

# IEEE gets officers

New officers for the China Lake Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers are Naomi Cho, Computer Technology Associates, chairman; Frank Wu, Code 3952, vice-chairman; Ramesh Ajm-

era, Code 3159, secretary; and Ken Atwood, Code 36221, treasurer. Other members of the IEEE Executive Committee are committee chairmen Brent Teeter, Code 3942, membership; Harvey Nelson, Code 3911, professional activities; Horace Joseph, Professional Engineer, awards; Dave Koelsch, Code 3952, publicity; and Clark Hay, Code 3107, past chairman.

The IEEE Executive Committee meets the first Wednesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at the Dry Dock of the Enlisted Mess to plan monthly activities. All IEEE members are welcome.

Technical meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at the same time and place, and they are open to all engineers, technicians, and scientists of the Indian Wells Valley.



	Max	Min	Peak Gusts
Thurs.	56	29	06 knots
Fri.	54	25	07 knots
Sat.	61	25	07 knots
Sun.	59	27	06 knots
Mon.	65	31	34 knots
Tues.	58	25	05 knots
Wed.	61	21	06 knots

All measurements are made at Armitage Airfield.

# Community Events

Grand opening of the new Naval Weapons Center's Youth Center, located at King Street and Richmond Road, will be held Wednesday (Jan. 20) from 3 to 6 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

Balloons will be given to children 12 years old and under, and there'll be door prizes with drawings every 15 minutes. Costumed characters will wander around to enhance the enjoyment of youngsters. There will also be extensive displays of youth activities programs.

Performances tonight (Friday) and tomorrow of the L.L. & Co. melodrama "The Miner Incident" will be in the Ridgecrest Knights of Columbus Hall. Because these performances have been moved to this more spacious hall, additional seats are available. Call 375-3071 to save a seat. Some seats are also available for the March 11 & 12 shows, which will be back in the McGinnis Opera House in Randsburg. Early reservations are a must for this popular melodrama. Oh yes, don't forget to boo the villains.

Former Secretary of Defense Dr. Harold Brown will lecture at the Burroughs High School lecture center on Friday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. He will speak on "Science, Technology, and International Affairs;" this talk is the third of a series of Cerro Coso Community College talks funded by a grant from G. T. E. Foundation.

# Movies

FRI, SUN. JAN. 15, 17

"SUMMER SCHOOL"  
Starring  
Mark Harmon and Kirstie Alley  
(Comedy, rated PG-13, 98 min.)

SAT. JAN. 16

"INNER SPACE"  
Starring  
Dennis Quaid and Martin Short  
(Action Comedy, rated PG, 120 min.)

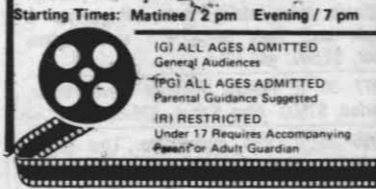
WED. JAN. 20

"SUPERMAN IV"  
Starring  
Christopher Reeve and Margot Kidder  
(Adventure, rated PG, 90 min.)

FRI. JAN. 22

"THE BIG EASY"  
Starring  
Dennis Quaid and Ned Beatty  
(Suspense, rated R, 101 min.)

Starting Times: Matinee / 2 pm Evening / 7 pm



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Young athletes resume recreation loop play—P-11

# NWC Rocketeer

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## Center salutes Gary Hewer with TD Award

"This is the most overwhelming thing I have ever had happen to me in my life," said Gary Hewer when he was recently presented the Naval Weapons Center's Technical Director's Award by Gerry Schiefer. In his letter of nomination for Hewer, Dillard Bullard, head of the Weapons Department praised Hewer for "his contributions to the Navy's scientific and engineering communities. In particular, Dr. Hewer has made significant contributions in the field of modern control theory and has demonstrated a unique ability to perform as a knowledgeable administrator during his temporary assignment as a Scientific Officer for the Office of Naval Research (ONR)."

Hewer served as the Scientific Officer in charge of the Applied Mathematical Analysis Program at ONR during the spring and summer of 1986. In addition, he served on a panel in November of 1986 to evaluate the ONR Fiscal Year '89 Research options.

Bullard continued, "Respected by his peers and trusted by his superiors, Dr. Hewer distinguished himself both intellectually and administratively by the manner in which he carried out these assignments. The liaisons he established with key personnel at ONR, and the contacts he established in the scientific community will be of long term benefit to NWC and the Navy."

In the field of modern control theory, Hewer has published seven papers in recognized journals during the last two years. Recently he discovered an alternate solution to the complex stability margin problem for closed loop dynamic systems in the presence of parameter uncertainties. "His clever formulation and solution yields insights into the underlying mathematics, and brings this complex problem a step closer to the world of the working engineer," said Bullard. "Preliminary results have been encouraging, and the application of this analysis technique to missile autopilots will be initiated in the near future."

"Congratulations for a job well done," Schiefer told the surprised recipient. In the letter accompanying the award, Schiefer said, "Your most recent research in parameter sensitivity has direct application to the critical control problems associated with high performance missiles and should be of direct benefit to the engineering community in the near future. In addition, your unique ability to interact with the wide variety of people across many academic disciplines makes you a highly valued employee of the Center."

In reference to the job done while at ONR, Hewer said, "I put a lot of work into it."



CONGRATULATIONS — NWC's Commander, Capt. John Burt, congratulates Gary Hewer for earning the Technical Director's Award just presented to him by Gerry Schiefer, NWC's Technical Director, for his contributions in the field of modern control theory and his achievements while on a temporary assignment as a Scientific Officer for the Office of Naval Research.

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Military organizations worldwide and aboard ships at sea will observe the third annual Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday on Jan. 18. King, the youngest man to win the Nobel Peace Prize and the first black man to have a national holiday named in his honor, was assassinated on April 4, 1968. He was in Memphis, Tenn., for a protest march in behalf of sanitation workers.

Jan. 20, 1986, marked the first observance of the federal legal holiday honoring the slain civil rights leader. The holiday was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Aug. 27, 1984. King's birthday is now celebrated on the third Monday of January each year.

As of June 1987, King's birthday became a legal holiday in all but seven states — Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Hampshire, South Dakota and Wyoming. Florida and North Dakota are the only participating states that have not declared a paid holiday.

"Forty-three states observe it as a legal holiday," said Allen Jackson of the Martin Luther King Federal Holiday Commission in Washington, D.C. "That doesn't mean cities in those states and in other states don't celebrate the holiday. Nearly all cities in all states do."

So do 115 foreign nations. Forty-five African, 22 European, 22 Latin American and Caribbean, 13 Far Eastern and 12 Middle Eastern and South Asian countries, plus Canada took part last year.

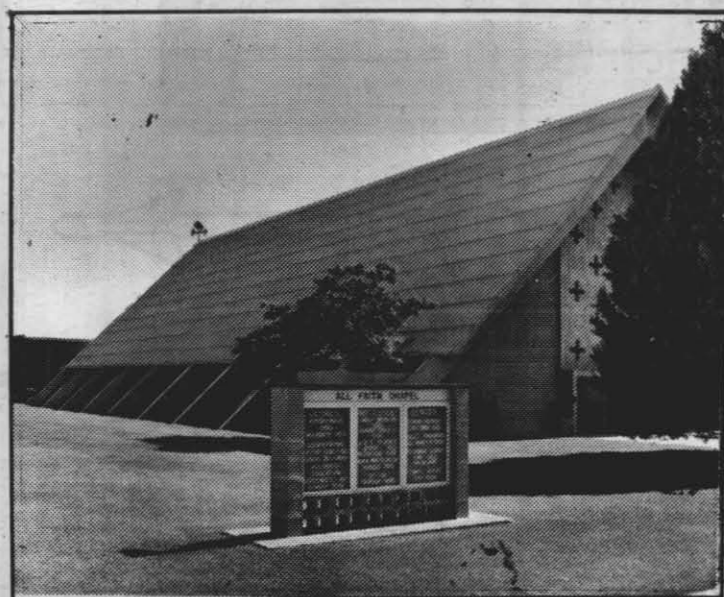
"We expect more foreign countries to participate this year, but we will not know how many until after the celebration," said Jackson.

Locally, Chaplain Gregory E. Williams will present an inspirational message at a service at the All Faith Chapel on Sunday (Jan. 17) at 10:30 a.m. Everyone wishing to honor the slain civil rights leader is invited to attend the hour-long service.

## DeMarco's leadership is honored

Despite the wide range of Navy and tri-service weapons with which Richard J. DeMarco has been involved during the 33 1/2 years that he's been at China Lake, it was his technical leadership in product improvements to the Mk 80 family of bombs and his contributions to the development of an advanced bomb family that were mentioned most often at his retirement party last Friday evening at the Enlisted Mess.

Retirement presentations were climaxed by Laboratory Director Bill Porter presenting the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award to DeMarco on behalf of Capt. John Burt. The Navy Meritorious Civilian (Continued on Page 13)



### Divine Services

#### Protestant

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School (September thru June) 9:00 a.m.  
 Bible Study (East Wing)  
 Wednesday 11:30 a.m. (September thru June)  
 Thursday 6:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 7:00 p.m. Officer's Christian Fellowship  
 Christian Military Fellowship

#### Islamic

Jumaa Prayer (Friday in Annex 4) 12:00 p.m.

#### Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.  
 Communion Service (Monday) 11:35 a.m.  
 Daily Mass (Tuesday thru Friday) 11:35 a.m.  
 Confession (Friday) 4:30-5:00 p.m.  
 Confession (Sunday) 8:15-8:45 a.m.  
 Religious Education Classes (Sunday) 10:30 a.m.  
 (September thru May)

#### Jewish

Weekly Services (Friday - East Wing) 7:30 p.m.  
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## NWC's Wellness Corner

Here is the new NWC Wellness Program logo. This logo, designed by Tommy Williams of Code 3462, is your sign to health and wellness.



Beginning this month, the Wellness Program is sponsoring several very informative, voluntary events.

First, a blood draw and analysis for a heart health evaluation will be offered. It will profile total cholesterol, HDL (high density lipoprotein, the good cholesterol) triglycerides and glucose.

Second, the Lifestyle Inventory Fitness Evaluation questionnaire will be made available. It assesses your health practices, heart health, fitness, stress, nutrition, safety and wellness attitude.

The third component is the physical fitness assessment. The assessment will be on body composition by a three site skinfold, cardiovascular fitness using a sub-maximal two-step test, strength evaluated by a hand-grip dynamometer, endurance via a one-minute bent knee sit-up test, flexibility by the sit-and-reach test, and a pulmonary function test.

Each of you who participate will receive an individual status report that rates you in each area as well as an information booklet. Comments on how to improve in areas where you might need such are also included in the status report. Individual information is confidential, but group data will be used for a corporate report.

All interested personnel have been asked to sign up with their branch, division or department office to assist in the scheduling of these events. The Wellness Program will come to each area and give a pre-brief to explain what is going to happen. Then you will be scheduled for the blood draw, which must be done in a fasting state so it will be in the mornings; be given your questionnaire to fill out; and sign up for the physical fitness evaluation, which will take about 30 minutes. After your assessments, your input will be scanned and you will receive a 10-page status report. Following all of this will be a post-brief which will assist you in interpreting this data.

If you are considered to be at high risk, i.e., a high resting blood pressure,

high cholesterol, history of cardiopulmonary disorders, you can be scheduled to be tested at the branch medical clinic where a physician will be present.

All of this is offered FREE to all NWC employees and military personnel. If you have any questions, please call me, Betty Miller, Wellness Program Coordinator, Code 02A3, NWC ext. 6510.

Also, remember to mark your calendars for 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, for Michelson Laboratory Room 1000D to hear Dr. Betsy Downing discuss realistic lifestyle changes. Be there and learn how to go about making lifestyle changes and what are realistic expectations and goals.

The Weight Watchers at Work program will be starting soon. Keep your eyes open for further information.

— By Betty Miller  
 Wellness Program Coordinator

## Prayer Breakfast

February 4 will be the date of the National Prayer Breakfast.

NWC's celebration of this event will be at the Chief Petty Officers' Mess from 6 to 7:15 a.m. Guest speaker for the event will be Bill Porter, NWC Laboratory Director.

Tickets are now on sale and can be obtained from the Chaplains' Office at the All Faith Chapel, the Marantha Book Store, or from the Command Master Chief.

Tickets are \$3.75, with enlisted personnel rated E-1 to E-6 being charged \$2.50.

Further information can be obtained by telephoning the Chaplains' Office at NWC ext. 2873 or 2851.

## Class set

A class of religious instruction in the Catholic faith will begin Thursday, Jan. 21, in the Conference Room of Chapel Annex No. 4, and will continue each Thursday through March 24.

It is primarily for those who are inquiring about the Catholic faith with the possibility of joining the Church. Those who wish to be received into the Church will be welcomed at the Easter Vigil on April 2. The course will also be beneficial to those who are married to Catholics and would like to have a better understanding of the beliefs of their spouses and children, even if they do not intend to join the Church.

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January 31 marks the end of the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Open Season which started November 15. During the open season employees have the opportunity to change their current enrollment, or make an initial participation election. Enrollments or changes will be effective the beginning of the pay period following receipt of the enrollment form by the Personnel Office. Employees wanting to change their current enrollment or begin participation in the TSP should contact their PMA. Those wishing more information should contact their PMA or contact Virginia Spille at NWC ext. 2592.

## TSP made exempt from antidiscrimination tests

The Thrift Investment Board has advised that the Thrift Savings Plan was made exempt from the antidiscrimination tests. The antidiscrimination tests limited the amount a higher paid employee (over \$50,000) could contribute to the Thrift Savings Plan. The exemption was part of the FY88 Appropriation Bill signed by the president on December 22. All FERS employees can contribute up to 10% of pay (to a maximum of \$7,000) while all CSRS employees can contribute up to 5% of pay.

## Jan. 19-29 — late registration at CCCC

Cerro Coso Community College will hold a late registration period for students who are still interested in enrolling in the spring semester that begins Tuesday, January 19. Late registration will be held on Monday through Friday, January 19 to January 29. Students may register on Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A new fee system has been initiated at Cerro Coso for this semester. Students enrolling in 1 to 9 credit units will pay an enrollment fee of \$5 per credit unit. For students who enroll in six to nine units, this will save up to \$20 over last year. Students enrolling in 10 or more units will continue to pay the \$50 enrollment fee. To obtain a copy of the 1988 spring semester schedule stop by the college or pick up a copy at the Training Center. For more information call the college at 375-5001.

## Stock market decline — effects on TSP

The following questions and answers update the information on the Thrift Savings Plan's investment funds provided in the November 15, 1987-January 31, 1988 open season booklet.

**Q.** What effect did the recent stock market decline have on the Thrift Savings Plan's Government Securities Investment (G) Fund?

**A.** The G Fund is currently invested in short-term nonmarketable U.S. Treasury securities. The stock market decline had no direct effect on these investments. There is no credit risk in the G Fund, and since the Board is currently selecting short-term maturities for G Fund investments, market risk is also eliminated.

It is possible that the stock market decline indirectly led to a decline in the interest rate applicable to G Fund investments. In October this rate was 9 5/8 percent, based on the average market yield on marketable Treasury securities with four or more years remaining to maturity, as of September 30. The November interest rate, computed by the Treasury Department as of October 30, is 9 percent.

The new TSP open season booklet for November 15, 1987-January 31, 1988 open season provides a table of returns based on a monthly history of interest rates applicable to G Fund investments. The table shows 1987 annualized performance of 8.10 percent. Using data now available through October, the annualized return for the G Fund would be 8.60 percent. This is the performance we would have expected from the G Fund, on an annualized basis, had the Fund been operating for the January-October 1987 period.

**NOTE:** Annualization of rate of return is an arithmetical projection for a full year based on a partial year's actual results and should not be interpreted as a prediction or estimate of the full year's results.

**Q.** What would the effect of recent events have been on the Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund if it had been operating in October?

**A.** On October 19, the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index fell from 282.70 to 224.84, a decline of 20.5 percent. Since the C Fund will be managed such that performance will be very close to the index, similar declines would likely have been experienced in the C Fund and in that portion of any TSP participant's account invested in the C Fund. This clearly illustrates the risk of investing in stocks, even in a diversified portfolio such as the C Fund. If this risk is unacceptable to participants, they would probably be well advised to keep all of their funds in the G Fund.

The Board does not wish to influence participants' decisions regarding which Fund is (are) appropriate, beyond providing the information necessary for participants to evaluate alternatives in the context of their own financial plans.

It might be instructive to refer to the historical return table provided for the S&P 500 index in the new TSP open season booklet. The table shows 1987 annualized performance of 62.08 percent for the S&P 500. Using data now available through October, annualized returns for the S&P 500 would be 7.68 percent. We would expect that the performance of the actual C Fund would have been similar to this return (on an annualized basis) had the Fund been operating for the January-October 1987 period.

See NOTE in first question.

**Q.** What would the effect of recent events have been on the Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund if it had been operating in October?

**A.** The F Fund will be invested in a diversified portfolio of Treasury, federally-sponsored agency and corporate bonds. The portfolio will be designed to track a well-known corporate-government bond index (Shearson Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch, or Salomon Brothers). These indexes increased in value in October due to a general decline in market interest rates. However, since interest rates were still higher at the end of October than year-end 1986 levels, interest earnings on the bonds in the indexes have been almost completely offset by price declines during 1987. This is the "market risk" effect. Since the average maturity of the bonds in these indexes is close to ten years, the bond prices and the indexes will fluctuate significantly with interest rate movements. For example, the 1987 year-to-date performance of the Shearson Lehman Government Corporate Index (SLGC) is marginally positive at 0.28 percent (not annualized) even though interest income for the year was about 7.5 percent (not annualized). Had the F Fund been in operation during 1987, we would have expected it to perform similar to this index.

The historical return table provided in the new TSP open season booklet shows 1987 annualized performance of the three corporate-government bond indexes, which we have updated below:

Index	Jan-June 1987	Jan-Oct 1987
Merrill Lynch	-1.04%	0.11%
Salomon Brothers	-1.14%	0.26%
SLGC	-0.88%	0.34%

See NOTE on first question.

## Personnel opportunities...

(Continued from Page 15) increased job responsibilities. Course Topics/Scope:

- Why do we work? Understanding our own motivations.
- Self confidence - where it comes from, how to increase it.
- Assessing how we interact with our co-workers and supervisors.
- What supervisors and subordinates should expect of each other.
- Problems of stereotyping; how to develop responses that are not counter-productive.
- Recognizing self-defeating personality traits that may hold us back.
- How to use teamwork in managing the work load more efficiently.
- Evaluating our work capacity and setting future goals.

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## MIPIs focus on printing and copiers

Last year the Naval Weapons Center earned partial approval of Model Installation Program Initiatives (MIPIs) on acquisition of printing services and reprographics equipment outside the normal channels.

The Center was given authority to lease/procure reprographic equipment but must continue to notify the Navy Publications and Printing Service Office, China Lake of such acquisition. NPPSO must be given the make, model, serial number, date of installation and production quantity upon which the decision was based. This data is required for the Navy reprographics inventory.

In seeking the waiver of existing instructions, NWC noted the procedure then in place clearly denied the equipment users the optimum choice of equipment necessary to meet mission requirements despite thoroughly documented justification. Additionally, delays (in excess of four weeks) in processing requests lead to frequent urgent action follow up inquiries to finalize the acquisition.

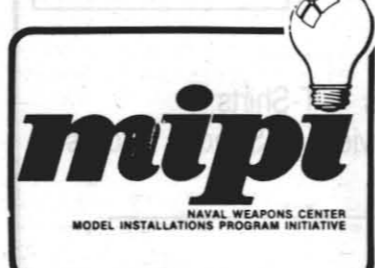
It was pointed out in the MIPI that NWC's relatively isolated location was not always taken into consideration in acquiring equipment from manufacturers with no local service representatives or unreliable performance records.

Partial approval of the MIPI is now reflected in shorter approval and procurement time on new copier requests.

NWC also sought approval to directly procure printing services rather than go through the NPPSO and the Government Printing Office. The MIPI would have covered the *Rocketeer* printing contract as well as all other publication and printing contracts.

Approval would have brought printing and publication contracts in house to be done in a manner comparable to other contracts for services or products managed locally at NWC.

Local control would make it easier to resolve technical and logistical problems associated with



printing contracts and eliminate contract administration fees charged by GPO.


In July of 1987, the Department of the Navy notified Congress' Joint Committee on Printing it was the Navy's intention to allow NWC and NAS Lemoore to test the cost effectiveness of procuring their own printing. No final word on the MIPI has been received by NWC.

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# AG3 Reaves earns honors

Celebrating his first anniversary as a China Laker, AG3 Charles E. Reaves was named Sailor of the Quarter at the Naval Oceanography Command Detachment here.

AGC G.A. Dille, CPO in Charge of the detachment, commended Petty Officer Reaves for his professional performance, dedication to duties and a "can do" attitude. He said all these factors had made important contributions to the smooth operating of this command.

The letter of commendation to AG3 Reaves read, in part, "As Training Petty Officer, you performed 'Project Upgrade' for Command Training including a self-paced General Military Training (GMT) Plan for watchstanders... and coordinated instructions on specific training for personnel to qualify as forecaster at NOCD, China Lake."

The third class petty officer noted he moved to the aerographer's mate

rate because the work was interesting and offered a change from duty on the bombing range in Florida.

At China Lake, AG3 Reaves is an observer and acts as assistant forecaster along with some computer work and duties as the Training Petty Officer.

AG3 Reaves and his wife, Linda, are the parents of two children, Christopher, age six, and Heather, age three.

# Relief available for sailors

Relief may be just a phone call away!

Does the first month of the New Year signal a clean slate beginning for you, or does it send chills down your spine to think about those Christmas bills due now? Naval Service families are no different from most American families when it comes to the post-holiday financial blues.

So, while still recalling the joys of the recently holiday season, many military personnel will have to face the unpleasant task of trying to cover all the debts incurred during Decem-

ber's buying spree. Even with the long anticipated cost-of-living raise, more than a few will find it difficult to make ends meet.

The time to seek counseling on your family finances is before the creditors come knocking at your door. The time to solve the problem is before it becomes unsolvable.

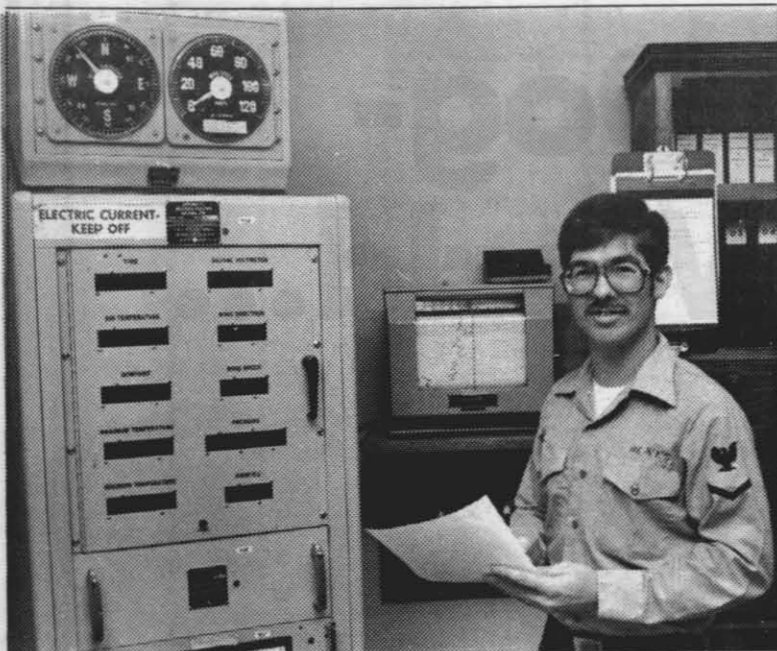
Fortunately, most military families need not despair. Although Santa Claus has retired for the year, help is still available. Free budget counseling is being offered by Navy Relief Society volunteers at the China Lake

office, 1811 Lauritsen Road. Volunteers are available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Those needing assistance are asked to call 446-4746 in advance to make an appointment.

These volunteers can prepare a monthly budget based on information you provide. They also give tips on spending habits, tax exemptions and monthly bill payment plans.

If individual problems go beyond the capability of the NRS volunteer, there is additional help just a telephone call away.

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OUTSTANDING SAILOR—AG3 Charles Reaves, Sailor of the Quarter for the Naval Oceanography Command Detachment, China Lake, records current weather conditions from instruments in the detachment office. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

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# CHAMPUS fee increases

Since Jan. 1, the daily amount families of active-duty personnel have paid for in-patient care in civilian hospitals under CHAMPUS has increased. The daily fee went from \$7.55 to \$7.85.

In other words, for each day an active-duty family member is a patient in a civilian hospital under CHAMPUS he or she will pay \$7.85,

or an overall total of \$25, whichever is greater.

This rate does not apply to anyone other than active-duty dependents. Others covered by CHAMPUS pay the lesser of 25 percent of the cost of billed charges for covered care in civilian hospitals that are subject to the new CHAMPUS diagnosis-related group (DRG) payment system of \$175 per day.

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# Reassignments

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direction on E/M component development and production issues. It is an opportunity to participate in a major advance in fuzing and explosive technology and as such achieve the satisfaction of accomplishing a challenging technical and managerial task.

Coordinating Center activities with other members of the STANDARD Missile community will require frequent travel. General knowledge and understanding of guided missile and missile subsystem concepts and the design/development/production process are important. Knowledge of E/M components (safe arm and arm-fire devices) is desirable but not mandatory. The applicant should have the ability to interface with management at the contractors, NWC and other Navy activities and work well with others; ability to effectively plan, monitor and coordinate the work of several separate development and production activities; ability to apply product assurance disciplines; ability to give oral presentations and prepare written communication; ability to manage through people; familiar with NWC/DOD acquisition requirements, program development

guidelines and with work breakdown structure and performance measurement baseline systems. Promotion potential to DP-3 is possible but not guaranteed. To apply send current SF-171 to John Smith, Code 33303, or call Nwc ext. 2405. Previous applicants need not reapply.

No. 33-001, Interdisciplinary (Electrical/Electronics Engineer), DP-850/855-2/3, Code 3336 - This position is located in the Airborne Fuze Systems Branch, which is involved in design, development, and production support of airborne proximity fuzes and design of support test equipment for fleet missiles. The incumbent will serve as project engineer and handle all coordination of the six million dollar development of an upgraded version of the current DSU-28/B Target Detecting Device currently in production. A strong background in analog and digital design with a good understanding of the use of microprocessors and associated software is required. Experience in fuzing systems and radar design is desirable. Promotion potential to DP-3. To apply, send current Lary Morrison, Code 3336, NWC ext. 1146.

# Clerk-Typist position open in NPPSDBO on-Center

No. E87-88 (EM), Clerk-Typist, GS-322-4, Navy Publishing and Printing Service Detachment Branch Office, Code 8300 - Duties: Types a variety of correspondence including memoranda, reports, letters, etc. Plans, organizes and coordinates workload. Researches files for background information. Prepares time cards. Experience to include responsible clerical, office or other work which indicates ability to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to perform the duties of the position. Applications (SF-171) and Supplemental Qualification Statement can be picked up at NPPSDBO, Bldg. 1041, and must be submitted NLT January 20.

# Orientation Feb. 5

An orientation for employees new to NWC will be offered on February 5 at the Training Center from 8 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m.

The orientation includes: a welcome aboard and Center overview; and presentations on training opportunities, safety, employee assistance

program, personnel benefits and systems, police and fire divisions, desert geology, security, Technical Information Department, equal employment opportunity, NWC and area recreation, and internal review.

Department offices should contact this orientation.

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# LTT briefing Jan. 28

Interested employees and supervisors are invited to attend an informal briefing regarding NWC's graduate and undergraduate long-term training (LTT) programs on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m. in the Training Center. Bill Bethke and Joan Telles of the Academic Fellowship Office (Code 0941) will discuss eligibility for LTT, what programs are available, what preparation is needed, how to apply and the selection process.

Details about the LTT program and application procedures can be found in next week's Rocketeer and NWC Announcement (blue sheet). The deadline for application is March 4, 1988. It is strongly recommended that employees who are considering applying for LTT assignments beginning in FY89 (fall 1988) attend this meeting. Application forms and LTT handbooks will be distributed.

# JP test set for Feb.

Providing new professionals with information about themselves that will help them plan their careers at NWC is the purpose of the Junior Professional (JP) Career Guidance and Counseling Program.

The JP Career Guidance and Counseling Program includes eight hours of tests and a feedback session with a professional counselor. Some questions to be answered during this program are:

- Do you now have essentially technical or managerial (or both) capabilities? What are your prospects for future development?
- How can you use your creativity? Should you emphasize research or applications?
- What are your major values and priorities for personal and career development?
- What are your major strengths and weaknesses in dealing with others?
- With what size group would you work best?
- What additional training (technical, academic or other) do you need for further development?

The next testing will be held February 25 and 26, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Training Center. Counseling sessions will be held at a later date. Anyone wishing to be included in the

February testing should contact Cynthia Jones, NWC ext. 2648.

\*Note: Test results and any related information are kept confidential.

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# CSUN class' text decided

Control Systems: Introduction to State Space, by Friedland, will be the text for the Cal-State Northridge spring course EE 569C: State Variables in Automatic Control. The publisher is McGraw-Hill.

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# Voc Ed classes to begin Jan. 25

Twelve vocational education classes will be offered through the Regional Occupation Program at Burroughs High School beginning Monday, January 25.

Classes being offered are Automobile Mechanics, Business Education Co-op, Construction Technology, Distributive Education Co-op, Elementary Programming, Food Service, Health Careers, Offset Printing, Photographic Laboratory, Pre-school Aide, Retail Merchandising and Word Processing. A new section of Photographic Laboratory has been added and will be held Monday through Thursday from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

All of the ROP classes are open to anyone 16 years of age and older. Burroughs students may register on Thursday, Jan. 7, during the regular registration. Adults may register at the first class meeting.

Call 375-4476, ext. 23, for additional information.

# personnel opportunity

## ASSERTION TRAINING FOR SECRETARIES (9 hours)

March 22, Tuesday, and March 25, Friday; 0730-1200; Cerro Coso Community College, Room 219. By P. Solberg.

Designed primarily for secretarial staff to assist in the development of positive assertion and communication skills within their specific areas of interaction.

## STRESS REDUCTION FOR CLERICAL PERSONNEL (12 hours)

March 1, Tuesday, 0730-1630 and March 8, Tuesday, 0730-1130; Cerro Coso Community College, Room 145. By D. Mourtou.

Objectives: In this course you should learn to cope with stress in the workplace by learning stress management techniques, converting stress to a productive force and successfully dealing with change.

Deadline: February 16.

## SECURITY FOR CLERICAL/ADMINISTRATIVE WORKFORCE

March 18, 1230-1600, Training Center. By Robert Lupei, Code 2431.

Objectives: The course will cover where the Visitor Center is and the hours of operation; when and where to wear your badge; badging and area access procedures; procedures for new employee security clearance; how to arrange for visitors, foreign and domestic; how to mark classified documents; transmission of classified documents; handling of classified documents; safeguarding classified documents; destruction of classified documents; courier card, letters and memos; and how to get keys made and locks/combinations changed.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SECRETARIES

March 23, 0800-1600, Training Center. By Carole Pool, Management Skills Assoc.

Intended Audience: Clerical staff and secretaries. Objectives: This workshop is designed to give the clerical staff and secretaries better personal control over the progress of their careers. The emphasis is on improving the secretary's ability to (1) relate well with colleagues and superiors (2) carry out assigned responsibility with a minimum of direction and (3) engage in a continuous learning process, thereby becoming more "promotable" to

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MEDAL WINNER—Chaplain Lt. Claude Beede has the Navy Achievement Medal pinned on by Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander.

# Rights of spouse stressed

Secretary of the Navy James Webb reemphasized in an ALNAV Message the right of spouses of members of the Armed Forces to work attend school or volunteer as they prefer. This message stated:

"The policy of the Department of Defense is that no commander, supervisor nor other DOD official will, directly or indirectly, impede or otherwise interfere with the right of every military spouse to decide whether to pursue and hold a job, to attend school, or to serve on a volunteer basis (either on or off a military installation). No military member will be adversely rated or suffer any adverse consequences from the decision of the member's spouse under this paragraph. Nor shall a spouse's

employment be a consideration in either assignments or promotions.

"Military spouses have a proud heritage of volunteer assistance to their military and civilian communities. Their contributions in clubs, emergency aid agencies and other family support activities enhance the quality of life in their communities immeasurably. We welcome and encourage their service.

"At the same time, increasing number of military spouses are seeking full or part-time employment. They contribute to the financial well-being of their families, often gain a sense of accomplishment and forge links at their workplaces, whether they work in the government or the private sector. As such, they contribute directly

to the morale and health of our military members.

"It is the policy of the Department of Defense that decisions to seek employment, to be homemakers and to volunteer, belong to spouses. I am grateful for their energy, their talents and their membership in the defense family.

"I strongly support this policy and greatly appreciate the contribution of Navy and Marine Corps spouses to family morale and financial well-being and their role in the community.

"This policy shall be adhered to without exception throughout the Department of the Navy."

# Few test positive for AIDS

The rate of potential recruits testing positive for exposure to human immunodeficiency virus, the virus which causes AIDS, has gone down again, according to the latest DOD statistics. The rate of potential recruits testing positive has been heading steadily downward since

December 1986. Persons testing positive are not allowed to enter military service.

The rate of recruits testing positive for the period Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 1985, the period in which the military began screening, was 1.62 per 1,000. The most recent statistics, compiled

from July 1 to Sept. 30, 1987, show a positivity rate of 1.13 applicants out of every 1,000.

"It's more likely that persons who have reason to believe they may test positive are no longer trying to join the military," said Peterson.

# Navy medal for Lt. Beede

Meritorious service as airfield chaplain at the Naval Weapons Center brought the Navy Achievement Medal to Chaplain Lt. Claude R. Beede. Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, made the medal presentation recently.

This special honor for Chaplain Beede resulted, said the citation to accompany the award, because "Lt. Beede significantly contributed to the command religious program by consistently performing his demanding

duties in an exemplary fashion. His pastoral concern for members of his congregation and for all personnel assigned to the Naval Weapons Center and tenant commands enabled him to achieve great success in motivating people towards self-improvement, happiness in marriage and changes in lifestyle."

Chaplain Beede's concern for the new arrivals and lonely sailors was manifested at Thanksgiving time when he organized a program that had

NWC's All Faith Chapel parishioners inviting sailors to their homes for dinner. He has also been very involved in the community and is the religious advisor for Boy Scout Troop 341.

The summary of action that earned the award for Lt. Beede noted he had gained "an enviable reputation as a concerned individual who has listened and provided wise counsel. Chaplain Beede is a pastor in the true sense of the word."

# CPO Ball is Feb. 20

Ticket sales begin today (Friday) for the annual Naval Weapons Center Chief Petty Officers' Ball, set this year for Feb. 20.

Col. Steven R. Nagel, USAF, a NASA astronaut who has logged more than 300 hours of spaceflight in two space shuttle missions, will be the featured speaker at this annual CPO event.

The Chief Petty Officer's Mess will host the ball from 6 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$25 per couple and can be purchased from the CPO Mess manager. The evening will also feature live music from "Legends." Service dress blues are the minimum appropriate dress for the night.

The featured speaker is a graduate of the University of Illinois and Cal State University, Fresno, who received his Air Force commission in 1969. Col. Nagel has been a NASA astronaut since 1979.



Col. Steve Nagel

# Surplus property to be auctioned on Feb. 2

Local Auction 41-8183 of surplus government property will be held by the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office at China Lake on Tuesday, Feb. 2. The auction will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Building 1073, Warehouse 41, and the public is encouraged to bid.

Among the 250 items to be offered will be stake trucks, pickup trucks,

IBM typewriters, power supplies, Handi Talkie radios, MP cameras, electric drill press, welding equipment, tool boxes, food preparation equipment, jewelers lathe, meat slicer, meat saw, platform scale, tripods, pool tables, Graflex cameras, hydraulic jacks, gunk tanks, steel pallets, outboard motors, portable tower, fencing material and an estimated

16,000 pounds of angle iron. The items will be on display for inspection for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily except weekends and holidays beginning Thursday, Jan. 28. A complete list as well as sale terms and conditions can be seen at Building 1073, Warehouse 41.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. on the day of the sale. Bidders must

be present and registered to bid. Mailed bids cannot be accepted. Items purchased may be removed on the sale date provided full payment is made. Payment must be in cash or guaranteed instrument (cashier's check, money orders, traveler's checks, etc.). Purchasers have until Feb. 9 to pay for and remove items before storage charges are applied.

Because the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is located within the Naval Weapons Center's interior security fence line, prospective bidders must stop at the main gate and obtain a pass before coming aboard.

For further details, contact Phyllis at Building 1073, Code 97, NWC ext. 2502 or 2538.

# Tickets on sale

"Up with People," ever popular in the Indian Wells Valley, will return on Tuesday, Jan. 26th, to the Center theater. The two-hour show will begin at 7:30 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Daily Independent.

General admission tickets purchased the evening of the show are \$7, with students and senior citizens being charged \$6. Tickets purchased in advance are \$1 less for either.

Advance tickets can be purchased at the Daily Independent, Hucek Travel, Music Man, Desert Cable, and Community First Bank.

Those interested in serving as a host family for any of the 129 cast members who come from 16 different countries is asked to telephone either Bethany Freeman or Joe Bormann at 375-4481.

# Clean-up slated

Everyone in the community is invited to join with the Desert Planters of Ridgecrest in picking up litter in the City of Ridgecrest tomorrow, starting at 8 a.m.

Those who wish to help clean up litter are asked to either pre-register with chairman Bernice Butler, 375-9576, or to come to the County Building, 400 N. China Lake Boulevard, at 7:45 a.m. tomorrow so that they can be assigned an area for clean-up (if they have not previously selected a site).

Those participating in the "Pride Day Clean-Up" are responsible for their own transportation, safety gear, and for their own safety.

The Desert Planters of Ridgecrest are celebrating their 25th anniversary year of joining California Garden Clubs, Inc., by recognizing this need to clean up litter in the community. Such a clean-up is a prime project of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

Groups that have volunteered by press time to take part include the Center's Black Interest Program and local Boy Scouts.

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## Be a volunteer

Red Cross is alive and well at the Naval Weapons Center, and is seeking volunteers. This is the word from Bill Foddrill, who serves in the office at 1605 Lauritsen Road Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The local area now falls under the Antelope Valley Chapter of the American National Red Cross. Fran Stewart, the Executive Director of that Chapter, immediately re-opened the local office as soon as the chapter assumed responsibility for the Indian Wells Valley to ensure that needs of service personnel and their families and others who receive Red Cross services would be met.

Foddrill served 20 years with the Air Force and Army before becoming a professional Red Cross employee. He has more than 20 years of Red Cross service as well, mainly at military establishments throughout the world.

Anyone who'd like to assist with any of the local ongoing Red Cross programs - safety services (first aid and water safety), disaster, production, service to military - or who'd like to volunteer to work in the local office is asked to telephone Foddrill at NWC ext. 3208.

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## Watch telephone security

Anyone who's ever learned anything about communications security knows its first and most basic rule: Never discuss classified or sensitive information on the telephone.

Telephone lines are a virtual super-market for eavesdroppers. State-of-the-art electronic surveillance technology makes telephone conversations — especially long-distance calls that travel through microwave or satellite transmission paths — particularly vulnerable to interception.

A new communications security system, to be introduced throughout the federal government and civilian industry beginning in late 1987, will help ensure that sensitive or classified information isn't picked up by the wrong ears.

The new system — known formally as the Secure Telephone Unit III Low Cost Terminal — will consist of low-cost, portable telephone terminals that scramble messages so only the proper receiver can decipher them.

According to a recent article by John C. Nagengast, deputy chief of the system's project office at the National Security Agency, the secure

telephone will look and operate just like a regular telephone and will plug into a standard telephone jack.

A secure call will be placed just like a regular call. When both parties are on-line, either can depress a button to encrypt the conversation. The parties can then converse without fear of having their call overheard electronically.

The system will replace the Automatic Secure Voice Communications System (AUTOSEVOCOM), the aging (it uses equipment built in the 1950s and 1960s), expensive secure telephone system now being used by the government.

By comparison, the new system will be inexpensive — as little as \$2,000 per receiver — and readily available to those who need it.

As first envisioned in the mid-1970s, the system was designed to serve about 10,000 users. But a dramatic increase in the need for communications security during the past 10 years has upped this figure closer to 500,000, Nagengast said.

The system can also be used by private interests that deal with sensitive information that could affect U.S.

national security and well-being, he said.

"As a hypothetical example," Nagengast said, "consider a telephone call between the president of a large U.S. oil company and one of its officials in a Middle Eastern country, in which they discuss sensitive negotiations being conducted to avert a potential embargo of crude oil shipments to the U.S. An eavesdropper with hostile intentions toward the United States could exploit this information to the detriment of our national interests."

Independent estimates place the need for such systems in the private sector as high as 1 to 2 million. Among the private users are likely to be contractors, major corporations, high-tech companies and others with a need to protect sensitive communications.

The ultimate results of the system, Nagengast said, "will be better and considerably less expensive communications security, readily available at an affordable price to anyone in the United States who needs it."

By Donna Bolinger — American Forces Information Service

## hIDEA elects '88 officers

Selected to head the Board of Directors of the High Desert Engineering Association (hIDEA) for the upcoming year are Tony Miller, Comarco, as president; Linda Finco, Code 3242, president-elect; Dave Koelsch, Code 3952, secretary; and Stacy Howard, Code 3272, treasurer.

hIDEA is an umbrella organization of local engineering and scientific societies. Groups include the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA); American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE); National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE); Institute of Elec-

trical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE); American Society for Quality Control (ASQC); Society of American Military Engineers (SAME); Society of Flight Test Engineers (SFTE); American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE); and China Lake Astronomical Society (CLAS).

The Board of Directors of hIDEA meets the third Thursday of off-numbered months at 11:30 a.m. at the Dry Dock of the Enlisted Mess. Members of technical societies that have no local chapter are invited to participate in hIDEA activities.

Engineers' Week is observed during the week of George Washington's birthday in recognition of the contribution of the American engineer to society. Washington is honored because he was both an engineer and a land surveyor.

The 1988 observance will include a dinner meeting and a presentation by Dr. Victor Rehn, head of the Semiconductor and Surface Sciences Branch of the Research Department, who will speak about "High Temperature Superconductors: Progress and Applications."

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## Space radar talk

Leopold J. Cantafio, Senior Staff Engineer, TRW Applied Technology Division in Redondo Beach, will talk about space-based radar systems and technology at an open meeting of the China Lake Section of IEEE on Wednesday, Jan. 20. The meeting will be held in the Dry Dock Room of the Enlisted Mess, starting at 11:30 a.m. No advance reservations are required; menu selections include the daily lunch special or ordering from the menu.

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## Sailors, inmates count on DPSC

What do sailors on duty in the Persian Gulf, military commissary shoppers, patients at Veterans Administration hospitals and inmates at federal prisons share in common?

They all rely on the Defense Personnel Support Center in Philadelphia for their daily bread — eggs, milk, fresh fruit, vegetables and meat.

The job of the Defense Personnel Support Center is to ensure that millions of military people and their families, whether in the United States or overseas, get the best selection of high-quality fresh, frozen and canned foods available.

The center also supports other federal agencies, including the Veterans Administration, Job Corps, Federal Prison System, some American embassies and the District of Columbia public school system.

Feeding the men and women in uniform and their families is a responsibility Navy Capt. Ned Kuhns, director of subsistence for the Defense Personnel Support Center, takes very seriously.

He oversees a team of more than 1,700 people who buy and distribute about \$2 billion in food served each year to military people, both in military dining halls and in the field. In addition, they purchase and distribute \$2.6 billion in food for resale in military commissaries worldwide.

Three regional subsistence offices help organize this massive effort, Kuhns explained. One in Alameda, Calif., supports all U.S. facilities west of the Rockies and in the Pacific. The Philadelphia office supports the Eastern and Midwestern United States, South America and the Middle East. The Zweibrucken, West Germany,

office supports U.S. forces in Europe. Feeding people on seven continents is a mind-boggling logistical feat. It's even more impressive when on considers that, except for fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy products and other highly perishable foods, most food is purchased in the United States and shipped overseas.

Kuhns attributes this to a long-standing DOD policy of buying American goods whenever possible. "Our basic premise is to buy everything we can in the United States and ship it overseas," he said. "It allows us to provide subsistence without relying on foreign agriculture or economies. In addition, it helps support U.S. producers and manufacturers."

There are some exceptions to the policy of buying American products. In addition to highly perishable items, some less perishable goods are bought locally by food service and commissary personnel overseas.

Kuhns explained another, equally important reason for shipping U.S. food products overseas: Commissary shoppers like to buy products they're familiar with.

Kuhns is quick to point out that when buying food for military people and their families, the biggest emphasis is on quality.

By Donna Miles — American Forces Information Service



**ANOTHER HITCH**—Photographer's Mate First Class John C. Vasquez, right, was sworn in for another four-year tour in the Navy last month. Petty Officer Vasquez was flying over Mt. Whitney in the Naval Weapons Center's UC-8 Buffalo with co-workers from the Parachute

Test Operations Branch of the Aerosystems Department when he took the oath of enlistment. An aerial photographer for the Navy, PR1 Vasquez has been in the Navy since 1972 and at NWC since September, 1985. Administering the oath was Lt. Steven Moll.

## Red Cross sets class

The Antelope Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a course in Service to the Armed Forces, Casework and Financial Assistance on Feb. 1 and 2 at their office at 44746 Beech in Lancaster.

The course consists of approximately 8 hours of casework and 8 hours of financial assistance. Its purpose is to orient new and potential caseworkers to the Red Cross Service to Armed Forces and Veterans program and to provide training in know-

ledge, skills and abilities needed to begin to deliver basic casework services to the clients of the program.

The financial assistance part of the course is designed to help develop knowledge and skills to provide basic types of financial assistance to military personnel and their families.

For further information, come to the Red Cross Office at 1605 Lauritsen between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and fill out an application.

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# CNO has positive outlook on Navy's future

(This is the second installment of a four-part interview with the CNO.)

**Q.** How will the Navy maintain retention without SRB's when civilian pay for accomplished personnel in many ratings far outstrips Navy wages?

**Adm. Trost:** I guess the most honest answer is: with some difficulties. We know that the inadequate levels of SRB are in fact going to cost us some reenlistments. We can always tell people that meeting a challenge, meeting it successfully, and being recognized for that challenge is good compensation. But adequate monetary compensation takes care of an awful lot of other (retention) problems. So we continue to push very hard with the Congress for adequate levels of SRB.

**Q.** What's the status of fiscal year '88 SRB?

**Adm. Trost:** The fiscal '88 SRB is like all entitlements in the '88 budget awaiting final budget action by the Congress. We are operating at the present time, and have been since the first of October, on what's known as a continuing resolution authority. This is the equivalent of Congress saying, "Continue to spend at last year's level, but don't go above it and don't start any new programs." Until they take final budget action on '88 requests, which we anticipate to take place no earlier than this month (December), we'll have no final word on what the SRB levels will be. Nor will we be able to make new payments for new entitlements. We will promulgate SRB information in a NAVOP as soon as the situation is resolved.

**Q.** What impact will budget problems have on PCS moves from coast to coast?

**Adm. Trost:** The budget impact is going to continue on PCS moves although we in the Navy right now have the lowest cost per move of any service. We have driven that down over the last five to



ten years with some very careful management. Having done well, Congress has generally said, "Can't you do a little better?" And we've tried. And to help us try, Congress has cut out a little more money each year. So, it's going to impact our moves.

**Q.** Can you provide details on

plans to implement a more equitable system of sea/shore rotation in ratings with large numbers of females? This question is particularly critical in areas like San Diego which is a very popular area for people to go and it's difficult for a male to get shore duty after sea duty there in many rates.

**Adm. Trost:** It does depend on the rating. As you know, one of the tenets that drives the numbers of women that we should be bringing into any rating is that their presence should not impact on sea/shore rotation for their male counterparts. It is a matter of fact that we are not perfect managers of people programs and there are few people who have served in the Military Personnel Command who have not recognized that deficit. We have had on occasion less than adequate rating management. And that's a result in many cases of putting more women into a rating than can be properly utilized.

A good example which comes to mind is the aviation storekeeper rating where not too many years back we were manned at about 60 percent in our carriers while the overall rating was at about 110 percent, too many of those were women. We brought too many women into that rating to provide for balanced sea/shore rotation. Our goal is to not let that happen. I won't promise that it never will. But I'll tell you there is a lot of effort to make sure that it won't and that we correct it.

We have, as you may be aware, a major series of groups looking at women in the Navy. How many? What are the problems? Is there sexual harassment? How should we correct the problems that both exist and are perceived to exist? I'm looking forward to the report out of that group. We'll see that within the next several months. And that will probably again focus

on this very same issue and help us, I hope, to alleviate some of the inequities.

**Q.** What are the prospects for future officer and enlisted manning cuts?

**Adm. Trost:** There are prospects, especially in the officer area, for cuts. That's my greatest concern right now. In the enlisted area, we have had since 1983 a lesser authorized endstrength than we have requested from the Congress. That means that we've drawn down, for example, in the shore establishment to man new ships and squadrons as they stood up.

In the officer area, there was a feeling expressed by Congress in last year's budget bill to the effect that there are too many officers in the military. Congress was looking at the officer-to-enlisted ratio that existed at the end of World War II and said, "Why should it be richer now (less enlisted per officer)?" Well, there are a lot of reasons for that. But that aside, we in the Navy are no richer now than we were then.

Our sister services, the Army and the Air Force, are considerably better off in terms of ratio than we are. Congress decided last year to extract a one percent cut from Defense overall — from the overall officer endstrength. What that did to the Navy was to take away our planned growth of 1576 officers. This year we are waiting to see what Congress' final action will be. By law, it says an automatic two percent cut this year and three percent cut next year.

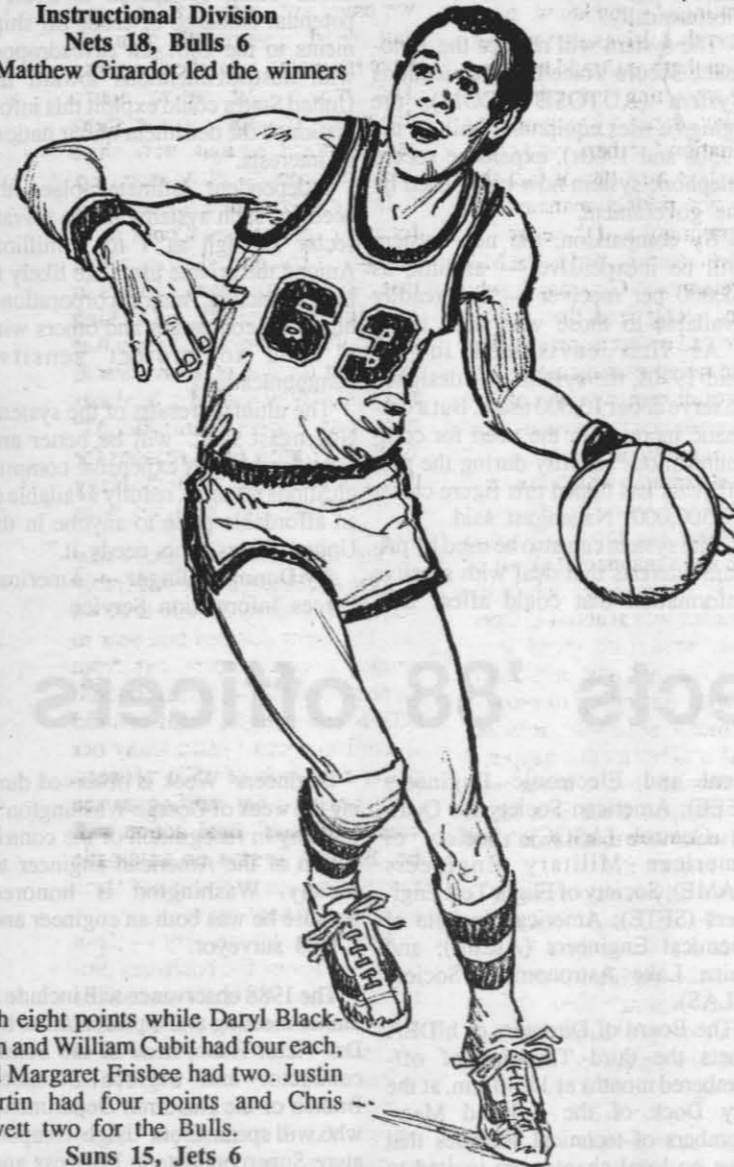
Now, that quite frankly — if put out as an across the board cut pro-rata (for each service) — would be a disaster for us because it would take away personnel that we need to man what is still a growing Navy. We're working to try to fend that off. And if we can't, we will try to minimize the impact.

# Youth hoop play underway

Action got underway last week in the NWC Youth Basketball League with a full round of games. Some teams did not turn in score sheets by the deadline.

Play will continue every week through the first week in March. Games are played in the Center Gym and the new Youth Center.

**Instructional Division**  
**Nets 18, Bulls 6**  
Matthew Girardot led the winners



with eight points while Daryl Blackman and William Cubit had four each, and Margaret Frisbee had two. Justin Martin had four points and Chris Lovett two for the Bulls.

**Suns 15, Jets 6**  
William Raymond ripped the nets for 12 points to lead the Suns. Brian Armstrong and Todd Downs also scored. All six tallies by the Jets came from Patrick Ross.

**Lakers 37, Warriors 1**  
Chris Barton's 18 points led the winners. David Rollingson, Lenny Winterly and Pete Greedy also scored. Kevin Means had the only Warriors' score. Dan Dowling and Aaron Franich played strong games.

**Stars 12, Runners 10**  
Kevin Cornett did all the scoring for the Stars. Ethan Plugge led the

Runners with four points while Matt Moffitt, Mike Fortune and Andy Dubois had two each.

**Intermediate Division**  
**Nuggets 28, Flames 25**

No score sheet from the Nuggets. Chris Williams led the Flames with nine points and Jon Moffitt had six. Also scoring were Keith Parris, Dan-

ny Hartley, Kenny Robesky and Daniel Rhodes.

**Pistons 20, Rockets ??**

No Rocket score sheet. Greg LaPointe led the win with eight points and Louis Moore added six. Brain Dodderer, Zenobia Moore and Greg Zneierzchoski had two each.

**Spurs 22, Celtics 16**

Jeff Brown paced the win with 10 points. Tim Clark and Tony Dominguez had four each. Joel Haynes and number 14 had two points each.

**Huskies 25, Cliffs 17**

Jerome Davis' 13 points led the Huskies and Ryan Lilly had six. Also scoring were Will Squire, Stephen Yoo and Jesse Byrd. The Cliff got six from Josh Montemayer, five from Joe Mechtenberg and two each from Aaron Plugge and Justin Byrne.

**Junior Division**

**Eagles 28, Clippers 14**

Fifteen points from Damon Kelling paced the Eagles' win. Eric Peoples added six points while Chris Schultz had five and Sean Williams two. No score sheet from the Clippers.

**Pacers 41, Hawks 12**

Dennis Saret hit four points for the Hawks, while Brian Hire, James May, Tristan Smith and Rhy Thorton had two points each. No score sheet from the Pacers.

**Lions 21, Jazz 17**

Jason Duff's 13 points led the Lions' win. Greg Greedy added four points, while Tom Foisey, Quannah Driver and Miles Ross hit two points each. No score sheet from the Jazz.

**Senior Division**

**Bullets 95, Kings 22**

Lamonte Dawson had 34 big points and Chris Armstrong added 22 points, while Schiller added 12. Ricker, Stuart, Fowler, Parish, Cottingham and Pearl also scored. The Kings got eight points from Danny Wilson and four each from Amer Salcen and Steve Jamie. Gerrity, Koelsch, Arnel and Fink also scored.

# Fishing:

## Only the hopeful

Fishing is very slow at Lake Isabella, and has come to a virtual halt in the Kern River because of the cold water. A few of the hopeful anglers dropping their lines in the lake are catching some trout.

The trout that are being caught at Isabella now are apt to have a parasite — something that looks like a red spot or red hair on them — but this does not affect the edibility of the fish. Department of Fish and Game wardens suggest that this just be scraped off or cut out before the fish is cooked.

The parasite appears to be related to reduced amount of water in the lake for the resident fish population; the lake is at a low point currently because of the

extremely dry winter last year and increased amount of irrigation needed by San Joaquin Valley farmers last summer and fall.

Fishing in the Owens Valley has been reported as good at Chalk Bluffs and in the Pleasant Valley reservoir, but quiet in the Owens River elsewhere.

The scenery, however, is beautiful, with snow low on the mountains.

Duck season closed last weekend, and goose hunters have just tomorrow and Sunday to get their limits since goose season closes Sunday as well.

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