



The day was dim, dreary with rain, snow and . . . cold. The scene was the Coast Guard Yard where we were to spend about three months. The date was 22 January 1972.

During our first yard period, many changes were to take place that would equip the JARVIS to agree with the "latest fleet specifications". Among those changes were adding a new sonar, addition of several electronics equipments, modification of the balloon shelter and smoke stacks, and many other changes that would streamline the JARVIS.

The cold and winter environment in Baltimore were not welcomed by most as it had been an unwelcomed change from Honolulu and New Orleans. Some of the luckier crewmembers were able to take a trip home midway during the yard period to see their families. Despite the shortcomings in the environment, most crewmembers found new diversions. After all, our nation's capitol was only an hour away and Ernels was only minutes away.

With spring approaching and the retrofit period completed, the JARVIS was once again set to sea leaving many memories behind. The date was 29 March 1972. Bigger and better times were envisioned now!!

