

Phrase or word(s) of the day BY CHIEF SHORT BMC(SS)

DUE TO THE RESPONSE I HAD ON THE ARTICLE ABOUT THE CHIEF'S REEFER, I HAVE DECIDED TO WRITE A SMALL ARTICLE EACH MONTH ABOUT NAVAL SAYING'S, PHRASES, YOU MAY OR MAY NOT BE AWARE OF.

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION JUST DROP ME AN E-MAIL, AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO RESEARCH IT.

DON'T BE A HATER.

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TODAY'S RECOMMENDED READING:

"TIN CANS AND DESTROYERS BY CAROL DUFF"

THIS MONTH 'BELL BOTTOM TROUSERS': ORIGINATING ABOARD SAILING VESSELS, THE WIDE FLAIRED, LEGS ON BELL BOTTOMED TROUSERS ARE EASY TO ROLL UP WHEN WORKING, CLEANING OR WADING ON A BOAT.

CANTEEN MEDALS: NAVAL TERM FOR STAINS DOWN THE FRONT OF YOUR JUMPER, JACKET OR COAT CAUSED BY FOOD OR DRINK.

CREW CUT: A SHORT HAIRCUT GIVEN TO THE WHOLE SHIP CREW.

CUP OF JOE: FROM AMERICAN NAVY LORE. JOSEPHUS DANIELS (1862-1948) WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY OF THE NAVY BY PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON IN 1913. DURING HIS TIME AS SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, JOE DANIELS ABOLISHED THE OFFICER'S WINE, AFTER WHICH THE STRONGEST DRINK ABOARD NAVY SHIPS WAS COFFEE. A CUP OF COFFEE BECAME KNOWN AS A "CUP OF JOE".

DOESN'T HAVE BOTH OARS IN THE WATER.: THIS IS AN EXPRESSION USED TO DESCRIBE SOMEONE THAT IS THOUGHT TO BE SLOW OR CRAZY, OR JUST NOT ALL THERE.

HEAD: THE LAVATORY ABOARD A SHIP IS KNOWN AS THE "HEAD." THE EXPRESSION COMES FROM THE FACT ON SAILING SHIPS THE TOILET WAS LOCATED FORWARD, CLOSE TO THE FIGUREHEAD OR THE HEAD OF THE VESSEL.