

Widely acclaimed Utah Symphony Orchestra to present concert here

The sixth and final program of the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association's 1978-79 series has been scheduled on Monday, March 26, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Center theater.

Featured will be the 85-member Utah Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Maurice Abravanel, which will be returning for a third appearance here in nine years.

The Utah Symphony Orchestra has won the highest acclaim from critics and musicians around the world, primarily through its extensive tours and more than 90 recordings. The orchestra's programs combine the great traditions of music with a freshness of outlook.

The 1978-79 season is Abravanel's 32nd year with the Utah Symphony Orchestra. His is the longest tenure of any conductor with a major U.S. orchestra, except for Eugene Ormandy in Philadelphia.

An American citizen of Spanish-Portuguese ancestry, Abravanel was born in Salonika, Greece, then moved to Lausanne, Switzerland, where he first conducted at the age of 16.

He studied in Berlin with Kurt Weill and received his first professional experience in Neustrelitz, Altenburg and Kassel (all in Germany) and, from time to time, was a guest conductor at the Berlin Opera.

When Abravanel was engaged as musical director and conductor of the Utah Symphony in 1947 on the recommendation of his mentor and friend, the late Bruno Walter, this action brought about a profound change in the destiny of both the new orchestra and its conductor. The latter set about to shape the talented, enthusiastic, local musicians in the Rocky Mountain area into the kind of a symphony orchestra that one day would command the respect of music lovers throughout the U.S.

He insisted on, and received, total dedication from his players, with the result

that they always deliver their best — whether before an audience that is hearing a symphony for the first time or in the majestic Mormon Tabernacle.

In 1957, when only a handful of American orchestras were making commercial recordings, Abravanel initiated a recording program for the Utah Symphony that later became the envy of orchestras in cities five and ten times the size of its home in Salt Lake City.

The Utah Symphony, under the baton of Abravanel, has recorded the complete orchestral music of Tchaikovsky and the



Maurice Abravanel

major works of Grieg. In addition, two summers ago, the orchestra's recordings of the major symphonic works of Brahms were released.

Tickets, which already are on sale for the March 26 concert by the Utah Symphony, are priced at \$6 for general admission, \$4 for those over 65, under 21, and enlisted military personnel. They can be purchased in Ridgecrest at the Music Man, Medical Arts Pharmacy, Gift Mart, the Drummond Medical Center Pharmacy, Sports, Etc., and Lilly's Dress Shop, and also at the Inyokern Market.

A sellout of the Center theater is expected for this concert program, and early purchase of tickets by those who are not season ticket holders is advisable.

Should any tickets still be available on the day of the concert, they will be sold at the Center theater box office from 4:45 to 7:15 p.m.

CLOTA schedules dinner theatre party at Community Center

The Community Light Opera and Theatre Association (CLOTA) will present "Side by Side by Sondheim" a dinner theatre party to be held in the Community Center on Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31.

The evening of musical entertainment will begin with a social hour at 6, followed by a dinner featuring chicken cordon blue served at 7. Tickets priced at \$8.50 each must be purchased in advance. Groups desiring a theatre evening for their members should make reservations early to guarantee group seating.

"Side by Side by Sondheim" is a musical review of the many songs written by Stephen Sondheim. He has been called the greatest lyric writer of the century and his music has profoundly influenced comedy style.

The best known of Sondheim's work are "West Side Story," "Company," and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

Appearing in "Side by Side..." will be Robert Huey, Suzanne Koerschner, Kathy Bleecker, Rebecca Conner, Janice Anderson, and Florence Green. Paul Riley will provide the piano accompaniment for this program which is directed by Mrs. Green.

Proceeds from the dinner theatre will go to the CLOTA building fund. Reservations may be made by calling Sue Cutler at 446-6755, Jean Lehmann at 377-4890, Gean Romero at 375-5829, or Mary McMullin at 375-7492.



The Chief Petty Officers' Club has extended an invitation to all of its members to attend a St. Patrick's Day dance tonight.

The evening will begin with dinner, featuring prime rib of beef and Icelandic cod, that is to be served from 6 to 9 p.m.

Following dinner, there will be a gala St. Patrick's dance during which party hats and favors will be distributed to add to the evening's fun.

For the dancing and listening pleasure of its patrons, the CPO Club will present a new group from the Los Angeles area called "Moonlight Express."

This four-piece contemporary rock-music group is led by John Voina, and features a female vocalist. They will be playing from 9 to 1 a.m.

The CPO Military ball will be held on March 24. Dinner, which will start at 7 p.m., will feature prime rib au jus with wine.

Entertainment for the evening will be dancing to the music of the "Summer Breeze," a six-piece band from the Los Angeles area.

Attire for this special evening will be semi-formal, and reservations are required. Tickets are available at the CPO Club office.

Commissioned Officers' Mess — A St. Patrick's Day "Membership Night" fete will be held tonight at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

The evening's events will start at 6:30 with a corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings, and end with dancing that will continue from 9 o'clock until 1 a.m. For those members observing Lent, a seafood selection will be available.

The price for this evening of dining and dancing will be \$3 for members and their spouses, and \$4 for guests.

During the coming week, there will be two special evenings at the COM.

Tuesday, March 20, will be Family Night; and the COM menu will offer a choice of tenderloin tips and chicken fried steak.

Thursday, March 22, will be Japanese Night, featuring such culinary delights as beef teriyaki, chicken yakitore, and shrimp tempura.

Dinner on both evenings will be served from 6 to 9 p.m.

Enlisted Mess — Hanley Page, a rock-music and disco group from the Los Angeles area, will play tonight for the listening and dancing pleasure of patrons at the Enlisted Mess.

Previous to the evening's entertainment, the EM will serve a dinner of surf'n turf from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Talk slated about Red Rock State Park

K. H. Robinson will describe the efforts of the Red Rock State Park Citizens' Advisory Committee at a luncheon meeting of the Society for Technical Communication (STC) on Tuesday, starting at 11:30 a.m. in the Chart Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

He will show slides of the beauty spots of Red Rock Canyon as he talks about this effort of citizens to contribute to state government.

The meeting is open to everyone interested either in Red Rock Canyon or in relationships between citizens and state government. No advance reservations are necessary; food service will be either from the buffet line or the menu.

Art League meeting set

Dorothy Hoyal of Quartz Hill will present a landscape demonstration in oil painting at the March meeting of the Desert Art League on Monday, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Members and guests are asked to note that the meeting will be in the Sidewinder Room instead of Cactus Hall.

Field trip planned Sunday to museum located in Barstow

This Sunday, the Maturango Museum has arranged a trip to the Mojave River Valley Museum, the Barstow Bureau of Land Management Way Station, and Calico archaeological site.

This event is part of a continuing series of field trips being arranged to allow museum members and supporters to learn about other museums and displays. With plans in the works to build a new Maturango Museum, the board of trustees is particularly anxious to foster discussion on what the museum should include in its displays.

All interested persons are invited to take part in this trip, which will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Mojave River Valley Museum. Those planning to go are asked to call the Maturango Museum (446-6900) today for reservations.

The Mojave River Valley Museum is easily accessible from the central Barstow off-ramp of Interstate 15 East. The museum is on the right side of the street just before reaching the central part of the City of Barstow.

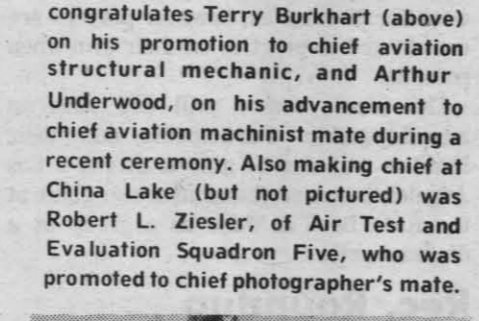
Plans have been made to tour the museum and to talk to one of the museum's staff about the collection and displays. The trip participants will then proceed to the Barstow Bureau of Land Management Way Station for a look at some beautiful exhibits of desert plants and animals.

Next stop on this full day's activities is the Calico archaeological site, location of one of the oldest habitations yet discovered in North America. Those who wish may also visit Calico Ghost Town.

All participants in this outing are reminded to bring a picnic lunch and to call the museum today to get on the trip list.



NEW CPOs — Capt. S. I. Stocking, head of NWC's Aircraft Department, congratulates Terry Burkhart (above) on his promotion to chief aviation structural mechanic, and Arthur Underwood, on his advancement to chief aviation machinist mate during a recent ceremony. Also making chief at China Lake (but not pictured) was Robert L. Ziesler, of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, who was promoted to chief photographer's mate.



— Photos by PH2 Tony Garcia



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AT1 John P. Kasimatis

Kasimatis picked as Bluejacket of Month by NWC

Aviation Electronics Technician First Class John P. Kasimatis has won the coveted Naval Weapons Center's Bluejacket of the Month Award for February.

AT1 Kasimatis is responsible for maintaining NWC's A4 jet aircraft and transport and logistics airplanes, and repairing and replacing electronic components that malfunction.

His recommendation for the award noted that "his pride in service, pride in uniform, pride in self and pride in work are a number of his admirable traits."

In addition to his regular work, AT1 Kasimatis is duty section leader, training petty officer, duty inspector of his work center, and occasionally substitutes as Junior Officer of Day when one of his junior petty officers is sick or otherwise unable to take this duty.

A 14-year career Navyman, he is a veteran of two cruises aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation, one cruise on the aircraft carrier Ticonderoga, and two aboard the Oriskany with Fighter Squadron 111. While with VF-111, AT1 Kasimatis received a Sailor of the Month award for outstanding performance of duty.

Since reporting to China Lake in January 1978, AT1 Kasimatis has been assigned to the Aircraft Maintenance Division as supervisor of the Electronics Section in the Organizational Avionics Branch. His

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PW employee 'shocked' during storm Tuesday

A "shocking" thing happened in mid-afternoon Tuesday to Duane Davis, a temporary laborer assigned to the Public Works Department.

Davis and a co-worker, Don Braem, were working outdoors and happened to be on the railroad tracks across the street from Warehouse 42. At the time, shortly after 2:20 p.m., claps of thunder were booming out and flashes of lightning were visible in the sky overhead.

To his astonishment, Davis felt something hit the hair of his head and felt a buzzing noise in his ears. At the same time, Braem observed that a blue streak from the sky had struck his co-worker on the head.

Davis, who was wearing rubber-soled boots, was standing on the railroad track at the time, but felt none the worse for the wear despite this unusual event.

Because a downpour of rain soon followed, the two men headed back to their shop in the Public Works compound to get under cover, and then called The ROCKETEER to report that Davis has been struck by lightning.

Paul Donaldson, Associate Director for safety in the NWC Safety and Security Department, was more of the opinion (when contacted on this matter) that this strange

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Production models demonstrated of new fire fighting vehicle for aircraft carriers

Very brief clouds of smoke rising over the Naval Weapons Center mini-deck last week heralded the successful Fleet demonstration of production models of the new P-16 aircraft carrier fire fighting vehicle. The test and training demonstrations were performed by NWC fire fighters for Navy personnel from the U.S. Pacific and Atlantic Fleets.

The P-16, a compact low-profile aircraft carrier fire fighting vehicle, is a result of a concept developed by engineers from the Naval Air Engineering Center in Lakehurst, N.J., and firefighting experts at China Lake.

After the disastrous fire on the USS Forrestal a decade ago, the Carrier Aircraft Survivability Study (CASS) Group was formed to determine what could prevent other catastrophic fires. The development of the P-16 is one of the outgrowths of the CASS Group's work, which conceived an integrated flight deck fire protection system.

Components of System

Making up the new system are:

(1) The former NBC (nuclear, bacteria and chemical) washdown system which has been converted into a fire protection system using light water.

(2) The former 2½ fire hose positions along the edges of the flight deck have been replaced by hard hose lines on a reel that one man can operate instead of the four or five previously required for the old system.

(3) The P-16 which is constantly ready and running can be at a fire in 10 seconds. The catastrophic fire on board the USS Forrestal was caused when a rocket accidentally discharged from one aircraft and ruptured the gas tank of another. Ninety seconds later the resultant fire set off ordnance within the second plane, and this ordnance then created the fire which cost a number of lives.

Available in Seconds

With the P-16 designed to have great maneuverability and a low profile, it will be able to get to any fire within the first few critical seconds, since it can be handled with ease on an aircraft carrier deck.

If a fire starts on an aircraft carrier deck, the P-16 operator drives directly to the flaming area, even under airplane wings if necessary. The driver is able to train his turret hose directly on the flames while still maneuvering his vehicle for the best effect. Two additional Navy firefighters can ride on the back of the P-16 vehicle to assist as needed with hard hoses carried by the



VEHICLES COMPARED — The compactness of the new P-16 aircraft carrier fire fighting vehicle is dramatically illustrated in this photograph, which shows it next to the MB-5, the vehicle presently being used aboard aircraft carriers. With the replacement of MB-5s and TAU-2s later this year, there will be enough reduction in the critical topside weight on the flight deck to allow the placement of one more combat aircraft there.

—Photos by Ron Allen

present at last week's demonstrations, stated that the P-16 is very reliable.

"You can't have fire equipment that doesn't work and we will guarantee 90 percent reliability with the P-16," Forman stated. "We figure it will operate for 347 hours of constant running time, failure free."

When the P-16 is introduced into the Fleet it will be constantly running for about 12 hours per day throughout flight operations, and refueling and rearming of aircraft. The two assigned P-16s will form a roving patrol

R.E. (Dick) Forman, the program manager from the Naval Air Systems Command, Washington, D.C., who was

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NWC gearing up for all out effort in field of energy conservation

The Naval Weapons Center is gearing up for an all out effort in the field of energy conservation.

The Command views as critical a vigorous and effective energy conservation program in order to meet national energy goals set by the President, and to minimize the impact of increasing energy costs on the mission of the Center.

One of the steps that has been taken is the establishment of an Energy Management

Office in the Public Works Department. This office (Code 2605) is headed by Dick Fulmer, who is the manager and coordinator.

Working with Fulmer, are Dr. Clifton Stine, Energy Conservation Officer in Code 26, and Gary Smith, a mechanical engineer assigned to Code 2605.

Dr. Stine will be involved in the conservation aspects of Centerwide programs, and Smith will investigate alternate energy programs such as solar, wind and the use of electric cars.

Energy independence at NWC by the late 1980s is the goal of a program for which funding has been received by the Energy Management Office. This overall program will be a blending of the conservation program with alternate energy projects and installations that will relieve the Center of reliance on the usual sources of energy that depend on fossil fuels.

In addition to the Energy Management Office, there has been established a high level Energy Conservation Steering Committee headed by Capt. F. H. M. Kinley, NWC Vice Commander.

Members of this committee, who have been charged with the task of imaginatively planning for and carrying out significant measures for energy conservation at NWC, are: Capt. Robert B. Wilson, Public Works Officer, who represents the 02 Directorate; Leroy Marquardt, associate head of the

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FLAMES EXTINGUISHED — Navy fire fighters from the Pacific Fleet demonstrate the effectiveness of the new P-16 aircraft carrier fire fighting vehicle during an exercise at the Naval Weapons Center's mini-deck facility last week. The three fire fighters operating the vehicles' equipment had the flames out in less than 20 seconds.

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Recreation Roundup

2 golf tournaments slated on weekend at local course

Two golf tournaments are on tap this weekend at the China Lake golf course. One is the Commander's Cup golf tournament sponsored by the China Lake Men's Golf Club and the other is the Betty Jo Bailey Invitational golf tournament staged by the China Lake Women's Golf Club.

The Commander's Cup tournament is one of the four major events of the year for golfers in this area. The entry fee is \$6 per person, and late entries are still being taken.

Golfers who have not yet signed up can make arrangements to do so by calling Phil Sprankle at NWC Ext. 3203 or, after working hours, at 446-4236.

This is an individual medal play event, and entrants will be placed in flights determined by their handicap. At stake, in addition to the winner's name being placed on the tournament's perpetual trophy, will be certificates redeemable for merchandise awards.

The Betty Jo Bailey Invitational golf tournament was scheduled on the weekend, instead of in mid-week as previously planned, in an effort to attract more entrants. The entry fee is \$5 per golfer.

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VX-5 sailor to vie in inter-service wrestling matches

AOAN Morris Schultz, a sailor assigned to duty with the Line Division of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, will represent VX-5 and the Naval Weapons Center in the Interservice Wrestling Championships coming up March 20 to 23 at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, Calif.

Schultz earned the right to participate in an all-Navy training camp for wrestlers by placing second in the 11th Naval District tournament held Jan. 20 at the Naval Amphibious Base in Coronado.

From Feb. 1 up until this week, Schultz has been attending the Navy wrestlers' training camp at Coronado. The coach, LCDR Gary Sauer, reports that the VX-5 sailor, who this year is the all-Navy runner-up in the 105 lb. weight class, "has improved 400 per cent in ability and all-around performance" compared to this same time a year ago when he was on the all-Navy team and vied in the Interservice Wrestling Championships held at Quantico, Va.

Little League signups, tryouts set March 17, 24

The China Lake Little League will hold signups and tryouts for Major and Minor Division players 9 to 12 years of age on Diamond 4, located across from the NWC Federal Credit Union, starting at 9:30 a.m. on the next two Saturdays — March 17 and 24.

In addition, players in the Farm / T-Ball division can also sign up on these dates for tryouts that will be held on March 31 and April 7. Players in this division must be 7 years of age by July 31, 1979.

A voluntary donation of \$15 per player or \$25 per family is requested to offset the cost of uniforms and equipment.

Further information on the Little League program can be obtained by calling Sam Naumann, at 446-2172.

Burroughs High varsity nine wins Golden League opener

In contrast to what happened there just last Saturday, there was good news for the Burroughs High School varsity baseball team on its home field Tuesday afternoon in the Golden League opener against Antelope Valley High School from Lancaster.

After losing a double-header on Saturday to Bakersfield High School by scores of 16-3 and 4-1, the Burros bounced back Tuesday with a 4-3 win over their opponents from Lancaster. The victory was sweetened for Coach Ed Schwartz' team, which had suffered through a winless Golden League season in 1978.



ACTION APLENTY — Steve Lee of the China Lake Soccer Club (No. 16 at left), wasn't quite in position to get a clear shot at the net as the ball bounded past him during this bit of action in last Saturday's soccer match between China Lake and the Edwards Air Force Base team. Dennis Pierre (No. 24) for the China Lake team (in light jerseys) has effectively taken the Edwards goalie out of the play, but another Edwards player (No. 14) quickly moved in to prevent a possible goal. No. 27 is Chris Baldo, a fullback and defender for the Edwards team, which won this contest 2-1.

—Photo by Karl Kauffman

China Lake Soccer Club loses to Edwards in third straight defeat away from home

The China Lake Soccer Club lost its third straight game on the road last Saturday — being defeated 2-1 in a game played at Edwards Air Force Base.

Russ Birkhead, left wing for the China Lakers, tallied the first goal of the contest, but the Edwards team also kicked a goal and tied the score at 1-1 before the first half ended.

While the local soccer team was unable to break through for a score in the second half, a disputed goal by Steve Daubney, right forward for Edwards, gave his team the victory.

A rematch between these two teams has been scheduled on Sunday, March 25, starting at 12 noon at Davidove Field.

The final organizational meeting of the

Basics of swimming taught young children in class offered by Special Services Div.

The basics of swimming is being taught to tiny tots from 4 months to 4 years of age by Adrienne Swinford at the Naval Weapons Center indoor swimming pool.

Mrs. Swinford has been teaching the tiny tot swim program at China Lake for seven years and swimming for over 20 years.

The tiny tot swim program is designed to get youngsters from 4 months to 2½ years familiar with water, making it fun for them to learn to swim. They are also taught to blow bubbles in water, to float on their backs and to back kick. Children also do free floating but in this they are assisted by mothers or guardians.

During the program, Mrs. Swinford has youngsters work with toys and plays games with them. After children become familiar with the water, they are allowed to jump into the pool so that they will go under without becoming frightened, which is one of the main causes of drowning of children this age.

With older tots from 2½ to 3½, Mrs. Swinford instructs them in the same basics but they are old enough to work with kick boards too. This age group is also allowed to glide to side of the pool and to play racing games with toys and to paddle in the water

This afternoon and tomorrow morning, the Burros' varsity nine will be on the road for games at Palmdale (league) and at East Bakersfield High (non-league), and then will host the Saugus High squad in another league game at home on Tuesday, starting at 3:30 p.m.

The Burros broke fast from the starting gate in Tuesday's game against the Antelopes. Taking advantage of Mike Fulmer, AV's starting pitcher, who lasted just 1 1/3 innings, the BHS varsity tallied all four of its runs in the bottom half of the first inning.

Randy Radcliff, who led off with a single, was sacrificed to second by Frank Mayer. Dave Cane was issued a walk and, with two outs, an infield single by Kevin Kummerman loaded the bases.

The Burros' first run of the game was forced in when Mike Wirtz was hit by a pitched ball. Two RBIs were then credited to Dennis Ikenoyama who came through with a single to right field. The ball was bobbled by the outfielder and a third run crossed the plate. This gave the BHS nine a four run lead that turned out to be enough to win the game.

Fulmer, the Antelopes' starting hurler, was relieved in the second inning by Davey Daniel. He limited the Burros to four scattered hits for the remainder of the contest while striking out 7.

Lopes a Constant Threat

The AV team had runners on base in every inning except the seventh, but Gaunt's pitching and the Burros' defense held them scoreless in every inning except the fourth, when the 'Lopes tallied three runs.

Two double plays — shortstop to second to first and third base to second to first — in the first and second innings, respectively, enabled the BHS varsity nine to thwart potential scoring threats by the AV team.

A lead-off double by Rick Pompa and a single by Joe Barkate spelled trouble for the Burros in the top of the fourth. These two hits were followed by a single off the bat of Dan Wright which enabled Pompa to score, and another RBI single — this time by Terry McPherson — drove in Barkate.

The BHS nine committed two errors in the fourth inning, one of which enabled the Antelopes to tally again and reduce the Burros' final margin of victory to 4-3.

Burros Have Tough Time

The BHS varsity had a tough time of it in the twin bill last Saturday against Bakersfield High. Mitch Phair, centerfielder for the visitors, gave an indication of the kind of problems the Burros' mound staff faced in the first game of the double header, as he drilled a clean single to right field on the very first pitch of the game.

Later in the first inning, a double by David Smith, catcher for the Drillers, produced the first tally of the contest.

A pair of walks issued by Terry Gaunt, starting hurler for Burroughs, gave the Drillers another chance to score, which they did in the second frame on a single by Mark Debut.

In the bottom half of the second, the Burros scored their only runs in the first game of the twin bill. Catcher Dave Cane started things off with a sharp single that was followed by Kevin Kummerman's infield hit. Before the dust had settled on the try to put Kummerman out at first, Cane raced all the way to third base and was poised to score from there when Randy Radcliff stepped up to bat.

Radcliff drove a ground ball right back at Dave Smith, pitcher for the Drillers, and he tossed the ball to third base for what appeared to be a good chance to put out Cane,

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WATER BABIES — Swimming instructor Adrienne Swinford (far left) demonstrates with her son, Douglas, that being in the water can be fun for youngsters his age. The other mothers and tiny tots taking part in the swimming program in progress at the Center's indoor swimming pool are (l. to r.) Carol Sakai, and daughter, Jill; Judy Katsumoto, and son, James; and Laura Swift, and daughter, Susie. — Photo by Ron Allen



ATTENDS FMA CONVENTION — Dennis Rowell (at left) congratulates Rod Murray on his election to serve a second term as president of the Federal Managers' Association (formerly National Association of Supervisors, Federal Government). Rowell, who attended the Association's recent national convention in Washington, D.C., is employed at NWC and serves as president of China Lake Chapter No. 28 of the FMA.

Centerite attends Federal Managers' Ass'n convention

Dennis Rowell, president of China Lake Chapter No. 28 of the Federal Managers' Association (formerly National Association of Supervisors), attended the group's 41st national convention, which was held Feb. 18 through 22 in Washington, D.C.

Rowell, who is head of the Financial Operations Branch in the Special Services Division of the NWC Office of Finance and Management, has served as secretary-treasurer of Chapter 28 and also was a director of the group prior to being elected to the position of president.

Group's Name Changed

Among the numerous items of business upon which action was taken at the convention was to change the name of the organization to Federal Managers' Association (FMA). This was done, Rowell said, in order to reflect more properly the growing number of Federal government supervisors from all levels of management, as well as the increasing number of different departments and agencies within the Federal government now represented by membership in the FMA.

According to Rod Murray, an employee at the Naval Shipyard in Charleston, N.C., who was re-elected for another term as president, 1978 was a year of notable increase in the Association's membership as 23 new chapters were formed and the membership total climbed by 4,000.

Strong Position Taken on Issues

The convention in the nation's capital drew an attendance of 213 delegates from 91 chapters who took strong positions on several issues and made significant changes in the Association. A sizable number of U.S. Senators and Congressmen, high ranking representatives of various Federal departments and agencies, in addition to the Department of Defense, were present for a banquet on the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Guest speaker at the banquet was Dr. Alan Campbell, Director of the Office of Personnel Management, who called for the help of supervisors and managers to implement the Civil Service Reform Act. He

Storm hits . . .

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occurrence was probably the result of static electricity generated by the sudden, mid-afternoon storm.

According to John Gibson, weather forecaster at Armitage Field, a small atmospheric low pressure center moving through southern California (near Baja California) was responsible for dumping a total of .35 in. of rain at the air field — some of which fell Tuesday afternoon and the remainder between 1 and 3 a.m. Wednesday.

Energy savings vital to NWC . . .

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Electronic Warfare Department, who represents the 03 Directorate; John DiPol, head of the NWC Range Department, who represents the 06 Directorate; and Dr. Frank Cartwright, assistant to the Executive Committee, who represents the Technical Director's Office.

According to Capt. Kinley, the NWC Command has received a copy of an Executive Memo signed on Feb. 2 by President Jimmy Carter. What it calls for is an immediate 5 percent reduction in energy compared to the last fiscal year at all federal installations.

The members of the Energy Conservation Steering Committee are actively pursuing what would be required to achieve a decrease in energy consumption up to 15 percent.

A second group called the Departments' Energy Conservation Committee has been in existence for about two years. Its membership includes representatives from each of the departments and independent organizations on the Center.

Dr. Stine is the chairman of this committee, whose members are the working

level contact with all organizations at China Lake. Information on energy conservation and Center policy is to be consolidated by the committee chairman and disseminated to the group's 28 members.

The members of this committee are expected to respond with ideas and information on what can be done within their departments, divisions or branches to conserve energy and reduce energy consumption.

They also will be putting into action directions received from the Energy Conservation Steering Committee.

More information and action will be promulgated in subsequent articles — stay tuned in.

Pre-retirement seminar starts soon, enroll now

Enrollment is now being accepted for a Pre-retirement Planning Seminar which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, April 11.

Most of the sessions (except the "Psychological Aspects of Retirement" and the "Financial Planning" segments) will be 1½ hours in duration and will be held once a week.

The Psychological Aspects segment will be in the form of an all-day workshop, while the Financial Planning segment will be a 4-hour session. The total time for the 7-week seminar is 17 hours.

Purpose of Seminar

This seminar is intended for Naval Weapons Center civilian employees who are planning to retire within the next five years. Spouses of enrollees are also invited to attend. The course is designed to provide a wide range of information on such subjects as tax regulations, the Civil Service Retirement System, Social Security and Medicare, legal matters, financial planning, health maintenance, and the psychological adjustments of retirement.

Employees who are interested in attending this seminar should submit a training request and authorization form via appropriate department channels in time for it to reach Code 094 by April 6. The seminar will be limited to 50 employees. The approximate date of an employee's retirement must be included on the training request.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Nancy Cleland at NWC Ext. 2018 or 2592.

Rocketeer wins Navy newspaper '78 merit award

The staff of The ROCKETEER, official weekly publication of the Naval Weapons Center, this week received information that it was one of seven newspapers selected to receive a merit award for 1978 competition conducted by the Department of the Navy's Office of Chief of Information (CHINFO).

The CHINFO Merit Awards Program is a contest designed to recognize exemplary achievements in internal media produced by Navy commands and individuals.

Contest Judges

This year, as the program changed from a quarterly to an annual contest, six Naval Reservists reported to the Navy Internal Relations Activity to serve as judges. These reservists were selected because of their civilian experience in print and/or broadcast related occupations.

Included in the rules for the printed media category was the requirement that newspaper editors submit copies for judging that were published on or closest to the dates of March 1 and Aug. 3, 1978, and a third date of the staff's choice. The ROCKETEER issue of Aug. 11, 1978, was selected for the latter.

First place in Category A (authorized non-commercial offset and letterpress newspapers) went to "The Gator," which is the newspaper of the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Va.



OUTSTANDING SAFETY RECORD — During the period from February 1976 through October 1978, the NWC Fuze and Sensors Department compiled a record of 500,000 man-hours worked without a lost-time accident. In recognition of this outstanding safety record, a 500,000 hour safety certificate was presented recently to R. A. Boof (at left), head of Code 33, by Capt. F. H. M. Kinley, NWC Vice Commander. — Photo by Randy Eady



TIME-HONORED TRADITION — Mrs. Pat Wilson, wife of Capt. R. B. Wilson, NWC Public Works Officer, and Capt. Thomas Maddock, chief staff officer of Reserve Naval Construction Force in Kansas City, Mo., cut the ceremonial cake at the annual Civil Engineer Corps and Seabee anniversary ball held at Elks Lodge in Ridgecrest last Saturday night. Also officiating were SWC Nathaniel Davis, (second from left) the oldest Reserve Seabee, and Ltjg. Patric Nassaux, the youngest "Seabee." Two Naval Sea Cadets from the Sea Cadet Battalion, sponsored by Detachment 0217, are seen serving as cake guards.

Reserve Seabee of Year named at annual ball

About 170 Civil Engineer Corps officers, Seabee Reserves and guests were in attendance at the anniversary ball commemorating the 112th and 37th birthdays of CEC and Seabees, respectively.

During the ceremonies at the ball, SW2 Albert M. Zidek was presented the Seabee Reservist of the Year for 1978 award by CMCS Phillip M. Nelson, officer in charge of the Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 17 Detachment 0217, homeported at the Naval Weapons Center.

The Seabee of the Year award is given annually to a member of Detachment 0217 who demonstrates a superior quality of leadership, military and professional competence, as well as a continuing and enthusiastic support of the Naval Reserve program.

CMCS Nelson cited SW2 Zidek for continued dedication of time and self to the Navy and Naval Reserve program for the past 15 years, in a letter of commendation that was given to him during the anniversary ball.

The letter continued, "During the past year, you have supervised and managed the overall operation of the equipment and shop

IEEE members to hear talk on Coso geothermal area

A talk on the current status of the Coso geothermal project will be presented at a luncheon meeting of the China Lake Section, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, that will be held on Monday, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Enlisted Club.

The speaker will be Dr. Carl Austin, head of the Geothermal Utilization Division in the NWC Public Works Department.

Dr. Austin, who directs the Center's geothermal programs at various locations in the world (Alaska and in the Hawaiian Islands to mention two), will provide up to date information on the Coso geothermal area which is located within the boundaries of the Naval Weapons Center.

The current energy shortage has spurred interest in the development of such sites in order to help satisfy future energy requirements.

The meeting is open to all interested persons. Those planning to attend are asked to call NWC Ext. 3100 in order that adequate space for the luncheon meeting will be insured.

working area assigned to this detachment, making it a safe, convenient place to assist in the detachment training program.

"You have provided technical expertise on the job training and other training projects and have willingly devoted your time and talent to assist in the military and professional training of Sea Cadets assigned to the China Lake unit. This duty has often been at the expense of family time and is all the more appreciated by the members of this detachment."

Chief Nelson went on to say that Zidek's superior performance of duties is typical of the outstanding group of petty officers affiliated with Detachment 0217.

Guests of honor for the event included Rear Admiral William L. Harris, NWC Commander, and Mrs. Jean Harris; Bob Hillyer, NWC Technical Director, and Mrs. Luverne Hillyer; and Ridgecrest Mayor Don Chieze and his wife, Peggy.

Present as "King Bee" was Capt. Thomas

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superior performance as a supervisor was recently recognized through the selection of his work center as, "The Outstanding Work Center," in the Aircraft Maintenance Division by an advisory team from the Naval Air Logistics Command at Patuxent River, Md.

In a letter recommending AT1 Kasimatis for the honor, his supervisor AEC J. D. Ridge stated: "Not only does Petty Officer Kasimatis ensure that his work center maintains an effective and productive output, but he also manages the time and workload of the work center so that quality training can also be included in to the work center's daily routine."

Chief Ridge reported that AT1 Kasimatis is an excellent technician who possesses an exceptional knowledge of electronics and troubleshooting procedures.

Strict, But Fair, Supervisor

"He is a strict, but fair supervisor who commands the respect due his position by his subordinates while in turn he shows respect for his superiors," Chief Ridge said. "His belief in the self-rights and human dignity of all individuals and his promotion of equal opportunity create a harmonious working relationship will all of his associates."

Chief Ridge also said that AT1 Kasimatis' military bearing and impeccable uniform are in keeping with the highest standards of the Navy. "He exemplifies the highly skilled and professional military petty

award.

In order to be eligible for nomination for this award, candidates must have been Center employees on Dec. 31, 1978, and must be secretaries or fulfill a secretarial role. In most cases, clerks, clerk-typists, receptionists, and specialized clerks will be eligible.

Nominees may be either military or civilian personnel at NWC, and selections will be based on the following factors: quality and quantity of work, attitude, dependability, adaptability, initiative, discretion, responsibility, public relations, appearance and demeanor, and ability to organize work.

Letters of nomination should contain a written statement of how the nominee meets the criteria listed above, with descriptive examples if possible.

Nominations will be accepted from any military personnel or civilian employee of the Center. The person submitting the nomination may be a supervisor, a coworker, or a subordinate of the nominee.

Letters of nomination, which must be received before the close of business on Wednesday, March 28, should be sent to the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Code 0081.

officer that is required for the Navy to maintain its superiority in today's world."

AT1 Kasimatis is on his second tour of duty at China Lake. He spent his first tour here with Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five from February 1970 to October 1974. During that time, he met and married his wife, Patti. They now have three children, Eric, 9, Stacy, 7, and Kerrie, 4, all born in Ridgecrest.

During his off duty hours, Kasimatis says he spends most of his time just being with his family. However, he has found the time to sing regularly in the Immanuel Baptist Church choir, to build things from wood, and to grow a vegetable garden. He claims about anything will grow here if given plenty of water.

AT1 Kasimatis is anxiously awaiting the results of a recent Navywide examination he took for chief petty officer and is hopeful that he will be advanced.

When his tour is up here in 1981, he says he will be going to sea again but will return to Ridgecrest when he retires from the Navy. At the present time, AT1 Kasimatis and his family live in Navy housing at China Lake, but expect to move into a home they own in Ridgecrest on their return in 1985.

Nominees sought for 'Secretary of Year' award

In an effort to recognize and support the contributions and high caliber of the Naval Weapons Center's secretarial/clerical staff, the Federal Women's Program is sponsoring a "Secretary of the Year" award.

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All heavy duty equipment used at NWC is posted with slow-moving vehicle signs, and the areas where road work is being done are posted with "Slow" and "Men and Equipment Working" signs.

Vehicle drivers are asked to watch for heavy equipment being moved or working on Center streets and roads. Slow down until it is safe to pass, or wait until the operator can get the vehicle as far to the side as possible.

Drive slowly where road work is underway. That heavy duty operator really doesn't want to get a crush on you either.

Need for special care near heavy equipment noted

By Billie Hise

Attention has been called to the problems experienced lately by heavy duty equipment operators.

Now that the rainy season is past, road work is being done and some drivers are not slowing down for the posted areas where road work is in progress.

Some drivers have driven very close to the heavy equipment expecting the operator to stop for them or move off the road. Still other drivers have zipped along and pulled across double solid lines on the road in the face of oncoming traffic expecting the heavy equipment to move over fast or stop if there was a problem.

Too Heavy To Stop Quickly

These road repair vehicles may be as much as 12 ft. wide and weigh from 12 to 80 tons. There is a new crane that will be used at NWC which weighs in excess of 140 tons unladen.

There is no way that such vehicles can move or stop quickly or, in some cases, even move off the roadway. Certainly an 80 ton vehicle can not stop on a dime.

When working on roads with some of the equipment, the operator may have to cut a certain grade, keep the contour of a curve, use various levers to insure a proper cut is being made and at the same time watch for traffic. Some of the equipment is so noisy that the operator has to wear ear plugs to reduce the sound and may not hear an approaching vehicle.

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Vehicle tested . . .

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around the flight deck. If a fire results, it will do all of its fire fighting in the first critical 30 seconds.

A mixture of aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) and purple K powder (PKP) jets from the hose nozzles to damp the flames. This combination was developed by Henry B. Peterson, of the Naval Research Laboratory, who was a spectator at last week's tests here.

The importance of the demonstration was highlighted by the variety of officials attending the tests. Also present were R. L. Darwin, the Naval Material Command's fire protection coordinator for the Navy; John Raccato, project engineer; Joe Gandolf and Norman Gisel, test engineers for the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Md.; Lt. Dave Deese, Naval Air Forces, Pacific Fleet; and ABCS William E. Nichols, Naval Air Forces, Atlantic Fleet. Numerous representatives of other groups were also present.

Influential on the local level in the work done for improving Navy firefighting were NWC's fire chief Richard Rightmer; former NWC fire chiefs Jack Brust and William R. Knight; and Don Huber, former fire chief at NAS Miramar in San Diego.

Thirty-three P-16 aircraft carrier firefighting vehicles have been built by the A.C.L. Filco Co. of Santa Ana, Calif., at a cost of \$85,000 per unit. Sixteen more are now coming off the production line for the Navy's assault carriers.



DISTINGUISHED VISITOR — Dr. John Transe is greeted upon his arrival at Armitage Field for a visit to China Lake by Capt. F. H. M. Kinley, NWC Vice Commander. Dr. Transe is the Director of Air Missile Systems, Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense Research and Engineering (Tactical Warfare Programs). While here, he visited the Sidewinder and Sparrow missile laboratories, was briefed on the HARM (high speed anti-radiation missile) Advanced Technology Program, and reviewed guidance technology efforts and air-to-surface programs.

Donations sought by spay, neuter group for rummage sale

Contributions are being sought for a rummage sale, sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Spay and Neuter Program, that will be held on Saturday, March 31, at the old Kern County Building, 230 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

Needed are donations of children's toys (in good condition), clothing for all ages, books, furniture, tools and home appliances. Arrangements can be made to have all such items picked up by calling either 446-2671 or 375-5390.

All money raised by the rummage sale will go into a rebate fund that is used to cover a portion of the cost of having cats and dogs spayed or neutered in order to help reduce the number of stray animals in the local area.

Two Navy officers report for duty at China Lake

LCdr. James Kincheloe and LCdr. Robin Datta recently reported for duty at the Naval Weapons Center.

LCdr. Kincheloe is the new head of the Ordnance Division in the Aircraft Department, while LCdr. Datta is the new flight

Public Works Dept. provides U-Drive-It dispatch service

The Public Works Department Transportation "C" Pool Dispatcher's Office is being moved to the front of the motor pool in Building No. 00984 as a convenience to customers.

Beginning Monday, "C" Pool dispatch services will be provided from that location. Also, at that time, customers may call a new and separate telephone number for the dispatcher. The number is NWC Ext. 2702.

According to Lee V. Barkley, transportation superintendent, "C" Pool transportation support can be either U-Drive-It, or chauffeur-operated support.

Vehicles Kept in Central Pool

U-Drive-It dispatch service is provided from a central pool that consists of passenger carrying vehicles of less than 12 passenger capacity and cargo vehicles of 2-ton and under capacity. The vehicles are made available to Center customers for support of official use functions and are operated by the user.

A dispatch ticket is issued with the vehicle, which the operator must complete, and the vehicle must be returned immediately upon completion of use, but not later than 24 hours, except for some off-Center overnight trips for which special arrangements can be made. This service is non-recurring in nature and not designed to meet the long-term daily recurring customer needs.

U-Drive-It services may also be used to meet peak workloads, one-time requirements of a singular nature, or to provide vehicles of a particular capacity type or design. U-Drive-It vehicles should be requested not later than 3 p.m. on the day before use. The support will be provided to the limit of vehicle availability on an advance reservation basis.

Number of Vehicles Limited

Although the quantity of vehicles available in "C" Pool for U-Drive-It is presently limited, the availability will increase in the near future by the return of "B" assignments to "C" Pool as a result of the new taxi service and energy conservation.

Chauffeur-operated equipment will also be available by calling the "C" Pool Dispatcher at NWC Ext. 2702. This service is usually provided for buses, cargo trucks of more than 2-ton capacity, weight handling, construction, and specialized equipment. The equipment is operated by a professional operator and requires both a California Class I or II license and a matching government vehicle operator's permit.

The chauffeur-operated equipment also should be requested no later than 3 p.m. on the day before use. The equipment will be

provided on a priority basis depending on the availability of equipment and operators.

Barkley states that he is pleased by the excellent customer acceptance and response to the recently implemented taxi service. The expanded "C" Pool support will not alter the taxi service.

Customers are reminded that they should use the taxi service over the use of all other passenger carrying government vehicles for trips within the taxi operating area. Numbers for the taxi service are NWC Ext. 2880 or 2838.

Women's workshop to explore ways to set career goals

A Career Goal Setting workshop for women will be sponsored by the Cerro Coso Community College's Project HERE (Hidestert Educational Resources and Employment), program on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the old County Court House, 230 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

Gwen Bergman, a career consultant, will lead the workshop. She will help participants explore their values and to discover what their priorities in life are. Using this as a starting point, she will then discuss how to set career goals.

Another topic to be discussed is how to anticipate and to prepare for changes that occur when a woman starts working, begins college, or changes jobs.

The workshop is open to the public free of charge. Persons desiring further information should call 375-5001, Ext. 34 or 44.

Motorcycle safety class to be held

Plans were announced this week for a motorcycle safety class that will be held at the Safety Building (corner of Nimitz Ave. and Hussey Rd.) on Saturday, March 24, starting at 8 a.m.

The course is a combination of films and lecture and actual riding experience for both on-road and off-road riders. It is open to all Naval Weapons Center residents and their dependents.

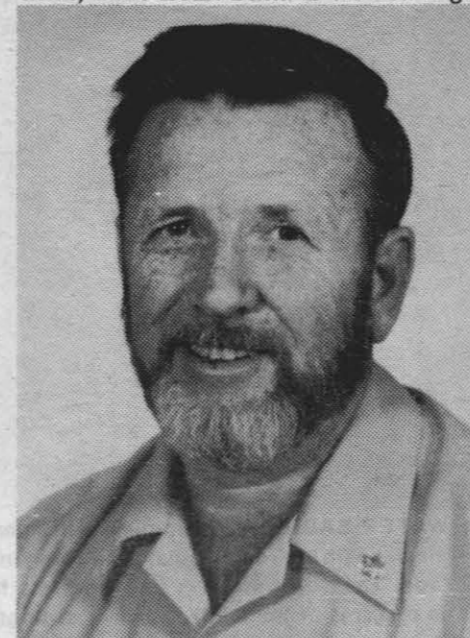
Each student must present a signed waiver before riding in the class. Adults may sign for themselves. Parents may sign for minors on the morning of the class or earlier. Waiver forms are available in the Safety Office.

Persons seeking more information or who wish to enroll for this course should call NWC Ext. 2367, or appear at 8 a.m. on March 24 at the Safety Building.

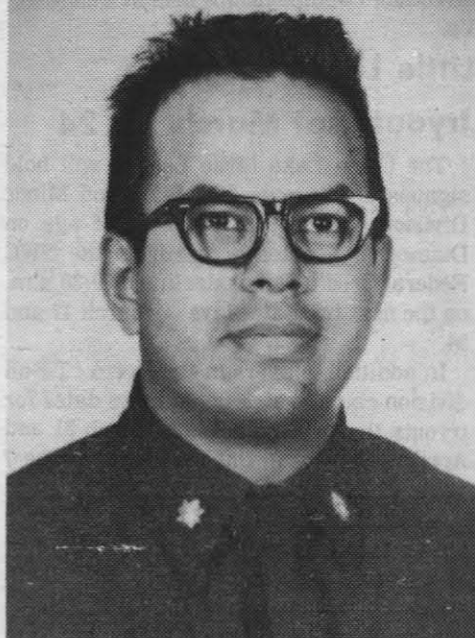


COVETED AWARD — SW2 Albert M. Zidek (left) receives the 1978 Seabee Reservist of the Year award during the annual anniversary ball at the Elks Lodge from CMCS Phillip M. Nelson, Officer in Charge of the Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 17, Detachment 0217. Mrs. Nancy Zidek proudly looks on as CMCS Nelson congratulates her husband for his superior performance of duties which earned him the award.

—Photos by PH2 Tony Garcia



LCdr. James Kincheloe



LCdr. Robin Datta