

Two performances of 'Messiah' slated at All Faith Chapel

Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," will be presented at the All Faith Chapel on Sunday at 4 p.m., and again on Monday at 7 p.m. More than 100 local singers representing 17 local churches will participate.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend either of the two free performances. The community chorus is under the direction of Ray Blume, who has selected soloists to perform at the two performances.

The tenor solo Sunday will be sung by Al Bares; Monday, Ken Burton will sing. The bass solo on Sunday will be performed by Ted Fiske, with Neal Lundwall singing Monday, and Betty LaJeunesse will sing the alto solo Sunday, with Annette Warren singing Monday.

Sopranos Karen Jain and Mary Lee Thomas will sing both days, to be joined by soprano Marcia Daly on Monday. Ann Nixon and Lorraine Norlund, also altos, will split performances, with Ms. Nixon singing Sunday and Ms. Norlund on Monday. Sopranos Ruth Malik and Aileen Scott will sing Sunday, and Gail Rajtora and Mickey Coppel on Monday.

Accompanists for both performances will be Shirley Helmick on the organ, pianist Doris Bullock, and Fran Rogers, who plays the cello.

BHS choir to sing at WACOM luncheon meeting on Dec. 11

Entertainment following an old-fashioned Christmas theme will highlight the final luncheon meeting of 1984 scheduled by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM).

The luncheon is planned on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, where activities will begin with a social hour at 11 a.m. that will include a holiday punch bowl and a mini-fashion show.

A smorgasbord luncheon that will be topped off by home-made Christmas cookies furnished by WACOM board members is scheduled at noon.

Entertainment at the WACOM December meeting will be provided by the Burroughs High School choir under the direction of Russ Parker. The choristers will sing a variety of music appropriate for the season.

Reservations are required for the WACOM luncheon and can be made by calling either Emily Hoepck, at 446-7217, or Debbie Booth, at 446-2661, no later than Tuesday, Dec. 4.



HEAVENLY VOICES — Soloists Ann Nixon (at left) and Annette Warren are two of the performers featured during performances of Handel's oratorio "The Messiah" this Sunday at 4 p.m., and on Monday at 7 p.m. in the All Faith Chapel. Ray Blume directs the chorus of more than 100 singers from 17 local church congregations for this annual holiday season program. — Daily Independent photo

Rec. Services monthly bulletin will be delivered by Guard Mail

The Recreational Services Department has made a change in how the monthly Recreation Bulletin will be distributed to Center employees.

Instead of mailing it to the office or home address of employees or military personnel, the bulletin will be delivered by Guard Mail personnel as part of their regular routine.

According to Elaine Mikkelsen and Jan Silberberg, employees of Code 22's Community Recreation Division, all hands Officers' Mess (WACOM).

Automatic deposits to be credited day later at Credit Union

A change in procedures initiated by the Navy Comptroller's Office will mean a delay in automatic payroll deposits and allotments designated by NWC civilian employees to their accounts with the NWC Federal Credit Union.

Beginning with the pay day of Dec. 14, such transfers into Credit Union accounts will not be credited until after 5:30 p.m. on the Thursday preceding each pay day.

This is a change from the previous practice of transferring payroll deposits and allotments to the accounts of Credit Union members on the Wednesday before the biweekly pay day for NWC civilian employees.

Scouts seek adults to serve as merit badge counselors

Men and women over the age of 21 who'd like to share their knowledge or expertise with boys between the ages of 11 and 18 are invited to become merit badge counselors for the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

Boy Scouts have the opportunity to earn merit badges in more than 100 different subject areas, but need to work with an adult who has some knowledge of the merit badge subject.

When the scout decides the merit badge he'd like to earn by learning about that subject, he signs a badge application, then contacts the appropriate merit badge counselor.

A BSA pamphlet has been prepared for each subject that lists the requirements and what the scout needs to do to meet these requirements. The counselor provides guidance and expertise to the boy as he is learning the subject area, and then examines the scout to determine if the requirements have been adequately met.

While anyone who would like to serve as a merit badge counselor is welcome, needs are especially great in the 18 fields for which no local counselors are listed.

These fields include American Cultures, Bookbinding, Bugling, Fish and Wildlife Management, Food Systems, Insect Life, Law, Oceanography, Personal Fitness, Printing, Pulp and Paper, Salesmanship, Sculpture, Signaling, Skiing, Skating, Textiles, and Theater.

Anyone who would like to learn more about becoming a merit badge counselor should contact Judy Yates, whose phone at work is 446-4596.

Health Dept. to charge fee for immunizations

Beginning on Dec. 1, a fee will be charged for all immunizations administered at the Kern County Health Department in Bakersfield or any of its district offices — such as the one at 250 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., Ridgecrest.

A charge of \$1 has been set for all childhood and influenza immunizations up to a maximum of \$5 per family per visit. No credit cards or large bills will be accepted.

The income from such fees is expected to offset increasing administrative costs.

All hands Christmas party for Centerites scheduled on Dec. 14

The Naval Weapons Center's all hands Christmas party has been scheduled on Friday, Dec. 14, at the Enlisted Mess, and the welcome mat is out for all who would like to attend.

The festivities will begin with a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a three-meat buffet dinner (turkey, ham and steamboat round of beef). The evening will be rounded out by dancing and listening to the music of Port and Starboard, a popular Navy band from the San Francisco area.

No formal program has been planned, but there are many door prizes that will be given away during the evening.

Cost for the evening is \$5 for enlisted personnel (from recruits through master chief) and their guests, and \$8.50 per person for officers, civilian employees and their guests.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting any of the following officers: Ens. Martha Vanderkamp, phone NWC ext. 2601 or 2291; Lt. Jack Ceckler, NWC ext. 5144; or Lt. Steven Enewold, NWC ext. 5687.

Appropriate dress for the NWC all hands Christmas party is informal civilian wear with the exception that blue jeans and cords are banned.

Energy conservation tip

Let your dishes air dry after the rinse cycle if your dishwasher does not have an automatic dry switch. Turn off the control after the final rinse and prop the door open a little.

Weekend Roundup

An art exhibit and auction has been organized by the Ridgecrest/Tepetitlan Sister City Association in order to raise money to benefit the activities of the sister city program.

This event will be held on Sunday, starting at 7 p.m., in the Senior Citizens' Building located at 125 S. Warner St., Ridgecrest.

A door prize of a piece of art will be given away, and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Donations for admission to the art exhibit and auction are \$2 per person. Additional information can be obtained by calling 375-9275.

Representatives of the Indian Wells Valley TV Booster, Inc., will have a booth in operation at Santa's Art Shop, which is scheduled tomorrow and Sunday at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest.

This communitywide holiday season event will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Members of the TV Booster board of directors will be present to answer questions about television reception and other matters pertaining to operation of the community-owned TV booster system.

In addition, it's membership renewal time again. Board members and others representing the TV Booster will be happy to accept 1985 membership fees, which will be earmarked for maintenance and improvements to the system.

Dinner followed by listening and dancing to the country-western music of "Showdown" is on tap this evening at the Chief Petty Officers' Mess.

Dinner, served from 6 to 9 p.m., will feature entrees of Icelandic cod or white fish. The musical entertainment is scheduled from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.



PW employees cited for contributions to restoring flood-damaged laboratory

A ceremony honoring all employees of the Public Works Department's Maintenance Utilities Division — recognizing their outstanding contributions to the all-out effort that went into resumption of operations at Michelson Laboratory following the massive flood that hit the local area on Aug. 15 — began the work day on Nov. 15.

The occasion provided an opportunity for Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander, to present the Commander's Award for Excellence in Mission Support to three Code 264 employees.

In addition, a letter of commendation from the Skipper was accepted on behalf of all employees of the Maintenance Utilities Division by Mike Crom, the division head.

Every Code 264 employee involved in the restoration efforts later received an individual copy of this letter of commendation which stated, in part: "Your prompt and unselfish actions prevented additional

damage to equipment and buildings. The many extra hours you put in to repair damage and to restore services enabled the Center to continue its mission efforts with a minimum of disruption."

Capt. Dickerson expressed his personal thanks and a hearty "well done" to those who had worked so diligently to minimize damage from the flood and disruption of services.

David C. McKinney, head of the Electric/Support Branch; Jimmie D. Morse, head of the Maintenance Branch; and William T. Nelson, shop supervisor of the Michelson Laboratory Service Shop, are the first blue collar workers to be presented the Commander's Award.

All three men received an appropriately-engraved, triangular-shaped Commander's Award, and a letter of commendation.

McKinney was singled out for this honor because his knowledge of the entire electrical system, including the Michelson Laboratory system, was the key to the electrical power restoration process following the Aug. 15 flood.

In the letter presented to McKinney it was noted that he conceived and implemented the plan for restoring permanent electrical power, which was accomplished without the use of outside power sources.

The honoree was cited for "working tirelessly to the point of exhaustion for days on end to ensure that progress was made as planned." He also was complimented for his personal efforts that "made a significant contribution to the Center's ability to resume operations well ahead of the anticipated time."

To Morse fell the task of handling the restoration of all of the low voltage distribution and switch gear in Michelson Laboratory.

"Your coordination of the restoration of the 500-ton chiller units in the Michelson Laboratory complex, along with the 150-ton chiller unit in the computer wing enabled

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PUBLIC WORK EMPLOYEES HONORED — Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander, presents the first three Commander's Awards to blue collar workers during a ceremony honoring employees of the Public Works Department's Maintenance Utilities Division. The recipients are (l.-r.) David McKinney, Jimmie Morse and William Nelson. — Photo by PH3 Rick Moore

Data studied from 'quakes in local area

Earthquake studies of the Indian Wells Valley by three seismologists from the Seismological Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, have revealed a geologic feature with anomalously low seismic velocities that lies about 3 kilometers below the earth's surface.

Although the cause of the low seismic velocities has not yet been determined, similar features in other areas have been interpreted as being high temperature rock or possibly a magma chamber.

A hypothesis that a primary heat source may be present beneath a portion of the Indian Wells Valley received support from the recent geophysical studies and interpretations indicating that a relatively shallow source may exist under the west central portion of the valley.

The study by Chris Sanders and Hiroo Kanamori of Caltech and David Rinn, now at the Geology Department of Vassar College, will be presented in the December American Geophysical Union meetings in San Francisco. Their study adds the IWV to the list of 73 already known locations where relatively shallow heat sources (less than 10 kilometers in depth) are believed present in the 11 western states. California alone has had 20 such sites identified in the past few years.

Chemical analysis and temperatures of some water wells in the IWV have long shown that the ground water of the deep aquifer of the valley is of complex origin and that it is in some areas heated by geothermal leakage from deep bedrock fractures possibly connected to the Coso system.

The corroborating evidence from the Caltech study could mean that a geothermal resource may lie at an accessible depth in the bedrock beneath the valley floor. The Navy will evaluate this possible resource for use in heating and cooling its facilities.

Sanders, Kanamori and Rinn had previously plotted the movement and

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JOB WELL DONE — Mike Crom (in center), head of the Public Works Department's Maintenance Utilities Division, receives the first copy of letters of commendation issued to all employees of Code 264 for their outstanding efforts that minimized damage and disruption of services following the Aug. 15 flood that badly damaged equipment and materials in use or stored in the basement and on the first floor of Michelson Laboratory. At left is Capt. H. H. Harrell, head of the Public Works Department, who joined the Skipper in extending his appreciation for the fine manner in which the employees of Code 264 responded to this emergency. — Photo by PH3 Rick Moore

Contract mgn't improvement milestone reached

A milestone has been reached in the Contract Management Improvement Program, with recommendations by the task teams chartered under that program ready to be implemented during the next few months. These recommendations were reported at a meeting held recently among team leaders and the program's steering committee.

The program is a follow-on from the Contract Management Improvement Task Team, headed by Hugh Drake, associate head of the Electronic Warfare Department, and Charlie May, head of the Systems Acquisition Office, which was established by the Technical Director in February 1983.

This task team, which consisted of personnel from both the Center's technical and contracting communities, interviewed senior personnel from technical and support departments on a wide range of matters concerning contracting and acquisition, and developed a set of recommendations on the basis of these interviews.

A Contract Management Improvement Program Office (CMIPO) was then set up

under Carroll Lambton, an employee of the Supply Department, and nine task teams were appointed to consider how to implement the recommendations made by the initial study group. Each of these task teams was jointly headed by a member of the Supply Department and a person from another NWC department, with membership drawn from both Supply and the rest of the Center.

These task teams reported the status of their suggestions for the improvement of acquisition and contracting operations to the CMIPO Steering Committee consisting of Jim Bowen, Deputy Support Director; Capt. Norm Hensley, Director of Supply, and Charlie May, head of the Systems Acquisition Office.

Task Team One recommended that Interdepartmental Working Agreements (IWA) should be drawn up between the Supply Department and the requiring department covering certain projects and programs. The team recommended circumstances for which an IWA is appropriate and suggested content for such

agreements, including procedures for review and maintenance.

Task Team Two examined 41 areas involving written procedures and guidelines. A draft of a pocket guideline has been completed and is now in review with technical codes; this guideline will supplement the acquisition guidelines. The guideline will provide a handy source of information on statements of work and other procurement matters.

Task Team Three, which studied contract policy and instructions, has written drafts on source selection, competition, and service contracting which includes the criteria for qualification and selection of contracting officers' technical representatives (COTRs). These draft NWC instructions are being circulated for comments.

Task Team Four, on training, reported that one new class on the writing of a Statement of Work had already been presented and was well received. The team has been successful in dramatically increasing the number of courses offered in these

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Talk by former CBS news correspondent slated here Dec. 13

On Thursday, Dec. 13, Center personnel will have the opportunity to get an informed look at strategic issues of the 1980s through the eyes of Robert Mayer Evans, a former CBS News foreign correspondent and CBS News bureau chief in Moscow. The open lecture will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Michelson Laboratory Auditorium (Rm. 1000D).

Evans has lived and worked in the Middle East, Russia and China, where he has met heads of state from the late Shah of Iran to all the Prime Ministers of Israel for the past two decades to the current Chinese leader, Deng Shao-Ping.

Although his news work began under Edward R. Murrow, it carries to the present time. Last year, for instance, he spent a month in Israel, Lebanon, and Jordan.

Evans brings an educated mind to his view of the news. He holds a basic degree from the University of North Carolina, an LLB from Yale Law School, a Masters of Jurisprudence degree from Oxford University in England, and a Chinese Certificate from the Yale School of Far Eastern Languages.

All interested China Lake military and civilian personnel are invited to attend.

CFC ends today; contributions climb to total of \$159,315

Only 27 percent of the Center's civilian and military personnel had donated to the Combined Federal Campaign as of last Monday morning — but this generous group proved to be generous indeed. They have either pledged (through payroll deduction) or given in cash a total of \$159,315.56.

Anyone who still has a pledge card today that has not been turned in must do so before the close of business in order for it to be able to be counted toward this year's CFC fund drive total, according to CFC coordinators Loretta King and Natalie Harrison, since the drive legally must end today.

Cards can be turned in to the Program Coordinator's Office in the lobby of Michelson Laboratory. CFC key personnel are urged to be sure that they have contacted everyone before the end of the day and have turned in any outstanding cards.

Health benefits open season closes Dec. 7

The annual Open Season for federal employee benefits programs will run through next Friday, Dec. 7. All NWC personnel should by now have received comparison charts showing the benefits and costs of the various plans that are available.

Those employees who wish to make a change in their health benefits should come to the Personnel Building, Rm. 100 before Dec. 7; no appointment is necessary.

Anyone who has any questions about the Open Season should contact Sue Swett, Cheri Neil or Eileen Baird by calling NWC ext. 2018 or 2592.

MIKE'S LAB by Bill Ewin



INSPECTION — HM3 Robert Bull and HM2 Doris Barry examine a coffee pot in a coffee mess at one of the Center's work areas. The two hospital corpsmen check all food service facilities on the Center for safety and sanitation. — Photo by PHAN Greg Hogan

Preventive medicine specialists busy keeping everyone healthy

All military personnel have reason to recognize HM2 Doris Barry and HM3 Robert Bull, the preventive medicine specialists from the Branch Medical Clinic — they were the ones giving the required flu shots recently.

Much of the work that these two busy hospital corpsmen perform, however, is not nearly as visible although it is essential to the health, safety, welfare and sanitation of everyone on board.

"Our responsibility is to keep people from becoming ill," says Petty Officer Barry, "insofar as we can."

A big part of this responsibility is the on-going checking of all food service facilities on the Center to ensure both their sanitation and their safety. Food service facilities include the three clubs, the enlisted dining facilities, all the Navy Exchange snack bars, all the food vending machines, microwave ovens, and coffee messes.

In addition, all new food service personnel attend classes taught by Petty Officer Bull, who briefs them about sanitation, personal hygiene, and pest control. During his talk, he also explains why regulations require that, for instance, sandwich ingredients must be kept at or below certain temperatures, and other foods must also have their temperatures monitored.

"When people understand why some things are necessary," says Petty Officer Bull, "they are more ready to follow the rules."

Water checking forms another large part of their daily tasks. This includes the swimming pool (or pools, during the summer) which need to be checked for chlorination levels and water purity, checking of water fountains, checking of the irrigation water used at the golf course, as well as checking for standing water in ditches that could serve as a breeding place for insects.

Pest control also falls into the duties of the preventive machine team; the pests

they monitor include both insects and rodents.

Along with monitoring pests and water, habitability inspections are also conducted in the barracks, at residences, and at places where people gather, such as the Child Care Centers, the Navy Exchange and the barber shop.

Many of these functions overlap with responsibilities held by the Public Works Department, the Safety and Security Department, the Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Health branches of the Branch Medical Clinic, and with Par-American and its sub-contractors.

"Without the cooperation of all these, we'd never be able to keep up with our responsibilities," both the hospital corpsmen say.

One task, however, is theirs completely: monitoring communicable diseases on board. While both hepatitis and tuberculosis require follow-up monitoring, the majority of the work that Petty Officers Barry and Bull expend on communicable disease is aimed at determining contacts made by those who have contracted venereal disease.

Anyone who has contracted VD is asked to name all recent sexual contacts so that these persons can be called to alert them that they have been exposed to VD and should seek treatment. This information is strictly confidential, the hospital corpsmen emphasize, so that those asked should not feel ashamed or embarrassed to provide the information.

"The types of VD that have been diagnosed in the local area so far have all been treatable with medication," says HM3 Bull. "We've been lucky that the kinds of VD for which there is no effective treatment haven't appeared here yet."

"Much of what we do to help keep everyone healthy," Petty Officer Barry says, "amounts to reminding people to follow the instructions that their mothers gave them when they were little children."

Contract mgmt. . .

(Continued from Page 1) areas; three times as much training in the contract management area is being offered this fiscal year compared to last fiscal year.

Additional training on contracts is being planned, and ways are being sought to enhance Supply Department personnel's knowledge of technical department operations.

Task Team Five, on mission familiarity and planning, expects to begin implementing its recommendations for face-to-face reviews between Code 25 management and customer department management on contract workload expectations by early spring of next year. The face-to-face contacts will ensure better communication between Supply and technical groups at times that such communication can impact resource development efforts.

Task Team Six, on team performance, has its recommendations ready for review. Contracting personnel who deal with the technical codes will be identified on a regular basis so that the technical codes know whom they are dealing with and who is responsible for various actions. The team emphasized that in order for efficient, effective procurement actions to take place, Supply must be part of the project team.

Task Team Seven, on information systems, hopes to have in place by the end of March an automated means of monitoring and tracking individual contract actions that will also document vendor performance through OASIS (the On-Line Automated Supply Information System). In addition, a data base is being developed which will provide information back to technical codes on overall results and status of their total contracting requirements.

Many of Task Team Eight's recommendations on improving communications are already being implemented. A weekly flyer within the Supply Department ensures that all Code 25 personnel are kept current on happenings around the Center, as well as within the department.

"The Service People" is a Supply Department publication that is distributed throughout the Center to answer questions about any aspect of Code 25 operations.

In addition, establishment of a Supply Question-Answer Line (SQAL) is planned and a dedicated customer-service phone line is planned. SQAL will be publicized in both the Rocketeer and the Announcements when it is ready to begin operation.

Task Team Nine will continue to work on long-term initiatives such as increased contracting authority or participation in demo contracting projects; this team's task is on-going.

Through the operations of the CMIPPO and the implementation of the task team recommendations, the Supply Department and the technical codes have begun what is hoped will be a continuing team effort to smooth the acquisition and contracting process for the benefit of the entire Center.

Police reports . . .

Theft of a government-owned flatbed trailer, valued at \$1,000, was reported to China Lake police on Nov. 21. The trailer disappeared from the vicinity of a building located in Area R.

HOLE CUT IN FENCE
China Lake police were called on the morning of Nov. 21 to check out a section of new chain link fence that has been installed in the Capehart B housing area at the west end of Rowe Street.

Police found that unknown persons cut a hole in the fence, causing damage estimated at \$100.

VANDALISM AT GOLF COURSE
An incident of felony vandalism at the China Lake golf course was reported Thanksgiving Day to China Lake police.

Someone operating a vehicle drove onto the golf course, causing damage estimated at \$5,000 to the green and fairway of the 16th hole by spinning the vehicle around in a number of figure 8 turns.

Local police enthusiastic about Neighborhood Watch program

"You are our eyes," Officer Tom Whalen of the China Lake Police Department told members of the Richmond School Parent Teachers' Association (PTA) recently when he and Officer M. S. Miller of the Ridgecrest Police Department discussed the Neighborhood Watch Program, as well as crime prevention in general.

Neighbors help both their neighbors and the police when they take part in a Neighborhood Watch Program, Officer Whalen said.

"You are in the best position to recognize when a stranger is in the house or yard next door or when something suspicious happens, and you can help everyone by alerting us that something suspicious is happening," he added.

"I'd rather check out 100 suspicious calls that turn out not to be anything wrong than to miss one call that involved a potential or actual crime," Officer Mills emphasized.

Under the Neighborhood Watch Program, a volunteer serves as a block captain and calls together all the people living within that block; Officer Whalen or another officer will then brief everyone about what to watch for.

The neighbors meet on a regular basis so that they become well enough acquainted to be able to spot any stranger or strange car that look suspicious. At such meetings, the police can also provide information about how best to protect home or possessions, and what types of crimes may be prevalent at that time.

Both officers also made suggestions about how to improve home security by being sure to lock doors, securing windows so that they can't be opened, marking property so that it can be recovered if stolen, and

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PROUD MOMENT — Young Jim Randolph gets a China Lake Junior Police badge from officer Tom Whalen at the start of the Parent Teachers Association meeting during which Officer Whalen and Officer M. S. Miller of the Ridgecrest Police Department discussed the Neighborhood Watch program. — Photo by Mickey Strang

IWVSAR team pulls motorcyclist from mine shaft after accident

Two young motorcyclists from Anaheim discovered last Saturday that riding in desert or mountain areas after dark can lead to the unexpected discovery of mine shafts that are not fenced off.

Rhonda Lee Steinhart, 17, and John Fredrick Bauman, 22, drove to Mesquite Canyon near the Randsburg-Red Rock Road on Nov. 24, arriving at about 7 p.m. Although it was well past sunset, they unloaded their motorcycle and headed off across the dirt for a ride.

During this ride, the two young cyclists headed up a mound of dirt — and discovered that immediately on the other side was a vertical mine shaft. Both they and their motorcycle plunged about 30 feet into the shaft.

On being notified of the accident, Kern County Deputy Sheriff Steve Nead placed the Indian Wells Valley Search and Rescue (IWVSAR) team on alert at about 7:20 p.m., and, after arriving at the scene at 7:46, he mobilized the team at 8 p.m.

Meanwhile, Bauman's friends had used a rope to pull him out of the shaft to the surface, where he was sent to the Ridgecrest Community Hospital by ambulance.

After their arrival on the scene at about 9 p.m., 17 members of the IWVSAR team lowered an emergency medical technician down the mine shaft to stabilize Ms. Steinhart. They were able to bring her out of the shaft at 10:30, when she also was sent to the hospital by ambulance.

Before securing the site at 11:20 p.m., the IWVSAR team removed the motorcycle

All hands at NWC invited to attend holiday safety mtg.

A holiday safety meeting concentrating on information helpful at any time of the year, but particularly so during the Christmas-New Year's period when there is so much travel, will be held next Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Center theater.

Two identical programs are planned on Dec. 5 — one from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and the other from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Through the use of film clips, emphasis will be placed on such topics as the safe operation of motorcycles and the consequences of driving under the influence.

In addition, fire safety tips for the holidays also will be presented and the Naval Weapons Center's 1983-84 safety record will be discussed by Wallace Martin, an audiovisual production specialist in the Technical Information Department's Graphic Arts Division.

PSD, Military Adm. Dept. offer varied services

IDs...check-in...TAD orders...pay...reenlistment...leave papers...service records... Where should military personnel go to obtain fast service, cheerful cooperation, and the right answer?

Both the Personnel Support Activity Detachment (PSD) and the Military Administration Department (Code 21) offer a wide variety of services to military personnel on the Naval Weapons Center. Although there is occasionally some confusion about where to go for which service, PSD and Military Administration strive to eliminate redundancy and any "run around."

The Administrative Services Division of Code 21 assists the military person in check in/check out, TAD orders (including hospital travel), leave papers, security badge requests, airfield access requests, letters, endorsements, name change re-



PSD PROVIDES HELPING HAND — While her father, James Cronkhite, fills out the paperwork so that she can receive her first military dependent ID card, Anita Cronkhite chats with PNSR Lisa Rullii, who provides customer service at the Personnel Support Activity Detachment (PSD). Providing identification cards is only one of the many services PSD performs for military personnel. — Photo by PHAN Greg Hogan

quests, security clearances, request chits, sponsor program, forwarding and routing personal mail, and the welcome aboard base orientation.

According to YN3 Barbara Wright the two most frequent questions she is asked by customers are: "Do you make IDs here?" and "Where is PSD?"

YN3 Wright has been with Military Administration for a full three year tour and is one of the energetic workers mentioned by her supervisor, Lt. D. S. Feldman, when he said "We have good, friendly people here who enjoy helping others."

Other services provided by Code 21 are preparing the Plan of the Day, and evaluation/fitness report typing, routing of paychecks, writing agent letters (to allow a person to accompany an authorized patron to the Commissary Store), updating roster and recall bills, reserve coordination, and handling duty yeoman services.

These divisions assist the military person in reenlistments/separations; transfers/receipts; transportation/travel claims/GTRs (civilian and military); ID cards for active duty, retired, dependents and reserves; service record maintenance; educational services (exams and courses); and disbursing functions.

According to PNC A. F. Dechico, head of the Military Personnel Division, over-the-counter service at PSD is fast and professional. PSD also has a passport/visa service for official travel, and a Scheduled Airline Ticket Office (SATO) is on the premises for any traveler's convenience. PSD and Military Administration share a common concern over late evaluations, not just for the regular evaluation cycle, but especially when a service member is transferring or separating from the service. Late evaluations have a detrimental effect on the transfer/separation process and result in a concentrated, last-minute rush to meet requirements.

Keeping the satisfaction of the customer foremost, both offices are charged with the mission of providing essential services to military personnel upon request. "We're here to serve," says Lt. Tallman, "and we like to stay busy."

— By Lt. Kathleen Chmelir, USNR-R