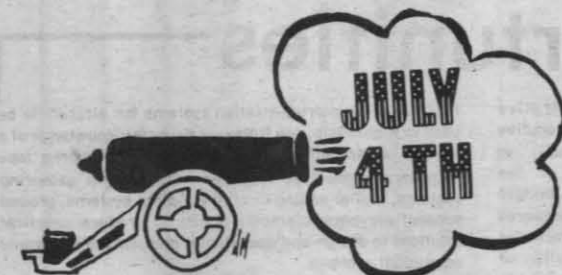




**INFORMAL GATHERING** — B. J. Szczypiorski (better known as "Ski"), a council member of the NWC Catholic congregation, serves Chaplain John Allen a hamburger while RAdm. Ross H. Trower, Navy Chief of Chaplains, helps himself to potato chips. A barbecue on the lawn of the All Faith Chapel permitted members of the chapel's four congregations — Protestant, Catholic, Hebrew, and Unitarian — to meet RAdm. Trower during his recent visit to the Center.



## Fireworks show set at fairgrounds

A 45-minute fireworks show at 9 p.m. will climax this year's Fourth of July celebration at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest. All Indian Wells Valley residents and their guests are invited to attend.

The festivities begin on Saturday with a flag raising ceremony at 1 p.m. conducted by the Sea Cadets, followed by contests and entertainment throughout the afternoon.

A dunk tank, sponsored by the Exchange Club of Ridgecrest, will be set up from 1:30 to 6 p.m. The Optimists will be sponsoring a greased pole climbing contest at 2 p.m., followed by a tug-of-war at 3:30, sponsored by VFW. In this event, five-member teams will compete in four categories (pee wee, high school, women, and men.)

Air-conditioned Joshua Hall will be open between 2 and 6 p.m. for indoor bingo, sponsored by Ridgecrest Elks Lodge, where anyone wishing to escape from the afternoon heat can seek refuge in the exhibit building.

The eating contests will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a watermelon eating contest, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. A pie eating contest, sponsored by the Rotary Club, and

a rootbeer chug-a-lug, sponsored by St. Ann's Parent Teacher Guild, are scheduled at 5 and 5:30 p.m. respectively.

Entertainment Network of the Desert, a local musical group, will provide after-dinner entertainment from 6 to 9 o'clock.

Food and beverages will be sold by local clubs with the proceeds going to the Fireworks Fund Drive. In addition, hot charcoal, provided by Dust Devils car club, will be available after 4 p.m. for people who wish to cook their steaks, hamburgers or other meat. A shaded picnic area can be used by those who would like to bring their own picnic fare.

The Fireworks Fund Drive is still short of paying for this year's fireworks display. Donations are needed and may be sent to the IWV Council of Organizations, P.O. Box 771, Ridgecrest, or they may be placed in any of the firecracker-shaped canisters that have been placed at various businesses around the community.

People are cautioned not to bring fireworks to the fairgrounds because individual use of fireworks there is not allowed.

## Weekend hours of operation at rec. facilities listed

The following hours of operation will be observed by business and recreational facilities at the Naval Weapons Center during the July 4 weekend starting tomorrow:

The Bowling Alley and Snack Bar will be open their regular hours of 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday, with hours of 1 to 11 p.m. on Saturday. The Youth Center and Skating Rink will be open from 1 to 5:30 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday, but will be closed Saturday; the Center theater will also be closed on Saturday, but will observe normal hours of operation tomorrow and Sunday.

The gymnasium and indoor swimming pool will both be open tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., with the indoor pool maintaining its normal hours of operation on Saturday and Sunday. The gymnasium will be open on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and on Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m.

The golf course and snack bar will be open all three days during normal hours of operation, from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the golf course, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the snack bar. The skeet and trap range also will be open all three days from 8 a.m. to noon.

All three outdoor swimming pools, the COM, CPO and EM, will remain open for the holiday weekend from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Navy Exchange retail store will be open for business during its regular hours of operation on Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., but will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, July 4 and 5.

The Navy Exchange Mini-Mart will have regular hours of 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, July 3, and Sunday, July 5, and be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Facilities not mentioned above will be closed all weekend.

## Degree program students must take placement test

Students planning to enroll at Cerro Coso Community College for a degree program in the fall semester are required to take a placement test, which provides a measurement of achievement ability in English, mathematics and general college aptitude.

Only persons who are enrolling in degree programs or who have future plans of enrolling in a four year college or university need to take this test before fall semester begins on Aug. 19; persons taking courses at the college, without the intention of earning a degree, are not required to take the placement test.

Results of the examinations, which take about three hours, are used by college counselors to assist students in enrolling in appropriate classes and programs. The results are not used as a basis for denying a student permission to enroll in college classes.

Information about the placement test and scheduled testing dates can be obtained by calling the Cerro Coso Counseling Center at 375-5001, ext. 34.

## Plans outlined for luncheon honoring recent graduates

A graduation lunch will be held on Wednesday July 29, to honor NWC's 1981 graduates in the Business Administration, Public Administration, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering and Long-Term Training (Fellowship) Programs. The lunch will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Mojave Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Keynote speaker for this occasion will be Bob Hillyer, NWC Technical Director. Other speakers include Dr. Edwin Royce, head of NWC's Research Department; Dr. Jagdish Probahker, Advisor, Cal State Northridge Programs; Dr. Orlando Madrigal, chairman, Computer Science Department, Cal State Chico; and Dr. Roy Dull, dean, Graduate and Extended Studies, Cal State Bakersfield.

Spouses, friends and co-workers of the graduates are invited to attend. Anyone who wishes to attend the lunch must call NWC ext. 2634 no later than 2:30 p.m. on July 20 to make reservations. Menu choices are chef's salad at \$3.50 or beef teriyaki with Japanese fried rice and mixed vegetables for \$3.95.

## Annual membership party planned by Navy League

The Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League will hold its annual membership party at the Chief Petty Officers' Mess on Wednesday, July 8, at 6 p.m.

Prospective members of Navy League will hear a short discussion by Bob Norman and Loren Kinne about the function and purpose of the organization.

Refreshments include champagne punch and a varied selection of hors d'oeuvres. Charge for members will be \$5; there is no charge for guests.

Reservations are required. They must be made by the close of the day Sunday, July 5, by telephoning either 446-5488 or 446-7244.

## Van Aken to give talk on Soviet Naval Aviation

Ray W. Van Aken, head, Airframe Special Projects Office, Ordnance Systems Department, will present a briefing on Soviet Naval Aviation on Thursday, July 23, at 1 p.m. in Michelson Laboratory auditorium (Room 1000D).

This presentation is classified "secret" and will last approximately one hour. Interested personnel must have their security clearance and "need-to-know" document in a memorandum generated by their department and forwarded to Code 0031 by July 21 at 4:30.

### MOVIES

Regular Starting Time — 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY	2 p.m. Matinee	JULY 2
	"PINOCCHIO"	
	(Animated, rated G, 95 min.)	
FRIDAY	"ORDINARY PEOPLE"	JULY 3
	Starring	
	Donald Sutherland and Mary Tyler Moore	
	(Drama, rated R, 125 min.)	
SATURDAY	CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	JULY 4
SUNDAY	"THE ARISTOCATS"	JULY 5
	(Animated, rated G, 79 min.)	
MONDAY, SATURDAY	"THE JAZZ SINGER"	JULY 6, 11
	Neil Diamond and Lucy Arnaz	
	(Drama w/ music, rated PG, 116 min.)	
TUESDAY	2 p.m. Matinee	JULY 7
	"THE ARISTOCATS"	
	(Animated, rated G, 79 min.)	
WEDNESDAY	"RAGING BULL"	JULY 8
	Starring	
	Robert DeNiro and Joe Pesci	
	(Drama, rated R, 129 min.)	
THURSDAY	2 p.m. Matinee	JULY 9
	"THE LAND OF NO RETURN"	
	Starring	
	Mel Torme and William Shatner	
	(Adventure, rated G, 91 min.)	
FRIDAY	"PRIVATE BENJAMIN"	JULY 10
	Starring	
	Goldie Hawn and Eileen Brennan	
	(Comedy, rated R, 91 min.)	

## Children's Center offers variety of summer activities

A variety of activities for children between the ages of 6 and 8 is planned this summer by the Children's Center Annex II. This new unit opened by the Recreation Services Department is located in Chapel Annex II in Bldg. 00462, near the corner of Lauritsen Road and Blandly Ave.

Activities offered include swimming, ballet, gymnastics, pottery classes, movies, arts and crafts, field trips, library time and a math club.

Loretta Zurn is in charge of planning the programs, assisted by Scott Turner and Denise Easton. Additional staff is available to meet increased enrollment.

Children are accepted both on a full time or a drop-in basis. Arrangements to enroll children can be made through Polly Ferraro, director of the Children's Center, by telephoning NWC ext. 2735.

## Briefing slated on July 8 for junior professionals

A briefing on the subject of "NWC and the Navy — Roles and Interrelationships" will be presented for the benefit of the Center's junior professional employees at 8 a.m. next Wednesday, July 8, in the Michelson Laboratory auditorium (Rm. 1000D).

The speaker will be Frank Knemeyer, head of the Weapons Planning Group. All junior professionals are invited to attend.

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# Capt. Lahr replaces Capt. Haff as NWC Commander

## Change of command ceremony concludes 30 years of active duty by Capt. Haff

Leadership of the Naval Weapons Center was transferred from Capt. William B. Haff to Capt. John Jude Lahr, former Commander of Training Air Wing Six at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla., during a change of command ceremony held Tuesday morning on the Administration Circle Lawn.

The ceremony brought to a conclusion the distinguished 30-year naval career of Capt.

in which he carried out the demanding duties of NWC Commander for the past two years, Capt. Haff received the Legion of Merit. This presentation to Capt. Haff was made on behalf of the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Navy by Rear Admiral James B. Busey, Director of Resources Management for Naval Materiel, who was here as a representative of Admiral A. J. Whittle, Jr., Chief of Naval Materiel.

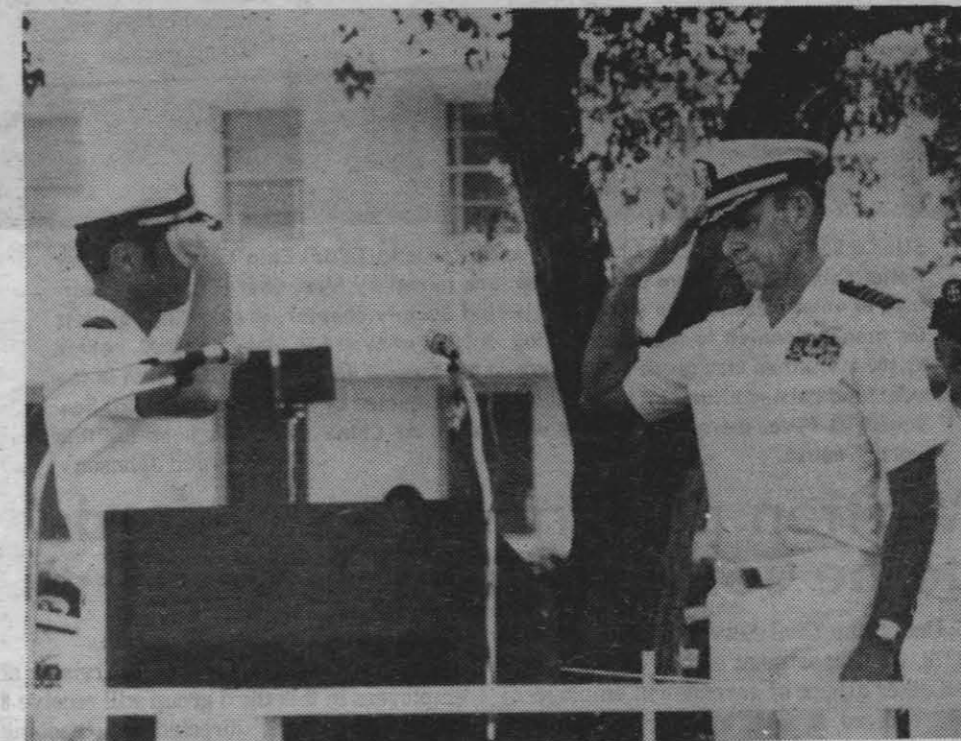
### BASIS FOR AWARD

The citation that accompanied the Legion of Merit stated, in part: "Capt. Haff's extraordinarily effective leadership substantially improved all aspects of the Center's performance. His vigorous management policies and personal involvement resulted in the successful demonstration of new weapon systems that improved the capability of the operating forces and the implementation of an innovative personnel system of government-wide interest."

The former NWC Commander also was commended for his willingness to accept risks to encourage progress, and because his concern for those under his command led to a rededication of effort by all Center personnel.

The opening ceremony for the change of command began with the arrival on the podium of Capt. Haff and Capt. Lahr, who were followed by Rear Admiral Paul Gillcrest, Commander, Fighter-Airborne Early Warning, U.S. Pacific; and Rear Admiral Busey.

Full military honors, including a 13-gun salute, were paid to the latter, who was the senior military officer present, prior to the parading of the colors and playing of the



**CHANGE OF COMMAND** — After reading his official orders, Capt. John Jude Lahr (at left) exchanges salutes with Capt. William B. Haff, who he relieved as NWC Commander during the change of command ceremony held Tuesday morning. —Photos by Don Cornelius



Capt. William B. Haff

Haff, whose active duty service began following his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1951. A year later he was designated a naval flight training officer at Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla., and Kingsville, Tex.

In recognition of the outstanding manner



**FINAL HONOR** — Added to the ribbons and decorations earned during his 30 years of active duty in the Navy was the Legion of Merit that was presented Tuesday to Capt. William B. Haff, former NWC Commander, by Rear Admiral James B. Busey, who attended Tuesday's change of command ceremony as the representative of Admiral A. J. Whittle, Jr., Chief of Naval Materiel.

national anthem by the U.S. Marine Corps band from Twentynine Palms.

A brief inspection of the nearly 300 enlisted personnel and officers of the NWC Command by Capts. Haff and Lahr set the stage for the guest speaker's remarks by RAdm. Gillcrest, who presented a summary of the Naval Weapons Center's contributions to the Fleet.

"We've come a long way in preparing Fleet squadrons for combat, but the Sidewinder (an NWC-developed guided

missile) is still the most effective weapon," RAdm. Gillcrest said.

In his commentary on the various ways that on-going work at NWC and the facilities available here help to meet the needs of the Fleet, RAdm. Gillcrest mentioned Echo Range in particular because of its importance in the field of electronic warfare.

In addition, he stated that the Navy Fighter Weapon School at NAS, Miramar, conducts its graduation exercises on the

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## Commercial, industrial-type activities to undergo study

The Navy announced last week in Washington D. C., plans to study various commercial and industrial-type activities at Naval installations to determine whether these functions should be done by contract with private sources or "in-house" using government facilities and personnel.

The proposed plan Navy-wide involves functions performed by 8,136 military personnel and 14,764 civilian personnel at 370 field activities, including the Naval Weapons Center.

At China Lake there will be seven new functions studied, possibly affecting about 230 civilians and 26 military personnel. The functions include: bus service, food services, fire prevention-protection, guard services, audio-visual services, administrative telephone service, and grounds and surfaced areas.

Last Dec. 2 the Navy announced that nine functions at the Center also would be studied.

Functions announced to be studied at that time included: motor vehicle operations, motor vehicle maintenance, supply operations, storage-warehousing, cataloging, family housing maintenance, security services, building-structure maintenance, and recreational library services.

A decision to have any or all of these functions performed by contract with private sources will be made only if the detailed studies indicate that they can be satisfactorily performed by commercial sources and that significant savings of tax

dollars can be achieved.

If such decisions are made, Congress and the public will be notified according to normal procedures. Civilian employees affected by a decision to convert performance to the private sector will receive assistance by Federal placement programs including relocation to obtain transfer or reassignment to other positions in the Department of Defense or to other federal agencies, at government expense.

The studies of the entire list of 16 functions are being conducted by personnel at the Center.

All Navy installations have functions that could be included in the Commercial and Industrial Activities (CITA) program. If it is determined that contract performance is consistent with mission requirements and is cost effective, the functions would be subject to conversion to contractual performance. This is consistent with the general policy of the government to rely on competitive private enterprise to supply the products and services it needs.

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 directs that all contracts awarded for commercial and industrial functions include a provision, consistent with government post employment conflict of interest standards, that the contractor will give Federal employees displaced as a result of the conversion to contract performance the right of first refusal for employment openings on the contract in positions for which they are qualified.





SUCCESSFUL DRIVE — Lt. John Martin (l.) and LCdr. Chip Lancaster, Navy Relief Society fund drive co-chairmen, are joined by Mrs. Cheryl Chicky, chairwoman of volunteers for the local Navy Relief Society chapter...

Promotional opportunities

Applications (Standard Form 171) should be put in the drop box located at the Reception Desk of the Personnel Department, Bldg. 34. Unless otherwise specified in this column...

Announcement No. 0851, Computer Systems Analyst, GS-3437.9, PD No. 718001N, Code 2434 — This position is located in the Plans and Analysis Branch, Management Division, Office of Finance and Management...

Announcement No. 24036, Supervisory Police Officer, GS-583-7, PD No. 718401N, Code 2413 — This is a temporary position not to exceed one year which may lead to a permanent position...

Announcement No. 24037, Lead Firefighter, GS-581-4, PD No. 723401E, Code 2412 — This position is located in the Fire Division of the Safety and Security Department...

Reassignment opportunities

This column will be used to fill open engineering and scientific positions through reassignment and through promotion to positions with equal or greater potential...

Announcement No. B-42-5, Electronics Engineer, DP-855-2 or DP-855-3, PAC Nos. 812522 or 804594E, Code 4334 — This position is located in the On-Axis Section, Range Development Branch...

Announcement No. B-42-7, Mathematician, Computer Programmer or Computer Specialist, DP-1520-2, DP-1520-3, DA-334-2 or DA-334-3, Code 6242 — Responsible for analysis, design, development and implementation of PDP-11-45 computer software...

Announcement No. 24104, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-4, PD No. 8126017N, Code 2402 — This position provides secretarial support in the Maintenance-Utilities Division, Public Works Department...

Written performance standards to be set for all employees

Under the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, the Department of Navy (along with all other groups of government employees) is required to set written performance standards for all employees.

These written standards are to be decided upon by Oct. 1, 1981, and communicated to employees. All future performance evaluations will be measured against these standards.

Written performance plans at NWC are already developed for those who are currently covered by the Demonstration Project, and are under development for employees who will be covered by October.

The Center has requested of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) that the two remaining groups of employees that will eventually be covered by the Demonstration Project be permitted to enter the performance evaluation part of the Demonstration Project at this time.

This means that they will be covered by the same kind of performance evaluation system during the upcoming year that they will be under later when they are fully entered into the Demonstration Project.

These two groups are administrative employees up through GS-11 level, and all clerical employees.

Training will be given in the performance evaluation part of the Demonstration Project during the month of September for these employees. The training will consist of a 4-hour workshop on developing performance plans.

Since wage grade employees, police and guards, and firefighters will not be included in the Demonstration Project, they will be covered by the Department of Navy Basic Performance Appraisal Program.

Apology in order

Very obviously, a photograph in last Friday's ROCKETEER was misidentified. Watching Robert Kapernick being frocked as a Commander was Leroy Marquardt, head of the Aircraft Weapons Integration Department (Acting), not Mrs. Kapernick. The ROCKETEER apologizes for the error.

The Rocketeer Official Weekly Publication Naval Weapons Center China Lake, California. Includes contact info for Capt. W. B. Haf, R. M. Hillier, S. G. Payne, Don R. Yockey, Mickey Strang, and Beverly Becksvort.

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Play it safe when traveling on long 4th of July holiday

By Billie Hise Don't have a "bang up" holiday this 4th of July weekend. That is, don't have an accident.

Whether you are driving a car or truck or riding your bicycle, moped or motorcycle, be wary and defensive. Some drivers and riders will be in a hurry, or tired, sleepy or drinking and not looking out for you. Take care.

If a driver attempts to follow you too closely, let him or her pass. Keep your distance from the car ahead. Watch out for those who make split second lane changes without signaling, or the one who may stop suddenly in the roadway ahead.

Drive at a speed that is safe for you, the road and conditions. If you get sleepy or tired, pull over and take a rest.

Don't forget to wear your seat belt. Most people don't realize the amount of destructive force there is in a crash. An unrestrained 165 lb. driver in a 55 mph crash with a solid object goes into the steering wheel, dashboard, and windshield with about 9,000 lbs. of force. That can bend metal.

Consider what happens if the unrestrained passenger is holding a child. You multiply the passenger's weight times the speed of the vehicle to get the crushing force that will be exerted on the child at the time of a collision.

Even a 25 lb. child unrestrained at 55 mph in an accident with a solid object creates a force of over 1,300 pounds, as he or she flies forward in the crash.

While you are driving this holiday Softball scores . . .

(Continued from Page 6) runs in the top of the fourth gave HDHC a short-lived 3-3 lead, but CSC closed that to a single run by scoring four times during its turn at bat in the bottom of the fourth. The five inning contest ended with CSC scoring twice in the bottom of the fifth to post a 1-run victory.

SECOND VICTORY OF WEEK

CSC picked up its second victory of the week by rolling up a 24-15 win over the Hot Trotters, who got off to a surprising 9-8 lead in the first inning. After that, however, CSC picked up steam and rolled to an easy win.

The Hot Trotters also came close, but couldn't quite pull out a win last week over the second place Kelly's Earthworks team. Leading by a score of 12-4 after 3 1/2 innings of play, the Hot Trotters let the Kelly girls off the hook and they tallied 8 runs to tie the score at 12-12 in the last half of the fourth.

Kelly's then won the game by scoring twice in the fifth and final inning of play to post a 14-12 victory. Terry Bittner led Kelly's at the plate with 4 hits in 4 times at bat — a home run, two doubles and a single.

SCORES OF OTHER GAMES

In the only other games played last week in the Women's Division of the Slow Pitch Softball League, IWV Dairy defeated Home Town Realty 19-5, and the Hot Trotters outscored Rosas Roofing 16-2. In addition, the Foxtails dropped into the division cellar as the result of forfeits to the IWV Dairy, Home Town Realty, and the High Desert Home Center teams.

The IWV Dairy team chalked up 11 runs in its last turn at bat to log a one-sided win over Home Town Realty.

Vicki Battaglia, winning pitcher for the Hot Trotters, gave up just 6 hits and 2 runs to Rosas Roofing in the Trotters' 16-2 win over Rosas Roofing.

No games were played last week in the three-team Military Division.



SEEING IS BELIEVING — Despite the seriousness of this accident, which occurred on the Walker Pass Road, both the driver and a passenger escaped with minor injuries — thanks to the fact that both were protected by seat belts at the time of the mishap.

Promotional opportunities

(Continued from Page 2) equipment; ability to use measuring tools, mechanical gauges, instruments, diagnostic and test equipment; ability to read and interpret blueprints, instructions, specifications, etc. Supplemental Qualifications Statement is required and may be picked up at the reception desk or in Room 210 of the Personnel Building.

Announcement No. 34-012, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-4.5, PD No. 8134064N, Code 345 — This position is that of secretary to the head, Photographic Division, Technical Information Department. Incumbent performs a variety of secretarial duties, such as maintaining files; receiving correspondence; making travel arrangements; responding to requests for information concerning division functions; and other related secretarial duties.

Announcement No. 33-014, Electronics Engineer, DP-855-2.3, PAC No. 8133529, Code 3333 — This position is located in the Advanced Technology Project Branch, Fuze System Division, Fuze and Sensors Department. The incumbent will serve as an Electronics Engineer for test and development of fuze systems.

Announcement No. 26-102, Crane Operator, WG-5725-11, JD No. 187-3N, Code 26781 — This position is located in the Heavy Equipment Section, Transportation Division, Public Works Department. The incumbent operates and maintains electrical, gasoline, and diesel-powered wheeled or crawler type cranes, power shovels and cranes, stationery winches and railroad locomotives.

Announcement No. 24-104, Secretary (Typing), GS-318-4, PD No. 8126017N, Code 2402 — This position provides secretarial support in the Maintenance-Utilities Division, Public Works Department. Duties include: maintaining calendar; setting up, routing and attending meetings; receiving and directing visitors and phone calls; reviewing and preparing correspondence; receiving and screening incoming mail; maintaining files; preparing travel orders and itineraries, etc.

Announcement No. B-41-1, Electronics Technician, GS-854-7.8, PD No. 7941002N, Code 6123 — This position is located in the Special Projects Section of the Modification Branch, Aircraft Support Division, Aircraft Department. Major duties include the modification and fabrication of instrumentation systems for aircraft to be used in flight tests.





**RIFLE MARKSMEN** — Eighth place in the 1981 Pacific Fleet Rifle Championship competition, held at the Naval Air Station, Miramar, was garnered by this four-man team representing the Naval Weapons Center. A total of 18 teams competed in this event. The local sharpshooters are (kneeling, l.-r.) AT1 John Large and TMC Nelson Foucher, and (standing, from left) ABHC Bill Moss and Lt. Denny Wilcox. The China Lakers compiled an overall team score of 1,730 with 12 bullseyes out of a possible 2,000 points. M-14 military rifles with iron sights (no 'scopes) were used by all entrants.

## Villains hang onto lead in slow pitch softball

The Pizza Villa Villains last week maintained a stranglehold on first place in the Men's National Division of the Ridgecrest Recreation Department's Slow Pitch Softball League.

The Villains, who have a record of 9 wins, 1 loss and a tie, picked up a pair of wins at the expense of the NWC O's (17-21), and CSC (16-12).

The Villains were led at the plate by Dale Evans, who had three home runs in three times at bat, and by Brant Tunget, who was four for four as he hit two home runs, a double and a single.

The American Division leaders built up a

14-5 lead in five innings of play, gave up 6 runs to the NWC O's in the sixth inning, and coasted to a 5-run margin of victory.

In their game against CSC, the Villains gave up 6 runs to CSC in the third inning and trailed 6-5 after four innings of play, but began to turn things around by scoring 3 runs during their turn at bat in the fifth frame.

CSC tied the score 8-8 in the top half of the sixth inning, but the Villains broke the game open with an 8-run outburst when they came to bat in the sixth, and finished the game on top by a final score of 17-12.

The Villains outthit CSC 23 to 12, including

two home runs by Dale Evans and one each by Brant Tunget and Randy Klassen.

Scores of other games played last week in the men's open slow pitch softball competition were Knights 14, NWC O's, 1; Knights 19, Vaughn's 9; Pizza Villa 19, Renegades 12; ARCS 20, High Desert Saloon 16; ERA Raiders 10, Clancey's-Home Center 0; and NWC O's 12, Clancey's-Home Center 4. In addition, Vaughn's picked up its first win of the season as the result of a forfeit by the ERA Raiders.

### HOME RUN HITTERS

Highlights of the Knights 14-1 win over the NWC O's were the home runs hit by Glen Polk and Mike Sanford.

The Knights tallied 13 runs in the second inning enroute to a 19-9 defeat of Vaughn's in a game that was shortened to five innings of play. Mike Sanford was the game's leading hitter with a home run and a double in three times at bat.

The Pizza Villa nine parlayed 16 hits into 19 runs to defeat the Renegades 19-12. Mike Dowd was credited with five hits in five times at bat for Pizza Villa, as he got four singles and a double. Home run hitters in this game were Gordy Irvin and Randy Johnson, with one each for the Renegades.

In the game between ARCS and the High Desert Saloon, ARCS outscored the Saloon 14-4 in the first inning, and this 10-run lead was too much for the opposition to overcome. Art Castillo pounded out a home run, a double and two singles in four times at bat for ARCS.

### SHUT OUT PITCHED

Paul Decker was the winning pitcher in the ERA Raiders' 10-0 shutout over the Clancey's-Home Center team. Decker was tagged for just 6 hits, while his teammates collected 10.

A home run and a single by Robert Leitzel paced the NWC O's in their 12-4 win over the Clancey's-Home Center squad. The NWC O's scored at least one run in every inning except the sixth, while holding their opponents to 4 scattered tallies.

CSC and the High Desert Home Center, two teams previously tied for first place in the Women's Division of the Slow Pitch Softball League, last week met in a clash for the league lead with the nod going to CSC by a score of 9-8.

The game was as close as the final score indicated. The High Desert Home Center (HDHC) got off to a 2-0 lead in the first inning, but fell behind 3-2 in the second. Six

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## 1981 season's final events coming up for CL Little League

Activities that will bring to a conclusion another season of Little League baseball at China Lake were commenced this week.

On Wednesday night, the Yankees, champions of the China Lake Little League's Major Division, tangled with the Padres, their counterparts from Ridgecrest, in a game to decide the China Lake-Ridgecrest intercity championship.

Coming up at 7 p.m. Monday at the Kerr-McGee Field on Downs Street in Ridgecrest will be the Little League Minor Division intercity championship contest between the Pirates of China Lake and the Ridgecrest Yankees.

Later this month, the China Lake Little League will host two all-star team tournaments.

The Area 1 tournament will get underway on July 13 and continue through July 18. Entered in this tourney will be all-star teams representing China Lake, Ridgecrest, Owens Valley, Bishop and Searles Valley.

The winner of the Area 1 competition will advance to the District 51 tournament that is scheduled here July 20 through 25.

In addition to the Area 1 champ, there will be Little League all-star teams here from the Antelope Valley area, as well as Tehachapi, California City, Boron and Edwards Air Force Base.



**MILITARY ATHLETIC CHAMPS** — The Commander's Cup, symbolic of the NWC championship in military athletic competition, is presented to Capt. Paul Hollandsworth, Commanding Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5), by three VX-5 representatives on the Center's Military Athletic Committee. They are (l.-r.) YN2 Kim Ryder, Lt. Gary Pritchard, and AD2 Tim Jenkins. The VX-5 Vampires clinched the Commander's Cup trophy for 1980-81 by defeating both NWC Gold and NWC Blue in softball. —Photo by PH3 Larry Hollis

## Jogging is healthy but only when done right

**From Armed Forces Information Service**  
When a lot of us think of jogging, we think of exhaustion. We picture charley horses and blisters. We envision hour upon hour of glazed-eyed, red-face clump-clump-clumping along, neck veins bulging, desperately gasping for AIR.

It doesn't have to be that way. In fact, it shouldn't. According to the President's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports and the National Jogging Association, in a well-planned 12-week program of beginning jogging, all you'll do your first day is walk around for 15 minutes. Throughout the program, you'll never have to breathe so hard that you can't carry on a normal conversation.

Step one in starting to jog is to see a doctor for a checkup. If you have any medical problems, your doctor will help you tailor your conditioning program around them. A

## China Lake, George AFB soccer teams battle to 3-3 tie

Fast and furious action last Sunday afternoon led to a 3-3 tie when adult soccer players from China Lake and George Air Force Base tangled at Davidove Field.

After a scoreless first quarter, the second quarter saw two scores when Jean Baptiste of George AFB drew first blood with a goal that was countered with one scored by China Lake's Jose Hernandez.

Only one score enlivened the third quarter (made by Luis Gangie of George), but the final quarter saw both Klaus Schadow and Paul Weimholt of China Lake score before Gangie made the final goal to knot the count at 3-3.

Mario Gomez and Dave Tavares of China Lake played outstanding ball at the midfield, as did fullback Ross Heimdahl. Coach Larry Fuller of the George AFB team showed his expertise as center half in addition to handling his coaching chores.



**HOT ACTION** — Jean Baptiste from George Air Force Base advances the ball as (in the white shirts) China Lake players Dave Tavares runs beside him and John Lloyd (far right) streaks across the field to join the action.

## Change of command . . .

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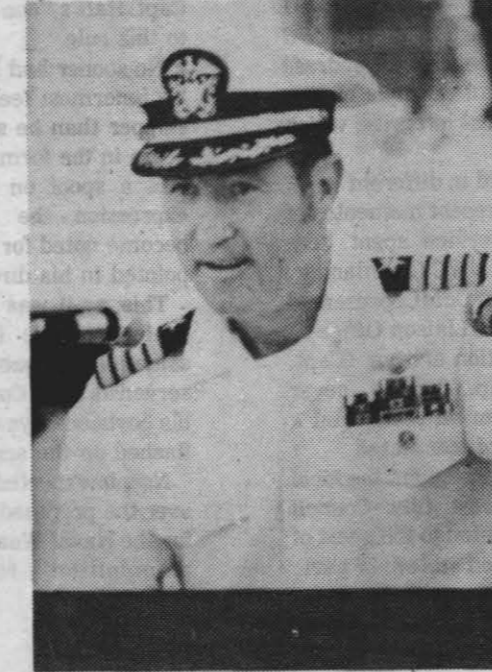
ranges at NWC.

"Support to the Fleet is a byword at the Naval Weapons Center," RADM. Gillcrest stated in referring to NWC as the Navy's most important laboratory in the area of Fleet support.

Before relinquishing the microphone, the guest speaker also had words of praise for both Capt. Haff and his successor, Capt. Lahr.

During farewell remarks, which preceded the reading of orders relieving him of duty as NWC Commander, Capt. Haff began by observing that it would be easy at such a time to become nostalgic and yearn for the "good old days." He espoused instead the philosophy that "life is for today and dreams should be of tomorrow."

"The Navy has been extremely good to me," the retiring NWC Commander said. "I have experienced a thoroughly wonderful career for 30-some years, and the final



Capt. John Jude Lahr

years here at China Lake have indeed been unique and very special.

"The combination of military and civilian personnel under one command with a common goal has been an exposure which I'll never forget," Capt. Haff said. "With such a background, it's easy to face tomorrow," he added.

"The contentment and personal satisfaction that I take with me into retirement are direct outgrowths from this amazing China Lake Naval Weapons Center and the surrounding Indian Wells Valley," Capt. Haff continued as he extended his thanks and appreciation for the personal efforts and contributions of all hands.

## Arrange now for physical exams for school-age children

Appointments can now be made for physical examinations of youngsters who will be entering kindergarten or the first grade when the new school year begins in September.

In the case of dependents of military personnel, such exams are being handled at the local Branch Clinic of the Naval Regional Medical Center, Long Beach.

Two clinic visits are required to complete the physical examination. On the first visit, immunizations will be done. During the second visit, a doctor will complete the remainder of the physical exam.

Youngsters who were given a physical exam prior to entering kindergarten are not required to have this work repeated prior to starting first grade since, in the State of California, physical exams done at any time up to 18 months before entering the first grade are acceptable.

Parents of military dependents are asked to arrange for their child's physical exam early in order to avoid overloading the branch medical clinic's work schedule by waiting until the last minute to call the clinic (939-2911, ext. 246) to make a physical exam appointment.

"As I prepare to pass the mantle of responsibility to Capt. Lahr, I do so with the utmost confidence, secure in the knowledge that the Center is alive and healthy and gaining in strength and stature with each passing day," Capt. Haff said.

He concluded by urging NWC civilian and military personnel to "meet the challenge, whatever it may be, head-on and, if you are thrown back, regroup and meet it again with renewed vigor. Never falter in your role of providing our fighting forces with the very finest weapons known to mankind."

An exchange of salutes by Capt. Haff and Capt. Lahr, signalling the passing of responsibility for Command of NWC from one Navy officer to the other, brought the new NWC Commander to the microphone for a short talk that he began by stating how pleased he was to have been chosen for this new assignment.

He was, Capt. Lahr said, humbled by the immensity of the task, but heartened by the brain power and physical assets of the Center. "I'll do all in my power to help you do your job well, and be happy while you're doing it," the new NWC Commander said.

He mentioned current problems of excess old housing and feral burros wandering the range areas, but was quick to point out that the main business of NWC, and one that he intends to see will continue to be pursued vigorously, is the providing of weapons to the Fleet in order that the seagoing arm of the U.S. Military service can "project power wherever our national interests lie."

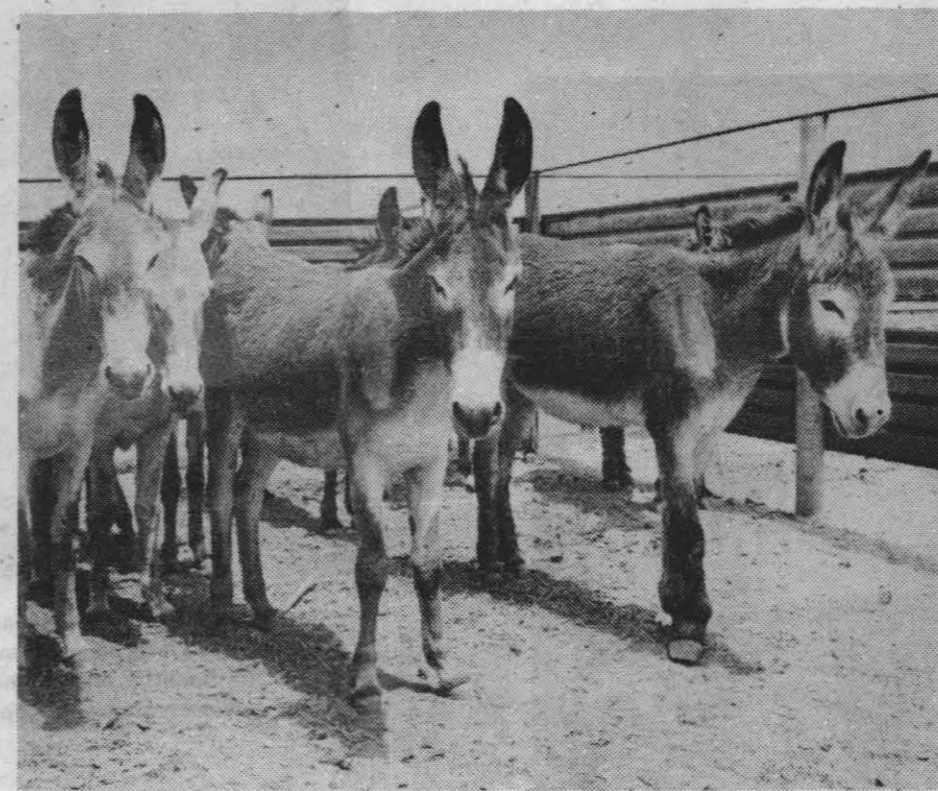
Before relinquishing the microphone, Capt. Lahr extended his best wishes to Capt. Haff, adding that he was proud to be on the same platform with him. Applause broke out from the crowd assembled for the change of command ceremony when Capt. Lahr said in regard to his predecessor as NWC Commander, "you must be one heck of a guy."

The benediction by Cdr. Richard P. Beck, NWC Catholic chaplain, and the retiring of the colors brought the change of command ceremony to a conclusion.

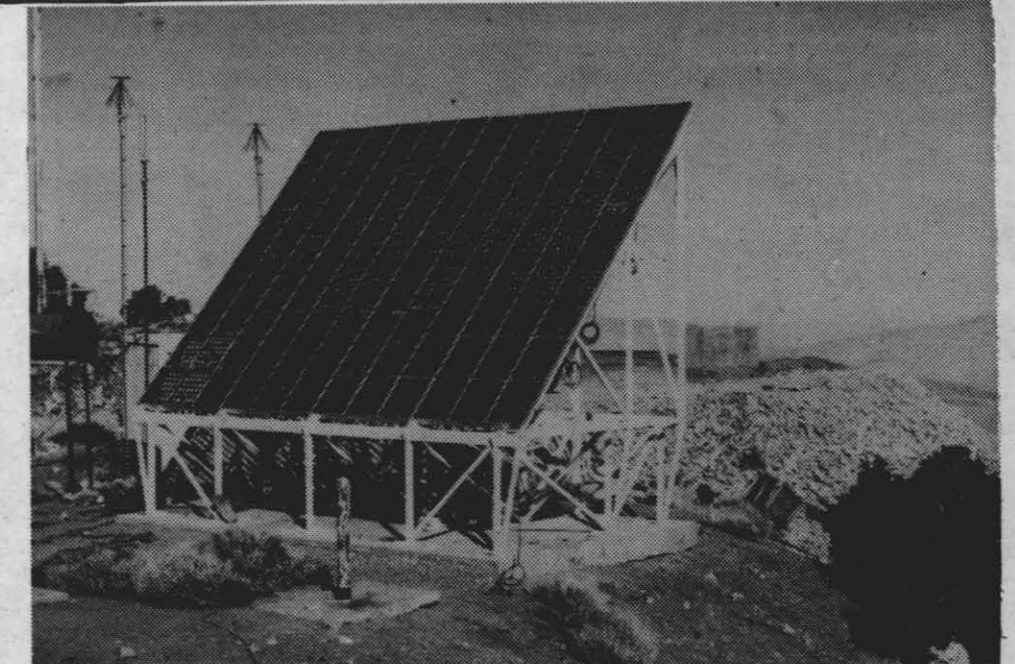
## Weekend round-up results in capture of 13 burros from Center's inner test ranges

Thirteen burros were captured last Saturday and Sunday in the Center's 275-square mile inner range area by ten wranglers hired by the Animal Protection Institute and the Fund for Animals. The burros were transported to Bakersfield Monday, to be kept there at the shelter operated by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals until they are adopted.

An additional herd of about 30 burros was chased into the Argus Mountains, and about 15 animals remain at Airport Lake. The animals at Airport Lake are not considered



**HOMES NEEDED** — Some of the burros removed from the inner range area near Armitage Airfield last weekend await their move to the Bakersfield SPCA facility from which they can be adopted. —Photo Courtesy of Daily Independent



**SUN POWERED** — An array of photovoltaic cells emplaced at Pinion Point is used to charge batteries that will power radar equipment at this remote site.

## Radar equipment powered by sun at remote mountain site

An abundance of a renewable energy — sun power — will soon be saving Naval Weapons Center and contractor personnel a long and arduous drive to a remote mountain peak.

The power needed for two AM repeater stations located at Pinion Point in the Center's far north range area has been provided by generators, which need to be turned on manually whenever the repeater stations are used.

A photovoltaic power system has now been installed that can be turned on by a radio controlled switch remotely whenever the repeaters are needed at a considerable saving in money and time.

The power system consists of an array of photovoltaic cells that charge a battery bank. The repeaters then are powered by these batteries, ensuring round-the-clock operation for a solar-powered system.

The Department of Energy under the Federal Photovoltaic Utilization Program

provided the system's parts and also provided the funds for NWC's Public Works Department personnel to design and install the facility at Pinion Point. The technical expertise was that of the Center's Energy Program Office.

Solar Energy Research Institute of Golden, Colo., will provide an instrumentation package to monitor the system's performance in demonstrating the feasibility of using photovoltaic systems for pollution-free remote power.

## Police reports . . .

Police Division range patrol officers, while making their rounds recently, discovered incidents of vandalism at Junction Ranch (located in the northern part of the NWC range area) and also at the gate to the Mountain Springs Canyon road.

At Junction Ranch, unknown persons used a shotgun to shoot holes in a portable water carrier on a government vehicle. They also damaged two mirrors on the truck and removed two fan belts. The total loss was estimated at \$32.

In addition, the hasp was broken off the gate that controls entry to the Mountain Springs Canyon Road — causing damage estimated at \$75. The lock itself was found intact where it had been placed on a gate post.

### CITIZEN BAND RADIO FOUND

A citizen band radio, reported stolen a week earlier from a 1947 Ford van left parked overnight in the Navy Bachelor Enlisted Quarters parking lot, was found last Friday by China Lake police under a tree on the north side of BEQ 3.

Police found no evidence of forced entry in the vehicle, which the owner stated had been locked at the time of the theft. Value of the CB radio that has now been recovered was set at \$40.

A set of gauges, used for measuring the inside diameter of pipes or tubes, disappeared late last week from the machine shop at Michelson Laboratory. The gauges are valued at \$60.

### UNLOCKED BICYCLE DISAPPEARS

A Richmond Elementary School student called China Lake police last Friday noon to report that his bicycle, which had been left unlocked, was missing from its parking place on the school campus. Value of the stolen bike was reported to be \$30.

### SNACK BOOTH BURGLARIZED

A burglar with a sweet tooth broke into the concession stand at China Lake Little League diamond No. 4 Monday night and stole a large amount of assorted candy. No money value could be determined.

### VEHICLE BATTERY STOLEN

A vehicle battery was stolen from a 1978 Chevy van owned by a contractor. The vehicle was parked in a locked compound on Rowe Street. The loss was estimated at \$25.



# NWC Commander honored at farewell party



A PAINTING on leather of a bighorn sheep (the work of Larry Zabel) was the gift from the Center's civilian employees to Capt. Haff. It was presented by Bob Hillyer, NWC Technical Director.

A farewell party during which civilian employees and military personnel of the Naval Weapons Center had the opportunity to give a rousing send-off to Capt. William B. Haff was held on the evening of June 24 at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

The esteem in which the NWC Commander (who retired on June 30 after 30 years of service in the Navy) was held was evident in the loud and prolonged applause that broke out when speakers referred to the leadership style and approach to problems taken by Capt. Haff throughout his tour of duty as skipper of the Weapons Center.

Bob Hillyer, NWC Technical Director, who was master of ceremonies for the evening, commented on this during preliminary remarks, stating: "He (Capt. Haff) has earned the respect and affection of Naval Weapons Center employees and the community. He has proven that the Commander can be a friend, and has demonstrated that people perform better when led than when pushed."

"Thanks to Will (Haff), the Center is stronger now than it has been in a decade," Hillyer stated. "We'll miss your healing hand at the helm — we'll miss you," the Technical Director added.

The example of personal integrity that Capt. Haff has set in his daily working relationships with others also was stressed by Hillyer, who took the opportunity to read a portion of the NWC Commander's recent Cerro Coso College commencement address which touched on this subject — citing it as an example of how deeply Capt. Haff feels on the matter of personal integrity, which is the very cornerstone of his life.

The theme sounded by Hillyer was expressed in different ways by many of those who stepped to the stage to present mementos of Capt. Haff's final six years of military service spent here including the last two during which he was the NWC Commander.

A fellow military officer, Lt. Col. Scott Smith, USMC, presented a Marine Corps plaque on behalf of the Marine Liaison Office at NWC. The plaque, he said, was "in appreciation of your (Capt. Haff's) outstanding professional leadership. You've never pretended to be someone you aren't. It's been an honor and a pleasure to serve with you," the Marine Corps officer stated.

The high regard in which Capt. Haff is held throughout the local area also was touched upon in a Ridgecrest City Council resolution — a framed copy of which was presented to the guest of honor by Mayor Harold Hockett. The resolution stated, in part: "More than any Commander in the recent history of the Naval Weapons Center, Capt. Haff has encouraged, by his personal leadership and example, a spirit of cooperation between the Naval Weapons Center and the civilian community."

Similar sentiments were expressed in a copy of a framed resolution that was presented to Capt. Haff by Supervisor Gene Tackett on behalf of the Kern County Board of Supervisors.

A miniature replica of Capt. Haff's T-38 aircraft and a painting of a desert scene went into the NWC Commander's collection of memorabilia from Dick Kistler, head of the Office of Finance and Management.

The latter made note of another dimension that has added to Capt. Haff's stature as NWC Commander by observing that the Administration Building "has been a happy, bright and cheerful place to work for the past two years." He attributed this to Capt. Haff's style of leadership.

Farewell parties at NWC have long been noted for their mixture of light-hearted, irreverent levity to balance the feeling of sadness when a popular leader departs, and Capt. Haff's "bon voyage" was no exception to this rule.

No sooner had Hillyer conveyed some of his innermost feelings about the departing skipper than he signalled for the levity to begin in the form of a film slide show that was a spoof on the unchangeable facial expression the NWC Commander has become noted for whenever a camera was pointed in his direction.

This, as it was quickly evident from the content of the film slide show, is not something unique to the period Capt. Haff served as NWC Commander, as photos from his boyhood days on up to the present were flashed on the screen.

Not unexpectedly, the ongoing uproar over the proposed burro management plan for the Naval Weapons Center made "good ammunition" for other farewell gift presentations.

The latter included a matched set of planters made to resemble burros (each with a cactus growing in it) that were presented by Gery Hucek on behalf of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce.

Others who couldn't refrain from tackling this "delicate" subject were Vet Payne, Public Affairs Officer, who presented Capt. Haff with a cartoon depicting the "key players" in the "great burro war of 1981" in which Capt. Haff was a prominent figure.

In addition, B. W. Hays, Laboratory Director, laughingly displayed a custom-made flag — half of which showed the figure of a burro above which was printed Capt. Haff's last name. It was appropriately dubbed a "Haff-ass" flag.

With undisguised zeal, Hillyer came up with a Mexican wild burro catcher, complete with the comical instructions for its use, that he presented to the NWC Commander. On a more serious note, Hillyer concluded the gift presentations at the COM with an NWC plaque, as well as a bighorn sheep painting on leather (the work of Larry Zabel) that he presented to Capt. Haff on behalf of all of NWC's civilian employees.

Before turning the microphone over to the Center Commander for a brief response to what had transpired at his farewell party, Hillyer once again praised Capt. Haff, who he characterized as a man "who has given so much and asked so little," and called him "the finest man I've ever worked for."

Capt. Haff, began by observing that if his future turns out to be as good as his last six years here at China Lake, then he has a lot to look forward to. Prior to becoming NWC Commander in June 1979, he had served here for four years as NWC Technical Officer and Deputy Laboratory Director.

He felt fortunate during his Navy career to get to know this community from the inside (during two tours of duty here), from the outside (as the Sidewinder Program Officer for the Naval Air Systems Command in Washington, D.C.) and more recently on top as the NWC Commander, Capt. Haff said.

He'll never forget, he added, the large chunk of his life during which he has been involved with the Naval Weapons Center.

Capt. Haff then read a poem he had composed that expressed his feelings about leaving — an original work that at its conclusion brought the capacity crowd at the COM to its feet with a standing ovation.

The weekly Commander's meeting held Monday morning in the Management Center of Michelson Laboratory provided another opportunity for farewell gift presentations to Capt. Haff — this time from the heads of various departments on the Center.



AN AUTHENTIC Mexican wild burro catcher is accepted gingerly by Capt. Haff from Bob Hillyer, who spared no details in outlining how this gadget is used.



BOB HILLYER (in background) enjoys a quip tossed out by Gene Tackett, Kern County Supervisor, during the presentation by Tackett of a resolution honoring Capt. Haff that was adopted by the Kern County Board of Supervisors.

Photos by Sam Wyatt



THE TAILHOOK of an F6F aircraft, mounted on piece of polished wood, was given by one naval aviator to another as Capt. Jim Doolittle, head of the NWC Aircraft Department, made this presentation to Capt. Haff.

## Farewell poem composed by Capt. Haff

The time has come as you all know  
For me to step aside.  
If one man stays too long out here  
Who knows what he may hide!  
For on this stretch of desert land  
Where it often gets quite hot  
The wonders of clear open space  
Are forgotten more than not.  
One soon becomes a desert rat  
And seldom leaves the place.  
You let the old mad frantic world  
Roar on in its mad race.

I'll journey north and start anew  
And dream of years gone by.  
But nothing will ever dim my view  
Of something one can't buy.  
The people here are simply great.  
They love their work and play.  
They hold a spot deep in my heart  
It'll never go away.

So live serene beneath the stars  
And always always take  
The chance to tell how tough it is  
From hell at China Lake.



BEAMING HAPPILY, Capt. Haff concluded the farewell reception in his honor with brief remarks and the reading of a poem that summarized his feelings about leaving China Lake.

—Photo by Gerry Boylan



THE SKIPPER gets a chuckle out of this custom-made banner, appropriately labeled a "Haff-ass" flag that was presented by B. W. Hays, Laboratory Director.



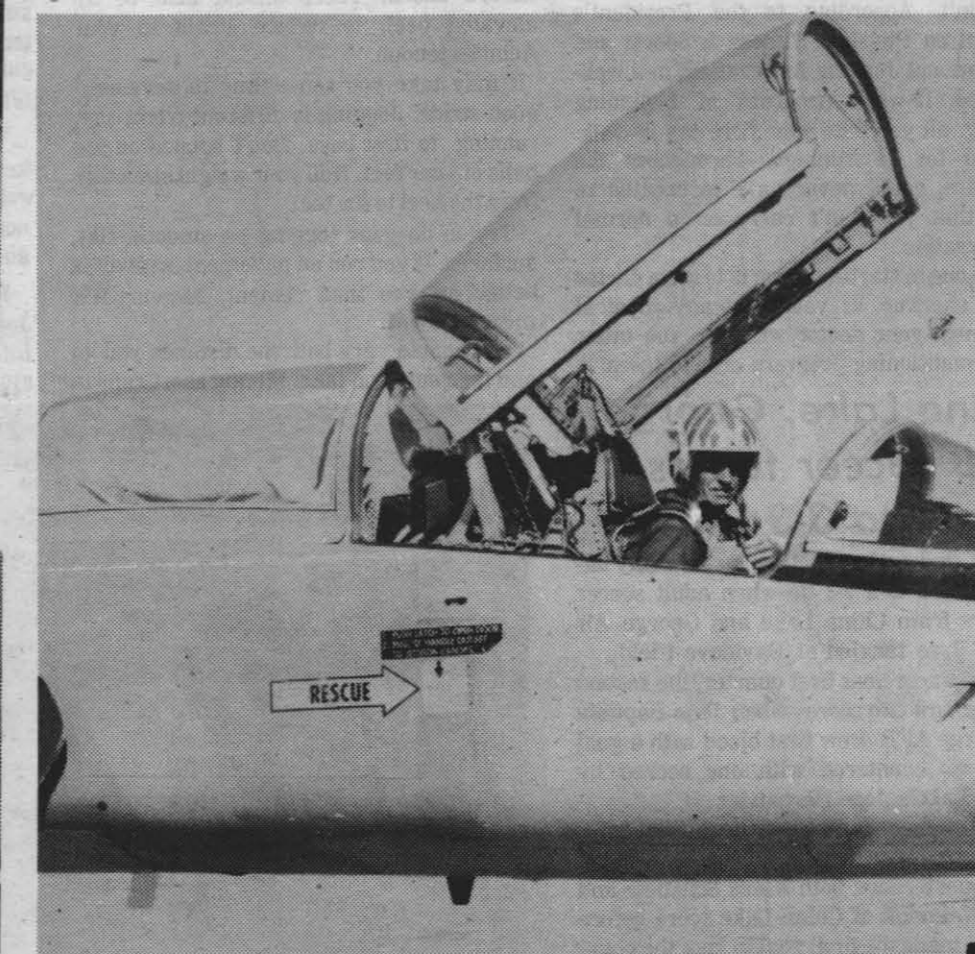
CAPT. HAFF happily accepts a plaque from Vivian Boultinhouse, president of the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League.



THE SKIPPER looks over a replica of a ship's bell given to him on behalf of all the sailors in his command by AVCM Jerry Cook, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Command.



TO HELP REMIND Capt. Haff of the beauty of the local area, this desert landscape painting was presented to the NWC Commander by Dick Kistler on behalf of the Office of Finance and Management and other employees in the Administration Building.



FINAL SOLO FLIGHT IN MILITARY AIRCRAFT — Capt. William B. Haff, NWC Commander, flashes the "thumbs up" sign signifying everything is AOK as he gets ready for his final solo flight in a military aircraft. Capt. Haff, who was designated a naval aviator and received his Navy "wings of gold" in 1952 (a year after he was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy), enjoyed one last flight in a T-38 aircraft on the morning of June 25.