

Increased surveillance

There will be an increase in surveillance at the Main, South and Knox Road entrances to the Naval Weapons Center during the current contractor transition of the Consolidated Facilities contract. Cooperation of all Center employees will be appreciated.



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Thurs.	102	62	16 knots
Fri.	102	64	21 knots
Sat.	104	65	17 knots
Sun.	104	65	26 knots
Mon.	104	67	24 knots
Tues.	99	71	19 knots
Wed.	101	59	17 knots

All measurements are made at Armitage Airfield.

Museum lunch set

Gourmets (and others who just like good food) will be happy to hear that the Maturango Museum lunch to be held on Monday, Sept. 21, at 11:30 a.m. will feature chicken strata, cranberry salad, hot rolls, and ice cream pie with hot caramel sauce. Tickets, at \$10 each, are now on sale at the gift shop of the museum.



Starting Sunday, Sept. 13, the Protestant Sunday School of the All Faith Chapel will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10 a.m. in the annexes located west of the Medical Clinic.

Classes for all ages from 2 through adult will be held. Adult classes will open with a 15-minute contemporary music service before dispersing into discussion groups.

Registrations are being taken Sundays after the morning worship services and at the Chapel Office during the week.

Come one, come all to the Chief Petty Officers Club Community Barbecue! Saturday, September 19, from 7 until 11 p.m. is the day and time to remember. Tickets must be bought in advance at the price of \$6 per person and includes a menu of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, coffee, and iced tea. Also included in the price is a live band, dancing, drawings, and prizes.

This barbecue is sponsored by the Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association and tickets are available from the College Information Office, Chamber of Commerce, Country Junction, and The Music Man. For more information call: 375-5001.

Movies

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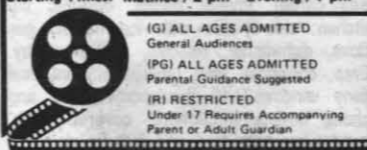
WED. "CRITICAL CONDITION" SEPT. 9

Starring Richard Pryor and Rachel Ticotin (Comedy, rated R, 98 min.)

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Starring Steve Guttenberg and Bubba Smith (Comedy, rated PG, 88 min.)

Starting Times: Matinee / 2 pm Evening / 7 pm

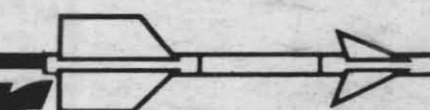


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Executive order supports technology transfer

Law authorizes cooperative research projects

Cooperation by the Federal laboratories with universities and industry to keep America competitive is the aim of an Executive Order signed by President Ronald Reagan this spring.

The EO cites the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (PL99-502) and the Stevenson-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (PL96-480) as the basis for stimulating the transfer of commercially useful technologies from the federal laboratories to the private sector and encouraging cooperation and joint research and development with industry.

PL99-502 authorizes federal laboratories to enter into mission-consistent, cooperative research and development agreements with other federal agencies, state or local governments and private concerns and negotiate licensing agreements for inventions made at the laboratories or made by federal employees who assign their invention to the government.

It mandates that at least 15 percent of any royalties from licensing inventions go to the inventors, with the balance going to the laboratories. It

also requires a cash awards program to reward scientists, engineers and technical personnel for inventions and other scientific and technological contributions.

The law allows employees to patent and retain title to their inventions (subject to a government license) if the agency has the right of ownership but chooses not to file for a patent.

Point of contact for the Center program is George Linstead, head of the Industrial and Governmental

Liaison Office, Code 01T3, NWC ext. 1074.

DOD's initial technology transfer program actually began at NWC in May 1970; aim of the program was to apply existing technologies to the solution of domestic problems of other governmental agencies.

The Center also provided leadership to the DOD Technology Transfer Consortium, which began in 1971. The success of this consortium was such that it led to the establishment of the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer (FLC)

whose current membership of more than 400 facilities represents 11 different Federal Agencies. Linstead served as chairman of the consortium during its entire period of growth (1971-80), and served as Executive Director from 1981 through 1983. He still serves as a member of its Executive Committee.

PL-99-502 gave formal charter to the FLC and establishes funding authority to support FLC programs. The FLC is chartered as administratively under the National Bureau of Standards.

Black Interest Committee cops Navy award

Winning the Navy Award of Merit for Group Achievement was the Naval Weapons Center's Black Interest Program Committee for their active support of recruitment efforts, community outreach activities and Black History Week observance.

Capt John Burt, NWC Comman-

der, expressed his great pleasure at being able to make the presentation.

"Early in my time at NWC I was involved in a discussion as to why the Center found it difficult to hire minorities," he said, "and I was told it was not only because it's always hard to get people to work in the desert, but

also that the black group especially had a lack of peer support. When I look at what you have been doing, I see that you are creating that peer support."

He added, "It makes me very happy to see the efforts that you are making. You are obviously doing this

because you want to, often on your own time, and that makes all your efforts much more meaningful."

The letter of nomination for the award written by Kathleen Kraft, Deputy EEO Officer, noted that committee members provided information to the minority community about vac-

ancies on Center, sponsored a job fair at a local church, helped interested applicants complete SF-171s, and coached them on the interview/selection process.

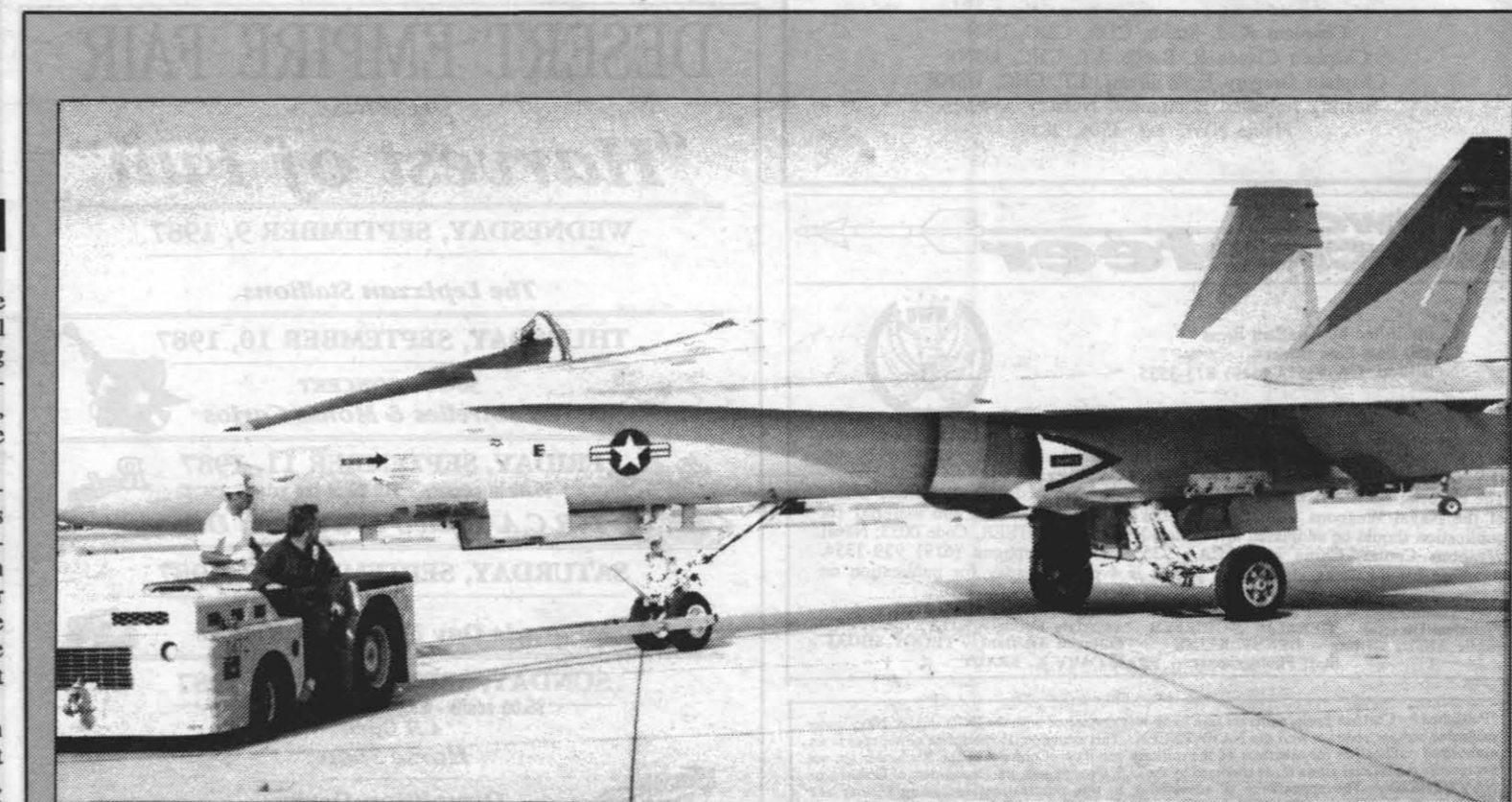
Committee members also searched for eligible students to take part in the (Continued on Page 3)

TD award presented M. Hufford

Announcement that the late Merle A. Hufford had earned the Technical Director's Award was made during full military rites held for him last Friday at the All Faith Chapel. Hufford, who retired as a major in the Marine Corps in 1978, died August 24.

Hufford's award was in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the development of the A-6E Systems Weapons Integration Program (SWIP). Employed by the Center for the past seven years, Hufford was the systems engineer for SWIP in the A-6E Weapons Systems Support Activity.

SWIP will provide the fleet with significant new capabilities in that it integrated the HARM, Harpoon 1C, IR and Laser Maverick into the A-6E aircraft. SWIP development started at Grumman Aerospace Corporation in FY84, with NWC software deve-



READY TO ROLL—Mike Gray and Matt Matthews are craft Survivability Range where the Hornet will be ready to begin the slow move of the F/A-18 to the Air- instrumental to the JLF program.

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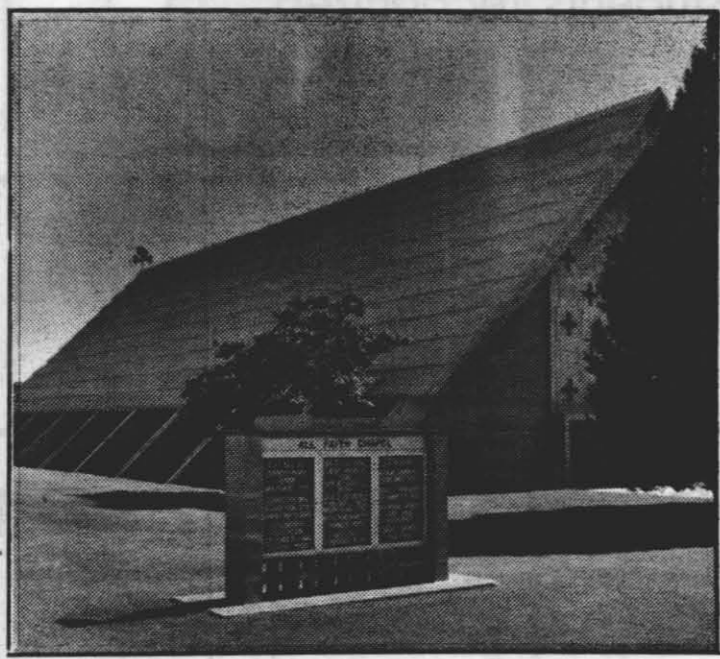
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NWC's Wellness Corner

An interest in helping people become healthier and improve the quality of their lives was what led Betty Miller into the training that enabled her to become NWC's first Wellness Program Coordinator.

After the Bakersfield native earned a bachelor's degree in physical education at Cal-State Chico, she went to the University of Oregon at Eugene from which she holds a master's degree in exercise physiology with supporting study in both anatomy and fitness management.

Since 1979 when she and her husband, Tom, moved to the local area when he went to work for NWC, she has been teaching part time at Cerro Coso Community College. Her new job, she hopes, will enable her to help a lot more people enjoy good health and the energy that comes from being physically fit.

"I can emphasize with those who feel that they are so busy juggling schedules to take care of jobs, kids and homes that they don't have the time to exercise or consider their own health," she says, "because when you are busy you tend to put yourself last in your priority list. A lot of people wrote on their survey forms asking

about an interest in a Wellness Program that they'd like to exercise but just don't have the time."

Mrs. Miller says that she hopes to be able to coordinate activities for wellness that will make it possible for everyone who would like to take part.

"For instance," she notes, "walking is excellent exercise. All you need is a pair of shoes and the desire to do so. We plan to provide a lot of information and activities appropriate for everyone. This should also impact families, because any knowledge gained on healthier life style is bound to help the whole family."

She is currently looking at all the survey forms that were returned and especially noting the comments made on these. "There's a lot of enthusiasm and positive feedback," Mrs. Miller says.

Once she and the steering committee have been able to determine what Center personnel see as priority wellness programs, they will be able to plan workshops, exercise programs, lectures, and other modules to meet these needs.

"The program is strictly for those who are willing," she notes. "No one will be coerced into any part of it."

She herself enjoys a variety of exercise, having played competitive volleyball and badminton while she was in college as well as teaching aerobics and swimming, but she says much of her exercise of late has been in running after her daughter, Emily, who is an energetic 15 months old, and working on the house that she and her husband are building themselves.

WE THE PEOPLE.

(This is the second in a series of articles on events of more than 200 years ago leading to the adoption of the Constitution of the United States.)

In May, 1787, the Virginia Plan of Union was introduced at the Constitutional Convention meeting in Philadelphia. This plan, which advocated a new form of national government, called for a bicameral legislative body representing the states. Both houses would have membership proportional to the population of the various states. The lower house would be elected by popular vote and the upper house from nominees proposed by the state assemblies. The chief executive would be chosen by the legislature and the judiciary selected by the legislature. The executive would have veto power over legislation.

In mid-June, smaller states blocked passage of the Virginia Plan particularly because of the proposal to have both houses of the legislature with proportional representation.

William Paterson introduced the New Jersey Plan on June 15 to meet some of these concerns. This call for Congress to have the powers of taxation, regulation of commerce and authority to name a plural executive and a supreme court. This led to a fierce debate on whether to amend the Articles of Confederation or to develop an all new framework of national government.

The delegates voted, on June 19, to develop a plan for a government based on the Virginia Plan. The issue of proportional versus equal representation of states was hotly debated.

The Connecticut Compromise, introduced the idea of proportional representation in the House of Representatives and equal representation for all states in the upper house, or Senate. This cleared the way for delegates to start drawing up a rough draft of the constitution itself in late July, 1787.

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QUESTION

I am concerned that the oleanders at the main entrance will be chopped down very short again this summer while they are in beautiful bloom. This happened one summer and it was very disappointing and I hope the gardening crew will not do that again. I also looked forward to the spring bloom on the computer wing of Michelson Lab. They are very beautiful vines that are profuse with yellow blooms and this year, two weeks prior to blooming time, they were whacked down very short. It bothers me that things are not pruned at the proper time of year and that when things are blooming, they are cut so violently. I would like the gardening or maintenance, whoever they are, to maybe look at their schedule and see that they don't do that kind of thing anymore. We live in a desert environment and certain things I look forward to are spring blooms, summer flowers and things like that. It kind of relieves the monotony, dryness and harshness of the environment. I would hope the oleanders would remain and bloom through the summer at least. Thank you.

ANSWER

The contractor is required to maintain hedges and shrubs adjacent to bicycle paths in a manner consistent with promoting a healthy growth for the oleanders. This includes pruning the oleanders in a more natural rounded style while at the same time ensuring that the branches do not extend into the bicycle path causing safety problems for the riders. It was because they had extended into the bicycle path that the oleanders were pruned back drastically at the wrong time of year. This has been corrected to allow for future pruning to be accomplished during the December-February time frame, with the exception of occasional light trimming to keep the bicycle path clear. This will allow everyone the opportunity to enjoy the oleanders in full bloom, and keep the bicycle paths unobstructed in the interest of safety.

The vines which were referred to are the climbing roses on the east side of the Solid State Lab. These roses are not routinely pruned this late in the season. Steps have been taken to ensure that future pruning takes place in early spring and fall.

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. John Burt. 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.

Merle Hufford recognized. . .

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development starting in FY85. Overall responsibility for completing the development and conducting extensive laboratory, ground and flight tests was transferred to NWC by the Naval Air Systems Command in 1986. Integration of the two operational flight programs and testing and correction of deficiencies represented one of the most complicated in-house developments of real time avionics software ever undertaken by the Aircraft Weapons Integration Department, according to the nomination written by Nick Schneider, acting head of Code 31.

The nomination for Hufford (dated in June) was based on several achievements, which included:

- He had outstanding operational knowledge of A-6E systems, gained as an A-6 Bombardier/Navigator in the United States Marine Corps, along with a detailed knowledge of

the A-6E avionics system, mission computer OFP and Avionic Interface System software controlling the missile functions.

- As leader of the SWIP integration team, he was responsible for coordinating the efforts of evaluating systems discrepancies and system change proposals.

- His understanding and first-hand experience in the operational use of the aircraft and his detailed technical knowledge combined with his skills and logic in analyzing complex technical and operational problems helped him lead the team in solving critical problems during the testing phase.

- As systems engineer, he successfully interfaced with the NWC Maverick, Harpoon and HARM program offices, with NAVAIRSYSCOM and with Grumman Aerospace Corporation.

The nomination concludes that he

"is a very dedicated, capable and conscientious engineer. . . He has been one of the primary contributors to the success of the A-6E WSSA at NAVWPNCEN by providing increased operational capabilities for the A-6 aircraft and satisfying commitments to the NAVAIRSYSCOM sponsor."

Following the services at which Chaplain Claude Beede officiated, interment was at Desert Memorial Park.

Hufford was survived by a son, Andrew Alton, and a daughter, Robin Rachele, both of Ridgecrest; his mother, Twila Hufford of Springfield, Ore.; a brother, James, of Fort Collins, Colo.; a sister, Linda Fountaine of Springfield, Ore.; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hall of Springfield; a granddaughter, Rachele Miller of Ridgecrest; and close friend, Donna Boswell of Ridgecrest.

Security brief makeups set

Employees with a clearance who were unable to attend any of the annual Security Refresher Briefings presented in July of this year should attend one of the make-up briefings. Attendance for employees without a clearance is optional.

The make-up briefings will be at the Center Theater on Sept. 9 and 14. Session times are from 9 to 10 a.m.; 1 to 2 p.m.; and 3 to 4 p.m.

United readies meetings

Three briefings scheduled today

United Airlines Services Corporation, the new facilities support contractor at China Lake, will be conducting introduction and familiarization briefings for the transition of Pan American World Services employees to United Airlines Services Corp. Pan Am employees interested in becoming United Airlines

employees are invited to attend any of three half hour briefings on Friday, Sept. 4, at the Naval Weapons Center Theater. The briefings are scheduled for 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. To be discussed are general benefits, transition plans and general information about United Airlines Services Corp.

Navy honors group. . .

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Technical Mentor Program, and made efforts to recruit Black scientists and engineers through campus visits.

They also contributed funds and contracted the services of an artist to design posters highlighting famous Black Americans in honor of Black History Week and were active as organizers and participants in community activities surrounding this event.

Those receiving the Navy Award of Merit for Group Achievement included Ann K. Kurotori, Code 092; Brenda F. Waters, Code 6446; Colleen E. Nutt, Code 26434; Patricia E. Chappelle, Code 3191; Stephen Foster, Code 3193; Jacqueline E. Davis, Code 3260; Will Carey, Jr., Code 3264; Sheila K. Fultz, code 32722; Rami M. Wissa, Code 3336; Coretta K. Harris, Code 36651; and Catherine Rogers, Code 093.



WINNERS ALL — Recipients of the Group Achievement Award are joined by Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander. Left to right, those standing are Holden Nutt, Jacquie Davis, Sheila Fultz, Capt. Burt, Brenda

Waters, and Stephen Foster. Sitting are Will Carey, Patricia Chappelle, Catherine Rogers, Ann Kurotori, and Coretta Harris. Rami Wissa was unable to be present.

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China Lake Police Reports

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stop, they discovered the motorist was driving with a suspended driver's license. The motorist was issued a misdemeanor citation.

At 9:20 p.m. a civilian stopped for a traffic offense at the intersection of Nimitz Avenue and Dibb Road was found to be under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested, held for five hours, then cited into court and released.

Two government keys were found in McBride Park. They can be reclaimed at the police station.

Two fire extinguishers were stolen from the NWC stables.

When officers conducted a traffic

An unknown person removed two speakers from the youth center.

At the intersection of Lauritsen Road and Nimitz Avenue one driver failed to yield the right of way. The resulting accident led to both vehicles receiving damages and both drivers suffering some injuries.

The victim reported someone had removed a hood ornament from his car.

While the resident was away, a vandal broke the window of the rear door of a residence on Blandy Avenue.

At Post 13 an individual was found attempting to use another person's pass to gain entry into NWC.

The owner of a travel trailer parked in the storage compound reported to police the trailer had been damaged.

A pocket pager that had been loaned to a code was not returned. The value of the pager makes it a petty theft.

A vehicle parked on Blue Ridge Road had two tires slashed with a sharp object.

Officers went on a "fight in progress" call at the Enlisted Mess and took a battery report.

A motorist driving away from the Commissioned Officers' Mess struck a guard rail, resulting in a property damage only accident.

Someone removed money from an unlocked safe at the Center gymnasium. This is listed as a commercial burglary.

The vent from an air conditioner fell on the hood of a Navy van parked in the commissary parking lot. Some damage occurred to the van as a result.

A minor injury traffic accident occurred at Gold Canyon Drive when one vehicle failed to yield the right of way to another and the two collided.



RAdm. William Moran, who was Commander of NWC from October 22, 1970 through Oct. 18, 1972, had previously had two successful tours of duty at China Lake. He continued performing so outstandingly that when he left China Lake, it was to become a Vice Admiral as the Navy's Director of Research, Development, Test and Evaluation.

He originally entered the Navy in February 1941, dropping out of the University of Nevada to do so. Following a distinguished combat career during World War II as a naval aviator, he returned to school to finish his degree in economics before rejoining the Navy.

In 1949 he reported to what was then the Naval Ordnance Test Station Inyokern and served at NOTS until

1952. In 1955 he returned as head of the Assistant Experimental Officers Group — which later became the Technical Officer slot — and was at China Lake until 1958. In between these assignments he served in combat in Korea and off the coast of Vietnam during the siege of Dien Bien Phu.

While at NOTS the second time, he worked with the original concept of the Antiradiation Missile (ARM). His contributions were so outstanding they earned him the L. T. E. Thompson Award, the Center's highest award, in 1964 even though he had moved to other duty stations. (His work helped make possible an operational Shrike missile during the crisis of 1963.)

By the time he became Commander of what had become the Naval Weapons Center, Moran had earned a master's degree in bioradiology from the University of California, had attended the National War College and the Naval Post Graduate School, and had been director of the Navy Space Program Division.

He returned to China Lake in October 1970 and remained for two years, when he assumed his new rank and position in Washington, where he served until he retired.

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RAdm. Taylor visits VX-5 to honor Capt. Vanderpoel

Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five's (VX-5) Commanding Officer, Capt. Eric Vanderpoel II was recently

awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. RAdm. J. D. Taylor, Commander, Light Attack Wing, U.S.

Pacific Fleet, made the presentation at a squadron quarters ceremony early this week.

The citation, signed by Admiral J. A. Lyons, Jr., Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, on behalf of the President of the United States, recognized Capt. Vanderpoel for his service as Assistant Operations and Plans Officer on the staff of the Commander, Battle Force Seventh Fleet.

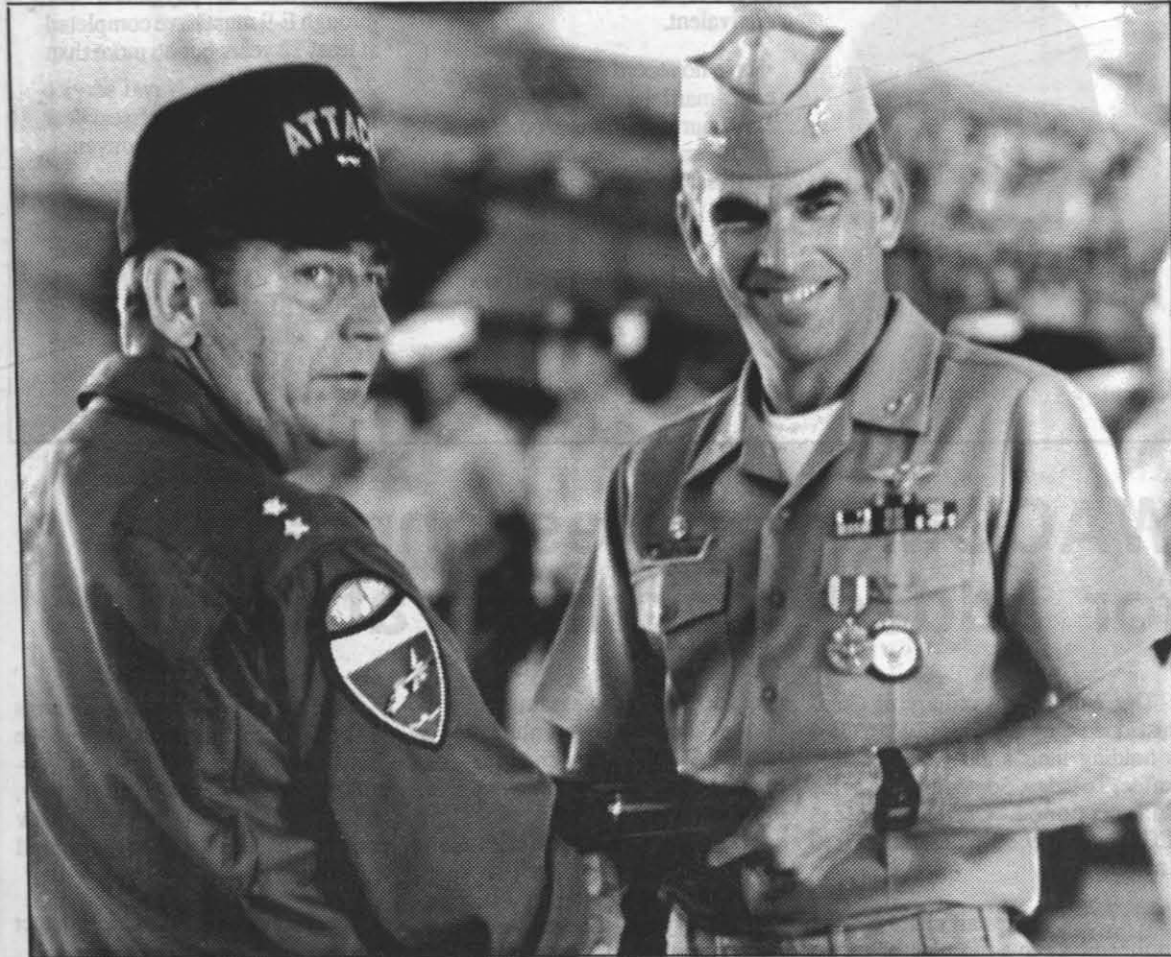
Lemoore-based Commander, Light Attack Wing, Pacific, told the officers and sailors of VX-5 they were doing "very, very important work." "I came here to recognize the outstanding performance of your skipper and to tell you how important you all are to the Navy and the country," he added.

"A superior leader and an unsurpassed professional, his personal excellence in every area of responsibility contributed to improved Battle Force Operational Readiness," read the citation in part. The citation also notes Capt. Vanderpoel's "exceptional foresight and long range planning contributed significantly to the success of the first Battleship Battle Group deployment to the Western Pacific."

Capt. Vanderpoel commented this was "a big thrill, especially a thrill to have my wife and two sons present for this." He noted his family was responsible, in large part, for the honor through the support they provided him.

RAdm. Taylor said the award was presented with "my personal congratulations." The Naval Air Station

The VX-5 Commanding Officer assumed his present duties at China Lake in early August of this year. RAdm. Taylor was the guest speaker at the change of command ceremony as well.



SPECIAL HONOR—RAdm. J.D. Taylor, Commander, Light Attack Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet, presents Capt. Eric Vanderpoel II (left) the Meritorious Service Medal during ceremonies held in Hangar One.

Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

NRS classes set Sept. 21

Potential Navy Relief Society (NRS) volunteers have a chance to learn all they ever wanted to know (and then some) about the NRS during a four-day class set for Sept. 21-24 at the Navy Relief Building at the Naval Weapons Center.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a graduation lunch on Sept. 24 wrapping up the sessions.

Joyce Dinnage, executive direction of NRS, Long Beach, will be the instructor. For additional information please call 446-4746.



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- Have no record of conviction by court-martial nor conviction by civil court for offenses other than minor traffic violations for the two-year period immediately preceding Oct. 1 of the fiscal year in which the board convenes.

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WACOM prepares annual drive for added members at NWC

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WACOM invites all members and non-members to a morning of coffee

and goodies and pleasant conversation. While there is no obligation to join, WACOM membership is open to all wives and women who are members of the COM.

WACOM is involved with many worthwhile activities such as sponsoring the Thrift Shop, and supporting the Navy Relief Society and other local charities.

An exciting line up of programs have been planned by the Vice President/Program Chairperson, Virginia Jacobs, for the upcoming year, including an exciting fashion show created by Sally Morgan and committee.

For further information, contact Margaret Jungclas at 446-6625.



Military News

Old Crows meet

On Oct. 8 the Florida Keys Chapter of the Association of Old Crows will sponsor a birthday ball honoring the 35th anniversary of the A-3 Skywarrior. The birthday ball will be held at the Marriot Casa Marina Resort Hotel in Key West, Florida.

Honored guests and featured speakers at the ball include Ed Heinemann, the A-3 designer, and Rene Francillon, who co-authored a book with Heinemann entitled "The A-3 Skywarrior."

Further details about the ball can be obtained by writing the Association of Old Crows, Florida Keys Chapter, Naval Air Station Key West, FL 33040-5000, or by telephoning Tom Hartley, (305) 296-5297, or Ray Curts, (305) 296-4194.

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UP ANCHORS—BUC Bob Burkhart gets the anchors of a chief petty officer from MSC Bob Voigt, assistant OIC of China Lake Detachment 0217, Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 17. Chief Burkhart has been an 0217 Seabee since 1963. The Weldon resident was the 15th member of the 22-person unit to be advanced in rate over the past two years.

SEABEES DONATE—BUC Bob Burkhart, of China Lake's Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 17, Detachment 0217, hands Margaret Zidek a check for money raised by local Seabees for the Ridgecrest Bobby Sox League's American Girl All Stars. This girl's softball team took part in the American Girl Division National Championship Tournament in Buena Park. Photo by JO1 Carolyn Detting



Microspeech new number

Starting Sept. 13 permission for range access will be made through the Range Status and Coordination Center (Microspeech) at NWC exts. 6954, 6955, and 6956.

Weather's role in time of combat

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The words of Queen Elizabeth I started England celebrating. The seemingly invincible Spanish Armada had finally met its match. Sudden, violent storms in the English Channel wiped out most of the Spanish navy before it was able to launch its planned attack on Britain.

Those unseasonable late July storms helped change the history of the Western world.

Throughout history, weather has decided the outcome of battles and the fate of nations. Blazing heat and numbing cold have weakened military units and destroyed their equipment. Hurricanes and other storms have wiped out armies, fleets and entire military installations.

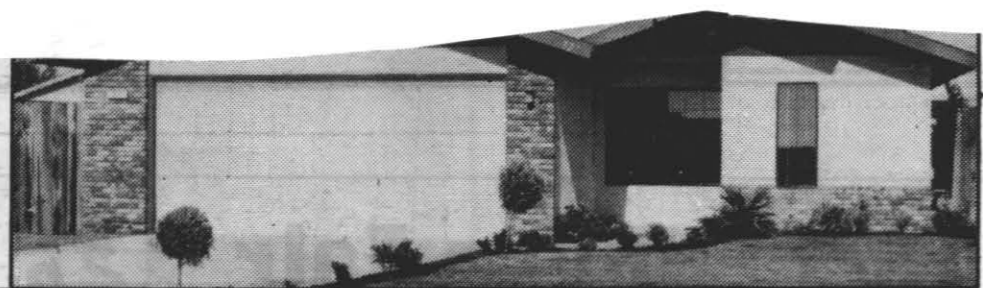
Wise military planners learned that though they might never be able to control the weather, they could learn enough about it to use changing weather conditions to their advantage.

Matthew Fontaine Maury, U.S. naval officer, was the first to use weather information to plan naval operations. During the mid-1800s, he studied ships' logs to determine wind and weather trends. Using these findings, he made up charts and sailing directions that cut the sail time from New York to San Francisco by almost 50 days.

The Japanese applied their understanding of weather to the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. A storm moving across the Pacific provided cloud cover that helped prevent detection of the Japanese fleet.

During World War II, the Allies relied on weather forecasts to plan European operations. The Normandy invasion was based on a specific set of weather requirements. D-Day had to fall during the period one day before or two days after a new or full moon, followed by at least three days of light and clear skies. The success of that planning is now history.

Today, the Air Weather Service and Naval Oceanography Command work around the clock and throughout the world to provide accurate, up-to-date weather information. The Air Weather Service compiles more than 140,000 weather reports from around the world every day for the Air Force and Army. The Naval Oceanography Command provides similar information to Navy and Marine Corps commanders.



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Today marks youth soccer signup deadline

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Youngsters who plan to compete in

the fall season at NWC need to register at the Recreational Services Department's Information Ticket and Tour Office by 5 p.m. today. Late registration fees are \$10 per child. The 1987 fall league is scheduled to

open play on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Any player who did not participate in the NWC Spring league will need to attend a skills assessment session next week for placement in the proper division. All the skills assessment

sessions will be held at NWC's Schoeffel Field.

Athletes in the first through third grades will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8. Fourth through sixth grade athletes will meet at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10. And, seventh, eighth and ninth grade soccer players will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

Any youngster unable to attend the weeknight sessions can come to the Saturday morning meeting for their skills assessment.

This league is open to youngsters in the first through ninth grades. All participants must be registered in the NWC Youth Sports Program.

Flames fail to deter Isabella area hunters

Despite brush and forest fires near Lake Isabella, outdoorsmen kept on with their fishing and hunting in the area.

Bow and arrow hunters seeking deer were seen in the Greenhorns, but there were very few deer taken. The hunters apparently saw lots of deer, but couldn't get good shots at them.

Fishing in the lake and the Kern River was regarded as slow by most anglers. A few catfish are being taken in the south and east edges of the lake. A few bluegill and bass are being caught around Piney Point. The lower Kern has been planted with catchable size rainbow trout, but the only decent fishing recorded over the past weekend was in the Borrell Canal.

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For details of this annual competition write the Fish and Game Commission at 1416 Ninth Street, Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090.

Clinic for referees

With the opening of the NWC Fall Youth Soccer League set for Sept. 26, the need for soccer refs is critical. Anyone interested in being a youth

soccer referee can attend a clinic sponsored by NWC's Recreational Services Department on Saturday, Sept. 19, in the Youth Center at 8 a.m.

PROBLEMS — Although the Mt. Whitney fish hatchery's gardens are as lovely as ever for picnicking, the big pool in which breeding stock of rainbow trout can usually be found is still empty. The few fish remaining at this hatchery just north of Independence off Highway 395 have been moved to the pools at Black Rock. Both the pond at the hatchery and Oak Creek, leading into the hatchery, are again being treated this week with rotenone to ensure that trout restocking these will be free of whirling disease. — Photo by Mickey Strang

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DFG prepares Sierra for holiday weekend

California Department of Fish and Game personnel have been busy planting rainbow trout in eastern Sierra roadside lakes and streams, setting up anglers for this busy holiday weekend. Many areas between Lone Pine and Bridgeport will be heavily planted with pan-sized rainbows for holiday anglers.

Anglers with time to kill, or who land their limits early, may want to enjoy activities of Bishop's 55th Annual Homecoming Weekend. Details of the activities are elsewhere in this issue.

In the Lone Pine area, fishing is good in creeks with salmon eggs and

worms. Back country lakes are good for flyfishing. Best flies include the Lake Mary Special, Sierra red dots, yellow humphries and mosquito patterns.

Tasty, but smallish brookies are being taken from Big Pine Creek on Velvet cheese and rainbows on marshmallows. The Owens River is giving up a few rainbows and browns on worms or salmon eggs.

Anglers working Pleasant Valley Reservoir early in the morning or evenings are landing lots of pan-size rainbows. A Glendale angler landed a seven and a half pound brown on a Rapalla lure. Another good technique

in the reservoir is the bubble/fly combo. The Owens River is too high and fast for good fishing.

All forks of Bishop Creek have been well stocked for the holiday weekend with both rainbows and browns. Best results are expected for anglers using small Panther Martin and Mepps lures. Also, crickets, cheese and salmon eggs should be fish catchers.

South Lake and Lake Sabrina have improved this week. The bigger trout are coming from the inlet areas on both lakes. Lots of limits can be expected by shore-based anglers working near the inlets. All baits are working well say visiting anglers.

Salmon eggs, cheese or nightcrawlers are good baits to use on Rock or Pine Creeks. Both have been heavily stocked and are good for lots of limits. Some browns 10-14 inches long are being landed. At Rock Creek Lake and lakes in Little Lakes Valley, look for good fly fishing on overcast days. Brookies are also biting on meal worms in the evenings just before dusk.

Crowley Lake is still good for Sacramento perch on yellow or purple jobs. Trout fishing is best for anglers fly fishing from float tubes. The upper Owens River has been planted at Benton Crossing. Upstream to Arqularius Ranch try nightcrawlers. Downstream to the lake, look for best results on lures such as Mepps, Panth-

er Martins and rooster tails. Flyfishing can be rewarding as well. Try elk hair caddis, grey scud or wet flies with sink tips.

Hot Creek near Mammoth is a barbless hook, catch and release area where flies are the way to go. Anglers can choose from elk hair caddis, Kings River caddis, hares ears or brown trout streamers and do well.

Lakes Mary, George, Twin and Mamie in the Mammoth Lakes area have been heavily planted for the holiday weekend. Anglers should expect lots of limits on pan-size rainbows taken on salmon eggs, cheese bait or marshmallows. Fly fishing is best with Lake Mary Specials, black gnats, gray hackle peacocks and elk hair caddis. In the streams, worms and red salmon eggs work best.

Rush Creek, still flowing with water released from Grant Lake under a court order, is good for limits of

10-12 inch rainbows on salmon eggs. Elsewhere in the June Lake Loop, Gull Lake is giving up lots of limits to trollers fishing with triple teasers. On Silver Lake, best results have come with trollers using brown ghosts in the evenings. Also, shore fishing in Gull, June and Silver Lakes is best with worms and marshmallows.

Some of the best fishing for big trout is coming from Bridgeport Reservoir where the water level continues to decline. The average rainbow taken tips the scales at about two pounds. Virginia and Twin Lakes are giving up pan-size trout on most baits or small lures.

The East Walker River, a premier wild trout stream, is very good for experienced fly fishermen. Large streamer flies bring in some big fish. The wooly bear caterpillars hatch is out so the wooley bear flies should be a good fish catcher this weekend.

Fly fishing classes from the Flyfishers

Members of the Aguabonita Flyfishers will offer their fall fly tying class starting Tuesday, Sept. 8. The first meeting will be an overview of the class including costs, schedules, tools and materials. For additional information please call 375-5810.

The first class will also include the tying of a wooly worm fly. Tying tools will be available on a no-cost loan basis from the club and materials for fly tying will be available for purchase.

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There will be a meeting of all youth soccer coaches on Thursday, Sept. 17, in the NWC Youth Center at 5 p.m. Anyone who plans on coaching or would like to coach a youth soccer team during the NWC fall season should plan to attend.

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Graduation lunch honors NWC students

"Education is very important to us in our business here," Capt. Burt, NWC Commander, told the 56 graduates and their guests at the annual NWC graduation luncheon. "To see you make the commitment and see it through, it tells me a lot about you," he said. The decision to make a commitment and to carry it through "bodes well for your future in my mind," he continued.

Capt. Burt and Jack Russell, NWC Test & Evaluation Director, were among the more than 100 guests at the annual NWC graduation luncheon honoring the Center's graduates of the past academic year in the external degree, Fellowship, Cooperative

Education, and the Technical Managers Certificate programs.

Thanks went to the four schools, representatives, graduates and particularly to Clara Erickson, head, Human Resources Development Division of the Personnel Department, and her team for the efforts extended to make the programs successful.

Ron Schofield, Code 3623, was the only graduate of Cal-State University, Northridge. Schofield earned a master of science in Electrical Engineering.

"I want Chico to have the largest group of alumni," said Orlando Madrigal, of Cal-State University, Chico.

As he announced this year's graduates. One person, Suzanne Haney, Code 3511, received a bachelor of science in Computer Science; while four people received masters of science in Computer Science. The four recipients were Richard Fryer, Code 31903; Eugene Guglielmo, Code 145B; Dennis Ikenoyama, Code 6411; and Max Moffitt, Code 3924.

Dr. Martin Marsh, Cal-State College, Bakersfield, remarked students here at China Lake have an excellent reputation. Recipients of a bachelor of science in Administration were Barbara Battles, (non-government); Virginia Helland, Code 08622; Charlotte Paulsen, Code 345; S. Jennifer Pritchard, Code 006; Deborah L. Smith, Code 08632; and Doris K. Sorensen, Code 092. People earning their masters in Public Administration were Marcia Jean Amundson, Code 6202; Robert Fitzpatrick, Code 096; Timothy A. Paul, Code 36822; Carol J. Schwartz, Code 0837; and Steven Wiley, Code 344. Masters in Administration were earned by Violet J. Barnes, Code 623; and Diane K. Campbell, Code 3681.

"I get the honor and pleasure of announcing recipients of the Technical Managers Certificate Program," said Jack Russell. This program con-

sists of 330 hours of classes plus earning a passing grade in a four hour test and requires two and half to three years to complete. Sixteen more people are joining a select group, he continued. They are Gerald E. Alger, Code 33303; John T. Didomenico, Code 6101; John M. Ichichashi, Code 3945; Raymond A. Kelso, Code 26922; Johnnie M. Mashhoff, Code 6425; Charles E. Mattson, Code 6404; James H. McGlothlin, Code 3541; Dennis K. McKeen, Code 35521; and Harold D. Owens, Code 36801F. Other graduates were Douglas A. Peake, Code 3926; Ann W. Penn, Code 31B; Lindall E. Perkins, Code 3263; Glenn Ragsdale, Code 35066; Edward C. Ratto, Code 3556; Patricia A. Sorensen, Code 3662; and Christopher Tofner, Code 3275.

Long-term training refers to off-the-job training to which an employee is assigned on a full time basis and which consists of more than 120 consecutive working days. Such training may be accomplished in either government or non-government facilities. Curt Bryan, head, Code 08, noted that the Center has supported this program for over thirty years with the intention of approving up to 20 NAVWPNCEN employees per year for this opportunity. Financial support during the training period includes salary, tuition, shipment of household goods and travel and per diem to the training site and back.

Although the long-term training does not emphasize acquiring a degree, individuals may receive degrees upon completion of their studies. The ten individuals who completed advanced studies during this past academic year are William Deem, Code 2405; Ross Edward, Code 3522; Charmaine Franck, Code 3524; Jerome Franck, Code 3817; Van Hodgkin, Code 3816; George McManis, Code 38; Michael Munson, Code 3242; Rubert Sutton, Code 3522; William Vuono, Code 3681; and John Weaver, Code 3109.

Paul Riley, Dean of Cerro Coso Community College, honored students completing the coop programs. The goals of the coop program, Riley noted, are to provide technical training to NWC employees. Successfully completing the two-year coop Program are Brett Halpin, Code 3142; Michael Hasting, Code 3858; Oehrl Hiser, Jr., Code 3952; Sophia A. Merk, Code 3244; Sonya Millier, Code 14222; and Virginia Stanford, Code 62552. Completion of the four-year coop Program was accomplished by Mark Hilde, Code 14221; Rosa Sanchez, Code 32502; Daniel Warren, Code 36651; and John Tindall, Code 3608. Richard Toal, Code 1232, completed graduate studies in the coop program.

(Photographs of groups recognized will appear in the next issue of *The Rocketeer*).



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partners are necessary and singles are welcomed. Fee for the classes is \$15, and the first class is free. Contact Marilyn Gentry, 375-4726, or Schulz, 375-4395, to register or for further information. — Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

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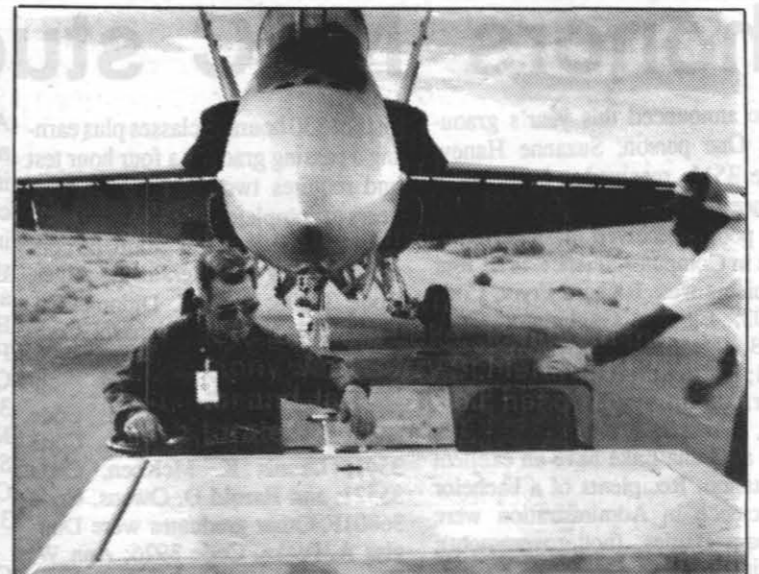
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RANGE TRAVEL—With workday traffic already gone, the Hornet had little competition for space on range roads.



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Minus engines and soon to be minus the radar, the first full-up F/A-18 to go to the Aircraft Phase of the Joint Life Fire (JLF) Program was towed from Armitage Field to the Aircraft Survivability Range last week.

Mike Grey and Matt Matthews from the Weapons Survivability Lab of the Fuze and Sensors Department moved the Hornet, which was flown here from Patuxent River, Maryland last month, along roads. The move was made late last Wednesday, after most employees had left and the roads were clear of traffic.

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HEADING HOME—Matt Matthews (driving) and Mike Gray discuss how to maneuver the F/A-18 Hornet around an obstacle in the move to Survivability.

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