

Laurel-Hardy Film To Be Shown by Youth Center on March 26

The China Lake Youth Center will sponsor a movie matinee on Wednesday, March 26, at 1 p.m. at the Center Theater. Scheduled to be shown is "The Further Perils of Laurel and Hardy," a collection of films that dates back to the 1920s and shows the two comedians at their best. Selected sketches in the film include "Flying Elephants," "Do Detectives Think?" "The Unkissed Man," "Habeas Corpus," "That's My Wife," and "Early to Bed."

Admission will be 25 cents for Youth Center members and 50 cents for non-members. Adults are encouraged to attend. Carol Hape, manager of the Youth Center, noted that all those who want to attend need not be residents of the Naval Weapons Center. "Under our new membership policy, members are not required to live at NWC. Therefore, admission to Youth Center matinees will follow the same format," she said.

Demonstration Set By Watercolor Artist

Rex Brandt, internationally known watercolor artist, will give a demonstration on Monday night at the monthly meeting of the Desert Art League.

The get together will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Brandt, a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, has taught at many universities and colleges, as well as in his own summer school of painting, located at Corona del Mar.

He has won more than 100 major prizes in competition, including the bronze medal of the American Watercolor Society. Brandt's work and articles written about him have appeared in the following magazines: Fortune, Life, American Artist and Progressive Architecture.



'BEST OF SHOW' AWARDS — The three women pictured above are shown with their ceramic works of art that won them "best of show" trophies during the Desert Ceramic Club's 29th annual show, held last Sunday and Monday at the Community Center. In the photo at left are Dixie Pace (l.) and Elna Thompson, whose work was voted "best of show" by the public and club members, respectively. The photo at right shows Inez Withington with her cherub figurine, voted best work by a newcomer in the club. Judges for the event — all ceramic teachers — were Madge Perry and Jean Nelson of Ridgecrest, and Christine Meyers, of Ft. Hueneme. Gary Flagg, president of the club, stated that more than 350 persons attended the two day event. Virginia Mills was general chairman for the show. —Photos by Ron Allen

HAPPENINGS AROUND NWC

A full slate of activities is being planned at the NWC Youth Center during the Easter Week vacation that begins on Monday.

Tournaments in pool, ping pong, chess and air hockey will be on the agenda. Sign-ups will be held today and Monday, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Youth Center. All tournaments will begin on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

The Youth Center will open at 9 a.m. Monday, but will not open until noon during the remainder of the week.

Carol Hape, manager, stated that only Youth Center members may participate in the planned activities. Memberships are now being sold for \$2 and will be good until the beginning of the next Fiscal Year on July 1.

For more information, contact Mrs. Hape by calling NWC ext. 2909.

Dance Slated at COM

The Good Times band will play for a dance tonight at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Prior to the dance, the seafood buffet special will be served in the dining room. The price is \$8.50 per person.

Next Wednesday, the special of the dining room will be sirlin tips over buttered noodles.

Drake Dierkhising, manager of the COM, invites all members to help support the club by coming out to participate in these special activities.

EEO Workshop Planned

"Plays for Living of Southern California," a Pacific Palisades based group, will present two performances of "The Man Nobody Saw," an Equal Employment Opportunities workshop, on April 8.

The Sidewinder Rm. of the Community Center will be the setting for the workshop, which is centered around a 50-min. dramatization of a play based on racial problems and tensions.

The play brings out the unseen complications of race relations. Discussion group sessions that will follow the presentation will focus on the work and community situation at NWC. This program is intended for supervisors at all levels.

Deadline for enrollment is March 29. All those who wish to attend should submit a NWC enrollment form to Code 654 via proper department channels.

Radiologist To Talk At Meeting of IWW Nurses Club Monday

A talk by Dr. Hilliard Green, radiologist at the Ridgecrest Community Hospital, will highlight the next meeting of the Indian Wells Valley Nurses Club.

The meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the recreation room of the local hospital, is open to all registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses, student vocational nurses and other interested persons.

Dr. Green will discuss modern concepts in radiology, arteriograms and nuclear medicine.

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MOVIE RATINGS
The objective of the ratings is to inform parents about the suitability of movie content for viewing by their children.

- (G) - ALL AGES ADMITTED
General Audiences
- (PG) - ALL AGES ADMITTED
Parental Guidance Suggested
- (R) - RESTRICTED
Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian
- CS - Cinemascope
- STD - Standard Movie Screen
- Regular starting time—7:30 p.m.
- Matinee—1 p.m.

FRI. 21 MARCH

"GORDON'S WAR" (100 Min.)
Paul Winfield, Carl Lee
(Suspense Drama) Angered at his wife's death from an overdose of heroin, a black ex-Green Beret declares war on the Harlem drug trade. (R)

SAT. 22 MARCH

"WAR GODDESS" (90 Min.)
Alena Johnston, Sabine Sun
(Action Drama) Competition to determine the tribal ruler places Alena Johnston at the helm and Sabine Sun as her bitter rival. The all-female, man-hating tribe turns to the "odious duty" of mating with Greek soldiers. The rakish King Theseus (Angelo Infanti), father of Johnston's son, who is abandoned to die in the Amazon tradition. Sun plots Johnston's murder, but her hatred turns to love. Infanti informs his Amazon lover that their son was rescued soon after he was abandoned to die. (R)

SUN. 23 MARCH

"LAW AND DISORDER" (99 Min.)
Carroll O'Connor, Ernest Borgnine
(Crime Drama) Borgnine, a hairdresser and O'Connor, a cab driver, are neighbors in a lower middle-class New York high rise. Alarmed by the high amount of crime and theft in the neighborhood, the two organize a volunteer police auxiliary force. (R)

MON. 24 MARCH

"GODSPELL" (102 Min.)
Victor Garber, Katie Hanley
(Musical) The Gospel according to St. Matthew is the basis for this film, with modern New York City for its setting. (G)

TUES. 25 MARCH

"MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS" (128 Min.)
Albert Finney, Lauren Bacall
(Mystery Drama) On the snow-bound Orient Express, an American millionaire (Richard Widmark) is murdered and all of the passengers become suspects. The inspector finds that all passengers had a grudge against the millionaire. (PG)

WED. 26 MARCH

"THE BISCUIT EATER" (100 Min.)
Earl Holliman, Patricia Crowley
(Comedy Drama) Set in the South in the 1940s two boys, one black and one white, form a heartwarming relationship to turn a disobedient retriever, who's good for nothing but "eating biscuits," into a champion bird dog. (G)

THURS. 27 MARCH

"HICKEY AND BOGGS" (111 Min.)
Bill Cosby, Robert Culp
(Suspense) Two down and out private detectives, one a homosexual with a drinking problem, are hired to find a man involved in a \$400,000 bank robbery. (PG)

FRI. 28 MARCH

"INVASION OF THE BEE GIRLS" (87 Min.)
William Smith, Anita Ford
(Action Drama) Ordinary women are transformed into sensual creatures by the stings of millions of bees which transmit life-and-death giving secrets to their love-hungry victims. (R)

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CPO Club Books Dance Trio

The Bobbie Vegas dance trio from Brea, Calif., will play tonight at the Chief Petty Officers' Club, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Prior to the dance, prime rib will be the specialty in the dining room. George Barnard, manager of the CPO Club, invites all members and their guests to join in the festivities.

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Navy's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year '76 Defended

Secretary of the Navy J. William Middendorf II, and Chief of Naval Operations Admiral James L. Holloway III, testifying recently before the Senate Armed Services Committee, said that the Navy's proposed \$31 billion FY76 budget is a minimum requirement to meet current and future needs.

The SecNav noted that a strong, modern Fleet is needed to protect sea lanes on which 68 of 71 strategic raw materials and metals and 35 percent of U.S. oil is carried.

To offset the rapid modernization program of the Soviet Navy, SecNav Middendorf called for increased long term shipbuilding programs. In order to recruit and retain high quality Navy people for the modern Fleet, he also proposed a nuclear career incentive pay system for officers, maximum selective re-enlistment bonus awards and continued proficiency pay for nuclear trained enlisted people. In addition,

he proposed special sea pay legislation for enlisted Navy people.

The SecNav said he will put greater reliance on Navy Reserve Forces (NRF) capabilities in FY76 with the addition of eight patrol gunboats, three amphibious ships and one helicopter combat support squadron. The NRF will be streamlined by the reduction of nine construction battalion units, five destroyers, nine coastal minesweepers and a phase-out of the carrier-based S-2E reserve Anti-Submarine Warfare squadrons.

New Program To Be Tested
SecNav Middendorf indicated that a new program in which five active destroyers will be manned on an 80 percent active duty and 20 percent reserve basis will be tested during FY76 and FY77. He further noted that readiness has been hampered by the backlog in ship overhaul and aircraft rework schedules affecting 20 percent of the

Fleet's aircraft and 13 per cent of its active and reserve ships.

Also cited by the SecNav was the growing problem of inflation in the shipbuilding programs which requires an additional \$2.27 billion to cover funding deficiencies in the FY75 and prior years programs.

The FY76 budget includes funds for continuance of the Trident and Los Angeles Class Submarines, Virginia Class Surface Combatants, Guided Missile Frigates, Patrol Hydrofoil Missile Ships and a number of support ships.

Almost \$3.1 billion is requested to procure 338 aircraft in FY76 and to update and extend the service life of many other aircraft. SecNav Middendorf said that active duty manpower would be reduced in FY76 by 7,500 and reserve forces receiving drill pay by 18,000. He added that recruiting and retention programs would focus on high quality men and women and requested

support of programs that will enhance the attractiveness of a military career.

In later testimony, Admiral Holloway emphasized the need to maintain the integrity of our sea lanes, citing the existence of defense treaties with 43 foreign nations, 41 of which are overseas. He said that with reduction to 4.0 active ships by the end of FY76, the Navy will have to be more flexible in the use of multi-purpose ships, increase efficiency of all ships, and give surface combatants a larger share of the sea control mission.

600 Modern Ships Required
He stated that an active Fleet of 600 modern ships is required and that a shipbuilding program averaging at least 30 ships per year is needed to attain a Fleet that size. The modern Fleet, the CNO added, should include a careful balance between high performance expensive ships and the less expensive ones that can be procured in (Continued on Page 3)



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Work Begins of Installing New TV Booster Station Equipment

Work has begun on the changeover of translating equipment at Laurel Mt. to prepare for the first increment of new TV booster equipment that will meet Federal Communications Commission regulations. Last year, members of the China Lake Community Council's board of directors, operators of the booster stations, were informed by the FCC that the equipment in use atop the two transmitting sites is not up to standards. A fund drive was begun in December that has raised a total of \$84,190 to date.

The money is on deposit in the NWC Federal Credit Union and is earning \$421 per month in interest while waiting for the Community Council's TV-FM Committee to begin the changeover.

This past week, new UHF-TV transmitting antennas (purchased for \$3,786) arrived and are being installed on a mounting frame at the Laurel Mt. site.

Time Schedule Important
"The time schedule is an important part of the overall picture, now that we're beginning to see the fruits of our fund raising efforts," said Don Stanton, chairman of the TV-FM Committee.

Stanton also said that four manufacturers of TV translators have agreed to send one translator each for evaluation locally. These translators will be put on the air as soon as they arrive — sometime during the first week in April.

At the end of a 30-day trial period, Stanton and his fellow committee members will select the manufacturer whose equipment best suits the needs and amount of funds available for the work that is to be done. They will then place an order for the translators, which will take approximately 30 to 45 days to arrive.

Comparisons To Be Made
Installation will begin immediately of the four trial UHF translators that will broadcast from Laurel Mt. All local residents who have UHF antennas may tune in to see for themselves which of the channels is "coming in" best.

Channel 2 will be broadcast over UHF Channel 57, Channel 4 will be translated to Channel 59, while Channel 5 is earmarked for broadcasting over Channel 61. The final channel to be translated — using the trial equipment — is Channel 7, which will be received here on UHF Channel 63.

Information from valley residents concerning sound and picture quality of these

channels will be greatly appreciated, Stanton stated.

Stanton noted that enough money has probably been collected to replace the seven VHF channels now being translated in the valley. These are Channels 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13. "I think we will probably be able to replace all of them with the money we have," he said.

"However, we will have to purchase an UHF antenna for installation at 'B' Mt., FM antennas, plus FM and VHF translators, and we're not sure what that's going to cost," Stanton continued.

"We will buy UHF channels with the money — if any — that we have left," he concluded.

Indian Wells Valley residents who have not yet contributed to the TV Booster fund drive are asked to send a check or money order, made payable to the China Lake Community Council, to P.O. Box 5443, China Lake, CA 93555.

Effort To Reduce Energy Usage Rate At NWC Continues

The monthly report on the continuing effort to reduce the Naval Weapons Center's overall energy consumption rate was released this week by Richard Malone, NWC's Energy Conservation Officer.

In comparing the energy consumption rate for February 1975 with the same month during the base year (1973), Malone found that:

Electrical power usage was down by 22.2 per cent, while propane gas consumption increased by 24.2 per cent.

In addition, the use of natural gas for other than steam generation purposes dropped by 6 per cent, and there was a reduction of 20.1 per cent in the amount of natural gas used to generate steam.

However, because natural gas is supplied to NWC on an interruptible basis, it was again necessary to switch from natural gas to fuel oil in the boiler plants. This resulted in an increase of 119.2 per cent in the use of fuel oil during February 1975, when compared to February 1973.

Also because the average temperature this past February was lower than for the same period two years ago, there was a 5.2 per cent increase in the total amount of steam generation.

Additional Guidelines Governing Operation of CHAMPUS Outlined

Additional guidelines governing the operation of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) went into effect last week.

Under the changes in the CHAMPUS basic program, coverage no longer will be

provided for perceptual and visual training or for air ambulance service, unless a physician certifies that such service was necessary to preserve life or limb. Other changes include the following:

(1) Adjunctive dental care is defined and restricted to those instances in which clinical evidence establishes that an oral disease or infection is significantly complicating a medical or surgical condition other than one involving the teeth and their supporting structures. Dental services will be limited to those necessary to eliminate the oral disease or infection. This does not include dental care necessitated by trauma which does not meet the above guidelines.

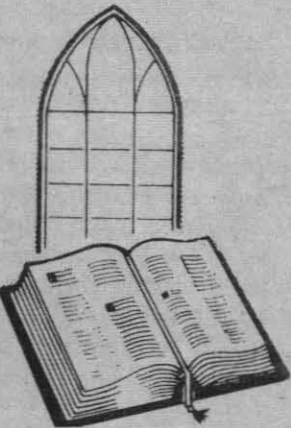
(2) All dental care adjunctive to pregnancy when provided on an outpatient basis will be cost-shared under outpatient cost-sharing rules.

(3) A non-availability statement will be required for all adjunctive dental care (Continued on Page 5)



WINS NATIONAL AWARD — Eric Bengtson, an illustrator in the Technical Information Department, displays the cartoon that won him a first place award in a recent slide graphics competition staged by the Industrial Arts Methods magazine. Bengtson drew the caveman / space-age chuckler while working as an illustrator for Russ Huse in Code 3513. The drawing depicts a cave dweller pointing to a drawing of a new, advanced type of rocket, while a bystander comments, "That's a terrific idea — but do we have the technology for it?" A local product, born in Trona and a 1964 graduate of Trona High School, Bengtson spent two years at Grossmont College in El Cajon studying his craft and has worked in the field since 1968 — first at Kerr McGee in Trona, and then at NWC since 1972. His future plans include one day owning his own commercial art studio.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Following is the schedule for Catholic and Protestant services during Holy Week, beginning tomorrow and ending on Easter Sunday, March 30.

PROTESTANT CONGREGATION

Palm Sunday, March — Service at 10:15 a.m.
Maundy Thursday, March 27 — Communion service, 7 p.m.
Good Friday, March 28 — Service, 4:45 p.m. Laymen will speak on the seven last words of Christ.
Easter Sunday, March 30 — Service at 10:15 a.m.

CATHOLIC CONGREGATION

Palm Sunday, March 23 — Regular Mass schedule.
Holy Thursday, March 27 — Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5 p.m.
Good Friday, March 28 — Celebration of the Lord's Passion, noon.
Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.
Easter Sunday, March 30 — Sunrise Service, 7 a.m.
Mass, 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Confessions

March 22 — 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., and 6 to 7 p.m.
March 23 — 8 to 8:25 a.m., and 3 to 4 p.m.
March 26 — 3 to 5 p.m., and 8 to 9:30 p.m.
March 27 — 10 a.m. to noon.



Jewish Passover Fete To Begin Wed.

The most important event in Jewish history — the liberation and exodus of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage — will be celebrated in the Indian Wells Valley beginning on Wednesday evening, March 26. The local Jewish community will begin the Passover Festival — as it is called — with a home feast known as the Seder. This will be followed on Thursday evening by a community Seder. The central theme of these feasts will be the retelling of the exodus story.

Even though the events took place over 3,400 years ago, the family group retells the story as if they had personally been freed from Egypt. Thus, the festival takes on a greater meaning of freedom and liberty — the beginning of religious identity.

The community Seder, to be conducted by Gary Greenebaum, a student Rabbi who

serves the local congregation, will be held in the East Wing of the All Faith Chapel on Thursday, beginning at 6 p.m.

The Seder meal generally consists of a Paschal lamb (a shank bone), bitter herbs, unleavened matzot bread, and wine. A glass of wine is always reserved at the table for the prophet Elijah.

The term "Passover" is derived from the time God determined to slay the first born of each Egyptian family. So that the "Angel of Death" might pass over houses containing Jewish families, the Lord instructed Moses to tell his people to slay a yearling lamb and to mark the doorways of their homes with the lamb's blood.

The Seder is the oldest continuously observed religious ritual in the world, and has been celebrated without interruption since the time of the exodus.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Unless otherwise specified in the ad, applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current NWC employees and should be filed with the person named in the ad. All others desiring employment with the Naval Weapons Center may contact the Employment-Wage and Classification Division, Code 652, Ext. 2049. Ads will run for one week and will close at 4:30 p.m. on the Friday following their appearance in this column, unless a later date is specified in the ad. Employees whose work history has not been brought up to date within the last six months are encouraged to file a Form 171 or 172 in their personnel jacket. Information concerning the Merit Promotion Program and the evaluation methods used in these promotional opportunities may be obtained from your Personnel Management Advisor (Code 654 or 657). Advertising positions in the Promotional Opportunities column does not preclude the use of alternate recruiting sources in filling these positions. As part of the rating process a supervisory appraisal will be sent to the current supervisor and the most recent previous supervisor of those applicants rated as basically qualified. The Naval Weapons Center is an equal opportunity employer and selection shall be made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason. The minimum qualification requirements for all GS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118, while those for all WL, WG, and WS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118C.

Supervisory Electronics Engineer, GS-855-13 or 14, P.D. 7533036, Code 3342 — This position is that of head, Fuze Project Branch II in the Fuze Department. The branch function is the development and optimization of fuze systems, particularly in the area of microwave proximity fuze systems for guided missiles of the air launched category. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to deal effectively with management personnel at NWC, other agencies, and the systems commands. Extensive knowledge to manage and coordinate the efforts of scientists and engineers. Classification of this position at the GS-14 level is dependent upon the incumbent's qualifications.

Supervisory Mathematician, GS-1520-13, P.D. No. 7533036, Code 3322 — This position is that of the head, Systems Analysis Branch I of the Fuze Department. The main branch function is the performance of analyses of weapon systems to determine optimum fuze and warhead characteristics and to enhance weapons system effectiveness. As branch head, the incumbent participates in conceptualizing, planning, and directing the course of the various missile systems mathematical analyses undertaken by the branch. The incumbent must be able to mathematically formulate fuze problems so that large-scale, high speed digital computers can be used. As such the incumbent must be a specialist in mathematical simulation methods. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to supervise at the branch level. Ability to design and execute a weapon system analysis program. Extensive knowledge of fuze requirements for missiles and other related ordnance. Ability to deal effectively with management personnel at NWC, other agencies, and the systems commands. Ability to mathematically model physical phenomena on large scale, high speed computers.

File applications for the above with June Adams, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2371.
Engineering Technician, GS-802-8, PD No. 755005, Code 5351 — Will assist a photographer (scientific and technical) in producing a variety of highly precise specialized products using special photographic and associated equipment. Functions will include microphotograph, photosensitive metal production and the calibration and maintenance of equipment. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in doing precision type work. Working knowledge of photographic processes and applications. Knowledge of photo-optics and math.

File applications for the above with Elizabeth Sodergren, Rm. 206, Bldg. 34, Ph. 2474.

Job Opportunities

Cook, NA-7404-5, (\$2.64 ph), Commissioned Officers Mess (Open) — This is not a Civil Service job. Prepares, seasons and cooks soups, meats, vegetables, desserts and other food. Adjusts thermostat controls to regulate temperature of ovens, broilers, grills and steam kettles. Carves meats.

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Protestants Slate 2 Special Services During Holy Week

Two special services have been planned by the Protestant Congregation of the All Faith Chapel during Holy Week, which begins on Monday.

The first will be held on Thursday, March 27, when the Protestant choir will present John Stainer's "Crucifixion." This service will begin at 7 p.m.

This well-known cantata opens in the Garden of Gethsemane and tells of the arrest, trial, procession to Calvary and crucifixion of Jesus. One of the best known anthems in sacred music, "God So Loved the World," is a part of this musical work.

The choir is under the direction of Dovie Leonard and Ray Blume is the organ accompanist. Soloists will be Sam Haun, John Strommen, Robert B. Leonard, Ron Hise, Capt. R.E. Osman, NWC Chaplain, Lcdr. Wayne Harper, the NAF Chaplain, and Robert A. Leonard.

The service will close with Tenebrae, an order of Holy Communion. This service originated in the 4th Century and involves the extinguishing of candles as a reminder of the darkness that covered the earth following the passion and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The word Tenebrae means "darkness."

The second Holy Week service is scheduled on Good Friday, beginning at 4:45 p.m. This service will center on the last words spoken by Christ while on the cross. Seven laymen from the congregation will each speak about one of the words, telling what it means to them in this present day. These short talks will be interspersed with hymns and Scripture readings. This is always a very meaningful service in preparation for Easter Sunday.

Both services are open to the public. Free nursery service will be provided in the Chapel nursery across the street from the Center Restaurant.

Half-Price Sale Planned At WACOM Thrift Shop

A half-price sale of the wide variety of items to be found at the WACOM-operated Thrift Shop, 54 S. Lauritsen Ave., will be held next Tuesday and Thursday, March 25 and 27.

The Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Used clothing that is in good condition, books, kitchen utensils and other household goods are among the items Thrift Shop patrons will find on sale.



READY TO ROLL — Safety first is more than a familiar slogan to members of the Edward Hindman family at 44-B Stroop Ave., China Lake. Hindman purchased this two-wheeled cart (complete with safety belt). The cart can be attached to a bicycle that the NWC scientist and his wife, Nancy, use to take young Andy, 2½ years old, and his sister, Kathryn, age 4, or their pet pooch, Sniffles, for a ride. Neither Mr. or Mrs. Hindman get any arguments from Sniffles on the value of having and using seatbelts in all vehicles. According to Sniffles, "it's a doggone good idea." Hindman, a research meteorologist in the NWC Research Department, is a former champion bicycle rider. —Photo by Ron Allen



GIFT WILL HELP BLIND MARINE — Kenneth Ayers (2nd from right), commandant of the High Desert Detachment of the Marine Corps League, this past Sunday turned over a check in the amount of \$1,100 to Blair Burrows, a staff member at Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., in San Rafael, Calif. The money, which represents the proceeds from the fourth annual Inyokern Intercept held on Jan. 25, will be used to enable a blind ex-Marine to receive special instruction with a trained canine companion that will be assigned to him. Interested onlookers are Lt. Col. E. C. Paige, Jr. (at right), NWC's Marine Corps Liaison Officer, and Mrs. Kenneth Ayers. —Photo by Ron Allen

HAIL AND FAREWELL

For the month of March 1975.

NEW ARRIVALS-CIVILIAN
Code 081 — Joseph R. Garrett; Code 25911 — Becky J. Gardner; Code 35501 — Cathryn S. Tozer; Code 3731 — Dale G. Eklund; Code 6521 — Edith L. Stettin; Code 70414 — Thomas A. East; Code 84223 — Alan W. Gillilan.

DEPARTURES-CIVILIAN
Code 0862 — Evelyn M. Peck; Code 2573 — Doris M. Adams; Code 29912 — Harry W. Hagadorn, Jr.; Code 3103 — Kathleen B. Roberts; Code 3122 — Patrick J. Mertz; Code 3546 — Max W. Craig; Code 3723 — Frank R. Pitman; Code 4012 — Melvin H. Scott, Jr.; Code 4024 — Jeanne K. Johnson; Code 4041 — Dianna M. Johnson; Code 4546 — Amy L. Canning; Code 51 — Teresa A. Jackson; Code 5331 — Janice D. Ireland; Code 555 — Robert W. Weakley; Code 5551 — Joseph J. Koons; Code 5552 — Allan G. Barrett; Code 70412 — Ronald W. Harp; Code 70423 — Lowell G. Greene; Code 70431 — Leo A. Mosely; Code 70432 — Edmund W. Meisinger; Code 705 — Gerald R. Ray; Code 70703 — Virginia L. Glenn; Code 70781 — Melo Ivanovich; Code 84213 — Arthur Brady; Code 8822 — Orlita F. Cook.

NAVY ENLISTED

Arrivals: ADJ Gerald A. Henderson, ETN3 Dante E. Amico, HN Robert L. Fifield, AMASA Gerald G. Bowlin, AZ1 Rollen L. Davis, HM3 Thomas J. Hogan, PN2 Samuel C. Thompson, ADJ3 Ashley B. Drinnon, AK1 George E. Wilmont, ADJ1 Stanley A. Dewald, AMEA David C. Scaff, ASEAA Charlie A. Gusser, HA Martin E. Stein, BM2 Michael E. Freiley, ADRAA William M. Rossi, PMSN Karla D. King, ADJAN Dianna D. Bunker, HA Robert E. Dechenne, ADJAA Eduardo G. Pomting, ADJ Eldon G. Stelmisch, MS1 John J. Fitzpatrick, ADJAA Bruce K. White, BM2 Jerry M. Barler, AZ3 Richard A. Lawson.

Departures: MSSN Victor C. Limjoco, ADJ3 Steven M. Grizzle, HM2 Milton R. Borg, Jr., AMSAN Francis J. Youso, FTM1 Roger D. Nickell, AN Richard C. Trith, Jr., AA Furman D. Peters, Jr., ADJ1 Charles T. Malcar, PN3 David Sims, ACC James R. Brown, AA William R. Stanton, MS3 Henry L. Dumo, AN Richard F. Denlinger, AN James R. Greathouse, AA Skip W. Parker, AD3 Rodney P. Patterson, RM1 William G. Swift, ADJ2 Clarence R. Taylor, ADOAN Cary W. Whitman, ASE2 Blake L. Elston, MS1 Augusto C. Tino, FTCS Hollis E. Rickles.

VX-5 Enlisted

Departures: AMS2 G. M. Augustine, AQ1 D. E. Froelich, AMS2 J. A. Rogers, AT2 L. M. Dillard, PN2 A. J. Parcer, ADJ3 B. R. McCargo, AE1 R. B. Nelson, AQ2 G. R. Puckett, RM2 R. L. Elko.

NWC RE-ENLISTMENTS

For the month of February 1975.

VX-5
DMI Donald R. McKee, Drafting — Project Div. (6 yrs.)
NAVAL AIR FACILITY
YNC Raleigh J. Navla, Legal Office, (4 yrs.)
ADJ3 Linda R. Rivara, Maintenance Div., (6 yrs.)
HMC Alan R. Clay, Dispensary, (6 yrs.)
AO2 Alan L. Ekstrom, Security Div., (6 yrs.)
ADCS Frank D. Weaver, Jr., Maintenance Div., (2 yrs.)
ABH2 Lyle K. Quinn, Fuel and Salvage Div., (2 yrs.)

Two Bedroom Normac
Martin, GS3; Pierce, E2; Driggers, E3; Cutsinger, Eq. 1.
Two Bedroom Apartment
Gorham, E3; Stroup, GS2; Leisner, WG10.
Two Bedroom Hill Duplex
Rousch, GS7; Eklund, GS7.
Two Bedroom JOQ
Gamble, GS11; Louderdale, L1; Baker, GS11; Detwiler, L1.
Two Bedroom Wherry
Hendricks, E2; Howell, GS2; Bausher, E4; Amico, E4.
Two Bedroom MOQ
Garrett, GS12.
Three Bedroom Panamint
Banks, Lcdr.; Blakeney, L1; Denton, L1.
Three Bedroom Wherry
Jorgenson, WG9; Ayres, GS7; Dewald, E6; Simpson, E4; Zych, ES; Barker, ES.
Three Bedroom Normac Duplex
Freily, ES; Loux, E6; Curran, E4; Hagan, E6; Fuller, E6.
Three Bedroom Juniper
Allen, WG10; Donathan, GS5; McJunkin, GS11; Fussner, GS9; Goodell, E8; Kennedy, GS9; Gomez, E7.
Four Bedroom Panamint
Snell, GS11; Batten, GS14.
Four Bedroom Joshua
McKinney, GS11.
Four Bedroom Normac
Fitzpatrick, E6.

Opportunities . . .

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portions food on serving plates, adds garnishes, gravies and sauces to fill orders. Assists in preparation of all special parties. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to understand oral and written instructions, ability to work safely, knowledge of food service equipment.
Motion Picture Projectorist, NA-3914-4, Salary \$2.58 p/h, PD No. 7455106 — This is not a Civil Service job. This position is located at the Center Theater, Special Services Branch, Administrative Services Division, Office of Finance and Management, Code 9853. Inspects incoming film and makes reports, operates 16mm projectors, spotlights and slide projectors, supervises other theater employees in the absence of manager. Job Relevant Criteria: Demonstrated experience in the operation of 16mm motion picture projectors, sound-reproducing equipment, spotlights and slide projectors, and related equipment. Must be willing to work weekends and week nights.
File applications for the above with Elizabeth Sodergren, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2474.



CAREER COUNSELING OFFICE OPENED — A special cake was baked and served to mark the recent opening of Air Test and Development Squadron Five's new career counseling office. On hand to celebrate the occasion were (from left) AMEC J. R. Pickens, VX-5's senior enlisted advisor; A01 K. J. Reichart, the squadron's career counselor; Capt. E. M. Crow, Commanding Officer of VX-5, and Lt. G. H. Averett, personnel officer. A01 Reichart, the newly-assigned career counselor, was singled out recently for special recognition as the "Shore Duty Sailor of the Year" for the Pacific Fleet's Fighter Attack Wing, and also is NWC's 1974 "Bluejacket of the Year." —Photo by SA Pamela Bitlick

Employee In The Spotlight

For the past three years, the Aircraft Systems Department's Advanced Avionics Group has been focussing its efforts on the initial design of a "stray man" avionics system for V/STOL naval aircraft.

John A. Hoyem, who heads the group, feels this work is very important and has generated a new excitement about the future of his responsibilities. When he became the group leader last year, he not only inherited the on-going avionics program but also was made manager of the Digital Integrated Multiplex Armament Management (DIMAM) program.

"Tremendous changes that have occurred in the field of avionics systems demand new methods and approaches to take advantage of emerging technology while meeting severe restraints in the areas of cost, performance, volume, reliability, and other parameters," John said. "This is the greatest challenge of all, and is what makes my job most interesting," he added.

Moved From A7E Office

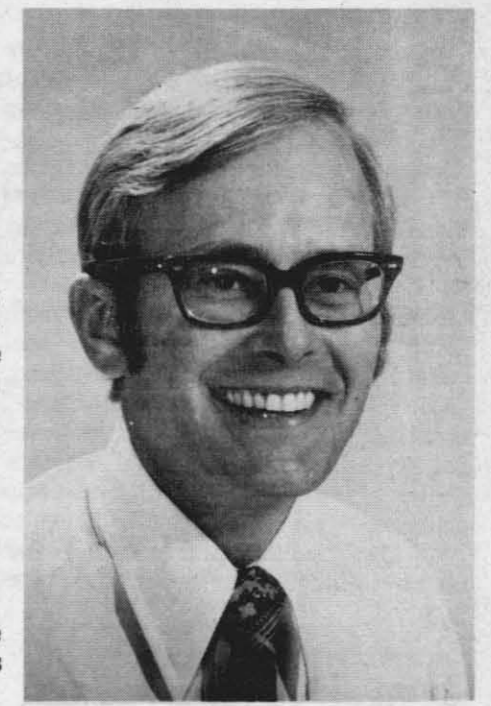
John joined the group in 1972 from the A7E program office where he had served as associate program manager under Bob Freedman. "I really enjoyed working in that office," John pointed out. "It gave me a chance to broaden my knowledge of total aircraft systems acquisition, operational use and support," he added.

John is the son of Dr. Albert Hoyem, a long-time employee at NWC who retired in 1971 from his post as education director. John had a close-up view of the Center while he grew up here. In those days, his father was head of the Aircraft Projects Division in the old Aviation Ordnance Department. After John was graduated from Burroughs High School, he attended Pomona College, and received a BA in physics in 1959.

During the summers of 1957 and 1958, John had worked at NWC at various jobs for Code 30 (then the Test Department) and joined that department's junior professional ranks following his college graduation. He spent a year in the program before moving into the Weapons Development Department's Special Projects Branch. "I began working with infrared and ultraviolet rocket- and satellite-borne scanners, which got me involved with TBIRD and HITAB, two successful and stimulating programs," John recalled.

Research-Oriented Programs

TBIRD and HITAB were research-oriented programs aimed at getting data on the earth's ultraviolet and infrared background, as well as the signatures of various targets. "I spent an incredibly long time in those programs (six years)," John said. In 1965 he



John A. Hoyem

was made head of the Astrometrics Division's Physics Branch. In late 1967, the branch was dissolved. John laughed when he recalled the circumstances.

"It really wasn't because of me. What happened was we got out of the infrared and ultraviolet business and switched over to undersea technology. About half of that division's personnel later joined the Naval Undersea Center in San Diego. I stayed here," he noted.

Former ATIGS Project Mgr.

John began his work in guidance and control technology with the remnants of the Astrometrics Division in Code 40 and served as the project manager from 1967 to 1968 on ATIGS. From 1968 to 1971, he worked as a consultant to Code 40's Guidance and Control Division in the areas of guidance control and project management.

When the A7E technical support program was being formulated, John became the person responsible for integrated navigation systems provisions on that aircraft.

His job involved assisting the Navy and contractor teams in the solution of problems with the avionics equipment itself, its integration into the total system, and dealing with support system problems. In 1971, he became a part of the A7E Program Office.

In looking back on his involvement in the A7E program, John is especially proud of the role he played in incorporating and introducing carrier alignment provisions for the A7E inertial measurement system. He feels that the program gave him a very broad base of experience to draw upon in his present job.

In-Laws Came Here in '46

John's wife, Nancy, is the daughter of Charles and Virginia Mussler — both long-time IWV residents. Her father, who retired from NWC in 1965, came here in 1946 and was one of the early pioneers of the Engineering Department.

The Hoyems have two children. They are Jimmy, 11, a fifth grader, and Connie, 8, who is in the third grade. Both children attend St. Ann's School in Ridgecrest.

Nancy makes most of the clothing for both herself and her daughter, and also enjoys singing with the All Faith Chapel's Catholic choir. In addition, she has been very active with little theater groups in the valley.

"She's a tremendous homemaker and an excellent cook," John said. "Also, she's an outstanding artist," he added. Most of Nancy's paintings are in private collections throughout the valley.

John plays the piano for relaxation and swings a golf club when he has the time. The Hoyems have recently purchased a home in Ridgecrest which John says consumes most of his free time. "Fortunately, I enjoy gardening, and I'm sure getting my fill of it," he said, a twinkle in his eye.

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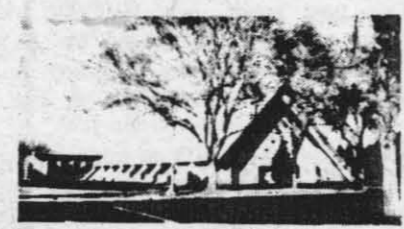
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ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS		1700 fulfillis Sunday obligation
Saturday		0700, 0830, 1130
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BLESSSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL MASS		
Daily except Saturday		1135
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Saturday		1545 to 1645
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Sunday	Kindergarten thru 4th grades	1015
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Wilt's Corner

By Wilt Wyman

Many teams have been holding tryouts and practices in preparation for the softball season. Although the diamonds have not been renovated, they should be checked out for use through my office in the gymnasium after 11 a.m. on weekdays.

Fields that can be reserved include Reardon, Schoeffel and Murray. Teams with reservations will naturally have first priority. Equipment also can be checked out to team managers — again after 11 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Rosters and league information will be available to all interested persons after Monday, April 7. It is expected that competition will be divided into Fast Pitch, Slow Pitch, Recreation and Women's leagues. Umpires will be available for each league.

League meetings are scheduled at 5 p.m. on April 7, 8, 9 and 10 in the Joshua Rm. of the Community Center.

Included on the softball schedule this year are three invitational tournaments — the 3rd annual Fast Pitch tourney, the 2nd annual women's tournament, and the first slow pitch competition.

Entry blanks for these tournaments are now available at the office.

Volleyball Match

The NWC varsity volleyball team will host a three-team exhibition tournament on Sunday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the gym.

Edwards AFB and the Los Angeles Air Force Station will each send representative squads. Spectators are welcome.

11ND Tourney Information

Tournament information received from the 11th Naval District this past week includes a table tennis competition to be held from April 28 to May 2 in San Diego, and swimming and diving championships set for April 17 and 18, also in San Diego.

In addition, the 11ND (springtime) invitational golf tourney will be held on April 23 at the Naval Golf Course, Mission Gorge, in San Diego.

This competition is limited to the first 200 entries (men and women) who are on active duty.

To enter any of these tournaments, contact either Lt. Ian Refo by calling NWC ext. 5462, or myself at ext. 2334.

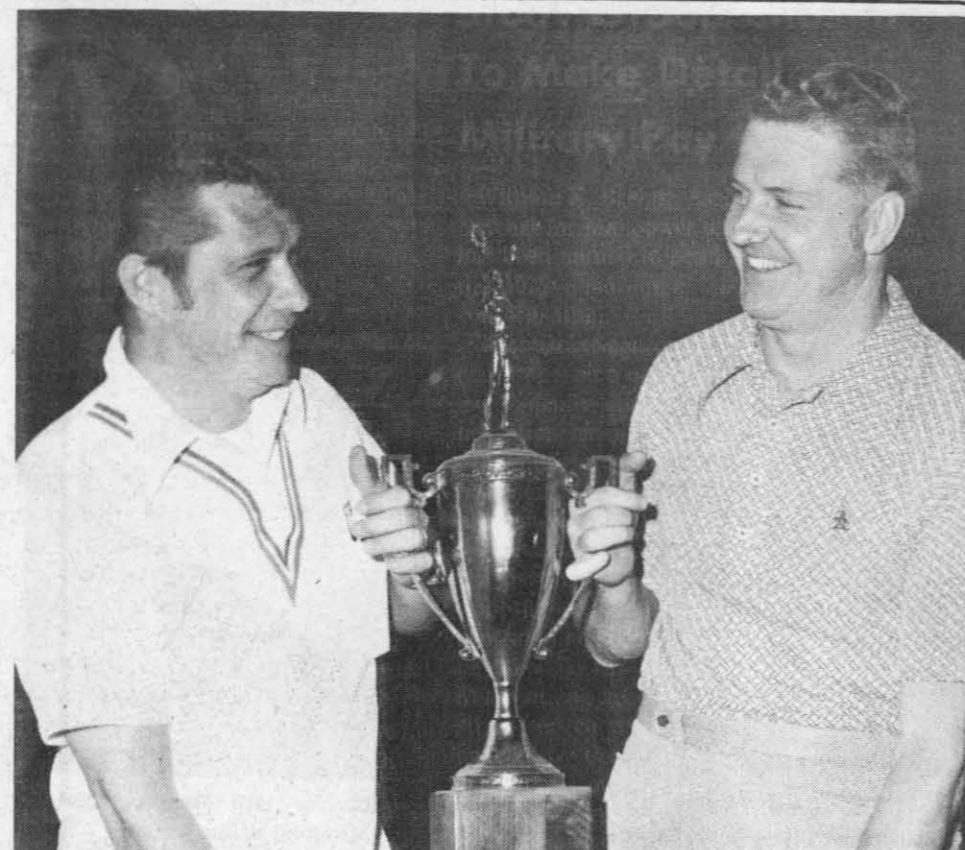
Bowlers Do Well

Tom Cox and Skip Phearson placed third in the doubles category of the 11th Military Invitational bowling tournament, held this past weekend at the Naval Support Activity bowling center, in Long Beach.

In addition, the two men tied for fourth place in the high game category. Each man came through with a 244 single game effort during the tourney.



THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY — The eyes of Walter Turner, age 11, follow the flight of the ball after his backhanded stab missed it during tryouts for the Major Division of the China Lake Little League last weekend. Although that was supposed to be the final tryout, Ed Park, vice-president of the league, said an "absolute" final tryout will be held tomorrow at the Pony League diamond between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon. "We're a little short of players, so we've scheduled one more tryout," Park commented. The man standing in the background of the photo is Jerry Panek, one of the many Little League coaches.



TOP BOWLERS — Don Ehle (at left, above) and J. J. Fleming hold the huge trophy they garnered as winners of the doubles category in the 1975 City Bowling tournament, sponsored by the Ridgecrest/China Lake Men's Bowling Association. The competition concluded last weekend at Hall Lanes. The duo posted a score of 1339 pins to finish on top of the heap. In second place was a pair of bowlers from Mt. Mesa Bowl in Lake Isabella — Bob Salyer and Jim Wyly — who recorded a 1319 total. George Ricken and Ed Janssen, also from Mt. Mesa, rolled a 1315 total for third place. In the photo at left is Jim Nagle, of Lake Isabella, who notched a 761 total to pick up the cash for first place in the singles category. Robert Young was second with 709 and Tom Groves' 691 was good enough for third. All-events champion was Ron Sharqots, with a 1995 total. Fred Whitnack was the runner-up with a 1951 total, and Bob Salyer placed third. He recorded a 1959 nine-game total.

Local Team Defeated by Quail Lake Golfers in SCGA Match

The Southern California Golf Association (SCGA) match play team from the Quail Lake Country Club at Hemet eliminated the local squad from the SCGA playoffs by a convincing score of 39-9 this past weekend.

Following the format established by the SCGA for these play-offs, half of the China Lake squad, led by Curt Bryan, team captain, played at home against half of the Quail Lake entry, and vice-versa.

Weather conditions were not suitable for good golf, yet the Quail Lake contingent scored surprisingly well. A steady rain fell at Quail Lake and winds ranging from 25 to 30 mph blew in the local area. The scoring splits were 22-2 there and 17-7 here — both in favor of Quail Lake.

China Lakers were impressed by the extraordinary golf played by members of the Quail Lake team. In one instance, a 16-handicapper recorded a gross round of 80, as did a 14-handicapper on the team. A golfer with a 13-handicap from Quail Lake shot an 81 and an 11 handicapper equalled that score. In addition, one fellow whose handicap was 8, notched a 77 in the rain.

Best scores of the day at home by the China Lakers were an 81 by Bryan, and 82s by Max Smith and Jim Anderson. Lowest figures for the home team at Quail Lake were recorded by Gary Castor and Pug Pilcher, who each turned in scores of 83.

This ended the most successful season for China Lake in these matches. The SCGA will be sending the golf club a plaque recognizing the local teams first place finish in Group 8, the first time the locals have accomplished this feat.

Members of the China Lake SCGA team

are: Anderson, Smith, Castor, Bryan, Bob Kochman, Basil Legg, Al McDonald, Chris Peterson, Pilcher, Bill Sorbo, Merrill Lloyd, Phil Sprankle, Bud Eyre, Don Hiles, Paul King, Jim Smith, Rol Baker, Dick Rusciolelli, Bill Aitchison, Leo Enriquez and Ray Marsh.

31 Teams Begin Play In Volleyball League At Center Gymnasium

Play began this week in the China Lake Intramural Volleyball League. There are 5 teams entered in the Women's Division, 14 are signed up for the Department Division, and 12 other squads will compete in the Open Division.

Because of the lack of clearly defined levels of competition, both the Department and Open divisions were further divided into two branches each of equal ability.

Consequently, there will be some strong teams and some squads not so strong in each division, Wilt Wyman, NWC's director of sports and youth activities, stated.

Following the conclusion of regular league play, the top four teams in each division will enter a double-elimination tournament to decide the division champion.

Although team rosters are limited to 12 players, the rosters will remain open throughout the season, except for the playoffs. Players may participate in two of the three divisions. However, if a player has two matches scheduled at the same time, he may play in only one.

Coaches are reminded that they are responsible for providing a scorekeeper,



By Jack Lindsey

The annual Dewing golf bash will take place on April 23, 24 and 25 at the local course.

Begun a few years ago in honor of Capt. L. A. Dewing, USN (Ret.) a former Commanding Officer of NAF, the annual tournament has attracted as many as 220 golfers in the past.

This year, tournament organizers plan to hold entries to the first 144 people who sign up. However, beginners are still welcome, provided they are a member of the military community at NWC.

Capt. Dewing will be back, as will Dick Bauers, a former champion. Also scheduled to participate are some of the early organizers of this event — LCdr. Jim Kinchele, WO1 Larry Boyd, and LCdr. Scotty Malloy, USN (Ret.).

Capt. R. S. Moore, the current CO at NAF, also will tee it up with his men. Cdr. L. W. Gire, exec at NAF and one of the organizers this year, said that entry blanks will be distributed to division officers.

A dinner will be held at the CPO Club on the Friday evening after tournament play concludes.

Without Meyers, Nothing

I shudder to think how well the UCLA Bruins would do this season without the services of Dave Meyers, the all-American forward. In last week's first round NCAA playoff game against the University of Michigan, Meyers made his presence felt from beginning to end, although he was playing in obvious pain. In fact, he said he played from the first quarter with a turned ankle.

UCLA won the game in overtime, 103-91, but it could have all been lost in regulation play as the Wolverines kept the ball the final minute of play and fed it to their star center, C. J. Kupec, who tried a 25-footer with the score tied 87-87, and only 3 sec. remaining to play. The ball hit the rim and the Bruins got a break. And last night, the team barely edged Montana, 67-64.

Arbitrators' Ass'n Schedules Clinics For Umps, Scorers

The Valley Sports Association, a division of the International Softball Congress, will hold two clinics for umpires and one for scorekeepers next week in Rm. 107 of the Training Center.

Prospective umpires for the NWC leagues this coming season will get together on Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., according to Lowell Radcliff, umpire-in-chief of the newly formed association.

Scorekeepers are scheduled to meet on Tuesday night at the same time.

"I especially urge women to come to the meetings. I will need some female umpires this season, as well as scorekeepers," Radcliff noted.

Marines To Use Pool

Members of the Marine Air Group 16's Helicopter Training Squadron 301, assigned to the Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, will fly to China Lake on Tuesday to participate in required water survival training.



Nominations Being Taken For Enrollment In Course in Personnel Policies, Procedures

Nominations are now being taken for enrollment in a course on personnel policies and procedures that will be offered on April 9, 16 and 30, and on May 7 and 14 at the NWC Training Center.

The instructors and some of the topics that each of them will cover during the five 3½ hour sessions (8 to 11:30 a.m.) are: Richard Cashore, head of the Personnel Department's Wage and Classification Division — staffing of civilian personnel, and wage administration and pay policies; Bruce McIntosh, head of Code 65's Personnel Development Division — employee training and development.

Performance standards, appraisal and evaluation will be discussed by Dallin Childs, head of Personnel Services Div. No. 1 (Code 656), while George Steinhauer, head of Personnel Services Div. No. 2 (Code 657), will provide information about position classification and pay.

Steve Sanders, head of the Employee Management Relations Division in Code 65, and Nancy Cleland, an employee relations assistant, will cover such topics as labor-management relations and employee services and related benefits, respectively.

Sanders also will cover employee responsibilities, conduct and discipline, while Alice Parker, head of the Safety Department's Administrative Services Division, will discuss safety and accident prevention.

Still another member of the teaching team will be Robert Briley, NWC's Deputy Equal

BofA To Be Closed At Noon on Good Friday

Both the Ridgecrest branch of the Bank of America and the BofA's China Lake facility will be closed throughout the afternoon on March 28 in observance of Good Friday.

The BofA branch in Ridgecrest will be open from 10 a.m. to noon, while the China Lake facility will be open from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Next Friday is a payday for military personnel.



UNITED WAY BACKERS — Mickey McDowell, chairman of the United Way of Indian Wells Valley's 1975 fund drive, last week presented gifts and certificates of appreciation to individuals and organizations whose support was instrumental in raising a total of \$76,990 for 17 member agencies. Pen and pencil sets were presented by McDowell (in top left photo) to Dr. Jack Eisel (on left), president of the United Way board of directors, and to Harry Parode, chairman of the 1975 Combined Federal Campaign. In photo at lower left, McDowell is shown as he presented certificates of appreciation to (from left) Dave Henderson, of the Southern California Edison Co.; Jean Swedblom, of Comarco; Doris Hammer, president of the Sierra Sands Unified School District's board of education, and to Doris Burnett, from the Desert Counseling Center. Other groups eligible for such awards, but not represented at the United Way annual meeting on March 12, are Texas Instruments, Inc., the overall leader in supporting the United Way; Computer Sciences, Inc.; Systems Consultants, Inc.; the WACOM Thrift Shop, PG&E, Cerro Coso Community College, the Bank of America, Continental Telephone Co.; Security-Pacific Bank, and Col. Sanders Kentucky Fried Chicken. Following the business portion of the United Way meeting, Art Cole (in top photo), an authority on teenage alcoholism and alcohol abuse, was the speaker during a program arranged by the Committee on Responsible Drinking.

Study Group Chosen To Make Detailed Military Pay Review

William K. Brehm, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, has been named to head a study group for the 1975 quadrennial review of military compensation.

The DoD-Sponsored review, the first comprehensive one since 1967, will involve an in-depth study of all military compensation, including such areas as pay, exchanges and commissaries, re-enlistment bonuses, housing and subsistence allowances and payment of accumulated leave.

A partial study of military compensation was made in 1971, but that study concentrated on special subjects such as flight pay, hostile fire pay and proficiency pay. Many of the recommendations of the 1971 study served as the basis for legislation enacted by Congress.

Members of the current study group include the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs and the Chief of Naval Personnel, as well as their counterparts from the other services. The Assistant Secretaries of Defense for Program Analysis and Evaluation, Health and Environment, Installations and Logistics and Comptroller also are members of the study group.

The outcome of this extensive study will be recommendations which seek the best balance between all forms of compensation to insure that the serviceman or ex-serviceman is equitably compensated for his unique service to his country.

Since military pay has increased an average of 66.8 per cent since 1970, and the country as a whole is experiencing serious economic problems, the cooperative review of pay and a positive examination of benefits as they relate to pay is both timely and necessary.

Molner Re-elected Pres. of Navy League

Mike Molner was re-elected to serve a second consecutive term as president of the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League at a meeting held last week.

He is the third person to serve more than one term as president in the 18 year history of the local council. The others are Milford Carlson, of Inyokern, now a national director of the Navy League, and Jim McGlothlin, of the Naval Weapons Center. Molner, manager of the Ridge Theater and Crest Drive-In, is a former president of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce. He will be installed at the local Navy League's annual dinner on April 15.

Others who were elected to the Council's top posts are Vern Smith, 1st vice-president; Bob McKnight, a co-founder of the VX-5 Sea Cadet Squadron, 2nd vice-president; Ralph Herrick, secretary; Dr. Ray DeHarrold, treasurer, and Jack Strayer, judge advocate.

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greater numbers. He also stated that Navy people cannot be regarded as civilians in uniforms and should be properly appreciated and compensated. He was encouraged Admiral Holloway said, by FY74 recruiting which managed 98 per cent of its goal, career petty officer retention of 82 per cent, first term reenlistment of almost 40 per cent and recognized the addition of modern weapons systems, new ships and improved aircraft to the Navy's inventory in 1975.

He emphasized readiness to accomplish our missions, both now and in the future, as his single most important concern. Stating that today, we have the forces which provide capability for marginal success, the CNO warned that further erosion of force levels combined with continued growth of the Soviet Navy's capabilities could reverse the maritime balance which currently resides in favor of the U.S. Navy.



VISITING ADMIRAL BRIEFED ON NWC PROGRAMS — Admiral M. F. Weisner, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, visited the Naval Weapons Center last Friday for an update on recent developments in various weapons programs. Adm. Weisner (second from left) is shown above with Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander (at left) and Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth, NWC Technical Director (on right) as he looks over photos taken two days earlier of a Condor missile operations evaluation launch carried out by personnel of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5). The photos are being presented by Jack Crawford, head of the Air-to-Surface Systems Division in the Air Weapons Department. Admiral Weisner also received briefings on the AIM-9L short range air-to-air missile, the AIM-7F and AIM-9-H missiles, the Anti-Ship Missile Defense program, and on defense suppression, in addition to the information about both Condor and Walleye missiles that was provided by Crawford. He also discussed VX-5 projects with Capt. E. M. Crow, Commanding Officer of the squadron.



MILITARY BALL HELD — More than 175 persons attended the annual CPO Military Ball, held March 15 at the Chief Petty Officers' Club. The active duty CPOs stationed at China Lake are shown above with Capt. R. S. Moore, Commanding Officer of NAF (front row, 2nd from left), Capt. E. M. Crow, Commanding Officer of VX-5 (front row, 6th from left), and Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, (front row, 3rd from right), all of whom, along with Capt. R. D. Franke (not shown), NWC's Deputy Commander, were honored guests. Among the many people present were many of the retired CPOs who still live and work in this area, and civilian guest members of the CPO Club. In the photograph at left, the Skipper is presenting a comic award plaque to AFCEM D. R. Billinger, who represents all of the aviation CPOs at China Lake. The plaque was presented on behalf of the general service CPOs. The plaque depicts a blackshoe stepping on a pair of aviator's wings. George Barnard, CPO Club manager, a retired Navy chief himself, distributed orchid corsages to all of the wives and dates who attended, and oversaw a sumptuous prime rib dinner. After the dinner, during which some brief remarks were made by the four honored guests, the 11th Naval District combo played dance music until the wee hours of the morning. Master of ceremonies for the affair was ADCS (Ret.) A. J. "Gus" Getusky, who broke everyone up with his monologue entitled "The Las Vegas Review." —Photos by Maurice Dias

Civil Engineer Corps, Seabees To Celebrate

A gala anniversary ball, marking the 108th birthday of the U.S. Navy's Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) and the 33rd birthday of the Seabees, will be held tomorrow evening at the Community Center.

A social hour will precede a 7:30 p.m. dinner, (catered by the CPO Club) which will be followed by a program that is to get under way at 9. Dancing to music by a combo from the 11th Naval District band in San Diego will conclude the evening.

By Congressional action dated March 2, 1887, the CEC was established as a separate military corps within the Navy Department.

Origin of Seabees

Naval Construction Battalions (better known as Seabees) were first organized on March 4, 1942 (within four months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor) when the need was perceived for construction forces that could operate as military units in combat zones. At the war's end, the Seabees, whose "Can Do" slogan had made them famous, remained a permanent part of the Navy, and were reorganized into highly mobile construction units — mobile construction battalions — ready for rapid deployment to meet the construction needs of cold war contingencies.

Among the honored guests at the CEC/Seabee Anniversary Ball will be Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Com-

mander, and Mrs. Freeman, and Dr. Rex Shacklett, mayor of Ridgecrest, and Mrs. Shacklett. Mayor Shacklett also will serve as master of ceremonies for the occasion.

The honored guests will be introduced by Capt. W. F. Daniel, Jr., CEC, USN, the Center's Public Works Officer and head of the Public Works Department, who also will read congratulatory messages.

In addition, a proclamation from the City of Ridgecrest, commending the officers and men of both the Navy Civil Engineer Corps and the Seabees for their great contributions to the Navy and to their country, will be read by Mayor Shacklett. The city proclamation also takes note of the valuable community services gratuitously provided in this area by the Seabees and Seabee Reserves.

Other Special Guests

Other special guests who will be introduced by Mayor Shacklett are Capt. R. D. Franke, NWC Deputy Commander, and Mrs. Franke; Capt. William H. Sturman, CEC, USN (Ret.) former NWC Public Works officer and Mrs. Sturman, who will travel here from their new home in Fresno for this occasion, and Brig. Gen. W. C. Hall, USMC (Ret.) and Mrs. Hall, who are residents of Ridgecrest.

Following the introductions, RAdm. Freeman will be called on for brief remarks, and Mayor Shacklett will present a certificate of appreciation from Ridgecrest to

Lt. Michael Levine, Commanding Officer of the local Seabee Reserve unit — China Lake Detachment 0217 of Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion 17.

Other certificates also will be presented by Capt. Daniel and William Thorpe, an equipment operator chief, who is the last original member still serving in the local Seabee Reserve unit. These certificates will go to six members of China Lake Detachment 0217, who have been singled out for their outstanding efforts. Announcement of the "Seabee of the Year" award winner will then be made by Lt. Levine.

Just before the traditional anniversary cake-cutting by the youngest and oldest Seabees present, the emcee will call on Capt. Sturman, who will be honored as "King Bee" of the evening, for remarks before the formal part of the program concludes. The remainder of the evening will be devoted to dancing and socializing.

Dance Set at Chaparral

The Chaparral Club, now the nightspot for all enlisted men under the rank of Chief Petty Officer at NWC, will be the scene of a dance tomorrow night, beginning at 9 o'clock.

The Bobbie Vegas Trio, from Brea, Calif., has been booked to supply the music. Walt Schirke, club manager, invites all members and their guests to participate in this event.

RAdm. Freeman To Speak at Quality Control Gp. Meeting

California Quality Week will be observed locally by a dinner meeting and program next Thursday evening at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

This local event, which is being sponsored by the Sierra Sands Sub-section of the American Society for Quality Control (ASQC), will be highlighted by a talk entitled "The Impact of Quality on Navy Acquisitions" that is to be given by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander.

A social hour at 6 p.m. will be followed by dinner at 7, and the program is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock. In addition to the talk by RAdm. Freeman, the latter portion of the evening will include the presentation of quality engineer certificates to ASQC members who recently passed a comprehensive examination.

Reservations for the dinner, which can be made by calling either Tony Miller or Herwil Bryant, two Systems Consultants, Inc., employees at 446-3501, must be made by Monday morning.

No reservations are required to attend the business meeting.

Easter Fair For Local Youngsters Planned Tomorrow

A little people's Easter Fair, arranged by members of the Roadrunners Auxiliary of the Children's Home Society, will be held tomorrow from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the James Monroe School gym in Ridgecrest.

This event, which is planned for youngsters six years of age and under, will feature a puppet show, animals (including an Easter bunny), a special act by a balloon man and games.

Children who attend will be charged 75 cents per person, while parents accompanying them will be admitted free of charge. All proceeds will go to the Children's Home Society, an organization that arranges adoptions, provides temporary foster homes in emergencies, and permanent homes for older orphans and handicapped children.

Everyone attending is asked to wear tennis shoes in order to protect the gymnasium floor.

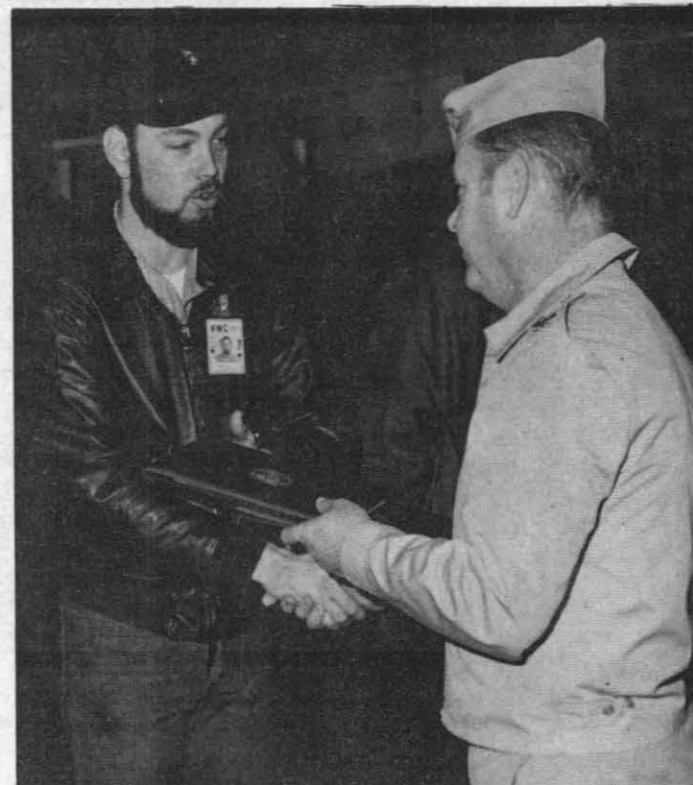


30 YEARS OF FED'L SERVICE

William G. Ferguson, boiler plant operator foreman in the Operations Services Branch of the Public Works Department, was the recent recipient of a 30-year Federal service pin. Above, Lou Sidney, head of the Maintenance-Utilities Division (r.), affixes the length of service pin to Ferguson's collar. A native of Memphis, Tenn., Ferguson came to the Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS), forerunner of the Naval Weapons Center, in 1946. He enjoys golf, bowling, photography, hunting and fishing. He also likes building homes. He has constructed three since living in this area.



VX-5 PERSONNEL COMMENDED — Capt. E. M. Crow, Commanding Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, recently had the pleasure of presenting letters of commendation to two of the enlisted men in his squadron. Both R. L. Feller (at left), an aviation machinist's mate (jet) 1st class, and J. H. Piel, an avionics technician 2nd class, were cited for their alert actions that were instrumental in averting a possible aircraft accident. The incident occurred while both men were serving on temporary



duty on board the aircraft carrier USS Ranger. During preparations for the nighttime launching of an Intruder-type aircraft, the locking mechanism end of a tie-down chain inadvertently was left inside the port wheel well of the aircraft by an inexperienced USS Ranger bluishirt. The fact that ADJ1 Feller and AT2 Piel spotted this problem and notified proper authorities prior to the launching of the aircraft averted both the possible loss of life and the loss of a valuable aircraft.

New Guidelines for CHAMPUS Announced . . .

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provided by a civilian source to a dependent receiving care for pregnancy in a military medical facility.

(4) All non-emergency dental care will require advance approval.

(5) Inpatient cost-sharing of pregnancy complications will be limited to disease, medical conditions or surgical conditions directly influenced by or directly influencing the condition of pregnancy.

(6) Therapist's services will require support by a physician's certification that the patient requires the services for a stated diagnosis; that a plan for furnishing such services has been established and will, no less than once each 30-day period, be reviewed by the physician; and that the services are to be furnished only while the patient is under the care of the physician.

(7) Services of all therapists require re-certification at least once every 30 days by the attending physician. Such re-certifications must state that there is a continuing need for such services, and include an estimate of how long such services will be required.

(8) Payment of psychologists' services, billed on a fee-for-service basis, will be limited to those psychologists who are licensed or certified, who have a doctoral degree in clinical psychology and a minimum of two years of supervised experience in clinical psychology in a licensed hospital, a mental health center, or other appropriate clinical setting as determined by the director of CHAMPUS.

(9) In determining deductions and co-insurance, credits will be limited to authorized services and supplies and CHAMPUS-determined reasonable charges.

(10) All surgery in ambulatory surgical centers will be cost-shared under outpatient cost-sharing rules.

(11) With respect to beneficiaries who have coverage under the Social Security Amendments of 1973 for physical disability or kidney failure, coverage will be limited to those services and supplies not available under Medicare.

(12) A public official's statement that appropriate care is not available from public institutions will be required for all long-term care requiring prior approval.

In changes affecting both the CHAMPUS

basic program and the CHAMPUS program for the handicapped, claims for all services and supplies requiring prior approval, which have not been approved in advance, will be disallowed; and, service-connected conditions, for which the Veterans Administration will provide necessary care, no longer will be covered.

These changes are the result of two years of study into ways to better define and delineate the CHAMPUS benefits program, to provide better program management, and to bring program expenditures under control. They are designed to re-establish CHAMPUS as a program of financial assistance for essential medical services necessary in the treatment and care of CHAMPUS beneficiaries.

Navy people and their dependents with questions on CHAMPUS are urged to discuss their particular situation with Carole Plante, Navy Health Benefits Counselor at the NWC Dispensary, or write to: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (Code 73) Washington, D.C. 20372.

LCdr. A. J. Hingsberger, NAF's Prospective Administrative Officer, Reports for Duty

A new Administrative Officer has arrived at NAF to take over the duties from LCdr. R. A. Shepard on June 30 when the personable former Commanding Officer of Enlisted Personnel at NWC retires.

LCdr. Andrew J. Hingsberger comes to China Lake from his duties as hangar deck officer aboard the USS Independence, an

aircraft carrier upon which he has just finished a two year cruise to the Mediterranean Sea. Until June 30, he will be busy learning LCdr. Shepard's responsibilities.

LCdr. Hingsberger was born in Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, where his father, a U. S. Navy Officer, was stationed at Ford Island. However, his family soon returned to the mainland, and the new NAF Administrative Officer was graduated from Mt. View Union High School at Mt. View, Calif.

He attended San Jose State College prior to joining the U.S. Navy in 1958 as a Naval Flight Cadet. LCdr. Hingsberger was sent to Pensacola NAS, Fla., where he took flight training and then earned his wings at Corpus Christi, Tex.

In 1966 LCdr. Hingsberger attended the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, at Monterey, Calif.

He and his wife, Kay, whom he met while he was a pilot with Attack Squadron 125 at NAS Lemoore, have one child. She is Nicole, 3 months old.

LCdr. Hingsberger is looking forward to skiing at Mammoth Mt., and to joining the China Lake Tennis Club. He is an avid participant in both sports.



LCdr. Andrew J. Hingsberger

Rotarians To Host Visit to Desert By Five Young Scotsmen

Five young business and professional men from Scotland will visit the desert area this weekend as part of a Rotary Foundation group study exchange. The visitors will be accompanied by William P. Martin, group leader of the Rotary Club of Dunfermline, Scotland, representing Rotary District 101 of that country.

The five visitors are John Ashworth, of Montrose, director of a family business of plastic moulding and tanning; Robert McCreadie, of Dundee, a lecturer in law at Dundee University; William Smith, assistant manager of the Royal Bank of Scotland at Inverness; Alistair Ross, of Paisley, production director of the Bowmore Distillery, and John Tait, of Perth, station officer of the Perth and Kinross Fire Brigade.

The visit will be coordinated locally by Dan Butler, a past president of the China Lake Rotary Club. While here, the Scots will be guests tomorrow night at a dinner hosted by local Rotarians at the Indian Wells Valley Lodge, and will be the overnight guests of Bill Rainey, Joe Dinsmore and Butler.

On Sunday, the visitors will be taken on a tour of the Rand mining area, Death Valley and other points of interest. They will stay overnight at Stovepipe Wells on Sunday and then tour the Naval Weapons Center on Monday prior to departing for Visalia on Tuesday.

The group study exchange is an educational activity of the Rotary International Foundation, which provides travel grants for the exchange of teams between Rotary districts in different countries.

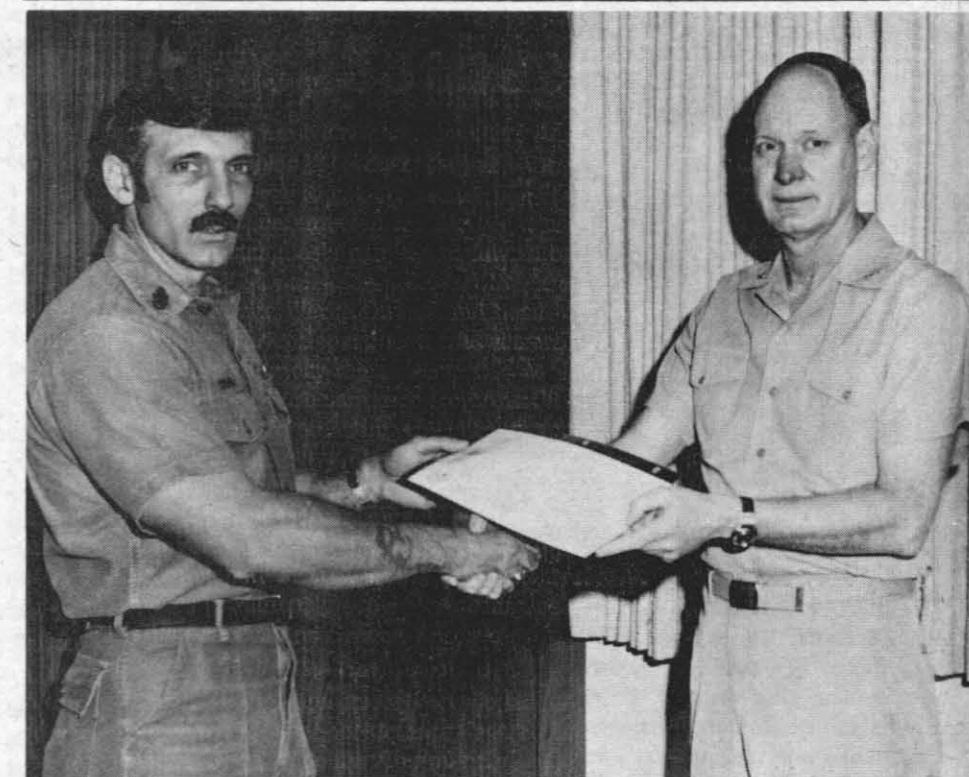
Since the program began in 1965, 582 of these exchanges have been carried out involving 3,145 men from more than 50 countries.

Tiny Tots' Swim Class Set

Registration is currently under way at the Center gymnasium for an eight-week series of swimming instruction for tiny tots.

The classes will begin on Tuesday, April 8, and continue for eight weeks. Children who are between the ages of 6 months and 5 years are eligible to participate.

Times of the instruction will be from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. A fee of \$6 will be charged for those between 6 months and 4 years of age. Five year olds will be charged \$8.



CHIEF CAVA CONGRATULATED — Capt. W. F. Daniel (r.), NWC's Public Works Officer, presents a letter of commendation to BUCS William Cava, NWC's Self-Help Project Officer, from Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander. The letter was the Skipper's official congratulations to Chief Cava's group for its second place finish in the Bronze Hammer Self-Help competition for 1974 in a Navy-wide judging that took place recently in Washington, D.C. The Center was officially notified of its standing by Adm. J. L. Holloway III, Chief of Naval Operations. NWC was runner-up in Category II, which included all activities not having a Naval Construction Battalion Unit in the immediate area, and where less than 1,000 enlisted personnel are stationed. —Photo by Maurice Dias