

Special Services
Holiday Schedule

Special Services Director Gabe Imer announced this week that modified operating hours will be scheduled for most of the Center's recreational facilities during the holiday season. All facilities will be closed on Christmas Eve, and only the Center Theater will be open on New Year's Eve. The China Lake Bowl will be open Christmas Day and the Bowl, Youth Center and Golf Course will open on New Year's Day. The Ceramics Hobby Shop is expected to remain closed from December 23 through January 1st.

In addition, the Center gym and pool will be closed from December 14 through December 22. During this time the gym floor will be resanded and resurfaced. Play in the China Lake Basketball League will be suspended from December 14 through January 6th.

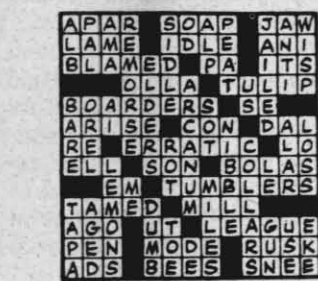
Holidays Bring
Special Shows

During the holidays, children of the Ridgcrest and China Lake communities will be treated to a special showing of "My Dog Buddy" on Monday, December 23, and "Gulliver's Travels" on Monday, December 30 — both showings to begin at 1 p.m. at the Center Theatre. Admission price is 25 cents per person.

The China Lake Elementary PTA is sponsoring the movies and the showings will be supervised by PTA parents.



We wish you all
A Merry Christmas



The answer to last week's crossword puzzle is presented above. This feature of the Rocketeer is being discontinued due to the unavailability of future puzzles.



SIGHT SAVED? — The first Junior Wise Owl Award given to anyone in this area was awarded to Marti Lord, eight year old daughter of Mrs. Martha Lord of 56-A Franklin. Mr. R. A. Halen, principal of Groves Street School made the presentation at a Safety and Citizenship Award Program on December 4. Wise Owl awards are given by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Inc., to those persons who have saved their sight by wearing safety glasses at the time of a potentially blinding accident. 40,300 people have received these awards.



NWC ENLISTED PERSONNEL MESS

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| Chilled Tomato Juice Cocktail | Crisp Saltines |
| ROAST YOUNG TOM TURKEY | BAKED HAM |
| Turkey Broth | w/Peanut Butter Glaze |
| Rich Brown Gravy | Mince meat Dressing |
| Snowflake Potatoes | O'Brien Corn |
| Mashed Sweet Potatoes w/Marshmallows | |
| Garden Green Salad w/French Dressing | |
| Stuffed Tomato w/Ham Salad | |
| Chilled Cranberry Sauce | Carrot & Celery Sticks |
| Salad Bar — Salad Dressing — Relish Tray | |
| Hot Rolls | Assorted Breads |
| Hot Mince Pie w/Hard Sauce | |
| Pumpkin Pie w/Whipped Cream | |
| Fruit Cake | Assorted Ice Cream |
| Assorted Candy | Fresh Fruit Tray |
| Hot Coffee | Assorted Nuts |
| Chilled Fresh Milk | Iced Tea |

All Enlisted, Retired Military, Officers, Civilian Guests, and Dependents are cordially invited to partake Christmas Day dinner in the NWC General Mess. Dinner will be served between the hours of 12:30 and 5:30 p.m. on December 25, 1968.

Charges for the Christmas meal for Enlisted Personnel on Comrats, Officers, Civilian Guests, and Dependents are as follows:

	Dinner	Surcharge	Total
Enlisted Personnel on COMRATS \$.60	\$.00	\$.60
Retired Enlisted Personnel	.60	.00	.60
Dependents, Civilian Guests	1.00	.10	1.10
Officers	1.00	.10	1.10
Officers drawing Per Diem	1.00	.50	1.50

All Personnel must make advance reservations for the Christmas Day meal by calling the Food Service Office, phone 72240, prior to December 24, 1968.

Meal tickets may be purchased in advance at the Food Service Office, Bldg. 851.

SHOW BOAT

FRIDAY "TO SIR WITH LOVE" (105 Min.) Sidney Poitier, Judy Geeson 7:30 P.M.	DECEMBER 20	TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY "SAILOR BEWARE" (103 Min.) Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, Carline Calvet 7:30 P.M.	DEC. 31, JAN. 1
SATURDAY "FATHER GOOSE" (116 Min.) —MATINEE— Leslie Caron 1:00 P.M. Shorts: "Salmon Ladder" (7 Min.) "Ghost Riders" (No. 4, 13 Min.)	DECEMBER 21	THURSDAY-FRIDAY "A TWIST OF SAND" (91 Min.) Richard Johnson, Honor Blackman 7:30 P.M.	JANUARY 2-3
—EVENING— "CLAMBAKE" (99 Min.) Elvis Presley, Shelley Fabares, Will Hutchins 7:30 P.M.		SATURDAY —MATINEE— "FIVE WEEKS IN A BALLOON" (99 Min.) Red Buttons 1:00 P.M. Shorts: "Donald's Crime" (7 Min.) "Ghost Riders" (No. 6, 13 Min.)	JANUARY 4
SUNDAY-MONDAY "THE BIBLE" (157 Min.) John Huston, George C. Scott, Ava Gardner, Peter O'Toole 7:30 P.M.	DECEMBER 22-23	—EVENING— "THOSE FANTASTIC FLYING FOOLS" (92 Min.) Burl Ives, Troy Donahue, Dolih Lavi 7:30 P.M.	
TUESDAY FREE CHRISTMAS MATINEE-CARTOONS (60 Min.) THEATER CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS EVE	DECEMBER 24	SUNDAY-MONDAY "THE SPLIT" (90 Min.) Jim Brown, Diahann Carroll, Ernest Borgnine 7:30 P.M.	JANUARY 5-6
WEDNESDAY "BANDOLERO!" (106 Min.) James Stewart, Dean Martin, Raquel Welch 7:30 P.M.	DECEMBER 25	TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY "THE SAND PEBBLES" (179 Min.) Steve McQueen, Richard Crenna, Candice Bergen 7:30 P.M.	JANUARY 7-8
THURSDAY-FRIDAY "CASINO ROYALE" (130 Min.) Peter Sellers, Ursula Andress, David Niven 7:30 P.M.	DECEMBER 26-27	THURSDAY-FRIDAY "DEADFALL" (120 Min.) Michael Caine, Giovanna Ralli 7:30 P.M.	JANUARY 9-10
SATURDAY —MATINEE— "CLARENCE THE CROSS-EYED LION" (92 Min.) Marshall Thompson 1:00 P.M. Shorts: "House of Tomorrow" (7 Min.) "Ghost Riders" (No. 5, 13 Min.)	DECEMBER 28		
—EVENING— "VIVA LAS VEGAS" (86 Min.) Ann Margret, Elvis Presley 7:30 P.M.			
SUNDAY-MONDAY "THE DETECTIVE" (114 Min.) Frank Sinatra, Lee Remick 7:30 P.M.	DECEMBER 29-30		

Aliens Must Report

The Immigration and Nationality Act requires all aliens in the United States and its possessions on Jan. 1 of each year to report their addresses to the Attorney General during the month of January. There are serious penalties for willful failure to submit the report.

Cards with which this report can be made are available at any U.S. Post Office or office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.



GIFTS FOR NEEDY — Hal Wilson, President of the recently established Indian Wells Valley branch of the Retired Officers' Association, presents a gift to Senior Chaplain H. A. MacNeill. The gift is one of many that were collected at a recent ROA gathering to be given to the Chaplain for distribution to those in need.

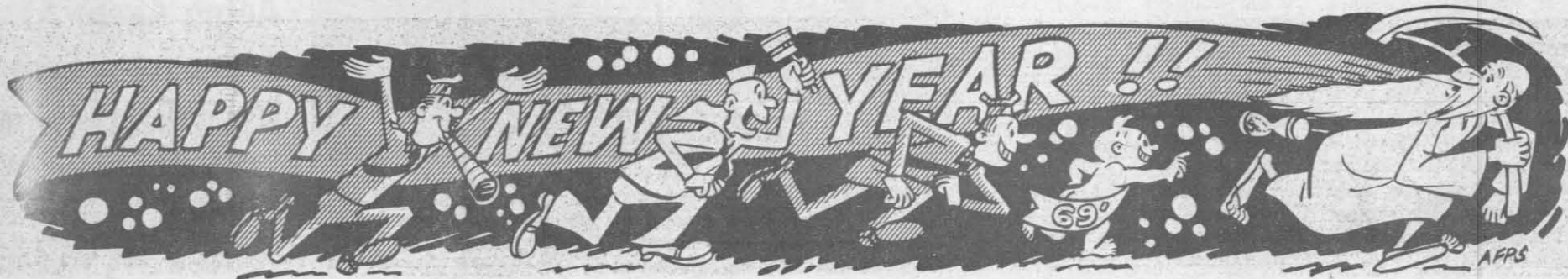
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Christmas
GREETINGS



NAVAL WEAPONS CENTER
China Lake and Corona, California



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

The Menorah

By Senior Chaplain Harold A. MacNeill



Though Hanukkah was an event of many years ago, its significance to the non-Jewish community has only emerged in recent years. Its importance is symbolized at the Naval Weapons Center by the Menorah on the Chapel grounds.



The construction of this symbol was conceived by the non-Jewish community. It is a visual reminder of history's first recorded battle for religious liberty. Without Hanukkah there possibly would not have been a Christmas. The Menorah and the Nativity scenes are inextricably melded in the history of Western Civilization.

Individuals interact to these symbols in their own unique way, and whether they are a part and a parcel of ones "own bag," is not the most important thing. As McLuhan says, "The media are the message."

Virginia C. Holmgren interacts in her poem "December Candles."

Bright do Hanukkah candles shine
On December's Hebrew holy nights.
Lit one by one, and eight all told
To mark this festival of lights.

For in Jerusalem, long ago,
The Temple lamp was kept aglow.
Bright do our Christmas candles shine
In memory of a blazing star
That shone down on a sleeping Child
And led Wise Men from afar.

When Christ shall come again, we say,
Our candles glow will light His way.
Two candles for two different faiths,
Yet each one keeps the other bright;
Each one a pledge that here we pray
And worship as each thinks right.
Hanukkah! Let your candles shine,
And then the Christ Child may see mine.

Happy New Year

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DIVINE SERVICES

Protestant (All-Faith Chapel)—
Morning Worship—8:15 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School—9:30 a.m., Chapel Annex 1, 2, 3, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 7, 8) located opposite Center Restaurant.

Roman Catholic (All-Faith Chapel)—
Holy Mass—7, 9:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.
Sunday.

Daily Mass—11:30 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

Confessions—7 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

NWC Jewish Services (East Wing All-Faith Chapel)—8 p.m. every first and third Friday.

Sabbath School—10 a.m. to noon, every first and third Saturday.
Unitarian Fellowship—(Chapel Annex 95, 95 King Ave.)—Sundays, 7:30 p.m.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Present Center employees are encouraged to apply for the positions listed below. Applications should be accompanied by an up-to-date Form 58. The fact that positions are advertised here does not preclude the use of other means to fill these vacancies.

The vacancies listed here are effective from December 20 to December 27, 1968. Clerk-Typist, GS-222-03, Code 8402 — Position is located in the Classification Management Program Office. Incumbent is responsible for typing rough draft from direct supervisor, typing up DD Forms 254, typing correspondence, filing, maintains contract logs and passport logs, type miscellaneous reports, answer phones and make appointments.

Clerk-Typist, GS-222-03, Code 84-841 — Maintain file-card system for Disaster Control teams, type and file instructions and correspondence, reports originated by Disaster Control Officer. Performs clerical duties and acts as secretary to Head, Security Operations Division. Types Security Violation Notices and maintains files on such. Maintains Classified Disposal Accounting records; maintains files on special investigations and personnel security information.

Warehouseman, WB-69007-05, Code 2591 — Performs a number of tasks in connection with the physical receipt, storage or issue of supplies. Receives, checks, stows, counts, issues and assembles supplies of all types in accordance with established supply systems, procedures and methods.

Requirements: Must have had six months experience in warehousing.

Computer Programmer, GS-9, 11 or 12, Code 3035 — This position is located in the Applied Cybernetics Branch, Assessment Division, Systems Development Department. The incumbent will program for the UNIVAC 1230 ADP system in CS-1 computer language and the UNIVAC 1108 ADP system. This position will require travel to Randsburg Wash to work with the UNIVAC 1230 ADP system. Qualifications: Experience which demonstrates proficiency in developing computer programs and a general knowledge of digital computer equipment. Knowledge of control theory and the CS-1 computer language would be very desirable. For GS-9 position, the applicant must have 1 year of specialized experience and 1 year of specific experience. For GS-11 and 12 applicant must have two years of specific experience. Specific experience is experience as a Programmer, Computer Systems or Equipment analyst or Computer Specialist.

Computer Systems Operator, GS-5, 6 or 7, Code 3033 — This position is located in the Data Reduction Branch, Assessment Division, Systems Development Department. The incumbent will be the computer operator for a UNIVAC 1230 ADP system. In addition to his computer operator duties, he will function as part of a post-test data processing team requiring data evaluation and validation of computer output. This position will require night work at Randsburg Wash. Qualifications: In addition to meeting the requirements for GS-4 level, the applicant must have one year of specialized experience for GS-5 level, two years for GS-6 level and three years for GS-7 level. Specialized experience is experience in the operation of the control console of a computer system. File application with Fawn P. Haycock, Bldg. 34, Rm. 34, Phone 71471.

Clerk-DMT, GS-4, Code 4022 — This position is located in the Anti-Radiation Guidance Division, Advanced Guidance Branch, Weapons Development Department. Incumbent will provide a variety of administrative and secretarial functions to the Branch. Types reports and technical material from rough draft and/or recorded dictation. Performs miscellaneous clerical duties as required.

Clerk-DMT, GS-4, Code 4051 — This position is located in the Guidance Systems Branch, Infrared Systems Division, Weapons Development Department. Incumbent will perform secretarial duties for the Branch which includes: transcribing and typing a correspondence and memoranda, travel orders, clearance requests, etc.; screening telephone and office calls; receiving and distributing incoming mail and maintaining Branch files.

File applications for above with June A. Chipp, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, Phone 72676.

Social Security Rep. At Community Center Tuesday, Dec. 24

All employees with questions about Social Security provisions may contact a representative from the Administration here next Tuesday, December 24.

He will be at the Community Center from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and is available for consultation.

EDITORIAL

A Serviceman's Gift

Christmas is quite often a different sort of holiday for those of us in the armed forces. For those of us fortunate enough to be assigned in an area where we can be with our families during the holiday season, the difference is not too apparent. But for those serving alone in distant overseas assignments or even in remote areas of the U.S., the holiday takes on a certain aspect of loneliness, perhaps even sadness.

To be sure, there is evidence of the joyous holiday season to be found in every military unit. Mail call brings Christmas closer to us, with the mail sacks overflowing with Christmas wishes and gifts from those we love.



Then, on Christmas Day, there will be the gigantic holiday feast that has become traditional in even the smallest military mess hall.

For some, there will be a gala holiday USO show, performed by tireless entertainers who also have given up being with their families so that we might have a little more joy in our holiday.

But with all the special festive activities of Christmas, it still won't be quite the same for those of us serving in the steaming heat of Vietnam or in a cold, gray warship on the high seas. We'll miss the snow, holly, mistletoe and gaily-decorated trees.

But there is perhaps one more thing we can do to help fill any empty feeling we may have at Christmas.

Think about the family gathering back home on Christmas Day. One of the things they're enjoying most is the feeling of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Man." Of course, peace does not reign throughout the world and good will toward man is often forgotten.

But citizens of the United States are closer to that ideal than most people in the world.

Those of us in the military are the vanguard of our nation, protecting that feeling of "Peace on Earth," and insuring that our families will continue to enjoy it in Christmases to come.

If the true joy of Christmas is in the giving rather than in the receiving, we can count ourselves among the happiest people in the world. Our "gift"—the peace our countrymen enjoy—is one of the greatest that can be given. (AFPS)

Assessments Due For Government Employees Benefit Association

Members of the Government Employees Benefit Association and the China Lake Mutual Aid Society are advised that Assessment 171 and 99 is now due. The assessment has been levied for the death of John T. Lovern, employee of NWC Safety Dept., who died suddenly Saturday, December 14 in Ridgecrest.

Payments of \$1.20 may be mailed to Joseph M. Becker, Secretary-Treasurer, 77-B Renshaw, China Lake, Calif.

Final Issue Of ROCKETEER for 1968

Publication Will Be Resumed on January 10, 1969

The Rocketeer office will be closed for staff vacations from 4:30 p.m. December 20 to 7:30 a.m. January 6. During this time material for publication may be submitted to the Public Affairs Office, 60 Blandy, Code 003, Ext. 71555.



CHRISTMAS CHEER — Brownies of Troop 200, China Lake, donated a Christmas tree recently to Family Counseling Services to brighten up their waiting room. The girls made all of the intricate little tree decorations themselves. From left to right, they are: Rebecca Cowan; Robin Lyon; Mrs. Richard Plauson, Troop Leader; Deirdre Plauson; and Laura Cowan.

Judge Advocate Warns Against Guilty Plea

Consulting a Legal Assistance Officer after receiving a traffic citation resulting from an auto accident can assist a serviceman in intelligently determining the type of plea he wishes to enter.

The entrance of a guilty plea inadvertently or to avoid the time and expense of trial may jeopardize his position in a subsequent civil action for damages between himself and the other parties involved in the collision.

Briefly that is how an article in a recent issue of the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Law Review warns servicemen against a hasty plea of guilty in motor vehicle accident cases.

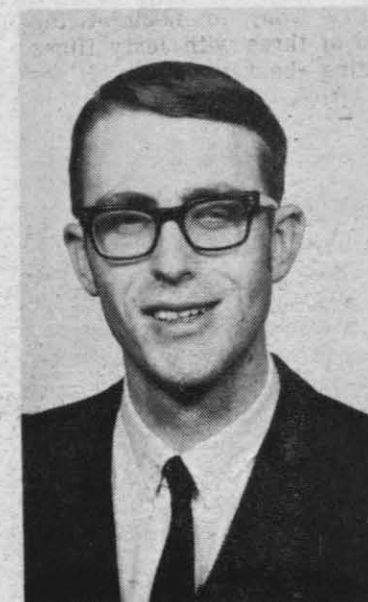
The author, Maj. William H. Carnahan of the USAF Academy Department of Law, points out that, "Generally, . . . a plea of guilty in a criminal proceeding is admissible in a subsequent civil action." If the civil action arises out of the same facts which constituted the criminal offense, the guilty plea "is a solemn confession of the very matter charged in the civil action."

Named to replace Gould, who retired "in order to devote more time to the Junior College District Board" was William E. Davis, above, Administrative Officer and Head, Planning Staff of the Aviation Ordnance Department.

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Fellowship



RICHARD E. ESTEP is the recipient of a NWC Fellowship for the winter and spring quarters of the current academic year. He will pursue graduate studies in Engineering at UCLA, specializing in information systems as applied to guidance and control. Mr. Estep came to NWC in January 1967 after graduating summa cum laude from Long Beach State College where he received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He is employed by the Guidance and Control Systems Division of the Weapons Development Department.

Additional Weekend Hunt

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beyond the junction of State Route 14 (Highway 395) and State Route 190. The Navy's Darwin Gate is reached from State Route 190 east from Olancha to the town of Darwin. The entry point is seven miles south of Darwin.

Success on the range during the three previous hunts amounted to about a bird and a quarter per hunter. A total of 3,400 hunters bagged 3,200 chukar, 759 mountain quail and 396 valley quail for an aggregate of 4,355 birds. Take of mountain quail is expected to improve with cold weather bringing the birds down to lower terrain.

Dates announced for the hunt are dependent on test schedules allowing access to the range.

Chaparral Hosts Retarded Students



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY — Mentally retarded students of the local area were treated to a Christmas party recently at the Club Chaparral. The event is held every year at about this time. Ladies of the Auxiliary are shown helping with the party. Mike Weinberg and Gary Kraft chaired the party. The clown is Georgia Christensen.

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Bakersfield College To Hold Dance

The Bakersfield College, Desert Campus, will hold its Christmas dance Friday, December 20, in the Burroughs High School multi-use room at 8 p.m.

Dress will be semi-formal, and the "Hustlers" will furnish music, according to Cathy Pirozek, publicity chairman of the student council.

Tickets are \$1.50 stag, \$2 a couple. Tickets for student body card holders are \$1 stag and \$1.50 a couple. There is no age limit; any student with a student body card and their guest will be admitted.

Keep Medicine In Safe Place, Parents Told

The Medical Department would like to again caution parents to keep all medicines out of reach of children. During a recent week four (4) small children were treated at the Dispensary for accidental ingestion of drugs which were potentially lethal.

Take a few minutes and check your home. Destroy old or left over medicines and put all others in a SAFE place.

Have a Happy Holiday Season.

Aetna Agent At Community Center December 24

The Aetna Insurance representative, Mr. Howard Keenan, will be at the Community Center next Friday, December 27, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.



SURPRISE VISIT — Santa dropped in on the China Lake Boat Club just long enough for the photographer to take his picture with the children of the members just after he'd passed out presents to all.

THE LOCKER ROOM

Tournament
Of Champions

BY ED RANCK



When you consider the crowds at the China Lake Bowl each evening you are inclined to doubt the possibility that any event-taking place there needs publicity. But the China Lake-Ridgecrest "Tournament of Champions" might just be in that situation. Not that the tournament is suffering from lack of support, but after talking to tournament chairman Al Hebert the other night, we get the impression that there are a lot of people around who would probably become enthusiastic about the affair if they knew what it was all about.

Although the title "Tournament of Champions" may seem to indicate that only the top bowlers need apply, the event is geared to give anyone with an established ABC average a shot at the grand prize. So says Al Hebert, and the results of the first round of competition seem to lend credibility to the statement. The grand prize incidentally is \$750, and this should be enough to whet the appetite of anyone with more than a casual interest in the game.

Basically, this is how the tournament works. Anyone with or without an established average may enter, but the established average bowlers get a handicap based on a 210 average. The handicap for men is two-thirds of the difference between their average and 210, while the ladies get three-fourths of the difference. Averages are determined by 1968-69 averages based on 21 games or more.

After the entrant parts with a \$1 entrance fee he then bowls three games, the results of which are recorded on an official tournament entry blank. Games may be rolled during league action or anytime lanes are available, however those who compete during open bowling sessions must abide by certain rules.

These rules include use of foul lights and telescopes, and the bowler must use a pair of alleys. At least two bowlers must participate under these circumstances and a third party has to keep score.

At the end of each week those who have posted the top four series, with handicap, advance to the next round. The 16 top finishers of each four week period then meet in a three game rolloff to determine the championship for that period. The winner at China Lake then meets the Ridgecrest winner to determine the round champion. At the end of these four week rounds, the seven champions will meet in a rolloff to determine the grand champion.

The grand prize is as we said before, \$750. There are however, other gratuities along the way. Prize money is awarded from \$50, for a round champion, to \$5 for a weekly fourth place finisher. Other prizes are awarded for the top handicap game and series each week.

HIGH AVERAGE NOT EVERYTHING

Although anyone with a high average does have a slight edge it doesn't make much difference on a given night. For instance a 186 average bowler gets a handicap of 16 pins, while someone with a 150 average gets 40. Combining the averages with the handicap shows that the guy with the 150 average is only 12 pins below the guy with 190.

The theory behind this type of handicapping system was that all bowlers could compete on more or less equal terms. The results of the first round prove that the idea was sound. Several of the bowlers who had a shot at the round championship had averages under 150, and in the end it was a 157 average bowler, Ridgecrest's Dick Stine, who won it.

Stine defeated China Lake's Jim Ball, 1036 to 1029 in the final five game series. Ball, who averages 181 at the China Lake Bowl, had been a winner in the tournament's first week. Ball had come from 63 pins behind to take a 1 pin lead going into the final game. In the last frame of the final game, Ball failed to convert a 3-6-10 spare, and that was it.

The "Tournament of Champions" has been billed as the biggest money tournament ever in the Indian Wells Valley and without a doubt it is. The grand finale should take place next June, and after that it is likely that plans will be made to hold the event annually.



About Rocketeer Christmas Cover

The Christmas Eve scene on the cover of this issue pictures the three children of Rocketeer Editor William P. Valenteen — Susan, 8; Celene, 5; and Michael, 2; anticipating the arrival of Old St. Nick. Arrangement and photograph is the work of Frederick L. Richards, a member of the China Lake Photographic Society, who used a 4x5 Graphic View Camera with an eight-inch Eastman lens. Illumination for the scene consisted of two 1,000-watt flood lights, indicating an exposure time of one-tenth second at f:16 on Royal Pan film. Film was processed for 10 minutes in D-76 solution and printed on Kodak Polycontrast Rapid G stock without filter.

Center Opens
Additional
Weekend Hunt

A bonus weekend of public hunting for upland gamebirds and rabbits has been announced for sportsmen on the ranges of the Naval Weapons Center at China Lake. January 4 and 5 the hunting area will be open for chukar, mountain and valley quail, cottontail and jackrabbits.

Approval by the NWC Commander of the additional weekend hunt received enthusiastic endorsement from wildlife managers of California Department of Fish and Game and sportsmen. This will be the first time four weekends of upland game hunting have been permitted at the Navy's desert-based research facility.

Visitor access to the range will be by way of the Darwin Gate. The check station will be open at 5 a.m. A new system has been devised by NWC's Security Police to avoid a repeat of the opening weekend traffic jam that piled up at the gate. Sportsmen will be handed a permit form to fill in and return to Security guards when they leave the range. Bag count as well as permit information are included on the forms to cut down on time required at the entry point.

Winter weather and a few storms have scattered the birds over the range. According to California Department of Fish and Game experts chukar and quail are plentiful but will try the mettle of sportsmen.

A bumper population of the sporty birds was calculated for the area last fall when DFG personnel conducted their annual brood counts. Both chukar and quail in numbers have been reported by recent observers throughout the open hunting area.

Overnight camping will be permitted at Junction Ranch and Burcham Springs. Legal gauge shotguns are the only firearms allowed on the Navy range. Hunting dogs are permitted.

A valid California Hunting license will be required. State Fish and Game Code regulations will be enforced by personnel of the DFG.

Motorists are cautioned to carry sufficient gasoline to get them from Olancha to the hunting area and back. No service or supplies are available

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Ladies' Golf Tournament Winners



WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS — Trophies were awarded to winners of the Women's Golf Club tournament during a recent clubhouse luncheon. Winners are: (l-r) Natalie Harrison, first flite, first place; Carolyn Pangle, champion flite, first place; Eileen Russell, championship flite, second place; Barbara Zernichow, first flite, second place; Dora Mae Adams, second flite, second place; and Mary Lynn McIntosh, consolation flite winner.

Ace-TV Downs Hustlers

Ace TV rolled to their first "easy" win of the season last Wednesday evening, downing the last place Hustlers, 56-47 to maintain their grip on first place in the China Lake Basketball League.

After having won their first three games by a total of 5 points, Ace had it a bit easier in this one, moving out by as much as 13 points in the fourth period then coasting to victory. Tim Higgins led the attack for Ace hitting 19 points while Ted Bailey had 14. Bill Duncan was high for the Hustlers with 15 points.

The Loewen's Falcons stayed hot on the heels of the leaders, winning a pair to run their record to 4-1. Loewen's outscored the NAF Hawks, 14-3, in the second period to break open a tight game and post a 49-41 victory. Darrell Johnson led the Falcons with 11 points and Jerry Hines was tops for NAF with 14.

Henry Coates and Tom Mather led a third period outburst as the Falcons came from behind to down the Hustlers,

60-49. Behind 24-23 at the half, Loewen's outscored the Hustlers 22-7 in the third period with Coates and Mather each hitting six points. Mather finished as high man for the winners with 15 points and Coates had 14. Don Kinney led the Hustlers with 12.

The VX-5 Vampires held off a late Hustler rally to win their third game of the year, 64-62. Down 56-41 at the end of the third period, the Hustlers came back to tie the game at 62 with less than 15 seconds to play. The Vampires then scored a quick basket on the fast break to win it. Terry Atkinson was top man for VX-5 with 23 points and Kinney hit 20 for the losers.

The NAF Hawks jumped to a big first period lead then coasted to a 59-42 victory over OMD. The Hawks went ahead 17-6 in the first period then pulled away to 49-30 at the end of three with Jerry Hines hitting the key baskets. Hines was high man for the night with 15 points.



LAS VEGAS BOUND — AQ1 Royal B. Deland, NWC's Bluejacket of the year, picks up a Hertz car from Ridgecrest representative George Hucek prior to taking the trip he won for having been named this year's awardee. Deland will travel to Las Vegas where he will be a guest of that city's Navy League. He and his parents will then go to the Grand Canyon and Death Valley where they will be guests of the Fred Harvey Co.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

We sincerely hope that all personnel of the Naval Weapons Center at China Lake and Corona will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and that the joy and happiness of this holiday season will extend over the whole year to come.

In 1968, the Center completed 25 years of astonishing accomplishment. Let us all resolve to make 1969 the beginning of 25 more equally successful years.

The history of success of NOTS/NWC has been the result solely of the dedication and abilities of its extraordinary civilian/military team. Our Center is truly an example world over of expertise in air weaponry. The Commander and Technical Director are humbled by your accomplishments. You are among your country's finest servants.

May this be your happiest Christmas and may the new year be your best.

Captain M. R. Etheridge, USN
Commander
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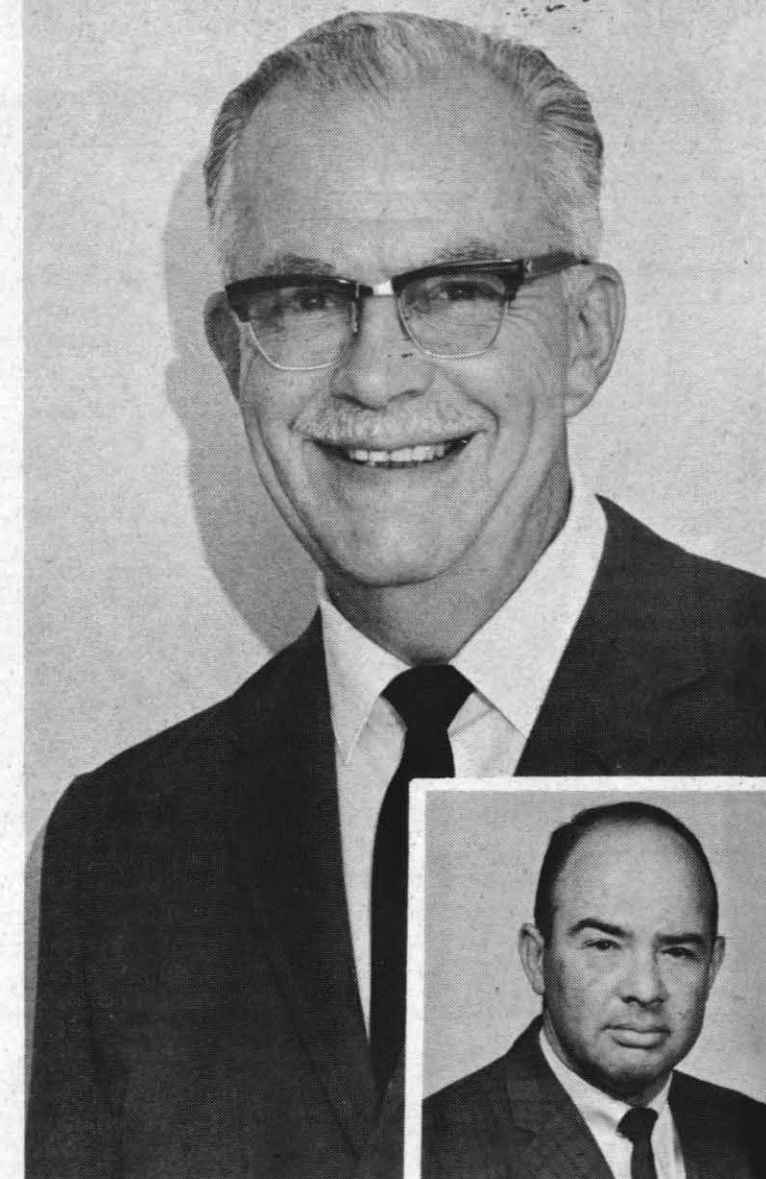


SANTA'S HELPERS — The CYO Pixies return again this year on the 23rd and 24th of December riding with Santa on the back of a fire engine. They will travel throughout the base and the Wherry area, and out into Ridgecrest. They will throw goodies to the kiddies. The CYO is also planning a semi-formal Christmas Ball on the 23rd. The Resemble Faces will be featured.



SANTA IS EVERYWHERE — Moving at an untiring pace, Santa is shown here loading bicycles that have been donated by the men of the Ground Support group at NAF. ASM2 Vincent loads the bikes for distribution to deserving children.

Fred Richards Retires



ROCKETEER EDITOR RETIRES — Fred Richards, who has been Editor of the Rocketeer for the last three years, is retiring from Civil Service after 17 years with the government. William Valenteen (insert) relieves him.

Frederick L. Richards, editorial advisor to the Rocketeer, will end a 17-year Center civil service career that began on Sept. 24, 1951 at the Pasadena Annex when he retires on December 30.

Editor of the Rocketeer from June, 1965 to September, 1968, Richards brought national recognition to the Rocketeer and the Center by winning 13 Chief of Naval Information Merit Awards, four Armed Forces Writers League Awards, a Department of Defense Newspaper Certificate of Merit Award, and two coveted Federal Editors' Association Blue Pencil Awards.

Richards drew praise for his editorial efforts from top ranking Navy officials, Admiral I. J. Galantin, Chief of Naval Material, and Admiral R. L. Townsend, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command. Adm. Galantin wrote "Your ability to use this excellent media (the Rocketeer) to bring to the public's attention the Navy's efforts in the field of technology is highly commended."

Adm. Townsend's comments were "The Rocketeer has consistently reflected the finest, finished journalism and excellent personality of the Naval Weapons Center."

Came West in 1924

Born in Butler, Pennsylvania, Richards came to the West Coast in 1924. He graduated from Los Angeles High School where he was staff artist for the school's publications, then took one year of journalism at Los Angeles Polytechnic High School.

Richards began his working career as an artist in 1926 with the Western Costume Co. of Los Angeles where he de-

signed period costumes for the motion picture industry. His first assignment was to design authentic historical uniforms for 50 Hessian soldiers.

In 1951 he joined the Design and Production Department at the Pasadena Annex as a technical illustrator and was soon promoted to head of the Publication Branch of the Department's Publication Division.

Formerly with TID

In August, 1954, Richards transferred from Pasadena to the newly established Technical Information Department at China Lake as supervisory printing and publications officer of the Publishing Division and consultant to the division head.

He served TID in various capacities until he joined the Public Affairs Office and the Rocketeer as special events coordinator and took over the editorship of the Rocketeer in June, 1965. Since that time the Rocketeer has achieved eminence among government publications equalled by few employee newspapers.

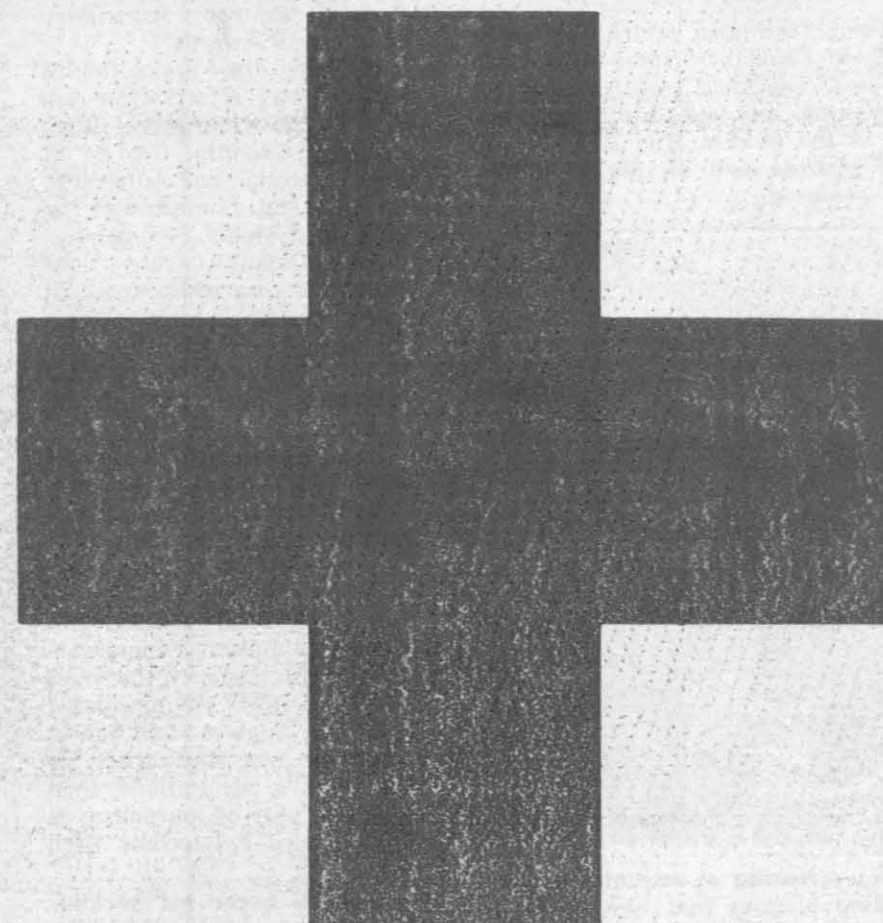
Both Richards and his wife, Louise, have taken an active interest in community and civic affairs. Richards, a lieutenant colonel in the Civil Air Patrol, has always taken an interest in the youth of the community, since his days as commanding officer of the Pasadena Civil Air Patrol Squadron and Commander of the local China Lake CAP Composite California Squadron for eight years.

He is presently an advisor to the CAP wing commander and served five years as district commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America in Inglewood.

Red Cross Volunteers Give Of Their Time— Your Contributions Help Them To Help You



Aboard the hospital ship "Sanctuary" in South Vietnam, Red Cross Recreation worker Susan Ritzie stages a horse-racing game in miniature. Sunshine, fresh air and Miss Ritzie are an ideal prescription for patients. Below, J. R. Hicks assists in the teaching of water safety to various groups at the Naval Weapons Center pool. Water Safety is a regular Red Cross Program.



SYMBOL OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS



Many prominent local women have given much of their time and energy to volunteer Red Cross work. Above, Mrs. Ben Tozer and Mrs. Roland Sellis assist Navy nurse LCdr. McDaniel at the NWC medical facility. The volunteers serve in whatever capacity they may be useful.



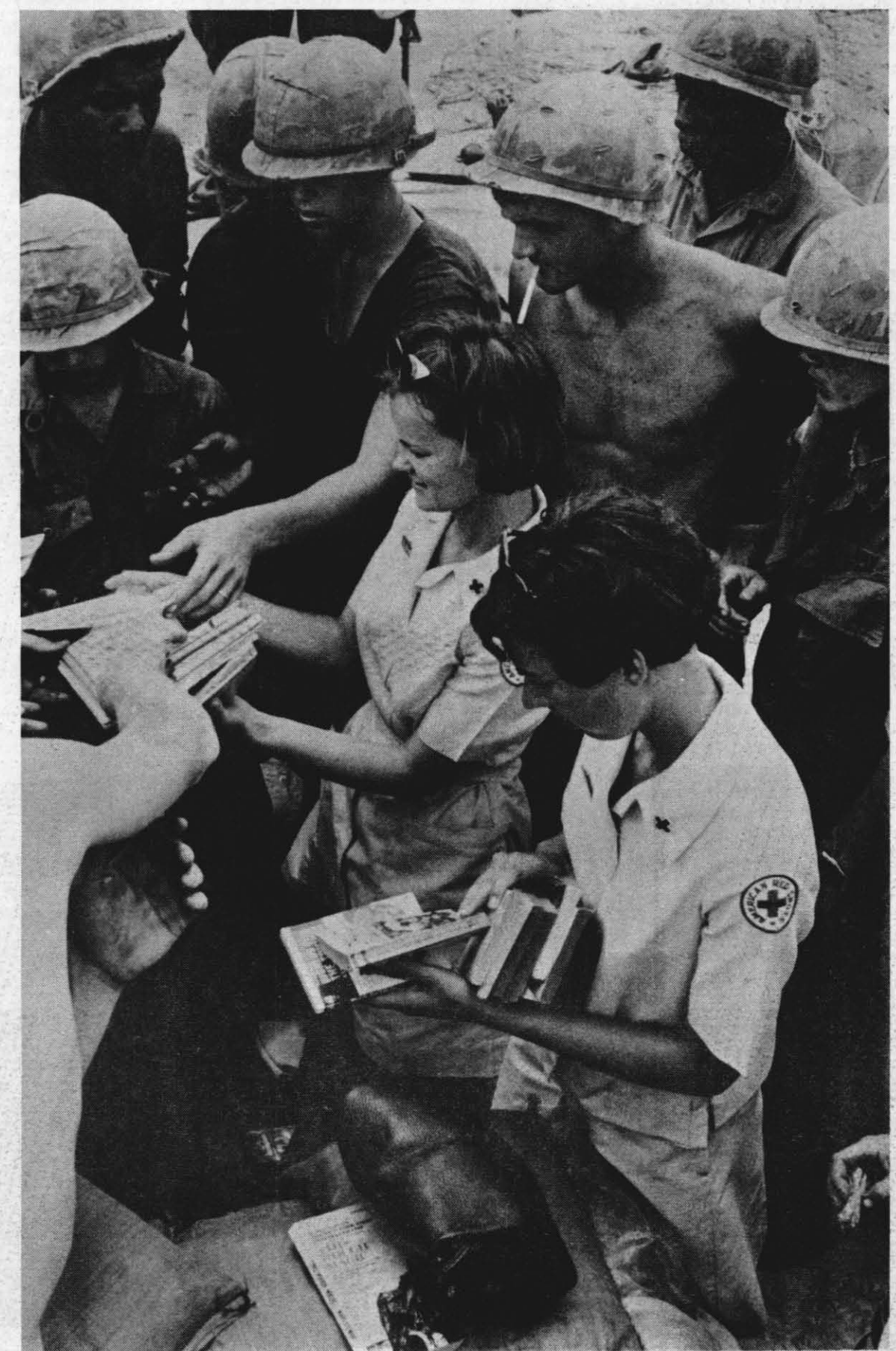
Each member of the Indian Wells Valley Ground Search and Rescue team has had long hours of theory and practice in Red Cross first aid procedures and techniques. For this particular group, First Aid training is mandatory, and is provided by Red Cross Volunteers specializing in this field.

Mission Of The American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is the instrument chosen by the Congress to help carry out the obligations assumed by the United States under certain international treaties known as the Geneva or Red Cross Conventions. Specifically, its Congressional charter imposes on the American Red Cross the duties to act as the medium of voluntary relief and communication between the American people and their armed forces, and to carry on a system of national and international relief to prevent and mitigate suffering caused by disasters.

All the activities of the American Red Cross and its chapters support these duties.

Nationally and locally the American Red Cross is governed by volunteers, most of its duties are performed by volunteers and it is financed by voluntary contributions.



Recreation Workers distribute paperbacks sent from hometown chapters during visit to remote First Division firebase in Phu Loi area of Vietnam. The Red Cross Clubmobile girls, Loretta Clause of Billings, Montana (left) and Nickie Roska, Milwaukee, are among more than 100 Red Cross workers who spend twelve hours or more daily providing informal recreation programs for American servicemen throughout South Vietnam.