

I don't know what the event was, but we was going to Fort Lauderdale for open house. It was some sort of armed forces day or something and the Sea Poacher went up there. We arrived up there, I think it was on a Friday and open house was going to be on Saturday.

Well Dean Martin visited the ship and the captain was showing him around the wardroom and all this kind of stuff here. And Dean say's thats really super nice for showing us around and such, I'll tell you what, we got a big show up here in town tonight and I'd like to have about four or five your your guys to come up and be my guest.

And so the captain passed the word to get for or five people together and go up and be the guest of Dean Martin at his show. Well, since I was the Chief of the boat I figured I would be one of the guys to go see the show.

Well, we went up to this fancy show place and told them Dean Martin asked us to come and they said fine. So we got a table and a drink. Now we got liberty at 1600 and the show didn't start till 2000. So we kept drinking and carrying on and this one guy had to make a head call. At that time we were in whites with zippers. Now the table was just like this one with a big ole floppy tablecloth on it. Well, he come back up from the head and sits down. One of us noticed his fly was unzipped and called it to his attention. Well, he zipped it up.

Then a big announcement was made up front referring to us and would we stand up and be recognized. Now we didn't stand up like any other person, we JUMPED. And when we did, liquor and glasses and beer bottles flew everywhere. He had sipped the tablecloth in his fly. Well, needless to say we attracted a lot of attention. We were escorted out by none other than Dean Martin Himself. He said "sorry guy's, I just didn't know what I was getting into"