

LOOKING IT OVER — Jan Thompson checks the UHF antenna that brings PBS station KCET into the Indian Wells Valley. Thompson is coordinating the TV Booster's work party at Laurel Mountain tomorrow.

IWVTVB sets work party for tomorrow

Assembling and mounting a pair of matched relay antennas on Laurel Mountain is a key item for the TV Booster's annual spring work party tomorrow. The association's volunteer workers will also remove excess cable, install rungs to help pole climbers and rodent-proof the relay station's equipment building.

"This event is crucial to our program for improving local through-the-air reception of southern California TV and FM-radio broadcasts," says work party coordinator Jan Thompson. "Everybody that wants to can join us. They ought to wear work gloves and may want to bring rakes, hoes, picks or shovels."

The relay station is situated near Highway 395, about 13 miles south of Ridgecrest. Access is by a road opposite the junction of Sealers Station Road with 395. Work starts at 10 a.m. Anyone desiring more information may call Thompson at 375-8017.

Movies

FRIDAY, SATURDAY	APRIL 10, 11
"THREE AMIGOS"	
Starring	
Steve Martin and Chevy Chase	
(Comedy, rated PG, 103 min.)	APRIL 12
SUNDAY	
"101 DALMATIANS"	
(Animated, rated G, 79 min.)	APRIL 14
TUESDAY	
"PETE'S DRAGON"	
Starring	
Helen Reddy and Mickey Rooney	
(Musical Comedy, rated G, 103 min.)	APRIL 15
WEDNESDAY	
"52 PICK-UP"	
Starring	
Roy Schneider and Ann Margaret	
(Suspense, rated R, 110 min.)	APRIL 16
THURSDAY	
"SPLASH"	
Starring	
Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah	
(Comedy, rated PG, 110 min.)	APRIL 17
FRIDAY	
"AN AMERICAN TAIL"	
(Animation, rated G, 81 min.)	
Starting Time: Evening 7 p.m.	

Bargain dinners

Best food bargain in town is the Early Bird Special at the Commissioned Officers' Mess Tuesday through Friday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. A sirloin steak dinner — with relishes, soup or salad, baked potato and hot bread — costs only \$4.95 per person.

Poster contest honors American Heritage Week

During the week of June 2-5, the Naval Weapons Center will conduct its second annual American Heritage Week. This week is set aside to honor the diversities of ancestry, culture and ethnic groups that represent our nation and its people. This event will celebrate the diversity of our national heritage through dance, films, food, music and dress. By recognizing the richness of our background the Center hopes to call attention to the long term goal of equal opportunity for all.

As part of the American Heritage Week celebration NWC is sponsoring a poster contest for youths and youth groups in the

Indian Wells Valley. Entrants are asked to submit their graphic representation of their own cultural, ethnic or ancestral background in poster format. The posters will be displayed throughout the Indian Wells Valley.

The overall winner of the contest will be a guest of Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, at the annual awards ceremony on June 2 and will be presented with a plaque recognizing their achievement. Runner-ups in each age category will also be invited to the Awards ceremony and will be recognized with a certificate from the Center. The winner and runner-ups and the

youth group they represent will be given a special tour of the Center's Air Facility and the Technical Information Department's Genographics Facility.

The contest is open to youths of the Indian Wells Valley from grades 1 through 12. The entrants will be judged in three groups. Group A will include grades 1 through 3. Group B will include grades 4 through 7. Group C will include grades 8 and up.

A winner will be selected from each group and an overall winner will be selected from the group of winners.

Art work must be placed on the poster so that a two-inch border is left at the top and

a one-inch border at the bottom where lettering and dates will be placed by the American Heritage Week organizers.

Paper will be supplied to youth groups and individuals wishing to enter the contest. Call NWC ext. 3118 to obtain the paper.

Entries must be made by April 24 to Room 120 of the Personnel Department, 505 Blandly at NWC. The mailing address is Commander (Code 096 — Poster Contest), Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, CA. 93555.

For further information, assistance or to make arrangements for delivery or pick-up of posters, please contact Shiela Morgan or Dan Burnett at NWC ext. 3118.

Dependents can get scholarships

Scholarships are being offered to military dependents by the Military Officers' Wives' Club of China Lake.

The scholarships will be distributed to students whose parents or spouses are active duty or retired military personnel; the scholarships can be used either for pursuit of a college degree or for vocational studies.

Applications and further information can be obtained at the Burroughs High School Scholarship Office, the financial aid office of Cerro Coso Community College, or from the scholarship chairman, Cecile Biery, by telephoning 446-4730.

Deadline for application is May 4.

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Wine tasting slated at CPO

On Wednesday, April 15, the Chief Petty Officers' Mess will host a wine tasting experiment from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m.

Gallo will supply an assortment of varietal wines appropriate for dinner or after dinner for patrons to sample.

All those who participate in the taste test will be given an opportunity to express their preference.

Because Gallo would like to introduce its products to the CPO and the people in this area, there will be no charge to the participants.

It is not necessary to be a member of the CPO in order to take advantage of this special event.



	Max	Min	Peak Gust
Fri.	68	50	28 knots
Sat.	73	48	23 knots
Sun.	77	38	19 knots
Mon.	83	42	15 knots
Tues.	86	41	12 knots
Wed.	86	43	16 knots
Thurs.	90	48	15 knots

All measurements are made at Armitage Airfield.



Steve Millang and Greg Seals of Youngheart Records will present an evening of fun and music at the Center theater on Tuesday, April 21, starting at 6:30 p.m. Their program is entitled "Everybody Has Music Inside," and is a special program to help celebrate "Month of the Young Child."

Advance tickets are \$2 for children and \$3 for everyone aged 12 and up. Tickets can be purchased at the Information, Ticket and Tour Office, the Children's Centers and the Ridgecrest Community Connection.

Tickets purchased at the door will be \$2.50 for children and \$3.50 for adults, subject to availability.

An autograph party with the two men and record sales will follow the concert at the NWC Enlisted Mess.

More information can be obtained by telephoning the ITT Office at NWC ext. 2010, the Children's Centers at NWC ext. 3913 or the Ridgecrest Community Connection at 375-3234.

During family night Thursday, April 16, the Easter bunny will visit the Enlisted Mess from 6 to 8 p.m. Kids under 12 accompanied by their parents will get a free chicken nugget dinner and the Easter bunny will pass out free goodies to all children.

More information can be obtained by telephoning the Enlisted Mess at 446-2929.

Blood donors are urgently needed to give a pint of blood at the next visit of the mobile blood bank, which will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Elks Lodge, 201 E. Church Street, Ridgecrest.

The blood bank is bringing extra tables to eliminate waiting time for donors.

Tomorrow the Oasis Garden Club of Indian Wells Valley will hold its annual garden tour and plant sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Six local gardens can be seen on the self-guided tour. The \$3-per-person ticket includes directions to the homes and descriptions of the gardens. Tickets can be purchased from Oasis Garden Club members, Tropics Nursery, Means Nursery, Art Buffet, Country Feed Barn and Roberts' Hallmark. They can also be purchased tomorrow at the plant sale.

Plants will be on sale at the club's garden center, corner of Blandly Avenue and Lauritsen Road. Plants have been grown by members and are reasonably priced.

Further information can be obtained by telephoning Richard Lasell, 377-5605 after 4 p.m. or Wanda Hewett, 377-4655.

NWC implements lab complex evacuation plan

Emergency action procedures apply to Center personnel

Center personnel must clear buildings and evacuate to safe areas when they hear fire alarm horns or are told to evacuate by emergency personnel. These emergency situations or pending disasters may occur because of fire, flood, earthquake, bomb threat, etc.

In order to better safeguard personnel in Michelson Laboratory and to expedite responses for fire and police units, an Emergency Evacuation Plan is being posted throughout Michelson Laboratory for immediate implementation.

The new Emergency Evacuation Plan identifies designated personnel evacuation sites. The plan serves several purposes: 1) personnel will no longer be in the way of incoming emergency vehicles, 2) personnel will be much safer if an explosion or fire erupts, and 3) personnel will be

grouped together in the evacuation sites, which will assist supervisors in ensuring that everyone has evacuated safely.

The new plan is easy to follow.

When one or more of the following occurs:

- 1) the fire alarm horns sound,
 - 2) the building public address system gives you instruction to evacuate the building or an area,
 - 3) an official personally tells you to evacuate the building,
- you immediately report to the area designated by the corresponding colored circle for the area of the building from which you are being evacuated. Once at the designated personnel evacuation site, you will not normally be moved unless the Fire or Police Division deems it necessary.

DO NOT reenter your work area until told to do so by either a fire or police officer

or other emergency control official.

Prior to leaving your room insure that classified documents are secured in proper storage containers. If, however, the storage container is located where you cannot readily reach it, an effort should be made to lock the material in a desk, cabinet, closet, etc.

In any situation where you have left classified information behind and it has not been secured in an approved container, you should notify the nearest police officer of this fact and provide details such as type of information and location in order that other security measures may be taken.

If danger is imminent and in your opinion you must immediately evacuate your location and have no time to secure classified information, you should try to take the material (properly covered) with you. Only as

a last resort should you leave the information behind unsecured.

Personnel should be aware that they may be outside for a long period of time. For example: a bomb search may take several hours to complete; a major disaster may take several days. When it appears that an evacuation may result in a lengthy wait to return to your work space, personnel at each designated personnel evacuation site will be notified.

The new Michelson Laboratory Emergency Evacuation Plan has been designed to better safeguard personnel and to enhance emergency response. Specific Department plans for evacuation should be consistent with the evacuation of personnel to the designated personnel evacuation sites.

— Safety and Security Department

C/MAC event to pick top jr. enlisted

Air Force Col. Edward L. Hubbard, a former prisoner of war in Vietnam, will be the featured speaker as enlisted military personnel from the five military bases in the high desert compete for Military Person of the Year honors tomorrow (Saturday) at the Palmdale Cultural Center.

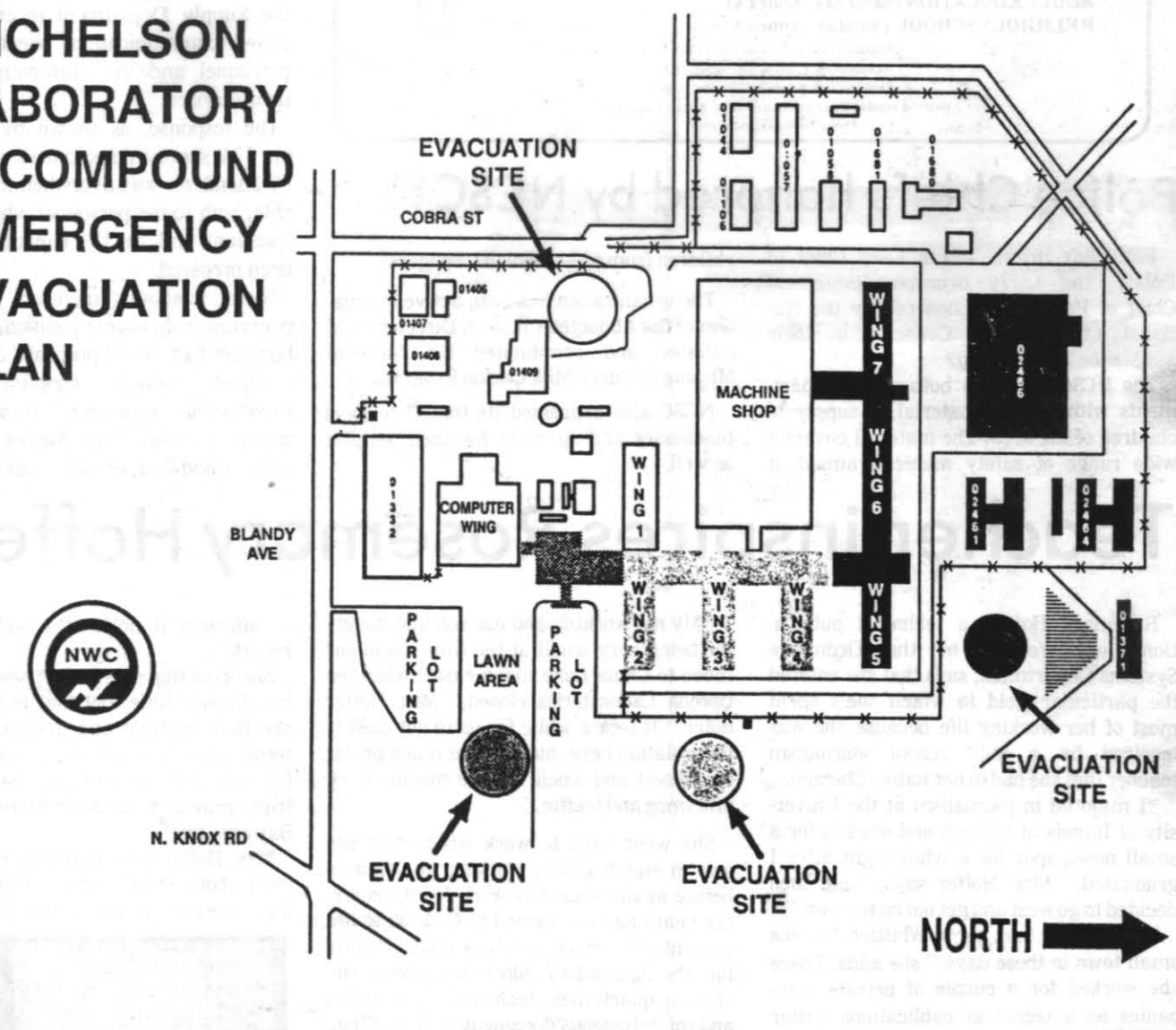
Included in the five outstanding junior enlisted members of the U.S. Armed Forces is Aircrew Survival Equipmentman Third Class (PR3) Ronald N. Lillibridge, China Lake's nominee for the competition.

He will compete against Senior Airman Shannon S. Olson, a law enforcement specialist from Edwards AFB; Army Specialist Fourth Class Gregory A. Aune, a tank mechanic at Ft. Irwin; Hospital Corpsman Third Class Charles A. Scott of the Marine Corps Logistics Base at Barstow; and Senior Airman William H. Wheeler, a dental assistant specialist from George AFB.

The High Desert Civilian/Military Affairs Council is supported by communities and civic groups throughout the high desert, from the Owens Valley to Victorville and Palmdale. It serves to maintain lines of communications between the military bases and neighboring communities on issues such as flood control, air quality, transportation and encroachment. Members include elected officials and civilian volunteers from nearly every community in the region.

Tomorrow night's banquet to select the top military person is the social highlight of (Continued on Page 5)

MICHELSON LABORATORY & COMPOUND EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN



Wranglers sweep up another 160 burros from ranges

Another 160 burros were gathered by wranglers in a sweep of Center lands to clear the feral animals. Of these, 60 were gathered in the "Emergency Zone," which is the area around G-2 Tower Road.

The emergency zone was declared several years ago when burros had become a menace to aircraft and drivers by ambling on the runways and across roads. Throughout the rest of Center lands, the

burros needed to be cleared because of their adverse affect on the environment.

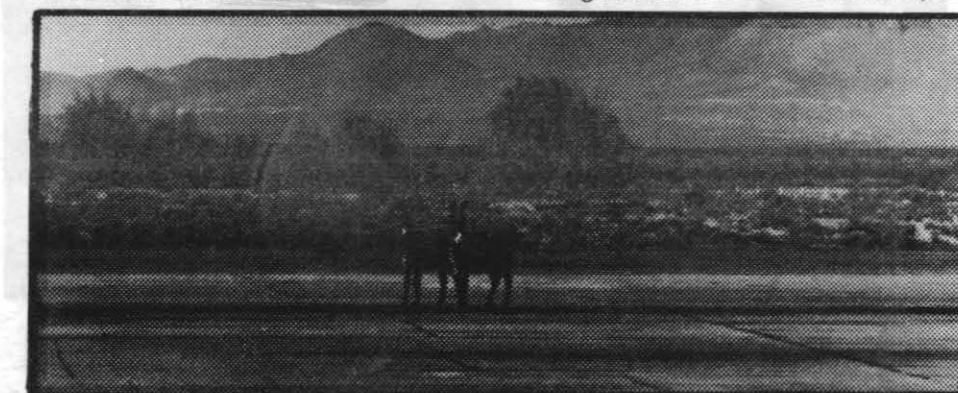
By various means in the initial removal about 5,700 burros were cleared from 1980 through 1983, with the overwhelming ma-

jority of these being given by the Navy to animal protection groups for adoption by the public.

Each year since the major removal program, a sweep has been made. During the first two years since 300 burros were collected each year, 200 were gathered last year and this year 160 more were collected.

In addition, 450 horses were also rounded up by Bureau of Land Management wranglers from the feral horse herds of the Center. These animals are also available for adoption.

Neither burros nor horses are native to the Mojave Desert. The feral animals found at NWC and elsewhere on desert lands are descendants of burros and horses either released by miners and ranchers or those that escaped their masters.



TRESPASSERS — Two burros loiter at the airfield before they are rounded up. The feral animals created a major hazard to Center aviators and drivers before a removal program began seven years ago.



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RARE BIRD — Very few PB4Y-2 Privateers (left) have survived to be placed in museums. Manufactured by Convair, the PB4Y-2 was an offshoot of the B-24 Liberator of World War II fame. The main exhibit hall (above) includes some of the Navy's oldest aircraft as well as the command module from NASA's 1973 Spacelab mission that featured an all-Navy crew.

Youth soccer league challenges young athletes

Muddy, wet fields provided an interesting challenge in the third week of play for NWC's Youth Soccer.

Stings 2, Drillers 0

Fantastic hustles and good sportsmanship paced both teams in this combat. Outstanding offense, fantastic defense and two goals kicked in by Michael Frederick brought victory to the Stings. David Prince's fast running and good teamwork by Jeff Caruso and Lacey Cordell made the Drillers a tough team.

Owls 2, Cobras 0

Strong offense sparked two goals and numerous shots on goal for the Owls. Curtis Allen set up a goal by Cheryl Wiegart and Behrang Goodarzirad scored on an overhead direct kick for the win. The Owls' Phillip Borden made several mid-field saves. Matthew Armstrong did a great job defending the Cobra's goal in the first half of the game. Tammy Yeager, Andrew Gates and Anthony DeCarlo played well, but couldn't score for the Cobras.

Sockers 4, Timbers 1

Ryan Lilly, Greg Greedy and Greg Oshel scored the winning goals for the Sockers assisted by outstanding defense by John Hopeck and Kyle Gentry. Despite the muddy fields, Jesse Owen played good offense and Nathan Arnold did a fantastic job as defensive goalie for the Timbers. Derek Falk made the only goal in the loss.

Roadrunners 3, Eagles 0

Salvador Romerez scored all three Roadrunners' goals while Justin Cerne and Teah Harriot played excellent defense. Bill

Nelson, Vince LeBlanc Andrea Falk and Christianna Oliva fought hard against the Roadrunners, but couldn't turn the tide of the game.

Aztecs 3, Strikers 0

Two of the Aztecs' goals were scored by Neil Covington while Joe Mechtenberg kicked in the third goal. Terrific play was provided by Sam Muhn, Scott Fuller, James Hermann and Brian Satterthwaite in the win. Team effort could not score for the Strikers. However, David Caffrey, offense and Jason Bowling, defense, kept the Aztecs from scoring more goals.

Lancers 4, Earthquakes 0

Goals by Glenn Bakers, Vasken Haroutunian and two goals by Avo Haroutunian with assists by Jennison Kenady showed the aggressiveness of the Lancers' forwards. Anthony Pracchia, Mike Schuchman and Reed Zamlen provided goods plays in the loss.

Express 1, Coyotes 0

Early in the first half Jason Lint made a solid goal with an assist by John Read in the win. Read, as goalie, made a great save in the second half with Ben Labee being credited with two saves for the Express. Coyotes showed great team work



with Kellie Colvin, Joshua Roberts, Justin Martin and Corey Gartner.

Apollos 0, Rowdies 0

Exciting play, with both teams moving the ball up and down the field constantly, paced this game. Gary H., made two super "catch" saves during the first half and Sean and John were interesting players for the Apollos. Offense was the Rowdies' strong point with Justin Ragantesi, Peter Greedy and Bryan Hartney each having shots blocked. Chris Peters played superbly as half-back for the Rowdies.

Whitecaps 3, Rogues 2

Whitecaps played a great defensive game with Nate Frisbee, Alan Hartley, Clark Wilson and Aaron Crook "looking good," and goals were made by Charles Eberhart, Tim Castleberry and Crook. Two goals in the second half by Steve Mills weren't enough to offset the Whitecaps. Good defensive plays were made by Jill Standsell, Richard Byersand and David Caraker in the defeat.

Sounders 6, Tornados 1

Despite the score, it was a tough played game by both teams. Scoring for the Sounders were Beau Arnold, Wally

Mercado, Jamie Scholl, Sean Waldron and Damon Kelling. Excellent defense in the win was provided by Jason Maxwell and Sean Kajiwara. Joseph Battaglion played excellent defense will Caryn Hill expertly played the position of forward for the Tornados. Chad Shedlock kicked in a penalty goal in the fourth quarter in the loss.

Rogues 6, Fury 0

Leading at halftime on two goals made by Loren Letsche, the Rogues had an early start. Others goals for the Rogues were shot in by Steve Mills and Richard Byers in the second half. Despite Wendy Meeks' good play, the Fury's spirits broke when a goal was called back for offside.

Kicks 4, Whitecaps 1

Two good saves by goalie David Moreno started the game for the Kicks. David Renner, Tommy Foisy and David Moreno kicked in the goals in the win and great plays were provided by Brad Harper, Joshua Benson, Andy Lope, Jerry Coreen, and Melanie Lloyd. Brett Juskalian and Elliott Bordan played well for the Whitecaps with the lone goal being slammed in by David Gartner.

Roughnecks 4, Diplomats 0

Excellent team play applied pressure to the Diplomats the entire game. Good offense by Michelle Murphy, good defense by Steven Lewis and Chris Blevens and a goal by Sean Williams with an assist by Chris Blevens, two goals by Jonathan Rae and a penalty kick by Eric Armstrong won the game. The Diplomats did not turn in a score sheet.

Sports

Scorpion soccer club ends quest for state cup title

Two hours of exciting soccer competition in Pasadena left the under-19 Scorpion Soccer Club locked in a 0-0 tie with San Gabriel's Aztecs. The Aztecs won the right to advance to state cup semifinals by edging the Scorp 5-4 in penalty kicks after the game ended in the deadlock.

Coach Karl Kauffman said this was one of the finest exhibitions of youth soccer he had seen. The veteran mentor also commented the results show Ridgecrest's Scorpions are now among the top teams in the state.

Next weekend the Scorp will travel to the Mission Bay Classic in San Diego. Their coach said this time the Scorp know they

are among the best and have as good a chance of winning as any team entered. There will be teams from throughout the west and some from Canada.

Defense by Neil Johnson, Brian Hayes, Jim Caves and Doug Dragovich backed up the outstanding goalkeeping of Jason Cherry as the Scorp turned away challenges for two hours.

Kauffman was not as pleased with the offense, noting the touch and rhythm of the attack were not as sharp as usual for the Scorpions.

The Scorp are 6-0-3 in spring tournament play and boast a 17-2-3 overall record this year.

Volleyball teams are 6-1

Teams with 6-1 records hold the lead in both divisions of the NWC Intramural Volleyball League after play last week.

In the "A" Division, The Roofing Company is 6-1, half a game in front of GBU and the Ball Busters who sport 5-1 marks. Beefballs and Ducklings are next with a 6-2 record.

"B" Division play finds the Aeronettors and Rocketeers sharing the lead with 6-1 records. In third, the Dust Devils boast a

4-1 mark. Rec Wreckers and Catpaw are tied for fourth with records of 4-2.

The season reached the halfway point last week. Action continues in the NWC Gym on Monday through Thursday nights. Games start at 6 p.m.

Intramural softball season is a month away. The Center's Sports Branch is still taking signups from eligible teams.

For more information call the Sports Office at NWC ext. 2334.

Anglers prosper at lake

Warmer weather has brought a big increase in the number of catfish being caught at Lake Isabella.

During daylight hours lots of bullheads are being caught on worms and big mealworms. In the same areas at night both channel cats and white catfish weighing up to 5 pounds are being caught on standard catfish bait. Anglers should try all the flats on both sides of the south fork area of the lake as well as around the airport and near Mountain Mesa.

Trout fishing is currently slow, but a big plant of trout in both upper and lower Kern River is planned on April 15 as well as an

additional planting in the lake. (Where the trout will be put into the lake is not known at this time.)

Some bass weighing up to 5 pounds have also been caught during the week. Off Rocky Point is the best spot to try for these because anglers not catching bass might also catch a good-sized bluegill.

The only hunting open right now is for jackrabbits. Game wardens have been patrolling the desert and canyons and have been ticketing a fair number of illegal hunters who are spotlighting for cottontails. The fines are steep enough to make this a very risky and expensive violation.



The Skipper Sez...

We were recently visited by the new commander of the Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Vice Admiral Richard M. Dunleavy. This week I received a letter from Admiral Dunleavy thanking us for the visit. I would like to quote from that letter so that all of you may directly receive his sentiments:

"Thank you for an outstanding visit to NWC China Lake. Your entire staff made our visit enjoyable and informative. The importance of the research and development performed at China Lake has never been of greater importance to our Navy and country. Our technological edge over the Soviet Union must continue to be of utmost importance and you are the leaders in developing that technology."

We have also been host to the Commander, Naval Air Test Center, Rear Admiral J.F. Calvert. Excerpts from his thank you letter follow:

"Please accept my warmest thanks for a thoroughly enjoyable and informative trip to the Weapons Center. (We) were very impressed with your facility and learned a great deal about the way you do business at China Lake. . . . Several people were instrumental in making this a successful trip. Please thank Al (Alpers) and Mike (Biddlingmeier) in the Protocol Office. Special thanks to Gerry (Schiefer) . . . Also, please thank Messrs. Luke Crews, Bill Porter, Paul Homer, Jack Russell, Captain Paul Valovich, and numerous others for the informative briefings that made our visit a success."

I would like to extend to all of you my thanks for your efforts each and every day which make the Naval Weapons Center the great place it is and for being so proud of yourselves and your work that it shows so clearly to our visitors.

All China Laker, including military personnel, civilian employees and their dependents, are invited to submit questions to this column. Such queries must be in good taste and pertain to matters of interest to a large segment of the China Lake community. Answers to these questions are directly from Capt. John Burt. Please call NWC ext. 2327 with your question and state whether you are a military member, civilian employee or dependent. No other identification is necessary. Since only three or four questions can be answered in the Rocketeer each week, anyone who would like to ensure getting an answer to a question may leave name and address for a direct contact, but this not required otherwise. There is no intent that this column be used to subvert normal established chain of command channels.

Help to IG team brings 8 awards

Outstanding contributions made by a team of eight Center personnel during the recent visit by the SPAWAR Command Inspection Team earned the group Commander's Awards.

Members of the team were Roy Birkhead, Maryanne Cherry, Michael Demcak and Frank Hill from the Internal Review Staff; Mary McConnell from the Research Department; Valerie Bennett and Marjorie Verzi from Central Staff; and Virginia Cozzens.

As Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, gave the team members the truncated pyramid and letter of commendation com-

prising the award, he noted that this group had done much more than they had been assigned to do.

"Because they functioned so smoothly in meeting any request made by the 55-member Inspection Team, they ensured that the Inspectors got a good look at whatever they needed without feeling either hassled or upset. This made the Inspectors able to do an objective job in examining all that they wanted to see and really helped the Center," Capt. Burt continued.

The letter of commendation given to each of the awardees noted that "you dedicated

much of your time and energies to assure that the ever-changing day-to-day administration/logistical requirements of the team were met. Your professionalism, pride, splendid work habits and superb interface with the team demonstrated once again that China Lake is truly a 'Center of Excellence.'"

Birkhead led the coordination effort, along with the members of the Internal Review Staff. Mrs. Cozzens coordinated the clerical work performed by the other team members who also performed their regular jobs in addition to aiding the SPAWAR Command Inspection Team.



EFFORTS APPRECIATED — Members of the team assisting the SPAWAR Command Inspection Team during that team's recent visit, hold the Commander's Award presented to them by Capt. John

Burt. Those honored were (l. to r.) Roy Birkhead, Michael Demcak, Valerie Bennett, Marjorie Verzi, Maryanne Cherry, Frank Hill, Virginia Cozzens and Mary McConnell. — Photo by Tim Tyson

American Heritage Wk. celebration set in June

In 1986 the Naval Weapons Center established American Heritage Week to honor the diverse ancestries, cultures and ethnic groups that collectively represent this nation and its people.

Again this year the Center will honor this diversity with American Heritage Week, to be celebrated June 2 through 5.

The long-term goal of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action has been the appreciation of individuals as individuals and as a part of a larger cultural or ethnic group. NWC hopes to approach that goal with this single celebration that represents all employees.

American Heritage Week is a week-long celebration sharing the different backgrounds and perspectives of the Center's military and civilian personnel. The diversity is honored through sharing cultural expression such as dance, art, film, music or through sports, literature and food. In doing so, the Center emphasizes the value and enrichment that each person contributes to the China Lake community.

This year's celebration begins on Tuesday, June 2 with a program at the Enlisted Mess, at which Rear Admiral Benjamin T. Hacker, Commander, Naval Training Center, San Diego, will be the keynote speaker. Presentation of Equal Employ-

ment Opportunity Awards will conclude that evening.

On Wednesday, June 3, the celebration moves to Administration Circle, the area in front of the Headquarters Building. Ethnic food booths sponsored by NWC department offices and tenant commands will feature a range of delicious foods that can be purchased to be eaten while watching the entertainment going on the lawn. Residents from throughout the Indian Wells Valley are invited to enjoy the music and food. Prizes will be given for the best decorated booths. Personnel are invited to wear ethnic costumes throughout the day to honor their backgrounds.

Thursday will be Western Day, with food booths sponsored by community and civic groups from throughout the IWV. Western costumes will be in order, with prizes offered for the best decorated food booth and the best western costume. On both Wednesday and Thursday, the celebration will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to partake.

Friday, June 5, Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, will be the honored speaker at a no-host breakfast to be held at the Enlisted Mess.

Other scheduled events include a children's poster contest depicting American Heritage, a film festival with films scheduled each afternoon during the week, displays throughout the Center and training and reading material available at the Center library.

Co-chairing this year's activities are Dillard Bullard, head of the Weapons Department and Julia LeBlanc from the EEO Office in the Personnel Department.

Withholding forms issued

Since April 15th is right around the corner, Code 08 wanted to take this opportunity to remind NWC employees to file the new W-4 forms with the Payroll Office (Code 0853), unless already they have already done so.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 provides lower tax rates for some, higher taxes for others, and many of the previously allowed itemized deductions will not be allowed. Because of the many changes, previous W-4 exemption forms on record for employees may not be correct to ensure adequate tax dollars are withheld from wages to meet tax obligations next year.

This act also requires the Payroll Office to have a new withholding form on file for each employee by October 1. However, people who wait until October to file may find they didn't have enough money withheld for taxes and will have to have large amounts withheld through the remainder of the year to make up the difference.

The new 1987 Federal Tax Table shown in this issue's Personnel Pages reflects the biweekly federal tax deductions for single or married with respective number of allowances up to 10. If an employee should find the standard withholding may be more or less than required, exemptions may be filed to fit personal projected tax obligations.

Remember, any time circumstances change, changes can be made in the number of withholding allowances.

If anyone has any questions in regards to this, please contact the Payroll Office at NWC ext. 2121.

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or call the Inspector General at:
(800)522-3451 (toll free)
288-6743 (Autovon)
(202)433-6743 (commercial)

OTHTC race deadline near

Wednesday, April 15 is the deadline for advance registration in the Over-The-Hill Track Club's 10-Mile Inyokern Road Race set for May 3 at 8 a.m. This is the 13th annual race to cover the 10 miles between the junction of U.S. 395 and old Highway 395 and Inyokern.

OTHTC members will pay \$8 for advance registration and non-members pay \$10. The

fee includes a race t-shirt. There is a \$2 per entrant late registration fee for runners signing up after April 15. Race-day registration will be permitted from 7 to 7:45 a.m.

Fruit, runner's punch and beer will be provided at the post-race picnic at the Inyokern Park. Call Scotty Broyles at 446-2941 after 5 p.m. for more information.

Sue Bates wins tourney

Sue Bates walked off with the China Lake Women's Golf Club President's Trophy in competition held last weekend. The 15 golfers entered in the tourney were paced by Mrs. Bates' net round of 61.

Also caruing net 61s, but ending up in a tie for second after cards were matched, were Eunice Emery and Jane Nechero. Fourth place honors belong to Janet Pande with a net 63 and Dottie McCormick's 64

was good for fifth spot.

Ace of the Month competition for men and women was dominated by Al Hunter's gross 72 round and George Barket's net 63. Also, Jane Nechero at net 65 and Bets MacGregor at 68 led the women.

On April 24 and 25 the annual Par-Point Tournament is being sponsored by the Ridgecrest Exchange Club and McDonald's.

Short-term courses scheduled

Cerro Coso Community College has scheduled over 40 short-term courses for valley residents during the spring semester. Short-term courses have variable starting and ending dates and classes are one day to several weeks in duration.

Jim Bumgardner will instruct a two-day course entitled "DEALING WITH AN ANGRY PUBLIC." This 0.5-unit course will emphasize the fundamentals of positive interactive communications and approaches to dealing effectively with angry and/or irrational customers or clients. Small and large group practice of strategies will be presented.

This course will be on Monday and Wednesday, April 20 and 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the City Center in Room 102.

June Wasserman will instruct a 3-day course entitled "CAREER EXPANSION FOR CLERICALS." This 1-unit course will meet on Wednesday, April 22 from 8 to 10 a.m.; Tuesday, May 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Thursday, May 21 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in Room 145.

This course is designed to increase motivation and planning to achieve career goals and to assist individuals in exploring career options.

Individuals interested in enrolling for any of the short-term courses being offered may do so Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 7 p.m. and on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Office of Admissions and Records. Students should register for classes prior to the first class meeting.

For more information on intra-session courses consult the schedule now available from the NWC Training Center, Ridgecrest Library and Post Office, Balsam Street merchants and Heritage Village merchants.

Placement examination, registering, counseling or financial aid information may be obtained by calling the college at 375-5001.

CSB offers Management Information Systems Course

This summer Cal-State Bakersfield will offer an undergraduate course entitled MIS 300: MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS at NWC.

The course is being offered as a result of a needs assessment conducted by the Human Resources Development Division (Code 094), which indicated that there was both a need for, and interest in, such courses. If class enrollments confirm that assessment, additional courses in management information systems (MIS) will be presented at NWC. In that event, there is the possibility that individuals working on their bachelor's degree in business administration with Cal-State Bakersfield could have a concentration in management information systems. Read the Rocketeer and NWC Announcements for further information.



Personnel Development Opportunities

XEROX 860, BASIC

June 16-18; 0800-1500; 725 Inyokern Road, Ridgecrest, CA. By: Xerox Co.

Course Objectives: In this course you should learn how to use the XEROX 860.

NOTE: Course tuition -- \$250. This course requires completion of the DD 1556 training request, sent to Code 094, via proper departmental channels at least 30 days prior to the day course starts.

SPECIAL SESSION FOR SECNAVINST 5216.5C

May 7; 0900-1100; Training Center. By: Odessa Newman, Code 0821.

Scope: A 2-hour session to answer special questions about the use of SECNAVINST 5216.5C, Department of the Navy Correspondence Manual. The session will be open to all who write or review Navy memos and serial letters, and will be conducted on a drop-in basis with no paperwork required.

DELIVERING EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONS

April 30, Thursday; 0800-1600; Training Center. By: H. Levy.

Intended Audience: Managerial, technical, and supervisory staff who are responsible for delivering instructions.

Scope: This workshop gives staff people the tools to deliver instructions that are precise and complete. The emphasis will be on written instructions (however, there is a module on oral instructions). You will get hands-on experience in essential elements of communicating instructions and process, including how to determine the scope of information and the degree of detail required, sequence information logically and usefully, pace instructions appropriately, and analyze the needs of the using audience. Individual and group written and verbal exercises, guidelines, instruction formats, and critiques will be used to teach you how to use specific terminology in instructions, distinguish process from instruction, and structure instructions so they can be easily followed.

Note: You will be asked to bring samples of documents showing the kind of writing you are involved with.

For more information, contact Pat Baczkiewicz or Carol Koontz, NWC ext. 2686.

Deadline: April 16.

CAREER OPTIONS/STRATEGIES AT NWC

April 29, Wednesday; 0800-1600; Training Center. By: Baczkiewicz, Duff, Thornberry.

Scope: You will learn to realistically and systematically set personal and professional goals. You will learn how to research the federal job market and use the SF 171 and the interviewing process to meet career objectives. Career opportunities at NWC will be presented, and the importance of personal style, Government business etiquette, and time management will be discussed. This workshop will help entry-level personnel get into a career progression and will help to maximize their full potential at NWC.

Deadline: April 16.

LOTUS 1-2-3

May 4-15, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 0900-1150; Cerro Coso College, Room 122. By: Clay Witherow.

Prerequisite: Computer Literacy, Computer Fundamentals, or equivalent experience.

Intended Audience: Beginning users of Lotus 1-2-3.

Scope: Hands-on microcomputer course designed to provide a basic understanding of spreadsheet systems. Spreadsheet design, creation, revision, formatting, and printing will be covered using LOTUS 1-2-3. Class not open to students with credit in CS 71b.

Note: Students approved for this course will have their Cerro Coso enrollment fees and texts paid by NWC.

Deadline: April 20.

GETTING RESULTS THROUGH PEOPLE

May 6-8, Wednesday-Friday; 0800-1600; Training Center. By: Roger Kirkham.

Objective: Designed to give managers and supervisors at all levels some specific tools, techniques, and approaches that have proven effective in getting results through people.

Scope: Topics include the difference between being busy and getting results, getting results through objectives, avoiding drains on productivity, the ABCs of decision making, how to motivate subordinates, identifying why communication sometimes goes sour, constructive confrontation, resolving mutual conflict, and how to have effective meetings.

Note: This class duplicates many aspects of "Introduction to Supervision." If you have taken "Introduction to Supervision," you should only take "Getting Results Through People" if you want a review.

Deadline: April 22.

BETTER BRIEFINGS

May 13-14, Wednesday 0800-1600; Thursday 0800-1700; Training Center. By: M. Cartwright.

Scope: Addresses the three goals that most people have when they make technical presentations: to communicate information effectively, to demonstrate technical competence, and to not appear nervous. You will learn techniques that will give you confidence in all three areas. Topics include goals for different types of presentations and audiences, organization of material, nonlinear outlining, level of detail, visual aids, making good viewgraphs, preparations for being seen and heard, handling nervousness, delivery, and handling questions. For the final activity you will give a short presentation that will be videotaped, played back, and discussed.

Deadline: April 22.

INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS

May 4 and 5, Monday and Tuesday; 0800-1600; Training Center. By: Roger Kirkham.

Scope: You will learn to apply the tools, techniques, and approaches of interpersonal communication skills. Topics include

- * People react to how they're treated.
- * Why should supervisors and managers be concerned about interpersonal communication?
- * What stifles interpersonal communication within organizations?
- * Why don't you understand what I'm thinking?
- * What you expect is what you get.
- * How to overcome and prevent communication going sour.

Deadline: April 20.

TIME MANAGEMENT

May 5 and 7, Tuesday and Thursday; 0730-1200; Cerro Coso College, Room 145. Instructor to be determined.

Intended Audience: Procrastinators and time-wasters as well as those who do not have enough time in a day to complete their job.

This is the definitive course on personal productivity, covering topics from productivity habits, to concentration and creativity, to overcoming interruptions, to delegation. Topics include the psychology behind where you really spend your time and why, how to handle people who waste your time, how to overcome the start-stop syndrome and incomplete work assignments, how to say no when you mean no, and how to handle your clerical needs when you don't have a secretary. This course brings together practical ideas for you to use to become more efficient at your work. You are requested to bring your calendars or work schedules to class with you.

Deadline: April 21.

To enroll in these classes submit Training Request & Authorization Form (NAVWPNCEN 12410/73) via department channels to Code 094 unless otherwise stated.

CSUC class rescheduled

Due to low enrollment, CSCI 272: MULTI-USER OPERATING SYSTEMS (described below) was rescheduled. Those planning to attend this course should submit a on-Center Training Request form (NAVWPNCEN 12410/73) but close of business May 15.

CSCI 272: MULTI-USER OPERATING SYSTEMS (3 units)

May 30-31, June 20-21 and July 18-19 (Saturday & Sunday); 0800-1600; NWC Training Center. By: Professor Luk, CSUC.

Prerequisite: CSCI 152 (Operating Systems Programming), equivalent, or consent of instructor.

Scope: Analysis of time-sharing (multi-user) operating systems including hardware and software requirements. Comparison of differing types of scheduling and memory allocation routines. Analysis of system deadlocks and their prevention. I/O control in a time-sharing environment.

Text: Introduction to Operation Systems, Deitel Addison-Wesley, 1984.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a required course for the BSCS Systems option.



Promotional opportunities

Applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from appointable Department of Navy employees within the area of consideration and from eligible employees of attached activities who are permanently assigned to NWC unless otherwise specified in the ad. Appointable means career or VRA eligibility and employees, temporary employees with reinstatement or VRA eligibility and employees serving under Veterans Readjustment Appointments (VRAs). Alternative recruitment sources may also be used in filling these positions: Program. Applicants must meet all legal and regulatory requirements including minimum qualification requirements by the closing date. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of experience, education, training, performance ratings and awards as indicated in the SF-171 along with any tests, medical examinations, performance evaluations, supplemental qualification statements and/or interview that may be necessary. Career ladder promotions are subject to satisfactory performance and cannot be guaranteed. APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Candidates must submit a current SF-171, along with a supplemental qualifications statement (if required), and should submit a copy of their latest Annual Performance Evaluation if relevant to the vacancy. If a supplemental statement is not required, candidates are encouraged to submit additional information which then addresses the specific Knowledge/Skill/Abilities (KSAs) cited in the ad. Write the position title/series/level and announcement number on the SF-171 and all attachments. Be sure that your forms are complete and accurate since you cannot be rated on missing data nor will you be contacted for additional information. Be certain the SF-171 and supplement are dated and have original signatures in ink.

All applications will be retained in the vacancy announcement file; they will not be returned or filed in official personnel folders. Applications and supplements are accepted at the Reception Desk, Room 100, Personnel Department, 505 Blandy. Ads close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, one week after the announcement, unless otherwise specified. Applications received after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date will not be considered. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer; selections are made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason.

No. 08-024, Budget Analyst,

DA-560-1/2/3, Code 083

- Incumbent provides resource support services to one of NWC's operating departments. Responsible for all phases of budget execution, formulation, control and monitoring of direct, overhead, capital and service center budgets. Responsible for conducting financial analysis. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to gather and analyze raw financial data; prepare clear and concise written and oral communications; deal tactfully and effectively with others. Promotion potential to DP-3.

No. 08-025, Accounting

Technician, GS-525-4/5/6, Code

08622 - This position is in the Cost Accounting Branch of the Accounting Division of Central Staff. Incumbent will serve as an Accounting Technician in the control and maintenance of cost accounting records and subsidiary ledgers for the Major Contracts Section. Duties include the review of incoming contracts and amendments for accuracy and completeness; reconciling subsidiary ledger accounts; extracting necessary information from source documents, collating the data and preparing forms to enter data into the automated system; auditing computer outputs for accuracy; validating historical costs and transactions; and researching aged financial information to clear accounts. Incumbent has extensive contact with NWC project, budget and supply personnel and provides information on various vendor inquiries. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of integrated disbursing and accounting system; knowledge of Document Entry System; knowledge of NAVCOMPT regulations; ability to work accurately with figures; ability to deal effectively with people. Promotion potential to GS-6.

No. 24-011, Security Specialist,

DA-080-1/2, Code 24102

- This position is located in the Police Division, Safety and Security Department. Incumbent is the Technical Representative Contract Officer (TRCO) for the guard service portion of the consolidated facilities support contract. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to interpret and implement written instructions; ability to communicate both orally and in writing; knowledge of security and law enforcement regulations and procedures; knowledge of mathematics statistics; knowledge of contracting principles. Position may have promotion potential to the DA-3 level, however, promotion is not guaranteed.

No. 25-010, Purchasing Agent,

GS-1105-4/5/6, Codes 2522,

25221, 25222, 25223, 25224, Multiple Vacancies - Incumbent is responsible for performing basic purchasing agent functions (e.g., places orders with vendors, issues RFQs, modifies existing orders, drafts documents) with the assistance of an experienced buyer. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of small purchase procedures; knowledge of automated management information systems (Oasis); ability to deal effectively with others; ability to work under pressure. Promotion potential to GS-6. Status eligibles may apply.

No. 08-026, Budget Clerk/

Assistant, GS-561-3/4/5, Code 083

- Incumbent will provide fiscal clerical support to the branch or any of the departments it serves. Incumbent assists in preparing overhead budgets, gathers financial and accounting data, monitors expenses on customer order/job order numbers, assists the department in processing travel orders and/or material requisition actions. **Job Relevant**

Criteria: Knowledge of accounting or budget clerical procedures; ability to work with figures; ability to work rapidly and accurately; ability to meet deadlines under pressure. Promotion potential to GS-6. Status eligibles will be considered.

No. 22-8714, Publicity Clerk

(Typing), AS-303-3, \$4.78 per

hour, Intermittent Unscheduled,

Code 22022 - Incumbent serves as an

assistant for the Marketing Section and as

relief for the department secretary at the

Recreational Services Department. **Job**

Relevant Criteria: Ability to deal with

the public in a friendly and professional

manner; to type 40 w.p.m.; knowledge and

skill in graphic design and layout desirable.

Must be available on an on-call basis.

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POSITION.

No. 32-246, Physical Science

Technician, DT-1311-3, Code

32721 - Incumbent performs a variety of

tests, including impact and friction

sensitivity to initiation and bond and peel

strength, particle size analysis and various

wet lab procedures on explosives,

propellants, and related materials. Performs

mathematical calculations and compiles test

data, calibrates, sets up and performs

routine maintenance on test equipment.

Required to operate a programmable

calculator for some tests, stand for extended

periods of time and lift items up to forty

pounds, and use protective clothing and

equipment. **Job Relevant Criteria:**

Knowledge of physical science

methodology and techniques; knowledge of

mathematics; knowledge of safety

requirements relevant to the handling of

explosives and chemicals; ability to

communicate effectively both orally and in

writing. Skill in chemical measurement

and analytical techniques.

No. 36-032, Supervisory Inter-

disciplinary (General Engineer /

Mechanical Engineer / Electronics

Engineer), DP-801/830/855-3,

Code 3656 - This position is that of

Head, Specifications Branch, Technical

Data Division, Engineering Department.

The incumbent manages and supervises

Specifications Writers/Editors and Editorial

Assistants who support all Center

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No. 26-018, Quality Assurance

Specialist, DS-1910-1/2, Code

2671 - The incumbent is involved with

the definition and application of quality

assurance and quality control practices,

methods, principles, techniques and

disciplines during repair, rehabilitation and

maintenance of Navy family and bachelor

housing units and the related areas. **Job**

Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of

housing regulation and procedures; ability

to communicate effectively orally and in

writing; ability to use blueprints,

schematics and architectural drawings;

ability to plan and coordinate the quality

assurance program relating to housing

maintenance and rehabilitation contracts.

Promotion potential to DS-2.

No. 31-033, Supervisory Inter-

disciplinary (Electronics Engineer/

Mechanical Engineer / Physicist /

Mathematician / Computer Scien-

tist), DP-855/830/1310/1520/

1550-3/4, Code 3103 - This position

is that of Head, A-4M/AV-8B Program

Office, Aircraft Weapons Integration

Department. The incumbent is responsible

for the management of all aspects of the

A-4M and AV-8B WSSA activities at

NWC. Major tasks include the definition,

development, and implementation of

engineering efforts leading to the

deployment of new operational flight

programs for A-4M and AV-8B aircraft.

Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to

provide supervision to a highly technical

group of avionics, weapons integration, and

real time software project engineers, as

well as all the administrative personnel

required of a large systems project office;

ability to interface effectively with a variety

of personnel including NAVAIR sponsors

and contractors; ability to communicate

orally and in writing; knowledge of Affirmative

Action including a willingness to support

EEO. Incumbent may have to serve a one

year supervisory probation period.

Promotion potential to DP-4.

No. 32-246, Physical Science

Technician, DT-1311-3, Code

32721 - Incumbent performs a variety of

tests, including impact and friction

sensitivity to initiation and bond and peel

strength, particle size analysis and various

wet lab procedures on explosives,

propellants, and related materials. Performs

mathematical calculations and compiles test

data, calibrates, sets up and performs

routine maintenance on test equipment.

Required to operate a programmable

calculator for some tests, stand for extended

periods of time and lift items up to forty

pounds, and use protective clothing and

equipment. **Job Relevant Criteria:**

Knowledge of physical science

methodology and techniques; knowledge of

mathematics; knowledge of safety

requirements relevant to the handling of

explosives and chemicals; ability to

communicate effectively both orally and in

writing. Skill in chemical measurement

and analytical techniques.

No. 36-032, Supervisory Inter-

disciplinary (General Engineer /

Mechanical Engineer / Electronics

Engineer), DP-801/830/855-3,

Code 3656 - This position is that of

Head, Specifications Branch, Technical

Data Division, Engineering Department.

The incumbent manages and supervises

Specifications Writers/Editors and Editorial

Assistants who support all Center

programs. **Job Relevant Criteria:**

Knowledge of specifications

writing/editing; knowledge of the DOD

acquisition process, including R & D and

production; ability to deal with all levels of

personnel; ability to communicate in

writing; ability to communicate orally. If

selected incumbent may have to serve a one

year supervisory probation period. The

incumbent must have a willingness to

displays, tape and disc data storage systems, early bit-slice computer circuitry, and assorted peripheral equipment; ability to use common electronics test equipment; ability to work from schematics; knowledge of real-time distributed processing systems and basic software maintenance tasks is desirable. Must be willing to work regularly scheduled overtime, and interface effectively with military, civil service, and contractor personnel. Promotion potential to DT-3.

No. 62-025, Electronics Technician, DT-856-1/2/3, Code 62511 - This position is located in the Computer System Branch. The incumbent will assist in the operation and maintenance of the Range Control Center Integration and Processing System (RIPS), a major Range Instrumentation System. This Center supports many aspects of range testing and is crucial to controlling tests and providing data to range customers. Incumbent will provide technical support to this system. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to read schematics; ability to operate, maintain, and repair large sophisticated computer systems including peripherals; knowledge of video systems, communications devices, data interfaces, and the operations thereof; knowledge of range operations and major computer

systems. Promotion potential to DT-3.

No. 64-165, Engineering Technician, DT-802-A, Code 6414 - This position is located in the Test Support Section, Recovery Systems Support Branch, Recovery Systems Division, Aerosystems Department. The incumbent provides support in the area of testing of parachute related systems. This includes test conduction design, test cost estimating, data retrieval, storage and analysis. Incumbent coordinates scheduling of test events with other organizations, keeps track of data retrieval, logs on computer events and test costs. One year of college level courses is desirable with math through at least trigonometry for test design. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of the maintenance and operation (M&O) budget; knowledge of safety requirements especially in explosive handling particular to parachute testing; ability to use a Macintosh PC; knowledge of program budget and program planning documents and the directive and guidelines that affect them is desirable; requires excellent physical condition due to bending, lifting, and climbing. Must be willing to travel to remote test sites and work in extreme climate conditions. This is a training position. Promotion potential to DT-3.



Secretarial opportunities

This column is used to announce secretarial positions for which the duties and job relevant criteria are generally similar. Secretaries serve as the principal clerical and administrative support in the designated organization by coordinating and carrying out such activities. Secretaries perform numerous tasks which may be dissimilar. Positions at lower grades consist primarily of clerical and procedural duties and, as positions increase in grades, administrative functions become predominant. At the higher levels, secretaries apply a considerable knowledge of the organization, its objectives and lines of communication. Depending on grade level, typical secretarial duties are implied by the job relevant criteria indicated below.

Applicants will be rated against four or more of the following job relevant criteria: (1) ability to perform receptionist and telephone duties; (2) ability to review, track, screen and distribute incoming mail; (3) ability to review outgoing correspondence; (4) ability to compose correspondence and/or prepare non-technical reports; (5) knowledge of filing systems and files management; (6) ability to meet the administrative needs of the office; (7) ability to train clerical personnel and organize workload of clerical staff processes; (8) ability to plan and coordinate travel arrangements; (9) ability to maintain and coordinate supervisor's calendar and to arrange conferences.

Unless otherwise indicated, applicants for Branch Secretary will be rated on elements 1/2/3/5/8; Division Secretary applicants will be rated on elements 1/2/3/4/7/8/9; Program Office Secretary applicants will be rated on elements 1/2/3/4/5/8/9; and Department Secretary applicants will be rated on elements 4/7/8/9. A SUPPLEMENTAL FORM IS REQUIRED AND MAY BE OBTAINED IN ROOM 100 OF THE PERSONNEL BUILDING.

No. 31-032, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-4/5, Code 3151 - This position is that of Secretary to the Head, Laser Systems Branch. Administrative support, clerical and typing is provided to engineers and physicists of the branch. Promotion potential to GS-5.

No. 33-008, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-3/4/5, Code 3335 - Supports the Long Range Missile Fuze Branch, Fuze Systems Division, Fuze and Sensors Department with clerical and administrative support. Promotion potential to GS-5. Status eligibles may apply.

No. 33-009, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-6/7, Code 33 - Provides secretarial and administrative support to the department head as well as leadership of the department clerical workforce and member

of the Corporate Secretaries Board. Applicants must submit current annual performance evaluation in addition to required supplemental. Promotion potential to GS-8 but not guaranteed.

No. 35-007, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-5, Code 3556 - The incumbent provides secretarial and administrative support to the Range Services Branch. Knowledge of Xerox Star and Macintosh Plus desirable. First-forty hour work schedule (0630-1630). Position is at the full promotion potential level.

No. 39-018, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-5, Code 3923 - This position provides secretarial support for the Tomahawk/Cruise Missile Software Support Branch.

Reassignment opportunities

This column is used to fill positions through reassignment only. For this reason, the Reassignment Opportunity Announcements are separate from the Promotion Opportunities column in the Rocketeer. Applications will be accepted until the date stated in the announcement. Employees whose work history has not been brought up to date are encouraged to file an SF-171 or 172. All applicants must meet minimum qualification requirements established by the Office of Personnel Management. Information concerning the recruitment and placement program and the evaluation methods used in these reassignment opportunities may be obtained from Personnel Management Advisors (Code 086 or 097). Applications should be filed with the person whose name is listed in the announcement. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

No. 31-005, Interdisciplinary (General/ Aerospace / Electronics / Mechanical Engineer / Physicist / Mathematician / Computer Scientist), DP-801/861/855/830/1310/1520/1550-2/3, (Multiple vacancies), Code 3194 - These positions are located in the F/A-18 Project Branch of the Aircraft Weapons Integration Department. Incumbents will be responsible for providing test plans, specifications, and procedures for performing verification and validation of the F/A-18 tactical software. Individuals will perform, as required, subsystems and system level testing (both lab and flight) and will provide analysis support on any design, development or problems reported. Position requires knowledge of operational software development; knowledge of digital computer simulation and the system engineering processes; analytical ability; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. To apply, send updated SF-171 to R. D. Johnson, Code 3149, NWC ext. 5206.

No. 33-005, Interdisciplinary (Electronics Engineer/Physicist), DP-855/1310-1/2/3, Code 3331 - This position is located in the Surface Targets Fuze Branch, which is involved in design, development, and production support of proximity fuzes for surface target weapons. Basic active radar and electro-optical technology is used in the efforts on these proximity sensors. The branch is primarily hardware oriented and works with analog and digital electronic devices in the laboratory, conducts field tests, troubleshoots emerging problems, and carries out feasibility investigations. The incumbent would support ongoing and new programs in the branch that include target detecting devices and related components for HARM, SIDEARM, General Purpose Bombs, Advanced Intercept Weapons System, and advanced fuzing studies. Self motivation, enthusiasm, and ability to work in a team environment is important. Please submit current SF-171 to Alex Shlanta, Code 3331, NWC ext. 2022.

No. 33-007, Interdisciplinary (Electronics Engineer/Aerospace Engineer/Physicist), DP-855/861/1310-1/2, Code 3333 - This position is located in the Advanced Technology Projects Branch, which is involved in the design, development and production support of proximity fuzes and design support test equipment for fleet missiles, principally using active radar and electro-optical technologies in the development cycle. This branch is hardware-oriented and tasks routinely include work with digital and analog circuitry development, laboratory and field testing to include captive flight testing, performing feasibility investigations and contract management in support of task goals. The incumbent will perform duties as part of a team supporting programs in the branch, which includes development of target detection devices for

SPARROW, AMRAAM, RAM and conducting advanced fuzing studies. Promotion potential is DP-3. To apply, send current SF-171 to Bill Vechione, Code 333, NWC ext. 1211.

No. 35-008, Electronics Engineer, DP-855-1/2, Code 3545 - The branch is involved in all aspects of the design and development of high power microwave transmitter systems for use at Navy development and training ranges, as well as for other applications. The incumbent is responsible for the design of high voltage regulated D.C. power supplies and pulsed modulator circuits, as used in magnetron or linear beam tube transmitter systems. Such designs employ a variety of electronic components such as vacuum tubes, hydrogen thyratrons, microwave tubes, solid state devices, etc. The position draws heavily on linear, digital and pulse circuit design theory and techniques. Knowledge of circuit design theory as used in high power transmitters is desirable plus the interest, enthusiasm and motivation to work in this discipline are important. To apply for this position, send a current SF-171 to F. L. Greenland, Code 3545, NWC ext. 2951.

No. 62-018, Interdisciplinary Computer Scientist / Electronic Engineer, DP-1550/855-2, Code 6251A - This position is located in the RIPS Program Office, Computer Systems Branch, Data Systems Division, Range Department. The RIPS Program Office is responsible for hardware and software changes/enhancements to the Range Control Center Integrated Processing System (RIPS), a large scale real-time multi-computer system which supports weapons testing on NWC's Northern Range. The incumbent will assist with configuration management and hardware/software design and analysis to provide system enhancements to meet new requirements. Please send current SF-171 to George Adair, Code 6251A, NWC ext. 5879.

No. 62-024, Electronics Engineer, DP-855-2/3, Code 62552 - The Advanced Systems Branch of the Range Department has an opportunity for a talented engineer who would enjoy participating in the development of complex range instrumentation systems and following that development through to early deployment on the Range. This position requires experience in analog design, control system design, electro-optics, and/or system engineering. Also required is a desire to work with people, to work in a hands-on environment, and to occasionally leave the Lab for field work. Our programs are relatively small, and our probability of fielding systems is high. The incumbent will be assigned to work on laser tracking, video tracking, and/or advanced video instrumentation. For more information, contact Bob Harriman, NWC ext. 6337, or send your SF-171 to Code 6255

Recent arrivals and departures

Civil Service		
Arrivals		
Name	Code	Title
Neal, Charles A.	09202	Clerk-Typist
Brangwin, Lori R.	24322	Student Volunteer
Lee, Robert E.	2511	Contract Specialist
Houston, Maria K.	2512	Contract Specialist
Christ, Maria Y.	2523	Procurement Clerk
Giles, Wayne H.	3103	Aerospace Engrg. Tech.
Hayes, Kenneth R.	3268	Materials Engineer
Butterworth, Jay D.	3541	Electronics Engineer
Mills, Donald E.	3545	Electronics Technician
Merrill, James A.	3553	Electronics Technician
Rodgers, Michael A.	62121	Ordnance Equipment Mech.
Meade, Timothy C.	62132	Electronics Mech. Helper
Johnson, Clela	6222	Secretary (Typing)
Departures		
Giesen, Dennis H.	0942	Mechanical Engineer
Etheredge, Maxine L.	26435	Procurement Clerk (Typing)
Perrige, George	26435	Industrial Eq. Mechanic
Basart, Robert A.	26436	Electrician (High Voltage)
McKinney, Ellis L.	26448	Engineering Equipment Opr.
Blume, Raymond E.	3515	Mathematician
Vonnordheim, Lesley H.	36812	Qual. Assurance Spec. Sup.
Rinehart, John S.	389	Research Physicist

Enrollment forms available for Thrift Savings Plan

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) enrollment forms have been received, and enrollments are being taken at a time and place designated by your department office. If you were unable to enroll in your department, contact your PMA to schedule a time to come into personnel and enroll.

TSP Booklets have been distributed to all employees. If you have not received a copy of this booklet, contact your division office.

Enrollments received on or after April 12 will be effective the beginning of the pay period following receipt of the enrollment. This open season will close on April 30.

Only those employees that want to enroll in the Thrift Savings Plan need to complete an enrollment form.

Anyone with any questions in regard to this should contact Virginia Spille at NWC ext. 2592.

Ridgecrest's Social Security Office has moved and has new phone number

New location of the Ridgecrest Social Security Office is Suite A, 509 W. Ward in Ridgecrest (corner of Ward Street and Norma Avenue).

The office is open for walk-in business

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday and can be reached by telephone from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The new telephone number is 446-2050.



This Question and Answer column will be published weekly to answer questions you may have about FERS. Questions should be submitted, in writing, to Code 091.

HOW MUCH ARE THE SOCIAL SECURITY FICA TAXES NOW?

The FICA for 1987 is 7.15 percent. The maximum amount taxable in 1987 is \$43,800. The amount of FICA tax is scheduled to increase to 7.51 percent in 1988 and 1989, and 7.65 percent for 1990 and later. CSRS employees contribute 1.45 percent for Medicare coverage.

IF I TRANSFER TO FERS, AND THEN I BECOME DISABLED, WILL I BE ELIGIBLE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS?

To be eligible for Social Security disability benefits, you must have worked and paid into Social Security for five years of the 10 year period prior to becoming disabled. If you have been working continuously for Civil Service in the 10-year period prior to transferring to FERS, then you will not become eligible for Social Security disability benefits until you have been under FERS and paying Social Security taxes for a five-year period after the transfer.

IS A FORMER SPOUSE ENTITLED TO A BENEFIT FROM AN EMPLOYEE'S THRIFT PLAN?

Yes, if and to the extent provided for by the employee or pursuant to a legal separation agreement or court order.

1987 Federal Tax Tables

Biweekly payroll period

Number of Allowances	Biweekly Deduction
0	\$ 0
1	73.08
2	146.16
3	219.24
4	292.32
5	365.40
6	438.48
7	511.56
8	584.64
9	657.72
10	730.80

(a) Single person - including head of household

If the amount of wages is not over:	The amount of income tax to be withheld shall be:
\$ 25	0
Over:	But not over:
\$ 25	\$ 94
\$ 94	671
\$ 671	1,063
\$1,063	2,102
\$2,102	

Example: Federal employee, single, GS 7/1, with an annual salary of \$18,358 and one exemption:

Regular salary (biweekly) gross	\$704.00
Less exemption allowance (1 x \$73.08)	73.08
	\$630.92

Applicable tax bracket "over \$94, but not over \$671"

Withholding \$7.59 plus 15% of excess over \$94

Taxable amount	\$630.92
	- 94.00
	536.92
x 15%	
	80.54
	+ 7.59
Tax to be withheld	\$ 88.13

(b) Married person -

If the amount of wages is not over:	The amount of income tax to be withheld shall be:
\$ 72	0
Over:	But not over:
\$ 72	\$ 187
\$ 187	1,148
\$1,148	1,802
\$1,802	3,533
\$3,533	

Example: Federal employee, married, GS 7/1, with an annual salary of \$18,358 and one exemption:

Regular salary (biweekly) gross	\$704.00
Less exemption allowance (2 x \$73.08)	146.16
	\$557.84
Applicable tax bracket "over \$187, but not over \$1,148"	
Withholding \$12.65 plus 15% of excess over \$187	
Taxable amount	\$557.84
	- 187.00
	370.84
x 15%	
	55.63
	+ 12.65
Tax to be withheld	\$ 68.28

Example: Federal employee, married, GS 7/1, with an annual salary of \$18,358 and one exemption:

Regular salary (biweekly) gross	\$704.00
Less exemption allowance (2 x \$73.08)	146.16
	\$557.84

Applicable tax bracket "over \$187, but not over \$1,148"

Withholding \$12.65 plus 15% of excess over \$187

Taxable amount	\$557.84
	- 187.00
	370.84
x 15%	
	55.63
	+ 12.65
Tax to be withheld	\$ 68.28

Social Security information

Form being developed for fed'l workers to provide quarters of coverage and history of earnings

Employees may need to know specific information about their Social Security coverage in order to make an informed Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) transfer decision.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is developing a special form for federal employees that will provide quarters of coverage as well as a history of earnings. This form is scheduled to be available in late April and will be provided to the NWC personnel office. SSA has contracted out the processing of these forms and projects a three-week turnaround time in providing the information directly to each employee.

Federal employees are requested to wait until the new form is available to request information about their earnings and quarters of coverage. All employees will be notified as soon as the new SSA form is received.

Anyone who has any questions in regard to this matter should call Virginia Spille, NWC ext. 2592.