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Ron Henry & the Lab:

They share 40 years of progress at China Lake

By Diane Campbell
Associate Editor

When Dr. Ronald A. Henry, Chemistry
Division, first came to the Naval Ordnance
Test Station in February of 1947, Wing 6



of Michelson Laboratory was being constructed. It was a long, empty shell full of scaffolding, paint cans and electric wire. Henry moved into Wing 6 after it was completed in the fall of 1948. Forty years later, Wing 6 is once again a long empty shell full of scaffolding, paint cans and electric wire — this time because it's getting a complete face-lift.

And where was Henry during all those years between the opening of Wing 6 in 1948 and the face-lift in 1988? — in Room 1635. That's right, for almost forty years, Henry got up in the morning and went to work in the same room in Wing 6 of Michelson Laboratory. Yikes!

Through the years, Henry worked as a research chemist. In 1979, he retired from federal service but was immediately rehired for what he imagined would be a short time. People kept coming to him with more jobs and more funding, though, and today Henry still logs in about 20 hours a week.

Looking back, Henry says the emphasis in the Chemistry Division has not changed much since 1948. It is still about 50 percent basic and 50 percent applied research. His impression of the lab as a whole, though, is that there is less research and development and more management and administration. (Continued on Page 17)



LOOKING BACK — Dr. Ronald Henry, Chemistry Division, reminisces about his years in the lab. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

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Chemistry accomplishments bring TD Award

By Steve Boster
Rocketeer editor

Achievements in synthesis of new superconducting materials brought the Technical Director's Award to Dr. Terrell A. Vanderah and Dr. Daniel C. Harris recently.

Gerry Schiefer, Naval Weapons Center (NWC) Technical Director, noted that the great contributions made by Vanderah and Harris made both themselves and NWC look good.

The discovery, last year, of high temperature superconducting materials that retained the property at above 90 degrees Kelvin portends major advances in chemistry and physics applications of intense interest to the Navy. Vanderah was at the meeting of the American Crystallographic Society when the discovery was announced. She then obtained samples of materials and hints on synthesis techniques.

Returning to NWC, Vanderah collaborated with Harris to work out the synthetic procedure and was able, in less than two weeks, to prepare the new compound in a pure phase, at a time when less than a dozen laboratories were thought to have succeeded in synthesizing a pure form of the new superconducting material.

It took careful laboratory work and a quick wet chemistry method to determine the exact oxygen content and elemental composition of the superconducting ceramic. This resulted in publication of a paper in the Journal of Solid State Chemistry, followed by one for the Journal of Chemical Edu-

cation. Harris and Vanderah also presented their findings at the American Physical Society's annual meeting last year. In his letter of nomination, Ron Derr, head, Research Department, said, "Their effort was a significant contribution to the scientific community working in this area."

In an interview following publication of the papers, the two chemists noted there are numerous applications possible with superconductors at temperatures accessible with liquid nitrogen. These applications range from impatt diodes to antennas and more.

Derr's letter nominating the pair for the prestigious Technical Director's Award read, in part, "The technical competence and scientific excellence demonstrated by Drs. Vanderah and Harris clearly are worthy of recognition by the Center. Their contributions and skills have been the driving force upon which the Center's superconductivity program will be based. Because of their proven capability to work on the leading edge of research, NWC is in the enviable position of maximizing the exploitation of this new technology for NWC's specific requirements."

Superconductivity at these high temperatures is one of the most significant advances in the worlds of chemistry and physics in recent years, according to Derr. The two chemists are in the forefront of keeping NWC among the technological leaders in the field.



IT'S A GOOD MIX — Dr. Terrell A. Vanderah (left) and Dr. Daniel C. Harris recently received the Technical Director's Award for their joint effort on high temperature superconducting materials.



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Below is a list of next week's (May 9-13) activities. **MAKING IT FIT:** Dieter Weik and Peter Wiley. This presentation will give information on how to select and adjust a bicycle for proper fit. A correct-fitting bicycle can add greatly to the enjoyment of cycling. Also, information about types of bikes available and where, locally, is the best place to ride and how to achieve a cardiovascular workout via bicycling will be given. (Michelson Lab, 1000D, walk in)

May 9
3-4 p.m.

May 10
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

CPR TRAINING: presented by the Branch Medical Clinic. A one-day class of cardiopulmonary resuscitation training.

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May 12
3-4 p.m.

May 13
2-4 p.m.

Anyone having a LIFE questionnaire sitting around the office or at home should return it to Code 02A3. An effort is being made to collect all copies and pack them up for storage and then use next year.

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Pregnancy screening services are offered throughout the county by the Kern County Health Department. The services include a urine test for pregnancy, pregnancy counseling, health education information and referral information on prenatal and family planning services.

Women who think they may be pregnant should see their doctors or attend one of the free Health Department Pregnancy Screening clinics. The Kern County Health Department Pregnancy Screening clinics in Ridgecrest will be held May 10, 17 and 25 in the County Building at 250 Ridgecrest Blvd.

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I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Contract Security Guard Force employees for their good work and positive attitudes. I have recently received several unsolicited comments on how friendly the guards are and how uplifting it is to be greeted in this manner. I am sure that your efforts to be friendly and courteous are appreciated by the majority of employees. Keep up the good work!

QUESTION

I am a civilian contractor and I ride a motorcycle. I was wondering why we have to attend a 3-day course to ride the motorcycle on base. It is my only transportation to work and I don't really have time to take a 3-day course just to be allowed to ride on base. I was told by Safety that they wouldn't be issuing temporary passes any longer, that you have to go through the motorcycle course. I would really like to know why and why it even applies to civilians. California State law does not require this safety course, why should it apply to civilians on base? I can understand military, but... I would really like an answer.

ANSWER

Some time ago the Navy became concerned because, although motorcycles account for only three percent of all vehicles on the road, this small group has 14 percent of the fatalities. The Navy has issued OPNAVINST 5100.12D requiring all persons, whether civilian or military, operating a motorcycle on a naval installation to successfully complete the Navy certified Motorcycle Safety Foundation Course, which is a 15-hour training course. This safety course, although 15 hours in length, is given over a three-day period because the course provides very intense hands-on training of riding skills. The skills that are taught will help a motorcyclist, regardless if he or she is military or civilian, avoid becoming one of those fatalities. I believe that when you take this course, you will find that the time spent in class will be a good investment. Because a motorcycle is your only mode of transportation, you will find this training extremely beneficial wherever you ride your motorcycle. It should also help you financially because most insurance companies give their customers who successfully complete this course a discount in their insurance rates. The bottom line is that, although you are a contractor on a Navy base, I am concerned about your safety and your protection. The motorcycle safety course is an important ingredient in assuring your well-being.

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.

Scientists discuss armor penetration

Recently scientists from the United States, Canada, England, and Australia met at NWC to discuss the problems of modeling long rod penetrators against armor. The meeting was held under the authority of the TTCP Data Exchange Agreement.

The abbreviation TTCP originally stood for the TriPartite Technical Cooperation Program between the U. S., Canada and England. When Australia joined, however, the acronym TTCP was retained but the letters



THAT'S FAR ENOUGH! — Charlie May (left), head, Systems Acquisition Office, grimaces as Capt. P. J. Valovich, Chief Staff Officer, pins on a lapel memento after May was honored with the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

Be safe when playing

For people who are young at heart, have children, or both, the following advice should be taken. Avoid playing near power lines. Stay clear of anything that says "high voltage," because the potential for dangerous and possibly fatal shock exists.

Check before climbing a tree to

make sure there are no power lines or wires hidden in the branches. If there are, pick another tree to climb. Playing near other power sources outdoors also is dangerous. Never touch electric wires or switches when they are wet, when you are standing in water or if you have wet hands.

Thompson, McLean awards luncheon set

On Friday, June 17, the L.T.E. Thompson and William B. McLean Awards will be presented during a luncheon honoring the recipients at the Commissioned Officers' Club, 11:30 a.m.

The L.T.E. Thompson Award, the Center's highest form of recognition, was established in 1956. This award recognizes outstanding individual achievements.

The William B. McLean Award, established in 1968, honors employees for their outstanding creativity in furtherance of the Center's mission through significant inventions.

Reservations for the awards luncheon can be made by calling NWC ext. 2018 or 2592 no later than Monday, June 13, 4 p.m. Menu selections are either chef salad or roast beef at \$6 each.

Leader:

Charlie May honored when he hangs it up

By Steve Boster
Rocketeer Editor

Leadership and technical expertise brought the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award to Charlie May as he retired after 28 years in the Navy laboratory community on May 1.

W.B. Porter, Naval Weapons Center Deputy Technical Director, in his letter nominating May for the award, said it came as a result of a long and fruitful contribution to the weapons acquisition process of the Navy.

A graduate of San Diego State University, he spent seven years at the Naval Weapons Center (NWC) before transferring to the Center's Corona Annex where he spent four years. His career at NWC has ranged from bench-level component design to first-line technical supervisor and from program management to department management.

Since 1982, he has headed the Center's Systems Acquisition Office and chaired the Design Review Committee (DRC).

His most recent contributions have focused in the area of technical management. May was a prime mover in the Center's highly successful Technical Management Certificate Program, and his initiative created the Systems Engineering Certificate Program just introduced at NWC. This new program, combined with an academic systems engineering curriculum, is designed to meet NWC's critical need for skilled systems engineers. The Center's program in this area is now being used as a model by other Navy laboratories.

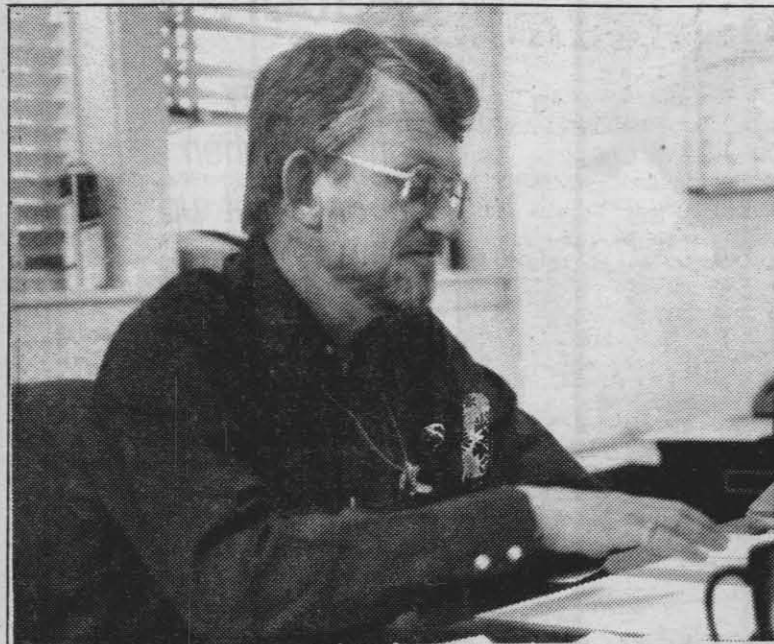
Gerry Schiefer, NWC Technical Director, serving as master of ceremonies for the awards presentation, said May had been highly productive technically and his leadership of the DRC had made the process more productive at NWC.

Commenting on the DRC process, Porter's nomination letter said May's "personal energy and broad technical management experience is what makes the program successful. He has strived for a more consistent, standardized review process across total product line to make the process more productive for both the reviewers and the program being reviewed."

The Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award is the highest honor Capt. John Burt, NWC Commander, can give. The Skipper's letter commending May read, in part, "Under your leadership... the Center's DRC has been revitalized to be more relevant to the current technical environment. This is especially true in the area of software weapons integration products."

May retired after 34 years of federal service but noted he plans to remain in the community and pledged his continued support of the Naval Weapons Center and its mission to support the fleet.

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Cleve Cooper contributes years of experience to Security Department

Cleve Cooper brought 28 years of security experience to the Naval Weapons Center (NWC) when he became head of the Safety and Security Department's Security Division earlier this year.

"We're here to help our customers keep their stuff up to par as far as security goes. We intend to be responsive to requests from our customers and to get the information they need back to them as quickly as possible," commented Cooper on the role of the division.

He noted the Security Division, with just 31 people, can't be everywhere. "We want to teach the codes to

follow correct procedures in the realm of security. Our emphasis is going to be on communication with the customers. We'll do the best we can to visit all the technical codes during the next year," added Cooper.

His division covers physical security, information security, security education and, the most visible of all, employee and visitor badging.

Of the branches, Cooper says he plans an emphasis on information security. The branch, he stressed, does not decide what information is or should be classified, but helps the customers handle the massive task of classification and control.

Considering the volume of work

and the volume of documents generated at NWC, the new division head says his people and those in the technical codes have a real task in keeping it all current.

Cooper spent 23 years in the U.S. Air Force in duties ranging from document and information security officer to special security officer. Following retirement he worked three years as assistant security manager for a subsidiary of Grumman Aircraft Corporation. This was followed by a two-year stint with the Naval Supply Systems Command. He moved to China Lake in October, 1987, and became acting division head in January of this year.

Counsel reviews federal rules on use of airline promotions

Based on a 1987 ruling by the U.S. Comptroller General, government employees, including those at the Naval Weapons Center, cannot make personal use of a promotional travel award earned as a result of official travel. The rule prohibiting government employees from converting airline promotional items earned on official travel to personal use applies when an accommodation upgrade is obtained in exchange for bonus mileage credits, as well as when free travel is obtained.

Five employees of the Agency for International Development (AID) joined various airline frequent flyer programs. The employees faithfully logged and saved their airline mileage credits earned on official travel. The employees accumulated enough mileage credits that they obtained trip tickets for themselves and/or their spouses and other family members. The trip tickets were for round trips to such exciting and exotic spots as Tokyo, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kenya and Manila.

Prior to using the tickets, two of the AID employees even consulted the AID General Counsel as to the propriety of converting the airline mileage credits to their personal use. They were advised that it would not be contrary to AID policy to accept free travel since AID would not be able to use the tickets. The advice of their counsel was based on a 1984 Comptroller General decision. That decision held that:

items such as free upgrades to first class, membership in executive clubs, and check cashing privileges, could only be used by the employee and could not be used by the Government. Therefore, we see no reason that these items could or should be turned over to the Government. We also hold that the employees may use such benefits because denying the employee such benefits would serve no purpose. 63 Comp. Gen. 229 at 232.

The troubles began. The AID's employees' use of the airline promotional awards was discussed in a Comptroller General's report in 1986. AID then determined that the five employees were liable for the use for personal travel of airline promotional mileage credits earned on official travel. The employees were instructed to pay the agency the total sum of \$18,720.

The AID's employees appealed their agency's determination of their liability to the Comptroller General. The employees argued that they were unaware of the prohibition against personal use of airline mileage credits earned on official travel. They stated that they had acted in good faith as they had even sought the advice of appropriate AID officials prior to using the credits. Besides, they asserted, they had used the credits prior to learning of the regulatory and decisional authorities prohibiting such use. In a surprising turn of events, AID supported the employees contending that the rules regarding the use of airline promotional material

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Housing says

Hot weather will soon be here and evaporative coolers will be going night and day. It is helpful if a window in each room is open one to two inches. This enables cool air to circulate through the house.

To help conserve utilities, the thermostat should be set no lower than 78 degrees Fahrenheit during the summer months. If a resident is to be gone for longer than 48 hours, thermostats should be set no lower than 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

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Alexander of the Research Department at NWC.

The task to develop the prediction techniques is planned to last two years. The final product will be an improved methodology that will encompass the most up-to-date information and knowledge generated within the English speaking countries involved in ballistic research.

Further information can be obtained from Alexander, Code 3894, NWC ext. 2206.

By Mark Alexander

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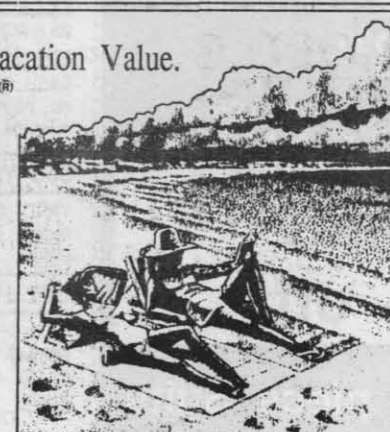
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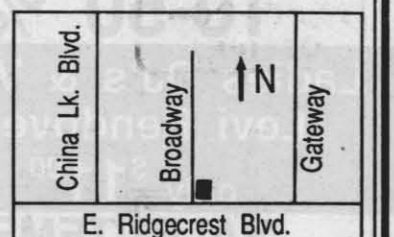
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STICK 'EM UP — L.L. & Company's Sheriff Slocum (Hank McGlothlin) has his gun out and ready to aim at the villains from "The Miner Incident," but they've all headed back to Randsburg for a benefit performance of the melodrama at the Maturango Museum on Friday, May 20.

Melodrama

On Friday, May 20, L.L. & Co is presenting a benefit performance of "The Miner Incident" for the Maturango Museum. You are invited for an evening of dinner theatre that will take you back to the early 1900's and the wild mining days in Randsburg.

Maturango Mat will be on hand for some skits, along with Madam Billie and Darlin' McQuaid. Panamint Pete will be auctioning off some special items, including an old barber chair and a beautiful photograph of Randsburg from Broesel Photographic.

So, ya'll come on over to the McGinnis Opera House in Randsburg! Be ready to throw popcorn at the evil Bodkin Pittstick and Priscilla DePiugh and enjoy a dinner prepared by the folks at The Catering Company.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person for this benefit. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the play starts at 8. Reservations are a must, as seating is limited. Call the museum at 375-6900 or L.L. & Co at 372-4342 or 375-1615 in the evenings.

The only tickets still available for "The Miner Incident" at the McGinnis Opera House are the regular performances on May 13 and 14 and the museum benefit on May 20.

Community Events

On Saturday, May 21, the Black Original Social Society (BOSS) will hold its Seventh Annual Scholarship Award and Installation Ball at the Carriage Inn. This black tie affair is open to the public. A social hour will begin the evening at 7:30 p.m. with dinner at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from Catherine Rogers, NWC ext. 2348; Willie Edwards, NWC ext. 2736; or Juanita Martin, NWC ext. 2393.

Paul E. Bouchard of Torrance will exhibit his handmade cast paper at the Sylvia Winslow Exhibit Gallery of the Maturango Museum beginning on Saturday, May 7, with a demonstration between 1 and 2 p.m. A reception to honor Bouchard will be held on May 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission for adult non-members is \$1 and 50 cents for children.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 283, will have its monthly membership meeting at 7 p.m. on May 10 at 1549 Lauritsen. The public is welcome.

"Know Your Dog" is the topic of the May 7 Saturday Adventure sponsored by the Maturango Museum at the Kern Regional Park from 3 to 4 p.m. Lurine Norwood will demonstrate basic and advanced obedience training for dogs. She will talk about dog psychology, safety tips and dog care.

Rolfe Chase, vice president of Soda Product Manufacturing for Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation, and James A. Smith, manager of community relations for the firm, will share their expertise on "Excellence through Corporate Image" on Tuesday at the Carriage Inn. The 7 p.m. lecture is part of Cerro Coso Community College's Business Leaders Lecture Series.

Lena Molner will be the guest speaker at the Chapter 2274 American Association of Retired People's May 8 meeting. Molner has been a resident of the valley since 1959 and was appointed to the Kern County Regional Council of Aging by the City of Ridgecrest in 1982 and is now chairman of that body. The meeting will be held at the Ridgecrest Senior Center, 125 S. Warner Street. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Visitors who just want to hear Molner and do not wish to come to the potluck or the business meeting should come about 2 p.m.

Tickets for rides during the 28th Annual Spring Festival, being held May 25-29, are now on sale at the Information, Ticket and Tour (ITT) Office. The price is \$5 for a strip of seven tickets which are good for any ride on the Midway at one ticket per person, per ride. There is a limited amount of tickets available and they will be sold until gone, or until 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 25. Please call the ITT Office at NWC ext. 2010 for additional information.

Coordinating with the Wellness Program during Physical Fitness Month, the Engineering Department Recreation Committee plans a "Healthy Bake Sale." Low salt, low sugar and high fiber foods will be sold May 13 starting at 8 a.m. in the Engineering Building lobby and Wing 8 of Michelson Lab.

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Fleet Reserve schedules installation of officers

China Lake Branch 95, Fleet Reserve Association, will hold its 43rd Annual Installation of Branch Officers on May 14 in Veterans' of Foreign Wars Ship 4084, 117 N. Alvord Street, Ridgecrest.

W.E. Baker, past regional president North Central, will be the installing officer. The officers being installed are Robert J. Schwaiger, president; John M. McInnis, vice president; Wally Baker, secretary;

treasurer; and Opel Anders, George Chissenal, Honor Fuls, Leonard T. Lesniak, and Verne C. Tracey as directors. A.C. (Skip) Bennett is the junior past president.

The installation ceremonies will be preceded by a 5:30 p.m. social hour and a top sirloin steak dinner at 6:30 for \$7.50.

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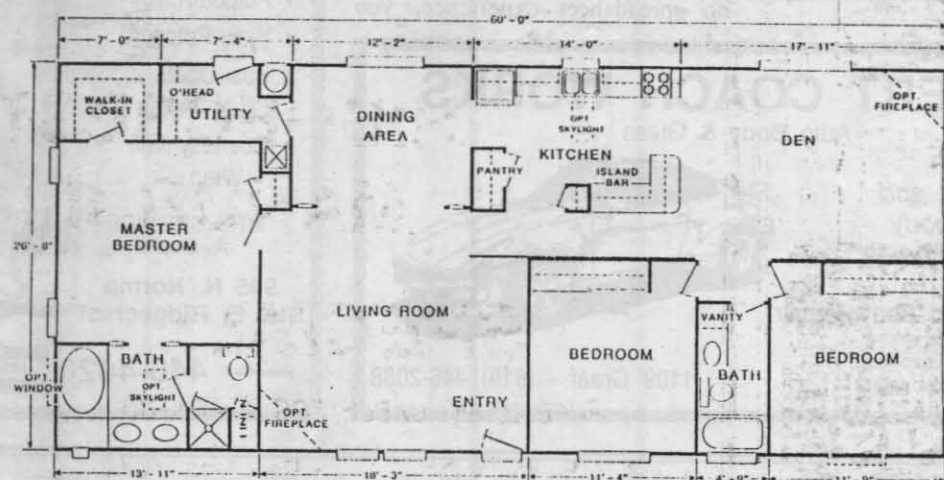
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Counsel outlines rules on use of airline travel promotion awards

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were unclear at the time the travel was performed.

On November 16, 1987, the Comptroller General issued its decision on the five AID employees in the case of *Farbman, et al; Personal use of Airline Promotional Material* (67 Comp. Gen. November 16, 1987). The five employees were held liable for the full value of the tickets, that is, they had to pay AID the full value of the tickets.

The Comptroller General did not question the good faith of the AID employees or the agency. However, the Comptroller General stated that lack of knowledge on the part of the employees did not excuse them from being liable for the price of the airline tickets obtained by mileage credits earned on official travel. The Comptroller General then pointed out the applicable rule with respect to promotional benefits.

The rule was stated in a July 15, 1981 Comptroller General decision,

Gifts or Prizes Acquired in the Course of Official Travel Assignments, B199656 (81 FPBR 1132) which stated that:

It is a fundamental rule of law that a Federal employee is obligated to account for any gift, gratuity or benefit received from private sources incident to the performance of official duty.

The Comptroller General went on and said that in the 1981 case it specifically held that employees may not retain any half-fare coupon or bonus point or similar item of value which is only awarded because of the purchase of an airline ticket used for official travel. The 1981 rule was applied in a 1984 Comptroller General decision to prohibit employees' personal use of airline mileage credits earned on official travel despite ever-changing airline promotional programs. In a companion 1984 Comptroller General decision, the rule was applied to deny an employee's personal use of a promo-

tional travel award even if the government was unable to use the award because the airline programs limited the award's transferability in some fashion. The most recent restatement of the 1981 rule was in the *Phillip E. Trickett* (B-224054, 87 FPBR 1024) decision rendered on March 17, 1987. In *Trickett*, the rule was succinctly stated as being: "Government coupons (that is, coupons earned on official travel) should be used for Government purposes only."

In the *Farbman* case dealing with the five AID employees, the Comptroller General pulled no punches. It stated in essence that neither the erroneous advice or the authorization of an official nor the lack of knowledge of a rule are adequate excuses for not complying with its 1981 rule. But, in *Farbman*, the Comptroller General went further and also laid the rule down with respect to accommodation upgrades. The Comptroller General acknowledged that there may be some

uncertainty with respect to what rule applies in using mileage credits earned on official travel for accommodation upgrades such as from economy class seating to first class seating. Thus, the Comptroller General emphasized that the rule prohibiting government employees from converting airline promotional items earned on official travel to personal use also applies where an accommodation upgrade is obtained in exchange for bonus mileage credits.

There are some conclusions that can be drawn from the *Farbman* decision. First, government employees can still join frequent flyer clubs. They can still use the bonus mileage earned by their non-official travel. Second, all promotional materials, bonus flights, reduced-fare coupons, cash, merchandise, gifts, credits toward future free or reduced cost of services or goods received by employees in conjunction with official travel and based on the purchase of a ticket or

other services (such as car rentals) belong to the Government and may not be retained by the employee. Simply put, all bonus mileage earned as a result of official travel becomes the property of the U.S. Government. Third, employees can still use first class accommodations provided such accommodations were not obtained by exchanging mileage credits earned on official travel for the accommodation.

One final point from the *Farbman* case should be mentioned. The Comptroller General did conclude its decision by stating that it will not require agencies to collect the value of unauthorized accommodation upgrades used prior to the date of its decision. Thus, NWC travelers should take notice. Do not use unauthorized accommodation upgrades anymore. Otherwise, if you do, you may become another *Farbman*.

By: The Office of Counsel

Fire danger high again throughout California

"California's fire danger today is so severe that every single inch of the state has the potential to go up in smoke," warned Jerry Partain, Director of California's Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), when he kicked-off Wildfire Prevention Week last June.

This severe admonition nearly became prophecy in 1987 as California experienced one of the worst fire seasons in its history. More than 12,000 wildfires burned out of control, consuming over 900,000 acres and destroying more than 114 homes.

In 1988, Partain expects the fire danger to be as severe — or more so. "The un-fire-safe practices of the growing numbers of people moving to and vacationing in the state's

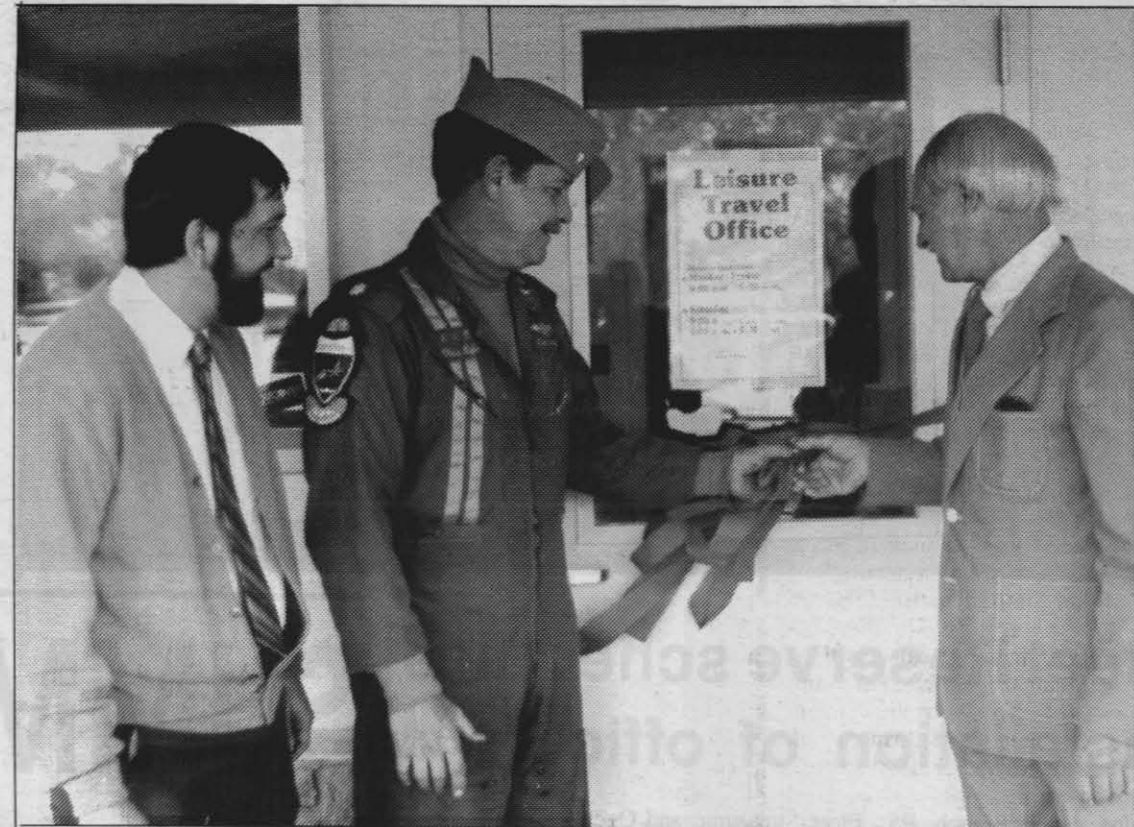
tinder-dry wildland areas are setting the stage for continued unprecedented losses of lives and property."

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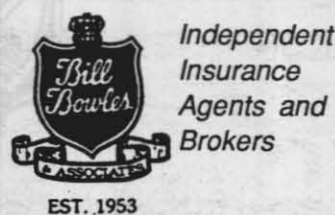
• Campfires should be built only in permitted areas. Clear a 10-foot area around the fire. Attend your fire at all times.

• Put out your fire before leaving the area. Pour water directly on the ashes and coals. Add dirt from the surrounding area and blend with water to extinguish any smoldering embers.

• Don't smoke in prohibited areas. When smoking is allowed, keep a three-foot clearing around you. Put out cigarettes in the dirt where you're sitting — not in a stump or log.



A CLEAN CUT — Cdr. Fred Lentz (center), representing the NWC command, and Myron King (right), SATO manager, cut the ribbon for the new Leisure Travel Office as Paul Baczkiwicz, Recreational Services, looks on. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady



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Software class to be held May 24-25

EFFECTIVE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT (16 hours)

May 24-25; Tuesday and Wednesday, 0800-1600; Training Center. By: Peter Coad, Telos Corp.

Intended Audience: Program managers, project managers,

senior engineers and supervisors.

Course Objectives: To gain first-hand exposure to modern software life cycles and methods; and learn how to systematically plan and structure software projects, how to better measure and control software projects and how to effectively use CASE and pro-

ject management tools.

Scope: Please indicate which of the below-listed topics you would be most interested in and return this survey with NAVWPNCEN Form 12410/73 to Code 094 by Tuesday, May 10. Rate each topic from 1 (low priority) to 5 (high priority).

- Analysis Methods Update
- Structured Analysis
 - Basic Tools and Notations
 - Real-Time Notations
 - Event-Response Strategy
 - Information Modeling for Analysis
- Human Information Analysis
- Supplementary Analysis
- Methods
 - Object-Oriented Analysis
 - Output Analysis
 - Interface Analysis
- CASE Tools for Analysis (demo software included)
- Design Methods Update
 - Real-Time Task Design
 - Structured Design
 - Information Modeling for Design
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 - Planning
 - Planning Performance
 - Planning Schedule
 - Planning Cost
 - Software Development
 - Plans
 - Controlling
 - Leadership Principles
 - Controlling Performance
 - Controlling Schedule
 - Controlling Cost

NOTE: To enroll in these classes, submit Training Request &

Authorization Form (NAVWPNCEN 12410/73) via department

channels to Code 094. Deadline: May 10.

Soldering courses to be held in May

Two 40-hour high-reliability soldering courses will be held May 23-27 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at 543 Graaf Street.

This course is for government personnel needing certification to WS-6536 as inspectors or operators.

The requirements for the course are (1) previous soldering experience and (2) a current eye examination.

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ADVANCED SYMPHONY (20 hours)

June 20-24, 0800-1130, Training Center. By Richard Fryer, Code 31903.

Intended Audience: Experienced spreadsheet users and graduates of Symphony or other spreadsheet class.

Objective: Review advanced spreadsheet concepts. Develop skills with Symphony advanced functions, including macros, file combining and debugging. Class members will, through hands-on examples, review the application of spreadsheets to technical problems encountered by engineers and technical managers. Graphics and advanced functions will be reviewed, along with approaches to validate worksheets.

Factors in choosing a spreadsheet will be covered, along with support computer impacts. There will be a discussion of the best problems for advanced spreadsheet solutions.

Scope: Technical application of integrated spreadsheets using Symphony.

Presentation Methods: Hands-on workshop.

Deadline: June 3.

INTRO TO SYMPHONY (16 hours)

June 14-17, 0800-1130, Training Center. By Richard Fryer, Code 31903.

Prerequisite: Prior training or experience with any spreadsheet.

Intended Audience: Spreadsheet users with some experience or training on any spreadsheet. If you have no spreadsheet experience, you

should have experience in programming.

Objective: Provide a working knowledge of Symphony spreadsheet and data base functions. Class members will, through hands-on examples, review the spreadsheet approach to problem solving. Use of text and formulas will be covered. Linking of formulas and the data calculated will be reviewed to build up logical spreadsheet programs. Graphics and built-in functions will be reviewed. Very limited coverage will be provided on text and spreadsheet integration in Symphony.

Some material relating to the selection of spreadsheet tools for specific jobs will be included. There will be discussion of the best problems for spreadsheet solution.

Scope: Introduction to spreadsheets using Symphony.

Presentation Methods: Hands-on workshop.

Deadline: May 27.

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Reassignments

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management at contractors, NWC and other Navy activities; ability to apply engineering and product assurance disciplines; ability to develop program plans/budgets; familiar with NWC/DOD acquisition requirement, familiar with NWC/DOD program development guidelines; familiar with work breakdown structure and performance

measurement baseline systems; ability to manage through people. 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.

64-003, Interdisciplinary (Mathematician / Physicist / Computer Scientist), DP-1520/1310/1550-2/3, Code

64112 - This position is located in the Data Analysis Section of the Systems Development Branch. The section is responsible for the conduct of a variety of computer related tasks including simulation and mathematical modeling, reduction and analysis of test data, data base management, and computer systems management. The incumbent will perform duties in support of section

activities including software development, data reduction and analysis, and computer system management. Desirable qualifications include: a thorough working knowledge of the FORTRAN programming language; familiarity with the UNIX operating system and UNIX shell programming; UNIX system management experience; knowledge of numerical analysis and digital signal processing techniques. To apply send updated SF-171 to T. J. Bozack, Code 64112, NWC ext. 2377.

No. 12-004, Operations Research Analyst, DP-1515-2/3, Code 128 - This position is located in the Plans and Evaluation Department, Coordinated Warfare Group. The incumbent will be involved in the gathering and identification of future Navy operational needs/requirements and interpreting them in terms which can provide guidance to the Center's Tech Base efforts. To do this the incumbent will be required to work closely with the Tech Base Community, the Operational Navy

and Navy Planners at the Center and at Headquarters. The results of these efforts are reported both in writing and oral presentations. Previous applicants need not reapply. Promotion potential: DP-3. To apply, send current SF-171 to Larry Lincicum, Code 128, extension 3311/3312.

No. 12-009, Computer Scientist, DP-1550-1/2/3, Code 1232 - This position is located in the Simulations Branch of the Weapons Planning Group. The incumbent is responsible for providing general computer support for the Weapons Planning Group. The responsibilities of this position include system administration and maintenance on various kinds of computer hardware, and the maintenance and modification of several scientifically oriented software programs. Strong background in math/physics. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Secret clearance. Promotion potential to DP-3. To apply, send current SF-171 to Linda Andrews, Code 123, extension 2353.

Cerro Coso College plans early registration for fall

Students who wish to enroll for classes at Cerro Coso Community College during the fall 1988 semester should contact the registration appointment desk between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, May 19-26, to schedule an early registration appointment.

Continuing students can register on May 24 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on May 25 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. by appointment only. Walk-in registration for continuing students will be held on May 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment only.

New students planning to attend Cerro Coso in the fall may register early by attending an orientation session on May 25 and 26 at 4:45 p.m. Students will be able to register immediately following the program. An appointment is necessary to attend one of the orientation sessions.

Enrollment fees are \$5 per unit for one to nine units of credit. Students enrolling in ten or more units pay \$50. For more information, contact the college at 375-5001.

The Center will pay full tuition for employees enrolled in courses provided under the Naval Weapons Center (NWC)/Cerro Coso Contract. If courses are job-related or will strengthen contributions to the Center's mission, tuition will be paid directly to the college by Code 094.

Employees interested in attending Cerro Coso classes and having the

Center pay the tuition should submit a DD Form 1556 (Request, Authorization, Agreement and Certification of Training and Reimbursement) via department channels to Code 094.

If a course is not directly job-related, along with the DD Form 1556 submit NAVWPNCEN 12410/66 (Academic Enrollment Justification) and NAVWPNCEN 12410.68 (Individual Development Plan) describing how the course fits into the overall career plan and how attendance in the course will strengthen contributions to the Center's mission.

Anyone not yet a California resident should include a statement from the appropriate supervisor indicating the negative impact to NWC of postponing the training until residency is established.

A DD Form 1556 is not required for co-op students. Co-op students should inform the registrar they are NWC co-op students when they register.

Requests for tuition support (DD 1556) must be received by CLOSE OF BUSINESS May 17 so that they may be processed and returned in time for registration. Those received after that date will be returned and employees will either have to pay the tuition themselves or wait until fall semester to register and resubmit the request for tuition support. Employees who pay tuition will not be reimbursed.

Use revised training form

Naval Weapons Center (NAVWPNCEN) Form 12410/73 (Rev 12-87), "Request for On-Center Training," replaces all other On-Center training request forms.

All previous editions are obsolete and should be destroyed and replaced with the new revision. The new revisions are available from TELMART.

Vets:

VA targets youngest veterans for benefits through education

This month, the Veterans Administration has made it a top priority to reach out to America's youngest veterans — post-Vietnam Era veterans with military service beginning after May 7, 1975 — and make them aware of VA education, home loans, life insurance, medical care, and other benefits and services.

"The idea is for VA facilities around the nation to contact nearby military installations and ask commanders to select a soon-to-be discharged enlisted man or woman representative of the post-Vietnam generation of veterans," said Chris Scheer, director of VA's field operations service. "These service members, the installation commander and a military personnel representative are invited to spend a day at the VA facility learning about what services are available to active duty personnel and post-Vietnam era veterans in general."

"We started the program in March, focusing on our larger facilities — hospitals and regional benefits offices," said Scheer. "If the program is successful, we plan to expand it to all of our facilities around the country."

Scheer said VA has a different message for the younger generation of veterans because they have different needs than World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans. And some of today's veterans may not know about all the benefits they are entitled to through VA.

"We need to communicate more with our 'peacetime' veterans," he said. "Many of the benefits of interest to them are available to those on active duty, and they can use them before leaving the services. For example, today's active duty military members are using the home loan guarantee program at a higher rate than post-Vietnam-era veterans."

The new GI Bill is aimed at providing an educational benefit and incentive for active duty personnel. For the first time in history, there is a special provision in the GI Bill for reservists and National Guardsmen, Scheer said.

"The other traditional benefit of interest to a recently discharged veteran would be the group life insurance program," said Scheer. "You're covered almost automatically. There is an option at discharge time to convert a military policy to a five-year group insurance plan at a very low cost. The time to think about that is while people are on active duty."

"Another major benefit for younger veterans is medical care through the VA hospital system," he said. "VA medical care is for any veteran, but priority is always given to those with service-connected disabilities."

About six percent of VA hospital patients were post-Vietnam-era veterans, according to a 1986 VA survey. By Sgt. Maj. Rudi Williams, USA American Forces Information Service

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TOP SAILOR — Petty Officer Theron Day (right) receives congratulations from Capt. G. T. Lloyd, Commander, Naval Air Reserve, Point Magu, for being selected Sailor of the Quarter for the 19 Naval Reserve units of the Naval Air Reserve Command at Point Magu. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

Petty Officer Day feted by reservists

Aviation Structural Mechanic First Class Theron Day, a member of Naval Weapons Center (NWC) Support Unit 0176, was recently selected as Sailor of the Quarter for the 19 Naval Reserve units of the Naval Air Reserve Command at Point Magu.

Petty Officer Day, a non-destructive inspection (NDI) specialist, serves as an NDI instructor, providing training for members of the reserve unit and NWC personnel. His training in this field included a 92-day advanced NDI school at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. Because of his expertise in the field, and the instruction he has provided, Day has been credited with substantially enhancing the overall productivity of his unit and project aircraft at NWC.

Capt. James Fagnant, NWC 0176 Commanding Officer, called Day "one of my most valuable and responsible petty officers. His degree of technical expertise is unparalleled in the NDI environment."

"He has made a substantial impact on the readiness of this command," Capt. Fagnant continued. "He willingly volunteers to devote extra time as a member of our special projects team, and I consider him one of my most valuable assets."

When not on active duty or drilling with NWC Support Unit 0176, Petty Officer Day is a member of the aircraft crash recovery team at Edwards Air Force Base.

Day is married to the former Debra Hardiman and has four children.

By JOC Carolyn Dettling

Kids can attend day camp

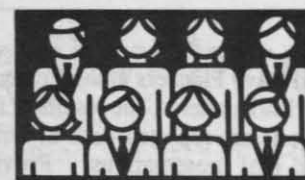
Children "moving on up" from grades one through six are eligible to attend the "Movin' on Up" Day Camp at the Youth Center this summer. Day camp will run from 6:45 a.m. until 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, June 13 until August 26.

The summer camp is broken into two-week sessions. The fees for each two-week session are \$76 each for active duty military dependents and \$84 each for DOD civilian dependents. Registration begins on Monday.



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HOW TO APPLY: Submit the following: a current application, SF-171 or other Personnel Department pre-approved form; and a copy of your most recent annual performance assessment narrative (note: a copy of your performance plan should be attached if the annual performance narrative description does not clearly state the tasks/duties performed). A supplemental narrative which relates your qualifications to each knowledge, skill or ability (KSA's) as cited in the advertisement is always desirable and may be required if stated in the vacancy announcement. Write the title, series, level (grade), and announcement number on all application materials. Not submitting the annual performance narrative may adversely affect your evaluation scores. Prior to submitting your application, complete Cover Sheet Form 12334/2, available at the reception desk. Make sure your address, phone number, etc. are current, correct and that all forms are complete and accurate. If information is missing, your qualifications may not be fully and completely rated. Additional information cannot be submitted after the closing date of the announcement. A current date and an original signature in ink on the last page completes the application. Civilian Spousal Program Eligibles must submit a copy of their sponsor's PCS orders with each application.

Application materials are accepted, and blank forms are available, at the Reception Desk, Room 100, Personnel Department, 505 Blandy. Announcements close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, one week after the opening date of the announcement, unless otherwise specified. Applications received after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date will not be considered. Applications are retained in an announcement file and cannot be returned or filed in personnel folders. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer; selections are made without discrimination for any non-merit reason.

No. 31-019, Computer Specialist/Computer Systems Analyst/Computer Programmer Analyst, DS-334-2/3, Code 3108 - This position is located in the Weapons Systems Software Office. The incumbent will support the AV-8B Weapon System Support Activity. Duties of the incumbent will include witnessing software/systems testing, reviewing documentation, planning and conducting audits, participating in technical reviews and walk-throughs, verifying compliance with standards and policies, and certifying software media for release. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of modern software engineering practices; knowledge of DOD-STD-2167 or DOD-STD-1679A; ability to perform software design thru test; ability to perform documentation review. Promotion potential DS-3.

No. 31-023, Electronics Technician, DP-856-3, Code 31D - This position is located in the Advanced Systems Project Office, Aircraft Weapons Integration Department. The incumbent will be the individual responsible for facility design, modification and/or new construction for special test platforms (aircraft and classified equipment used thereon). The incumbent will develop facility requirements, interface with Public Works, A&E and construction contractors in the design and construction of necessary facilities, and plan and implement facility outfitting. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of NAVWPNCEN operational and physical security requirements; knowledge of aircraft systems and avionics; knowledge of Navy building codes, electrical power, heating and air conditioning; ability to interface with department management and with other NAVWPNCEN departments. Promotion potential DP-3.

No. 31-020, Interdisciplinary (Computer Scientist/Physicist/Mathematician/Electronics Engineer), DP-1550/1310/1520/855 - 1/2, Code 3108 - This position is located in the Weapons Systems Software Office. The incumbent will support the AV-8B Weapon System Support Activity. The incumbent's duties will include the review and analysis of plans, procedures, and software design documentation, witnessing and analyzing testing, trend analysis on test results/trouble reports, establishing software quality methods and

No. 64-002, Supervisory Interdisciplinary (General Aerospace/Electronics/Mechanical Engineer/Physicist);

DP - 801/861/855/830/1310 - 4, Code 6401 - This position is Associate Department Head, Aerosystems Department. The incumbent will assist in the management of the Aerosystems Department's mission which includes the operation and development of the Electronic Warfare Threat Environment Simulation (EWTES) facility; RDT&E and follow-on engineering of parachutes and airborne and ground based telemetry systems; and provide support as the Navy Parachute Test Range (NPT). **Job Relevant Criteria:** Clearly demonstrated leadership ability; management experience in planning and allocation of personnel, financial and material resources; knowledge of electronic warfare, parachute, and telemetry state-of-the-art technology; experience in technical management of test and evaluation operations; demonstrated ability to deal effectively with NWC management, systems commands, other DoD agencies and contractors; ability to understand and further NWC management goals for daily and long-range operations; interest in and support of EEO programs, goals and objectives. A one-year supervisory probationary period may be required. Promotion potential to DP-4. Previous applicants need not reapply.

Reassignment opportunities

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

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TOP TEAM — As the season ends, the Court Rats were undefeated in League B of the Naval Weapons Center's Intramural Volleyball sponsored by the Sports Division of the Recreational Services Department. The Court Rats ended with a 12-0 count. Court Rats' team members are (left to right) Vince Christenson, Jan Gillespie, Lynnett Ryser, Jennelle Dyck and Lee Melivs. Jim Dyck, Tracy Fowler and Rex Ribultan are not shown. Photo by PHAN Gary Brady

Runners battled cold and wind

Wind and low temperatures helped to cause one of the lowest turnouts in the 14th annual Over-the Hill Track Club (OTHTC) Inyokern 10-mile Run held last Saturday, April 30. According to Scotty Broyles, race director, only 117 contestants participated this year, a new low after the high of 189 contestants three years ago.

One hundred finishers battled a northern wind, blowing dust and cold, with three winners beating the one-hour mark.

The best time was turned in by Thomas Howe, who ran the course in 57:35, while Ron Ryan came in with a 58:40 and Mike Griesemer with a 59:18.

Other top finishers were Tom

Browne with a 61:07 and Cory Sundeen with a 61:50.

Tops among the women finishers were Kathy Rindt with a time of 68:18, Mary Moore with 68:40 and Jerry Mumford with 75:18.

OTHTC members offer a special thanks to the workers at the water stops and at the refreshment table and the timers. High Desert Home Center provided the numbers for the runners and Albertson's provided fresh fruit.

Top runners by age group for women were as follows:

14 and under: Denise Cass.
19-29: Brenda Macomber and Carol Koontz.
30-34: Barbara Banaszynski.
35-39: Dorie Cornell, Linda Sorenson and Nancy McCrary.

40-49: Jo Kajiware, June Wasserman and Valerie Keller.

50-59: Beverly Wood and Gerry Wisdom.

Men's top runners by age group were as follows:

14 and under: Joshua Wagner and Brian Cass.

15-18: Graham Clark.

19-29: Elmer Nash, Scott Piri and Steve Bridges.

30-34: Dave Hamel, Robert Burke and Noble Smith.

35-39: Gil Cornell, Phil Martin and Richard Olson.

40-49: Tom Rindt, James Furnish and Eric Kajiware.

50-59: Scotty Broyles, Mel Miles and Dave Rugg.

60 and over: Bill Norris, Dick Wisdom and Frank Morales.

Novice runner gives first-hand account

(Editor's note: The following is a first person account of an inexperienced runner in a 10-mile race.)

Bang! The annual 10-Mile Inyokern Road Race is on! It's freezing cold and the wind is relentless. Most of the other runners have on full sweat suits; I'm wearing running shorts and my upper thighs are covered with giant goose bumps.

My strategy to get through this race is to keep up with Dorie Cornell, wife of ultra-marathon runner Gil Cornell. She's been in a couple of marathons, and unlike me, she actually gets out there and trains. (I'm a lazy jogger, jogging once or twice a week, two miles per jog at a 10-minute mile pace.)

We start running at what seems to be an incredibly fast pace. I pray I can keep up with Dorie for at least three miles. We've gone about three-fourths of a mile, and I'm hitting the wall! Gasping for breath, my legs aching, we finally get to the one-mile mark and I silently congratulate myself.

We reach a water stop, Dorie speeds right by but my throat is so dry from gasping that I stop for water. When I start running again, my legs are rubber, they have no control. I catch up with Dorie, and I try to copy the way she runs. She reminds me of a cat, gliding along effortlessly, no energy wasted. I feel like a little kid running in basketball shoes that are too big — plod, plod, plod. Uh-oh, the pain has gone from my ankles to my hips (my knees are so frozen the pain just zipped by them).

What's this? The five-mile mark! Hurray! I've kept up with Dorie for five whole miles! I can back off now — I've met and passed my initial goal! Yahoo!

I instead of backing off, I still keep up with her. I decide to try and stay with Dorie until the end.

The run starts to become more pleasant, except for the wind, of course. We round a corner and the wind blasts us, taking our breath away. I silently swear.

We stop at another water stop. This

time even Dorie takes a cup of water at a fast walk. I follow her lead and off she goes again. My legs refuse to get up and go again. They simply won't! I decide to "power walk" for a while. (Big mistake!) Dorie's getting ahead. I force my legs to get going again, and it takes an incredible effort not to let her get further ahead. I think I see the eight-mile marker on the road! False alarm, it's only a piece of trash. I plummet into depression.

Suddenly, Dorie's husband, Gil, appears. He's long since finished the race and has come back to encourage us on to the finish. It's so good to have someone there shouting encouragement, giving me running tips, and telling me to hang in there. I finally catch up to Dorie, and we are at the nine-mile mark!

I feel like a racehorse with the finish line in sight. By now, my legs are wobbly and my muscles are flab bouncing around on my bones.

We round the corner to the sight of what seems like a million spectators! To my disillusioned ears, they're all clapping and screaming for us. Suddenly, I'm floating! I know my feet are hitting the ground, but I can't hear or feel them! I'm zipping along easily. This race was a piece of cake! Dorie and I stretch out — the finish line is less than 50 yards away. I feel like I can keep running for another 10 miles!

Dorie and I cross the finish line together, holding hands. I give her a big hug, and I kiss Gil on the cheek. We're all winners today, regardless of our running times, and I'm proud, somehow, I kept up with Dorie!

CHAMPUS introduces cheaper alternative

Military families and other CHAMPUS beneficiaries in California and Hawaii will soon be able to participate in CHAMPUS Prime, a cheaper alternative to standard CHAMPUS care. That's because DOD has awarded a

contract to implement the CHAMPUS Reform Initiative Demonstration Project in these two states. CHAMPUS stands for Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services.

California and Hawaii represent almost 20 percent of the CHAMPUS beneficiary population in the United States. DOD will operate the test for at least one year before making any decision on expanding the program to

other states.

The contract became effective on Feb. 1. Beneficiary services will be phased in over a six-month period, beginning Aug. 1.

CHAMPUS provides care on a

cost-share basis for active duty dependents, retirees and survivors of deceased members of the armed forces when care in military medical facilities is unavailable.

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CHAMPUS Prime is a voluntary enrollment program. Enrollees will receive enhanced preventive-care benefits, such as physical exams, which are not covered under the existing CHAMPUS program. Beneficiaries will pay only a nominal \$5-per-visit fee for most doctors' office visits. For a family whose sponsor is grade E-4 or below, most visits are free.

Hospital benefits under Prime will also be better. Under the standard version, retirees and their dependents pay 25 percent of the allowable bill. Prime will cap the costs retirees and their dependents must pay at \$75 per day, up to \$750 per admission.

In addition to Prime, the CHAMPUS reform project offers beneficiaries another alternative system — CHAMPUS Extra. Beneficiaries who choose not to enroll in Prime can participate in Extra on a case-by-case basis without enrolling.

For example, an active duty depen-

dent can go to a CHAMPUS Extra preferred provider to have a specific illness treated and pay a cost-share of only 15 percent for the office visit instead of the standard CHAMPUS cost-share of 20 percent. Retirees would pay 20 percent, instead of 25 percent. In addition, Extra patients would not have to file claims.

CHAMPUS beneficiaries who choose to continue with the standard program can do so. Benefits and cost-share rules will remain the same as before the demonstration, subject to routine changes.

A "health-care finder" is another important part of the demonstration project. The finder will help patients determine where to go for treatment for a specific problem — a military facility or a civilian source.

Designing the new health-care plan was difficult since DOD insisted the bulk of health care be provided by military facilities, beneficiaries continue to have freedom to choose where to get care, and there be no mandatory enrollment. The award, made to a consortium of prominent health-care companies and not-for-profit hospitals, will provide for complete case management of CHAMPUS beneficiaries' health care under a fixed-price contract.

In addition to providing care at lower cost, the CHAMPUS reform initiative will increase DOD's ability to monitor the quality of care provided beneficiaries. For both CHAMPUS Prime and CHAMPUS Extra, sophisticated quality-assurance programs will ensure the highest quality care. For all three options — Prime, Extra and standard CHAMPUS — the reform initiative provides for a review process to monitor the use of health-care services for appropriateness.



FAIR WINDS AND A FOLLOWING SEA — CWO Clifford Cook, head, Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department, retires after 26 years of military service. Cook and his wife, Esther, participate in his retirement ceremony. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

Spring Festival schedule

On May 25-29, the gates to the Desert Empire Fairgrounds will be open for A Salute to the City of Ridgecrest, 25th Anniversary. The 28th Spring Festival will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 3199, Ridgecrest. The gates

will be open daily at 5:30 p.m. and at noon on Saturday and Sunday.

General admission will be \$2 per person, \$1 per person for senior citizens and active duty military (blue ID). Children under 12 are free. May 25 is Red Garter Day. Purch-

ase a ticket and ride free on the Midway all day for \$7.

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Soccer results...

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Earthquakes scoreless.

Stings 4, Drillers 1

Despite high winds, team effort and goals by Joe Mechtenburg (2), Elliot Borden, and Kenny Curr ended in victory. Strong aggressive action from Joe Wilhorn, Giney Glascoe and Tristan Smith, and a goal by Paul Underwood weren't enough for the Drillers.

Strikers 4, Lancers 3

In a close game, Miles Ross was successful with two shots and one penalty kick. Travid Caddell knocked in one more goal and Scott Tosti, Will Squire and Becky Rogers provided excellent defense for the Strikers. Despite goals by David Renner, Mike Ogren and Jeff Coruso, and good defense by Tim Howell and Mike Frederick, the Lancers ended up on the bottom.

Division 4

Fury 2, Whitecaps 0

Using his head, Clay Wilson

bounced one in and Phil Johnson kicked one in for the win. Cash Benton, Phil Johnson, Tim Seufert and Mike Graves provided excellent support for the Fury. Team effort by the Whitecaps wasn't enough in the loss.

Whitecaps 1, Rogues 0

Great moves by John Keller and Chad Shedlock and a goal by Scott Wilson allowed the Whitecaps to come out on top. David Harrington, Larry Flores and Steve Sticht let one slip by in the first half but kept the Whitecaps from scoring in the second half.

Fury 4, Rogues 2

Outstanding team effort, defense by Fletcher Nelson, Clark Wilson and Mike Grave, and offense by Marcus Lopez kept the Rogues to two. Phil Johnson, Matt Thatcher, Clay Wilson and Steven Lundwall scored in the win. The Rogues didn't turn in a score sheet.

Hall Memorial Lanes to raise fees May 16

Bowling fees at Hall Memorial Lanes on board the Naval Weapons Center will increase on May 16. Morale, welfare and recreation programs have always received appropriated funds in support of the services provided to the military family. This support has been drastically reduced in some areas and eliminated in others due to recent congressional decisions.

Because of their ability to generate revenues, bowling centers and other similar activities have

been identified as programs that are required to become self sufficient. The raise in rates at the bowling center is expected to defray the loss of the appropriated fund support. Hall Memorial Lanes will continue to provide bowling patrons with the highest level of bowling services and conditions possible.

Please contact Hall Memorial Lanes at NWC ext. 3471 for additional information.

The new rates and fees are as follows:

•Bowling rates (open and league)	
Military (Active duty, retirees, dependents and guests)	\$1.00
DOD civilians (immediate family dependents)	1.50
Junior league bowlers	1.00
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•Shoe rental	
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•Locker rental (monthly)	
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Drought will harm fishing

Summer will come early to the high Sierra this year. With an early summer and a dry year will come a quick end to the prime fishing season in many high country lakes and streams.

California Department of Fish and Game representatives, in Bishop for opening day last Saturday, said this is a drought year and many lakes are already lower than normal. The lower water levels and less-than-normal runoff are expected to reduce the number of available fish before mid-summer. Phil Piester, DFG fisheries biologist, said anglers should plan to take advantage of the early spring thaw and make their big fishing push earlier than in a wet year.

The impact of the drought was already evident on opening day with Crowley Lake, Grant Lake, South Lake and Lake Sabrina all having low

water levels and lower-than-normal turnouts of anglers.

Despite all the problems and despite cold and very windy weather, an estimated 30,000 anglers found their way to the eastern Sierra region for opening weekend.

At Crowley, both the number of fish caught and the average size of fish was down from last year. While many anglers landed limits of planted rainbows, only a few lunkers were caught. The average trout was just less than a pound, compared to an average of about a pound-and-a-half just a few years ago. Veteran Crowley-watchers attributed the decline to the low lake level and a declining food supply.

Some also said the Sacramento Perch in the lake were adversely impacting the trout growth.

For those in search of the really big

fish, Gull Lake on the June Lake Loop and Twin Lakes out of Bridgeport were once again popular spots. Numerous nine-pounders were taken from Twin Lakes, which became the hottest lake of opening day, replacing Gull Lake as the top spot for big ones.

Until a fast-moving storm front passed through, a few anglers could be found ice fishing at Tioga and Ellery Lakes, just outside Yosemite National Park. There were only a couple of brave people seen Saturday morning trying their luck on the Tuolumne River inside the park.

Tioga Pass opened Friday; but by mid-afternoon on Saturday, the storm forced closure of the pass because of snow, ice and wind. The pass reopened on Monday and is expected to be open for the season.

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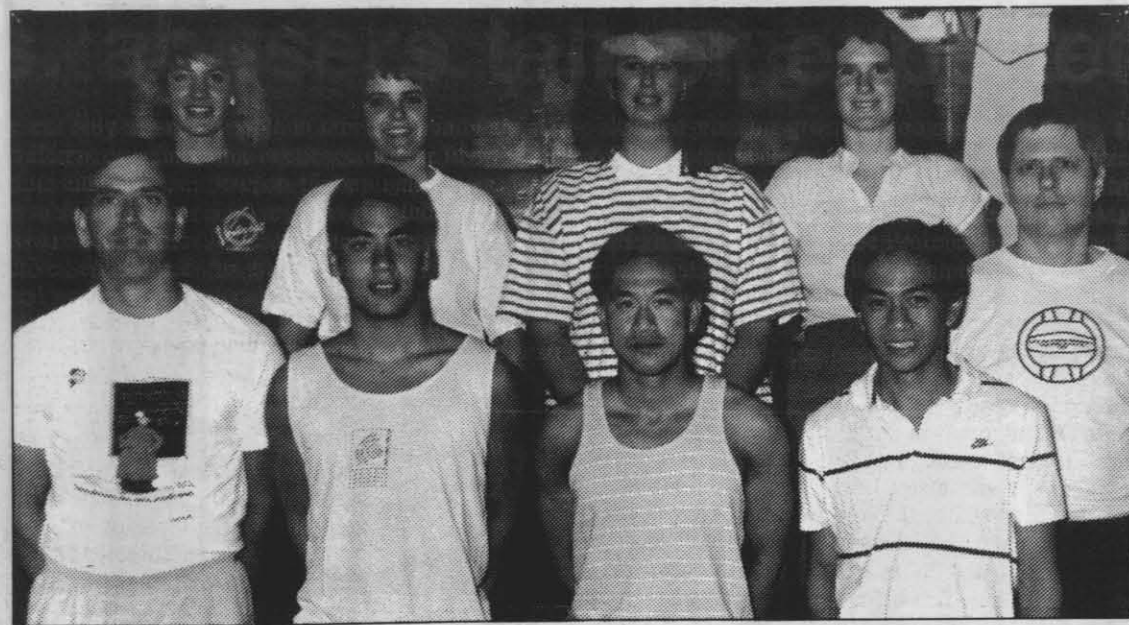
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HAPPY WINNERS — DaDinkalots were undisputed champions in League A of Intramural Volleyball sponsored by the Naval Weapons Center's Sports Division of the Recreational Services Department with 11 wins and only one loss. Volleyball play ended last week. Individual winners on the bottom row are (from left to right) Steve Pool, Willie Sakaguchi, Thomas Pham, Huu Tran and Carl Norlund. Top row winners are (from left to right) Kathy Dean, Julie Morse, Kathy Andrew and Narcisse Norlund. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

Youth soccer camp to be held in June

Youth Activities is offering a soccer camp for youth in grades four through seven. This camp will help soccer enthusiasts develop the knowledge and skill necessary to excel in the sport. Guest speaker, Werner Heuber, and instructors will cover topics such as nutrition and condi-

tioning as well as run students through soccer drills.

Camp is scheduled for Monday through Friday, June 27 to July 1, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Knox Soccer fields. The fees are \$25 for active duty military dependents, \$27 for DOD civilian dependents, \$29 for

others and a 10% discount for Youth Club members.

Registration is now being taken at the Youth Center. There is limited space available so early registration is recommended.

Please call Youth Activities, NWC ext. 2909, for additional information.

Portions of NWC gym to close

Asbestos removal at the gymnasium during the next month will cause

portions of the facility to close. The locker rooms will be closed from May

15 to May 21 and the indoor pool from May 22 to June 4.

Asbestos removal is scheduled for the gymnasium itself from June 5 to June 18 and portions of the gymnasium will be closed during this time frame. Please call the Sports Branch at NWC ext. 2334 if you have questions about the schedule.

Soccer results

Seventh week of play for the Recreational Services Department's Youth Soccer league ended with players fighting cold temperatures and stiff breezes as well as opposing teams.

Division 1 Owls 2, Cobras 0

Fighting the wind, Jeremy Wiegert and Irene Stevens each managed to kick in a shot for the win. Robert Hoffman, Darren Hodge, Jennifer McMullen, Crystal Covey and Peter Degges efficiently turned the ball at key points, but couldn't score.

Eagles 2, Express 0

Two goals by Brett Thomsen and teamwork led to victory. Despite hard playing by Chris Peters, Josh Carson and Jeff Walden, the Express couldn't stop the Eagles.

Apollos 2, Coyotes 0

Fine plays by Kevin Tosti and Scott Sievert, along with goals by Ben Labee and Sam Elson, caused the Apollos to be victorious. Good saves by goalie Jordan Hansen and good offensive moves by Jose Tovar weren't enough in the loss.

Division 2 Jets 3, Whitecaps 1

Doug Speegle knocked in two goals and Jason Ford booted in one for the Jets. Mark Kuz was credited with an assist and Ian MacIntosh and David Jensen played good defense in the win. Robert Andre moved well for the Whitecaps and Daniel Hartly scored the lone goal.

Diplomats 4, Rockets 1

In a fast game, Nathan Turner kicked

in two goals and Jaime Landeros and Daniel Caffery one each in the win. The Rockets' goal was bounced in by Salvador Ramirez. Olga Bucco gave it her all in the loss.

Sounders 5, Roughnecks 0

Goals by James Heumann, Jesse Owen, Dan Dowling and Cheryl Wiegert, and an assist by Randy Martin earned a victory. Lots of hustling by Kyle Gentry, Scott Lloyd, Billie Nelson and Sylvia Crammon couldn't stop the Sounders.

Cougars 3, Bullets 2

With all three goals by Robby Tomlinson and good plays by Vince LeBlanc and Robert Lawson, the Cougars emerged victorious. Heath Chambers, Reed Zamlen and Bill Yeager kept the Cougars on their toes. Mitchell Tims and Jamie Rugg scored for the Bullets.

Kicks 8, Tornados 0

Despite a team effort, Chris Potten, Mitch Fortune and Teah Harriot kept getting past the Tornados. Neil Covington and Sean Glasco each slammed in three goals, and Potten and Chris Kajiwara knocked in a goal apiece in the win.

Division 3

Earthquakes 0, Sockers 0

Good hustling by both teams made this an exciting game. Shawn McKune, Branden Rivera and Chris Bjornstad tried but couldn't shake the Sockers. Damon Kelling, Jason Maxwell, Jason Duff and Doug Wilson were instrumental in keeping the

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A CLEAN SWEEP — Naval Weapon Center's Recreational Services Department should be able to keep their tennis courts super clean in the future with the sweeper the China Lake Tennis Club recently donated to them. Shown are (from left to right) Bob Huntz, president, China Lake Tennis Club; Capt. P. J. Valovich, NWC Chief Staff Officer; Cheryl Coughlin, vice-president, China Lake Tennis Club; and Mike Slobodnik, athletic director for Recreational Services. Photo by Peggy Shoaf

Abuse victims, abusers talk of experiences

Adults and teenagers who were sexually molested as children, family members of such victims and adults who have been accused (or have admitted to) such molestation are meeting locally each week to share their pain and to work through the trauma they have experienced.

Members of the group (which varies in size from week to week) are encouraged to talk about their experiences and to share with the group just how they felt about them, what their reactions were, how they currently feel about the experiences and what effect they have had on their lives.

Tears are frequent as they recount the pain and the distress they feel still, even though the experience may have been many years in the past. The one common thread binding all of them is each has been left with a much-diminished "sense of self," with victim and victimizer alike feeling guilty.

The victims, in many instances, have been molested by their own fathers or mothers or other close relatives. Such incest may be either heterosexual or homosexual. Group members report that in some cases both parents may be involved or one parent and a friend or lover. And, all too often, this can set a pattern that can extend into another generation.

By the sharing of such experiences, therapists hope that group members will be able to not only learn to deal with their own feelings about the experience, but also to stop the cycle from recurring.

The approach used in this group is one that has been developed by Parents United, a national organization with a chapter now forming in the Indian Wells and Searles Valleys under the High Desert Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Program.

Each member of the group attending the hour-and-a-half Thursday night session is asked to sign a confidentiality statement to emphasize that all personal confidences shared with the group are not then discussed with anyone else. Only in a trust situation can something as personal as the molestation experience be talked about.

Molestation and their feelings about either being molested by someone they loved (and, indeed, still love) are extremely hard to talk about, even to a therapist. Being able to talk to others who have had similar experiences helps put these feelings into focus.

And it's equally helpful, according to Parents United, for those who were the molesters to interact with the victims. In many cases they, too, had been molested as children and had not been able to deal with the trauma of their own personal experience.

Also attending the group are professional therapists who can help if the stress level rises too high.

Each of those attending is also in therapy separately from the Thursday night sessions. Several, in addition, attend Alcoholics Anonymous because abuse of alcohol played a role in their actions.

Although this group is small — eight to 10 people currently, if all

attend — they represent only a small fraction of local children or adults molested or molesting others.

Last year 70 cases of sexual molestation were reported to police, therapists, or Child Protective Services personnel and other social workers. Since national statistics indicate that only one case in 10 gets reported, a lot of

people in this community are suffering in silence or fear of what would happen if they made such a report.

Age span of those involved in Parents United groups runs from teens to grandfathers (as does that of the local group). Molesters are both male and female, as are those who have been molested. Under the Parents

United program, groups are occasionally for men only or for women only.

Referrals locally come from social workers, the police, the courts and the High Desert Child Abuse Prevention Council. (This council has a Helpline for parents and can be reached at 375-7100.)

Professional personnel involved

with the High Desert Child Abuse Prevention Council include Paulette Solberg, MFCC; Carol Williams and Patti DeMarto, Trona Child Protective Services; Tom Martin, PhD., family counselor; Rick Lovett and Harvey Morton, Ridgecrest Police Department; Mark Swarez, Kern County Probation Department.

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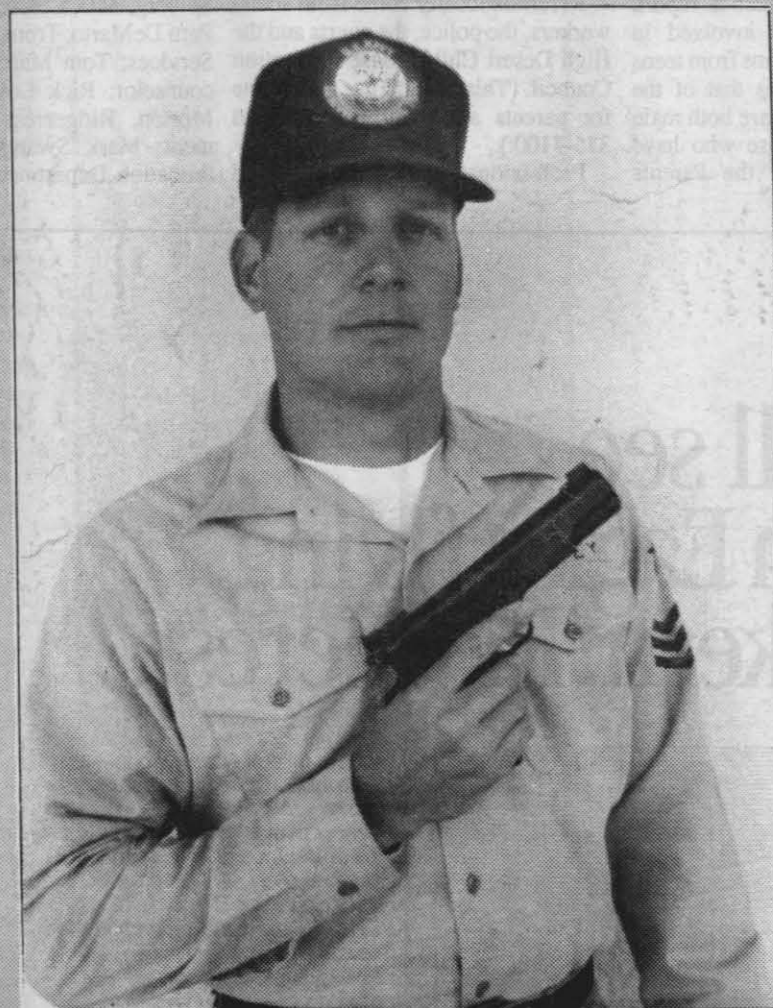
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SURE SHOT—ET1 Mark Mahoney was recently recognized for his pistol shooting abilities by the Chief of Naval Operations.

Mark Mahoney gets pistol badge

Electronics Technician First Class Mark Mahoney was recently recognized for his shooting skill by the Chief of Naval Operations.

Mahoney, a member of NWC Reserve Unit 0176, is only the 157th enlisted member to receive the U.S. Navy Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge which acknowledges his "superior shooting skill with the service pistol as demonstrated in Navy and regional championships from 1985 to 1987."

The U.S. Navy Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge is awarded to members of the Naval Service who have achieved the requisite credit points at the highest level of competition with the service pistol.

Petty Officer Mahoney has been shooting in competitions since 1984 and has made the All Navy Team for the last two years. The All Navy Team is made up of competitors who have worked their way up through local, regional, state, and Pacific Fleet matches and have qualified in the top ten percent at the All Navy Pistol and Rifle Championships.

Mahoney, who is employed by the Naval Weapons Center as an electronics technician, is married to the former Rochelle Averill.

By JOC Carolyn A. Dettling

Recipients

Need to report relevant changes

People in the Ridgecrest area who receive Social Security checks have an important responsibility to report any event that could affect their right to, or the amount of, their checks, John Powers, Social Security resident representative in Ridgecrest, said recently.

A report can be made by telephone, mail or in person and should include the following information: name of person, what is being reported, date it happened, signature, address and the claim number under which benefits are being paid (a nine-digit number followed by a letter).

Powers said the following events should be reported:

- Change in mailing address.
- Earnings of more than the annual limit — \$8,400 for people 65-69, \$6,120 for people under 65. People getting benefits because of disability should report any work.
- A person goes outside the United States.
- Imprisonment for commission of a felony.

Dependents and survivors should also report:

- Divorce or annulment of marriage.
- Marriage.
- Adoption of a child.
- Child leaves the care of a parent.
- Child nearing 18 is full-time school student or disabled.

More information about reporting can be obtained at the Ridgecrest Social Security office located at 509 W. Ward, Suite A. The telephone number is 446-2050, or call the toll-free number 1-800-988-1841.

By John W. Powers
Social Security Resident Representative

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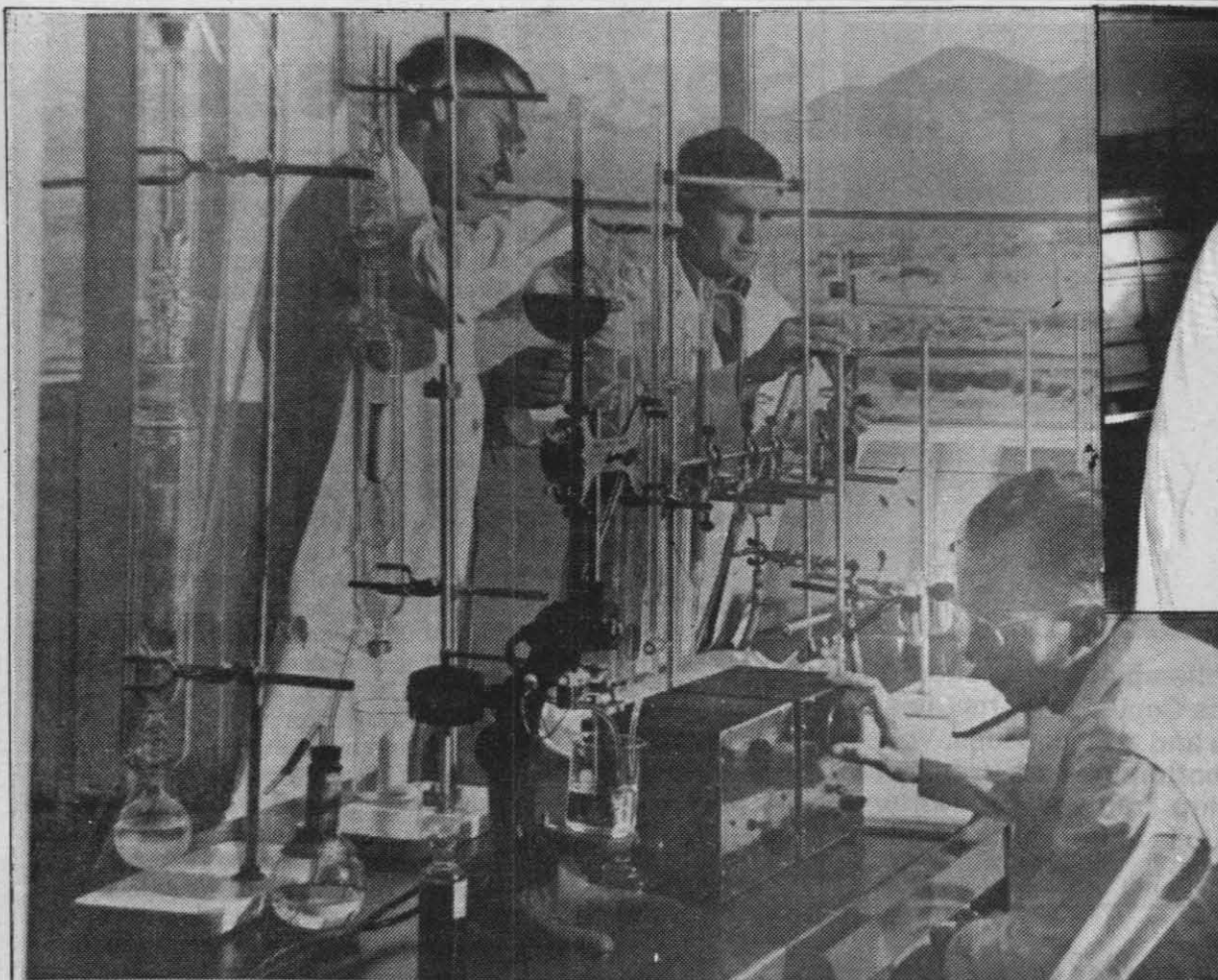
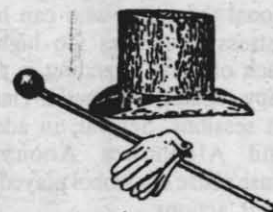
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ROCKET TOWN

Desert community is center for secret research

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To Henry, the most rewarding aspect about having worked in the Chemistry Division from the time of its inception is he and his colleagues, including California Institute of Technology professors, had "the chance to set the standards and tone for future research in the Chemistry Division. Dr. Thompson Dr. L.T.E. Thompson, first technical director of the Naval Ordnance Test Station encouraged quality work and good research publications in reputable, high-quality journals."

In the olden days, recalls Henry, "There was no fence around the lab, no guards. People brought their families with them to work. Back then," reminisces Henry, "everyone lived on base. There was the gym and theatre. As other community interests developed, there were other clubs and activities. We were a close-knit community and provided our own entertainment."

As for the future, Henry will move back into Wing 6 of Michelson Laboratory when all the scaffolding, paint cans and electric wire have been removed — not back into Room 1635, though (even if it would make a better story). He will be reassigned to another room on the wing.

"I said I'd quit when they redid the lab," remarks Henry, "but I'm having so much fun; and they're making a place for me, so I'll move back in for awhile. It's been a great place to work with lots of opportunities. The Navy has done an outstanding job providing people, equipment, buildings, and money."

Oh, Henry.

FOUR DECADES AGO—Research chemists (above) in Michelson Laboratory are busy measuring and monitoring in this 1948 photograph that appeared in *Life*. Dr. Ronald A. Henry, Chemistry Division, is the young gentleman on the left. "B" Mountain is in the background.

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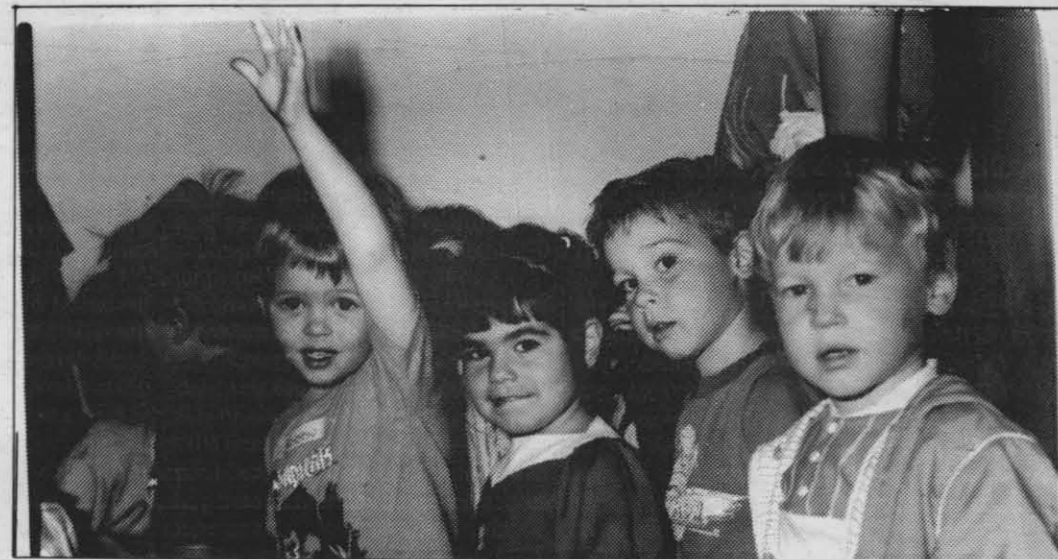
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Most of you know at least a little bit about the Navy, but have you ever heard about the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps? Sea Cadets is a part of the Navy family, a younger generation of people learning about the Navy. Although the sea cadets cannot learn every aspect of the Navy, we do learn patience, teamwork, and how to get

along with people our own age, as well as our three sea cadet officers.

I have been a sea cadet for about a year. Before that, I was a league cadet. League cadets are between the ages of 11 and 13, and sea cadets are between the ages of 14 and 18.

All the cadets meet one weekend a month from 7 p.m. on Friday until 3 p.m. the following Sunday.

We wear our uniforms when working or marching to meals in the galley. On Saturday nights, we wear our dress uniforms, dress blues in the winter and pin stripes in the summer.

During the weekend, we hold bar- rack inspection, watch Navy films



and have classes taught by the officers. Occasionally we march in para-

des and act as colorguards for flag-raising ceremonies for special events. We also do fun things, such as go bowling and have dances. Last drill, we had a lip sync contest.

We now have about 25 people in our unit. The league cadets move up in rank every year. Sea cadets progress by taking Naval tests and going to San Diego for two weeks of Sea Cadet Boot Camp. At boot camp, we get a chance to stay at all the regular Navy facilities, meet new people, and further our skills.

Being a sea cadet has many advantages. You can see the world from the cockpit of an airplane or take a ride on

a carrier. If you decide to join the Navy later, because of sea cadet training you will be enlisted in an advanced pay grade. If you choose to go to college, you can continue your Navy adventures, with pay, for reserve work during summer break. The Navy will pay part of, or all, your college education if you qualify for certain Naval officer programs.

When the sea cadets get an answering machine installed, a number will be printed where anyone can get more information about the Sea Cadets.

DISMISSED!
By Cadet Shannon Campbell
U.S. Naval Sea Cadets

Aerospace Trade Exposition held

Tickets are now at the Information, Ticket and Tour office for the Air/Space America 88 International Aerospace Trade Exposition being held at Brown Field Airport south of San Diego from May 13-22.

Highlighting the weekend of May 14 and 15 will be the Canadian Forces' Snowbirds, counterpart of the U.S. Air Force's Thunderbird aerobatics team.

The Snowbirds will fly their first formation with all nine aircraft for "The Flight of the Snowbirds," then break off into smaller groups for other aerobatic stunts and solos. The nine-aircraft team will fly the inverted wedge, the big diamond loop, the big diamond bottom silhouette and the Canada burst.

Also to be shown will be the roll back cross, in which three aircraft appear to merge in front of the crowd,

then reappear moving in three different directions. Several times during the show, combinations of seven or nine aircraft engage in aerial ballet to the accompaniment of theme music.

The Snowbirds fly the CT-114 Tutor, a Canadian-built jet trainer used by the Canadian Forces as a basic pilot training aircraft. The Tutor is powered by a General Electric J-85 engine producing about 2,700 pounds of thrust. Top speed of the aircraft, with tanks attached, is 412 knots or 475 miles per hour.

While the world knows the Canadian team as the Snowbirds, its official title is 431 Air Demonstration Squadron, whose primary mission is to demonstrate to the public the skill and professionalism of Canadian Forces' pilots and ground crews as they strive for perfection in formation aerobatic flight.



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**MEDAL FOR MERIT
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DR. LAURITSEN**

For his work in the rocket development program during the war, Dr. Charles C. Lauritsen, presently at the California Institute of Technology, will be awarded the Medal for Merit at the dedication ceremony of the Michelson Laboratory today.

Dr. Lauritsen was the leader of the California Institute of Technology group whose early testing program led to the establishment of this present test station.

Dr. Lauritsen's contribution to the success of this program and his long association with it, make the presentation of the award at the dedication ceremony especially appropriate.

The following citation summarizes the work of Dr. Lauritsen:

Dr. CHARLES CHRISTIAN LAURITSEN, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States from July, 1945 to June, 1948. Dr. Lauritsen, as a member of the Division of Naval Ordnance of the National Defense Research Committee, Office of Scientific Research and Development, was instrumental in shaping the policy and formulating the plan of the Division for the development of rockets for military purposes. In the summer of 1945 he made no return visit to the United States, but he made three trips to the field of rocket research. He returned to this country convinced that there was a logical need for a complete reorganization of our rocket program, and his recommendations were promptly accepted and implemented.

The work of the division was carried on for two large groups of rockets, one on the Atlantic Coast and the other on the Pacific Coast. Dr. Lauritsen was Director of Research for the latter group which was designated "Section L." The laboratory which was organized in 1945 was in direct cooperation and cooperation with the other groups of rockets, and it was his leadership and guidance which made it possible to develop a number of remarkably effective new rocket motors for use against submarine targets and for various types of rockets for long range, high velocity attack rockets, and other types of rockets for various purposes. These rockets, which were developed in the laboratory, have been used in the field of rocket research and have been used in the field of rocket research and have been used in the field of rocket research.

**ALBERT ABRAHAM MICHELSON**

Albert Abraham Michelson was a midshipman in the United States Naval Academy when he began his lifelong research in the field of light and precision measurement. His innate quest for knowledge led him towards a career in science which was to be marked by some of the most important discoveries of modern times.

Two years after his graduation from the Naval Academy in 1873, Michelson returned to that institution as an instructor in physics and mathematics. Recognizing his unusual scientific aptitude, the Navy sent him to the University of Heidelberg in 1878 for graduate study. Michelson later reported from the Navy to continue his academic career. Throughout his life he was concerned with the precise determination of the velocity of light. The value of this constant had not been definitely determined, and the results at that time were discordant. Michelson's work eventually furnished the primary determinations on which the present accepted value is based. This value has a remarkably low uncertainty measure.

When World War I broke out Michelson left his work at the University of Chicago to return to active duty with the Navy. During this period he developed a highly accurate coincidence range finder. After the war he resumed his research at the University.

Michelson's work in physics was centered largely in measurements relating to the interference of light and the speed of light. The Michelson interferometer, named after him, is still one of the most accurate instruments for the measurement of length. It was the other difficult experiment, conducted in collaboration with Professor Morley, which provided the foundation for the theory of relativity. Analysis by Michelson of the fine structure of spectral lines and measurements of the distance by interferometric technique were other contributions of great importance. In 1927 Michelson became the first American Nobel Prize winner in Physics.

Professor Michelson and his work have long been an inspiration to workers of fundamental knowledge. More than any other American he has demonstrated that exact measurement is the basis on which exact science must always rest. His superb achievements constitute the best interpretation of Lord Kelvin's famous commentary "... when you cannot measure (what you are speaking about), cannot express it in numbers, your knowledge is meager. It may be the beginning of knowledge, but you have scarcely advanced to the state of science."

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**DR. MILLIKAN
GIVES MEMORIAL
ADDRESS TODAY**

Dr. Robert Andrews Millikan, who for 25 years was a colleague of the late Dr. A. A. Michelson in the Physics Department at the University of California, will give the Memorial Address at the Dedication of the Michelson Laboratory today.

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This Sunday, May 8, marks the 40th anniversary of the dedication of Michelson Laboratory at the Naval Weapons Center (NWC).

The history of the laboratory is inextricably interwoven with the history of NWC. A mutually dependent relationship has existed since the very beginning of the then Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS). Without the strong and integrated facilities of research and development, NWC would be only a remote test station. The lab, without testing facilities would be a subsidiary facility rather than the center of a complex and vibrant organization.

During the past 40 years, Michelson Laboratory has played a vital role in the many successes of the Naval Weapons Center.

The laboratory is the heart of a complex of weapons system research, development, test and evaluation facilities through which the Center fulfills its mission as one of the U.S. Navy's "centers of excellence" in support of the fleet. With more than 11 acres of floor space, Michelson Laboratory is equipped for basic and applied research in chemistry, physics, metallurgy and much more.

Work began on the lab nearly three and a half years prior to that warm spring day in 1948 when an estimated 400 prominent military, scientific and industrial leaders arrived at the then Naval Ordnance Test Station to formally dedicate the huge facility to Dr. Albert A. Michelson.

Naming the Navy's newest laboratory for Dr. Michelson had been the brainchild of LCDR. James A. Duncan, laboratory officer. He told *Rocketeer* writers at the time that he had thought it a shame the Navy didn't have a laboratory or a building named for Michelson. It was a belief he had carried with him since his days as a physics instructor at the Naval Academy.

As the NOTS laboratory officer he saw a chance to rectify this error and set about urging his choice on anyone who had influence in the process.

Dr. L.T. E. Thompson, the first technical director at NOTS, agreed and passed the idea on to VADM. George Hussey, then heading the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance, who accepted the name as particularly suitable for a military and civilian research and development lab, since Michelson had been both a naval officer and an eminent scientist.

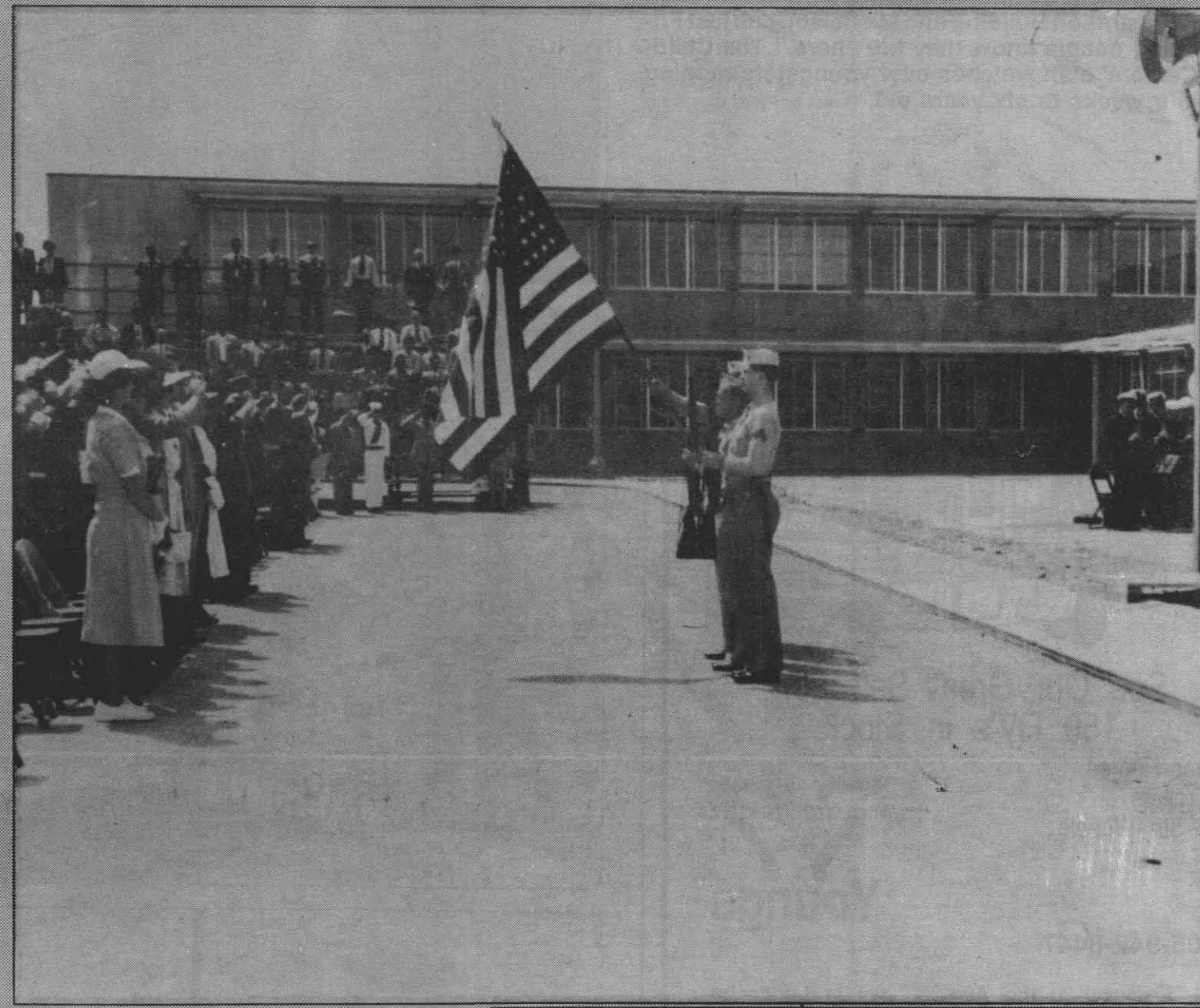
Choosing to name the facility for Michelson was, and remains, a fitting symbol of close cooperation between military personnel and civilian scientists and engineers so vital to the success of NOTS in the early years and to the continuing excellence of NWC.

Navy officer and scientist, Michelson (1852-1931) combined, within one lifetime, a naval career and a career as an educator and research scientist. A 1873 graduate of the Naval Academy, Michelson was in the Navy when he performed his first experiments to determine an accurate value for the velocity of light and devised his famous interferometer.

Described as "the man who taught the world to measure," Michelson was the first American scientist to win the Nobel Prize, awarded in 1907 for "his precision optical instruments and the spectroscopic and metrological investigations carried out with their aid."

During the 1948 dedication ceremonies, Dr. Robert A. Millikan, of the California Institute of Technology, had this to say, "Michelson, pure experimentalist, designer of instruments, refiner of techniques, lives because in the field of optics he drove the refinement of measurement to its limits and by so doing showed a skeptical world what far-reaching consequences can follow from that sort of process and what new vistas of knowledge can be opened up by it. It was a lesson the world had to learn."

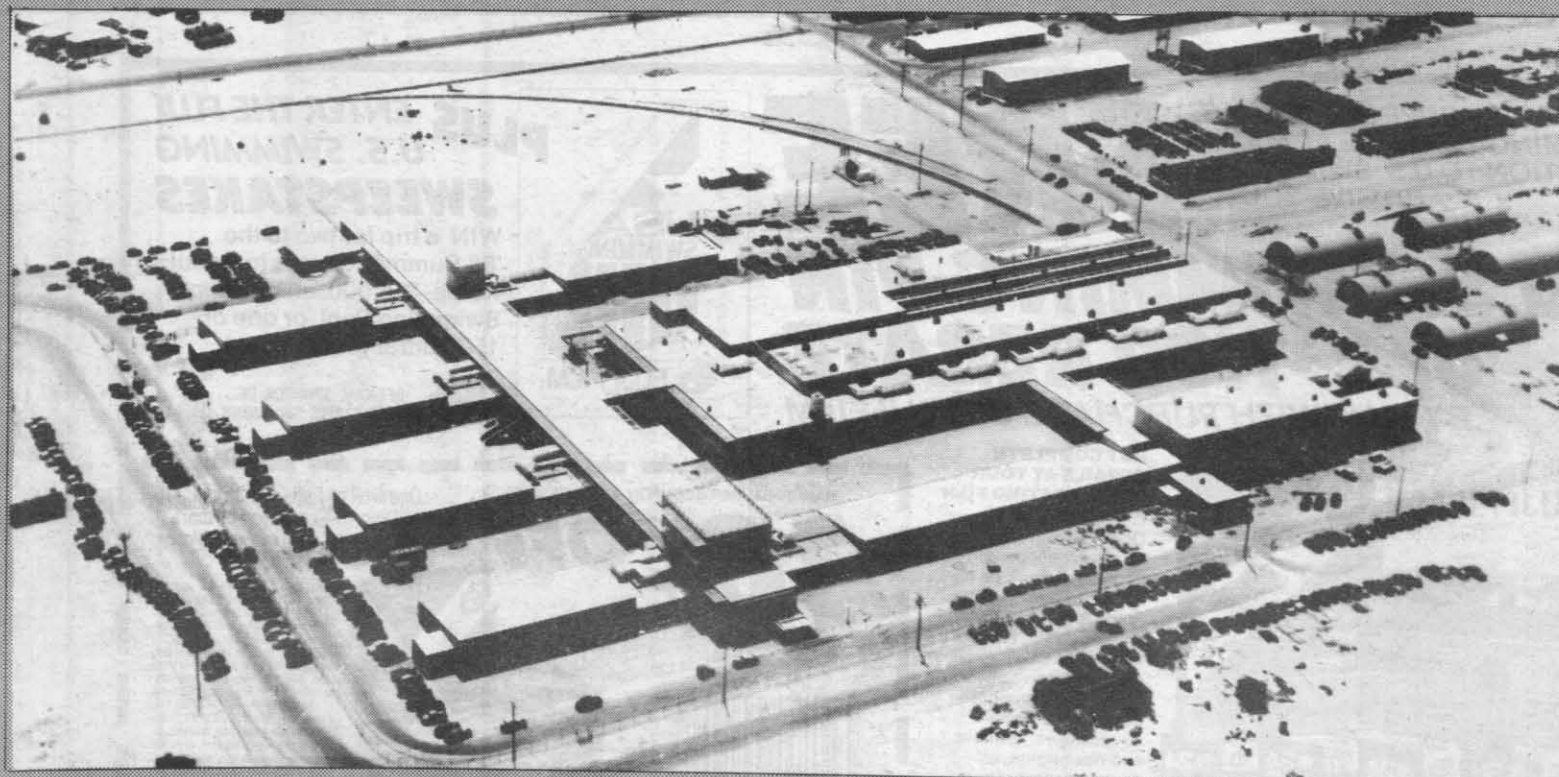
In these past 40 years, Michelson Laboratory has indeed shared in each of the Center's triumphs as problem after problem has met solution in the hallways, offices, conference rooms and laboratories. The result had been the creation of an arsenal of superior weapons for the fleet and for the nation.



LOOKING BACK—Michelson Laboratory (above) is dedicated on May 8, 1948.

An aerial view (left) of Michelson Laboratory in 1980.

The clean up (right) of the lab after the flood of August 1984.



MICHELSON LAB—This aerial view shortly after dedication in 1948.

