

Community Events

On Friday, Oct. 4, the China Lake Astronomical Society will hold a star party at its site south of Ridgecrest. Bring a telescope or binoculars, or share one of the society's. The fun starts about 7 p.m. For directions or more information, call 375-5681 or 375-3697.

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Community Connection for Child Care presents a series of parenting tapes over the phone throughout the year. Developed by Resources for Family Development, the tape for the week of Oct. 7-14 is *Preschoolers and Sexuality*. This 3-4 minute tape gives ideas for discussing sexuality with preschoolers. Tapes can be heard from 5 p.m. to 10 a.m. by calling 375-0446.

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On Oct. 7, the China Lake Astronomical Society (CLAS) will hold its monthly meeting at the Kern County Library in Ridgecrest. Ed Johnston, from the Science and Technology Center in Apple Valley, will talk about an experiment he did with some children in determining the shape of the earth. He will also bring a solar telescope for guests to inspect. A video on a homemade observatory will also be shown. For more information, call 375-5681 or 375-3697.

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Workshops for Maturango Museum docent apprentices will begin Monday, Oct. 7, at 9 a.m. at the museum. Tuesday, Oct. 15, there will be an overview of docent materials. Two more October workshops will be held at times set by the apprentices. November through May, apprentices will accompany docents to classrooms to observe docenting in action and have some hands-on experience.

Registration will be held during the Oct. 7 and 15 meetings. For more information, call Phyllis Wise at 375-2103 or the museum at 375-6900.

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On Tuesday, Oct. 8, the Houchin Mobile Blood Bank Unit will be at the Elks Lodge on Church Street from 1 to 6 p.m. There are some restrictions when donating blood. Don't eat a meal within two and a half to five hours prior to donating; don't eat dairy products or fried foods three hours before donating; and don't donate if you have had yellow jaundice, hepatitis, heart disease, heart surgery, tuberculosis or cancer. Donators must be over 17 and 66, however, if over age 66 and in good health, blood may be donated with written permission from a doctor. People needing blood replacement unit credit should contact the Indians Wells Valley chairperson, Dorothy Jackson, at 375-2059. Remember, blood donations help to save lives.

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Sun Microsystems, Verdix, Ingres, Frame Precision Visuals, Artec and IDE will feature databases, computer aided software engineering, data analysis and interpretation and Unix workstations during the Computer Show set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Carriage Inn. During the show, two seminars will be held. The first seminar, scheduled for 10 to 11 a.m., will cover Software Development Lifecycle -- CASE to programming to documentation. The second seminar, from 1 to 2 p.m., will cover Data Analysis & Interpretation -- visualize five data parameters simultaneously. For more information, call Chuck Zytetz at 446-2397.

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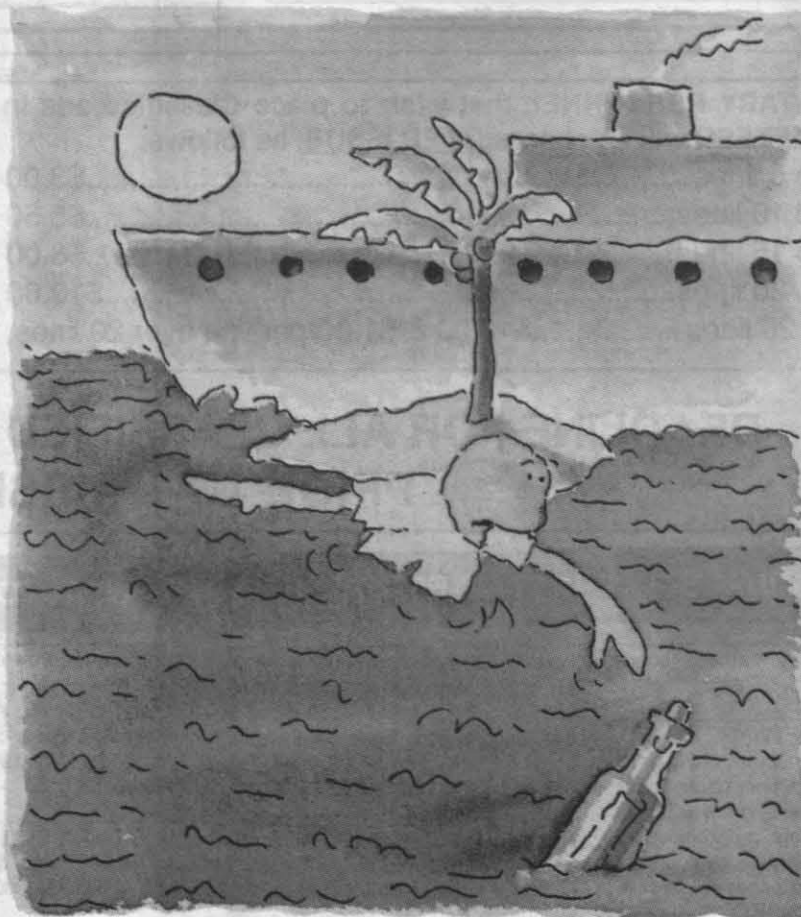
Under the baton of Dr. Gordon Mehling, the Musica da Camera Symphony Orchestra will give its first performance of its seventh season on Saturday, Oct. 12. Joining the orchestra at the Dore Theatre on the Cal-State University, Bakersfield, will be pianist James Barbagallo. The box office opens at 7 p.m., with the performance starting at 8 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased and/or reserved by calling the Musica da Camera Hotline at (805) 664-2020. General admission is \$11, students' are \$7 and children under 10 are \$2.

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On Sunday, Oct. 27, the Loma Linda Center for Health Promotion will provide health and risk evaluations for discounted prices at Cerro Coso College. Prices range from \$66 to \$180. Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling 1-800-824-4949 before Oct. 24.

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Fri	96	69	16
Sat.	93	60	14
Sun.	96	61	10
Mon.	100	62	10
Tues.	100	59	10

U.S.S. Wisconsin retires a third time

Norfolk (NNS) -- The battleship *U.S.S. Wisconsin* (BB 64) was retired at Norfolk Naval Base Sept. 30 for the third time in its 47-year history, following operations in Desert Storm as the first major warship to enter the Persian Gulf in response to Iraq's occupation of Kuwait.

Desert Storm marked the third war for the battleship in three lifetimes. Commissioned in 1944, *Wisconsin* served in World War II, was decommissioned in 1948, recalled for duty in the Korean War and retired again in 1958. She was last recommissioned in 1989.

Wisconsin follows her sister ships *Iowa* and *New Jersey*, into mothballs in Philadelphia. Her retirement will leave *U.S.S. Missouri* as the last battleship, which will retire next year.

JPs challenge NWC chili makers

Chili lovers at the Naval Weapons Center have a treat in store for them when the Junior Professional 1st Chili Burn-Off is held in Wing 8 of Michelson Lab on Oct. 9. China Lakers are invited to enjoy home-made chili, topped with onions and/or cheese, cornbread, tortillas, rice, and a beverage for only \$3 a helping from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until the chili is gone. The Burn-Off is sponsored by the JP Recreation Committee.

JPs ask anyone who would like to enter a pot of chili to call Ted Bush at NWC ext. 3383. Entrants receive two tickets for the chili feast and a chance at getting a variety of gifts, including a dinner and movie for two or a set of business cards from local businesses.

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Command reporting structure set

Naval Weapons Center now comes under the cognizance of Naval Air Systems Command

With the start of the new federal fiscal year on Oct. 1, RAdm. Robert H. Ailes officially transferred the Naval Weapons Center from under his cognizance with the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) to the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) under VAdm. William C. Bowes.

"This step is the first in a series of steps envisioned to improve the focus and direction of the Navy laboratory system and achieve

required downsizing and efficiency required by anticipated budgets," noted RAdm. Ailes by personal message to the NWC Commander Capt. Douglas W. Cook.

Because 66 percent of NWC work was already being performed under NAVAIR, moving NWC's product line management was a natural step in streamlining and becoming more efficient, according to Capt. Cook.

The Navy's research, development, test and evaluation (RDT&E) consolidation plan was

introduced in October 1990 when Congress passed the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990. This act decreased the Navy's total obligation authority by more than 21 percent from fiscal year 1990 to fiscal year 1995. The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission approved the plan on June 30, 1991, with the recommendation that implementation be deferred until Jan. 1, 1992 to allow the Secretary of Defense time to consider the findings (Continued on Page 9)



TRADITION CONTINUES--Capt. Ray Kellett (center) turned command of VX-5 over to Capt. Garth Van Sickle (2nd from right) last week. The NWC Color Guard took part in the change of command.

VX-5:

Five flag officers see Capt. Van Sickle take command from Capt. Kellett

by Steve Boster, Rocketeer Editor

With five flag officers looking on, Capt. Garth (Vader) A. Van Sickle took the helm of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5), becoming the unit's 24th commanding officer. He relieved Capt. Raymond A. Kellett Jr. in what he said could be "the best O-6 job in the Navy!"

The traditional change-of-command ceremony took place last Thursday in VX-5's Hangar One. Operational Test and Evaluation Force Commander (COMOPTEVFOR)

RAdm. Virgil L. Hill was the guest speaker.

Command of the VX-5 Vampires follows a tour of duty as assistant chief of staff for operations on the staff of the Commander Carrier Group Five, embarked on the *U.S.S. Midway*.

In this role, Capt. Van Sickle was Arabian Gulf Battle Force Operations Officer for Operation Desert Storm. In a recent interview with the *Rocketeer*, the new VX-5 Skipper said it was a great experience to watch the products of VX-5 and the Naval Weapons Center work. And, he noted, we all saw on

CNN just how well they worked.

This theme continued in his remarks after assuming command of the squadron. He said, "I would like to thank all the people at China Lake who did so much to develop and test the Navy's hardware and software used so effectively in the war. . . . As proud as we are of the outstanding Navy weapons systems used in this conflict, all of them developed or tested right here at China Lake, the weapons were not the deciding factor in this war.

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Commentary

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Skipper's Comments

Recently, I received a letter complimenting MWR's gym attendants on their thoroughness in checking identifications and passes. To elaborate on this subject, the gym staff has been instructed by me to enforce strict access controls. Access control in the gym is essential to provide security to the members as well as allowing only authorized patrons or paying participants use of the facility. This summer, there were some thefts. The guilty party was apprehended because of tightened security

Pages from the Past



Oct. 3, 1986

Gary Bailey, associate head of the Aircraft Department topped the 10,000 flight hour mark in military aircraft with a trip in NWC's T-39 Sabreliner to Wichita Falls, Texas; his career spans more than 30 years in the air. John Johnson earned the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award as he retired from the Engineering Department after 32 years service. Richard Smith Hughes published another book, number four, this one on "Logarithmic Amplification."

Oct. 2, 1981

James R. Bowen, NWC's head of Project 2000, moved to a new job, the newly created post of deputy support director, working for Capt. John Peterson. Dennis Sorges, Gene Drew, Bruce Heydlauff and Ray Morrow were honored by Technical Director Bob Hillyer for ejection seat test efforts. Edmond Ashley received a 40-year federal service award. Naomi Mulhern is NWC's new deputy EEO officer, replacing Beto Bernal who moved to Ohio. Eight battery-powered electric cars are now in service through the NWC motor pool.

Sept. 30, 1966

Capt. Robert Williamson, a

The Skipper Sez...

and assistance from the China Lake Police Department. Funding is a constant issue for MWR. Therefore, it is essential to ensure that those who use MWR facilities pay their fair share. For these reasons, checking each individual's membership is essential. These strong controls are being implemented throughout MWR.

The Skipper Sez... program is designed to answer questions by China Lakers addressed to the Commander of the Naval Weapons Center. Such queries must be in good taste and pertain to matters of interest to a large segment of the China Lake community. While the answers to these questions are usually researched by someone appointed by the Commander, he does review all answers before publication. Please call NWC ext. 2727 with your question and state whether you are a military member, civilian employee or dependent. No other identification is necessary. Because only a few questions can be answered in the Rocketeer each week, anyone who would like to ensure getting an answer to a question may leave their name and phone number for a direct contact, but otherwise, this is not required. There is no intent for this column to be used to subvert normal, established chain-of-command channels.

China Lake Calendar

Tuesday, Oct. 8

... WACOM monthly lunch meeting, 11 a.m., Seafarer Club.

Friday, Oct. 11

... Military Picnic, Solar Park.

Saturday, Oct. 12

... Navy Ball, 7:30 p.m. NWC Seafarer Club.

Sunday, Oct. 13

... U.S. Navy's 216th Birthday.

Wednesday, Oct. 16 - Sunday, Oct. 20

... U.S. Navy Balloon Team at Desert Empire Fair.

Wednesday, Oct. 23

... Federal Computer Conference show, demo, Seafarer Club, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

... UNIX Training, NWC Training Center, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 24

... JP Welcome Luncheon, Seafarer Club.

Coming Events

... Nov. 8, Marine Corps Ball.

Submissions for the China Lake Calendar must be received at the ROCKETEER office no later than the close of business on the Friday prior to publication.

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NICE 2BR, 1BA triplex. All appliances, W/D hook-ups, W/T paid. 3 mile bike ride to NWC. Great for professionals. Pets OK. \$425/mo. + sec. dep. 375-5352.

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35 AUTOMOTIVE

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35 AUTOMOTIVE

1977 Dodge Power Wagon Club Cab 4x4. New Brauma shell, 5th wheel & towing pkg., AT, A/C, PS, C/C, PB, dual tanks. Runs on regular gas, just smogged May 1991. \$3,200 OBO. 446-4516.

1978 Dodge CU100. 360 cubic in, 4 sp, 78,000 miles. \$1,475 low, \$2,865 high. Asking \$2,300 OBO. 371-4215.

1989 Nissan 4x4 - bright red, new wheels & tires (33x12.50), super lift suspension. Only 11,800 miles. Excellent condition. Includes extended warranty (6 yr/100,000 mile). Purchased new 2/90. \$9,500 OBO. 446-4354.

78 HONDA CIVIC CVCC - AM/FM Cassette. \$600. 375-6055.

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World Progress Encyclopedias, \$200. Jenny Lynn baby crib, \$50. 3 cockatiels w/cage, \$75. Shephard/husky, 1-1/2 yrs., free. 446-7666 after 3 p.m.

Classifieds Get Results!

45 GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE - Sat Oct 5, 8am-? New bench seat for Ford pick-up, sewing machine (in cabinet), TV, men's & women's clothes. CB and car stereos, misc household. 424 Ashworth Place, on base.

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CLOTA opens Sondheim production Friday night

Ready for a night of theatrical magic starting October 5th?! For five nights, the Community Light Opera and Theatre Association's *Side By Side By Sondheim*, will present a musical review of theater composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim's works. Performances will continue on October 5, 10, 11, and 12th, 7:30 p.m., at the Carriage Inn. Reserved seating is available only through the Carriage Inn at 446-7910. Theatre goers are encouraged to purchase tickets early, seating will be limited.

Director and narrator for the show, Florence Green, calls the sea-



OH BOY, OH BOY, CAN THAT BOY. . . FOX-TROT!— Wrapped in feather boas, Rebecca Von Elm (left), and Kristine L. Roquemore (right), compare notes about a local grocery clerk during a number called *Foxtrot*, in the musical review, *Side By Side By Sondheim*.

soned cast of *Side By Side By Sondheim*, "some of the finest singers and musicians in the Indian Wells Valley." Paul Riley, the show's musical director, will accompany vocalists Rebecca Von Elm, who is also the show's vocal director, Becky Garcia, Russ Parker, Kristine Roquemore and Reno Venturi.

Additional production support includes Bonnie Irvine, stage manager; Carol Porter, choreographer; and Steven Green, lighting director.

A graduate of Williams College, Sondheim was a student of musical composition with Milton Babbitt and theatrical construction with Oscar Hammerstein. He spent his early years with words - scripts for Topper on television and lyrics for *West Side Story* and *Do I Hear A Waltz* (1965). Even through the lightness of his first Broadway score, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (1962), one can hear Sondheim's trademarks—dissonant brass, odd rhythms, squirrely tunes, cacophonous orchestrations, and playful percussive alliterations.

Show tunes to be featured in *Side By Side By Sondheim* include, *A Funny Thing Happened On the way to the Forum*, *Company*, *A Little Night Music*, *Into The Woods*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Anyone Can Whistle*, *Follies*, *West Side Story*, *Pacific Overtures*, *Do I Hear A Waltz* as well as some of the songs Sondheim has written for film and television.

Seniors offered driving class

Day and evening classes of the "55 Alive" mature driving course are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Oct. 24 and 25 at Knights of Columbus Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

Each class comprises two four-hour sessions. The day class, taught by Carl Scnaniel, will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with an

hour lunch break. The evening class, taught by, Bob Osman, runs from 6 to 10 p.m.

Originated by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the class, although called "55 Alive," is for those 50 and over, the same age as AARP membership eligibility.

California law requires insur-

ance companies to give three-year premium discounts to motorists completing the course. The discount varies by company.

To enroll, please sent a check payable to AARP for \$8 per person to W.E. "Bill" Davis, 235 Apache Lane, Ridgecrest, CA 93555. For further information call Davis at 375-2129.

Pilots ready for a howling Halloween

Attention all ghoulies, ghosties and things that go bump in the night! The China Lake Navy Flying Club is sponsoring a Halloween Masquerade dinner/dance for anyone interested in having a good time on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Seafarer Club. The fun starts with no host cocktails at 7 p.m., followed by a buffet-style dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dance to the music of SoundWaves from 9 p.m. until the witching hour. *Costumes are optional.*

Cost is \$35 per couple, or \$18 per person. Tick-

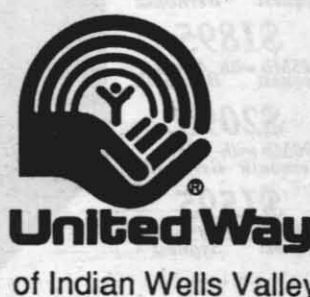
ets are limited and must be purchased by Oct. 1, as they will not be sold at the door.

For more information, or for tickets, call Margie at NWC ext. 1401 (M/L), Arun at NWC ext. 5838 (Hgr. 3), Joel at NWC ext. 5772 (Blue Whate), or Les at NWC ext. 7262 (CLPL).



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Military News

SECNAV Retired Affairs Committee member visits

"This is much better than most of the offices I see. The Retired Affairs Office here at China Lake is doing a hell of a job," was the praise given the office headed by W.E. "Bill" Davis by Capt. Harry Bennett, U.S.N., Ret. "Some activities don't even have volunteers to staff an office, and others don't get near the support this one does from command."

Bennett, a member of the Secretary of the Navy's Advisory Committee on Retired Employees, was visiting the Naval Weapons Center (NWC) recently with his wife Patricia, a retired Marine Corp lieutenant colonel.

The 20-member volunteer committee, chaired by VAdm. John St. George, U.S.N., Ret., meets once a year in Washington, D.C. to go over issues facing retired military employees and to meet with those officials in positions to help resolve problems.

In addition to formulating positions and recommendations, the committee meets for a half day each with SECNAV, the Bureau of Medicine, the Marine Corps Commandant, and other individuals and committees.

"The big issue at the conference this past March," Bennett told the *Rocketeer*, "was the Survivor's Benefit Program. Plans are about finalized for administration of the program, and in April 1992, there will be an open season for survivors to sign up."

He explained, in the past, service members at the time of their

enlistment had the option of including their spouses to receive their retirement benefits in the event of their passing. Many neglected to do this, and surviving spouses were left with little or no income when the retired spouse passed away. Congress decided this was not fair, since the affected spouse had no say at

inequities in medical assistance for retirees. They secured his commitment to resolve the majority of these issues.

The stop at the NWC office was just one of the "courtesy visits" the retired captain takes it upon himself to make, "to check out what the issues are for the retirees in my region. That way

came time to get the paperwork submitted, he'd gone fishing instead. Apparently, he didn't have to reapply, because awhile later he received an acceptance letter based on the prior year's application.

After joining the Naval Reserve in 1931, Bennett graduated from the Merchant Marine

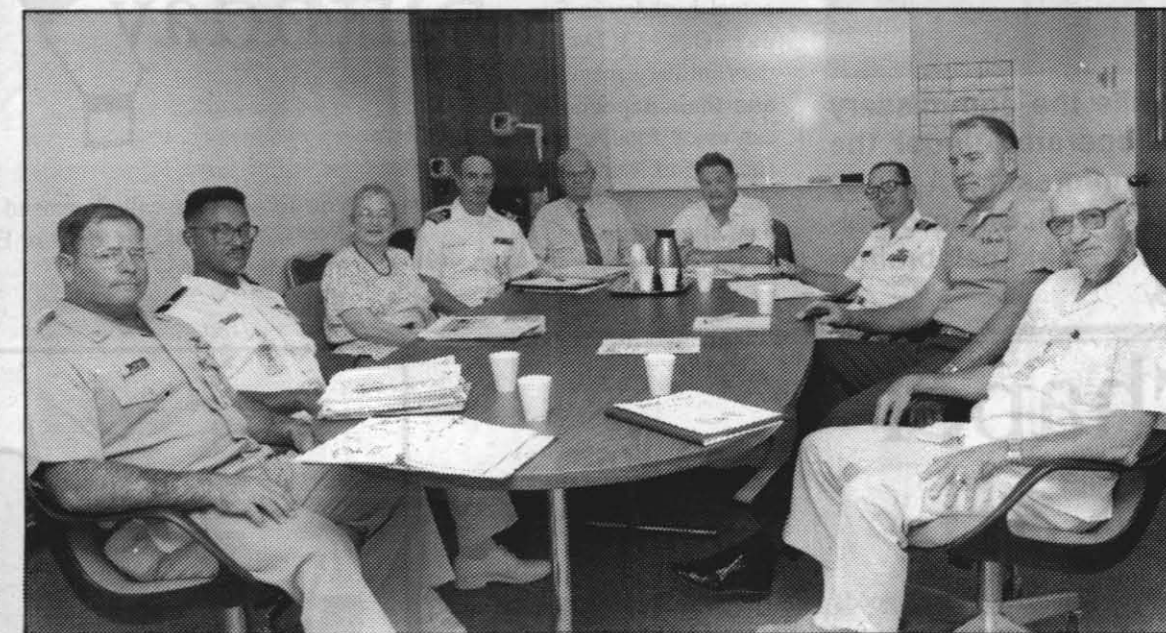
the war he went back to the reserves, where he earned the rank of captain. He retired in 1969 after 38 years of service.

He is a past president of the 11th District Naval Reserve Officer's Association, past vice president of the American Council Master Mariners and is currently a national director of the Navy League.

The NWC Retired Affairs Office, Code 0032, is staffed by volunteers from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The only paid member is Bill Davis, who told the *Rocketeer*, "I only charge enough hours to get reimbursed for my expenses."

The office, which has been in existence since February 1988, provides services to both military and civil service retirees. These services include working with the NWC Employee Relations office and various retiree organizations, assisting retirees on benefits and annuities, planning the annual retirees' seminar and appreciation day, maintaining a directory of NOTS/NWC retirees and alumni and separate database for those who reside in their local area, and issuing occasional bulletins to local retirees.

The Center provides office space and phone lines for the office, which is housed in the Safety and Security building on the southwest corner of Knots Rd. and Blandly St. Access to the office is through the north door. For further information, contact the office at NWC ext. 3522.



RETIREE ROUNDTABLE -- SECNAV Retired Affairs Committee member Harry Bennett (center) and his wife Patricia met with representatives of various Center functions in the NWC Retired Affairs Office conference room. RAO head, Bill Davis (right) hosted the Bennetts. Photo by PH3 Brady

the time the decision was made. Nowadays, newly enlisted people must have a signed waiver from their spouse before being allowed to reject the retirement extension to the spouse.

Other issues taken before SECNAV were a number of

I'll be prepared for the conference next March."

The first year he applied for the volunteer position he was not selected from the 2,000 applicants but was told he could reapply the next year. But when it

Academy in 1943. He received his unlimited masters license "to command any vessel on any oceans in 1947 and went to work sailing merchant tankers. Called to active duty for the Korean conflict in 1950, he sailed Navy tankers in the Persian Gulf. After

Recognition

Frothing

Lt.j.g. Michael Crebbin, assistant officer in charge and head, Construction Management Branch, Public Works Department, was frocked to lieutenant September 19. Lt. Crebbin has been in active service since Nov. 1987.

Reenlistments

RP2 Shea M. Robinson reenlisted for four years on Sept. 11. Reenlisting officer was Lt. Gerald L. Goodman.

AZ2 Troy L. Jefferies re-upped for two years on Sept. 11. Reenlisting officer was Lt. Kirk Addicott.

AO1 Eddie R. Thompson reenlisted for three years on Sept. 16. Reenlisting officer was Lt. William E. Boudish.

AME3 Blaine D. Morgan reenlisted for three years on Sept. 20. Reenlisting officer was Ens. Julie R. Toft.

ADC Michael K. O'Connell re-upped for four years on Sept. 27. Lt. Jefferies N. Thomas was the reenlisting officer.

ABH2 Michael W. Berry was reenlisted for three years Sept. 27 by Lt. Stephen C. Huber.

Wallace "Wally" Baker becomes Fleet Reserve Association national president

He took the coveted Ney Award for the Navy's outstanding mess when he ran the galleys at the Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS -- now Naval Weapons Center) in 1960. Sunday, taking the mantle of the national presidency of the Fleet Reserve Association was the crowning glory for Wallace E. "Wally" Baker in his 52-year association with the Navy.

Enlisting in the Navy at 17 in 1939, Baker saw his first duty on the Navy gunboat U.S.S. *Luzon*, escorting commercial American shipping on the Yangtze River in

China.

After becoming a self-taught commissary steward (CS), Baker saw duty on transport ships and earned the Purple Heart in World War II when the U.S.S. *Elliot* was sunk at Guadalcanal in 1942.

His service career included duty on oilers, tenders, destroyers and frigates. And he also saw service in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

Before retirement in 1968, his last assignment was leading chief for the Food Service Division at Naval Training Center, San Diego.

Since the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) is open to active duty, reserves and retired members of the sea services, Bakers' affiliation with FRA is also long and memorable.

He joined in 1950.

He has served in the New England, North Central and Southwest regions of the FRA, has held all branch (17 years as secretary/treasurer in various locales) and regional offices, and has chaired most national committees. Election to national vice (Continued on Page 5)



OPEN FOR BUSINESS -- While the commissary never really closed, it now operates under the auspices of the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA). Deputy Manager, SHCS R. B. Binaoro welcomed shoppers to the grand opening celebration Tuesday. Photo by PH3 Cary Brady

Chapel Call

Optimism

Does optimism really work? Two professors, after extensive research, discovered that people with a general sense of optimism handled stress better, recovered faster following bypass surgery and were more successful in completing treatment for alcoholism.

Michael Scheier, a psychology professor at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, said, "If, when people confront difficulties in their lives, they believe the

outcome will eventually be good, they're more likely to obtain a good outcome than if they believe it will eventually be bad."

Additionally, he said that good thoughts alone don't make good things happen. Optimistic people are doers and concentrate on ways to solve difficulties, while pessimists are more passive, believing failure is inevitable.

One of life's greatest optimists was the apostle Paul. He declared that, "I can do all things through

Christ which strengthened me (Phil. 4:13)." He did not ignore harsh reality or boast in his own strength for selfish purposes but had confidence in Christ's power to do the things that would make him become the person he ought to be.

That's optimism that won't let you down. That's Christian optimism.

By Lt. Gerald L. Goodman, CHC, USNR

Brass seeking thoughts and opinions on pay, benefits, child care and more

WASHINGTON (NES)... Navy members have the opportunity to make their attitudes and priorities known on a variety of subjects during the second annual Navy Personnel Survey this fall.

About 24,000 randomly-selected officers and enlisted will receive their questionnaires by mail during the month of October. The surveys will include questions on such subjects as pay and benefits, child care and housing.

"It's important to know the attitudes and concerns of sailors," said VADM Mike Boorda, Chief of Naval Personnel. "The results help us concentrate on the right

programs and identify areas needing attention."

Findings from the first survey conducted last fall include:

- Most sailors like the work they do.

- The six-month advance notice for orders is a well-received initiative which sailors want continued.

- Leadership training, especially the Navy Leader Development (NavLead) program, is highly regarded.

- Recreational services and family support programs received high marks.

- Most respondents perceive strong command support for

equal opportunity and feel the Navy is doing things to improve the equal opportunity climate.

Results of this survey will be compared with last year's to identify trends, changes and attitudes. Although some other issue-specific surveys will continue to measure top-priority or sensitive issues more clearly, the Navy Personnel Survey will be a key pulse-taker for the Navy.

"I urge every person who receives the questionnaire to put some honest effort into it," said VADM Boorda. "This input will be used to help make informed decisions on matters that affect their careers and their lives."

Picnic Celebrates Navy's 216th

While protecting the freedom many Americans take for granted, members of the Armed Forces, and their families, have been called upon to make many sacrifices. Recognizing these sacrifices, the Naval Weapons Center's Morale, Welfare & Recreation Department is sponsoring a military picnic on Friday, Oct. 11.

This picnic help celebrate the U.S. Navy's 216th birthday. The actual birthday is Sunday, Oct. 13. Active duty military members, and their dependents, can enjoy food, games, races and even live entertainment at Solar Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at no charge!

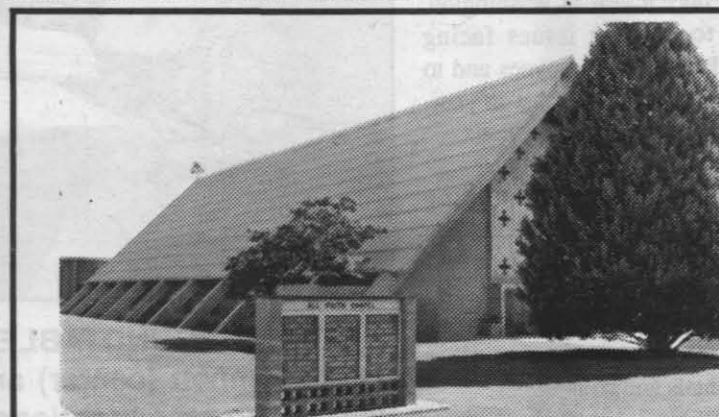
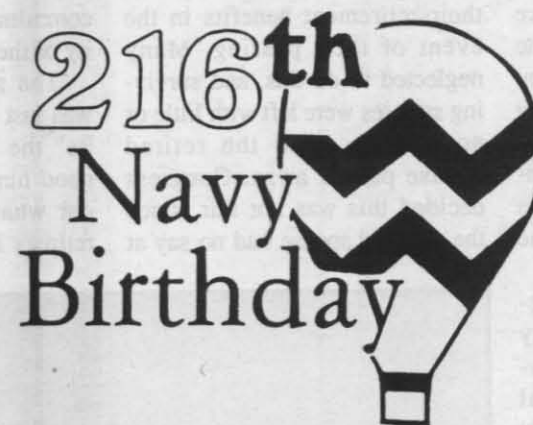
Burgers and hot dogs, with all the trimmings,

softball games, sack races, "blind" volleyball tournament and a "live" band will highlight the event. There will even be a chance for the military personnel to "sink" their favorite skipper at the dunk tank! Door prizes will also be available.

The first 200 adults will receive a free custom designed, silk screened Navy Birthday t-shirt!

Remember, the Navy Birthday Picnic is *only* for active duty military personnel and their dependents!

For further information, call Command Master Chief Billy Keeler at NWC ext. 6501 or Ensign Julie Toft at NWC ext. 2165.



Divine Services

Protestant

Sunday Worship Service, East Wing 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service, Main Chapel 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 1008-10 Blandy & 1903-05 Mitscher 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study (East Wing), Wednesday 11:30 a.m.
(September thru June)
Men's Prayer Breakfast, East Wing, Thursday 6:30 a.m.
Officers' Christian Fellowship/Christian Military Fellowships, East Wing, Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Islamic

Jumaa Prayer (Friday at 1002 Blandy) 1 p.m. (DST)
12 p.m. (ST)

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Sunday Mass, Main Chapel 9:00 a.m.
Daily Mass, Small Chapel 11:35 a.m.
Confessions, Weekdays By appointment
Religious Education Classes (Sunday) 10:15 a.m.
(September thru June)
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Employees make use of the Leave Transfer Program

Employees indicated below have been approved to become leave recipients under the Leave Transfer Program. These employees have exhausted annual and/or sick leave because of personal emergencies and will be in a non-pay status for at least ten days. Employees who wish to donate annual leave to the employee should call NWC ext. 2018.

Barbara Tunet, Secretary, Code 2622 -- is in need of leave due to a symptomatic gallbladder disease.

Martin Krammer, Mechanical Engineer, Code 3182 -- underwent surgery for a double hernia and is in need of leave.

Kathleen Sliwka, Secretary, Code 3932 -- had total hip arthroplastic surgery and is in need of leave.

Sandy Joyal, Procurement Assistant, Code 254 -- broke her elbow in December and has undergone repeated surgery since then and is in need of leave.

Genieveve Kash, Engineer-

ing Data Management Specialist, Code 36523 -- underwent major surgery which has exhausted all her leave.

Linda Schmitt, Computer Specialist, Code 3192 -- underwent major surgery and is in need of leave.

Victoria Wintjet, Contract Specialist, Code 2622 -- underwent surgery and is in need of leave.

Anita Becker, Engineering Data Management Specialist, Code 36531 -- had surgery for removal of a spinal cord tumor and is indebted for leave.

Ron Wright, Electronics Technician, Code 3951 -- suffered a heart attack and is in need of leave.

Linda Harinek, Purchasing Agent, Code 254 -- underwent coronary angiography and is in need of leave.

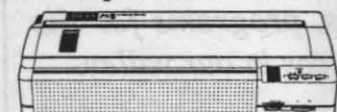
Leo Montano, Visual Information Specialist, Code 3441 -- is undergoing further cancer treatment and is in need of leave.

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Circuit Breaker Maintenance (Medium Voltage) (28 hours)

Oct. 15-19, 0800-1600, Training Center. By Multi-Amp Institute.

Prerequisite: Working knowledge of basic electricity.

Scope: This intensive hands-on course concentrates on the most popular types of metal-clad switchgear. Various types of air, oil and vacuum circuit breakers are covered, along with maintenance inspection, lubrication and adjustments. *Enrollment is limited.* To enroll, call Pat at NWC ext. 3159.

Self-study classes

The Road Less Traveled
By M. Scott Peck, M.D.

Scope: Wellness is an ongoing process of seeking balance in all areas of our lives -- social, emotional, physical, spiritual, occupational, environmental and intellectual.

The Road Less Traveled focuses on the integration of traditional psychology and spiritual insights. The author makes no distinction between the mind and the spirit, and therefore, no distinction between the process of achieving spiritual growth and achieving mental growth. Confronting and solving problems is a painful process, which most of us attempt to avoid. And the very avoidance results in greater pain and an inability to grow both mentally and spiritually.

Dr. Peck discusses the nature of loving relationships; how to recognize true compatibility; how to distinguish dependency from love; how to become one's own person; and how to be a more sensitive parent.

Personal Power

By Anthony Robbins

Scope: This course offers 20 audiocassettes that will teach you to take small, simple steps each day. Each step brings you closer to dreams, goals and aspirations you thought unattainable before. You'll learn how to create and manage financial success; overcome your fear of failure and end self-sabotage; stop procrastinating forever and achieve what you want; increase your physical energy and ensure maximum performance; and solve problems quickly and effectively.

Unless otherwise stated, call the Training Center at NWC ext. 2451 for more information.

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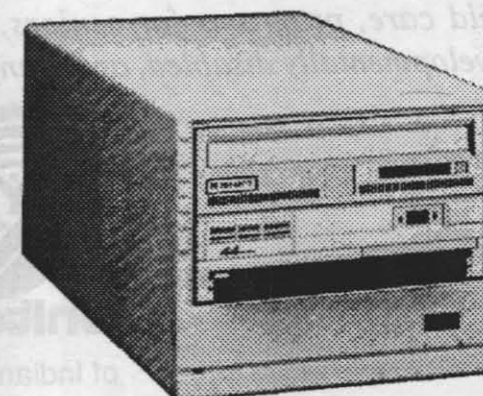
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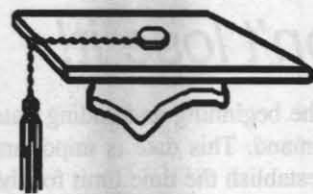
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The China Lake Fellowship Program Seeks Graduate Applications

Applications for graduate level Fellowships are invited from NWC employees. A Fellowship is defined as off-Center

training for a period of more than 120 consecutive working days. To be eligible for a Fellowship, interested individuals should be employed at NWC for at least three years at the time studies begin.

A Fellowship may be considered to meet any of the following objectives:

1. To update employees' knowledge where several years have passed since they have completed or left academic or in-service training.
2. To give technical employees management skills when job responsibilities have, or will become, managerial.
3. To update employees' knowledge and background in their job specialty.
4. To teach employees aspects of another occupation that relates to their present occupation where responsibilities are interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary.

The China Lake Fellowship Committee (CLFC) will consider applications in any area of study that relates directly to NWC program requirements. The primary criteria the CLFC follows in determining when a Fellowship is used instead of after-hours, part-time or short-term programs are as follows:

1. The new knowledge and skills required of the employee, either in present or planned career assignments, necessitate a comprehensive, concentrated program of study.
2. The time span for acquisition of new skills and

knowledge is such that an accelerated study program of long-term full-time duration is required.

3. It is determined that the academic superiority of the institution selected is such that it is clearly in the best interest of the government that the employee attend the selected educational institution.

4. There is no educational institution or academic program in the local or community area for part-time or after-hours training.

Improve your skills, knowledge and increase your chances for advancement. Applications are due by October 18.

The following areas of critical need have been established by Center management: systems engineering; microwave/RF circuits, subsystems and missile guidance, antennas, and radar engineering; microwave antennas; digital and analog signal processing; missile test equipment; target signatures—modeling and reduction; radar, laser, EO-IR targeting sensors; weapons/avionics integration; tactical embedded software; facility simulation software; air combat susceptibility/ vulnerability; EW systems; propulsion; operational research/analysis; statistics; advanced structural engineering (aerodynamics - CFD, aerospace - thermal, structures); financial/business systems analysis; physics (electro magnetism); electrical engineering - high voltage, short - rise time power; physics/engineering -- detonation mechanics, interior ballistics, combustion; modern digital signal processing - ISAR, SAR; RF active array theory/practice; avionics system engineering; chemistry - organometallic, solid state synthesis, laser spectroscopy and electrochemistry.

FUNDING

Code 2241 funds will pay for the trainees salary (including MTP), the cost of tuition, payment of travel to and from school and a reduced rate per diem to cover the cost of housing while at school.

Further details of the China Lake Fellowship Program are provided in the China Lake Fellowship Program Brochure, NWC Ad Pub 407. The brochure is available from department offices or from the Training Center.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested employees will need to submit to the Academic Fellowship Office, Code 2241 an original and seven copies of the following:

1. China Lake Fellowship Program Nomination Form (NAWPNCEN 12410/85 Rev 8/91) including attachments;
 2. A memorandum of endorsement/nonendorsement signed by their Department Head addressed to the Chairman, China Lake Fellowship Committee, Code 2241.
- China Lake Fellowship Program Nomination Forms are available from Code 2241, Rm 212 in the Training Center (Bldg. 00947).

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS IS OCTOBER 18, 1991.

To avoid confusion and obtain guidance on Fellowship application policies and procedures, it is strongly recommended that employees contact the Academic Fellowship Office to discuss their intentions.

Information, counseling and assistance about Fellowship is available from Bill Bethke or Sue Bristow, Academic Fellowship Office, Code 2241, NWC ext. 2349.



Center offers STEP training

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting - Childhood (The course is 15 hours)

Oct. 9-Dec. 11, Wednesdays, 1130-1300, Bldg. 457 (on Blandy). By Debra Oliver, Janet Presley.

Scope: Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (S.T.E.P.) is designed for parents with children six to twelve years of age.

Improving parent-child relationships will be the focus of this 10-week course. The discussions will be based on S.T.E.P., which is an educational program widely used in the United States.

This method encourages mutual respect between parent and child, increased cooperation and effective communication.

Parents are given tools to help their children develop attitudes of responsibility and self-reliance.

Books for the class, which are \$10.95 plus tax, will be available for purchase at the first session.

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VX-5 Hangar gets facelift

Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) Vampires are excited about the major refurbishment of their 35-year-old hangar at Armitage Field. The rehabilitation work is being performed on the south side second deck, known as the "projects" side of the house.

Initial planning for the project began in the summer of 1989 with final technical approval in February of this year. The contractor, F2M Inc. of Eagle, Idaho, began work during the last week of August and expects to complete the project in January 1992.

The project, designed to make more effective use of existing space, comprises installation of two air conditioning units, new duct work, replacing doors, removal of some walls and installation of new walls, adding dropped ceilings, extending fire sprinklers, upgrading electric wiring, installation of carpet, painting and installation of new lighting fixtures.

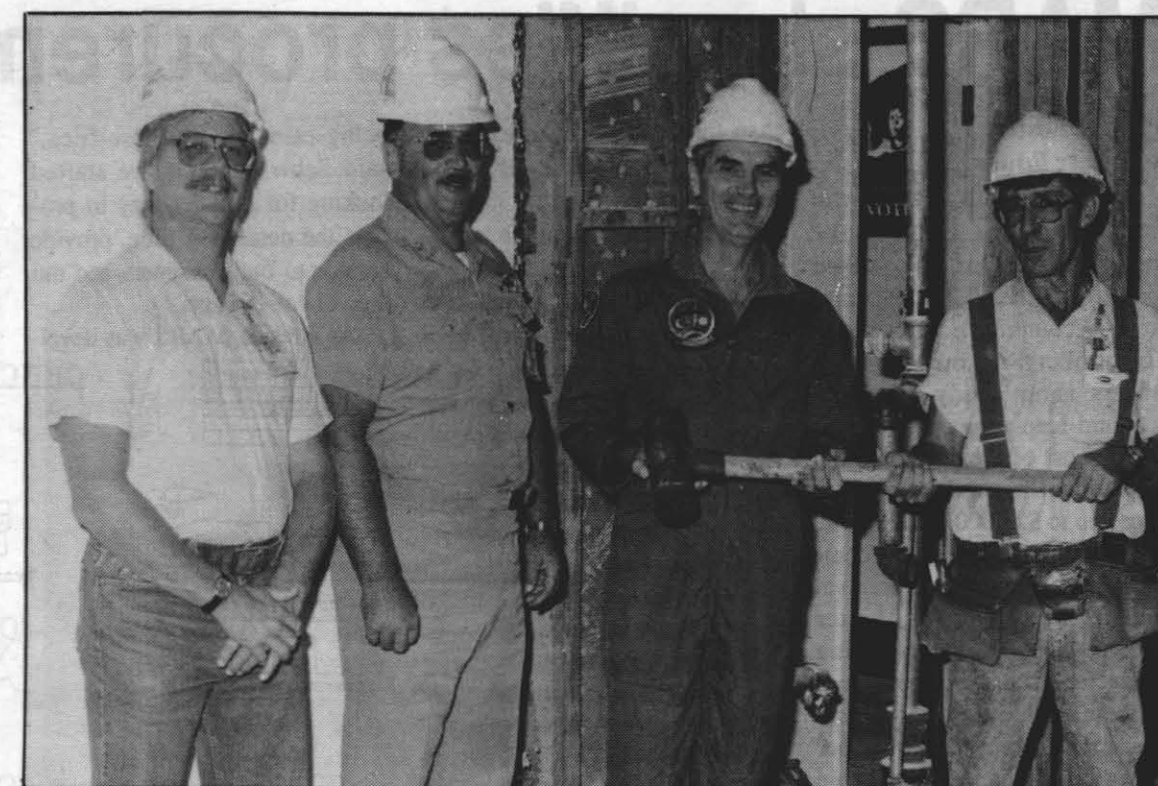
"Projects" encompasses testing of systems used in all-weather attack, assault, electronic warfare, strike fighter, vertical/short takeoff and landing, aero-medical and future systems.

Operational test directors, who research, plan, organize and compile data on CNO assigned test plans, have been temporarily located in the FMF building to the east of the hangar.

These efforts will not be curtailed by the renovation.

In fact, not only will all current testing continue on schedule, but VX-5 is expecting FY 92 to include new and exciting projects for testing.

Key members of VX-5 who were instrumental in the planning and implementation of the project were Capt. Raymond A. Kellett Jr., then-VX-5 Commanding Officer, Cdr. Chuck (Doc) Antonio, Cdr. Craig T. Cunningham, Maj. Frank B. Wolcott, Lt. Mark W. Allen and AVCM Taras J. Datz.



HAMMER-TIME -- Captain Ray Kellett, former Commanding Officer, VX-5, shared demolition duties with Marlin Smith, F2M, Inc. foreman of the Vampire hangar renovation. Co-project manager Jim Byrd of the Public Works Department and AVCM Taras J. Datz eagerly await their turns with the hammer. Sonya Cooper, who shared project management duties with Byrd and PW's Dave Fairchild, project design engineer, were not available for the photo. Photo by PH2 (AW) Stephen Auch

CHAMPUS deductibles due

October 1 began a new fiscal year. That means CHAMPUS deductibles are once again due. Most CHAMPUS patients receiving care after Oct. 1 will need to pay the first \$150 (for one person) or the first \$300 (for a family) of allowable outpatient medical bills.

The only exceptions are the eligible family members of active-duty military sponsors in pay grade of E-4 or below. These families pay an annual outpatient

deductible of \$50 for one person or \$100 for the whole family.

Families who have other insurance that pays all or part of their outpatient bills must attach to their CHAMPUS claims copies of the other policy's statement which shows how much it paid, along with copies of itemized bills. This is important because the amount the other insurance pays on these claims can be credited toward the CHAMPUS annual outpatient deductible.

Baker new FRA president

(Continued from Page 3)

president last year virtually assured him the top job this year - the custom of accession has never been broken in FRA history.

Returning to the high desert a year ago, Baker said he still had a lot of friends in the area and, being retired Navy, liked the idea of the having the Navy facility close by.

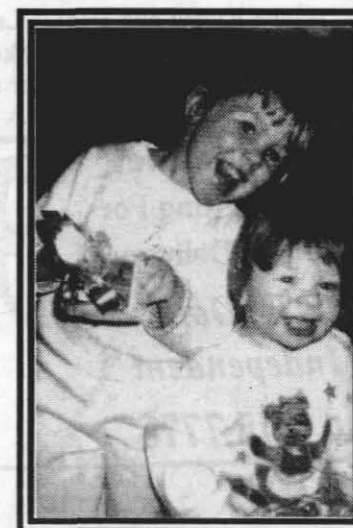
As national president, however, he won't have a lot of time to spend with the "friendly people" he says attracted him back to the desert. Putting in 70-thousand miles on the road last year as vice president, he expects to put in a few thousand more this year.

Locally, FRA Branch 95 meets the first Monday of each month at its building at 812 Entwistle on Center.



Wally Baker

Prospective members may get more information on the FRA by calling Bob Schwaiger, president, at 375-6839; Sue Cunningham, vice president, at 371-1438, or Baker, at 375-3949.



LAS FLORES PTA

I was discussing the Combined Federal Campaign with my kindergarten daughter, Shannon, and explaining that I need to find a way to convince people to pledge their money to Las Flores PTA instead of one of the other fine selections. After some thought she said, "Helping someone is what matters most but helping all the kids at Las Flores is best and everyone knows we need the help alot."

It is a fine list of organizations to choose from, but please choose us. We hope to start an electives program at the school for all the kids, an after school program for the latch key kids (those kids who are home alone after school) and we are hoping to get the school painted. Some lofty goals to be sure but attainable with your contribution. If you prefer to designate a particular use for your donation we will be happy to accommodate you as best we can.

Giving to the school is a sound investment. It is an investment in children, in life, an investment in education and in the future, an investment in the community, a vote of confidence in the kids.

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June Eierman
President, Las Flores PTA

MARS simplifies procurement accounting

by Steve Boster
Rocketeer Editor

Technology is helping the Naval Weapons Center take another step toward the so-called "paperless office." The Procurement Accounting Branch in the Comptroller's Accounting Division is about ready to take a quantum leap forward by eliminating most of the paper process in paying for small purchases (those up to \$25,000) at NWC.

Thanks to a Macintosh computer-based multi-user archival and retrieval system, better known as MARS, accounting technicians can make better use of their time, save money and eliminate a great deal of paper storage. In fact, noted Debbie Schwartz, division administrative officer and MARS system administrator, NWC has approval from the Navy Accounting and Finance Center to destroy all original paper work associated with the pay packages once the data is scanned into MARS.

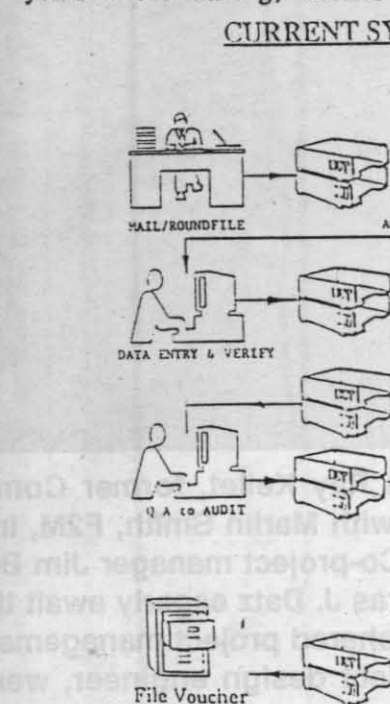
"We're the first facility in the Navy to get this permission," commented Schwartz. She said this would mean the approximate 300 cubic feet of paper accumulated each year could be stored in an optical format on no more

than four optical disks, each not much bigger than a single record album.

The system, now in the testing stages, is expected to be on-line in November. More than two years in the making, MARS

being eaten up by those files," said Schwartz. "So, we started looking for a better way to process the data, save time, provide service to our customers and cut the volume of paper."

As a result, MARS was developed by an Accounting Division



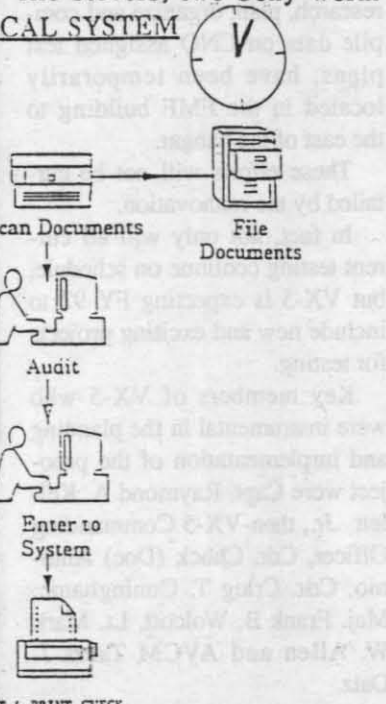
resulted from a decision in the Office of the Comptroller to seek a way to reduce the ever increasing volume of paper in the accounting process.

"We generate an awful lot of paper and our storage space was

oped by an Accounting Division team with the help of the software contractor, Micro-Dynamics Ltd. Schwartz, Ethel Herrera, Nancy Knapp and Debbie Lane were the key China Lakers involved in pulling together the

requirements for MARS.

The project will generate enough savings to pay for itself in just a few years according to Schwartz. MARS includes three Macintosh personal computers as file servers, two Sony worm



drives and controller, a Calera optical character recognition device and a Fujitsu scanner. The worm drive disks are write once, read many optical disks with 3.2 gigabyte memory on each side.

A much simplified explanation of the current process used in the Procurement Accounting Branch vice the MARS optical system is illustrated in the accompanying diagram. Using the paper process, accounting technicians must physically match up three documents constituting a "pay package" before checks are cut. MARS allows technicians to match the contract, invoice and receiving document on the screen and send the package on for check printing.

Additional benefits from MARS are the 50-plus year life of the optical disk compared to just a few years for microfilm; ability to scan, save and access all appropriate NAVCOMP manuals, Navy instructions and NWC directives; networking over an Appletalk net with the right software; daily backups of stored MARS data and remote storage of the backup materials; and reduced search time for technicians by virtue of a sophisticated, flexible on-line search mode in MARS.

The bottom line, noted Debbie Schwartz is "we'll be able to work a lot more efficiently with MARS."



BIG DISK—The optical disk for worm drive storage shown by Debbie Schwartz, is a key portion of the MARS package NWC's Procurement Accounting Branch will use soon. The new system brings a dramatic reduction in the amount of paper generated and stored by the branch.

Photo by PH3 Cary Brady

New phone stickers available

Emergency telephone stickers are available at the Fire Division Office. The stickers have the telephone numbers for ambulance, fire and police services for Naval Weapons Center employees.

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Jobs available

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5510.29, OPNAVINST 5510.1H); ability to communicate orally; ability to organize and prioritize workload and meet various deadlines; ability to project a positive service-oriented image. The incumbent must have, or be able to acquire and maintain, a SECRET level clearance. Promotion potential to DG-3, but not guaranteed.

Secretarial opportunities

This column is used to announce secretary 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 secretary 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 applications 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. 35-024 Secretary (Typing), DG-318-2/3, Code 35A3 - Incumbent provides support to the Tacit Rainbow Project Office. Knowledge and working skill of the Apple Macintosh computer, and related software is desirable, but not required. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Secret clearance. Promotion potential to DG-3, but not guaranteed.

No. 36-031, Secretary (Typing), DG-318-1/2, Code 3626 - Incumbent will provide secretarial support to the Control Design Branch in the Systems Engineering Division, Engineering Department. Knowledge/experience with a Macintosh computer is highly desirable. Promotion potential to DG-2, but not guaranteed. A Supplemental Form is required; see "Secretarial Opportunities" box.

No. 39-028 Secretary (Typing), DG-318-1/2, Code 39B1 - This position is located in the Advanced Technology Applications Office of the Intercept Weapons Department. The incumbent will provide secretarial support and serve as junior secretary to the Project Office. Knowledge and experience on the Macintosh is desirable but not required. The full performance of this position is DG-2. Incumbent must be able to obtain a TOP SECRET clearance with SBI. The person selected for this position will be subject to urinalysis testing for use of illicit drugs. See "NOTICE REGARDING DRUG TESTING DESIGNATED POSITIONS" in "Promotional Opportunities" box above. Previous applicants need not reapply.

Soldering courses set

Two 40-hour high-reliability soldering courses to MIL-STD-2000 are planned for the near future. Both classes will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 543 Graaf Street. The first class being held Oct. 7-11, while the second one will be held Nov. 18-22. These courses are for government/contractor personnel needing certification as inspectors or operators.

To take the course, applicants must have (1) previous soldering experience and (2) a current eye examination.

To be scheduled into class, contact the Soldering Training Facility, Code 36812, 446-5571. After being scheduled, please submit a Training Request (NAVWPNCEN 12410/73), with the appropriate Job Order Number to be charged annotated in Block 16, via department channels to Code 36812.

Courses are for government/contractor personnel needing certification as inspectors, operators.

Leave may be restored

Use or donate annual leave, don't lose it!

Employees may have annual leave cancelled because of on-the-job operational demands restored for later use provided the following conditions are met: (1) the operational demands are of such major importance as to preclude the use of scheduled annual leave, and (2) the annual leave must be scheduled at least three pay periods prior to the end of the leave year. The leave year ends on Jan. 11. Therefore, leave must be scheduled prior to Dec. 1.

Requests for restoration of annual leave should be sent to the head, Employee Management Relations Division (Code 221), as soon as possible after the on-the-job operational demand is known and prior to the cancellation of the leave. The following documentation supporting the claim must be provided with the request:

a. The SF-71, Application for Leave, showing the date the leave was scheduled (must be prior to Dec. 1), the date(s) during which the leave was scheduled for actual use and the amount of leave (days/hours) that was scheduled for use;

b. A statement from the department head giving the reason(s) for the proposed cancellation of

approved leave and the beginning and ending date of the operational demand. This date is important because it is used to establish the time limit for the employee to use the restored leave. Failure to provide this date could result in the employee being given less time to use restored leave. Code 221 will obtain approval or disapproval from Command and notify the department and employee.

Employees whose annual leave is restored will have the leave carried in a separate leave account. This leave must be scheduled and used no later than the end of the leave year ending two years after the ending date of the operational demand.

If employees are unable to use their leave within the leave year and do not think they can show cause to have their leave restored, they are encouraged to consider donating the leave to those registered in the leave transfer program.

Questions regarding leave restoration can be answered by Nancy Cleland; for more information about the leave transfer program, contact Dan Burnett. Both can be reached at NWC ext. 2018 or 3892.

NWC employees can apply for the FY92 Women's Executive Leadership Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Fiscal Year 1992 Women's Executive Leadership Program.

The Women's Executive Leadership Program is a 12-month career enhancement program for both women and men desiring training and developmental experiences to prepare them for future opportunities as supervisors and managers. The program is open to full-time permanent employees in non-supervisory (or less than one year of supervision) positions at the DA/DS/DT-3 and DP-3 (below the midpoint) levels.

Selected participants will attend an orientation session where they will complete an individual needs assessment and development plan to serve as

a blueprint for the program. Participants will undergo three weeks of classroom training, 30 and 60 day developmental work assignments, executive interviews and management readings.

An information handout providing details about this program and application procedures is available from the Federal Women's Program Manager, Code 225, Human Resources Department, Room 207; or the Academic Fellowships Office, Code 2241, Training Center (Bldg. 00947), Room 212. Or, call Socorro Ramirez Williams at NWC ext. 2348 or Bill Bethke at NWC ext. 2349 or 2451.

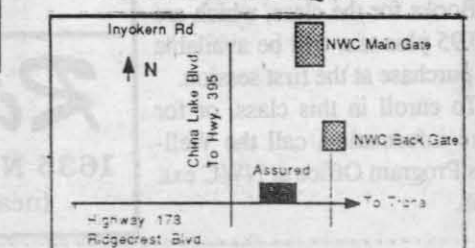
Information handouts have also been sent to each department office. The deadline for submission of applications is Oct. 25.



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Personnel news

Promotional opportunities

Applications for positions listed below are being accepted from Department of Navy employees currently working at NWC and from eligible employees of attached activities who are permanently assigned to NWC. This group includes employees with career or career conditional appointments; employees with permanent Veterans Readjustment Act (VRA) appointments; temporary employees with reinstatement eligibility; and handicapped employees with Sch. (A) continuing appointments. Also included are spouses, with competitive status, of civilian sponsors hired by a DOD activity within NWC's commuting area. Applications from other groups will be accepted when specified in an advertisement. Vacancies are subject to restrictions imposed by the DOD Priority Placement Program. Applicants must meet all legal and regulatory requirements, including minimum qualifications requirements, by the closing date of the advertisement. Evaluation of applicant's qualifications will involve using at least two assessment measures. Assessment measures are work experience, annual performance assessment rating and narrative, education, training, performance assessment and awards.

Eligible spouses (of military sponsors) with competitive employment status may apply for employment preference. Those enrolled in this program will automatically receive consideration for employment on vacancies for which they applied. For initial employment information, career counseling and enrollment, call 939-3317 for an appointment.

HOW TO APPLY: Submit the following: a current application, SF-171 or other Human Resources Department pre-approved form; a copy of your most recent annual performance assessment narrative (note: a copy of your performance plan should be attached if the annual performance narrative description does not clearly state the tasks/duties performed); and a completed Background Survey Questionnaire. A supplemental narrative which relates your qualifications to each knowledge, skill or ability (KSAs) as cited in the advertisement is always desirable and may be required if stated in the vacancy announcement. Write the title, series, level (grade), and announcement number on all application materials. Not submitting the annual performance narrative may adversely affect your evaluation scores. Prior to submitting your application, complete Cover Sheet Form 12335/2, available at the reception desk. **Make sure your address, phone number, etc. are current, correct and that all forms are complete and accurate.** If information is missing, your qualifications may not be fully and completely rated. Additional information cannot be submitted after the closing date of the announcement. A current date and a signature on the last page completes the application. Civilian Spousal Program Eligibles with competitive employment status must submit a copy of their sponsor's PCS orders with each application in order to be considered for Merit Promotion vacancies which do not state that status eligibles may apply.

Application materials are accepted, and blank forms are available, at the Reception Desk, Room 100, Human Resources Department, 505 Blandy. **Announcements close at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, one week after the opening date of the announcement, unless otherwise specified.** Applications received after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date will not be considered. Copies of Applications may be submitted since applications are kept in an announcement file and cannot be returned or filed in personnel folders. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer; selections are made without discrimination for any non-merit reason.

Notice Regarding Drug Testing Designated Positions

Any applicant tentatively selected for one of these positions will be required to submit to urinalysis to detect illegal use of drugs prior to a final selection. Final selection is contingent upon a negative drug test result, and thereafter the selectee will be subject to drug testing on a random basis as the incumbent of a Testing Designated Position (TDP). Further, all Department of the Navy employees may be subject to drug testing under certain circumstances such as reasonable suspicion and after an accident. All individuals will have an opportunity to submit medical documentation that may support the legitimate use of a specific drug to a Medical Review Officer. An applicant's test results will be provided to the selecting official and servicing Civilian Personnel Office before a final selection is made. A verified positive drug test of a current Department of the Navy employee will also be provided to the employing activity/command. (NAVWPNCENINST 12792.2, 14 Dec 90).

No. 28-058 Budget Analyst, DA-560-2/3, Code 2833 and 2836 - Multiple Vacancies - 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; ability to prepare clear and concise written and oral communications; ability to deal tactfully and effectively with others. Promotion potential to DP-3. Previously applicants need not reapply.

No. 31-024, Supervisory Interdisciplinary (General/

Mechanical/Electronics Engineer, Physicist/Mathematician/Computer Scientist), DP-801/830/855/1310/1520/1550-3/4, Code 31B - This position is that of Head, Contract Support Office, Aircraft Weapons Integration Department. This incumbent is the COTR for the ADP Omnibus Support Services Contract, alternate COTR for the WSSA/WSSF Support Contract. The incumbent provides overall direction, coordination, and management of both COTR offices and the Pre-Procurement Group. This position involves high visibility through significant interface with contractor(s), the Procurement Department, Center management and the Technical Monitors. This position requires a technical

background to support multidisciplinary technical users. Incumbent is responsible for the technical interface between Government and Contractors. Incumbent will conduct surveillances of Contractors' performance, review Contractors' progress, and participate on negotiation teams. Incumbent will support follow-on contract procurement packages and the source selection boards. Some travel required. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of Federal procurement/contracting policies and procedures; knowledge of affirmative action principles including a willingness to implement EEO practices; ability to provide technical assistance to a wide variety of disciplines; ability to communicate in writing;

ability to perform as a first-line supervisor. The selectee may be required to serve a one-year probationary period. This announcement closes on 17 October 1991.

No. 39-038, Supervisory Interdisciplinary (General Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Electronics Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Physicist, Mathematician), DP-801, 830, 855, 850, 1310, 1520-3/4, Code 394. This position is that of Head, Electro Optics Guidance Division. The division designs, analyzes and develops electro-optical (EO) guidance and target acquisition systems. The incumbent will be responsible for the management, supervision, administration and leadership of a large division consisting of five branches and several project offices. Incumbent must have demonstrated communication skills, both orally and in writing. Incumbent must be able to analyze problems, synthesize data and present and justify a position. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of CAE tools/skills and concurrent engineering; knowledge of ME/EE/software systems, electro optical systems and components; knowledge of IR systems/technology; knowledge of program management (including contracts and matrix management issues) and resource planning/management. Knowledge of personnel policies and procedures. Knowledge of affirmative action principles, including a willingness to implement EEO practices. The incumbent must be able to obtain and maintain a top secret clearance with SBI. ****Any applicant tentatively selected for this position will be required to submit to urinalysis for illegal use of drugs prior to a final selection.** See "NOTICE REGARDING DRUG TESTING DESIGNATED POSITIONS" in "Promotional Opportunities" box above. Incumbent must serve one year supervisory probationary period if not previously completed. Promotion potential to DP-4, but not guaranteed. This announcement will close on 10-10-91.

No. 39-040 Security Clerk, DG-0086-2/3, Code 3902 - This position is that of CCP for the Intercept Weapons Department. The incumbent is responsible for controlling and safeguarding (performing inventory, coordinating, receiving, transmitting and maintaining logs and records of) classified documents and messages. The incumbent will maintain department security container combination envelopes and coordinate the destruction of Secret documents. The incumbent will maintain a computerized system for control of Secret documents. The incumbent will act as technical monitor for a Boeing delivery order. Knowledge of IBM p.c. and MacIntosh p.c. helpful, but not necessary. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of security regulations and document control procedures (NAVWPNCENINST (Continued on Page 27)

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No. 39-039, Supervisory Electronics Technician/Mechanical Engineering Technician, DP-802/856-3/4, Code 394. This position is that of Head, Electro Optics Guidance Division. The division designs, analyzes and develops electro-optical (EO) guidance and target acquisition systems. The incumbent will be responsible for the management, supervision, administration, and leadership of a large division consisting of five branches and several project offices. Incumbent must have demonstrated communication skills, both orally and in writing. Incumbent must be able to analyze problems, synthesize data and present and justify a position. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of CAE tools/skills and concurrent engineering; knowledge of ME/EE/software systems, electro optical systems and components; knowledge of IR systems/technology; knowledge of program management (including contracts and matrix management issues) and resource planning/management. Knowledge of personnel policies and procedures. Knowledge of affirmative action principles, including a willingness to implement EEO practices. The incumbent must be able to obtain and maintain a top secret clearance with SBI. ****Any applicant tentatively selected for this position will be required to submit to urinalysis for illegal use of drugs prior to a final selection.** See "NOTICE REGARDING DRUG TESTING DESIGNATED POSITIONS" in "Promotional Opportunities" box above. Incumbent must serve one year supervisory probationary period if not previously completed. Promotion potential to DP-4, but not guaranteed. This announcement will close on 10-10-91.

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Food remains a vital part of the various Hispanic cultures in the American blend

WASHINGTON (AFIS)-- Hispanic cuisine, like American-style cooking, has been influenced by immigrants from Africa, Europe, Asia and Hispanic countries. There are as many styles of cooking as there are Spanish-speaking countries.

"We need to educate people about the differences in Hispanic foods. The food is basically the same, but prepared differently in each country," said Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Rafael A. Candelario of the third Fleet Service Support Group in Okinawa, Japan.

"What's cooked in the Caribbean islands, for example, is basically the same food as on the west side of South America," said Candelario, a native of Puerto Rico who came to America at the age of six. "But it tastes different because of the mixture of ingredients used by the native culture and the immigrants. That's one thing people, including some Hispanics, need to understand."

When military dining facilities and clubs have special ethnic food nights, Brig. Gen. Josue Robles Jr. would like to see a larger variety of Hispanic foods.

"Everybody seems to associate Hispanic foods with tacos, burritos, chili, tortillas and refried beans -- that's Mexican food," said Robles, director of the Army budget.

"That type of food is Mexican-American tourist food," added Manuel Olivera, a DoD manager who also owns a Mexican-American restaurant in Herndon, Va.

"Where you find the real Mexican cuisine is from central Mexico to south and southeast Mexico," said Pete Montesinos, owner of Enriqueta's Restaurant in

Washington, D.C., which specializes in authentic Mexican cuisine. "Our cooking style is influenced by the massive immigration of Europeans to Mexico. Their style of cooking, using spices from Europe, has been mixed with the cuisine of the different civilizations of Mexico. The recipes were developed according to the kinds of spices and vegetables found in the different geographical locations."

Real Mexican cuisine, he said, is the second most popular in the world, second only to Chinese. It

"When the Spaniards came, they enriched Mexican cuisine, but didn't change it," Montesinos explained. "Their style of cooking was absorbed into the Mexican cuisine. Before the Spaniards, everything was boiled, baked, steamed or grilled -- nothing was fried. The use of pork did not exist, except for pit-roasted wild boar. The Spaniards brought rice to Mexico; beans are a Mexican food."

Montesinos divides Mexican cooking into three types. Gourmet cuisine uses ingredients

spices indigenous to the different states of Mexico," he added.

Typical cooking uses a lot of corn and flour dishes -- tacos, burritos, tortillas. It's equivalent to American-style fast food.

"Puerto Rico has its own totally different set of foods," said Robles. "Some Mexican food is too spicy for a lot of Puerto Ricans. There are some things I like from my heritage that my mother made when I was a young kid -- *arroz con pollo* (chicken and rice), *bacalao* (a dish made from dried, salted cod fish), *lechon asado* (roast pork). Rice and beans are staples of the average Puerto Rican. There are several dishes made with the indigenous vegetables."

"You can say the same thing for the folks from Central and South America; our foods are prepared differently," Robles emphasized.

The world-famous dish from Spain is *paella*. Lisa Meruvia of the U.S. Information Agency said *paella Valenciana*, which many Spaniards claim is the best, is prepared with rice, chicken, beef, lamb, shrimp, mussels, lobster and Spanish sausages.

Paella, originally a dish made of leftovers and *gazpacho*, a cold soup made with tomatoes, oil, garlic and lemon, was first made with well-ripened vegetables after they could no longer be used for salads. *Arroz con pollo* is also a

popular dish in Spain as well as in other Spanish-speaking countries.

In South American countries like Argentina, Paraguay and Colombia, the main dishes are made with a lot of different types of meats. "The main dish of Argentina, for example, is *parillada*, a barbecue that can be cooked at your table that includes all kinds of beefsteak, heart sausages, potatoes and vegetables," said Meruvia. "A dish called *morcilla* that's made from a cow's blood is also popular. Paraguay is known for having huge shrimp and *escabeche truche* (trout sauteed with onions and tomatoes). *San cocho* is one of the main dishes in Colombia. It's a soup made of different kinds of meats, potatoes, yucca (similar to sweet potatoes), chicken, beef, lamb and rice."

"Central American cuisine also has a lot of meats prepared with various sauces, *empanadas* (meat pies), cheeses, black beans and rice and a lot of sweets," Meruvia said.

"We can't run a *smorgasbord* restaurant-type menu that has samples of all Hispanic foods, but we ought to try different foods on different days from different parts of Hispanic culture," said Robles. "That's more awareness for everybody, including Hispanics. It gives them a little taste of home."



consists mostly of poultry, a large selection of seafood, vegetables, grains and a lot of fresh fruits.

"Real Mexican food is not hot. That's the stereotype, the chili powder story," Montesinos said. "We use more than 200 varieties of dried peppers for flavor. Some are hot, some mild, some sweet."

from all over the world and is typified by such dishes as *en Chile en nog ada* -- stuffed peppers with walnut sauce.

Regional cooking, the "original Mexican food," includes roast venison with pumpkin seed sauce, pheasant and red snapper with fancy sauces. "We use the

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Vampires welcome new boss

Skipper turns over squadron at change of command

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"The winning margin in this war was the people. What a significant opportunity this war provided in showing the contrast between young men and women raised in a free society, supported by a grateful nation, fighting the demoralized soldiers of a tyrannical dictator.

Talking about his new command, Van Sickle said, "VX-5 is manned by superstars. My job as commanding officer will be to provide these superstars the environment and resources to do their job. That is exactly what I intend

part of Navy tradition. He added his remarks were largely a testimonial to the distinguished career of Capt. Ray Kellett.

"Your accomplishments here have been exquisite. . . it has been the peak of your career to date," said RAdm. Hill of Kellett. He noted the Vampires, during Kellett's two-year tour, had been instrumental in putting the Stand-off Land Attack Missile, the Skipper missile and the Airborne Self-Protecting Jammer, better known as ASPJ, into service with the fleet.

He also praised VX-5's vital contributions during the Gulf

day, evaluate the effort and call the carrier back with needed information. The assistance provided was invaluable.

COMOPTEVFOR, RAdm. Hill, concluded his remarks by presenting the prestigious Legion of Merit to Capt. Kellett for his outstanding work in command of VX-5. He singled out Kellett's positive impact on young sailors under his command, the impressive operational test and evaluation record of the Vampires and squadron-wide commitment to excellence as just some of the reasoning behind this honor. He said Kellett was "a dynamic leader with an uncompromising quest for excellence."

As he departed for duty in Hawaii, Capt. Kellett expressed his thanks for "a very rewarding tour." He touched on the outstanding support the men and women, officers and enlisted, Navy and civilian members of the VX-5 family provided him during two years in command. "The superb equipment of the Navy-Marine Corps strike forces are not worth much without the men and women in the system. I could not do my job without their help."

VX-5's departing Skipper also praised the role played in strike warfare by "NWC, Strike U, VX-4, Top Dome, Top Gun and MAWTS. They were essential to the success we had in introducing systems to the fleet and in Desert Storm."

Captain Kellett's new duty is as director of the command center for the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

War. RAdm. Hill noted fleet pilots would call from an aircraft carrier in the Gulf direct to VX-5 to ask questions, make suggestions or ask for assistance. The Vampires would go to work, often flying with a possible fix to a particular problem the same



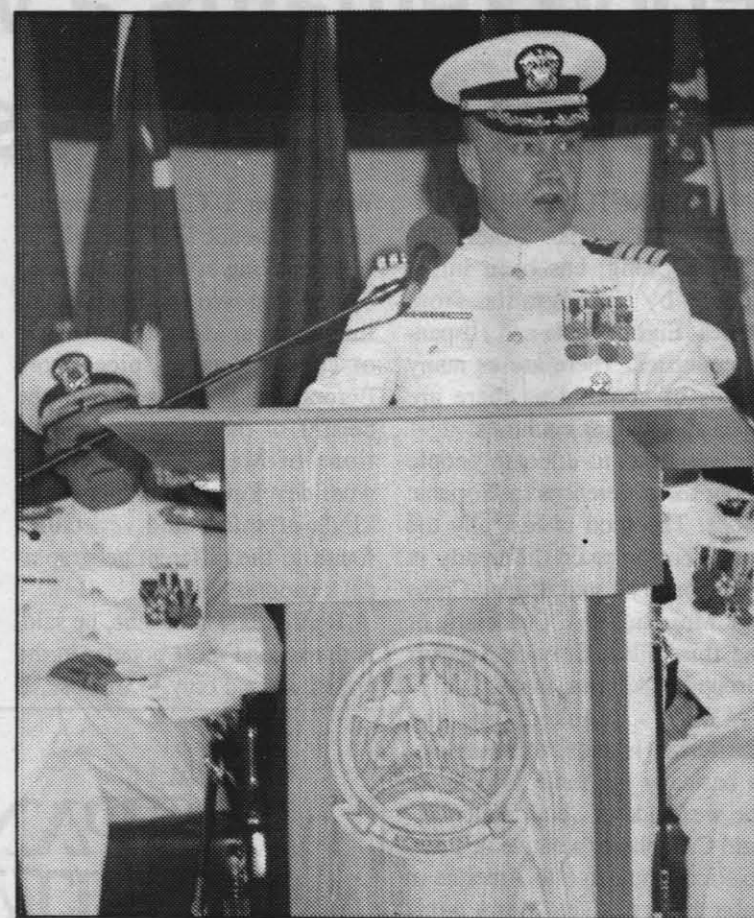
COMOPTEVFOR ARRIVING—RAdm. Virgil Hill, is piped aboard by VX-5 during last Thursday afternoon's traditional change of command ceremony. Photos by PH3 Cary Brady

to do! We will conduct our independent tests professionally, safely and efficiently, and have some fun along the way."

RAdm. Hill leads VX-5's parent organization, COMOPTEVFOR, noted the change-of-command ceremony is a very special



VOLUNTEER BAND—Sailors stand at ease in the background as the China Lake All-Volunteer Band performs during the VX-5 change of command.



Capt. Garth A. Van Sickle

'Vader' Van Sickle ready for great tour

by Steve Boster, Rocketeer Editor

When a naval aviator has the first name of Garth, it isn't hard to imagine he will quickly be given the interesting call sign or "handle" of "Vader" as in Darth Vader of *Stars Wars* fame. RAdm. Virgil L. Hill, Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force, wasted little time in pinning the "Vader" call sign on Capt. Garth A. Van Sickle, new commanding officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5).

Everyone attending the ceremony got a good chuckle out of "Vader" Van Sickle, including the new CO. But, Capt. Van Sickle is deadly serious when he talks about his new assignment. He views this job as one of the best in the Navy.

A rarity in the Navy attack aviation community, Capt. Van Sickle had never flown at China Lake, never used the Naval Weapons Center (NWC) ranges or even visited on official travel.

But in the few week's he's been in the area he has become impressed not only with his new command, but with NWC and the community. "I'm really, really up about this assignment and the whole experience I've had since arriving," he noted. "Ridgecrest is an interesting community and NWC is a one-of-a-kind facility," he added.

During a recent interview with the *Rocketeer*, he touched briefly on his last assignment which included duty as the Battle Force Operations Officer for a four-carrier battle force during Operation Desert Storm.

Noting life is busy enough for the operations officer of a single carrier battle group, the battle force task was a great experience. He had a ringside seat for the Navy's role in Desert Storm. He said the war and its results showed the essential role of aircraft carriers for the U.S. military. The Navy's air arm played a key role in deterring further aggression after the invasion of Kuwait.

In the next two years, Van Sickle will be at the head of a squadron specializing in getting new weapons and tactics to the fleet. He aims to support the operational test directors who do the independent testing and evaluation of these weapons and tactics for the Chief of Naval Operations. The VX-5 Skipper will make sure the Navy gets a quality, independent assessment of the products they test and evaluate.

Capt. "Vader" Van Sickle sees VX-5 as a squadron manned by "superstars." He sees the CO's job as a premier billet in the attack aviation community. And, he's very pleased, make that excited, to be here!

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Plans for CLC 5K Walk are in high gear

Sponsored by the Engineering Department, the China Lake Challenge (CLC) 5K Walk takes off at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24. Everyone, including children, is welcome to participate!! Be sure to wear your department t-shirt and/or bring your department banner to display at the starting line.

This year's route differs from last year's. Walkers will start at the dead-end of Kitts Road (just off McIntire Street), go through the desert, around the golf course and back to the end of Kitts Road (see map).

To register for the walk, complete the China Lake Challenge Registration/Release form. This form, good for all China Lake Challenge Events, can be picked up at the NWC Gymnasium, the *Rocketeer* Office or the Wellness Program Office. To pre-register for any of the CLC events, including the walk, the registration form must be completed and returned to Code 2243 no later than Oct. 16. While pre-registration is desired, registrations will be accepted the day of the walk. Participation numbers will be assigned and mailed to pre-registered participants. This number must be worn for all events, including the walk.

For more information about the walk, call Peggy Ames at NWC ext. 1054.

Winter bowling leagues now forming on-Center

Winter leagues are now forming at Hall Memorial Lanes. With the lanes having a new surface, new pins and a new scoring system installed, the bowling conditions at the Naval Weapons Center couldn't be better!

Men's League competition takes off at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Women's competition is held every Wednesday, starting at 5:30 p.m. On Thursday evenings, bowling teams from codes throughout the Naval Weapons Center will compete at 5:30 p.m. to see which code has the best team. The Mixed League competes every Friday and Monday night at 5:30 p.m. On Sunday evenings, military teams can bowl for the gold starting at 4:30 p.m.



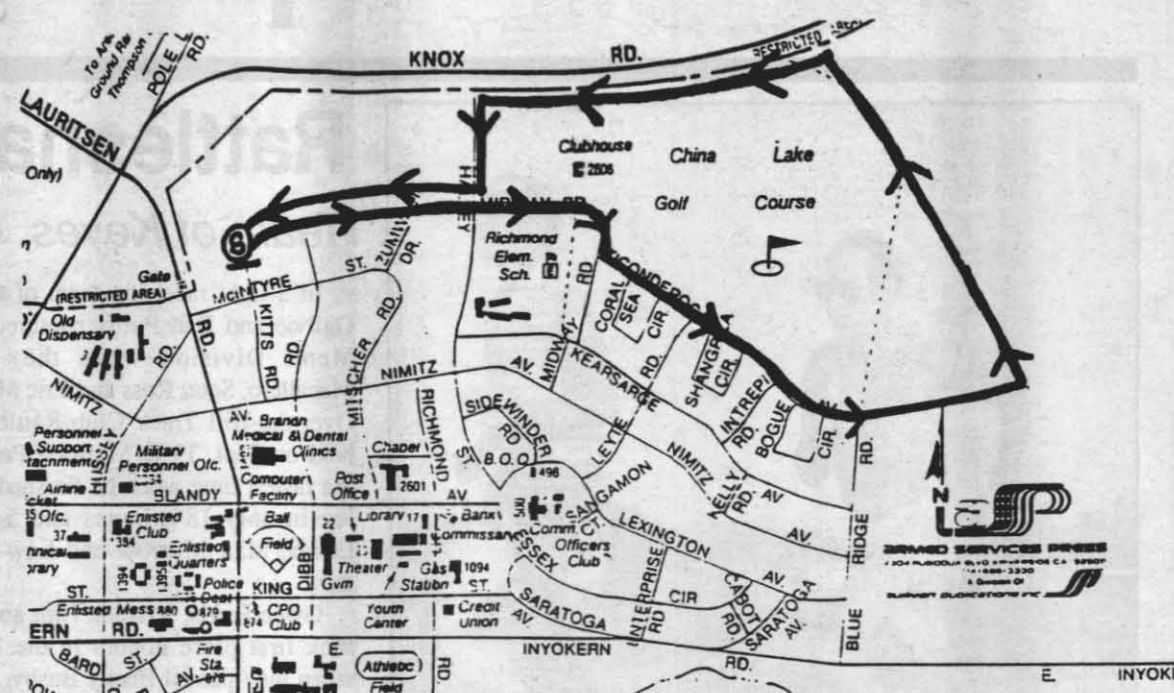
Whether an ace bowler or just a beginner, come out and join a league. What better way to unwind after a hard day at work. Make new friends, relax and enjoy a good game of bowling!

Haugen tennis tourney set for Oct. 12 and 13

On Oct. 12 and 13, the China Lake Tennis Club will sponsor the annual Gary Haugen Memorial Tennis Tournament at the China Lake Tennis Courts.

The tournament, held annually to raise funds to support scholarships for local high school tennis players, honors Gary Haugen, a young local tennis player who died of leukemia.

During the tournament, the China Lake Tennis Courts will be closed to public use.



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New command reporting structure set for NWC

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and recommendations of the Department of Defense (DoD) Advisory Commission on Consolidation and Conversion of Defense Research and Development Laboratories.

The consolidations would create a streamlined and more efficient RDT&E community, and are also aimed at preserving core RDT&E mission capabilities.

Under this proposed plan for consolidation would be the establishment of the Naval Air Warfare Center (NAWC) which would serve as the Navy's full spectrum RDT&E engineering and fleet support center for air platforms and autonomous air vehicles and weapons.

With headquarters in Wash-

ington, D.C., NAWC, reporting into two major divisions: the



VADM. W.C. Bowes
Commander
NAVAIR

Weapons Division on the West Coast, headquartered at Point Mugu with joint site at China Lake, and a facility at White Sands, N.M., and a small detachment at Albuquerque, N.M.

And, the Aircraft Division, on the East Coast, headquartered at Patuxent River, Md; with activities located at Indianapolis, Ind. and Lakehurst, N.J., and a facility at Trenton, N.J.

RAdm. George H. Strohsahl Jr. is the proposed Commander, Naval Air Warfare Center, with RAdm. William E. Newman to command the NAWC-Weapons Division and RAdm. John W. Snyder Jr. to command the NAWC-Aircraft Division. Under the plan, Capt. Cook would remain at the China Lake site as the NAWC-Weapons Division Vice Commander.



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VA slashes loan rates to 9%

Washington (NNS) -- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is reducing its maximum loan interest rate for home loan guaranties from 9.5 percent to 9 percent, as of Aug. 12, in response to changes in current market conditions.

This change, the third this year, marks a turnaround in the credit market conditions which caused the VA to raise the rate

from 9 to 9.5 percent as recently as June 17.

Reducing the rate means the monthly payment on the typical VA loan of \$80,000 would be \$28.99 smaller, from \$672.69 to \$643.70. This represents potential savings to the borrower of more than \$10,000 over the life of a 30-year loan.

Also effective as of Aug. 12, the VA decreased by one-half a

percentage point the maximum rates for graduated payment mortgages to 9.25 percent, home improvement loans to 10.5 percent, manufactured home loans to 11.5 percent, manufactured home lot-only loans to 11 percent and manufactured home and lot loans to 11 percent. VA home loans may be used by qualified veterans, service members and surviving spouses.

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Colonel brings Desert Storm talk here

"We had the best soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen ever employed in combat by the United States," said Col. Charles W. Thomas, U.S. Army, of the troops who fought the Persian Gulf War.

Thomas spoke to China Lakers recently in an unclassified presentation on the war. During the Operation Desert Shield buildup, Col. Thomas was ordered to Saudi Arabia and appointed director of the Central Command Joint Intelligence Center, on the staff of Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, and oversaw intelligence efforts throughout Operation Desert Storm. In April of this year, he returned to duty in the Pentagon on the staff of the Joint Chief of Staff.

Operation Desert Storm was, he commented, "A window in history I was glad to experience."

Talking about Desert Storm, he said good intelligence was one of the keys to success. Chief among this was the successful, precision targeting of Iraqi command and control systems in the early stages of the air war. While these systems were not eliminated completely, the enemy found command and control of forces more and more difficult as the war progressed.

Another factor was the erosion of the will of Iraqi soldiers to fight. He tied this directly to the tremendous support provided the

troops we sent to fight and support of the military buildup by the American people.

Col. Thomas praised the work done at China Lake, noting he had seen the results of the work

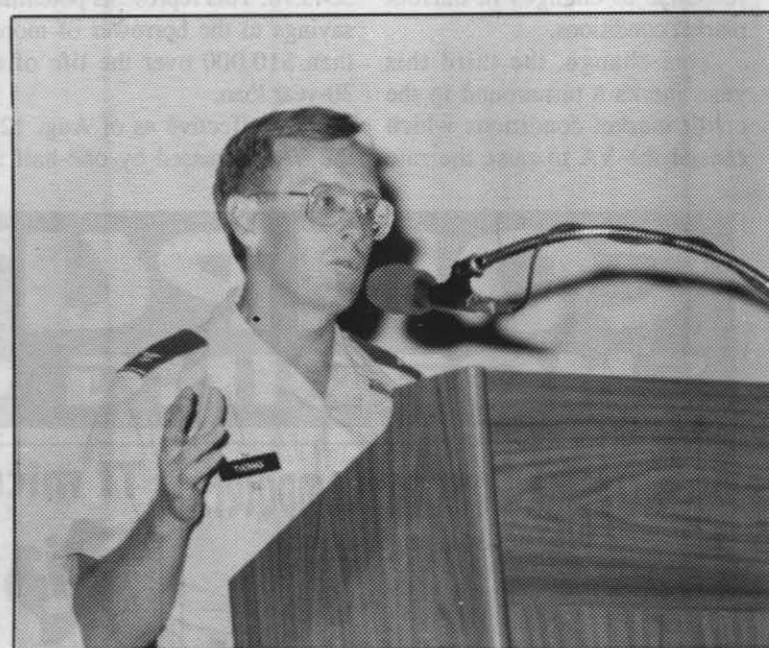
first to credit people here and at similar facilities for giving the people fighting the weapons and systems they used so effectively.

The general was very demanding to work for and had tremen-

bat decisions. "Most of the great calls that had to be made, he made with great effectiveness. An F/A-18 pilot may have been a greater hero in a strict sense, but the fact so many of those pilots came home is directly attributable to the warrior instincts of H. Norman Schwarzkopf," added Col. Thomas.

In discussing the early stages of the buildup, Col. Thomas noted the carrier battle groups were a vital part of curbing any ideas Iraq may have had about going into Saudi Arabia. He said it was the judgment of the commander-in-chief and most military observers the ability to project power quickly with the carrier battle group was the key in stopping Iraq at the Kuwait border.

Several hundred China Lakers were on hand for the presentation. A native of Louisiana, Col. Thomas was in the area visiting his sister, Mary Finders, of the Office of the Comptroller.



Col. Charles W. Thomas, USA

in Kuwait and Iraq. He noted Gen. Schwarzkopf would be the

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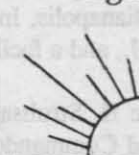
All civilian residents living in the North Old Duplexs (located north of Blandy, west of Halsey) are invited to attend a meeting Monday, Oct. 7, at 5:30 p.m. in the Ball Room of the Seafarer Club.

Captain Douglas W. Cook, NWC Commander, will discuss the recent review of military housing requirements and how civilian tenants may be affected.

There will be a question and answer period.

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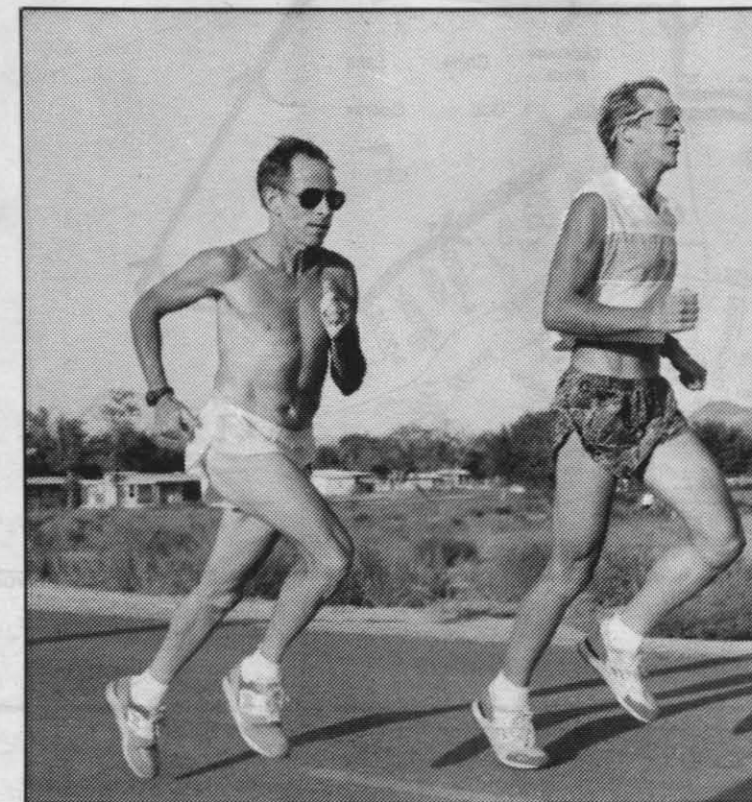
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Sports

Rattlesnake Relay a tight race

Team of Keyes, Ogilvie and Purdy capture first place



In a tight race, the team of Chip Keyes, Brian Ogilvie and Dan Purdy captured first place in the Men's Division when they outpaced Jason Macallero, Scott Ross and Eric Martin in the Annual Over-the-Hill Track Club Rattlesnake Relay Race held on Sept. 19 at McBride Park. Martin clocked the fastest time when he finished the 3.3 mile relay leg in only 18 minutes and 54 seconds. Chuck Lewis, Matt Morrow and Lew Birdseye came in third.

Gwen Parris, Kristine Hint and Tiffany Marshall took first place honors in the Women's Division when they passed Becky Busby, Tracy Howard and Margo Allen.

In the Mixed Division, Dianne Lucas, Dennis Burge and Thomas Sakai nosed out Mike Mumford,

Eric Kajiwar and Jerry Mumford by 22 seconds after the handicaps were assessed. Linda Rolfs, Elaina McMahon and John Anderson took third.

Joe, Mike and Kim Oliver captured the go 1 in the Family Division when they bested the time of Mel, Melinda and David Miles. Andrew, Terry and Andrew Jr. Mitchell came in third. The Mitchell family also received rubber snakes representing the Snake Bite Award for having the slowest handicap time in the event.

After the race, elections for the 1992 season were held. Scotty Broyles will continue as treasurer, while the new club president is Shari Keyes. For more information about the Over the Hill Track Club, call Keyes at 375-7894.

Weather affecting fishing results

Changes in the weather are affecting fishing results in the Eastern Sierra region, noted a report from the Bishop Chamber of Commerce. Less than a month remains in the general trout season for 1991.

In the Big Pine area, fishing is slowing down on Big Pine Creek, with white salmon eggs or green powerbait working best. The Owens River is running high, but crickets and mudder flies are still working.

South Lake and Lake Sabrina in the Bishop area both have abundance of fish visible to anglers, but catching them is another story.

There is excellent flyfishing being reported from Rock Creek. Worms are the best bait. If trolling, use

a rapalla, trout pattern or a silver needlefish and troll down four to six colors.

At Convict Lake, either get up very early in the morning or wait until evening. For bait, try worms or green powerbait, if trolling, use a needlefish.

All lakes in the Mammoth Lakes region are reporting fair fishing for those using baby nightcrawlers or worms.

People are not only enjoying the beautiful weather at June Lake, they are catching lots of fish. The best bait is powerbait, while the best lures are the super duper, Kastmasters or roostertails. At Rush Creek, use worms and baby nightcrawlers.

General trout fishing season ends Oct. 31.



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The number of classes, and prices, varies. For full information, call the NWC Gym at NWC ext. 6542.

China Lake Golf Course offers October specials

October is usually a great month for golf at the Naval Weapons Center. The hot days of summer have faded, leaving cool mornings and sunny afternoons, just right for a great round of golf.

In addition to daily golfing opportunities, the China Lake Golf Course has some special events happening next month.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, the Ace of the Month competition is scheduled.

The China Lake Golf Club's Women's Championship tournament will dominate the course on Oct. 12 and 13.

October's final special event is the Robinson Tournament, open to both men and women on Oct. 19 and 20.

In addition, golfers and non-golfers alike can take advantage of the Golf Snack Bar's TGIF celebrations weekly. Anyone stopping by from 4 to 7 p.m. any Friday will find out just what TGIF is like at the golf course.

Finally, the China Lake Golf Course staff is currently offering a membership referral discount. Any paid member who recruits a new member will receive a 10 percent discount off his original membership dues.

Discount rebates will be paid the recruiting member once the new member has paid his membership dues. For further information, contact the golf pro shop at NWC ext. 2990.

Locker renewals are due

October 21 is deadline to renew locker rental

Locker renewal fees for Fiscal year 1992 are due now! Cost for a large locker is \$40 semi-annually and \$60 annually. Medium-size lockers are \$25 semi-annually and \$35 annually.

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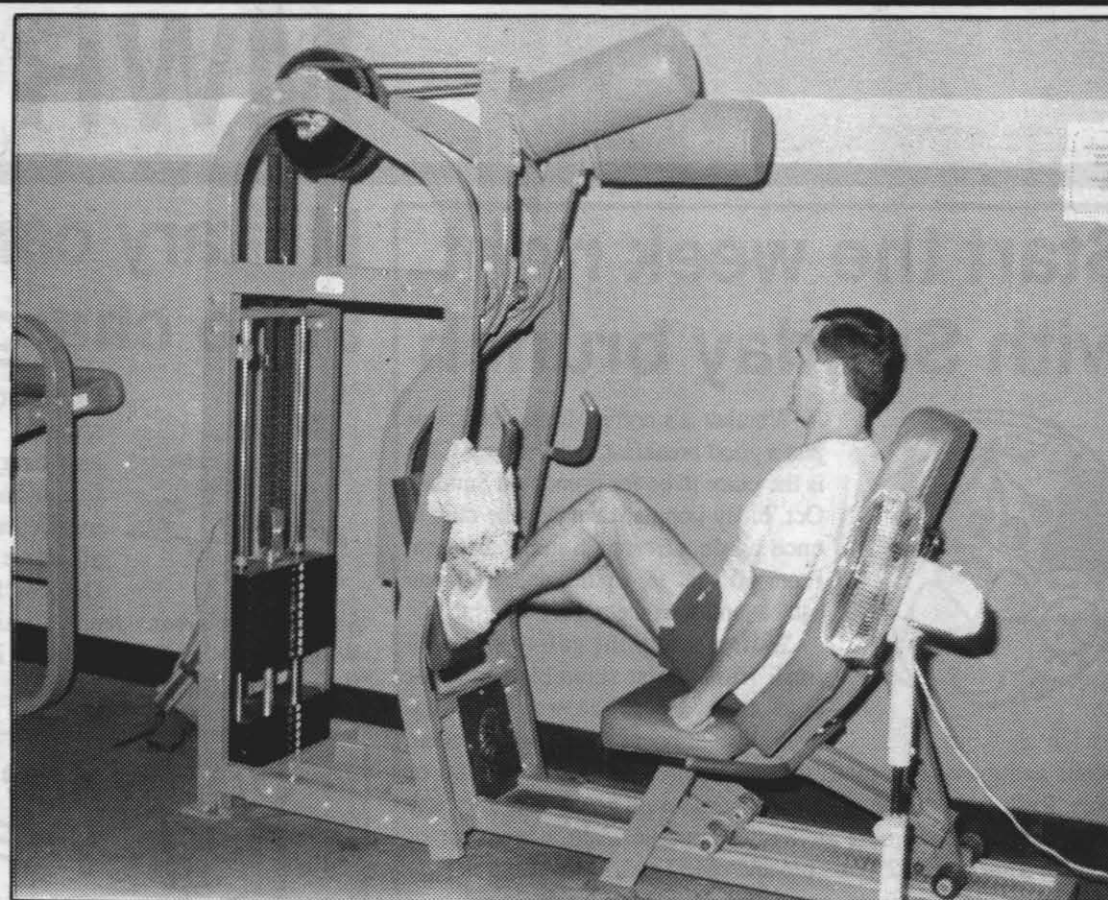
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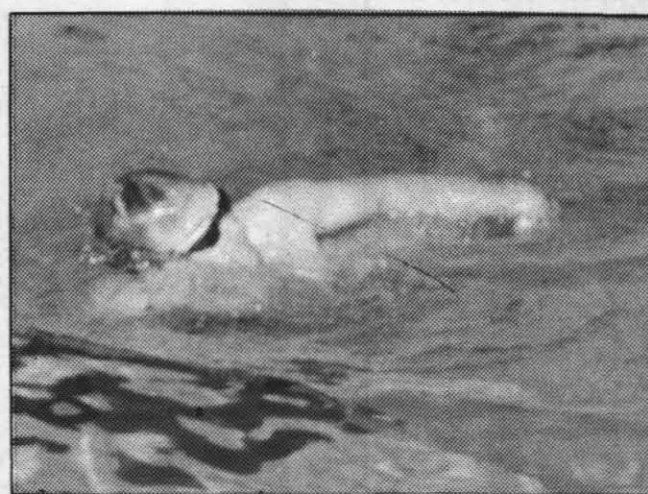
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GETTING IN SHAPE — Bill Stuart, a member of the Weapons Planning Group, takes advantage of the Nautalus machines at the Naval Weapons Center's Gymnasium during his lunch hour.



HAVING FUN WHILE EXERCISING YOUR HEART -- Another way to get rid of those unwanted pounds and to help stay in shape is to swim laps at the NWC Gymnasium Indoor Pool during the lunch hour, as this NWC employee is doing.

Photos by Peggy Shoaf

After 40 years, Hammer still likes the work

Fresh from the University of Arizona, armed with a degree in business administration, Albert R. Hammer Jr., was job hunting in early 1951 when a federal personnel official suggested he apply at the Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS). Now, more than 40 years after he went to work at NOTS as the personnel placement clerk, Al Hammer is going strong as a senior mathematician in the Range Department's Data Systems Division.

While Hammer may have arrived at China Lake by somewhat of an accident or the economic necessity of wanting a job, he stayed in the desert because the work is challenging and interesting, the people are tremendous, and the atmosphere at work or at play is rewarding.

Earlier this year, Capt. Douglas W. Cook, NWC Commander, formally presented the 40-year service certificate and pin to Hammer on behalf of the secretary of the Navy. The Skipper expressed his appreciation for the years of good work and was glad to hear retirement wasn't in the immediate future plans for Hammer.

Reflecting on his 40 plus years at China Lake, Hammer says he's seen a lot of changes, a lot of

improvements and a lot of growth. The one constant throughout all the years, however, has been the people.

"It's been the people who've made this place what it is," he commented. "They've created a collegial, small town, pleasing atmosphere and people have been very receptive to this atmosphere."

Also unchanged is the name of the game for the Data Branch. Despite transitions from the Systems Development Department to the Engineering Department and thence to the Test and Evaluation and Range departments, the name of the game, says Hammer, "is still how to get good data to the customer on a timely basis." He spent most of the the past 39 years in this one branch as it moved around the NWC organization.

During his years in the Data Branch, Hammer has become recognized as a miss-distance expert and has been honored for his efforts in expanding the envelope in several areas including video measurements and software for bomb scoring and fuzing calculations.

Al has seen the computer revolution first hand. Few areas at the Naval Weapons Center have

been more impacted by computer advances than data reduction. Gone are the old IBM cards, the key punch operators and the UNIVAC room-size computer. Now, Hammer's desk holds a small-footprint Macintosh connected to a mini-computer in another room of the Range Instrumentation Laboratory. The Mac and its hard disk drive give better performance than the old room-size devices. And the network contacts make possible data reduction not even dreamed of in 1951 when he arrived at this wind-blown desert outpost.

The China Lake veteran continues to be impressed with the caliber of people, variety of disciplines and the quality of work done here. He says the military presence helps focus the Center on its mission and NWC remains a good place to work.

He's modest about his own contributions, saying he's not looking for glory. He worked in personnel, in data analysis and data reduction while helping keep the Center on the cutting edge of developmental work.

After 40 plus years he's still not ready to retire. "The work is still satisfying, I'm still learning and I still enjoy what I'm doing. Why quit now?"



40 YEARS—Al Hammer proudly accepts the 40-year Naval Weapons Center service certificate from NWC Commander, Capt. Douglas W. Cook. Most of those 40-plus years have been spent as a member of the Data Branch.

Photo by PH3 Cary Brady

JP's plan annual welcome lunch

On Thursday, Oct. 24, the Junior Professional Welcome Aboard Luncheon for FY-92 will be held at the Seafarer Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Advance tickets for this event are now available from the Junior Professional Program Office, located in Room 233 of the Personnel Building. Tickets bought in advance are \$7 each, \$13 for two or \$30 for five. The price of tickets at the door will be \$7.50 each. The buffet luncheon includes sandwiches, salads, desert and beverage.

Potential problems with some pagers

(Editor's note: Due to a common typographical error, some important information was left out of a story which ran last week explaining ways to overcome some of the common problems being experienced by Naval Weapons Center employees using the Tracker pagers on-Center. To avoid further confusion, the full story, with the missing information highlighted, will run again.)

Personnel from the Telephone Service Branch have noted Naval Weapons Center personnel have been experiencing problems when using their Tracker pagers on-Center. The instructions that come with the Tracker pager work fine in Ridgecrest; however, they do not work well on the Center's converted analog system, noted Dorothy Jenkins, the Telephone Service Branch secretary.

Personnel from the Telephone Service Branch met with Contel personnel and brainstormed possible solutions:

To send a page, use a touchtone phone and dial an outside line; after the outside line is accessed, dial 243-PAGE; after the tone, press the "#" key, and enter the four-digit ID number assigned to the pager. After you hear a ring and three beeps, enter the phone number or numeric message you wish the person to receive, press the "#" key and hang up.

To receive a page, the receiver must be in the covered area and the pager must be on. Page holders will be alerted of a page by a "beeping," a flashing light, a message indicating "1-PAGE," or all three. To view the message, push the "white arrow" (on top of the pager), next to the display screen.

"We tested this method on-Center and it works," said Jenkins. "However, if holders of Tracker pagers still have problems, call the Telephone Service Branch at NWC ext. 3451."

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Annual CFC effort acts as a *Voice of Hope*

By Peggy Shoaf
Rocketeer Staff Writer

Kicking off the 1991 Combined Federal Campaign, Capt. Douglas W. Cook, Naval Weapons Center Commander, urged all NWC CFC workers at the Tuesday (Oct. 2) meeting to set a 100 percent contact goal. "There is no reason why every single sailor, marine, civilian, host and tenant can't be contacted. If the contact is 100 percent, I think other goals will be reached," he explained.

Dollar-wise, China Lake has been well above the national average in contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Participation-wise, it has

been well below the national average. "The people here who donate to CFC are very generous," said Fran Rugg, chairperson of the local federal coordinating committee. "However, last year, we only had 31 percent participation, while the national average was 53 percent. This year, we would like to see the participation rate rise to at least 40 percent. With a rise in participation, the dollar amount will follow."

Because of the recession, and the extra needs a recession causes, Capt. Cook feels China Lakers will meet this new challenge. "Like any other challenge here at China Lake, I know this crowd can do it," he said.

Captain Cook noted when he challenged China Lakers to insure equal opportunity for everyone, the people came through, resulting in NWC winning the SPAWAR award and being recognized with the Stinson Award by the United States Navy as having the best EEO Program. When he challenged them on small businesses efforts, once again China Lakers came through and the Small Business Program Office was recognized as the best in the United States Navy, and the Undersecretary of the Navy came out to give NWC the award.

"We can still set the standards of excellence. This community has traditionally done it," Capt.

Cook said. "The need this year is probably greater than what it has been in the past years. You can make a difference. I expect each and every one of you to jump in there like China Lakers always do. Exceed the goals as you have during the past two years on every issue I have asked of you."

A Presidential Executive Order in 1961 designated CFC as the official charity drive for federal employees. For the next six weeks, department keyworkers, or their assistants, will contact all China Lake employees, military and civilian, and explain how to make a CFC pledge or donation. All participation is voluntary and no one should feel unduly pressured or coerced into contributing. The amount of a donation is a personal choice, as all donations make a difference, no matter what their size. The payroll deduction plan is an easy way to donate a set amount throughout the year.

Money donated may be designated for use by a specific agency within the 600 national organizations or 49 local organizations who are members of CFC; it may be designated to a group of agencies, such as the United Way of IWW or national and international federations; or it may be given without any designation, in which case it will be split in the ratio of 82 percent to United Way, five percent to national voluntary health agencies, five percent to

international services agencies and four percent to national service agencies.

Rugg noted only four percent of the money donated is used administratively by CFC. The remaining 96 percent is turned over to the designated agency. "One of the most common questions I'm asked is if we really get the money," said Barbara Burton, head of one of the local agencies. "The answer is a resounding YES! If it wasn't for CFC, we couldn't be as near effective as we are," she explained.

A certain percentage of the money received by an agency is used for that agency's administration cost, noted Rugg. The percentage depends upon the agency. If a potential donor wants to know how much money is used administratively, check the 1991 Contributor's Brochure. The first number following the description of each CFC agency represents what percentage of the money received is used for administrative costs. Some agencies have very low administrative costs, while others are higher.

For the next five weeks, the *NWC Rocketeer* will cover stories by individuals who have been aided by CFC agencies. Learn how CFC makes a difference. Be a part of that difference and become a "Voice of Hope" to fellow workers, neighbors, friends and for those in need. Donate to CFC!



VOICE OF HOPE--Jean Johanboek and Fran Rugg help department key workers get needed CFC materials as the annual Combined Federal Campaign kicked off Tuesday morning.

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Fair tickets on sale at Craftech

Ridgecrest's Desert Empire Fair is right around the corner, Oct. 16-20, and tickets, available at the Craftech Center, are now on sale. The cost is only \$10 for a book of 25 tickets.

For further information, call the Craftech Center at NWC ext. 3252.

Monday Nite Football at the O'Club

Football season is underway and the O'Club Barefoot Bar is getting into the football spirit! Enjoy Monday Nite Football at the O'Club Barefoot Bar each Monday at 6 p.m. Take part in the Airmchair Quarterback contest and become eligible for numerous prizes throughout the night.



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Family and guests may purchase discount military tickets at the Naval Weapons Center's Craftech Center. Cost is only \$10 for adults and \$8.45 for children. Regular prices are \$15.95 and \$8.95. These discount tickets are not available at Raging Waters, they must be purchased at Craftech in advance.

Raging Waters is located near the intersection of the 10, 210 and 57 freeways, just 20 minutes north of Anaheim Stadium.

Software Development Tools and Data Analysis Software

On Thursday, October 10th, 1991, **Artecon and Sun Microsystems** will host an applications seminar at the Carriage Inn.

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Civil Service wait for vets ends for now

WASHINGTON (AFIS)--Military members no longer have to wait 180 days after retirement before they can take jobs as federal civilian employees -- at least until Nov. 5, 1992.

The temporary suspension in the waiting rule may become permanent if Congress permits, Christopher Jehn, assistant secretary of defense for force management and personnel, said in a recent interview. DoD asked Congress to scrap the law because "ultimately, they were shortchanging the taxpayers. We weren't always able to hire the best person to do a job," he said.

In another move that helps people leaving the service, the Office of Personnel Management recently announced that veterans of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm may qualify for veterans preference in federal employment if they are eligible for the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

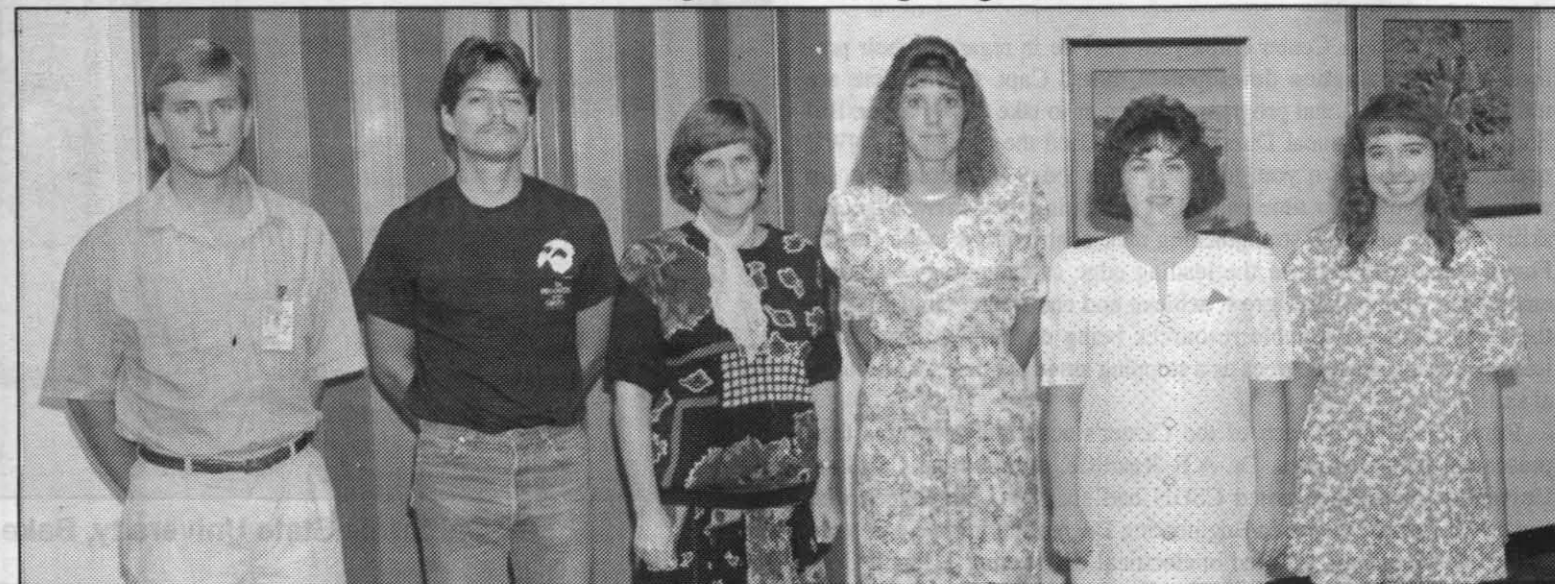
While the services determine their own specific eligibility rules for the medal, it generally will be authorized to members who served in the Persian Gulf combat zone between Aug. 2, 1990, and an end date not yet announced by DoD. Medal recipients must be honorably discharged and have served continuously for 24 months or for the period they were called to active duty; the service rule may be waived for vets receiving certain disability and hardship discharges.

OPM estimates more than a half-million service members, including reserve members, are eligible for the medal. This comprises the largest number of service members given veterans preference since Oct. 14, 1976, when peacetime veterans preference ended, OPM officials said. Authority to wear the National Defense Service Medal, also given during the gulf conflict, does not qualify service members for employment preference.

To document their eligibility for preference, individuals should provide a copy of Form DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. Reservists returning from duty should provide their personnel offices with copies of discharge papers or other documents showing the award of the Southwest Asia Service Medal.



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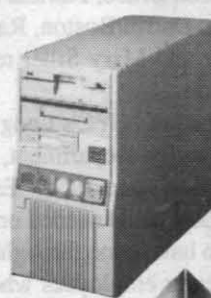
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Lynda Millner during their next luncheon meeting, set for Tuesday, Oct. 8. Learn how to look great, no matter what your size!

The meeting, which will be held at the Seafarer Club, starts with a social period at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. After lunch, a brief meeting will be held, and Millner will talk about fashion.

Millner has modeled professionally in more than 500 shows for over 50 stores in California. She has done a variety of print work for newspapers and fashion magazines and was a make-up artist for such companies as Borghese, Helena Rubenstein, Fernan Aubrey and Chanel. She presently conducts fashion, color, style, image and lifestyle seminars on cruise ships.



Lynda Millner

For reservations, call Eleanor Rockdale at 446-6925 or Mary Martin at 375-4052.

Engineers set talk on waste water

Dr. Hal Bennett, associate head of the Research Department's Physics Division at the Naval Weapons Center, will be the guest speaker for the Society of American Military Engineers' meeting set for Nov. 5. The topic of the talk is *Reclaiming Water*

by Means of Ultrasonic Treatment.

Reservations are required and may be made by calling Dot Johnston at NWC ext. 3411/283 or Darrel Hovde, NWC ext. 3411/360 before close of business Oct. 30.

Wellness Corner

1991 China Lake Challenge opens October 26

The CHINA LAKE CHALLENGE provides all Naval Weapons Center employees and employees of participating contracting companies, as well as their family members, an opportunity to experience physical activity, improve their health and feel good about themselves and their departments/companies.

The CHALLENGE is actually intended to encourage people to participate in physical activity for the joy of moving. A key to the CHALLENGE is that it is a fun event the whole family can enjoy together. The majority of events

will be held on Oct. 26, at the Burroughs High School Field, beginning at 1 p.m.

This program is intended to include people at all activity levels, and so the CHALLENGE offers an event for every level of fitness. The CHALLENGE is a friendly interaction of work groups, both NWC codes and participating contracting companies.

Events planned include: a kick off, softball and volleyball tournaments, 5K walk, swim meet, people walk, aerobics, hoop shoot, obstacle, coordination, and soccer courses, target golf and

tennis, softball throw, tug of war, push ups, exercycling, and jump rope for one minute.

Registration/release forms are available from the Wellness Program Office. For further information, call NWC ext. 2468.



Hi-Desert SOLE Chapter captures key honor during international meeting

During the Society of Logistics Engineers (SOLE) 25th Anniversary Annual International Symposium, the SOLE Hi-Desert Chapter from Ridgecrest was awarded the society's highest annual chapter award for meeting the society's program goals through successful and effective activities. The award was accepted by Hi-Desert Chapter chair, Bill Wilson, a logistics manage-

ment specialist with the Naval Weapons Center's Engineering Department.

According to Wilson, only eight chapters out of more than 150 met the program goals established by the SOLE Board of Governors.

In addition, the SOLE Hi-Desert Chapter received the Small Chapter Honorable Mention Award for its newsletter, the

Log Sheet. The award was accepted by the newsletter's editor, Doug Whinnell.

The Society of Logistics Engineers, an international, non-profit, professional society of over 10,000 members, is dedicated to the advancement of the art and science of logistics technology and management through literary, education and scientific endeavors.

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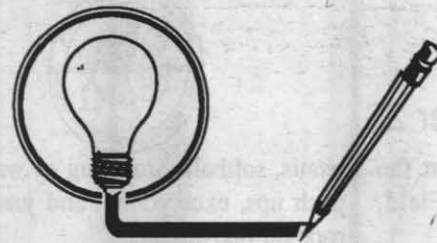
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What do you have to submit? That's easy too. We need your name, code and telephone number so we can credit you with the IDEA. We need to have you tell us what the situation is you think needs improving and what you propose as the solution. We also want you to tell us what the benefit of implementing your IDEA will be. And that's it! The write-ups don't have to be elaborate or in great detail. However the more information you give us the better. Also, if you know who at NWC should review your IDEA, then let us know; it makes the process go faster.

So why not do yourself and the Center a favor and let us have your IDEAS. Remember, once you have submitted your IDEA you have Unlimited Nagging Privileges until it gets adopted, resolved or (in rare cases) disapproved. So submitting an IDEA is easy. Just use any one of the above and send it to us! We'll take it from there.

If you have any question or need any information, we'd be glad to talk with you. You can reach Bruce MacIntosh or Melanie Truesdale in the IDEAS office at NWC ext. 2311, or E mail - SCF::IDEAS, or Quick-Mail - "IDEAS Office"

In the last week these new Ideas were submitted: No. 203, Travel Destination Kits

Pamela Ross, Code 3134 (Pamela suggests that standard information kits be developed for the places employees most often travel); No. 204, Visitor Center Drop Box, Regina Willis, Code 329, (Regina proposes that a drop box be located at the Visitors Center so that employees could drop off visit requests when the Visitors Center is closed.); No. 205, Change in NWC Phone Book, Shirley Reinhardt, Code 3108 (Shirley suggests that the telephone book listings in the "Functional Listing" section be revised to the same format used for the alphabetical personnel listing section); and, No. 206, Identification of Jewish Holidays, Shirley Reinhardt, Code 3108 (Shirley suggests more visibility for the Jewish Holidays so that Holiday/work conflicts can be minimized).

Other new Ideas submitted during the week were No. 207, Approval of Travel Orders, Deena Nelson, Code 3527 (Deena points out that it is hard to get travel orders signed by department heads when they are on Center but in meetings. She proposes a delegation of authority for these cases); No. 208, Antibacterial Soap for Restrooms, Esther Long, Code 3142 (Esther suggests that liquid antibacterial soap be put in restroom dispensers rather than

the liquid or powdered soaps now being used); No. 209, Standard Base Card Key, Pamela Ross, Code 3134 (Pamela notes that each restricted area requires a different card key and suggests a master key for those who have access to more than one area); and No. 210, Mission Database, Pamela Ross, Code 3134 (Pamela thinks that the Center needs to establish a current data base, listing the mission, organizational profile and current address of each organization unit. She suggests that the data base be accessible to every one).

The final three new Ideas submitted last week were Idea No. 211, On-Line Library Access, Pamela Ross, Code 3134 (Pamela suggests that the Center establish a on-line data base for all library publications so that electronic review and possibly even check out could become a reality); No. 212, On-Line Training Center Access, Pamela Ross, Code 3134 (Pamela says that the Training Center should establish a current listing of on-Center courses as well as self-study courses in lieu of the publication of hard copy catalogs); and No. 213, On-Line Database for PC Lab, Pamela Ross, Code 3134 (Pamela again suggests a data base be developed. This time it's for the services and materials available at the PC lab).

Put The Fun In Your Lunch

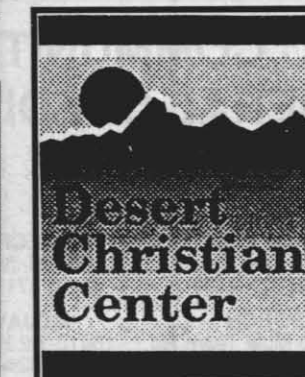
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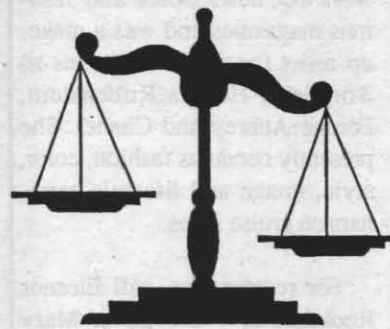


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General counsel celebrates 50th

Washington (NNS) -- One of America's largest law firms celebrates its 50th birthday this year. The Navy's Office of the General Counsel functions like a private law firm with 13 major branch offices and 113 field offices providing legal advice on over \$100 billion of business transactions a year.



This "law firm" is composed entirely of civilian attorneys, unlike the Air Force and Army which rely on uniformed lawyers for legal advice. Although the Navy had experimented with both civilian and military attorneys since 1864, it was only after the outbreak of World War II that the Navy determined it needed a

cadre of experienced civilian commercial attorneys to facilitate mobilization.

With an increase in Navy contracts, James Forrestal, as Under Secretary of the Navy, sought and obtained legislative authority for a separate procurement legal division in 1941. The philosophy underlying the creation of the division (later, Office of the General Counsel), was that it conduct business in an atmosphere of informality with the client and the attorney jointly exploring problems.

The office was modeled after a typical large civilian law firm, allowing attorneys to call upon more experienced attorneys for advice and guidance, to use the advantages of teamwork, and to follow problems through to resolution.

Attorneys today continue to work side-by-side with procurement personnel at all stages of Navy acquisitions, helping the Navy select alternatives that make good business sense while remaining within the bounds of the law.

NWC offers day-long UNIX training class

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Graduates:

NWC salutes academic program results

Forty-five Naval Weapons Center employees who graduated from Center-sponsored academic programs this past year were honored last week during the 10th Annual Graduation Luncheon. The luncheon signified the end of one challenge to the graduates and the start of another.

"In today's world, the only constant is change," noted the guest speaker, Capt. Douglas W. Cook, NWC Commander, as he addressed the graduates. "In the midst of change, there is a continual need for training and education to meet the new challenges. To the graduates being honored today, I would like to point out that the very fact you have graduated tells me you have changed. Not only have you increased your knowledge in a specific field, you have sharpened your communication and analytical skills. Your general outlook on life and attitudes have probably changed, too. Congratulations. You have changed for the better."

No matter where Center employees may be in regard to their professional and education development, noted Capt. Cook, there are training and educational programs on-Center to take them further. Bill Porter, NWC's Technical Director, also praised the graduates. "NWC needs individuals like you graduates here today -- people who are willing to devote their time and effort increasing their knowledge and skills, and by so doing, strengthening their contributions to the Center. For the Center to stay on the leading edge of technology, we need employees who desire to grow, achieve and contribute. Graduates are the Center's most valuable resources being developed. Don't stop learning. Use current degrees as a stepping stone in quest for additional skills."

Representatives of each of the Center's academic programs then presented their graduates. Dr. A.F. Ratcliffe, representing Cal-State University, Northridge noted CSUN had six NWC employees who earned Master of Science in Engineering Degrees during the past year. Three of the students majored in electrical engineering -- Frank Gonseth, Gerald Stites and Mark Clasen -- while the other three, Mark Lambert, Ross Mehlhose and Les Bowman, majored in mechanical engineering.

Dr. Orlando Madrigal, the Cal-State University, Chico representative, recognized David Fors, Margie Shultz and Steven Ridings as having received Master of Science Degrees in Computer Science.

The Cal-State University, Bakersfield representative, Dr. Michael Carrell, stated he was proud of his school's business programs. "We are the second smallest school in the nation to have an accredited program," he said. "I credit our success at NWC with our recent award of an MBA Program at Edwards."

Seventeen Center employees are recent graduates from CSUB. Debra Campbell, Jeanne Johnson, Tammy Furnish, William Lalor, Caren Lemonnier, Dorene Morgan, Alan Sorensen and CTO1 Larry Starchman received Bachelor of Science Degrees in Business Administration. Cameron Bruce, Patricia Chappelle, Kymberley Noh, Donna Smiley-Auborn, Darrin Boston, Randall Kirkendoll, Geoffrey Kryder, Lt. Gary Shipley and Mary Siller received Master of Science Degrees in Administration.

Ron Derr, head of NWC's Long Term Training Program (LTT) and head of the Research Department, explained the NWC LTT Program has been in service since 1951. "Established as a way to help provide training for critical skills needed on-Center, there have been more than 400 people who have gone through this program," Derr said.

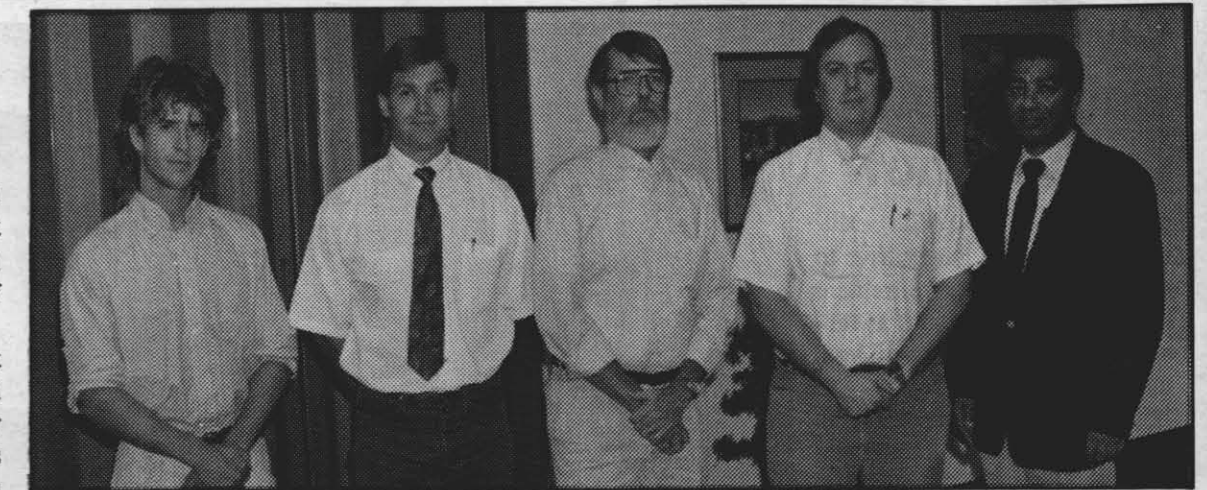
The nine Center employees who recently graduated from the program are Timothy Boyles, Alita Gilchrist, Brent Hedman, Janet Pande, Gregory Rash, Joyce Sherman, Ruth Stoner, Kevin Switzer and Bryan Smith.

Pat Baczkiwicz, the Center's professional recruitment coordinator, noted the Cooperative Education (Co-op) Program grew from 40 to 106 people during the past year.

Employees who recently finished the program's educational studies are Sena Dare, Richard Perrine, Mary Smith, Dabra Martin, Donna Martin and Carrie Trotman, who graduated from Cerro Coso Community College; Kevin Wilkins, who graduated from Brigham Young University; and Greg Glen, Robert Lindeman and Scott Roby, who completed their studies from California State University, Chico.

All of you serve as role models to others, noted Capt. Cook.

See additional photos on Page 20.



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Washington Scene

'Amazing Grace' Hopper wins new honors

Washington (NNS) -- RAdm. Grace Murray Hopper (USNR ret.) was one of 18 recipients of the 1991 National Medal of Technology, presented by President George Bush on Sept. 16.

Just as Adm. Hyman Rickover is considered the "father" of the modern nuclear Navy, RAdm. Hopper is considered the "mother" of Navy data automation. Sometimes called "Amazing Grace," RAdm. Hopper recorded successful careers in academia, business and the U.S. Navy, while making computer history.

The 84-year-old admiral is the first woman to receive America's highest technology award as an individual, recognizing her as a computer pioneer who spent a half century helping keep Ameri-

ca on the leading edge of high technology.

Jill S. Baylor, the president of the Society of Women Engineers who nominated the admiral, accepted the award on her behalf in a rose garden ceremony. Though RAdm. Hopper was unable to attend the ceremony, her sister, Mary Westcote of Glen Ridge, N.J., was able to witness the event.

President Bush referred to the recipients as "men and women whose quantum leaps of learning compress generations of knowledge within a single lifetime of achievement."

"Some of you are not only experts in your field, you've invented your field," President Bush said. "Your quests and questions

produced new disciplines, new knowledge, new ways of looking at our world."

Though Baylor noted she had not ever personally met RAdm. Hopper, she "pulled out all the stops" in submitting the admiral's nomination based on research of Hopper's accomplishments. "I realized that if Grace Hopper were nominated," Baylor said, "there was no doubt she would be selected."

The award has been presented annually since 1985 and reflects contributions to the well-being of the U.S.

"If you ask me what accomplishment I'm most proud of," RAdm. Hopper noted, "the answer would be all of the young people I've trained over the years;

that's more important than writing the first compiler."

Her academic career underlines her commitment to youth and education. After receiving a Ph.D. in mathematics from Yale, RAdm. Hopper began her professional life as a math teacher at Vassar. Later she worked as a top scientist at Sperry Corporation and ultimately as a consultant to Digital Equipment Corp.

But her employer of choice was always the Navy, which she joined in 1943 at the height of World War II. Assigned as a lieutenant to the Bureau of Ordnance Computation Project at Harvard University, Hopper was thrust into the world of computing as a programmer on the first large scale digital computer, the Mark

I. Mustered out in 1946, Hopper continued to work on Mark II and III Navy computers and stayed on as an active duty reservist.

In 1949, she also worked as a senior mathematician at Eckert-mauchly Computer Corporation in Philadelphia and helped program the UNIVAC I, the first commercial large-scale electronic computer.

Although retired from the Naval Reserve in 1966, RAdm. Hopper was recalled within a year to full-time active duty and steadily advanced to flag rank. She retired permanently in 1986 as the Navy's oldest active duty commissioned officer in a ceremony aboard the service's oldest commission warship, the USS Constitution.

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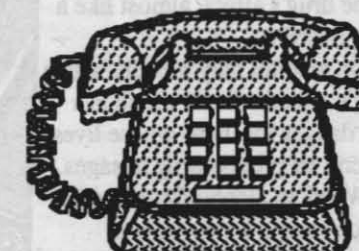
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DoD changes voluntary insurance plan for military

WASHINGTON (NNS)-- Changes were recently announced by the Department of Defense (DoD) for the Uniformed Services Voluntary Insurance Plan, or USVIP. This is a DoD-sponsored commercial

health insurance policy available for purchase by separating service members and eligible dependents. All active duty members, including reservists ordered to active duty for more than 30 days, have up to 30 days after

they lose their eligibility for medical benefits to purchase coverage for themselves and their families.

More information, USVIP brochures and rate sheets are available at Personnel Support Detachments.

Free technical seminars offered in Seafarer Club on October 23

Free technical seminars will be offered and over 20 leading-edge companies will demonstrate state-of-the-art computer technology at the Federal Computer Conference at the Seafarer Club on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Imaging and Optical Tech-

nologies, the first seminar, is from 9 to 11 a.m., while the second seminar, CALS, is from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Demonstrations will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the Federal Computer Conference and is the first in a series of 12

free educational seminars hosted by various Department of Defense and other federal facilities in the Western United States.

For more information, please contact Patricia Connell at NWC ext. 2651 or Mimi Howard at (714) 253-4673.

DoD sets improved health goals for next century

WASHINGTON (AFIS)-- United States officials are not pleased with the general health of the nation. According to a recent report, 26 percent of Americans are obese, only seven percent of pregnant American women take the right amount of vitamins necessary for a healthy baby, reported cases of measles are rising steadily, and sexually transmitted diseases are rising at alarming rates.

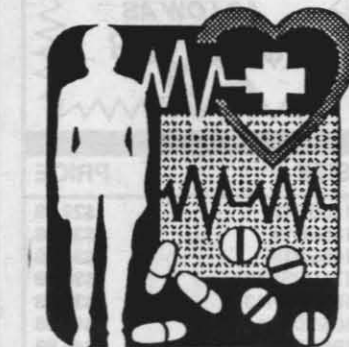
The Department of Defense is participating in an ambitious national health objectives program for which many goals have been set for the Year 2000. Some of the goals include reducing the obesity rate to 20 percent for Americans age 20 or older and to 15 percent for teen-agers; raise the rate of proper pre-natal care to 50 percent; eliminate cases of measles; and once again see a decline in the sexually transmitted diseases rate.

The "user's manual" for the program is *Healthy People 2000*,

a telephone-book-sized report on what Americans need to do to improve their health. The report includes extensive input from DoD, other national, state and local health officials; and organizations ranging from the American Heart Association to community groups.

"We chose 181 of the objectives as appropriate to the Department of Defense," Navy said Dr. (Cdr.) Kenneth A. St. Andrea, a senior policy analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. "Many of the objectives we have already been working on, such as encouraging people to stop smoking or not begin, occupational safety efforts and so forth." In many health areas, he noted, the

military population already does better than the national guidelines -- weight standards and regular fitness testing ensure that.



Healthy People 2000 affects other DoD assistant secretariats besides health affairs. For example, substance abuse treatment programs fall under force management and personnel; monitor-

ing the environment and use of toxic chemicals falls under production and logistics.

"When we think of health promotion, we think about exercise and smoking cessation, things the individual can do. But health promotion has to be looked at from a larger perspective. For example, having laws requiring seat belt use and educating people about that are also parts of the picture," St. Andrea explained.

Local emphasis is a big part of DoD's proposed coordinated care program, St. Andrea noted. Military medical facility commanders are presumed to know their community's medical problems best and decide what resources are needed and how to get them.

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Bring your swimsuits and get in the last swim of the season at the JP Bash/Swim Party Oct. 4 starting at 4:30 p.m. at 419 S. Margola. You provide your favorite item for the grill, and we will provide the soft drinks. Snack foods and music tapes will also be appreciated. For directions contact Jason Dunsmoor at NWC ext. 6605 or Bettie Moody at NWC ext. 1707.

The Chili Cook-off Fund Raiser is set to start at 11:00 a.m. Oct. 9 in Michelson Lab. Spice it up by donating a pot of chili or to get more information call Ted Bush at NWC ext. 3383.

If you are interested in hiking or camping, contact Ted Bush about upcoming trips.

The JP Welcome Aboard Luncheon will be held at the Seafarer Club Oct. 24 at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Interested in joining the JP Welcome Committee? Call Patti Newberry at NWC ext. 6651.

New book due on WW II

Almost 50 years have passed since Japanese dive bombers dropped down out of the morning sun over Honolulu. As a pivotal experience for Americans, World War II has not been -- nor can be -- forgotten.

Steel Ships and Iron Men: A Tribute to World War II Fighting Ships and the Men Who Served on Them, by Bruce Roberts and Ray Jones, offers a personal way to remember World War II and those who fought it.

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Mixing alcohol and drugs a health hazard

Most people know that it's dangerous to drink alcohol while taking certain medications. The effects of even one drink in some cases can be highly unpredictable, sometimes even deadly. An alcohol and drug combination could cause a significant increase in the drug's effect, almost like a drug overdose.

Or, alcohol may meddle with a drug's effectiveness, which is a real danger for those whose lives depend on precise drug dosages.

When an alcohol/drug combination causes a step-up in a drug's effects, one reason may be that the liver, the body's cleaning system for getting rid of chemicals, cannot efficiently handle both the drug and alcohol. As a result, the cleaning system slows down, and both the drug and alcohol remain in the body, accumulating to potentially toxic levels.

On the other hand, when mixing drugs with alcohol interferes with the effectiveness of the drug, it's often because a person's liver system (usually as a result of chronic drinking) has learned to work faster than normal to clear the body of alcohol. So, when that person takes a drug, the liver system continues to work in over-drive and removes the drug from the body of alcohol. So, when that person takes a drug, the liver system continues to work in over-drive and removes the drug from the body too quickly. The drug then doesn't have enough time to do its job.

The following table shows the many kinds of reactions that can occur from mixing alcohol with commonly used medications. These reactions can vary, depending upon the individual sensitivity to a drug, the chemistry and quantity of the drug, and even the sequence in which a drug and alcohol are taken, says Charles S. Liever, M.D., director of the Mt. Sinai National Alcohol Research Center at the Bronx VA Hospital in New York.

If you have further questions about any of the drugs listed, or if

you're unsure about a medication not listed, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Drugs that don't mix with alcohol



Pain Killers

Acetaminophen/Tylenol; Aspirin; Propoxyphene/Darvon -- liver disorders may develop in chronic drinkers; stomach irritation; excessive sedation; depressed respiration.

Tranquilizers

Barbiturates/Amytal; Diazepam/Valium -- impairs breathing function; can be fatal; excessive sedation; reduced driving and machine-operating skills. Chlorpromazine/Thorazine -- excessive sedation; reduced driving and machine-operating skills; blurred vision.

Meprobamate/Miltown; Equanil -- excessive sedations; serious depression of vital brain functions.

Antidepressants

Amiripityline/Elavil, Endep; Monoamine-Oxidase (MAO) Inhibitors/Marplan, Nardil -- greatly increases depressant effect of alcohol; Chianti, vermouth and pasteurized beer can cause excessively high blood pressure; can be fatal.

Cold, Allergy Remedies

Diphenhydramine/Benadryl; Chlorpheniramine/Chlor-Trimeton -- increased sedation; decreases driving and machine-operating skills.

Anti-Infectives

Griseofulvin/Fulvicin, Griseofulvin; Metronidazole/Flagyl -- intense flushing; severe headache; nausea; vomiting; heart palpitations; chest pain.

Sleep Aids

Chloral Hydrate/Noctec -- excessive sedation can be fatal; irregular heartbeat; flushing. Glutethimide/Doriden -- excessive sedation; reduced driving and machine-operating skills.

Cardiovascular Drugs

Antihypertensives/Apresoline, Diuril -- exaggerates blood pressure-lowering effect; dizziness upon rising.

Diuretics/Aldactone -- exaggerates blood pressure-lowering effect; dizziness upon rising.

Nitroglycerin/Nitro-Bid -- severe crease in blood pressure; intense flushing; headache; dizziness upon rising.

Warfarin/Coumadin -- increased anti-blood-clotting effect, easy bruising.

Diabetes Medications

Insulin (injection); Sulfonureas (oral)/Tolinase -- excessively low blood sugar; nausea; flushing.

Miscellaneous

Disulfiram/Antabuse -- intense

flushing; severe headache, vomiting; heart palpitations; may result in death.

Methotrexate -- increased risk of liver disorders.

Phenytoin/Dilantin -- reduces

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Prednisone/Deltasone -- stomach irritation.

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Vets gain break in seeking federal jobs

Qualified veterans can enter federal jobs up to GS-11, WG-11 or equivalents under rules revised earlier this year.

The Veterans Readjustment Appointment authority changed March 23, according to the Office of Personnel Management. Formerly, vets could be appointed to jobs no higher than GS-9 or the equivalent, a Department of Veterans Affairs spokeswoman said.

The appointment authority is a special hiring program that allows veterans to get federal jobs without having to take an examination or to compete with non-veterans. Appointees who

successfully complete an initial two-year probationary period earn a permanent civil service appointment.

The new law also drops the limit on the amount of education an applicant can have.

The program was created for Vietnam-era and disabled veterans, but now applies to post-Viet-

nam-era veterans as well. The program's rationale is that the United States is obliged to assist veterans in readjusting to civilian life because by virtue of their military service, vets lost career and educational opportunities, OPM materials state.

Vietnam-era veterans who served more than 180 days of

active duty, any part of which occurred between Aug. 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, are eligible if they have other than a dishonorable discharge and if they have either a service-connected disability or a campaign badge such as the Vietnam Service Medal. Eligibility time limit is 10 years after the vet's last discharge or

Dec. 31, 1993, whichever is later.

Post-Vietnam-era veterans -- those who first became service members after May 7, 1975 -- may apply if they served more than 180 days of active duty and have other than a dishonorable discharge. Time limit is 10 years after the last discharge or Dec. 17, 1999, whichever is later.

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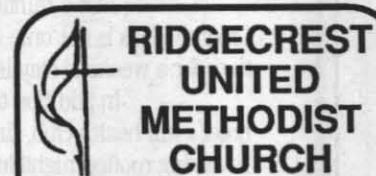
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