

Fashion & Talent Show

At a time when crewmembers were missing their families and becoming irritable from the on-going transit, the ship's store came up with the idea to sponsor OKINAWA's first fashion and talent show. With the announcement of the show morale seemed to show a big improvement. SK3 Jones and SH2 Wimes were the two crewmembers who initially came up with the idea and took care of setting up the talent participants as well as taking care of the necessary preparations in order for the show to get off the ground.

The Fashion Fair consisted of ship's store merchandise such as various sports wear, jackets and assorted T-shirts being modeled by crewmembers. Also, some shipmates who owned an assortment of formal attire, volunteered to show off their various casual and formal wardrobes.

With the finish of the fashion part of the show, the evening's talent contest began. There was a wide variety of acts which included dance routines, comedy acts, solos, as well as group singers.

The winner of the evening was a solo harmonica performance by HN Steve Herrera of Surgical Team One.

The show brought many smiles and much laughter to the crew aboard that evening despite hot conditions.

Another show was held on the way back to San Diego. This show was coupled with an auction held on various items to raise money for Toys for Tots. Captain Terry was the auctioneer.

TOP LEFT: HN Steve Herrera was the winner of the talent contest.

MIDDLE RIGHT: ABFAA Alan Reed does some high jumping dance moves during the contest. He placed second.

BELOW: SK3 Michael Jones shows off some fashions.

