACOC to enhance capacity building.



GHANA NAVY BAND HOLDS MAIDEN CONCERT TO CROWN MUSICIAN GRADE II COURSE



Ghana Navy's (GN) Eastern Naval Command (ENC) has conducted its foremost 12-weeks Musician Grade II Course (MN2) 2022 for Twenty-three Junior Ratings, and crowned it with a Band Concert.

The Course which was held at the Leadership Training School (LTS), Tema Naval Base, commenced on Friday 25 March and ended on Friday 17 June 2022.

The splendid public performance took place at the Steve Darbo Shed, on Thursday 16 June 2022, with the Flag Officer Commanding (FOC), ENC – Commodore Emmanuel Ayesu Kwafo, as the Guest of Honour. In his remarks, the FOC acknowledged the importance of music and assured that the Command would do everything possible to encourage the band to discharge their duties effectively.

The FOC, a couple of months ago, saw to the construction and commissioning of a Band Hall, which was used during the tutelage to aid in rehearsals and was also used for all band activities of the Command.

The Commanding Officer (CO), Lieutenant Commander Salifu Musah, in his welcome address said it was the first time the ENC was witnessing a band concert by students, and the Navy as a whole.

The Course, which was designed to improve the proficiency of Bandsmen and also consolidate their knowledge in Armed Forces Regulations Volumes and Navy General Orders 2020, was aimed at producing competent and confident Bandsmen in the Ghana Navy.

Credit: Peace Journal



GHANA NAVY CLOSES DRONE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COURSE



■ F/Sgt Siaw MK

The Ghana Navy on Thursday 24 March 2022 held a closing ceremony for its maiden Drone Operations and Maintenance Course at the Naval Headquarters in Burma Camp, Accra.

The course which was sponsored by OMNICAD, a Defence and Technology company contracted by the Ghana Boundary Commission to purchase drones to assist the Commission's operation with the support of the Signal Training School and Soko Aerial Robotics was aimed at seeking the new focus of the Ghana Navy in applying technology to enhance total surveillance of the country's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and to support naval operations.

In all, 13 personnel were selected from the Ghana Navy to partake in the

course which lasted for eight weeks. In his speech, the Chief of the Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Issah Yakubu, who was the Guest of Honour congratulated the participants for their hard work and dedication during the course. He also urged the participants to make good use of all the things taught during the training.

He expressed his appreciation to OMNICAD, the Signal Training School and the Soko Aerial Robotics for their immense support during the training, adding that, the Naval High Command had deliberated on leveraging

technology to enhance sea operations and administrative activities.

The CEO of OMNICAD, Mr Michael Zormelo in his remarks stated that, he was excited about the partnership between the Ghana Navy and OMNICAD and acknowledged the vital role the Navy plays in ensuring the security and safety of commerce at sea.

He added that OMNICAD was proud to have sponsored the personnel of the Navy to undergo training in operating and maintaining drones which were vital to the quest to achieve total maritime domain awareness.

“To ensure that the training is put into

practice, we have donated 3 training drones, 2 to the Navy and 1 to Soko Aerial to help with the familiarization of drone operations and to also put the theory into practical use”, he added.

Mr Zormelo stressed that OMNICAD had identified the need for collaboration in applying the latest technology in areas such as hydrography to support maritime operations, oil and gas activities and the governments drive to secure the water bodies.

“To this end we are pleased to announce the offer to support 2 personnel from the Ghana Navy to

undergo training in hydrography overseas to ensure we have the requisite skills to stop the dependence on foreign entities for such services.” He revealed.

The participants were awarded with certificate of participation.

Present at the ceremony were Director Communications, Ghana Armed Forces, Col Azera, Director Naval Training, Captain (GN) Dennis Eghan, Commanding Officer, Signal Training School, Lt Col Ankobiah and some Executives from SOKO Aerial Robotics.



TEN & JUBILEE PARTNERS SIGN MOU WITH GHANA NAVY

■ By Emily Gonyo

Tulow Ghana Limited and the Ghana Navy have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the contracting of Ghanaian Navy vessels to provide security services at the Jubilee and TEN oil fields.

The vessels, which have been acquired for the Ghana Navy with funding from the GCB Bank, will provide asset protection in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in the TEN and Jubilee fields. Tulow Ghana and the Jubilee Partners will provide a total of \$23.5million-dollars during the five-year contract period. The five-year contract commenced on 1 January 2022 and will run until 31 December 2026.

The Deputy Managing Director, Cynthia Lumor said “the Jubilee partners’ commitment to support the retooling of the Ghana Navy is mutually beneficial to both parties. This partnership will ensure the protection of the Ghanaian waters by providing security services in the TEN and Jubilee fields and along the



coast of Ghana. We believe that this will further strengthen the relationship between Tulow Ghana and the Ghana Navy”.

Chief of the Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Issah Yakubu commended the Jubilee Partners for the collaboration, saying

“Tulow Ghana and the Jubilee Partners have demonstrated commitment to sustainable production by this collaboration. The Ghana Navy will ensure that we fulfill our contractual obligations to ensure a secured maritime space for the safe operation of the TEN and Jubilee fields”.



500 LIFEGUARDS GRADUATE AT ENC



■ By Emily Gonyo



500 Lifeguards graduated from the Volta Lake Transport Enchantment Project at the Eastern Naval Command on Monday 30 May 2022.

In his remarks, the Chief of the Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Issah Yakubu mentioned that training and equipping personnel with lifeguard skills had become necessary due to the increasing rate of accidents on the Volta Lake. He said that has necessitated collaboration among stakeholders and the Ghana Navy to help minimize the occurrences leading to the loss of lives.

The CNS also urged the 500 graduates of the Basic Water and Life Guard Training Course, to keep their professional skills and techniques. He further underscored the need for personnel to be alert for their tasks and take the necessary precautions while working to save lives.



WNC GETS NEW 20-UNIT ACCOMMODATION BLOCK

■ By F/Sgt Asempa Bernice



A 20-unit accommodation block has been handed over to the Western Naval Command (WNC) on Wednesday 6 April, 2022 at the Sekondi Naval Barracks.

The Building which was commissioned by the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu was christened as Bedu-Addo Block. It was named after Capt (GN) George Bedu-Addo (Rtd) who was commissioned into the Executive branch of the Ghana Navy on 1 September, 1961 and after distinguishing himself meritoriously was honourably released on 15 April, 1978.

In his address, the CNS who was the Guest of Honour noted that the project was initiated by the Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS), Vice Admiral Seth Amoama during his tenure as the CNS and expressed joy to see it completed. He pointed out that the building was put up to replace the old dilapidated block D in order to provide a decent and comfortable accommodation for personnel.

He said he found it prudent to accommodate more people in the barracks because it fosters esprit-de-corps, promotes discipline, and improves on the ability of Command to mobilise personnel for various activities. The CNS hinted on some ongoing projects such as the construction of 60 unit 2-bedroom accommodation and another

1,300-unit Public-Private Partnership (PPP) housing scheme expected to take off soon.

He admonished occupants of the Bedu-Addo Block to uphold the maintenance culture and keep the building and its environment clean, to show appreciation to those who made the project possible. He thanked the contractors and consultants and urged all to put their shoulders to the wheel with a unity of purpose and work diligently to move the Ghana Navy to a higher pedestal.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Flag Officer Commanding (FOC), Commodore Samuel Walker stated that barracks accommodation for



personnel was a major challenge for every Garrison. He said statistically, only 21.3% of the Naval personnel occupy military accommodation which in no doubt affects efficiency.

He appreciated the project which had come at a time they needed more Junior Rates to be accommodated at the barracks to facilitate

in the training of newly recruited ratings and deployment of personnel at the oil fields. The FOC thanked the CNS for the facility and prayed for more of such interventions.

The Bedu-Addo Block was constructed by Messrs Supremo Limited.



WESTERN NAVAL COMMAND HOLDS JUNIOR RATES CONVENTION

■ Enoch TN Opatia

The Western Naval Command (WNC) held this year's Junior Rates Convention for personnel of the Ghana Navy from Monday 23 to Friday 27 May 2022.

The week-long convention which was held at the School of Marine Engineering and Combat Systems (SMECS) of WNC, was under the theme "Expansion and Reorganisation of the Ghana Navy-Roles and Expectations of Junior Ratings."

It was aimed at eliciting ideas and opinions from Junior Rates on matters particularly relating to their roles in operations, administration, training, logistics and welfare in the Ghana Navy and the Ghana Armed Forces (GAF) at large.

During the closing ceremony of the convention, the Flag Officer Commanding (FOC), Western Naval Command, who also doubles as the 2 Garrison Commander, Commodore Samuel Walker noted that, like any branches in organisational structure, Junior Rates happened to be the starting point in the rank structure of the Navy and their roles and expectations towards achieving the overall success of Command could not be over emphasised.

He said one of the ways personnel of their calibre could make an impact of effective change in the profession was to add value and support Command and that could be achieved by their understanding of what matters to Higher Command and adding value where they could.

He assured them that their outlined suggestions and contributions would go a long way to influence policies which will help in achieving the vision of the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS). He was hopeful that the lectures and discussions had enlightened their plans to expand the



Ghana Navy and given them a clear idea of their roles in the ongoing expansion.

The FOC admonished the Junior Rates to be proactive in finding ways to add meaningful value in wherever they found themselves, adding that, they will reap whatever input they inject into the system when they become Senior Rates.

In all, 70 Junior Rates from various Commands of the Ghana Navy participated in the convention. They were taken through various topics such as ensuring operational security and

intelligence, the Navy divisional system, financial management of the Junior Rate. Others included, the Junior Rate and family life, training opportunities for the Junior Rate in an expanding Navy, the role of the Junior Rate in a vibrant Navy amongst others.

In attendance were the Director Naval Administration, Captain(GN) Ramzy Bamba, Director Naval Training Captain (GN) Dennis KA Eghan, Director Research, Capt (GN) KK Donkor, and very Senior Officers of the Ghana Navy.

LELE GROUP OF COMPANIES PRESENTS NEW BUSES TO ENC



■ By LS Ehun Samuel

The Eastern Naval Command (ENC) has taken delivery of two brand-new 16-seater Toyota mini-buses presented by the Lele Group of Companies on Tuesday, 29 March 2022 at the Naval Base, Tema.



Handing over the buses embossed with the Company's logo and 'Eastern Naval Command, Tema', Chief Executive Officer of the group, Mr Hussein Jaber noted that the effort formed part of the company's Corporate Social Responsibilities and was aimed at facilitating the easy movement of troops for the operations of the Command.

Mr Hussein said the donation was a demonstration of the Company's commitment in assisting the ENC to effectively execute its mandate of providing security in Tema and its environs.

The Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu who received the buses, expressed his gratitude to the Company for the gesture. He was hopeful that the relationship between the Command and the Company would extend to the entire Ghana Navy.

The CNS, however, called for the adherence of good management and proper maintenance of the vehicles in order to prolong their lifespans.

"The vehicles are new so there is the need to take good care of them. I appeal to the FOC and his staff to select mature drivers who will drive safely. The location of the Command near the sea makes the environment very corrosive. Drivers, mechanics and other MT staff must, therefore, do their best to ensure the vehicles are well maintained", he said.

The Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Naval Command, Commodore Emmanuel Ayesu Kwafo in his remarks, recounted that the presentation was in response to an appeal made to the Company in 2021.

GHANA NAVY SPECIAL BOAT SQUADRON TRAINS TO SECURE THE GULF OF GUINEA

EXERCISE SEA HAWK



■ By Emily Gonyo

Ghana Navy Special Boat Squadron (SBS) in partnership with the US and Danish militaries as part of this year's training exercise, has held an assault drill, close-quarter combat, and emergency medical training among others, to strengthen Ghana's maritime security and to build its ability to defend its territorial waters, and coordinate closely with its neighbours.

The collaboration and training exercise has equipped the SBS with best practices and greatly improved its operational readiness and a robust posture to fight maritime crimes, improving the capacity of the Ghana Navy Special Boat Squadron mainly in providing a swift and effective response to maritime security incidents in Ghana's coastal waters.

As part of this year's training exercise, the operatives of the Ghana Navy SBS were rappelled down from an Air Force helicopter to the deck of a floating ship offshore with weapons drawn while searching for suspected pirates on board.

The final part of the exercise was a "terrorist" attack on the Junction Mall which was swiftly neutralised by the operatives.

IN PICTURES



GHANA NAVY PARTICIPATES IN MARITIME EXERCISE IN NIGERIA

■ Sgt Ankomah Stephen Jnr

The Ghana Navy as part of efforts in fighting maritime infractions has flagged off a multinational maritime exercise code-named 'Exercise Edi-Diana' to tackle maritime security threats along the Gulf of Guinea. The exercise took place in Nigeria.



The Exercise which was held on the Onne River in Nigeria in collaboration with West and Central Africa countries within the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) comprising; Ghana, Cameroon, Togo, some countries from the European Union and the United States Coast Guards sought to tackle piracy, illegal and unregulated fishing as well as every other maritime security threat. It was also to commemorate the 66th Anniversary of the Nigerian Navy at the Federal Ocean Terminal.

A representative of the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) of the Nigerian Navy, Chief of Training and Operations at the Naval Headquarters, Rear Admiral SO Agada said the Exercise presented ample opportunity for participating Navies to work together with other national and regional Navies in ensuring sufficient maritime security. He commended

participants for their commitment and collaboration.

He mentioned that illegal maritime activities within the GoG had become a menace and has impacted negatively on the economic growth of countries within the region. He added that it was prudent to conduct such an important exercise to effectively combat and eliminate sea based threats to enhance a secured maritime domain.

The Flag Officer Commanding (FOC) Eastern Naval Command (ENC) of the Nigerian Navy who doubled as the Officer in Tactical Command (OTC), Commodore OO Soyemi expressed his delight for the professionalism displayed by participants, especially the only female CO amongst the Commanders. He praised Lt Cdr Dzokoto for her commitment and enthusiasm and urged her not to relent



on her efforts of striving for higher honours in the maritime domain. The Exercise which commenced on 26 May and ended on 1 June 2022 involved anti hijacking and anti-piracy scenarios aimed at assessing

and fostering maritime security operations through regional cooperation with other international Navies and maritime stakeholders in the GoG. It was also to create awareness, improve on information sharing

practices and tactical interdiction expertise to enhance the collective capabilities of West African nations in checkmating sea based illegal activities within the sub-regional maritime domain.



QUALITY LEADERSHIP VITAL IN ACHIEVING NAVY'S AGENDA 2024 – CNS

■ By Emily Gonyo



The Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Yakubu has stated that leadership is critical to the success of all institutions.

He emphasized that there was the need to embrace modernization to achieve the mandate of the Ghana Navy in the face of scarce resources.

He made these remarks during the Navy's Annual Conference with the theme, "The role of leadership in achieving the Navy's agenda 2024."

The two day conference started on 31 March, and ended 1 April 2022 at the Naval Headquarters. It had in attendance Senior officers of the Ghana Navy.

The Chief Staff Officer (CSO), Commodore Maxwell Arhen, in his opening remarks stated that, the 2022 conference with an inference of the previous one was to deliberate, evaluate their performance over the years, assess and re-orient their strategies. This, he implied would enable them to achieve the collective vision of Agenda 2024.

He further highlighted his vision of maintaining a modern robust naval force, capable of defending Ghana against Seaborne threat and ensuring the safety and security of the maritime

domain, while maintaining the time-tested traditions of the Ghana Navy. He also mentioned that the 2022 theme will give them the opportunity to refuel their mind, revitalize teamwork and leverage a harmonized approach to charge the course of a secured domain.

Rear Admiral Issah Yakubu in his speech expressed his gratitude to all personnel of the Ghana Navy for their enormous support and loyalty in his first year in office as the CNS.

He highlighted the progress made on personnel welfare, some infrastructural projects across all Naval Bases in the country, of which he said some were completed and others about to commence. He espoused some few achievements such as the acquisition of 4 offshore security vessels, creation of Riverine and Logistic Commands and

the introduction of the Camouflage woodland uniform into the Navy, among others.

The CNS further indicated that it was imperative to explore new ideas, opportunities, shortcomings, challenges and to predict the future of the Ghana Navy, while working in accordance with agenda 2024.

"Due to the expansion of the Ghana Navy and the Ghana Armed Forces as a whole, we should not be taken by the events before putting in the necessary structures in place", he advised.

The CNS also urged Commanders to maintain international best practices in all centralized and decentralized planning executions to keep the morale of personnel high while maintaining the cohesiveness of the Armed Forces.





GHANA NAVY ADOPTS CAMOUFLAGE UNIFORM

■ Emily Gonyo

The Ghana Navy, has adopted and approved the use of the Army –type Camouflage (Camouflage Woodland) uniform as part of the Navy's uniforms. The adoption of the Camouflage Woodland uniform is to meet the need of uniform expansion of the Ghana Navy's scope of operations, which is no longer limited to sea, but increasingly on inland waterways, along the coast, as well as land operations in support of the Army. Therefore the Navy requires a uniform that is fit for the emerging operational domain of the Ghana Navy, to complement the AWD.

Over the years, the main uniform used by the Ghana Navy for operations and exercise has been the Action Working Dress (AWD) or the NO.8 Uniform. However the AWD is neither designed nor tough enough for some of the high –stress environments in which the Ghana Navy now increasingly operates, therefore the demand for the addition and use of the Camouflage Woodland Uniform, which will also provide the Navy more flexibility in the use of uniforms, and ease the pressure on the AWD uniform.

Per the service guidelines on the use of the Camouflage uniform, Personnel are to ensure it bears all the appropriate naval insignia required and it is to be worn during naval land based operations/exercises, tri-service exercises which requires the Navy to operate on Land, together with the Army and the Air Force as one entity.

In line with Naval traditions where uniforms have unique names and numbers, the Camouflage Woodland Uniform is to be known in the Ghana Navy as Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) or No.8 Combat (No.8C).



GHANA NAVY GOES PAPERLESS

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The Ghana Navy on Friday, 1 July 2022 launched its Integrated Management System (Paperless System), to digitalize the administrative functions within the Ghana Navy, decentralize access to routine orders and enhance the receipt, transmission and dissemination of information amongst personnel and commands.

The event which took place at the Naval Headquarters was part of the Chief of the Naval Staff's (CNS) vision to reduce the over reliance on paper/manual practices with a foremost aim at reducing the cost associated with running paper based offices and embracing modern technological practices which permits remote access.

The paperless system features a number of modules chiefly headlined by a collaborative work platform, data sharing platform, an e-library, routine orders dashboard, records and access control, inventory and ledger management, upcoming training/events platform amongst others.

The Guest of Honour, Vice Admiral Seth Amoama, the Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS), in his remarks commended the relentless effort of the CNS, Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu, the software development team, led by Captain Davison Mensah-Kabu, and key personnel at the Naval Headquarters in attaining such commendable feat.

Vice Admiral Seth Amoama addressing the gathering



He indicated that the Integrated Management System would enhance productivity due to its remote access feature, permitting out of office work, effective office administration and expedite internal procurement processes. He further stated that technology has evolved over the years and it was just about time the entire Ghana Armed Forces leveraged on such advancement to globally position itself and modernize its administrative processes. In his concluding remarks, he urged all Arms of Service to effusively embrace the development and use of such systems to enable seamless data harmonization and inter-connectivity of existing systems.

The development team leader from the Directorate of Information Technology (DIT), Captain Davison Mensah-Kabu, demonstrated and took personnel through key aspects of the Integrated

Management System, navigating various pages, feature items and the redesigned Ghana Navy Website accessible via url <http://navy.mil.gh/>

Present at the launch were very Senior Officers from all Arms of Service including the Deputy Chief of Staff (DCOS), Administration – Air Vice Marshal M Appiah-Agyekum, Flag Officers Commanding the Ghana Navy, Base Commander, AFB Accra – Air Cdre JL Mensah-Larkai, Chief Staff Officer, Air Force Headquarters – Air Cdre JA Ashrifie, Ag. Director-General, Defense Communication & Information Systems – Col AK Oduah, Director-Military Records – Col J Vander-Pallen, Director-Information Technology – Lt Col E Seppey amongst other Staff Officers from various Departments, Directorates and Units.



2 GARRISON OPERATION BOAFO TEAM ATTENDS TO FLOOD PRONE AREAS IN ELMINA

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Flash floods have caused serious havoc at Ankaful Elmina and its surroundings as a result of some rivers that overflowed their banks on Saturday 18 June, 2022 causing communities within the enclave to be out-of-the-way.

By the Command of the Flag Officer Fleet (FOF), Commodore Bright Atiyao, Nineteen personnel from Operation BOAFO, led by Sub Lt SY Boateng were dispatched to the scene due to the emergency of the situation to provide the needed assistance. The personnel included ten from the Navy, one from the Air Force, five from the Army and three from the 2 Garrison Public Relations Detachment.

The Operation which commenced early Sunday morning 19 June 2022 saw the team provide assistance to about 30 displaced civilians who sought passage from Abinna to Atonkwa, Amisamu and surrounding communities. The team also moved to Nkontrodo and the Prisons quarters at Abbey township where portions of the affected road were cordoned off from vehicular passage due to the extent of damage.

Properties running into millions of Cedis



were destroyed and one death recorded. The deceased was a Prisons Officer. However, situation in all visited communities was calm and normal.

Commodore Bright Atiyao met briefly with the rescue and inspecting teams and congratulated them for their swift response and showmanship on the situation. He said although one death had been recorded with loss of properties, they will still be on the alert as there could be more rains in the coming days. He expressed his condolences to the bereaved family and urged the Operation BOAFO team to continue the good work and sacrifices in saving lives and properties.

Earlier on the same day, the Director of National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO), Mr Eric Nana Prempeh Agyeman arrived at the scene to have a first-hand information on the

situation, ascertain the veracity of damage and proffer solutions. He was met by the Komenda Edina Eguafu Abirim (KEEA) Municipal Chief Executive (MCE), Hon Solomon Appiah, the NADMO Regional Director, Mr Joe Donkoh, the Municipal Director, Mr Patrick Obeng and other stakeholders. Various relief items were deployed to the affected communities by NADMO.



CNS PRESENTS MEDALS TO TWO NAVAL OFFICERS

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The Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu on Thursday 11 August 2022, at the Naval Headquarters in Accra, presented the Gulf of Guinea medals to Captain (GN) Derrick Godwill Attachie and the late Commander Yussif Benning for their meritorious and loyal service to the Gulf of Guinea and especially on their pioneering work in the Yaounde Architecture.

The medals were presented by the CNS on behalf of the Interregional Coordination Centre which is based in Yaounde, Cameroon. The medals were awarded during the official inauguration of the West African Regional Maritime Security Centre on 31 March 2022.

In view of the inability of the officers to attend the ceremony, the medals were brought to the CNS to be presented to the Naval Officers. Whilst Captain (GN) Derrick Attachie personally received his medal from the CNS, that of Commander Yussif Benning was received on his behalf posthumously by his son, Abdul Salam Wissepeng.



Speaking at the short but significant ceremony, Rear Admiral Issah Yakubu applauded the awardees for their persistence, dedication, and commitment to the advancement of the Yaounde architecture and for giving good accounts of themselves towards their duties and responsibilities.

A citation accompanying the medals read “ The Executive Director of the Interregional Coordination Centre (ICC) in accordance with decision No 01/ICC/2021 of 6 March 2021 awards the Gulf of Guinea meritorious gold medal to Naval Captain Derrick Attachie, former

head of Training Division of ICC in recognition of his good and loyal services rendered to the Yaounde Architecture and also to Commander Yussif Bennin, former Director of the Multinational Maritime Coordination Centre, Zione F (posthumously) for his good and loyal services rendered to the Yaounde Architecture.

Present at the event were the Chief Staff Officer at the Naval Headquarters, Cdre Maxwell Arhen, the Director-General Religious Affairs, Cdre Adjei-Djan, Directors at the Naval Headquarters and some family members of the recipients.



GHANA NAVY HOLDS PASSING OUT PARADE FOR RECRUITS OF BASIC TRAINING BATCH 83

■ Emily Gonyo

The Ghana Navy on Friday 21 July 2022, held a successful passing out parade for the Basic Training Batch 83, at the Naval Training Command (NAVTRAC) located at Nutekpor- Sogakope in the Volta Region.

The Recruits comprising 342 males and 95 females, underwent 26 weeks of intensive, vigorous but standard comprehensive military and basic naval training, to prepare them both physically and mentally for the execution of their roles in the Navy.

The new sailors at the ceremony, elegantly displayed their skills by showcasing series of drills to mark their successful completion of the six months training.

The Reviewing Officer of the parade, Principal General Staff Officer at the Ministry of Defence, Commodore Samuel Agyenim Boateng, commended the young sailors for their tenacity, discipline and efforts put into the completion of their basic training. He urged them to be patriotic, uphold professionalism, and be responsive to operational exigencies.



He further entreated them to take their physical training and education seriously whilst in the service since this plays important role in their career progression and development. The Reviewing Officer also wished them a thriving sail as they journeyed into their career.

Cdre Agyenim Boateng also used the occasion to caution parents and

relatives to desist from pushing the young sailors to engage in debt collections and illegal activities on their behalf. He noted these could hamper the career of the young sailors and also bring disrepute to the prestigious name of the Ghana Armed Forces.

Awards were presented to some deserving graduands for their performance throughout their training. Ordinary Seaman Issaku Ishawu was adjudged the overall best while Ordinary Seaman Arthur Pius Leonard was adjudged the best in academics.

Present at the Ceremony were the Flag Officer Commanding NAVTRAC, Cdre Godwin Bessing, the Commanding Officer of the Naval Recruit Training School, Lt Cdr Steven Manu, Senior Officers of the Ghana Navy, Instructors, dignitaries and families and friends of the newly passed-out sailors.





NRTS HOLDS STEEPLE CHASE COMPETITION

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The Naval Recruit Training School held a steeple chase competition for BT 83 Recruits at the Naval Training Command (NAVTRAC), Nuterpkor, on Sunday 17 July 2022

The Competition, which formed part of the training curricular of the Training School was aimed at building physical fitness, mental alertness and promoting teamwork among the recruits. The steeple chase covered a 12- kilometre route commencing from the Command through Totsoanyi, Tolesem, Larve, Dalive, the Nutekpor Township and finally to the Naval Base where the recruits passed through some 12 obstacles in order to end the competition.

The Recruits were grouped into six Naval Divisions at the school namely Ghana Navy Ship (GNS) SEBO with Green



Colour, GNS YOGAGA in Yellow, GNS DZATA with Blue as its colour, GNS BONSU in Violet, GNS ACHIMOTA with Red and GNS ANZONE with Brown as its colour.

The Recruits successfully crossed all the obstacles such as crossing the horizontal rope, climbing a balancing and vertical wall, a horizontal ladder as well as jumping over some six and twelve feet hurdles amongst others.

GNS ANZONE was adjudged the best Division having produced a score of 5,875 in an average time of 52 minutes, at the end of the exercise.



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NAVAL HEADQUARTERS HOLDS STRIPE WETTING FOR NEWLY PROMOTED OFFICERS

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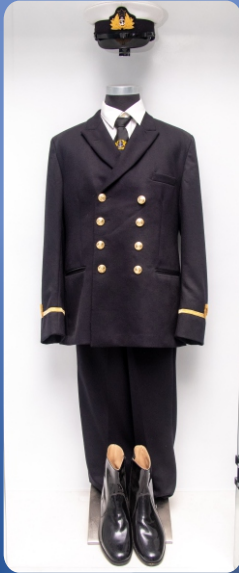
A stripe wetting ceremony has been held for newly promoted Officers of the Ghana Navy at the Naval Wardroom in Accra on Friday 29 July 2022.

The Chief of the Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu commended the newly promoted officers for their dedication and enormous support to the Ghana Navy. He also attributed their milestones achievement to a string of qualities including discipline, hard work, perseverance and selflessness. He also urged the newly promoted officers to keep up their contributions and loyalty in the delivery of their duties and responsibilities.



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