

Congratulations to the POLAR SEA Deck Department for their outstanding performance during AOS 1994. Of course, we can all be proud of the fact that we were part of the crew that took POLAR SEA to the North Pole, becoming the first U. S. surface ship to accomplish this feat. But there are many other memories from that historic trip. You all responded to the ever-changing "plan" in the professional manner that we've come to expect from POLAR SEA's "Deckies." Thanks for your outstanding effort, let's do it again soon. (December 1994 soon enough?).



**CWO3 Donald A.  
Knesebeck, USCG  
FIRST LIEUTENANT**



**SN Loren Huggins** caught trying to take a quick nap before quarters.



**BIG GUNS: GMI Vincent Demeyer and SN Justin Jolley.**

### Gunner's Mate

The Gunner's Mate aboard POLAR SEA has various ordnance responsibilities: the security/accountability of small arms and temperatures of the magazines/pyrotechnics box is accomplished and recorded in the ship's log daily; the checking in/out of personal weapons for those who wish to store them aboard POLAR SEA; the maintenance of the magazine spaces and pyrotechnics box; and the testing and maintaining of the magazine sprinkler system. ---

The GM has the responsibility for small arms training qualification for personnel—including training for the .375 caliber high-powered rifle, which is used for personnel defense from polar bears in the Arctic region. Maintaining qualification of two .50 caliber machine gun crews is done by training and conducting live firing exercises. The .50 caliber machine guns provide primary defense for POLAR SEA if the occasion arises. Periodic pyrotechnics training for all POLAR SEA personnel is also employed.

*- GMI Vincent L. Demeyer*