

The Last Word . . .

It Really Is

This really is my last word as editor of *Ashore* magazine. On Dec. 4, I transferred to the Strategic Vision and Marketing Department of the Naval Safety Center as a marketing and communications specialist. One of my duties will be to find ways to improve our method of distributing safety information to the fleet. If you have any suggestions, let me know. My e-mail address is still vmack@safetycenter.navy.mil, but I have a new extension—7313.

I came to the Safety Center in 1986 as editor of *Safetyline*, which was a black-and-white newsletter sent out under the cover of a memorandum. *Safetyline* grew to a newsletter with a small amount of color, then to a full-color-process magazine, and eventually evolved into *Ashore*. In 1986, we printed about 12,000 copies of each issue of *Safetyline*. Now we print 30,000 copies of each issue of *Ashore*.

I wish I could take complete credit for *Ashore*'s birth and growth, but I can't. The people who have made this magazine a useful tool in their safety programs are its readers, contributing authors and supporters. You are one of those people. Without your contributions, input, suggestions, and encouragement, this magazine wouldn't be published on the scale it is today.

Starting with the next issue, Ken Testorff, who was the *Fathom* editor at the Safety Center since 1989, will be the editor of *Ashore*. (He says it's time he went on shore duty.) You can reach Ken at ktestorff@safetycenter.navy.mil. His extension is 7251. Give him a call or write him a note. He will be glad to hear from you.

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