

Liz Babcock enjoys learning new skills on job

Liz Babcock, head of the Library Division in the Technical Information Department, says "I've had a varied and fun career because I've taken advantage of trying new things that I didn't know how to do."

She spent her first 11 years after graduation from Kalamazoo College in Michigan as a housewife, but in 1971 found that she needed to go to work. The quickest way for an English major to get a job on board the Center was as a clerk-typist, so she took the test—twice.

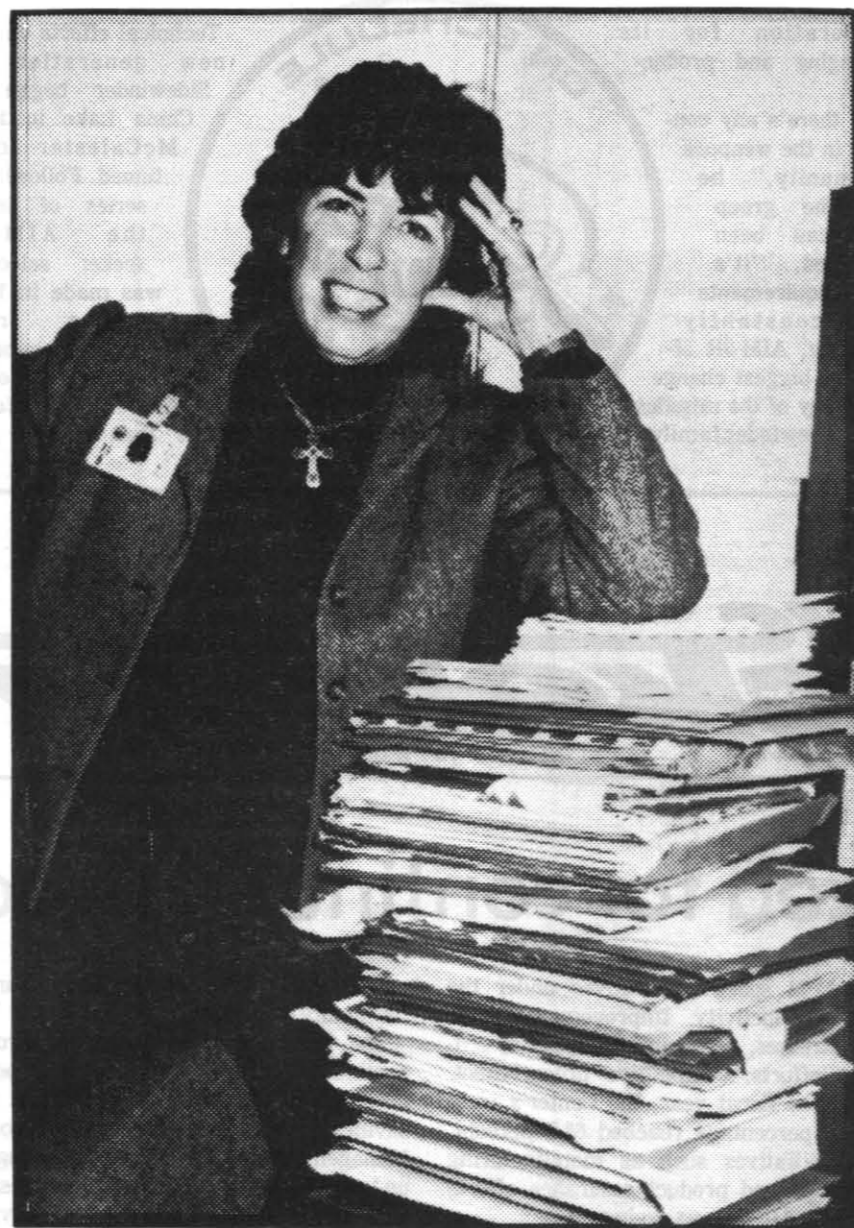
"I flunked the typing test," she notes, "but that actually helped me get a job because Marty Shelton, head of the Film Projects Branch, wanted a film clerk with word skills, not typing skills."

Mrs. Babcock interviewed for the management intern program and told the interviewers that she would really prefer working her way up in the Technical Information Department. As a result, she became the first of four TID interns to spend a year each working in different groups within that department. At the conclusion of the year, she accepted a job as a writer in the Publications Division with the firm understanding that she did not need to do any editing.

"Since then, I've found as I learned more about editing, that I enjoyed it," she says, citing this experience as evidence that increased skill often brings increased enjoyment to a job. This skill and her writing ability helped her as she became head of the Writing Branch and then head of the Publications Division.

During that time, she had worked from time to time as a trainer for the career expansion workshops "I was my own best student," she says. "I followed my own advice to set goals, to seek expert help in furthering my career, and to take advantage of opportunities to move on."

Mrs. Babcock's next move was quite a drastic one. She became head of staff for



LOTS OF WORK — Liz Babcock leans on a pile of papers that were submitted for the International Technical Communication Conference for which she is program chairman this year.

the Supply Department. "I worked very hard there," she says, "and I learned a lot, especially about how the Center works and who to go to when you need to get

things done. That's been extremely useful in the job I have now."

After 18 months in the Supply Department, she moved back to TID in her cur-

rent job.

"I'm not trained in library science," Mrs. Babcock says, "but the library has very competent people who are trained. What I can do is go outside the library to get resources and support for them so they can get their jobs done."

Although she's not doing much writing on her job these days, she says that she thinks of her life as her career, and maintains the skills she's learned in other ways.

"I write a lot of publicity for a variety of different community organizations," she says, "and I enjoy teaching technical writing at Cerro Coso Community College." Mrs. Babcock adds that she immediately saw a payoff for the Master of Public Administration degree she earned through the Center's external degree program, since she began earning a higher rate of pay for teaching the week after she got the degree.

During the past two years she's also been serving as program manager for the 1987 International Technical Communication Conference in Denver, sponsored by the Society for Technical Communication. In addition, she's also been business manager for the locally written and produced "Rasputin," which has a Friday, March 13 opening at the Burroughs High School lecture center.

"Both of these jobs remind me of being a head of staff," she adds, "because you have to be extremely flexible and take care of a lot of details that need to be done, which is generally what nobody else wants to do."

There's been more time for such activities since her two children are now grown. Betsy has been a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines since graduating in 1985 from CalState University at Chico, and Clay is a photo student at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena.

Measles cases multiply

Between 40 and 50 cases of measles have been identified in seven schools in Ridgecrest as of last week, according to Dr. Leon M. Hebertson, Director of Health Services for Kern County.

Measles is associated with a fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, unusual sensitivity to light and the eventual appearance of a generalized red rash. The disease is highly contagious and can be transmitted from person to person before the rash appears. Individuals with such symptoms should stay at home and either call their private physician or the Ridgecrest Health

Department Office, 375-5157.

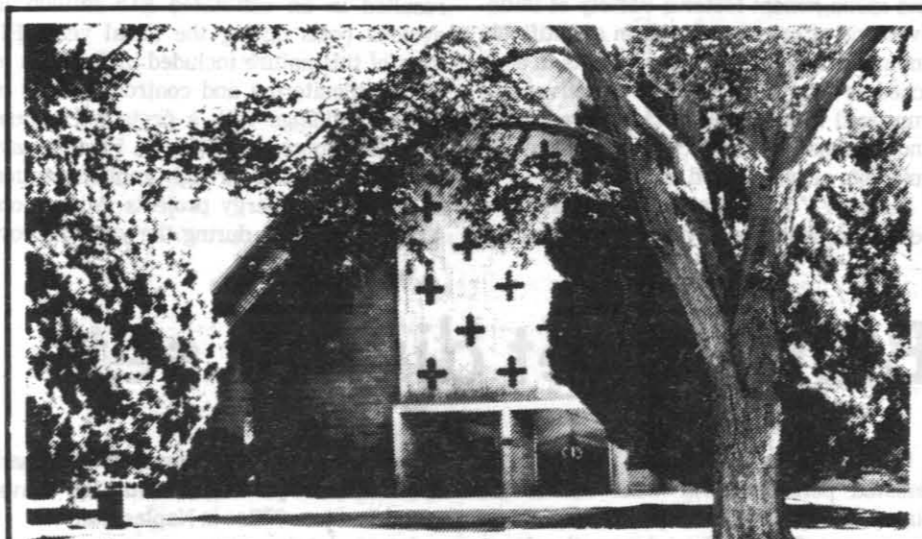
Complications from measles can result in pneumonia, otitis media or encephalitis.

Dr. Hebertson emphasized the importance of measles immunization for persons at risk of contracting the disease. This group includes persons of any age who have never had a case of measles diagnosed by a physician or who have not been vaccinated against measles.

Those who were immunized prior to 1968 with a less effective vaccine and children who were vaccinated before the 12th month of age need to be reimmunized.

Flying club schedules flight safety meeting

Members of the China Lake Navy Flying Club are holding a safety meeting on Wednesday, March 18. This meeting, a must for members who plan to fly the club's aircraft, will be held in the Hangar Three Conference room starting at 4:45 p.m.



Divine Services

PROTESTANT

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL (Annexes 1, 2, 4, and the East Wing) 9 a.m.
BIBLE STUDY (East Wing)

Wednesday 11:30 a.m. Sept. through June
 Thursday 7:00 p.m. Officer's Christian Fellowship
 Christian Military Fellowship
ROMAN CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASS 9:00 a.m.
CONFESSIONS (Sunday) 8:15-8:45 a.m.
COMMUNION SERVICE (Monday) 11:35 a.m.
DAILY MASS (Tuesday through Friday) 11:35 a.m.
CONFESSIONS (Friday) 4:30-5:00 p.m.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (Sunday) Sept. to May 10:30 a.m.

JEWISH

WEEKLY SERVICES (Friday, East Wing) 7:30 p.m.
ADULT EDUCATION (Saturday, Annex 4) 9 a.m.
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (Sunday, Annex 4) 1 p.m.

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Spring: An early arrival for 1987?

Spring technically doesn't begin for another week, but it has already arrived in the Indian Wells Valley.

Fruit trees are in blossom or have already begun to leaf out; other trees are also showing shimmering green of new leaves. Lawns, too, are getting green with new grass growing. As a consequence, lawn mower sales are expected to show a sharp rise soon.

Local stores are selling plants, and gardeners are discovering the muscles that they have not used since last spring.

It's still a little early for most migratory birds to fly through the local area on their way north, but the first few have already been seen in the sewage pond area. (Water birds are not too picky about where they land. If they fly across the desert and see anyplace that's obviously water, they'll take advantage of the opportunity to settle down and rest.)

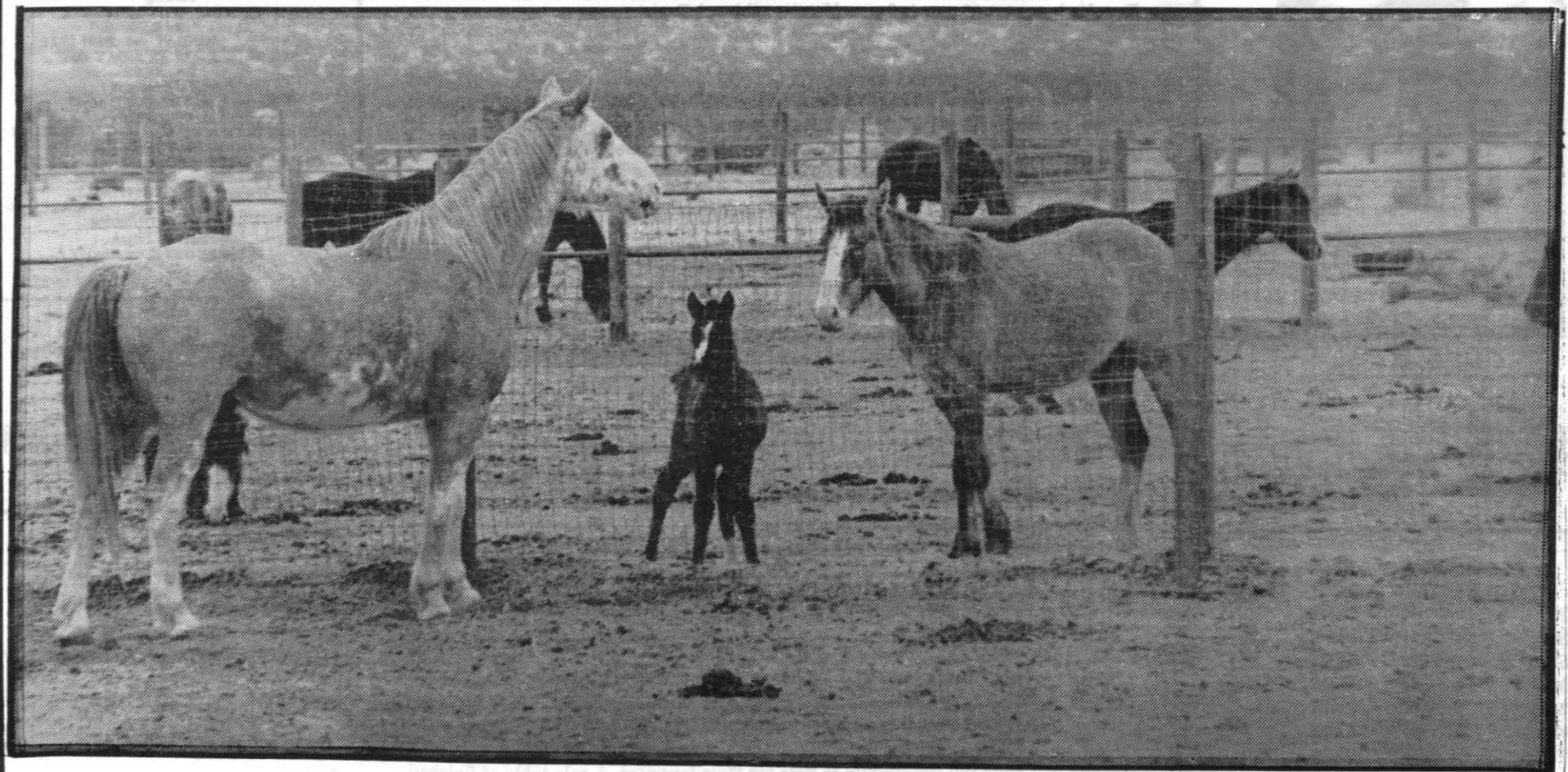
Young animals are also appearing; a few baby cottontails are being seen on lawns of houses at the edge of the community. Colts and most larger animals tend to be born a bit later in spring.

A few wildflowers are now popping out after last week's rains. If enough more grass and flowers appear in the desert, the sheep will again make their way through the local area on their way north to the meadows of the Sierra.



SIGNS OF SPRING — Butterflies, birds and a colt — what better indication that the season has changed and winter has shivered off once more? (The colt will be looking for a new home; it was brought in with the sweep of some of the horses from the Center's north range.)

Photos by PH2 Rick Moore



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done in parallel with TECHEVAL and OT IIB will follow completion of TECHEVAL. From OT IIB will come the go-ahead for full production.

Current plans are for NWC to do the test set design and brassboard assembly. NWC will also design and qualify a telemetry system for the missile. Ford Aerospace and Communications Corporation will be the lead contractor for production; a second source contractor will be brought on-line in parallel to provide competition in production.

Ford has a fixed-price-incentive contract for this development work. Three government documentation package updates will be permitted during the engineering model phase. The initial drawing package will be based on the brassboard model, with the first update on engineering test units delivered eight months after contract award. At 22 months another update will be permitted, with the final configuration for pilot production being put in place at 27 months, said Hutmacher.

Banks pointed out that changes have been limited to the guidance control section of the missile, resulting in lower costs and quicker development time for the new Sidewinder.

He emphasized that the reliability and environmental testing required for all parts of the new Sidewinder guidance section were vital to ensure that it would always function as well as previous generations of Sidewinder.

Product of the program will be a drawing package that permits the Navy to procure the missile. The drawing package and fabrication specifications belong to the government in order to ensure that additional sources can be quickly obtained if required and to permit positive control of the production configuration.

"We've got a great opportunity here for both personal and professional growth," Banks told the newly assembled team. "There's also a lot of personal satisfaction in giving the Navy what it needs."

Following the meeting, certificates of appreciation were presented to members of the team who had evaluated contractor proposals. Two awards were announced for Sidewinder program contributions in Development and Production Support.

NOTS/ NWC Pages from the Past

Two types of ships were used as names of streets on the Center. Aircraft carriers were selected because all of the China Lake Commanders had been naval aviators. Use of destroyer names was due to the influence of Cdr. George Cairns, who headed Command Administration at one time and who joined with John Richmond, community manager, in submitting potential street names to the Commander.

Aircraft carrier names commemorated by Center streets include Essex, Hornet, Enterprise, Monterey, Princeton, Independence, Ranger, Sangamon, Santee,



RESTORATION EFFORT — Volunteers from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) joined Ridgcrest Call Firemen, Kern County Fire Capt. Rich Reeder and Larry Rizzardini in spending more than 300 man hours to repaint and repair this old VanPelt fire engine for the Kern County Fire Department. The Call Firemen and the county provided the funding and materials while VX-5 provided tools, technical advice and manpower. Volunteers

extended a special thanks to Capt. Marty Phillips, VX-5 Commanding Officer, and China Lake Fire Division Chief Lee O'Laughlin for their support. Also earning thanks for their efforts were Mike Egge, Tom Mayer, Patrick Workman and Carl Herr. Many of those responsible for the undertaking posed in front of the restored fire engine for this photo. — Photo by PH3 Anderson



China Lake Police Reports

A worker backing out of a 30-inch metal pipe onto a wooden ladder at the geothermal site at Coso Hot Springs fell 15 feet into 135-degree water. He sustained third degree burns over a large portion of his body. The injured worker was transported to Ridgcrest Community Hospital by Tri-County ambulance, then flown to Sherman Oaks for treatment.

Last Friday an individual turned up at Warehouse 26 with a purchase order for two sheets of plexiglass. While the warehouseman was answering a telephone call, the individual took both the plexiglass and the purchase order. A petty theft report was filed with police.

Two juveniles spray painted graffiti on a Navy house and garage on property north of Butler Street. They were caught and released to their parents. (At least one of the two was out the next day scrubbing the graffiti off, thanks to parental orders.)

A driver backed into a lamp post at the NEX parking lot on Saturday.

China Lake police assisted Ridgcrest police on a burglary in progress investigation at Builder's Hardware.

An honest individual turned in a wallet to police that had been found at the tennis courts. The wallet was placed in the evidence locker for safekeeping until the owner can claim his property.

Police took a battery report at Murray Junior High School. A juvenile threw a

rock, hitting another juvenile on the head. The two then got into a fist fight.

A military man filed a theft report, saying his ex-room mate took some of the man's belongings with him when he got out of the Navy.

Two juveniles got into an argument in the B Capehart housing that was noisy enough to attract police attention. Peace was kept.

At 11:55 p.m. March 4 police observed a vehicle being driven erratically at Knox and Burroughs. They stopped the car, found the driver to be under the influence of alcohol, arrested him and held him for five hours to sober up before issuing a misdemeanor citation.

Personnel at the Medical Clinic reported to police a suspected case of child abuse. The case is under investigation.

A burglary report was filed by personnel at Randsburg Wash who said that someone had removed locks from five storage containers and had taken cabinets from one of the containers.

Antiterrorist actions everyone's responsibility

Although most Americans might view terrorism as being limited to various troubled nations overseas and terrorist actions affecting Americans as occurring only to those who travel to these places or who are unlucky enough to be on a hijacked aircraft or ship, such isn't the case.

Terrorists can strike anywhere. Their goal is to cause disruption and to gain publicity for their causes. Any government establishment is a potential target for terrorists; Department of Defense facilities are especially vulnerable as targets.

Navy policy holds that "Antiterrorist

defense is an implicit task in all units' missions." Equally, the Navy feels that the awareness of its personnel that terrorist actions are possible is the biggest protection for both such personnel and for the Navy's facilities.

The Navy is gearing up to combat terrorism world-wide. On all bases, including NWC, a greater security presence will be visible. Armed military personnel will be seen increasingly here and elsewhere.

Each employee, the Safety and Security Department maintains, has a responsibility for his or her own protection and for that of

the Center. Such a responsibility includes reporting suspicious strangers or suspicious behavior as well as suspicious packages to the China Lake police. Personnel who handle mail should also be watchful for letter bombs.

"Beware of strangers asking questions about work occurring on board or asking questions about base security and watch what you say and to whom," is always a good policy, but is more important now than ever.

Some of the most devastating espionage against this country was carried out by

American nationals; American nationals or those who appear to be can also provide information to terrorist groups, so it's necessary to be wary of anyone asking for information for which they don't have a need to know. Terrorists and spies are not necessarily foreign in origin or appearance.

Even though the Center's remoteness from urban areas can be a protection, its mammoth size and approximately 1,800 buildings make ensuring its safety more difficult and make the need more essential that each NWC military and civilian employee be alert and aware.

Navy League salutes premier enlisted personnel

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Aside from being separated from his family, Chief Nowicki doesn't mind sea duty. If he has a choice, he'll take destroyers: "the rougher it gets, the better I feel," he commented.

A native of Minneapolis, Minn., RP2 Walter Quan has been responsible for a diverse assortment of tasks at the Center's All Faith Chapel. Outside work, he is active in the Full Gospel Businessmen's Association in Ridgcrest and is very interested in karate and billiards.

Petty Officer Quan says he enjoys his work and notes it is "a real pleasure to work here." He was selected NWC's Sailor of the Quarter for the first quarter of 1986.

RP2 Quan and his wife, Joyce, live on-board the Center.

A 15-year veteran of the Navy, Photographers Mate First Class (PH1) John Vasquez was NWC's Sailor of the Quarter for the final quarter of last year.

A native of Philadelphia, Penn., Petty Officer Vasquez came to China Lake from

duty at Moffett Field, Calif., where he trained aircrew members in taking reconnaissance photographs.

When off-duty, Petty Officer Vasquez is busy with his family, as a Cub Scout Leader, with the Latter Day Saints Church and as a China Lake Little League coach. He and his wife, Charlene, are the parents of four children: John Jr., 9; Justin, 6; Jordan, 4; and Jackie, 2.

Staff Sergeant Haber, a native of Brooklyn, New York, has been in the U.S. Marine Corps since September 1977 and reported to VX-5 in June, 1983.

Performing maintenance and supervising subordinates on a myriad of Navy and

Marine Corps aircraft, he has displayed system knowledge and personal integrity which allowed him to be designated a quality assurance collateral duty inspector on the A-4, A-7, AV-8 and F/A-18 aircraft.

SSgt. Haber maintains an active physical fitness program to keep his personal health in top shape. He lives on-Center with his wife, Anne and two children, Julie, 5 and Claire, 4.

Petty Officer Arbuckle has been at China Lake since early 1983 and is a 13-year veteran of Naval service. Assignments in the Navy have taken him to NAS Miramar; NATTC, Memphis, Tenn.; VA-52 at Whidbey Island, Wash.; and with VF-161

aboard the U.S.S. Midway prior to joining VX-5.

An active participant in community affairs, he has been involved in classroom assistance at the schools, as a youth sports coach and as a participant in Memorial Day Services. He and his wife, Mary Lou, live on-Center with their two children, Aaron, 6 and Stephany, 4.

A native of Wyandotte, Mich., Petty Officer Fox has been with VX-5 for less than two years. He has a perfect record of receiving 4.0 evaluations for every rating period since joining the Navy in August of 1981.

Petty Officer Fox's exceptionally high performance has directly contributed to the command's goal of providing rapid tactical support to the fleet.

Currently Petty Officer Fox is attending Cerro Coso Community College, working toward a bachelor's degree in Human Development. He has been active as a member of Grace Lutheran Church and as a volunteer for the Community Connection for Child Care.



Military News

MSC Voight 1986's top Seabee

Singled out as a "true professional" by the former officer-in-charge of the China Lake Seabee unit, MSC Robert L. Voigt was named Seabee of the Year for China Lake Detachment 0217 of Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 17.

Chief Voigt was honored during the annual Seabee Ball held last Saturday.

The letter named the veteran noncommissioned officer as the top Seabee for 1986 said, in part, "your liaison with the Naval Weapons Center on proposed work projects, combined with your superior ability in training Mess Cooks of RNMCB 17, is noteworthy. His action during the year were described as "outstanding in every way," by the letter.

The annual event was celebrating the 45th year of existence for the Seabees and marked the 120th year for the Navy's Civil Engineering Corps.

Capt. R.M. Cugowski, NWC Public Works Officer, presided over the Seabee Ball as "King Bee," and Capt. Harry Parode, USN (Ret.) was the master of ceremonies.



CAKE CUTTING—King Bee (Capt. R.M. Cugowski) and Lt. Steve Barney, RNMCB, Det. 0217 OIC do the cake cutting honors at the Seabee Ball. Waiting in the wings for the

first pieces of cake are EO1 Mart Hinojosa, oldest Seabee present, and CM1 Les Kunde, youngest Seabee present.

Photo by PH1 John Vasquez

NEX news

Now is the time for everyone who wants to save lots of money to get ready for the next Super Sunday Sale. The Sale will be held on Sunday, March 22. In addition to the already much reduced prices on merchandise throughout the store, there'll also be a batch of early bird specials that will be available to shoppers from 10 a.m. until noon.

St. Patrick's Day and Easter cards are on sale at both the Mini Mart and the main Navy Exchange store. The Easter bunny has also left a lot of baskets that can be purchased to brighten the holiday for youngsters (and the young in heart).

Saturdays are great times to get oil and lube jobs at the NEX garage. Cost for this service is only \$17.95.

With the warm weather, sporting goods are again needed. These will be on sale from March 19 through 22.

CWO4 Polley will retire

CWO4 Pam Polley, China Lake's "own" Physicians Assistant, will retire after 20 years of military service at 11 a.m. on March 27 at the Branch Medical Clinic.

Friends, patients and former patients are invited to attend the retirement and reception following.

Anyone who would like to donate for a gift or make a presentation should telephone Sharon at NWC ext. 2911/211 or 214.

Cave painting talk planned

Janet Westbrook will talk about the cave paintings of Baja California at the Maturango Museum on Tuesday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m.

She has an extensive collection of slides showing people and animals painted on the cave ceilings and cliff faces in the Sierra de San Francisco mountains north of San Ignacio in Baja Sur, Mexico.



TOP SEABEE—MSC Robert Voigt, Seabee of the Year at China Lake, is congratulated by Lt. Steve Barney.

