



ARMED FORCES DAY planners meet to discuss ideas for the event which takes place in May. Looking over proposed plans (l. to r.) are: Service Information Director Winsor Josselyn; Armed Forces Day Chairman LCdr. R. W. Stell; Employee Relations Division Head LeRoy Jackson (standing); and C. E. Van Hagan, Community Council representative.

'Power for Peace' Again Slogan First 1956 Armed Forces Day Committee Meet Held Monday

Armed Forces Day Committee members met for the first time Monday afternoon at the Community Center under chairmanship of Lieutenant Commander Ralph W. Stell, to discuss plans for the annual open house at NOTS on Saturday, May 19.

Comment on broad outlines included whether the event should cover both Saturday and Sunday, as it did last year, or concentrate activities on Saturday; the question of Community Council participation with their annual China Lake Fiesta; and the extent of "live" exhibits at the Naval Air Facility.

"Power for Peace" again will be the slogan for the open house throughout the country where the Armed Forces show the public their products and practices used in guarding a free world.

In line with a memorandum sent out by LCdr. Stell on February 10, the following organizations have named representatives and alternates to the Armed Forces Day committee:

Central Staff — Bob Newell and Jim Dilworth; Naval Air Facility—Commander W. E. Jernigan Jr., and Lieutenant Commander A. F. Tozer; Supply Department—CHPHOT C. M. Robertson and J. A. Bell; Research Department—Harold Turner and L. T. Case; Personnel Department—LeRoy Jackson and Dr. P. C. Buchanan; Public Works—Ensign J. E. Winkler and Lt. (jg) J. T. Cantwell; Command Administration — CWO-W2 Carl Brad; Service Information Director Winsor Josselyn and Rocketeer Editor Ed Laney; Marine Barracks—Lt. J. S. Kyle; Safety Division—W. C. Thomas; Guided Missile Unit 25—

Lt. (jg) H. R. Erdman and Lt. (jg) V. I. Steiger; Guided Missile Unit 61—Lt. G. A. Tierney and Lt. T. S. Rogers; Engineering Department—Merle W. Hyatt and John Cox; and Community Council—C. E. Van Hagan.

Yet to forward names of their representatives are Test Department, Aviation Ordnance, Rocket Development, Propellants and Explosives, Research, Technical Information, Navy Enlisted Personnel, Security Division, Medical Department, Engineering Department and the Experimental Officer's office.

Next meeting of the group is set for Wednesday, February 29, at 1 p.m. in the Community Center.

Social Security Agent Schedules Next Visit

"If I draw a Civil Service Annuity, can I also draw a Social Security Pension?" This is one of the most frequent questions asked of Tom Hart, social security field representative, on his monthly visits to NOTS. The answer to this question is "Yes". According to Hart, the receipt of both benefits is permitted. Neither one has any effect on the other.

Hart's next regular monthly visit to the station will be next Tuesday, February 28th. He will be at the Main Gate Security Office from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

1956 Red Cross Drive to Open March 1; Indian Wells Valley Goal Set at \$6,000

The annual fund-raising drive of the American National Red Cross will open on the Station next Thursday, March 1. In tune with similar drives throughout the Nation, it will continue during the entire month of March. The Indian Wells Valley Branch of the Red Cross includes Ridgecrest and Inyokern as well as China Lake, and the campaign will be carried on simultaneously in all three towns. The Navy Department actively supports the annual drive of the Red Cross.

\$6,000 Goal

The 1956 goal for the local branch of the Red Cross is \$6,000. This goal, which is about double that of last year, reflects the need of the National organization to recover from the heavy demands that it met during the disastrous floods on both the east and west coasts this year.

In gathering funds to carry out its many activities, the American Red Cross has the strong backing of the Nation's leaders. Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, in a signed statement, said: "For three quarters of a century, the American Red Cross has been helping people. The many merciful deeds of the Red Cross have been made possible by the American people contributing money and serving as volunteers."

Disaster Fund Low

In the last six months of 1955, the Red Cross spent \$27 million to aid victims of 78 disasters. It was the heaviest disaster expenditure in the 75-year history of the Red Cross, and the disaster reserve fund, which should contain \$8 million, has now dipped below the \$1 million mark.

The 1956 Red Cross fund campaign has been organized at U.S. military installations in the United States, Europe, North Africa, the Far East, and other parts of the world.

"This loyal support by servicemen is particularly important this year," said E. Roland Harriman, national chairman of the American Red Cross.

Local Workers

Cdr. Joseph Shea, USN, Bernard Smith, and Richard Gray are co-chairmen of the drive on the Station. Bob Smith is chairman for Ridgecrest, and J. Wheeler for Inyokern. The following volunteer workers will act as captains and receive on-the-job contributions in the various departments at China Lake: Code 00, Mrs. William Hampton; Codes 01 and 11, Mrs. Harold Turner; Code 12, Mrs. Bernhardt Miller; Code 14, Cdr. William Moran; Code 15, Mr. H. R. Richardson; Code 17, Mr. R. T. Gray; Code 18, Lt. Kenneth Simmons; Code 20, Mr. M. A. Reich; Code 25, Cdr. Joseph Shea; Code 30, Mr. Elmer Green; Code 35, Mr. Glenn Robertson; Code 40, Mr. H. T. Lotte; Code 45, Mr. Gordon Henning; Code 55, Dr. R. D. Potter; Code 65,

Mr. Jack Hanson; Code 70, Mr. Allison A. Tewksbury; Code 75, Mr. John Wilson; Code 85, Cdr. G. T. Weir; Code 87, Capt. R. C. Millard; Code 88, LCdr. L. R. Martin; Code 852, Lt. Walter J. Henderson; Code 9502, Capt. D. R. Hopkins. There will be no on-Station house-to-house soliciting.

Board of Directors

The Indian Wells Valley Branch of the Red Cross is an all-volunteer branch. It carries out its work without the aid of "paid workers." The activities of this branch are guided by a board of directors with Mrs. Walter LaBerge as chairman, Mrs. H. A. Wilcox as vice-chairman, Mrs. John McBride as secretary-treasurer. Other members of the board of directors are: Lt. Col. H. V. Joslin, USMC, Captain F. A. Chenault, USN, James Madden, Bob Smith, H. C. Wilson, Captain L. E. Ewoldt, USN, James Wheeler, Mrs. W. H. Olson.

R. C. O'Reilly, Chief of Security Police G. W. Sullivan, Mrs. H. A. Wilcox, Mrs. D. R. Scheller; Mrs. James Greenfield, Mrs. R. J. Sturton, Mrs. W. E. Donaldson, Mrs. K. H. Robinson.

Rev. John Ryan, Cdr. J. L. Carter, Mrs. Leonard LaRosa, Earl Suladie, Mrs. R. C. Chatterton, Mrs. J. S. McBride, and Mrs. W. D. Huddleston.

'For Heaven's Sake' Judged as Winner

Kenneth W. Westcott, vice-principal, announced this week that the senior students at Burroughs High School took the trophy cup for first place in the local annual interclass play competition with the moralistic comedy, "For Heaven's Sake." Final judging was held February 10.

The sophomore class took second place with "Burro Rustlers," a comedy which parodies student activities; the junior class took third place with a hill-billy comedy "Feudin', Fussin' and Fightin'" and the freshmen took fourth place with a teenage version of a teenage triangle.

Judging was based on appropriateness, originality, entertainment value and timing.

No person can go on breaking traffic laws—or even bending them—indeinitely. If an officer of the law doesn't catch up with him, the law of averages will.

THE WEATHER

Weekend expected to be fair with increase in cloudiness and surface winds for Sunday. Increase in surface winds 15 to 25 knots. Maximum temperature 65 to 70, minimum 33 to 38.



TEMPERATURES

(Housing Area)	Max.	Min.
Feb. 16	47	28
Feb. 17	52	20
Feb. 18	54	32
Feb. 19	57	25
Feb. 20	65	30
Feb. 21	69	34
Feb. 22	66	39

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55 Employees Rated 'Outstanding'



EMPLOYEES RECEIVING "Outstanding Performance Ratings" at NOTS, China Lake, for the period ending September 30, 1955 (front row l. to r.) are: Earlene Melia, Emilie Cooper, Barbara Rice, Estella Rodriguez. In the middle row (l. to r.) are: Beulah Glidewell, Aaron Kane, Raymond Boss, A. R. Blackmon, Laura

Patton. In the back row (l. to r.) are: Thomas Boyd, Martin Snow, Brooks Levan, Donald Hildenbrand, Harold Howard and Morton Savage. Recipients not pictured are: Loreen Phillips, Monroe Trimble, Ty Blair, Zeva Goken, Fred Ashbrook, C. P. DiPol and James Colson. A total of 22 awards were made here.

Above Average Workers Listed

Fifty-five NOTS employees, 22 at China Lake and 23 at Pasadena Annex, have been awarded "Outstanding Performance Ratings" for the period ending September 30, 1955. The news was released this week by Employee Relations Division Head LeRoy Jackson.

In announcing the "Outstanding Performance Rating" awardees, Jackson said, "It is Station Management's belief that employees want to know how they stand and whether their performance is acceptable or not acceptable by their supervisor.

"When employees know what is expected of them and are given recognition for above average performance, the belief that awards breed discontent can be proven erroneous."

Jackson continued by quoting Station regulations, "It is the policy of the Station to recognize employees through 'Outstanding Performance Ratings' or cash awards when it is believed that the employee's performance represents an example for others to achieve.

"The Station's new Incentive Awards Program, by decentralization to departments, makes it possible for performance to be considered by supervisors who have first-hand knowledge of employees' performance.

"Under this new program," Jackson said, "it is the Station's intent to overcome the need for supervisors having to submit long, time consuming written justification to obtain recognition for a deserving employee."

Jackson's statements are in keeping with a recent plea made by Civil Service Chairman Philip Young who urged agencies "to make a vigorous top-level effort to recognize employees' good work and to keep first-line supervisors informed of the opportunities offered by this phase of the Incentive Awards Program."

Those receiving the "O Ratings" at China Lake were: Aaron Kane and Loreen Phillips, Engineering; Donald Hildenbrand, Research; (Continued on Page Seven)

AOD Personnel Receive Praise

Employees of the Aviation Ordnance Department, particularly those working at "Charlie 3 Range", were given high praise last week in a letter received by Captain F. L. Ashworth. The communication was from E. A. Parker, Commander Pacific Fleet Air Force Carrier Air Group Nine.

The letter of appreciation read, in part, as follows:

"As Carrier Air Group NINE completes training and prepares to deploy, I wish to express our appreciation for the invaluable assistance and support which NOTS, China Lake, and the Aviation Ordnance Department have given to VF-91, VF-93, VF-194, and VA-95.

"The availability of your firing-in range for VF-91 and VF-93, the outstanding assistance by Charlie 3 range to VF-93, VF-194, and VA-95 and the general support for personnel and aircraft of all squadrons made it possible to improve the

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NEW PIO



Lt. M. Bedwell

"MIKE" BEDWELL, Lt. (jg), is now assigned as Communications Officer in the Command Administration Department. He has collateral duty as Public Information Officer. Lt. Bedwell attended Pomona College; his hometown is Lone Pine, California.

Lt. Duffy Rites Held at NOTS

Memorial services for the late Lt. (jg) Charles Arthur Duffy, Naval Air Facility pilot, who was killed in a plane crash here on February 15, were held last Friday afternoon at the Station Chapel.

Present were his widow, Mrs. Lillis Lynn Stroops Duffy, of China Lake, his fellow officers and enlisted personnel. The services were conducted by Chaplain J. L. Carter and included reading of the scriptures by Captain F. L. Ashworth, Station Commander. Music was furnished by Mrs. Thomas Marcus, and a floral tribute was offered by the Naval Air Facility.

Lieutenant Commander A. F. Tozer, of the air facility, accompanied the body to the home town of Branford, Conn., where funeral services were scheduled this week.

Lt. Duffy was killed in a routine training flight that included making a simulated emergency landing on a runway at NAF. The F2H2 "Banshee" was destroyed.