









**MEET TIME CONSTRAINTS** — Personnel whose conscientious efforts made meeting time constraints for the High Energy Laser Air Firing Tests possible include (standing, l. to r.) AOAN David Connor, AOAN Mark Tubre, AOAN Kenneth Bebee, AOAN Anthony Gentile, AOAN Patrick Powell, and AO3 Anthony Romero. Kneeling in front are James W. Baker, from the Missile Support and Test Branch of the Engineering Department and Joe DiPasquale, who is now head of the Fleet Engineering Division in Code 36.

## 3 groups of NWC enlisted men get Special Achievement Awards

The professional attitudes, cooperative manner, and quality workmanship of three groups of NWC's enlisted personnel (as well as many extra hours expended) resulted in each of these groups sharing monetary special achievement awards.

One group of six men shared a \$2,000 award for their support of the AIM-9M Sidewinder Initial Operation Test and Evaluation for the Air Force that was conducted concurrently with the Navy's Operational Test and Evaluation program. These tests required many AIM-9M captive flights and live air firing tests.

The Aviation Ordnance personnel sharing this award included AOC Robert Murray, AOC Johnny L. Vick, AO1 Donald F. Beaton, AO1 Harry S. Marion, AO2 Dale H. Oran, and AO3 Craig Stolte.

High Energy Laser Firing Tests conducted between March 1981 and September 1982 required NWC Ordnance personnel to build eight AIM-9B all-up round (AUR) missiles for each firing. Two modified A-7 shooter aircraft had to be checked out for each flight prior to the loading out of the AUR missiles.

Time constraints for launcher checks and load out were very rigid because of the aircraft involved in the flight series.

Meeting all these time schedules and the professional manner in which they carried out their work earned a \$2,000 award for the group that included AOAN David E. Connor, AO3 Anthony J. Romero, AOAN Kenneth Bebee, AOAN Patrick Powell, AOAN Mark Tubre, and AOAN Anthony Gentile.

NWC tests the guidance control sections, mates them with the fuze and telemetry, calibrates these, assembles them into all up rounds for air firing and packages them for shipment to support the Weapons Systems Evaluation Program of the Air Force.



**TWO SERVICES AIDED** — Aviation Ordnance Personnel who recently received a Special Act Award for their assistance to both Navy and Air Force in operational Test and Evaluation of the AIM-9M missile include (standing, l. to r.) AO2 Dale Oran, AO3 Craig Stolte, AOC Johnny Vick, AOC Bob Murray, AO1 Harry Marion, and AO1 Donald Beaton. Kneeling are James Baker, from the Missile Support and Test Branch of the Engineering Department and Joe DiPasquale, who now heads the Engineering Department's Fleet Engineering Division. — Photo by PHAN Rebecca Carpenter



**AID EVALUATION PROGRAM** — Recipients of a special achievement award for their work in supporting the Weapons System Evaluation Program are (standing, l. to r.) AO2 Kent Daniels, AOAN Scott Uptergrove, AOAN David Meas (not included in the award but now working with the group), AO1 William Ireland, AO1 William O'Connor, and AOAA Michael Wright. AO3 Kevin Greenwood was included in the award but has been transferred. Kneeling are James E. Baker, from the Missile Support and Test Branch of the Engineering Department, and Joe DiPasquale, who is now head of the Fleet Engineering Division. — Photo by PHAN Rebecca Carpenter

## Varied aid is provided those needing job or other counseling

A variety of counseling and career counseling is available free of charge to any Center employees.

Under the Employee Assistance Program, any employee, civilian or military, can seek confidential advice and assistance in full assurance that both privacy and dignity will be respected.

For NWC employees who feel that they could use additional information on career planning, a battery of vocational tests is available through an agreement between NWC and the Counseling Center at Cerro Coso Community College. The tests are also aimed at identifying motivations, occupational interests, and personal and interpersonal styles.

Employees can then consider this data in career planning and goal setting discussions with their supervisors and Personnel Management Advisors.

## Post of handicapped employ'm't official vacated by Banks

For the past few months, Dan Banks has balanced his duties as an employee of the Design and Fabrication Branch in the Fuze and Sensors Department with his collateral duties as the Center's Handicapped Employment Program Coordinator.

Banks very successfully conducted awareness training for employees and supervisors; counseled and placed handicapped job applicants into meaningful jobs; ensured accessibility of facilities; provided advice to supervisors about reasonable accommodation; conducted job fairs; formed a Handicapped Employment Committee; and chaired the Los Angeles Federal Executive Board Committee for the Handicapped.

Although Banks will continue with his off-the-job work with local, state, and federal handicapped employment programs, he has resigned from the position of NWC's Handicapped Employment Program Coordinator, as well as from the Handicapped Employment Committee. The EEO Office notes that his expertise and help will be missed.

The Handicapped Employment Program will be continued under the direction of Tina Rockdale with the assistance of the Handicapped Employment Committee.

Ms. Rockdale can be reached on NWC ext. 3129 or 2348.

Current committee members are Margy Zinke, Code 3105, NWC ext. 5226; Ken Freund, Code 26771, phone 3411, ext. 293; Gerry Richer, Code 3192, NWC ext. 5025; Alan Maschoff, Code 3461, phone 2951, ext. 317; and Nancy Finney, Code 62223, NWC ext. 4320 or 4367.

## Skon gets Navy Achievement Medal for law enforcement work

The Navy Achievement Medal was awarded recently to Master-at-Arms First Class Douglas G. Skon for the superior performance of his duties while serving as Master at Arms and Command Investigator to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five from October 1980 to November 1982.

The citation, signed for the Secretary of the Navy by RAdm. J. B. Busey, Commander, Light Attack Wing, U. S. Pacific Fleet, praises Petty Officer Skon's technical expertise and dedicated efforts in the successful pursuit of numerous law enforcement issues.

"He was instrumental in creating a viable and productive law enforcement team comprised of local MAA forces, the Naval Investigative Service, and base police. His successful investigation of 65 narcotics cases involving possession, use, and sale of illicit drugs significantly reduced drug traffic aboard the Naval Weapons Center and gained laudatory comments from both military and civil law enforcement authorities."

The nomination on which the award of the medal was based also noted that he successfully investigated a firearms burglary case and six theft cases that resulted in recovery of government and personal property.

Petty Officer Skon spent eight years in law enforcement work in Minnesota and seven years as a state trooper and narcotics agent for the State of Alaska before joining the Navy.

He had previously served three years in the Marine Corps from 1963 to 1966, a year of which was spent in Vietnam as a doorgunner on a Huey helicopter.

## Drug control initiatives lead to less use of 'pot'

The Navy's drug control initiatives have been a key factor in the significant decline of marijuana use among the Navy's E-1 to E-5 population, according to a report from the research firm of Booz, Allen and Hamilton, Inc.

The report presents final results of the Navy's random urinalysis tests conducted in Norfolk, Va., and San Diego, Calif., on Aug. 30.

Statistical analysis of the results indicates that a reduction in drug use of more than 50 percent has occurred during the two-year period since the last major survey in 1980.

While these results are significant and welcome, the strong drug control program initiated in 1981 will continue in order to further reduce levels of drug abuse. The Navy policy remains "zero tolerance."

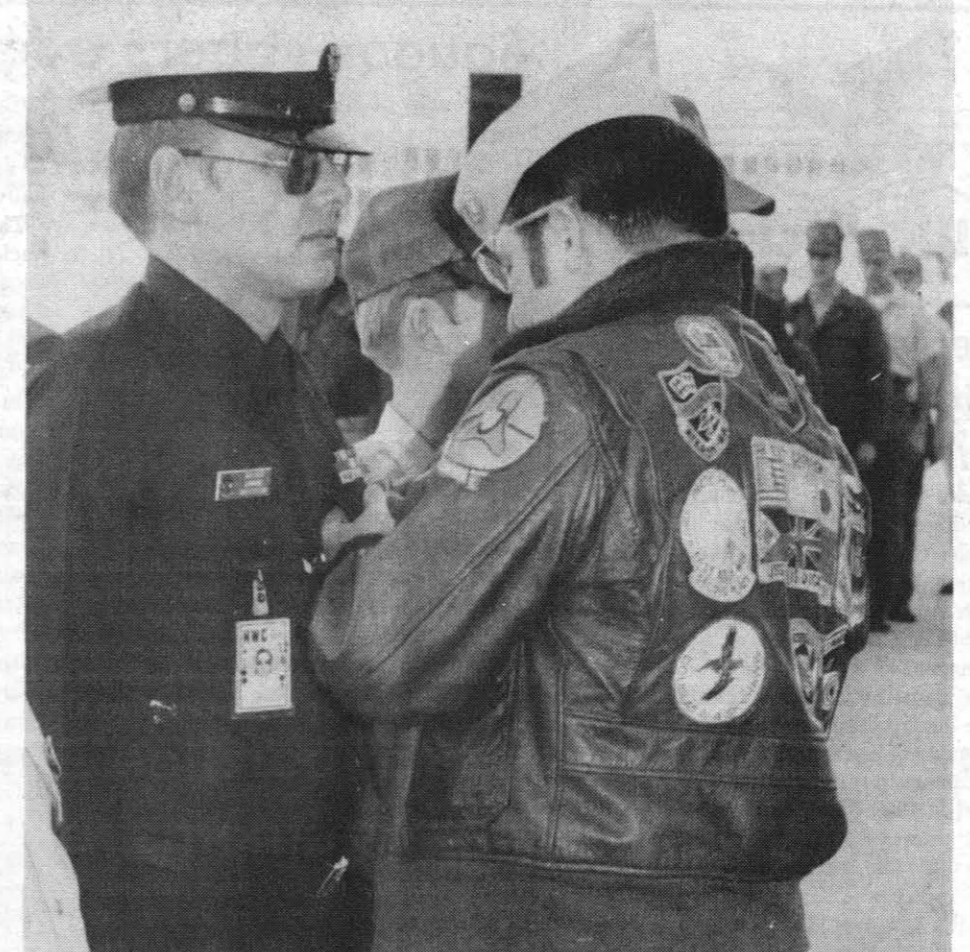
## Solution found to problem of how to get rid of used mercury

A satisfactory solution to the problem of how to get rid of an excessive amount of used mercury that had accumulated in the chemistry lab resulted recently in a Beneficial Suggestion Award for Bill Griffith.

Griffith, who is a physical science technician best known for his skill as a glass blower, was asked to check into what might be done with a 10 years' accumulation of between 500 and 600 lb. of used mercury.

Previously used in much greater quantity than is the case at the present time, the sizeable amount of used mercury had accumulated and required distilling before it could be reused.

Using an old still that was available for this process was slow and time consuming. Griffith checked around and found that there is a company in Pennsylvania that



**MEDAL AWARDED** — Capt. P.F. Hollandsworth, Commanding Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, pins the Navy Achievement Medal on MA1 Douglas Skon during a recent ceremony. — Photo by PHAN Greg Hogan

## Disaster planning sessions held; public invited to meeting Thurs.

Law enforcement personnel joined with other city, county, state, federal personnel and volunteers from various community groups at a meeting held last Saturday during which Rick Hafendorf, head of Fire Management for the Bakersfield Office of the Bureau of Land Management, discussed the Incident Command System.

The Incident Command System (which has been renamed National Interagency Incident Management System now that it is being adopted nationwide) grew out of

major fires in the Los Angeles area more than a decade ago. During these fires, personnel from many different agencies had to work together closely — and found that they had no common method of communication, no common command structure, no common way of even denoting where what problem existed.

Personnel from a group of these agencies worked together to develop a system by which all personnel involved in an "incident" — whether it be a fire, plane crash, earthquake or any other interagency emergency — would function under common terminology, procedures, organization, performance standards, checklists and accountability.

This system has worked so well through a variety of incidents ranging from a major manhunt by the California Highway Patrol at Amador, and a plane crash over San Diego, to the fires for which it was initially designed, that a number of states adopted it, and it has now gone nationwide.

BLM personnel plan to offer a 16-hour training course in this new NIIMS as soon as an appropriate time and place can be arranged locally.

Bob Norman, Ridgcrest Chief of Police, was joined by Roger Ward, acting City Administrator, in chairing the afternoon portion of the meeting.

Norman discussed the current status of the Bureau of Ridgecrest's disaster plan and the tabletop earthquake exercise held last Wednesday when presumably the Indian Wells Valley was hit by a massive earthquake.

Personnel representing the city, the Naval Weapons Center, and others who would be involved in an actual disaster "walked through" the operation of an emergency operations center, a communication center and a media center in preparation for an unannounced disaster exercise that will occur in late February.

Disaster planning in the local area will be discussed during an open meeting to be held at the Burroughs High School lecture center on Thursday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

At that meeting, an American Red Cross film slide presentation will also be shown that will not only describe what happens during an earthquake, but also how any household can be "safetied" to minimize damage and to improve the chances that household members will survive with minimal injury.

Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend this open meeting.

## Remember when...



This week's "Remember When..." column personality personifies many long-time local residents and employees of the Naval Weapons Center.

A graduate of Burroughs High School in 1953 — that's her senior picture above — she didn't really expect to remain here long enough to earn even a 5-year pin, nor did she plan on having a lengthy career as a secretary.

As things have worked out, however, she can look back upon more than 27 years as an employee at China Lake, and many varied secretarial jobs in positions of increasing responsibility.

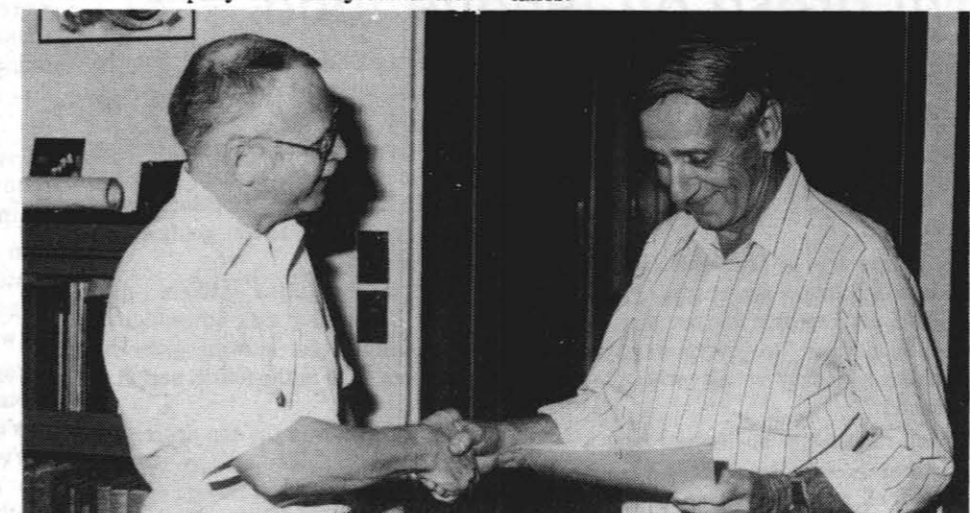
A lot of time has gone by since she started work here in December 1953 as a GS-2 in the Supply Department for 90 days in order to qualify for a promotion elsewhere as a GS-3.

Except for some time off when her son was born, and an occasional illness, she has been steadily employed. When things tapered off in the secretarial line, she pitched in doing technical work that ran the gamut from loading explosives (when employed in the old Rockets and Explosives Department) or processing and printing film (while working for the Propulsion Development Department) to building light sources or getting involved in the process of heat-treating metals. These things were done in addition to her secretarial tasks. "I was a workaholic, and this gave me something more to do," this week's "Remember When..." personality recalls.

In more recent years, her secretarial workload as Girl Friday in the Public Affairs Office or for a former NWC Vice Commander has ruled out any such extraneous activities on the job as those she engaged in earlier in her work career at China Lake.

If you haven't recognized this week's "Remember When..." column personality, turn to page 8.

Editor's note: Reader's contributions of old photos for the "Remember When..." column can be made by delivering them to the Public Affairs Office, Code 003, attention Beth Holtermans, phone NWC ext. 3511. Please include a telephone number at work so that information to accompany the photo can be obtained.



**GOOD IDEA PAYS OFF** — Dr. E. B. Royce (at left), head of the Research Department, presents a Beneficial Suggestion Award to Bill Griffith, who came up with a time-saving, money-saving and safe means of disposing of an excess amount of old mercury that had accumulated in the chemistry lab. — Photo by PHAN Rebecca Carpenter