



Commissioned Officers' Mess

Two dinners for the price of one will be the feature attraction tomorrow night in the dining room at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Dinner will be served from 6 to 10 p.m., and the special entree of the evening will be half of a boneless Cornish game hen served with wild rice.

The COM will be closed on Monday in observance of the Washington's birthday holiday, but will be open for lunch and dinner for the remainder of the week.

Coming up on Thursday, Feb. 21, is barbecue night featuring a country platter of barbecued pork spareribs and chicken, country fried potatoes, corn on the cob, hot biscuits and honey.

Next Friday evening (Feb. 22), the COM will be the setting for a hail and farewell party honoring incoming and departing military officers.

Another gala Membership Night fete is scheduled on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the COM. In addition to a buffet dinner that will be available from 6:30 to 9 o'clock, there will be music for the dancing and listening pleasure of COM members and their guests that will be played by The Mirauders from 8 p.m. until midnight.

The menu for the buffet dinner on Membership Night will include baron of beef, green salad, baked potato, vegetable, rolls, and beverage at a price of \$4 for members and their spouses and \$5 each for guests.

Reservations for dinner and dancing are due prior to 5 p.m. on Feb. 22 and can be made by calling 446-2549.

Chief Petty Officers' Club

A traditional Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dance will be held tonight at the Chief Petty Officers' Club, with music for romance beginning at 9 p.m. and lasting until 1. Contemporary music will be the order of the evening.

Dinner specials before the dance begins include prime rib of beef and Icelandic cod.

Tomorrow night the CPO Club will again offer a special buffet featuring all you can eat. Price for adults is \$6.50 a person, and small fry under the age of 12 will be charged \$3 each.

Museum lecture on

'Bats of California Desert' set Feb. 20

Dr. Patricia Brown, research associate in the Department of Biology at UCLA, will present a slide-illustrated lecture entitled "Bats of the California Desert" at the Richmond School auditorium on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

This is another in the continuing series of lectures sponsored by the Maturango Museum to bring to this community authorities in areas within the scope of museum interest.

Dr. Brown has established herself as a respected expert in the field of bat study through her extensive research in Africa, Panama, Costa Rica, Trinidad, and Australia, as well as in this country. Among her findings is that bats gradually develop echo location capabilities rather than being born with this ability. Dr. Brown has compiled information on the utilization of doppler shifts in their complicated sensing mechanisms.

Her lecture will deal on laymen's terms with bats of the California desert, but she will answer questions on others aspects of her research that might be of interest to local scientists and engineers.

There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend. Special events passes, if needed, may be obtained at the NWC main gate on the evening of the lecture.



CHAMBER MUSIC ENSEMBLE TO PLAY — Next in the current series of programs offered by the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association will be a return engagement of the Annapolis Brass Quintet on Tuesday evening, starting at 7:30, at the Center theater. This group is America's only full-time performing brass ensemble.

Concert Tuesday night to feature famed Annapolis Brass Quintet

The Annapolis Brass Quintet, one of the world's finest chamber music ensembles, will be here for a return engagement on Tuesday evening, starting at 7:30, in the Center theater. The program to be presented will be one of music from the 16th through 20th centuries.

This will be the fourth program of the 1979-80 season sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association.

Charter members of the Annapolis Brass Quintet, who began making concert appearances in 1971, are former members of the Naval Academy Band. They formed the ensemble upon completion of their military service.

Members of Quintet

Musicians who make up the quintet, and the instruments they play, are David Cran and Robert Suggs, trumpet; Marc Guy, French horn; Robert Posten, bass trombone; and Martin Hughes, trombone. Each year they travel throughout the United States, performing not only in cultural centers, but in small towns and remote areas as well.

In addition, the Annapolis Brass Quintet has toured the European continent six times, performing in major cities, at summer festivals in Austria and Spain, and recording for broadcast centers in Germany, Holland, Norway, and Belgium.

This group, America's only full-time performing brass ensemble, has found the key to both audience approval and composer interest by including on its concert programs the great spectrum of styles available from minor and major composers, combined with the right approach to the presentation of new works.

In 1974, the Annapolis Brass Quintet sponsored a composers' competition and, during the 1976-77 season the ensemble presented world premiers of two works for brass quintet and orchestra during a concert with the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra.

The group's previous appearance here

was in 1976. Presented at that time were selections from the Renaissance, baroque and classical periods, continuing through to the music of the 20th century.

Since its first concert appearances in 1971, the Annapolis Brass Quintet (a group which plays more than 250 concerts a year) has achieved and sustained a reputation for artistic excellence and maturity. Every passing year has brought steady improvement in the growth and stature of the quintet.

Tickets Still Available

Some single admission tickets are available for this concert. Prices are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for those under 21 or over 65 years of age, as well as for enlisted military personnel.

Tickets for Tuesday night's concert may be purchased in advance at the following business places in Ridgecrest: Music Man, Sports Etc., Medical Arts Pharmacy, Gift Mart, Lilly's Dress Shop, and at the Center Pharmacy (located next to the Drummond Medical Center). They also can be obtained at the Maturango Museum from 2 to 5 p.m.

In addition, tickets will be on sale at the Center theater box office on Tuesday from 4:45 to 7:15 p.m. Concert-goers are reminded that special event passes may be obtained at the Naval Weapons Center gates.

Program for Students

Prior to their performance on Tuesday night, the Annapolis Brass Quintet will present an hour-long concert for students at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Burroughs High School lecture center. Arrangements have been made for music students from grades five through twelve to attend.

This program is provided at no cost to students as an educational service by the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association, and made possible by contributions to the Student Education Fund. The board of directors of the Desert Community Orchestra Association recently contributed \$200 for this purpose.

Rec. facilities open on holiday

The following hours of operation will be observed by business and recreational facilities at the Naval Weapons Center during the Washington's Birthday holiday on Monday:

Facility	Hours
Bowling Alley and Snack Bar	11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Navy Exchange Mini-Mart	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Golf Course	7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Gymnasium	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Youth Gym and Skating Rink	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Indoor Swimming Pool	11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Facilities not listed above will be closed all day on Monday.

MOVIES

(G) ALL AGES ADMITTED
General Audiences
(PG) PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED
Parental Guidance Suggested
(R) RESTRICTED
Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian

Regular starting time—7 p.m.

FRIDAY FEB. 15
"WANDERERS"
Starring
John Friedrich and Karen Allen
(Drama, rated R, 117 min.)

SATURDAY FEB. 16
"DRACULA"
Starring
Frank Langella & Lawrence Olivier
(Drama, rated R, 109 Min.)

SUNDAY FEB. 17
"INTERNATIONAL VELVET"
Starring
Tatum O'Neal and Nanette Newman
(Drama, rated PG, 127 min.)

MONDAY FEB. 18
"DRACULA"
Starring
Frank Langella & Lawrence Olivier
(Drama, rated R, 109 Min.)

WEDNESDAY FEB. 20
"AMITYVILLE HORROR"
Starring
Rod Steiger and James Brolin
(Horror drama, rated R, 119 min.)

Cerro Coso College first Homecoming slated Feb. 19-23

Cerro Coso Community College will celebrate its first Homecoming during the period of Feb. 19 through 23.

First of the week's events will be a preliminary free-throw contest held on Tuesday at the Cerro Coso outdoor basketball courts. Participants will be Cerro Coso students and staff, and the finalists will compete during halftime at the Homecoming game on Feb. 23.

A barbecue from 11 a.m. until 1 will highlight activities next Wednesday, Feb. 20. The barbecue will be served in the college promenade, with ASB cardholders paying 50 cents and all others \$1.50 for a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, chips, punch and coffee.

The Associated Students will sponsor a variety show at noon on Thursday, Feb. 21, in the college lecture center. The show will include songs by Karen Karner, an acrobatic dance by Lori McAlpin (a former Miss Ridgecrest / China Lake), production numbers from the next Cerro Coso musical "Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," directed by Florence Green, a skit, guitar music, and a combo.

Events on Saturday, Feb. 23, begin with a reception for all Cerro Coso alumni to be held at the China Lake Community Center from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Those who wish can then proceed from there to the NWC gymnasium to see the Homecoming game between the Coyotes and the Mt. San Jacinto College cagers at 7:30 p.m.

The celebration will wind up with a dance at the Community Center following the game. A live combo, "Easy Lovin'," will provide music for dancing from 9 until 1 a.m. Tickets for the dance, which is open to everyone in the community, are priced at \$2 for ASCC cardholders, and \$3 for general admission.

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DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS PRESENTED — Mrs. Betty Faller accepts the Distinguished Flying Cross medal from Capt. William B. Haff, NWC Commander. Looking on are Tommy and Christine, the two children of Lcdr. and Mrs. Theodore Faller, whose father died in the crash landing of a disabled aircraft that he maneuvered away from a residential district and elementary school in Ridgecrest. By staying with his aircraft, Lcdr. Faller saved the lives of others at the cost of his own. —Photos by Ron Allen

AZI John McElwain selected as NWC Bluejacket of Month

Aviation Maintenance Administration First Class John E. McElwain has won the coveted Naval Weapons Center's Bluejacket of the Month award for January.

Petty Officer McElwain is assigned to Maintenance Control as the senior maintenance administrationman. His duties



AZI John E. McElwain

include control, update, and verification of aircraft discrepancy books, flight schedules, and visual information display system boards.

In the letter nominating him for the honor, ATCS J. T. Cook, maintenance control chief petty officer, and AFM J. E.

Tucker, maintenance material control division chief petty officer, note that because of AZI McElwain's efforts there is a much more positive control of inspections and the administrative work load has been reduced drastically.

Much of the work contributing to this was accomplished after hours on his own time, the letter continues. When asked about this, AZI McElwain said that he feels that "extra time on the job comes with the territory. If you need more time, it's the cheapest investment in getting the job done."

AZI McElwain, who has been stationed at China Lake for the last two years of his 15 years in the Navy, finds plenty of activities to fill his time.

As well as his work and collateral duty as Division Career Counselor, he is president of the NWC First Class Ways and Means Committee, captain of the NWC Blue skeet and trap team, and has extensive home and community involvements.

He and his wife Gail own five horses, both Arabians and quarterhorses, that they and their two daughters, Paulette, 7 and Suzanne, 5, ride and train.

Last year, the youngest member of their household did not ride, however. This youngest member was an infant for whom AZI McElwain and his wife served as foster parents; the baby was with them for the first year of its life until its mother was able to take care of the child herself.

AZI McElwain and his wife will be loading up their horse trailer and heading off to VA-27 at Lemoore, Calif., soon after he ships over on Feb. 29.

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Distinguished Flying Cross awarded posthumously to aircraft accident victim

A posthumous award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Lcdr. Theodore H. Faller, a jet aircraft pilot formerly assigned to the Naval Weapons Center, took place Tuesday morning during a ceremony held outside the entrance to the NWC Administration Building.

The DFC was presented by Capt. William B. Haff, NWC Commander, to Mrs. Betty Faller, widow of Lcdr. Faller. The latter died on Aug. 13, 1979, following a crash landing that occurred while on a routine training mission.

Unveiled during the ceremony was a memorial marker in memory of Lcdr. Faller that is a gift of the 1st Class Petty Officers Ways and Means Committee. A Modesto ash tree planted nearby also was given by this same group in honor of the aircraft accident victim.

Read by Capt. Haff to Mrs. Faller and her two children, Christine, 11, and Tommy, 10, was the citation that accompanied the DFC. It states, in part, as follows:

"While leading a flight of two aircraft on a routine training mission, Lieutenant Commander Faller experienced me-

chanical problems with his aircraft shortly after take-off. Unable to rectify the aircraft problems in order to maintain flight, he elected to remain with his disabled aircraft and maneuvered the craft away from a heavily populated residential district and



an elementary school. The aircraft was professionally piloted to a controlled crash landing in a clearing within the residential area.

"Lieutenant Commander Faller's superb

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APPRECIATION EXPRESSED — On behalf of the NWC Command, Capt. Haff expressed his appreciation to the 1st Class Petty Officers Ways and Means Committee (headed by AZI John McElwain, at right) for the group's part in honoring the memory of Lcdr. Theodore Faller. A memorial marker and a tree planted nearby on the lawn in front of the Administration Building were the gifts of the committee. Visible in the background are Bob Hillyer, NWC Technical Director, and Lcdr. G. A. Pike, Commanding Officer of Enlisted Personnel and head of the NWC Command Administration Department.

