

Plans announced for '83 WACOM Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 18-19

Early holiday shoppers will find a bonanza of gifts and decorating items awaiting them next Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 and 19, at the Holiday Bazaar sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM). Arts and crafts and other items assembled by 16 local organizations will be offered for sale at the Enlisted Mess from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 18, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 19.

In addition, homemade baked goods and candy will tempt the palate, and Santa Claus will be on hand to have his photograph taken with the tiny tots.

Items for sale include handmade afghans, baby clothes and sweaters, stuffed animals and Christmas ornaments, in addition to dozens of other original creations. Live indoor and outdoor plants, dried floral arrangements, wreaths and calendars and various kitchen items also will be available.

Organizations whose members have donated sale items and have volunteered their time for the bazaar are: The Maturango Museum, Federally Employed Women, Sunshine House, Chief Petty Officers' Wives, High Desert Junior Women's Club, Music Parents Club, Randsburg Foursquare Church, Cerro Coso WOWs, Desert Planters, Altrusa Club, Protestant Women of the Chapel, Burroughs High School Band Boosters, Military Officers' Wives Club, Sweet Adelines, the Rebekah Lodge, and WACOM.

The Enlisted Mess will be decorated in holiday trimmings around the booths and there will be decorated holiday trees on the stage.

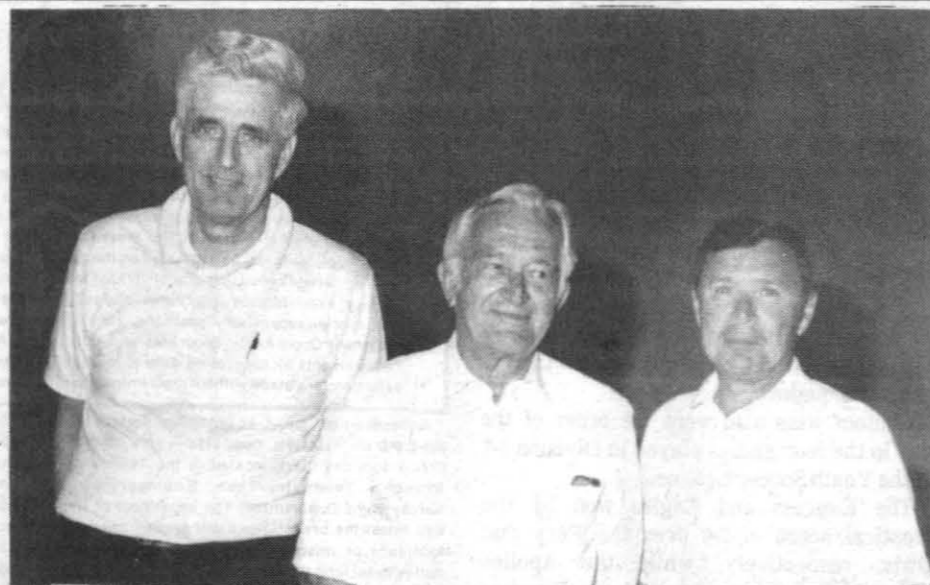
The chairman of the bazaar is Sue Byrd. She and the representatives from the various organizations involved in this annual event invite all interested persons to do their shopping at the WACOM Holiday Bazaar.

Annual encampment at Death Valley will get underway today

The Death Valley National Monument is now 50 years old; a highlight of its golden anniversary celebration is this year's Death Valley Encampment, which begins today and runs through Sunday.

Events include something for all tastes, from an old-fashioned fiddlers' contest, nature talks and hikes, square dance hoedowns, and outdoor barbecues, to the annual burro flapjack sweepstakes on Saturday, when would-be prospectors cajole their stubborn beasts in a race to cook and eat flapjacks.

The 1,600 campsites in the monument go for \$3 a night, and it's first-come, first-served on those. All rooms at Furnace Creek Ranch and Furnace Creek Inn, and at the motel at Stove Pile Wells are already reserved.



LOTS OF MEMORIES — Former Technical Directors (l.-r.) Dr. Walt LaBerge, Hack Wilson, and former acting Technical Director Leroy Riggs reminisced with their friends at the old-timers gathering held Saturday at the Enlisted Mess.



SEES MANY CHANGES — Among the old-timers present was Robert Walker, who had been a radioman in the Navy at NOTS in summer 1944. He had not returned to China Lake since being transferred nearly four decades ago.

Historical costume expert to speak at local museum

All interested persons are invited to a presentation by Dolores Hiller, historical costume expert, next Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sylvia Winslow Gallery of the Maturango Museum. The subject of her talk will be "The History of Undergarments."

Ms. Hiller heads the Costume and Textile Department of the Kern County Museum, and is in charge of a volunteer staff which assists in the creation of exhibits of authentic garments to clothe the figures on display at Bakersfield's Pioneer Village.



AWARD WINNERS — Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander, meets with the winners of the Navy Energy Awareness Week poster contest. The youngsters and their grades and schools are, l. to r., Amy Leisz, Grade 3, Vieweg; Rodeena Waste, Grade 1, Inyokern; Ron Tinkle, Grade 2, Fallor; Fran Greenum, Grade 6, Vieweg; Bonnie McKenzie, Grade 5, Las Flores; and Roxanne Young, Grade 5, Richmond, co-winners for that grade; and Lori Williams, Grade 4, Richmond. Each winner received an engraved NWC plaque, and the appreciation of the Skipper, on behalf of the Center.

ASQC plans program on 'Drag Racing Quality Assurance'

On Tuesday evening Dick Mahan will talk about "Drag Racing Quality Assurance" at a dinner meeting of the Sierra Sands Section of the American Society for Quality Control (ASQC). The meeting will be held at El Charro Avitia restaurant in Ridgecrest.

The evening's events will begin with a social hour at 6:15, followed by dinner at 7, and the program at 8. Diners will be able to choose from the menu. All interested persons are invited.

Reservations are requested to ensure adequate seating. They may be made by telephoning Mort Kurotori at NWC ext. 3395; Harold Owens, NWC ext. 3395; or Tony Miller at 446-2589.

Mahan, an NWC employee, has built and raced his own cars since 1962. His sponsors have included Quaker State Motor Oil, ACCEL Ignitions, and the United States Army.

Mahan's presentation will include a discussion of safety inspections, methods for making cars exceed their design limits, and the contributions of drag racing to automotive engineering.

CLOTA production of 'King and I' will hit stage 3 more times

Those who didn't see the CLOTA production of "The King and I" last weekend still have three more opportunities to do so. Evening performances are scheduled at 7:30 Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

All performances are at the Burroughs High School lecture center. Tickets may be purchased at the door, with general admission set at \$4.50 and students, enlisted military personnel and senior citizens getting in for the reduced rate of \$3.50 each.

'Never Undersold' policy of NEX now benefits local patrons

The Navy Exchange's "Never Undersold" Policy is now in effect for the benefit of its many customers in the area.

Any customer who sees an item normally carried by the NEX advertised at a lower price than that charged by the NEX can bring the ad in and purchase that item at the for this lowered price to be available.

Some conditions do apply and must be met for this lowered price to be available.

The policy applies to retail merchandise sold, the ad must be dated and brought into the NEX during the advertised time period, the ad must include a specific manufacturer and product as well as price information, all conditions contained in the ad must be met, and the ad must be from the local area or from within 50-mile radius of the NEX.

This policy does not apply to services, gasoline, or food items.

SPECIAL SALES THIS MONTH

In addition to the regular low prices on NEX items, patrons can take advantage of several special sales this month as well.

The special sale on Sony products will continue until next Tuesday only, but a special Veterans Day sale will last through Wednesday as well.

Veterans Day specials include a Toast-master convection oven; Puritan men's sweaters; men's and women's jogger watches, and fountains.

Some special sales will last throughout the whole month of November. These include selected ladies' handbags, selected tennis shoes, and, for pet owners, Hart's flea and tick collars (the kind that glow in the dark).

A few reservations were still available at press time for the Rocketeer for the free "powder puff" car care clinic that will be held on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. at the NEX gas station. Reservations can be made by telephoning 446-5044.

CONSUATIONS ON COSMETICS

Patrons interested in cosmetics will also be happy to hear that a representative of Elizabeth Cosmetics will be in the retail store on Wednesday, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., for consultation.

All breakfast patrons of the NEX snack bars are enjoying the food service special of the month: a free large cup of coffee with every purchase of the country breakfast.

Young artists who are dependents of Navy Exchange customers will be able to earn prizes in the NEX turkey coloring contest that is now underway.

Three age categories have been established — 2 through 4 years of age, 5 through 7, and 8 through 10 — with the top winner in each category receiving a \$10 gift certificate, and the runnerup earning a huge ice cream sundae at the Desert Freeze ice cream parlor.

The artist may choose any medium desired for his or her art work. Entries must be done on 8½-by-11-inch, standard size blank paper, and the contestant's name, address and telephone number must be on the back of the paper. The pictures may be turned in at the NEX retail store, in Toyland, or in the Desert Freeze ice cream parlor by the close of business on Friday, Nov. 18.

Pickup by UPS available

United Parcel Service pickup is now available to patrons of the Navy Exchange retail store. The cost for this convenience will be normal UPS prices plus a small service charge.

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(R) RESTRICTED
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FRIDAY, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11, 12
"WAR GAMES"
Starring
Matthew Broderick and Dabney Coleman
(Suspense drama, rated PG, 113 min.)

SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 16
"THE OUTSIDERS"
Starring
Matt Dillon and Ralph Macchio
(Drama, rated PG, 91 min.)

MONDAY NOVEMBER 14
"ST. HELENS"
Starring
Art Carney and David Huffman
(Drama, rated PG, 97 min.)

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18
"DARK CRYSTAL"
(Animated fantasy, rated PG, 93 min.)



Bluejacket of Quarter honor goes to Kudrna

AE2 Brian W. Kudrna, a petty officer assigned to the Electric Shop of the Avionics Helicopter Division at Armitage Airfield, has been honored by his selection as the NWC Bluejacket of the Quarter for the third quarter of 1983.

He has earned this special distinction despite having been assigned to duty here for less than a year.

Upon reporting for duty here following five weeks of training at the Air Crew School in Pensacola, Fla., AE2 Kudrna took on the collateral duty of Publications Petty Officer in the Electric Shop where he works.

Within a month's time, the library was organized with all necessary changes and publications needed either incorporated or placed on order, according to PRC R. J. Phillips, who nominated AE2 Kudrna as NWC's Bluejacket of the Quarter.

Petty Officer Kudrna's second major contribution was to take on the added responsibility of a collateral duty inspector on the various types of aircraft supported by the Maintenance Branch of the NWC Aircraft Department's Aircraft Support Division.

Despite having no previous experience on the A-6, A-7, and F/A-18 aircraft or the UH-1N helicopter, AE2 Kudrna achieved this trusted position within six weeks, Chief Phillips reported.

In addition, the NWC Bluejacket of the Quarter applied for and was chosen to attend the Supervisor Skills Training Workshop that will prepare him to assist with the organization and leadership training of newly advanced E-4 and E-5 petty officers.

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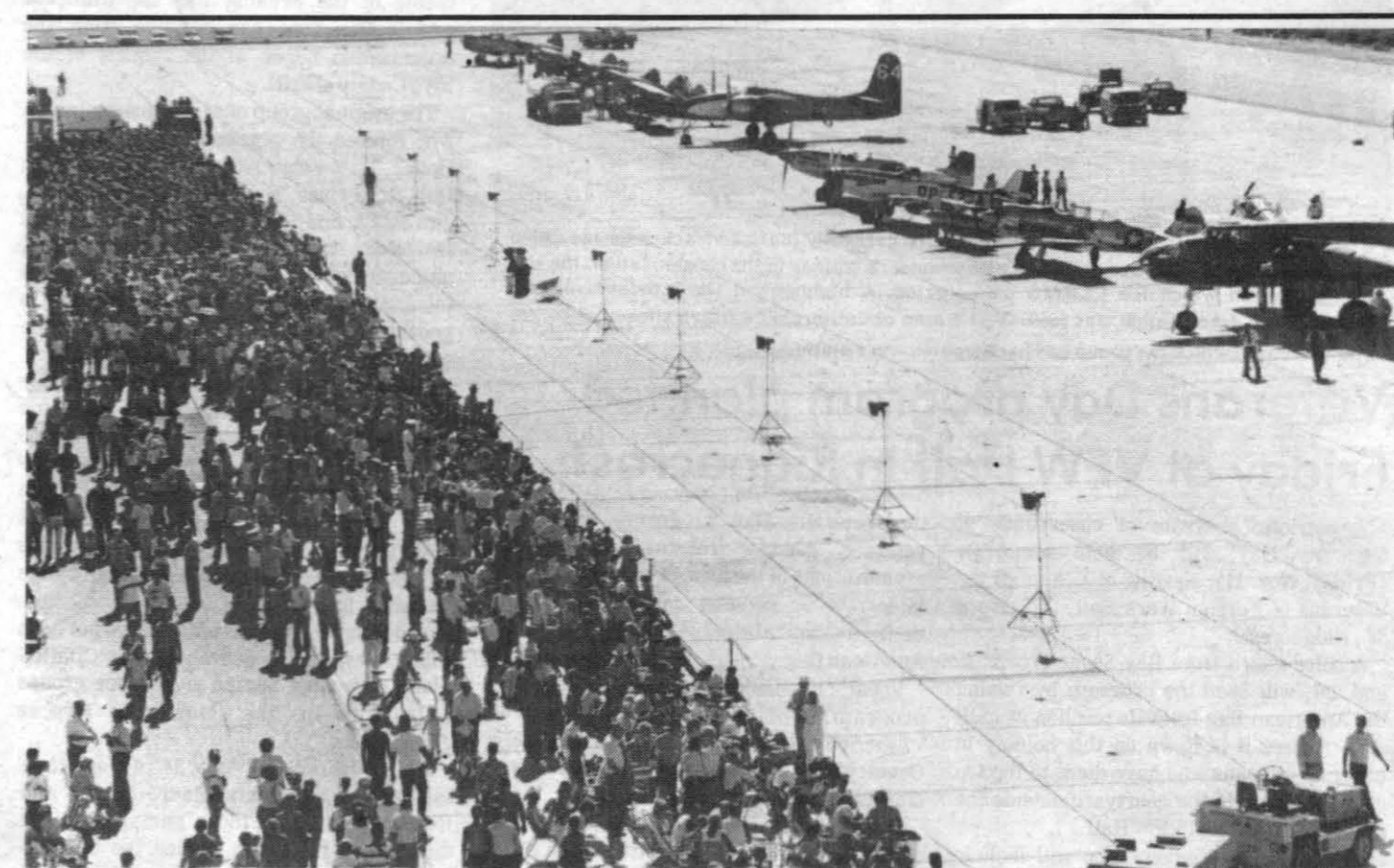
AMONG DISTINGUISHED GUESTS and speakers seated at the head table for the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce-sponsored salute to the Naval Weapons Center were (l.-r.) Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander; Robert M. Hillyer (standing), Director of Navy Laboratories; the Honorable Melvyn R. Paisley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Engineering and Systems); Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, former astronaut on the Apollo 11 mission; Msgr. Kevin Cleary, of St. Ann's Parish; and Cliff Robertson, of movie and TV fame, who was the master of ceremonies for the evening.



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AIR SHOW HIGHLIGHTS 40th ANNIVERSARY — A crowd estimated at upwards of 30,000 persons swarmed onto the Naval Weapons Center last Saturday to view static displays of aircraft and flight demonstrations by warplanes covering the span from pre-World War II biplanes to the newest and fastest jets in the world today. Mother Nature cooperated by providing perfect weather for this outdoor event, which also included exhibits of aircraft and weapons in VX-5's Hangar 1 and Hangar 3, as well as displays arranged by major contractors for the Navy and other branches of the military service. Following the air show, the public was invited to tour a portion of Michelson Laboratory for a look at NWC's Central Computer, computer-aided engineering facilities, the scanning electron microscope, the Harpoon Laboratory, and demonstrations in the Chemistry Wing, where a glass blower entertained visitors. Before entering the huge laboratory, which is the heart of NWC's complex of weapon research and development facilities, visitors to the Center on its 40th anniversary also had the opportunity to inspect a variety of vehicles that were brought to China Lake by the Military Vehicle Collectors Club. For more photos on the day's events, turn to Pages 4-5 in this issue.

— Photo by PHAN Greg Hogan

On eve of 40th anniversary

Joshua Hall packed for salute to NWC

A resoundingly successful salute to the Naval Weapons Center by the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce on the eve of NWC's 40th anniversary celebration was held last Friday night at Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds.

A throng estimated at around 1,400 persons filled every table and overflowed into some groups standing around the large exhibit hall for a program geared to addressing the past, present and future value

of NWC as an asset of inestimable worth in helping to insure peace by keeping this nation strong.

Music by "Port and Starboard," a Navy band from San Diego, warmed up the already enthusiastic crowd before the evening's program, emceed by Cliff Robertson, of motion picture and television fame, began.

Featured speaker of the evening was the Honorable Melvyn R. Paisley, a World War II Army fighter pilot ace, who is now the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Engineering and Systems).

While his duties present and past have placed him frequently as a speaker before large groups of people, Secretary Paisley said he had never before stood before such a sizable crowd and been able to say with confidence "I think I have a room full of partitots for an audience."

He focused his remarks on the edge in technology that the U.S. has over Soviet Russia and her allies, and stressed the necessity for insuring that this edge is not lost. "We aren't going to have the numerical edge over the Soviets," Secretary Paisley acknowledged, "but it's essential that we maintain our technological advantage."

He assured his listeners that the Navy will have its 600-ship Navy, but must now take the technologies developed in the laboratories and fit them to the ships, aircraft and ground combatant equipment — improving them to the point that any Soviet superiority in numbers will be more than offset by the U.S. technological edge.

As an example of the explosion in technology that the past four decades have brought, Secretary Paisley noted that a present-day F-16 or F/A-18 aircraft has a

payload that equals or exceeds the destructive force of a 10-bomber force striking a World War II target.

"Some of the major weapons and components that we have put into the Fleet have come right out of China Lake," the featured



Melvyn R. Paisley

speaker said as he concluded his remarks by expressing his congratulations to the people of NOTS-NWC "who have done a wonderful job for 40 years."

Robert M. Hillyer, Director of Navy Laboratories and former Technical Director at NWC, elaborated on his feeling (developed after 12 years here) "that NWC is the best organization of its type in the free world."

In his post as DNL, Hillyer has been exposed to numerous other installations and laboratories, but this hasn't changed his mind regarding his feelings about China Lake, he said.

"The men who established this place really knew what they were doing," he

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RELIVING EXCITING EVENTS — Don Harris, currently the head tracker for the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group, shows Ken Amster, a trainee in that organization, the site of a rescue in which the CLMRG participated. A highlight of the 25th anniversary dinner of the organization was looking at a map of California on which sites of searches and rescues in which the group has participated were plotted.

Veterans Day program planned Friday at VFW Hall in Ridgecrest

A patriotic program in observance of Veterans Day will be held tomorrow (Friday, Nov. 11), starting at 11 a.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 117 Alvord St., Ridgecrest.

A color guard from Boy Scout Troops 35 and 291, will open the program by raising the American flag from its position at half-staff (where it is flown on this holiday in honor of veterans who have died) to the top of the flagpole in the courtyard outside the entrance to the local VFW Hall.

The opening ceremony also will include posting of the colors by Scout Troop 291; the pledge of allegiance to the flag, led by a contingent of Boy Scouts and members of the Naval Weapons Center Division of the Sea Cadets; and the invocation delivered by Fred Shaughnessy, commander of American Legion Post 684.

A welcome to those in attendance will be extended by Harold Platzek, master of ceremonies, representing the Veterans Coordinating Council, who also will introduce Col. John Tyler, USMC, who once again will be the guest speaker at the Veterans Day program.

Col. Tyler, who heads the Marine Corps Liaison Office at NWC, is a veteran of 28 years of military service.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1955, Col. Tyler's more than quarter-century of active duty with the Marine Corps includes flying F-4 Phantom aircraft on close support missions during the period of time (March 1966 through April 1967) that he was a member of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 based at Da Nang and Chu Lai in South Vietnam.

He came to China Lake from Washington, D.C., where he served in the Office of Naval Operations as the Marine Corps Liaison Officer in OPNAV's Aviation Plans and Requirements Office.

Platzek, an NWC employee in the Ordnance Systems Department and emcee for

the Veterans Day program, invites all veterans' groups, fraternal and service organizations in the local area to participate tomorrow by sending color guards with their organizational banner and an American flag.

Vocal music selections during the program will include renditions of "America the Beautiful" and "This Is My Country" by a male barbershop harmony chorus directed by Clay Panlaqui.

The Veterans Day observance will be concluded by the benediction by Shaughnessy, a volley of rifle fire, and the playing of "Taps."

A potluck luncheon will be held in the VFW Hall following the Veterans Day observance, which is being arranged by the Indian Wells Valley Veterans Coordinating Council.

Training class

To enroll in the following classes students should submit NWC Training Request and Authorization Form 12410 73, via department channels, to reach code 094 before the deadline listed. If handicapped indicate need for first floor room location on training request.

Basic ANSI Fortran at Michelson Laboratory Trailer 1414A, Nov. 28, to Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., including 1-hr. lunch break. To enroll, call Kit Driscoll, NWC ext. 2648.

Structured Analysis & Systems Specification, at Training Center, Nov. 28 to Dec. 2, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To enroll, call Jeanne Craddock at NWC ext. 2349.

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Dr. Heller's contribution to CLMRG recalled at anniversary dinner

If an organization is the lengthened shadow of one man, Dr. Carl Heller cast a very long shadow indeed when he founded the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group a quarter of a century ago.

The 25th anniversary dinner of that group, held last Saturday evening at Clancy's Claim Co. restaurant in Ridgecrest, was titled "A Tribute to Carl Heller," and the theme of the evening was the immense contribution that has resulted from the organization begun at the request of the Inyo County sheriff.

The original group of seven mountaineers who formed the organization included Dr. Heller, Ray Van Aken, Virgil Lewis, John Ohl, Russ Huse, Kermit Ross, Bob Stein, Jim Bray, and Rich Slates. Their aim was two-fold: to provide instruction and guidance to people who wanted to learn mountaineering and climbing, and to provide help to anyone who got into trouble on the eastern slope of the Sierra.

Since that time, the group has added one additional aim: to provide safety education to the local community.

In its 25 years, the group has been involved in more than 400 situations, of which more than 200 involved searches, rescues and recovery operations. As of two weeks ago, 233 live victims were brought out by the CLMRG, as well as 91 bodies transported. An additional 47 other victims have not been found, despite the search by the CLMRG along with other search and rescue groups belonging to the Mountain Rescue Association.

Miner Harkness, who is a long-time member of the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue team, told those gathered at the dinner that his group viewed the CLMRG with a certain amount of suspicion and alarm when the organization was first formed because they had mistaken ideas about the type of persons who were working at that "strange place up in the desert at China Lake," but that after their first joint operation in 1961, they discovered that the China Lakers were a highly professional mountain rescue group and delightful people as well.

He also commented that when the China Lakers were the first search and rescue group in this region to include a woman as a team member (Elizabeth Anderson, a former NWC employee who is now retired and lives in Lone Pine), the Sierra Madre

team thought the end of the world had come. Harkness added that this notion lasted only until they had the opportunity to work on a joint operation with Mrs. Anderson, at which time they discovered that she was not only a good mountaineer, but actually in better physical condition than some of their own team members.

During the past 25 years many major changes have taken place in rescue operations, said Harkness. These include better climbing techniques, more practices, the use of helicopters, the use of tracking, and considerably better equipment.

These changes were also noted by Van Aken, who gave humorous recollections of his early days of climbing, both in his native city of Los Angeles, and in this local area when he was one of the earliest members of the CLMRG.

Frank Buffum, who listed the statistics for the 25 years—from the one rescue a year in each of the early years to more than 25 already in 1983, also discussed the dedication that each member must put into CLMRG and the cooperation of the families of the 52 current CLMRG members.

Not only does each team member need to purchase personal equipment costing nearly \$2,000, but also each team member spends an average of about 20 days a year to maintain minimum requirements. These include three operations, one multi-pitched rope climb, three mountain climbs (with at least one overnight), three hours of tracking practice, a stretcher handling practice, and from 6 to 10 hours of first aid training.

In 1982, a total of 2,419 hours were spent by CLMRG members in actual operations, of which 862 were NWC excused time. A total of 7,682 miles were driven for these operations.

The CLMRG assists the Navy when called upon and its members are also part of the disaster plan for the local area for both first aid and extrication skills.

Honored also at the meeting were the local radio operators who have assisted with search operations since 1977, and the coordinators for the teams who spend untold hours on the phone to call up members, locate needed equipment and handle other communication functions.

A special note of appreciation was also given to the United Way, of which CLMRG is a member agency, since through funds donated to United Way much of the group's \$14,000-worth of radios and other specialized equipment has been purchased.

The evening finished with a special tribute to Dr. Heller by Al Green, who noted that although Dr. Heller was a strong and able leader, he had the wisdom to insist that other leaders must also be developed within the group.

Green mentioned the outstanding contributions made by Dr. Heller to Ski Patrol, to the American Red Cross (for which he has been a nationally noted first aid instructor and instructor trainer), and to the Boy Scouts.

"The best tribute to Carl that we can possibly make," Green concluded, "is to keep the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group strong."

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Roughnecks, Surf battle to 4-4 tie in Youth Soccer League tilt

A close, well-played game that ended in a 4-4 tie between the Roughnecks and Surf was the highlight of last Saturday's four-game slate in Division 5-6 of the Youth Soccer League.

Both teams displayed excellent ball control and passing. Kevin Collie tallied three goals and Lamonte Dawson chipped in one for the Roughnecks, while Dean Waldron also chucked up three goals (one on a penalty kick) and Chad Bass tallied (also on a penalty shot) for the Surf.

Scores of other games in Division 5-6 were Rogues 4, Sounders 1; Diplomats 6, Whitecaps 0; and Kicks 2, Tornados 1.

Good defensive play by Josh Phillips and Collette Ledden for the Rogues helped limit the Sounders to one goal, while their teammates broke through on offense to tally four times. The Sounders averted a shutout with a single goal by Daniel Hobson.

The Diplomats' scoring parade in their 6-0 win over the Whitecaps was led by Derek Lindsey with two goals, and one each by Shawn Hamilton, Seth Labord, Ralph Jorgenson and Jacob Jones.

One goal each by Harry Stevens and David Caraker enabled the Kicks to post a 2-1 victory over the Tornados. Will Freeman got the Tornados on the scoreboard with his successful goal-scoring effort.

A series of four shutout wins went into the Division 3-4 record book last Saturday. The Soccer and Cosmos were 3-0 winners over the Lancers and Aztecs, respectively, while the Drillers and Blizzard edged the Strikers and Earthquakes 1-0.

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After a scoreless first half, Alex Valdivia broke through to score a goal for the Drillers, which held up for their 1-0 win over the Strikers.

A dual assist by Doug Banks and Eric Martin cleared the way for a goal by Jimmy Baily that netted the Blizzard a 1-0 win over the Earthquakes.

Shutout wins also were the order of the day in the four games played in Division 1-2 of the Youth Soccer League.

The Express and Eagles won by the identical score of 2-0 over the Fury and Owls, respectively, while the Apollos defeated the Cobras 3-0, and the Rowdies downed the Chiefs 1-0.

Good passing and aggressive play, combined with two goals by Mike Ogren, resulted in a 2-0 win by the Express over the Fury. Kenny Wilson was credited with an assist on the first goal tallied by Ogren.

Two second half goals by Bobby Shumway powered the Eagles to 2-0 victory over the Owls. Mike Fredricks and Sean Waldon contributed assists on the scoring plays by Shumway.

One goal each by Damon Keeling, Bryan Hyland and Jay Mechtenberg enabled the Apollos to post a 3-0 win over the Cobras.

A solo goal by Sean Cassidy turned out to be the final difference in a close game that was won by the Rowdies over the Chiefs.

Amusement park discount coupons available here

Special military and DoD employee rates are now available at two popular Southernland recreation parks.

Magic Mountain is offering general-use tickets for \$6.45, a saving of 48 percent. These holiday rates are in effect for the following dates (including Veterans Day and Thanksgiving): Nov. 11, 12, 13, 19, 20 and Nov. 24 through 27.

In addition, Disneyland is offering a \$9 ticket (regularly \$12 for adults) which is good for admission to the park and unlimited use of all attractions. This discount is available from now through March 4, 1984 (except Christmas Day through New Year's Day).

Special rate tickets must be purchased in advance and are available from NWC's Information and Ticket Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call NWC ext. 2010.

Reassignment Opportunities

This column is used to fill positions through reassignment only. For this reason, the Reassignment Opportunity Announcements are separate from the Promotion Opportunities column in the Rocketeer. Applications will be accepted until the date stated in the announcement. Employees whose work history has not been brought up to date are encouraged to file an SF-171 or 172. All applicants must meet minimum qualification requirements established by the Office of Personnel Management. Information concerning the recruitment and placement program and the evaluation methods used in these reassignment opportunities may be obtained from Personnel Management Advisors (Code 096 or 097). Applications should be filed with the person whose name is listed in the announcement. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Announcement No. 39-038, Supervisory Interdisciplinary (General/Electronics/Mechanical Engineer/Physicist), DP-801/855/830/1310-4, PAC No. 8329604, Code 3907 — This position serves as the Deputy Program Manager in the Tomahawk Cruise Missile Program Office. The incumbent is responsible for assisting in the overall planning, direction, coordination, and management of the Cruise Missile efforts performed at the Naval Weapons Center. He/she performs as a line manager of the program office personnel and thus must assist the Program Manager in providing performance goals, assessments and other normal supervisory functions. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Must have a broad spectrum of technical knowledge and experience appropriate for cruise missile systems and knowledge of Naval Weapons Center management policies, procedures and mission. Demonstrate ability to provide direction and leadership to a wide variety of organizations and personnel on and off the Center. Ability to effectively interface and communicate orally and in writing with Naval Weapons Center management, high level personnel at other government agencies and in industry. Interest in and support of the Equal Opportunity Program (EEO). Only current DP-4 level employees will be considered for this position. To apply, forward an updated SF-171 to Glen Hollar, Code 3907, NWC extension 2251.

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Promotional opportunities

Applications (Standard Form 171) should be put in the drop box at the Reception Desk of the Personnel Dept., 505 Blandy. Unless otherwise specified in an ad, applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current permanent NWC employees only. All others desiring employment at NWC may contact the Employment Wage & Classification Division, Code 092, Ext. 7264. Ads will run for one week and will close at 4:30 p.m. on the Friday following their appearance in this column, unless a later date is specified in the ad. Advertising positions in the Promotional Opportunities column does not preclude the use of alternative recruiting sources in filling these positions. The filling of these positions through Merit Promotion is subject to the requirements of the DoD Program for the Stability of Civilian Employment. The minimum qualification requirements for all GS positions and positions subject to the Demonstration Program are those defined in OPM Handbook X-118; those for all wage system positions are those defined in OPM Handbook X-118C. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of experience, training, education, and awards as indicated in a written record consisting of SF-171, at least one supervisory appraisal if it can be obtained, and any tests, medical examinations, interviews, and supplemental qualifications requirements that may be necessary. For managerial/supervisory positions, consideration will be given to applicant's support of the Equal Employment Opportunity programs and objectives. Applicants must meet time in grade and qualifications requirements by the closing date of the ad. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer; selections are made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason.

Announcement No. C-44-19, Office Services Clerk, GS-303-4, PD No. 844509N, Code 4424 — This position is that of Office Services Clerk located in the Telemetry Systems Branch, Telemetry/Test Engineering Division, Aeronautics Department. The incumbent of this position will assist in the preparation, review, and distribution of miscellaneous administrative and clerical duties to include the following: cost analyses, cost trends, budget preparation and monitoring, small procurements/purchases and plant account inventories. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to interpret and apply cost accounting reports; working knowledge of NWC contracts; ability to communicate both orally and in writing; ability to work independently. Desire to learn operation of HP 9825A computer, printer and plotter function. May have promotion potential to GS-5.

Announcement No. C-45-38, Aerospace/Mechanical Engineer, DP-841/830-2/3, Code 4411 — This position is located in the Systems Development Branch, Recovery Systems Division, Aeronautics Department. The incumbent will perform as a project engineer responsible for the analysis and simulation of aerodynamic, vibration and stabilization systems. Work includes analysis and mathematical modeling to support all aspects of development and testing of premeditated and emergency ordnance systems. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of data reduction, analysis, and simulation of aerodynamic and stabilization systems. Work includes analysis and mathematical modeling to support all aspects of development and testing of premeditated and emergency ordnance systems. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of data reduction, analysis, and simulation of aerodynamic and stabilization systems. 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Burroughs High gridders wind up '83 season tonight

Burroughs High School varsity and sophomore football teams will wind up the 1983 season at home tonight with games against their rivals from Saugus High.

The high-flying sophomores have taken dead aim on the Golden League title, after posting their fourth straight win, 28-14, last Friday at Canyon High. The underclassmen now have an overall record for the season of 8 wins and 1 loss — with the defeat coming in non-league action against Santa Maria.

Kickoff time is 4:45 for the sophomore tilt, and the contest between the two varsity teams is scheduled to get underway at 7:30. Both games are being played tonight instead of Friday because of the Veterans Day holiday.

The Burros varsity gridders are hoping for their second league win in 1983 when they take on the winless Saugus Centurions, after losing a hard-fought game 33-20 to the Canyon Cowboys last Friday night in Canyon Country.

GREAT AERIAL SHOW

While the Ridgecrest team dropped its third straight league game to the Canyon team, it made things interesting with an aerial show that pitted quarterback Daniel Means of Burroughs against Rick Burton, his counterpart for the Cowboys.

The Burros, taking advantage of a pass interception by Randy Aguon, got on the scoreboard first in the Canyon game. Aguon latched onto a pass thrown by Burton and rambled from midfield to the Cowboys' 15 before being hauled down.

An aerial from Means to Tim Lewis gained 13 yds. and put the ball on the Cowboys' 1-yd. line. Randy Aguon then plunged over the goal line to give the Burros a short-lived 6-0 lead after the try for the point-after-touchdown was blocked.

The Cowboys then uncorked their own aerial game with a play that picked up 60 yds. and put the ball on the BHS 11. The big gainer was a pass from Burton to Robert Owens, tight end for the Cowboys. Two plays later Burton passed to Sean Sculley, wide receiver, who caught the ball in the end zone to tie the score 6-6.

During the nip and tuck first half, the Cowboys and Burros traded touchdowns, with Canyon getting the best of it in the PAT department to edge ahead 13-12.

BURROS LEAD AGAIN

The Ridgecrest team surged back late in the second period of play with a scoring drive that included a short pass to Lewis, who was stopped at the 6. Means then fired the ball to Randy Aguon for the local team's third touchdown of the night, which gave the Burros an 18-13 lead.

With 4 minutes remaining to play in the first half, the Cowboys got rolling once again — putting together a drive that gained 73 yds. before the halftime gun sounded. Canyon scored on another pass from Burton to Owens that enabled the Cowboys to go into the locker room at halftime with a 3-point advantage of 21-18.

As in earlier games this season, the Burros committed costly mistakes on defense, including being flagged for a late hit that cost them 15 yds. and aided and abetted the Cowboys, who were able to keep alive the drive that put them in the lead at halftime.

There was no further scoring in the second half by the Burros, who gave up two more touchdowns on passes thrown by Cowboy Quarterback Burton.

This was the fourth straight league win for the Canyon team, and set up this week's showdown between Canyon and Quartz Hill, also a 4-game winner in the Golden League.

NWC team places second in flag football tourney

A military team representing the Naval Weapons Center won second place in the Mojave Desert Inter-service League (MDISL) flag football tournament held last Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Marine Corps Logistics Center in Barstow.

The China Lakers won their first tourney tilt by the narrow margin of 13-12 in an overtime contest against George Air Force Base.

Dan Whittenburg got the NWC team off to a 6-point lead over George AFB with a touchdown pass to Kenny Porter, wide receiver, but the Air Force team countered

that with a score of its own that left the two teams tied 6-6 at the half.

Whittenburg, who quarterbacked the NWC team, also connected on a pass to Otis Fisher, a wide receiver, for the second touchdown of the game for the China Lakers — giving them a 12-6 lead early in the second half.

This lead held up until the closing minutes of the 20-min. second half when the George AFB team battled its way into the end zone for a touchdown that tied the score at 12-12, after the try for the point-after-touchdown failed.

Each team then got the ball for four plays, with the win by 1-point margin going to the squad that succeeded in gaining the most ground. The China Lakers tried both runs and passes in picking up a stingy 9 yds.

The defense then took over for the NWC team and held George AFB to a net gain of zero yards in four plays to win the hard-fought game 13-12.

Game No. 2 for the NWC in the MDISL flag football tourney resulted in a 19-0 win for the China Lakers over their counterparts from March Air Force Base.

Whittenburg scored on a short run through the middle of the line, and then passed to Vince Huett for the PAT that gave China Lake a 7-0 halftime lead over March AFB.

The most spectacular play of the game began with a lateral pass from Whittenburg to Huett, who then lobbed a forward pass that was caught by Fisher. As he was about to be stopped, Fisher lateraled the ball to Dwight Fernandez, who ran the remaining distance to the end zone for a touchdown on a play that gained nearly 55 yds.

Leading 13-0, the China Lakers scored again in the second half on a pass from Whittenburg to Fisher.

This victory put the NWC flag football team in the tourney finals against Nellis AFB, who won it by a final tally of 18-0. Nellis dominated the game — scoring twice in the first half and once again in the second half to capture the MDISL flag football title for the fourth time in the past six years.

Jim Hamilton was the player-coach of the NWC flag football team. Other players, in addition to those already mentioned, were Paul Walker, Otis Gamble, Frank Lambert, Charles Cooper, Jess Young, Roy Bias, Fred Stark and Joe Liguori.

The team won a plaque that each year goes to the runner-up in the MDISL flag football competition, and each player was presented a medal for his efforts.

Three China Lakers — Whittenburg, Fisher, and Fernandez — were chosen on the all-tournament team.

Signups for Youth Basketball League to begin on Monday

Registration will begin on Monday at the Community Center and continue on weekdays (through Dec. 2) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. for the coming season of Youth Basketball League play.

Boys and girls 7 through 12 years of age are eligible to take part in this Recreation Services Department-sponsored program if they already have, or are prepared to purchase, a sports registration card.

In addition to the sports registration card fee, there is a \$10 charge to cover the use of a basketball team jersey for one season, as well as the cost of equipment and to help pay for the referees who officiate at the games.

Player evaluation drills, which must be attended by all new players, are scheduled on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 to 9:30 a.m. for those 7 and 8 years of age; from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for those 9 and 10 years old; and from 10 to 10:30 a.m. for those 11 and 12 years of age.

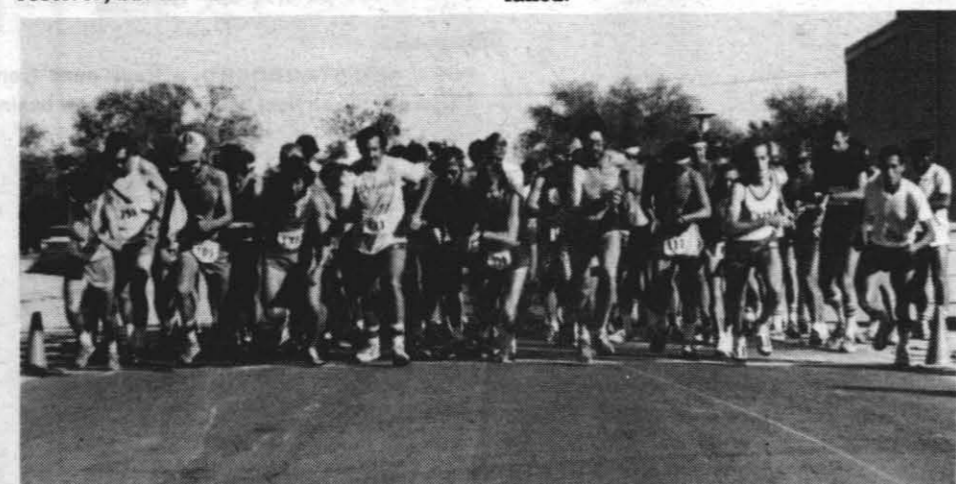
Additional evaluation drills are planned on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 7 to 8 p.m. for those 11 and 12 years of age; and on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for youngsters 9 and 10 years of age.

Participation in the tryouts is not necessary if a boy or girl was on a Youth Basketball League team in 1983.

Plans for the coming Youth Basketball League season call for each team to play nine league games beginning on Jan. 7, 1984. Practice sessions are limited to one hour per week, Monday through Thursday.

Practice times will be decided at a meeting of team coaches that will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15, in the conference room of the Recreation Services Department office.

Additional information about the Youth Basketball League program can be obtained by calling NWC ext. 2010.



TRAFFIC JAM — A total of 69 runners began the half marathon run at the Center's gym last Saturday morning. The course took them through various streets in the housing area, up Pole Line and Water Roads, and finished at Armitage Airfield.

Half marathon run first event on day-long anniversary celebration

A total of 69 runners started their day Saturday by competing in the Over-the-Hill Track Club's half marathon run that began at the gym and ended on the flight line at Armitage Airfield where the numerous visitors to the open house could cheer the winners as they crossed the finish line.

Eric Faiz of Los Angeles was a repeat winner of the event in the men's open class. His time for the run of slightly over 13 miles was a scorching 1 hour, 13 minutes and 36 seconds.

Runners-up in the men's open and their times were Tom Rindt, 1:15:16; Gil Cornell, 1:19:08; Tom McMahon, 1:20:33; Joe Oliver, 1:21:19; and Frank Freyne, 1:21:50.

In the women's open, Diane Lucas took first place with a time of 1:31:02; Mary Moore Kilpatrick, 1:33:46; and Maria McBride, 1:37:30.

Capt. Joe Phaneuf headed the winners in the military category at 1:26:16, followed by LCDr. Doug Heitschmidt, 1:43:21; and Lt. Brice Hammerstein, 1:57:34.

Winners and runners-up in the various age group categories of the half marathon race and their times, were as follows:

Men's Division
14 years of age and under — Jeff Swinford, 1:41:51.

15 to 18 yrs. of age — Ron Ryan, 1:23:33; and Jan Barglowski, 1:26:38.

19 to 29 yrs. of age — Charles Bechtel, 1:27:36; Robert Dalby, 1:31:42; and Steve Semler, 1:40:47.



FINISHER — Scotty Broyles runs the last few steps in the half marathon run that ended at the flight line at Armitage Airfield last Saturday. He placed second in the men's 50 to 59 age group.

— Photo by PHAN Rebecca Gill

The Skipper sez



All China Lakers, including military personnel, civilian employees, and their dependents are invited to submit questions to this column. Such queries must be in good taste and pertain to matters of interest to a large segment of the China Lake community. Answers to these questions are directly from Capt. K. A. Dickerson. Please call NWC ext. 2727 with your question and state whether you are a military member, civilian employee or dependent. No other identification is necessary. Since only three or four questions can be answered in the Rocketeer each week, anyone who would like to ensure getting an answer to a question may leave name and address for a direct contact, but this is not required otherwise. There is no intent that this column be used to subvert normal, established chain-of-command channels.

QUESTION

Civilian employee — I've been an employee of NWC for 20 years, and I've read the latest Rocketeer article about vehicle seat belts. On page 5, under "Police Reports," the last item says, "Anyone riding in a government vehicle is required by law to wear a fastened seat belt while the vehicle is in motion." I don't think there is a California or Federal law about that, that I'm aware of — just an OPNAV Instruction. Maybe this statement should be corrected in the Rocketeer.

I would also like to know what will be the action taken if a government employee in a government vehicle or his private vehicle, after this 30-day pre-enforcement period, is found not to be wearing a seat belt? It is a federal offense or a state offense? Will it go to Kern County? Does it go on a permanent driving record? What are the results? I would appreciate a clarification of that. Thank you.

ANSWER

California does not have a law that requires the use of seat belts nor is there a Federal Law that requires use of restraints for adults. There is a law, however, which states that children under the age of four years, or weighing less than 40 lbs., must be provided and properly secured in a child passenger restraint system meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards. This law became effective on Jan. 1, 1983. We were in error in not being more specific with our earlier published statement; it will be corrected.

The rules quoted in the article are indeed from an OPNAV Instruction (OPNAVINST 5100.12B of 24 January 1983). The instruction states that "All DoD personnel, military or civilian, operating or riding in a private motor vehicle on Navy installation shall wear seat belts when seat belts are available in the vehicle."

The actions to be taken if personnel driving aboard the Center are found not wearing seat belts will be administrative, and will not appear on any federal, state or county records. These matters are typically referred to the Center's Traffic Court review. Our whole effort will be directed towards encouraging people to wear their seat belts. They do save lives.

Key personnel busy rounding up support for CFC fund drive

Key personnel for the Combined Federal Campaign from all the departments and organizations on Center are scurrying to contact everyone in their respective groups before the deadline of Nov. 30 for this year's fund drive. By Office of Personnel Management regulations, the drive cannot be extended beyond that date.

The annual "Once for All" drive that benefits 127 agencies this year began last week. Although any undesignated money will be split among the large number of member agencies, all contributors are encouraged to select the agencies that they

'83 Security Alert Seminar for all hands set next week

The 1983 Security Alert seminar will be held from Tuesday through Friday of next week, and attendance is mandatory for all Center military and civilian personnel.

Seminars are scheduled in the Center theater from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on each of the four days; personnel may attend any of these, but are required to attend one of them. Both appropriated and non-appropriated fund civilian employees, as well as military personnel must sign in at one of the seminars, whether or not they hold any sort of a security clearance.

This year's seminar will take a behind-the-scenes look at NWC security. Physical security, automatic data processing, NWC police, and Naval Investigative Service security will be addressed.

NWC's security record will be revealed, and classic cases discussed. Speakers will use audio visual materials.

Members of the audience will have the opportunity to participate in the program this year by the use of a "Security Alert" quiz. Those taking the quiz will have the chance to guess at the total number of basewide offenses in major security categories each year. The quiz will be distributed several days before the sessions so that everyone will have the opportunity to fill out the form and bring it along to the Center theater.

particularly would like to see benefit from their contributions and to designate these.

Any money so designated will go straight to the agency or group of agencies specified. Donors may also specify that they wish their gift to go to the United Way, which represents 21 local agencies; the National Health Agencies; International Service Agencies; or National Service Agencies.

Two organizations in the fund drive are not part of any of these groups and would have to be specifically designated: the Women's Center - High Desert, and the American Cancer Society.

Donors may use payroll deduction to spread their gift throughout the upcoming year, or may choose to give either cash or a check. Moneys collected by cash or check can be deducted from this year's taxable income; those given through payroll deduction are counted against next year's taxable income for tax-deduction purposes.

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A veteran of seven years' service in the Navy, he joined military service in September 1976 in Portland, Ore. After basic training at San Diego, he was sent to Aviation Electrician Mate School at Memphis, Tenn.

This schooling was followed by his assignment as an electrician with Helicopter Combat Squadron 1 (Det. 6) on board the cruiser USS Oklahoma City, homebased at Yokosuka, Japan.

He remained with this helicopter unit for 18 months before being transferred to the aircraft carrier USS Midway, also at Yokosuka, and an assignment with Early Warning Squadron 115.

After 3½ years of service overseas, he drew a stateside assignment at Moffett Field, Calif., with Patrol Squadron 47, and served with that squadron until he left for the five weeks of Air Crew School training at Pensacola that preceded his transfer to China Lake.

AED2 Kudrna, whose hometown is Portland, Ore., was accompanied to NWC by his wife, Suzanne, and their two young daughters, Katie, who is 3½ years old, and Betsy, 2 years old.



SERIOUS DISCUSSION — Robert M. Hillyer (at left) and B. W. Hays took advantage of the opportunity provided last Friday night at Joshua Hall to exchange views on matters of interest to the Navy and the Naval Weapons Center with Congressman William E. Thomas, who represents the 20th District. Hillyer, now Director of Navy Laboratories, was succeeded by Hays as NWC Technical Director.

40th anniversary observed . . .

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added, pointing out that the concept of a military-civilian team has been the reason for NWC's success.

Military personnel provide the operational realism that is necessary, while young scientists and engineers with fresh ideas are the source of new developments, Hillyer said.

Another of the bright stars in the constellation at the head table for the Ridgecrest CofC salute to NWC was Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, the lunar module pilot on the Apollo 11 mission who, along with Neil Armstrong, made history by walking on the moon on July 20, 1969.

Aldrin's last command as an Air Force officer was at the Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base and he had flown over but never stopped for a visit in the China Lake-Ridgecrest area before last Friday night. He told of some of the advanced studies he is involved in, including the evaluation of a proposal to install a solar energy supply system on the moon.

Mining minerals and other products on the moon will be a necessity in the future, Aldrin believes, as the supply of the earth's own resources diminishes.

Congressman Bill Thomas, who represents the 20th District, also traveled here from Washington, D.C., to participate in the Navy's 40th anniversary fete. He presented to Capt. Dickerson, NWC Com-

Effective date of Fed'l wage system schedules delayed

Federal wage system area wage schedules that normally become effective on or shortly after Oct. 1 with the beginning of the new fiscal year have been delayed this year.

Public Law 98-107, approved on Oct. 1, 1983, limits the FY 84 increase for prevailing rate employees to the overall average percentage of the adjustment in General Schedule (GS) during this fiscal year. The Office of Personnel Management has not yet issued instructions to implement that law, and legislation may be proposed to clarify the intent of Congress with regard to this situation.

A delay of at least four more weeks is anticipated before the implementing instructions will be available.

30th birthday of SNORT to be observed Nov. 18

The 30th birthday of the Center's Supersonic Naval Ordnance Research Track (SNORT) will be observed with appropriate ceremonies next Friday, Nov. 18, at 1 p.m. at the SNORT building.

Included in the celebration will be a cake-cutting, a demonstration of a sled and boosters, and films. Invitations have been sent to NWC dignitaries; all former SNORT personnel are also invited to attend. NWC personnel who hold Range passes are also welcome.

mander, a copy of remarks he had inserted into the Congressional Record concerning the invaluable, irreplaceable asset that the Center is to national defense and national security.

Assemblyman Phil Wyman congratulated NWC for "putting more weapons into the Fleet than any other installation." This event, he said in reference to the Center's 40th anniversary is "a celebration of 40 years of excellence and service — not just to the Navy but to the United States of America."

Comments in a similar vein were offered both by Mike Mower, president of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, the host organization for the salute to NWC, and by Ron Cheshire, mayor of the City of Ridgecrest.

"We honor NWC for playing such a great role in the defense of our nation," Mower stated.

WORK ENVIRONMENT CHALLENGING

Mayor Cheshire, who observed that NWC provides a work environment with a challenge, presented a letter of congratulations from the City of Ridgecrest to Capt. K. A. Dickerson. In it, the mayor pledged the neighboring city's continued support of the Center, and expressed the heartfelt wish that this past 40 years "may only be a beginning."

The evening began with the introduction of Cliff Robertson by Gery Hucek, general chairman of the Ridgecrest salute to the Navy, and concluded with the showing of a NWC multi-media presentation about the history and development of the Center entitled "A Diamond in the Rough," narrated by Dr. Peggy Rogers, a former department head long associated with the work at China Lake.

Just before the lights were turned low for the show, there also were brief comments by B. W. Hays, NWC Technical Director, and Capt. Dickerson.

GOOD LEADERSHIP FROM TOP

"With the leadership we are getting in Washington now, I don't know how we can fail," Hays said in acknowledging the presence of Secretary Paisley and Congressman Thomas at the head table. He noted that the late Dr. L. T. E. Thompson, the first Technical Director at NOTS, set the benchmark that others have endeavored to attain.

"As seen by tonight's event Ridgecrest and NWC are one," Hays said. "You're all patriots and the best thing we've got going for China Lake," he enthused.

"The highlight of my Navy career is having been selected to serve as Commander of the Naval Weapons Center," Capt. Dickerson said as he spoke about being overwhelmed by the events of the evening and their significance.

"This spirit and enthusiasm will insure that NWC remains the free world's bastion for air weapons in the future," the Skipper said as he, too, expressed the view that it is the collective effort of individuals, regardless of their occupation, that makes this a great place in which to live and work.



HELP APPRECIATED — Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander, tells Leo Gay, an employee of the Northrup Corporation, and Frank Lynch, president of the Northrup Corporation, how much he and Burrell Hays, NWC Technical Director, appreciated their assistance in coordinating the bringing of vintage aircraft as well as Northrup's newest export fighter, the F-20 Tigershark, to enhance the air show last Saturday.

Camera's-eye view of NWC 40th anniversary

Greetings from Sec Nav

The President has asked me to pass to you his regret that he was not able to personally join the people of China Lake, and Ridgecrest, in celebrating the Naval Weapons Center's 40th Anniversary. However, the President has requested that I send greetings on his behalf.

It gives me great pleasure to join in commemorating the outstanding contributions of China Lake Naval Weapons Center to the nation's defense during the last four decades. China Lake's reputation as the home of some of our nation's finest intellects and most dedicated military and civilian personnel is known throughout the Navy, the nation and the world.

Working continually at the advance edge of technology, your skill and resourcefulness have provided our combat forces with the technological superiority necessary both to deter aggression and prevail in combat if deterrence fails.

On this happy occasion, I salute your tradition of excellence and welcome your future efforts to ensure American maritime superiority.

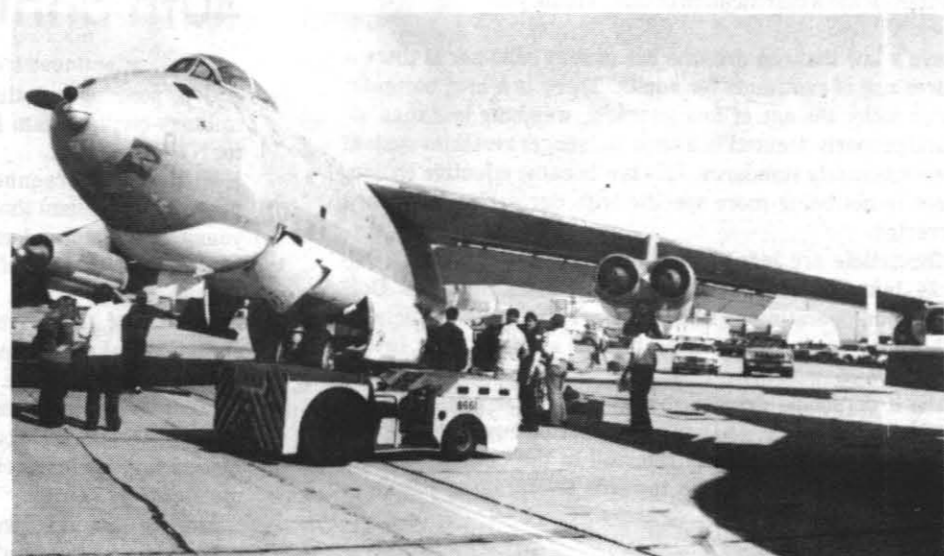
Sincerely,
John Lehman
Secretary of the Navy



PORT AND STARBOARD, a Navy band from San Diego, plays for the enjoyment of visitors at the airfield before the air show begins.



AEROBATICS performed by Ian Padden in his Pitts Special thrilled the large crowd at the air show.



THIS B-47 STRATOJET, now being painstakingly restored by volunteers from Castle Air Force Base and NWC, brought out reminiscing by former Air Force personnel and others who remember seeing it wing across the skies in the early 1950s, when it was a mainstay of the Strategic Air Command.



LEAPING into the air is an A-4 Intruder piloted by LCdr. Jim Tankersley.



MASSIVE DISPLAY of modern and vintage aircraft dotted over the tarmac at Armitage Airfield keeps visitors happily occupied before the start of the air show.

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OPPORTUNITY to peek inside the cockpit of an A-4 Intruder aircraft draws long lines.



CHEMICAL magic entranced Michelson Lab visitors as Dr. Ron Atkins deftly mixed various substances to show a range of effects.



THE ANECHOIC CHAMBER at the Harpoon facility is open to the public for the first time as visitors pour through Michelson Laboratory to see the many facets of weapon development.



YOUNGSTERS and their parents are fascinated with a view of World War II era military vehicles on display in the Michelson Laboratory parking lot.



NASA'S drop test vehicle that emulates a space shuttle booster for parachute tests drew considerable attention from visitors in Hangar 3.



FINAL POLISH to a B-25 Mitchell from the Planes of Fame museum in Chino is given by Bill Westmyer.