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Thirty years at NWC bring recognition

Shortly after retiring from the Naval Weapons Center in early October, Barbara Gonder received a pleasant surprise when she was honored with the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Working more than three decades as a mathematician at China Lake, she has touched nearly every data reduction effort undertaken here. Capt. Douglas Cook, NWC Commander, presented the medal and citation to Gonder before coworkers and friends gathered in

Michelson Lab.

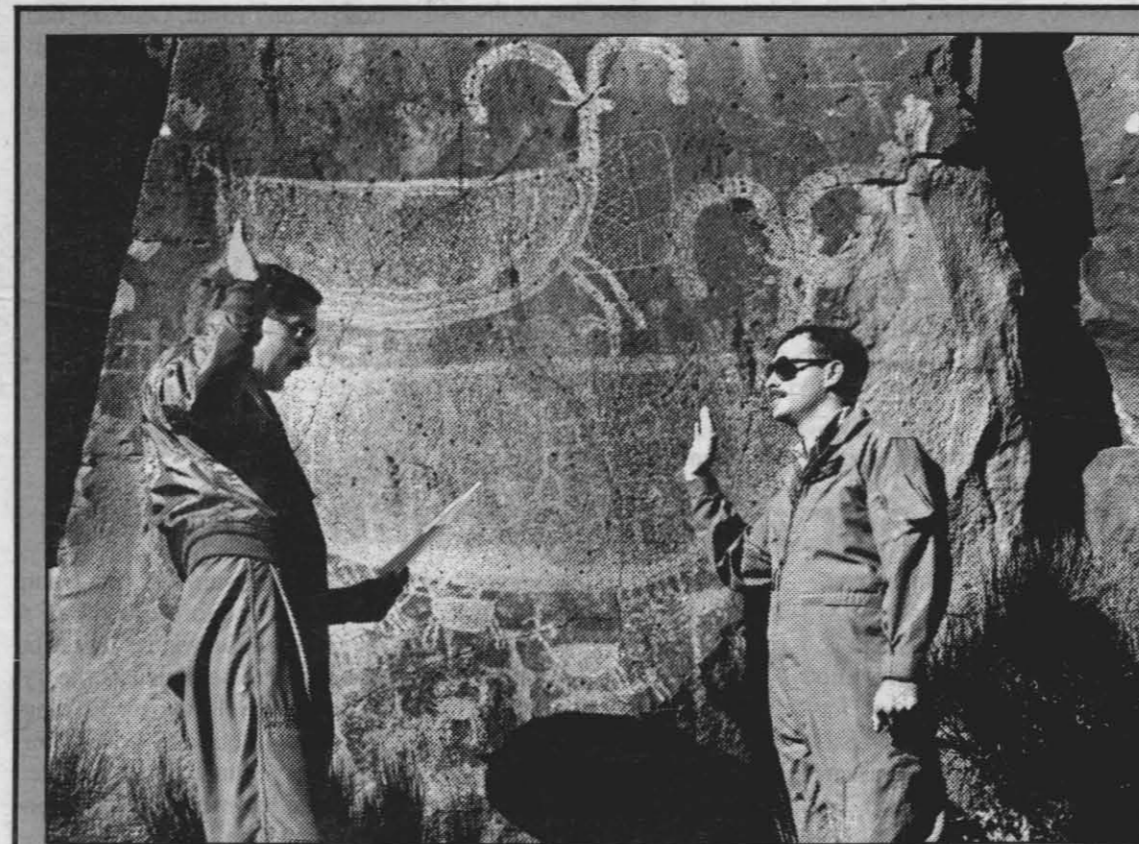
She was nominated for the award by William Ball, head of the Information Systems Department, based on her 30 years of contributions to the Center and the Navy in the areas of development of computerized analysis systems for range test data, of experimental computer operating systems, of hybrid computing for missile and aircraft simulation, and for management information systems analysis, design,

development and implementation.

Gonder's career accomplishments were additionally recommended for formal recognition by Dillard Bullard, as head of the Intercept Weapons Department, and Paul Homer, head, Attack Weapons Department, in letters to Ball. Her past contributions and more recent support in providing management information systems to the departments did not go unnoticed.

Homer's tribute related, "While she is characterized by her peers as brilliant, she has had a relatively low-profile career, and yet has truly left her mark in the technical progress she has made such substantial contribution to."

Bullard's letter gave high praise for Gonder's cheerful and creative assistance. "There was never a task too small or too large. She always took the time to discuss (Continued on Page 7)



FOUR MORE--Standing in front of ancient petroglyphs created by Native Americans hundreds or thousands of years ago, AS1 Byron Booten (right) takes the oath of enlistment for another four years in the U.S. Navy. Lt. John Brookes, the helicopter pilot who flew Petty Officer Booten and the photographer to the petroglyphs on NWC's north ranges, administered the oath of enlistment for the veteran aviation support equipment technician. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

Veteran civilian praised

Twenty-nine years of continuous dedication to duty at the Naval Weapons Center helped bring special recognition to Moyle Braithwaite early this week. Capt. Douglas W. Cook, NWC Commander, presented the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award to Braithwaite at Monday morning's Commander's Meeting.

The Skipper said it was "a real pleasure to be able to make the presentation." He noted Braithwaite is recognized as an expert in the ordnance field after spending his entire Federal career working on the design and management of ordnance systems.

of the Ordnance Systems Department, noted Braithwaite had been directly responsible for development of two weapons now in use by the fleet, Gator Mine and Rockeye II. In addition, he was project engineer and then program manager for development of Skipper II at China Lake.

"Braithwaite demonstrated his technical skill and leadership in development of several weapons systems which are in the fleet today. He is an accomplished program manager, demonstrating the discipline and knowledge required to successfully execute the programs," added Anderson in the letter.

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Annual CFC drive needs late surge of donations

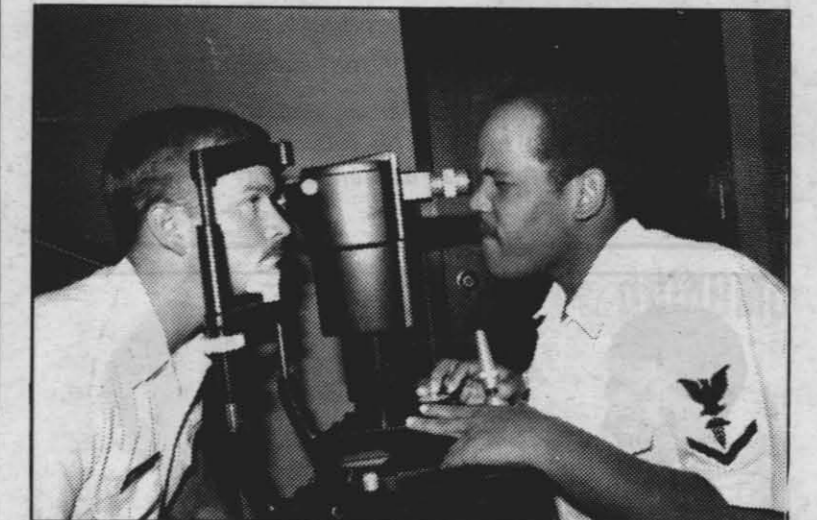
Only one week remains in the 1989 Combined Federal Campaign fund drive in the Indian Wells Valley. While more than \$139,000 in pledges of donations have been received thus far, the drive is far short of its goal for the year.

The CFC is the only on-the-job fund raising effort among federal employees each year. It combines into one short drive, dozens of individuals charitable organizations including the United Way of the Indian Wells Valley. Donations can be made by

check, or employees can have pledged amounts automatically deducted from their paychecks.

Locally, about 96 cents of every dollar pledged goes to charity, only about four cents of each dollar are used for administrative and fund raising expenses.

Payroll deductions are really the easy way to make a contribution to CFC and the community. China Lakers are urged to finish filling out the CFC pledge card they should have received last month and turn it in to their department key person.



TESTING EYE PRESSURE--HM3 Ted St. James is shown performing glaucoma testing on HM3 Sean Stratton with the NWC Branch Medical Clinic's new Non-Contact Tonometer. The tonometer, bought for the clinic by Naval Hospital Long Beach, directs a measured puff of air at the eye to measure intra-ocular pressure, and replaces older contact measurement methods. As this tonometer requires no prior application of an anesthetic solution to the eye, flight status personnel will not have to be grounded after testing.