

Navy Schedules PO Testing in August For Three Grades

Washington (AFPS) — The Navy has released dates and details of fleet-wide promotion exams to be held this August for sailors in three pay grades.

Third class petty officer tests will be given Aug. 14; second class, Aug. 21, and first class, Aug. 28, the Bureau of Personnel said. All test dates fall on Tuesdays.

Eligible personnel in all rates will be examined with the exception of printers and aviation electronicsman. Men in those rates will be permitted to take tests for lithographer and aviation electronics technician.

Change of rate exams will also be given to those desiring to switch over to guided missileman, aviation guided missileman, and aviation fire control technician.

The bureau said that seamen attached to commands having photographer's mate third class allowances may compete for that rating if qualified in all other respects.

The CAA certificate normally required for advancement to all pay grades in the air controlman rating will be waived in the August exams for those not assigned to control tower duties.

As announced earlier, stenographic performance tests for first class petty officers in the yeoman rate will no longer be waived.

However, all methods of taking dictation, including stenomask, will be acceptable, the bureau said.

Coming & Going

New Employees:

Propellants & Explosives — Richard L. Mahan, Phyllis J. Earle.
Aviation Ordnance — Virgil E. Lewis.

Medical—Paul R. Cuykendall.
Research—Joan B. Young.
Public Works—Lillian D. Thomas.

Terminations:

Propellants & Explosives — Sterling D. Gochner, Ronald E. Sulladie.

Public Works — Jesse J. Dunlap, John J. Kirby, Brent J. Cook, Chester Venturi, Hallie A. Short.
Engineering — Harold Smullen.
Community Affairs—Hazel Temple, Patricia M. Hernandez.
Central Staff—Joyce R. Walker.
Test—David D. Reiter.

NOTS Golf Driving Range Will Open Next Monday

Recreation Office officials announced today that the Golf Driving Range here on the Station will be opened next Monday and will remain open the year around from now on. The Range will be open on weekdays from 5:30 to 10 p.m.; on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays it will be open from 12 noon to 10 p.m.

Message To China Lake Residents

We would like to thank residents of the community for their splendid efforts in behalf of the Clean-Up Week program and their outstanding contribution to the China Lake community.

We have noted with considerable pride the activity of Station residents during the Clean-Up Campaign. Many improvements have been made, with landscaping, planting, painting, fence-building, cleaning of yards and general areas being the main points of concentration during this period, which all tend to make our community a more attractive and pleasant place to live.

The primary purpose of this campaign has been accomplished and a sound foundation for community beautification and civic progress has been established. Participation of all China Lake residents and neighborly cooperation will go far in keeping this program on a continued basis and will make the campaign even more successful as the year progresses.

Signed/F. L. Ashworth
Captain, USN
Commander

Richard C. O'Reilly
Community Manager
James H. Madden
President
China Lake Community Council

Marines Come and Go



A RETIREMENT AND RE-ENLISTMENT ceremony takes place at NOTS Marine Barracks as M/Sgt. Douglas A. Wilson (left) retires after 20 years of active service, and Sgt. Rex W. Leach (right) re-enlists for 6 years after three years of service. Lt. Col. H. V. Joslin (center), Commanding Officer of the unit congratulates both men.

Winners of Americanism Essay Contest



WINNERS in the Americanism Contest sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post in Group I (standing l. to r.) are: Geraldine Reinhardt, 1st prize; David Ashworth, 2nd prize; and Carol Anderson, 3rd prize. Group II winners are: Martha Pike, 1st prize; Kathleen Thompson, 2nd prize; and Jackie Leininger (not present), 3rd prize. Seated (l. to r.) are: Bessie Pooley, president, Ladies' Auxiliary; and Tillie Mayberry, contest chairman.

Vets Families Are Ineligible For Treatment

Families of veterans are not entitled to Veterans Administration hospitalization, L. C. Chapman, manager of the VA Regional Office at Los Angeles said today in answer to numerous inquiries.

Only veterans may be hospitalized by VA and then only under certain circumstances, Mr. Chapman said. "The exceptions are those so-called humanitarian cases who are brought to us in emergencies because our hospitals are the closest to the scene of the emergency."

Even then, non-veteran emergency cases may be provided hospitalization only for the period of the emergency, Mr. Chapman said. He explained they are required to leave the hospital as soon as they can be moved with medical safety and then are billed for whatever care and treatment they have received.

"The treatment is not free for emergency non-veteran cases as it is for eligible veterans," Mr. Chapman said.

FCC Officials Due For TV Conference

A meeting of local personnel and officials of the Federal Communications Commission from the Los Angeles office scheduled to be held at the Community Center next Monday evening at 8 p.m. has been announced this week by George Sutherland, head of Electronics Communication Division, Command Administration Department.

Bernard Linden, officer in charge, and Bob Stratton, senior engineering officer of the Los Angeles FCC office will be on hand to discuss TV interference, its causes and cures. Among the highlights of the discussion will be a report on Part 15 (Incidental and Restricted Radiation Devices), a new ruling of the Commission. This rule pertains to reradiating receivers and should be of utmost interest to all TV owners.

George Sutherland urges all TV technicians and TV merchants to attend, and all interested TV owners are welcome. Questions from the floor will be invited.

Adrienne Young Chosen To Represent Precinct 4

Adrienne Young, 616-C Sangamon, was elected to represent Precinct 4 by the Directors of the China Lake Community Council at their regular meeting last month held at the Community Building. Mrs. Young replaces Hershel H. Hicks and will serve for the remainder of his term.

If there's doubt in your mind, stay behind.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy to cloudy. Scattered snow showers above 8000 ft. Winds south to southwest 20 to 25 knots with gusts to 30 knots. Temperature range minimum 55 to maximum 85.

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TEMPERATURES

(Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
April 26	67	49
April 27	72	49
April 28	77	43
April 29	83	42
April 30	83	47
May 1	88	48
May 2	92	55

Second Series Polio Inoculations Slated Next Week

The second series of poliomyelitis inoculations will be given at the Station hospital next Tuesday, May 8 for military dependents six months through 14 years of age, it was announced here today. The inoculations will begin at 3 p.m.; they are by appointment only. Letters of appointment have been mailed to approximately 175 military dependents.

On Friday, May 11, the U. S. Public Health Service will administer polio inoculations to all children in the China Lake-Ridgecrest area between the ages of 6 months and 14 years. The inoculations will be given in the Elks Building in Ridgecrest between 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

The quantity of polio vaccine available at the Station hospital for dependents of military personnel will not be sufficient to provide second inoculations for all military dependents. Those dependents that have not received letters of appointment for second inoculations, are advised to take the inoculation in Ridgecrest on Friday, May 11.

New Safety Record Established in April

April stands out, safety-wise, as accident-free for both NOTS and NOTS Pasadena Annex, according to an announcement received this week from LCdr. C. E. Hackwith, safety officer of the Safety Division, Command Administration Department.

There were no government motor vehicle accidents accountable against the Station with over 500,000 miles travelled; and no industrial accidents accountable against the Station with over 1,000,000 man-hours worked.

This is the first full month without a motor vehicle accident in 10 years, although other full months have been recorded without industrial accidents.

LCdr. Hackwith expressed satisfaction in the record established for April and hopes the record may be duplicated in May.



A NEW UNIT IS BORN as Lt. Col. Norman Pozinsky reads activation orders for a Guided Missile Test Unit. Officer-in-Charge of the new unit is Major Bruce Rushlow (facing Lt. Col. Pozinsky). Behind Major Rushlow, officers and enlisted men of the new unit stand at attention during the reading of the activation orders.

New Marine Corps Guided Missile Unit Activated Tuesday at Formal Ceremony

Tuesday marked the establishment of a new Marine Corps Guided Missile Test Unit (MCGMTU) at China Lake. In formal ceremonies, Lt. Col. Norman Pozinsky, commanding officer of the 1st Terrier SAM Battalion presented Major Bruce Rushlow (USMC), officer in charge of the test unit, activation orders creating the new guided missile group. MCGMTU's mission is to test and evaluate selected guided missile systems and components for the Marine Corps and to assist NOTS in Terrier evaluation.

Forty-four enlisted personnel and six officers will make up the unit's manpower. The officer in charge is Major Rushlow; executive officer is Captain Lynn Bath; operations officer is Captain Lytton Bulwer Jr.; launcher officer is Captain Melvin Dell; supply officer is 1st Lt. D. S. Fenstermacher, and radar officer is CWO Walter Bell. First sergeant of the unit is M/Sgt. Alvin Hinton.

MCGMTU will continue the work of the 1st Terrier SAM Battalion

Admiral Felt Relieves Sixth Fleet Commander

Washington (AFPS)—Vice Adm. Harry D. Felt, veteran naval aviator, has assumed command of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, replacing Vice Adm. Ralph A. Ofstie.

Adm. Ofstie, commander of the Sixth Fleet since March 1955, has returned to the U.S. for medical treatment.

that is transferring to Twenty-Nine Palms. All officers and enlisted men of the newly-formed unit are former members of 1st Terrier SAM Battalion. Most of these men have served with other MarCorps guided missile units previous to becoming members of SAM Battalion.

The director of the Marine Corps Development Center, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., by copy of an official letter from Chief, Marine Corps (CMC), is assigned control responsibility for the new unit in matters related to test and evaluation of selected guided missile systems and components for the Marine Corps. The Bureau of Ordnance and the Naval Ordnance Test Station will exercise coordination and technical direction of MCGMTU.

Headquarters for the test unit is B-1-B. The same telephone numbers assigned to 1st Terrier SAM offices will be used for the offices of MCGMTU.

Housing Critical Congressman Hagen Sponsors FHA Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Harlan Hagen announced this week that he had introduced legislation which would establish a special program of FHA mortgage guarantees of private sales housing to be sold to essential employees at military research and development facilities. Congressman Hagen revealed that this legislation would tend to relieve housing shortages in communities around the Naval Ordnance Test Station and Edwards Air Force Base in Kern County.

Hagen stated: "The communities of Ridgecrest, Boron, Mojave and Rosamond in my district have had difficulties providing housing for civilians employed at nearby military research facilities because of the unavailability of the usual FHA loan guarantees.

"The legislation I have introduced will partially solve this problem by providing a special program of guarantees for houses to be occupied by essential workers at these installations upon certification of need for private housing for them by the Secretary of Defense. Without this special FHA program, adequate housing cannot be provided for the essential scientists and technical personnel vitally needed for our military program in spite of the fact that private builders and investors stand ready to provide the same.

"I have been working with local people in the communities mentioned on this question, and this legislation would appear to be a partial solution of their problem."

Turner Elected Prexy Of Local Radio Club

A meeting of local radio ham operators was held last Monday at the Community Center for the purpose of formally organizing a radio club and to elect officers.

Officials of the newly formed club are: J. J. Turner, president; O. L. Mitchell, vice-president; S. M. Little, secretary; and J. Evans, treasurer.