

NEW YEARS EVE AND RENO NIGHT!

It has long been a Wachusett tradition to set aside one night each year, legalize gambling (the sky is the limit), and turn the recreation deck, mess deck, and wardroom into the largest floating casino in the Coast Guard. Since we spent the Christmas holidays on patrol, what better night was there to celebrate Reno Night than an New Year's Eve.



Mr. Cisek, the ship's paymaster, doled out several thousands of dollars in non-negotiable scrip to each member of the crew. Each man could "invest" his money as he dared in the various games of chance: black jack, stud, craps, or the giant wheel-of-fortune. At the end of the evening various items of value from the ship's store were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Thus, the worthless scrip not only provided us with a memorable evening's enjoyment, but also bought many items of real value.

