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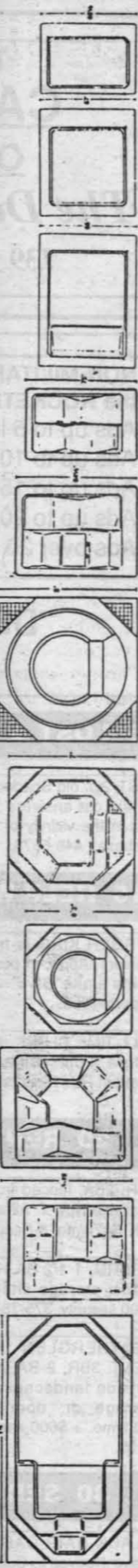
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Bill Porter joins select order of honorees

NWC's technical director designate receives Presidential Rank Award for 1989

Bill Porter, the Naval Weapons Center's Technical Director designate, joined a select group of career civil servants early this fall when he was named a Meritorious Executive by President George Bush.

Only five percent of career Senior Executive Service (SES) members can be accorded this honor in any year. The last China Laker recognized by the president was Gerry Schiefer, outgoing technical director and Director of Navy Labs designate, who was honored in the 1987 list.

Porter was one of six SES members from the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) to be honored

with a Presidential Rank Award for 1989. President Bush presented the Distinguished Executive Award to Earle Messere, technical director of the Naval Underwater Systems Center.

In a Pentagon ceremony the same day, the Secretary of the Navy H. Lawrence Garrett III presented the Meritorious Executive Awards to Porter and four other present or past SPAWAR employees. Nationwide only 286 SES members were accorded this honor this year.

According to the *Washington Post* coverage of the event, President Bush commended the honorees for extended excep-

tional performance in government.

The President, in written comments said, "With the Presidential Rank Awards we honor some of America's finest -- those men and women of the Senior Executive Service who serve our country with integrity and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

"Through their leadership, hard work and sacrifice... recipients are outstanding examples to all of us of what can be accomplished by talented individuals dedicated to serving their fellow Americans."

Porter, a China Laker since his Junior Professional year in 1953, holds a degree

in physics from Seattle Pacific College.

An expert in the field of weapons development, he is particularly known for creating affordable air-launched weapons and for his contributions to air and surface-launched missile systems technology.

His career highlights include technical management of the Shrike missile system development. This anti-radar weapon was used in Vietnam and is deployed around the free world today. He served as program manager during the program's critical years. He is credited with NWC's entry into the anti-ship missile defense program. (Continued on Page 7)

Sailor's efforts rewarded

Total dedication to duty and the willingness to assist in any capacity earned honors for Aerographer's Mate Second Class Michael J. Bradley as he was named Sailor of the Quarter for the Third Quarter (July-September) for the Naval Oceanography Command Detachment, China Lake.

Senior Chief Aerographer's Mate G. A. Dillie, chief petty officer in charge of the detachment, presented AG2 Bradley his award saying, "Your drive and determination demonstrated in obtaining your professional academics for assistant forecaster and aviation briefer certification are attributes of professional excellence to be emulated by all."

Prior to the receipt of his award, AG2 Bradley reenlisted for a second term. The weather observer was administered his oath of allegiance for another six years by Commander Dennis J. Whitford, commanding officer of the detachment's parent command, the Naval Oceanography Command Facility, San Diego.

Assigned to the China Lake detachment for the past three years, (Continued on Page 8)



LAUDED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE--Bill Porter (right), was named a Meritorious Executive by President George Bush in a Washington ceremony earlier this fall. The NWC technical director designate met this week with Capt. Douglas Cook (center), NWC Commander, and Gerry Schiefer, outgoing technical director. The last China Laker to be recognized by the president was Schiefer who leaves the center Monday to begin his new job as Director of Navy Labs. Porter announced his replacement this week. See story below.



DEDICATION HONORED--AGCS G.A. Dillie, chief petty officer in charge of the Naval Oceanography Command Detachment, China Lake, congratulates AG2 Michael Bradley upon being named the detachment's Sailor of the Quarter for the Third Quarter (July-September). Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

Center's top civil service positions change hands

With the vacancy of the Naval Weapons Center's Technical Director post left by Gerry Schiefer, changes in top civil service positions on Center were announced Wednesday.

According to William B. Porter, Technical Director designate, the laboratory director (Code 03) slot he is vacating will be filled by Sterling Haaland, who currently heads the Engineering Department (Code 36). Haaland takes over the job as lab director on Monday. Bob Riggs, associate head of the Engineering Department, has been designated as the

department's acting head.

Dillard Bullard, head of the Intercept Weapons Department (Code 39), will assume the duties of quality review director on Nov. 6. After a two-week transition period, Sandy Rogers, associate head of the Intercept Weapons Department, will act as head of the department.

Jack Russell, who is retaining his post as Test and Evaluation Director (Code 06), will also assume the duties of deputy technical director. As deputy, Russell will act as technical director in Porter's absence.

China Lake Calendar

- Sat. Oct. 21
... Saturday Matinee, Cinderella, 2 p.m., NWC Theater
- Sat. Oct. 21
... Maturango Junction Day, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Kern Regional Park
- Thurs. Oct. 26
... IEEE Videoconference on RISC, Heritage Inn Flight Deck, 9 a.m. to noon
- Fri. Oct. 27
... Halloween Bash at the O'Club, 6:30 p.m., reservations 446-6929.
- Sat. Oct. 28
... Saturday Matinee, Winnie The Pooh, 2 p.m., NWC Theater
- Sat. Oct. 28
... Wellness Program's China Lake Challenge, 1 p.m., Burroughs High football field
- Tues. Oct. 31
... Halloween Carnival, 6-9 p.m., Joshua Hall, Desert Empire Fairgrounds
- Tues.-Thurs. Oct. 31-Nov. 9
... Embedded Computing Technology Symposium, Rm. 1000D, Michelson Laboratory
- Sat. Nov. 4
... Saturday Matinee, Lady and the Tramp, 2 p.m., NWC Theater
- Sat. Nov. 11
... Saturday Matinee, Benji the Hunted, 2 p.m., NWC Theater
- Sat. Nov. 18
... Saturday Matinee, Fox and the Hound, 2 p.m., NWC Theater
- Sat. Nov. 25
... Saturday Matinee, Batteries Not Included, 2 p.m., NWC Theater

Coming Attractions:

- *Marine Corps Ball, Nov. 9, NWC Seafarers Club
- *Health Insurance Open Season, Nov. 13-Dec. 18

Items of interest to the China Lake population may be placed in the CHINA LAKE CALENDAR by calling the NWC Rocketeer at a NWC ext. 3354 before 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday before Friday's pub-

Wellness Corner



It's bloodtime!

The NWC Wellness Program will be providing all Center employees, attached activities, and active duty military an opportunity for a low cost blood analysis. The analysis will give you a chance to compare values with your previous test or to establish your blood values. The blood analysis has been expanded and will include: A/G Ratio, Albumin, Alkaline Phosphatase, Bilirubin, Bun/Creatinine Ratio, Calcium, Chloride, Total Cholesterol (HDL, LDL, and risk ratio), Creatinine, GGTP, Globulin, Glucose, Iron, LDH, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium, SGOT, SGPT, Sodium, Total Protein, Triglycerides, Urea Nitrogen (BUN), Uric Acid, Complete Blood Count with differential and platelet count.

The schedule, price, and means of making your appointment will be printed in next week's Rocketeer.

China Lake Challenge update...

It is almost time for the China Lake Challenge. Some events have already happened and the score tallying has begun. Code 32 won the softball tournament and Code 39 was second. The tournament was sponsored by Code 36. Many thanks to Robin Barnes for coordinating the event, and thanks also to the volunteers: Ruth Davis, Ernie Martin, Dot O'Donnell, and Martin Montemayor.

So far at least ten teams have signed up for the volleyball tournament, and we're looking for more teams for the tug of war (Becky Souza, NWC ext. 2079 needs to hear from you today). The boffer (a foam bat) tournament, sponsored by Code 232, will have 3 categories: single (age 16+), five person team mele, and junior single (8-15). The five person teams may be made up of any gender or age (over 8). The only limitation is they must all be from a single code. A code may enter more than 1 team. Matches will be conducted without respect to gender. Eye protection will be provided and must be worn.

The Wellness Program can still use some help with the administration of this undertaking on Oct. 28. Call Betty or Pat at NWC ext. 2468. We'll make sure you get points for helping!

Housing says...

Conserve future energy supply

The Center provides all utilities except telephone and cable television. Wasting precious energy decreases future supplies of essential resources we take for granted. The interest in and requirement for monitoring use of utilities is increasing. If you follow these tips you will be doing your share to conserve energy.

- Avoid unnecessary use of hot water.
- Turn down thermostats.
- Turn off lights when not being used.
- Keep light fixtures clean to obtain maximum light output.
- Avoid frequent opening of the refrigerator door.
- Do not use range top or oven for heating the house.
- Keep unused rooms closed off.

- Close faucets tightly.
- Water lawns in early morning or late afternoon.

The heat has been turned on in all family units. Motel residents must contact the trouble desk at NWC extension 2380 to schedule an appointment or to give permission to enter so the heat start-up phase may be completed.

Occupants are encouraged to set their thermostats no higher than 65 degrees F. during the heating season. Thermostat settings for nighttime and short peri-

ods of non-occupancy should be reduced to 55 degrees F., with even lower settings for extended periods of non-occupancy. Exterior doors and windows should be kept closed during the heating season except as required for proper ventilation.

The securing of all evaporative coolers will be completed by Dec. 15.

The housing staff and Command want to thank Center residents for practicing utility conservation.



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- Wednesday -- Sandquist Rd.
- Thursday -- Burroughs Ave.
- Friday -- Knox Rd. (South)

Violations may be cited at any time, as well as in areas other than the ones mentioned above.

CLPD urges safe speeds on Center

Motorists on board the Naval Weapons Center (NWC) are reminded that China Lake Police Division (CLPD) officers enforce state and NWC traffic regulations.

According to Kerry B. Swig-

um, traffic manager, CLPD Operations Branch, areas of concentration for radar traffic enforcement for next week are listed below.

- Monday -- CLPL Rd.
- Tuesday -- Richmond Rd.

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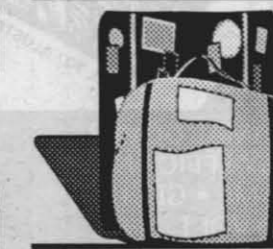
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At 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 23, the Desert Art League will be presenting pastel artist, Budd Sherrick, at the Ridgecrest Senior Citizen's Building. Sherrick (honorary Paiute Indian Name, "Rainbow Hands") is currently listed in *Who's Who in the West*, *Who's Who in the World '86* and his paintings are shown in the *Southwest Art Magazine*, as well as in major galleries throughout California and Arizona. The league will be selling raffle tickets at the door. The winner will have his or her portrait done, as an Indian, by Mr. Sherrick. This may be a "chance-of-a-lifetime" as his portraits usually sell for \$800.

"Dirty Work at the Crossroads," a great romantic melodrama of the 1890s by Bill Johnson, will be presented by the Randsburg Players on Oct. 20 and 21 at the historic Randsburg Opera House. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$19 per person and include a sumptuous buffet dinner. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 375-9589.

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Matinees offered once again at NWC Theater

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- Oct. 21--Cinderella (G)
- Oct. 28--Winnie The Pooh (G)
- Nov. 4--Lady and the Tramp (G)
- Nov. 11--Benji the Hunted (G)
- Nov. 18--Fox and the Hound (G)
- Nov. 25--Batteries Not Included (PG)

Auto Hobby Shop switches to winter business hours

Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 31, the Auto Hobby Shop will operate under winter business hours until further notice. The winter business hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Auto Hobby Shop is for military personnel, although DoD employees are eligible to use the facility. For more information about the shop or its new hours, call NWC ext. 3107.



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	Max	Min	Gusts
Thurs.	92	49	15 knots
Fri.	93	54	13 knots
Sat.	87	53	14 knots
Sun.	86	47	10 knots
Mon.	86	46	9 knots
Tues.	86	45	12 knots
Wed.	87	42	12 knots

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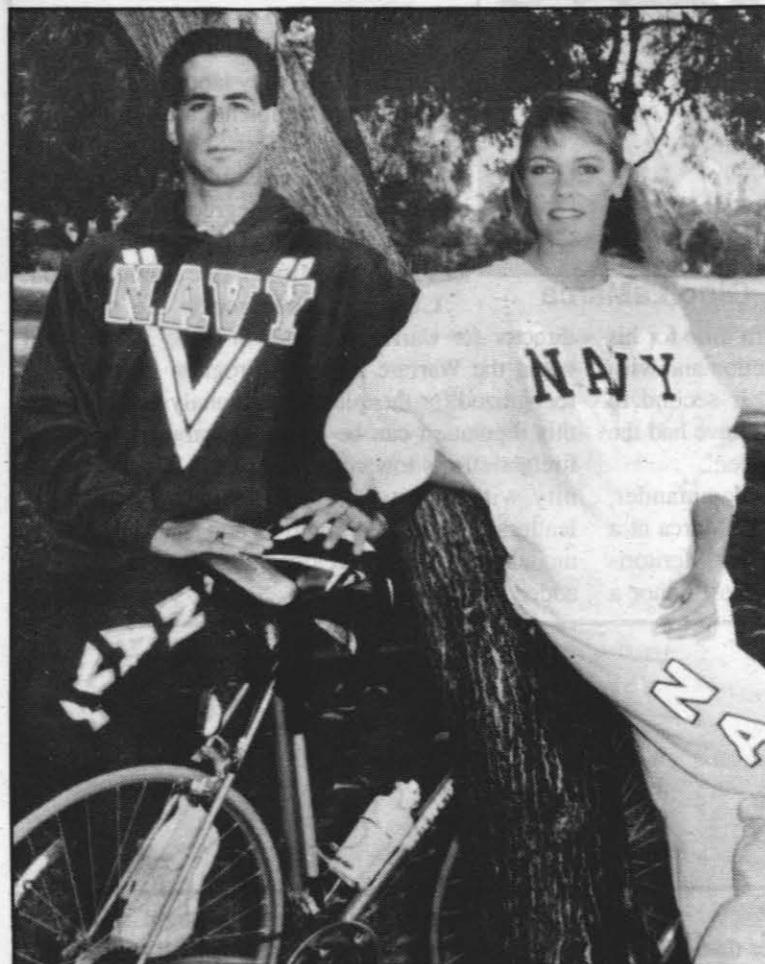
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MasterCard, Visa and Discover credit cards are accepted. Please allow 10 days delivery for CONUS orders, 12 days for overseas orders.



Reflective clothing from Lifesigns now available.

South of the border curfew effective for U.S. Navy, Marine Corps personnel

According to a message received from COMNAVBASE San Diego, a 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew has been imposed for U.S. Navy and Marine Corps personnel in the ranks of E-1 through E-5 visiting Tijuana, Mexico.

The curfew is intended to enhance the safety and well being of active duty military personnel. The message explains the curfew is necessary due to continuing incidents which are prejudicial to good order and discipline of uniformed military personnel

on liberty in Tijuana, B.C. Mexico.

In addition, personnel who desire to visit and/or stay in Tijuana are required to have a command authorization letter in their possession.

The message notes that customs and immigration personnel provide courtesy turnovers of military personnel to the Shore Patrol during curfew hours and that names of violators will be turned over to their respective commands for appropriate action.

HAPPY RETIREE--Chief Charles Becker, CEC with the Public Works Department (right), enjoyed a warm send-off from coworkers last month. LCdr. Robert Davis performed the retirement ceremony which ended 26 years of Naval service in civil engineering.



THIS WON'T HURT MUCH--Mandatory influenza immunization for all Department of the Navy personnel began this week. LCdr. Richard Titi, officer in charge of the NWC Branch Medical Clinic, braves the aim of hospital corpsman Timothy Robertz. Airfield personnel and stragglers will be scheduled next week. See NWC Plan of the Day for details. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

Earthquake preparations can cut dangers, losses

This week's earthquake in San Francisco should serve as a reminder to local residents that the earth does move unpredictably and it's best to be prepared at all times for quakes. Advance preparation can cut damage dramatically as well as save many lives.

A good summary of what to do before, during and after an earthquake can be found on blue pages 7 and 8 of the September 1989 Contel Telephone Directory. In addition, the blue pages contain other emergency information, including information on

electricity for pumping; in a quake not only would well-heads be apt to be broken, but electricity might also be off.) For each person, a minimum of a gallon per day for at least a week should be kept on hand. People with pets or domestic animals need to store more.

Food supplies in the IWV will last only two days. Each household should also store some food that does not require refrigeration. Barbecues can be used for cooking if gas and electricity are shut off. Be sure to keep charcoal on hand for the barbecues.

first aid, heart attacks and rescue breathing.



Prepare the household for quakes by storing heavy items on low shelves and by attaching high furniture, such as bookcases and china cabinets, to the wall.

In an area as isolated as the Indian Wells Valley, some additional preparations are essential.

Every household should have water stored for family members and pets. If a major quake like the one that shook San Francisco should occur in the valley, water supplies would be short or nonexistent. (Local water requires elec-

Keep at least a half tank of gasoline in each vehicle at all times. Gas pumps also run on electricity.

Have a flashlight with fresh batteries on hand to provide light.

And, it is essential to have a battery-operated radio to listen to the local emergency station (radio station KLOA at 1240). Again, the radio won't do much good without working batteries.

Have an emergency plan for getting in touch with family members if the quake occurs during working or school hours.

Most of all, don't panic. Earthquakes are survivable.

Women's center cohosts holiday basket giveaway

Again this year the Women's Center-High Desert is acting as coordinator for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Food Basket Program for the Indian Wells Valley in cooperation with the Marine Corps Aviation Detachment at the Naval Weapons Center, who will continue to be responsible for the Christmas toy drive. These two programs, so important to making the holiday season a little nicer for the needy of our valley, could not succeed without the wholehearted support of the community--the individuals and organizations who donate their time and money filling and delivering the baskets. Those who wish to take part in this program for the 1989 holiday season by donating a basket, notifying us of a needy family or individual, or to receive more information on the programs, should call the program coordinator at 446-6756.



Divine Services

Protestant	
Sunday Worship Service, East Wing	8:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service, Main Chapel	10:30 a.m.
Sunday School, Annexes 1, 2 & 4	9:00 a.m.
Bible Study (East Wing), Wednesday (September thru June)	11:30 a.m.
Men's Prayer Breakfast, East Wing, Thursday	6:30 a.m.
Officers' Christian Fellowship/Christian Military Fellowships, East Wing, Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Islamic	
Jumaa Prayer (Friday in Annex 4)	1:00 p.m.
Roman Catholic	
Sunday Mass, Main Chapel	9:00 a.m.
Daily Mass, Small Chapel	11:35 a.m.
Confession (Sunday), Command Chaplain's Office	8:15-8:45 a.m.
Confession By Appointment	Anytime
Religious Education Classes (Sunday) (September thru May), Annexes 1, 2 & 4	10:30 a.m.
Jewish	
Weekly Services (Friday - East Wing)	7:30 p.m.
Adult Hebrew Lessons (Saturday in Annex 4)	9:00-10:00 a.m.
Sabbath School (Saturday in Annex 4)	1:00-4:00 p.m.

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Long career, superb performance lauded

Twenty-five years with the Weapons Planning Group at the Naval Weapons Center were among the factors bringing the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award to Gino LaMarca recently.

Nominated by Phil Arnold, head of the Weapons Planning Group, the award was based on "superb performance as a program director and analyst since joining the group in 1964.

Arnold said, "As a supervisor and program director, Gino has demonstrated extraordinary people skills. He is clearly one of those rare supervisors who always goes the extra mile for his people. His support of Affirmative Action and willingness to take on 'problem cases' is second to none. He is the best people manager I have had the pleasure to serve with in my entire career."

Capt. Douglas W. Cook, NWC Commander, made the presentation to a surprised LaMarca at a recent Commander's Meeting. The Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award is the highest honor a

NWC Commander can authorize for a civilian employee.

Capt. Cook said of LaMarca, "Your extensive knowledge and person efforts in both warfare analysis and management have greatly contributed to the Center's reputation as having the best warfare analysis capability of all Navy laboratories."



Gino LaMarca

The award recipient came to the then Naval Ordnance Test Station as a junior professional physicist in 1954, after earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado. He received his master's in physics from Notre Dame in 1958.

Currently LaMarca is the program director for warfare analysis in Code 304. Arnold noted the Warfare Analysis Program is nationally recognized for the quality of its analysis. "Much of this reputation can be directly attributed to Gino's tireless efforts toward providing his client community with quality analysis products. Under his leadership many innovative and useful analysis models have been developed and brought on line," added Arnold.



"Say, whose birthday is it anyway?" "Anticipation," some say, "is greater than realization." To a certain extent, I believe, this is true: one only need recall warm feelings of excitement at the thought of acquiring something desired for a long time, or at the thought of seeing someone sorrowfully missed, or of going somewhere exotic and pleasurable. Just thinking about these things is exhilarating, because the imagination is given full liberty to bask in a future delight!

One can, however, take "anticipation" to an extreme, and this is doubly bad when the motivation for it is rather questionable. I am referring, as point of concern, to the barrage of yearly "Christmas commercials," the first of which I was shocked to view on TV just this last week. There was something disturbing about it, something untimely, something "not quite right" about seeing a Christmas tree decorated in attractive ornaments and hearing Christmas music carolled sweetly and sentimentally while the commercial's announcer invited listeners to send away now for their own, very own, album of recorded Christmas favorites...and, at the right price! I couldn't help thinking that the grease-paint hadn't even been applied to Halloween faces, nor had we felt the discomfort of having eaten too much Thanksgiving turkey. "The toy companies are going to get you," I mused, "and it will be soon!"

Well, if Christmas comes but once a year, then why not take this very lucrative season and stretch it back to Thanksgiving? Why not past Thanksgiving to Halloween? Well, what's wrong with mid-October? At this rate, parents might expect to shop for Christmas along with September school clothes.

I hope that I am not being an alarmist about this,

but I comfort myself with the thought that others may sense the impropriety of this kind of "anticipation." It robs the season celebrating Christ's birth of its fundamentally spiritual nature and significance. I shudder to think of how many children this year will come to identify the up-and-coming Christmas holidays with yet another occasion to receive the toys and presents continually thrown into their consciousness by commercials designed to acquaint them with only a secondary aspect of the celebration of Christ's birth! I sometimes wonder whether some parents measure the amount of the love they have for their children by the amount of toys and gifts they shower on them at Christmas. Perhaps, we are beginning to "buy" the not-so-subtle message of the commercials which seem to be successfully pushing the Savior back into the corner of "token remembrance." Say, whose birthday is this anyway???

Yearly anticipation of the Nativity is hardly a bad thing. Preparation for any celebration is always prudent. For the Christian who takes his calling seriously Christ can be "born" into his heart as a daily occurrence, and there is reason to be joyful and glad because of this. But, the greatest gift that any parent can bestow on a child is the proper understanding of the Christmas Season which has, as its basis, the celebration of a birth that has made eternal happiness a reality for all believers. Indeed, the gifts that we exchange at Christmas are only tokens of the profound joy that we feel for the Father's "gift" to us. "Putting Christ back into Christmas" is a sad thought; he never should have been taken out of it.

By LCDR. S.A. Casimano, CHC, USN
 Command Chaplain

Positions available

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 gram and Advanced Technology Demonstrations. Participant will have direct interface with senior personnel in OSD (OUSD (R&AT)), other DoD agencies, OPNAV, all SYSCOMS, ONT, and industry.

Participates in strategic planning through activities such as TRAM update, technology base guidance, war games, fleet exercise results, etc. In addition, assists in managing the execution of high payoff/high risk R&D projects that support air, surface and subsurface platforms in priority warfare areas. Includes selection process for new FY starts and support of Navy proposals in multi-agency competition.

For more specific info, contact Frank Markarian, Code 3246, NWC ext. 7395 or 7263.

6. SPAWAR 11-6 DA-3 OR DP-3, Series- 501, 506, 510, 560, or anyone who can meet the X-118 qualifications for the 500 series listed.

Assist in the preparation of guidance and instruction to the SPAWAR R&D Centers for preparation of the NIF budget, review and analyze and makes recommendations on NIF budget estimates and justification submitted by R&D Centers, analyzes NIF execution in comparison to the NIF budget plan, and determines variances from the plan, prepares recommendations for remedial action where appropriate. Assists in analyzing monthly and quarterly financial reports, assists in preparing and analyzing the audiovisual, POL, and base operating support exhibits, ACP budget exhibits, DoD R&D in-house report, internal DNL financial reports, etc.

All of the above assignments are designed to give the participant a working knowledge of DNL and SPAWAR Comptroller management policies and operations. Participant will become familiar with the SPAWAR R&D centers' assigned mission areas, resource capabilities, and management organizations.

For more specific info, contact Linda Long, Code 2834, NWC ext. 3808.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR POSITIONS:

1. NAVAL STRIKE WARFARE CENTER, Fallon, Nevada
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Electronic warfare integration. Hardware design and development and range installation. POM evaluation. Broad based weapon experience, knowledge of programmatic issues and ability to define specific technical capability required. Provides technical alternatives and develops quantitative technical data to substantiate an operational need (must not be a salesman for specific concepts.) A TOP SECRET CLEARANCE IS MANDATORY.

For more specific info, contact Larry Prince, Code 623, NWC ext. 6400.

2. NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND (PMA 259)

PMA 259 has the program responsibility for several major missile programs, including Sparrow, Sidewinder, Phoenix and AAAM. NWC has project management responsibilities for the development, production engineering

support and product improvement responsibilities for these weapon systems. The technical advisor assigned to PMA-259 will assist in the preparation of budgets; monitoring of program schedules, progress and expenditures, program development and briefings to SYSCOM and OPNAV codes; serves as liaison between NAVAIR and NWC; and will assist NAVAIR staff as needed.

For more specific info, contact Bill Boatright, Code 39B, NWC ext. 3002.

3. NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND PMA 201

NAVAIR APC-201 has program management responsibility for several NWC efforts including the FMU-139/B, the FMU-140, the DSU-30/B, Advanced Interdiction Weapons Systems (AWS), Advanced Bomb Family, MK-80 Series PBXN-109 IHE, etc. NWC has project management respon-

sibilities for the development, production engineering support and product improvement responsibilities for the general purpose bomb efforts assigned to the Center. In establishing formal program support to the Conventional Air Launched Ordnance and Ammunition Air Program Coordinator (NAVAIRSYSCOM APC 201) the Center established a Bomb Systems Program Office to coordinate all General Purpose Bomb efforts. The technical advisor assigned will assist in the preparation of budgets, assists in the monitoring of program schedules, progress and expenditures, assist NAVAIR (APC-201) at and below the SYSCOM level, serve as liaison between NAVAIR and NWC, and assist APC 201 as needed.

For more specific info, contact Larry Brauer, Code 35B, NWC ext.

2940.
 4. SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (SEI), PITTSBURGH, PA

The technical advisor provides direct support to the SEI Joint Program Office. This includes review of SEI program plans, responding to Navy inquiries regarding technology transfer and providing recommendations from a Navy perspective. The technical advisor serves as a member of a project team at the SEI. Project responsibilities may include formulating computer system plans and designs, establishing computer programming requirements and performance, evaluating specifications and designs in terms of technical feasibility and timeliness, coordinating with supporting agencies changes and information pertaining to design, development and test programs and prepar-

ing technical reports.
 For more specific info, contact Robert Page, Code 3922, WC ext. 1288.

The deadline for applications is Nov. 24. Apply by a submitting a SF-171 to Code 22 (Jackie or Sandra).

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Only DP-3s and DP-4s with a minimum of 3 to 5 years qualifying for these series 801, 830, 855, 861, 1310, 1550, and 1520 are eligible to apply. The one exception to this is the position listed under SPAWAR 11-6.

LOCATION: All positions are located in the Washington D.C. area with the exception of the Naval Strike Warfare Center, Fallon, Nevada and SEI Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA Technical Advisor positions. **NSTEP POSITIONS:**

1. **SPAWAR 31-F:** Provides technical support to SPAWAR for the development of the CVBF architecture and to serve as liaison between SPAWAR and NWC to ensure that our inputs regarding the Strike/ASUW architecture development are represented and included in the battle force-level architecture. Duties include supporting the development of the methodology of transforming top level warfare requirements into multi-warfare architectural concepts, providing analysis in the integration of various architectural concepts, and supporting a team within SPAWAR 30 to develop a coordinated multi-center effort to conduct the overall analysis required in this architectural effort.

For more specific information, contact Larry Lincicum in Code 308, NWC ext. 2701.

2. **STAFF ASSISTANT:** Air Warfare, (Tactical Warfare Programs) OUSD (Acquisition) (OUSD (a)): Performs a variety of duties as a Staff Assistant in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition) (OUSD(A)) in order to gain a broader perspective of the issues involved in research and development of tactical mission areas, related programs, and the planning and management of resources of the DoD. Incumbent will have responsibility for studies and evaluations related to tactical warfare of high national importance and participate in management of a portion of the planning, programming, and budgeting system (PPBS). Normal day-to-day duties include planning, evaluating and analysis in one or more of the tactical warfare R&E mission/system areas such as: close air support, battlefield interdiction, deep strike, naval strike, defense suppression and air superiority. Will also include preparation or review of Defense Studies, Mission/system Area analyses, Decision Coordinating

Papers, the various documents in the DoD PPBS, and statements and testimony to the Congress. Will work with various members of the staff of the OUSD and maintain liaison with officials in the military departments, other components of OUSD, and various contractors.

For more specific information, contact Paul Coughlin, Code 3622, NWC ext. 3483.

3. **STAFF SPECIALIST, OFFICE OF MUNITIONS (Tactical Warfare Programs) (OUSD (A)):** The staff specialist will be under the immediate supervision of the Director, Office of Munitions, and will participate in the management of munitions Research, Development, and Acquisition

(RD&A); the Planning, Programming, and Budgeting System (PPBS); and support activities related to the Munitions Council. Duties include formulating and/or reviewing the various documents prepared during the PPBS and acquisition process. The staff specialist will work with various members of the staff of the Office of Munitions in carrying out these functions, and will participate in communicating the results to the other elements of OUSD (A), OSD, and the Services.

For further info, contact James Bryant, Code 3205B, NWC ext. 7206.

4. **Chief of Naval Operations (OP 502):** Supports the Office in developing, reviewing, or revising operational requirements for all Navy and Marine

air-launched weapons and ordnance. Supports the Office in developing and managing the Navy and Marine budgets used to execute the development, production and logistics programs for air-launched weapons and ordnance. Assists in reviewing Government and industrial technology base efforts and developments and proposed applications of new technologies. Provides technical liaison between OPNAV and NWC as required.

The objective of the assignments are to expand the incumbent's knowledge and understanding of the Navy's PPBS, acquisition system, and experience in various areas of new technology. It will also expand and strengthen the incumbent's knowledge of the Navy's organi-

zation and how it works to define and procure weapons and ordnance systems to meet various mission phases.

For more specific information, contact Wayne Gunther, Code 35B5, NWC ext. 7565 or Tex Hoppus, Code 3522, NWC ext. 3080.

5. **Chief of Naval Operations (OP-0987):** The participant will be assigned a variety of duties planned to broaden his/her perspective of Navy and DoD technology assessment, development and transition. This includes exposure to technology base management, strategies, defense policies, planning, and the budgeting process. The participant will be involved in long range planning, the Balanced Technology Initiative Pro-

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NWC employee MIPs sunlight

Almost anything that has a negative impact on getting the job done can be MIPed. This even includes the sunlight! That's exactly what Richard Shedlock in Code 62 did. Shedlock works on the ranges and if there's one thing we have on the ranges it's sunlight. He, like a lot of California residents, became concerned about the amount of exposure to the sun he and others were subject to every day. So he submitted MIPI No. 619, "Issuing Sunscreen to Range Personnel." He proposed that one of the sunscreen products be made available to any employee whose job entailed long periods of exposure to the sun. He reasoned that other forms of protective gear (i.e. safety shoes, safety glasses, etc.) were provided to employees to help prevent work related injuries. So why couldn't a commercially available sunscreen be made available to employees who worked outside to help prevent skin cancer?



"No reason at all," decided the Safety and Security Department after they had reviewed his MIPI. They agreed that it was a good idea. So starting soon a sunscreen product (with a high sun block number) will be made available through Warehouse #10. Just as soon as the stock arrives, your organization will be able to requisition the sunscreen for any employees whose jobs routinely involve long periods of exposure to the sun.

So it's a tip of the MIPI baseball cap to Shedlock for his idea. As a matter of fact, we're going to give him one of the caps to help shade his eyes from all that range sunlight. He will also receive one of the prized MIPI cups, too. Thanks to Shedlock, all Center employees who have those "sunny" jobs will be able to request a sunscreen. Don't let the size of the problem keep you from submitting your MIPI, even the sunlight is fair game.

Timecards must be turned in early for the next few weeks

During the November-January holidays, early submission of timecards is required. The payroll Branch has prepared the following schedule to be kept with the Time, Leave, and pay Manual for future reference. The regular schedule for submission of weekly timecards is no later than 8:30 a.m. on Friday. For more information, call the Payroll Office at NWC ext. 2121.

•For week ending Nov. 4, timecards are due on Wednesday,

Nov. 1 at 4:30 p.m.

•For week ending Nov. 18, timecards are due on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 4:30 p.m.

•For week ending Dec. 23, regular processing schedule is in effect.

•For week ending Dec. 30,

timecards are due on Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 4:30 p.m.

•For week ending Jan. 6, regular processing schedule is in effect.

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Effective Monday, Oct. 23, the Engineering Department (Code 36) employees will begin a "5-4/9" work schedule. This type of schedule allows employees to work nine hours per day for eight days, one eight-hour day, and have one Friday off in any given 80-hour pay period. Employees will alternate Fridays.

The Engineering Department will remain mission operational Monday through Friday. Code 36 has continually demonstrated its ability to accomplish its mission regardless of work schedules. Both off-Center and on-Center sponsors will continue to be fully supported with the customary highest quality of work.

Points of contact for questions regarding the Code 36 "5-4/9" work schedule are Tom Hudson, NWC ext. 2604 and Jo Kajiwara, NWC ext. 1011 (Code 3602).

O'Club slates Halloween bash

Eligible patrons and their guests are invited to the O'Club's Halloween Bash on Oct. 27. A social hour will start the evening off at 6:30 p.m., followed by an Italian buffet at 7 p.m. Big Band X-Press will provide music for dancing and listening pleasure starting at 8 p.m.

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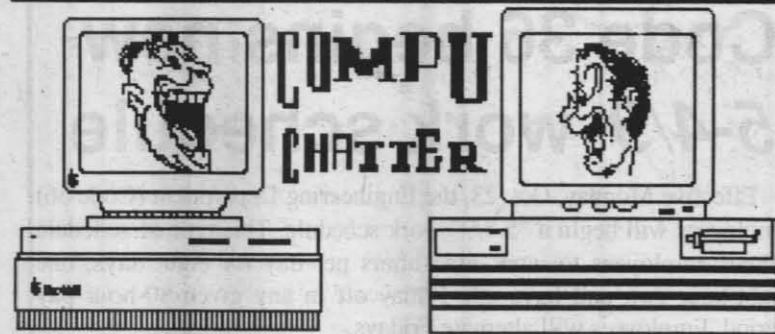
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PC Lab adds new column to paper

This column will be appearing in the *Rocketeer* on a weekly basis and is intended to provide information about the services offered through the PC Lab, as well as to answer general questions that people may have regarding software, peripherals, networks, training, viruses, etc., which pertain to MacIntosh and IBM PC systems. If someone has questions that he/she would like to see answered in this column, please submit them to the PC lab in care of Compu-Chatter through the guard mail.

Just when people thought it was safe to go into the PC lab, they move it to a new location. The PC lab is now located in the CSC trailer, Building 1414A, in the Mich Lab complex.

As the PC lab staff settle into their new surroundings, people will notice that business is operating as usual with Technical Support and the Software Library now located in separate rooms. To ensure that the PC lab will be able to meet your needs, a wide range of services are available to anyone on base. With the addition of new staff members, there are now four consultants to assist you with your next IBM PC or MacIntosh predicament. When in doubt about who to contact about a particular problem, the PC lab is the place to call. If, on the odd chance, a consultant cannot answer your question, he or she will find the answer for you or direct you to a source which will be able to help.

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Professors advise students about school's programs

Professor Costea

Professor Ileana Costea of California State University, Northridge (CSUN) will be on-Center Oct. 25 to advise current and

prospective students in the master's degree programs in applied mechanics and systems engineering offered by the school. Professor Petit

Professor Petit of CSUN will be on Center Nov. 9 to advise current and prospective students in the master's degree program in electrical engineering offered

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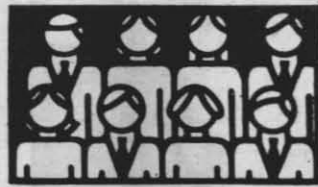
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Personnel News & Notes

Promotional opportunities

Applications for positions listed below are being accepted from Department of Navy employees currently working at NWC and from eligible employees of attached activities who are permanently assigned to NWC. This group includes employees with career or career conditional appointments; employees with permanent Veterans Readjustment Act (VRA) appointments; temporary employees with reinstatement eligibility; and handicapped employees with Sch. (A) continuing appointments. Also included are spouses, with competitive status, of civilian sponsors hired by a DOD activity within NWC's commuting area. Applications from other groups will be accepted when specified in an advertisement. Vacancies are subject to restrictions imposed by the DOD Priority Placement Program. Applicants must meet all legal and regulatory requirements, including minimum qualifications requirements, by the closing date of the advertisement. Evaluation of applicant's qualifications will involve using at least two assessment measures. Assessment measures are work experience, annual performance assessment rating and narrative, education, training, performance assessment and awards.

Eligible spouses (of military sponsors) with competitive employment status may apply for employment preference. Those enrolled in this program will automatically receive consideration for employment on vacancies for which they applied. For initial employment information, career counseling and enrollment, call 939-3317 for an appointment.

HOW TO APPLY: Submit the following: a current application, SF-171 or other Human Resources Department pre-approved form; 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); and a completed Background Survey Questionnaire. A supplemental narrative which relates your qualifications to each knowledge, skill or ability (KSAs) 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 12335/2, 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 a signature on the last page completes the application. Civilian Spousal Program Eligibles with competitive employment status must submit a copy of their sponsor's PCS orders with each application in order to be considered for Merit Promotion vacancies which do not state that status eligibles may apply.

Application materials are accepted, and blank forms are available, at the Reception Desk, Room 100, Human Resources 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. Copies of Applications may be submitted since applications are kept 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. 00-007, Public Affairs Clerk (Typing), DG-303-1/2, Code 0031. This position is located in the Protocol Office. The office coordinates technical presentations made to distinguished visitors, individuals and groups, both military and civilian, and functions as an element of the Public Affairs Office. The incumbent performs the duties of the receptionist in the Michelson Laboratory Lobby. The incumbent also performs a variety of duties in support of the numerous VIP's who come to the Naval Weapons Center, including visitor processing, protocol procedures, and conferencing support. Incumbent is required to drive cars or vans in the performance of some duties. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of NWC organizational structure and programs; skill in person-to-person communications; skill in typing; If selection made at DG-303-1 level, promotion potential to DG-2, but not guaranteed.

No. 24-026, Computer Specialist, DS-334-1/2/3, Code 2404. This position is located in the Systems Office, Safety and Security Department. Incumbent will assist in the design, development, analysis, installation, administration, and management of microcomputer hardware/software systems and related networks. Incumbent will serve as Network Administrator using Banyan Vines, Ethernet and Promet-10 local area networks. The incumbent will serve as Data Base Administrator for implemented database systems developed in A/Rev (DBMS). Incumbent should be knowledgeable in Wordstar, Lotus 1-2-3, A/Rev and MS-DOS/PC-DOS operating systems. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of IBM/PC/XT/AT microcomputers and various PC peripherals; knowledge of local area networks; knowledge of relational databases; knowledge of various PC software packages including word-processing

and spreadsheets; ability to work well with other personnel at all levels; ability to communicate in writing; ability to communicate orally. Promotion potential DS-3. Previous applicants need not apply.

No. 32-050, Electronics Technician, DT-856-1/2/3, Code 3212. This position is located in the Detonation Mechanics area of the Explosive Ordnance Evaluation Branch, Conventional Weapons Division, Ordnance Systems Department. The incumbent is a member of a test team designing, assembling and conducting tests to measure the detonation properties of energetic materials (propellants and explosives). The duties involve design and development of electronic assemblies, setting up instrumentation including oscilloscopes, pressure transducers, photo diodes, high speed digital data acquisition systems, high speed cameras, and recording equipment, assembling explosive components for test firing, collecting and organizing data for transmittal to customers and participating in training leading to firing officer certification. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of design, development, evaluation, testing, installation and maintenance of electronic equipment; knowledge of electronic devices and explosives safety; knowledge of ordnance components and devices; ability to analyze technical data; ability to communicate in writing. If selection made at lower levels, promotion potential to DT-856-3, but not guaranteed.

No. 35-069, Supervisory Interdisciplinary General/Electronics Engineer/Physicist, DP-801/855/1310- 3/4, Code 3572. This position is head of the Inertial Development Branch, Advanced Systems Division, Attack Weapons Department. The Inertial Development Branch develops, tests and evaluates inertial sensors and systems. The successful applicant will supervise a staff of multidisciplinary personnel in expanding the technology base and in applying existing technology to strap down inertial navigation systems for tactical missiles, analyzing requirements for and capabilities of inertial sensors and systems and evaluating inertial sensors and systems. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of inertial guidance fundamentals; Knowledge of hardware and software fundamentals of tactical missile-borne computers; Ability to perform as a first-level supervisor; Ability to communicate orally; Ability to communicate in writing; Knowledge of affirmative action principles including willingness to implement EEO practices. May be required to serve a one-year supervisory probationary period. Promotion potential to DP-4, but not guaranteed.

No. 62-070, Electronics Technician, DT-856-1/2/3, Code 6251. This position is located in the Computer Systems Branch. The incumbent will assist in the operation and maintenance of the Range Control Center Integration and Processing System (RIPS), a major range instrumentation system. This center supports many aspects of range testing and is crucial to controlling tests and providing data to range customers. Incumbent will provide technical support to this system. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of video systems, communications devices, data interfaces and the operations thereof; knowledge of range operations; knowledge of major computer systems; ability to read schematics; ability to operate, maintain and repair large sophisticated computer systems including peripherals. Promotion potential to DT-3.

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 applications 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.

No. 27-023, Computer Scientist, DP-1550-3, Code 2731. This position is in the Information Management Applications Branch, Information Systems Group. The position involves working as a team member analyzing and/or implementing existing and future software development for the SPEDI (Small Purchase Electronic Data Interchange) project. The objective of the SPEDI project is to automate and expedite the small purchase procedures. The potential system is based in COBOL with relational data base interface. Depending on results achieved, the position may transition from development of the system to management of the system. To Apply, send current SF-171 to Judy Martin, Code 2731, NWC ext. 4680.

No. 31-084, Interdisciplinary, (Electronics Engineer/Physicist), DP-855-1310-2/3, Code 3158. This position is in

the Target Recognition Systems Branch, Targeting Division, Weapons Systems Integration Department. The work to be performed is the development of algorithms for signal and image processing, and for pattern and image recognition associated with automatic aircraft recognition technology. Applicable sensors for this high resolution radar, algorithm development work include Inverse Synthetic Aperture Radar and advanced RF missile seekers. Growth in the position will involve some project direction and/or leadership of a small team of scientists. Assessment of related technology developments in industry will also be required. Three to five years experience in signal processing with background in radar sensors and ability to program in FORTRAN is preferred. To apply, send current SF-171 to A. Campbell, Code 3158, NWC ext. 3531.

Secretarial opportunities

This column is used to announce secretary positions for which the duties and job relevant criteria are generally similar. Secretaries serve as the principal clerical and administrative support in the designated organization by coordinating and carrying out such activities. Secretaries perform numerous tasks which may be dissimilar. Positions at lower grades consist primarily of clerical and procedural duties and, as positions increase in grades, administrative functions become predominant. At the higher levels, secretaries apply a considerable knowledge of the organization, its objectives and lines of communication. Depending on grade level, typical secretary duties are implied by the job relevant criteria indicated below.

Applicants will be rated against four or more of the following job relevant criteria: (1) ability to perform receptionist and telephone duties; (2) ability to review, track, screen and distribute incoming mail; (3) ability to review outgoing correspondence; (4) ability to compose correspondence and/or prepare non-technical reports; (5) knowledge of filing systems and files management; (6) ability to meet the administrative needs of the office; (7) ability to train clerical personnel and organize workload of clerical staff processes; (8) ability to plan and coordinate travel arrangements; (9) ability to maintain and coordinate supervisor's calendar and to arrange conferences.

Unless otherwise indicated, applicants for branch secretary will be rated on elements 1/2/3/5/8; division secretary applicants will be rated on elements 1/2/3/4/7/8/9; Program Office secretary applicants will be rated on elements 1/2/3/4/5/8/9; and department secretary applications will be rated on elements 4/7/8/9. A SUPPLEMENTAL FORM IS REQUIRED AND MAY BE OBTAINED IN ROOM 100 OF THE PERSONNEL BUILDING.

No. 39-087, Secretary (Typing), DG-318-1/2, Code 39B5. The incumbent will provide secretarial support to the AAAM Project Office. Duties will include typing, processing travel orders, making travel arrangements, and receptionist/telephone responsibilities. Knowledge and experience with the Macintosh computer is desirable, but not required. Promotion potential to DG-2, but not guaranteed.

No. 39-088, Secretary (Typing), DG-318-1/2, Code 39S2. The incumbent will provide secretarial support to the RF Guidance Analysis Branch, RF Guidance Division, Intercept Weapons Department. Branch files are largely automated and maintained on MS-DOS PCs. Experience with, or ability to learn to use, MS-DOS PCs is desirable. Promotion potential to

DG-2, but not guaranteed.

No. 39-089, Secretary (Typing), DG-318-1/2, Code 39B8. The incumbent provides secretarial and administrative support to the Sparrow Project Office. The incumbent coordinates travel arrangements and meetings. Works with senior secretary to project professional image of project office. Promotion potential to DG-2, but not guaranteed.

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SUPER COTRs--Superior service as Contracting Officer Technical Representatives (COTRs) earned recognition from Cdr. Steve Nyland, head, Procurement Department (center). Among the honored (l-r): Thomas Wiknich (Code 6443), John Irving (Code 3514), Bill Herold (Code 36A6), Ann Penn (Code 31B), Pat Rizzardini (Code 2703) and Dennis Sorges (Code 3384).

President's award...

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Porter played a leading role in the early days of the HARM (High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missile) program as an associate department head and later as a department head at NWC. He has directed the initiation and evolution of a number of major weapons systems presently in the fleet.

He is also frequently called on to serve as a consultant to key personnel in the systems commands and DOD or to conduct special studies.

In recent years Porter headed the Weapons Department when it was established in 1975, then moved to become the Test and Evaluation Director before moving to his present position as deputy technical director and laboratory director in May of 1986.

His awards include the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award in 1984 and the Naval Weapons Center's two most prestigious awards, the L.T.E. Thompson and Michelson Laboratory Awards.

Candidates for Meritorious Executive Award recognition are evaluated by independent commissions based on their career achievements; previous awards and honors; agency cost reduction, successful use of human resources and successful affirmative action efforts; personal initiative and innovation; and cooperative efforts with other federal agencies, governmental jurisdictions and the private sector.

COTRs appreciated

Cdr. Steve Nyland, head, Procurement Department honored COTRs Thomas Wiknich (Code 6443), John Irving (Code 3514), Bill Herold (Code 36A6), Ann Penn (Code 31B), Pat Rizzardini (Code 2703), Lonnie Price (Code 3526), Tiana Gaugh (Code 2703), and Dennis Sorges (Code 3384) with certificates in appreciation for their contribution towards effective contract administration.

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CONGRATULATIONS--Commander Dennis J. Whitford, commanding officer, Naval Oceanography Command Facility, San Diego, congratulates AG2 Michael Bradley upon his reenlistment to the Navy for another six years. The aerographer's mate second class has been assigned to the Naval Oceanography Command Detachment, China Lake, for the past three years. Watching the ceremonies are AG2 Bradley's wife, Tina, and children, Danielle and Robert. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

A FAMILY AFFAIR--AMH2(AW) Randy Cockrell (right) gets moral support from his wife, child and dog at this backyard reenlistment performed by Lt. J.C. Harding of Air Test & Evaluation Squadron Five. VX-5 photo



Feature added

For the next couple of weeks, the *NWC Rocketeer* will feature a reenlistment page to honor the military personnel who choose to serve their country for additional tours of duty.



GIVING MORE--In photo at right, AT2 Mitchell Sharp (left) accepts the well wishes of reenlistment officer, Ens. Richard Chapman after signing up for six additional years of Navy service. Sharp works in the Calibration Lab of the Aircraft Support Division (Code 6122). Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

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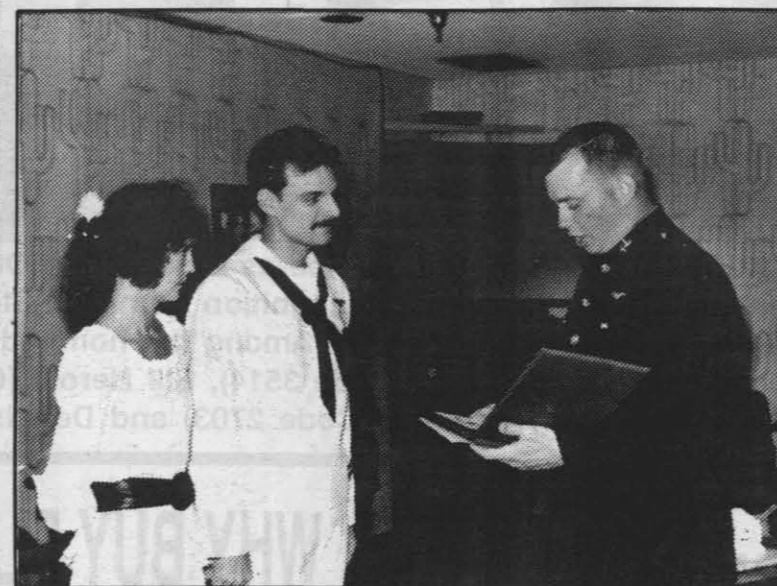
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AGCS Dillie concluded the ceremonies by saying, "I have



SIX MORE PLEASE--AME2(AW) David Pitts takes the oath of reenlistment, witnessed by friend, Penny Beauchesne, after eight years in the Navy. The aviation structural mechanic is employed in the seat shop of the Aircraft Department (Code 61211). Enlisting officer is Capt. Dave Ferrucci of China Lake's Marine Aviation Detachment.



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Steve Yu takes first place in Haugen tennis tourney

Steve Yu beat Nito Hausia 6-3, 6-2 to take first place in the A Division of Men's Singles in the Haugen Memorial Tennis Tournament. The tournament was held this past weekend at the tennis courts on base, Cerro Coso College, Heritage Village and Prospect Park. The annual event is held to raise funds to support scholarships in Gary Haugen's name for local high school tennis players. Haugen, a local tennis player, died of leukemia.

of Nancy Webster and Mary Alvarado who overcame the team of Shanna Packer and Darcy Rindt in a round-robin, best percentage contest in the A Division of Women's Doubles and the team of Heather Miller and Halpin who bested the team of Suzanne Haney and Rex Ribultan 7-5, 6-3 in Mixed Doubles.

Other first place winners were Denise Cass who overcame Julie Clarke 6-2, 6-0 in the A Division of Women's Singles; the team of Brett Halpin and Yu who defeated the team of Hausia and Mike Smith 6-4, 6-4 in the A Division of Men's Doubles; the team

With 151 participants, the tournament was declared a success by tournament director Tom Wee, who remarked, "Many comments were heard from the out-of-town competitors complimenting Ridgecrest/China Lake and the tennis club for putting on such a great tournament!"



PLANNING HIS SHOT--Steve Yu, first place winner in the A Division, Men's Singles of the Haugen Memorial Tennis Tournament, eyes the spot he wants the ball to go. Yu took the championship by beating Nito Hausia 6-3, 6-2. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

Nechero defeats defending champ at NWC golf course

Jane Nechero defeated defending champion Janet Pande by one stroke in the 1989 China Lake Women's Club Championship held at the China Lake Golf Course this past weekend. The two ended the tournament with a 159 for Nechero and a 160 for Pande. Despite the loss, Pande tied her own course record with a sizzling 76 strokes on Sunday.

Pauline Henderson. Mussler's final score was 132, while Henderson's was 137. Rita Pirozek took third place with a score of 189 and Carol Beck took fourth with a score of 139.

In the low net division, Kay Mussler had a littler easier time recording a five stroke victory over

Pande and Doris Lalor recorded the low putts. The next event is the annual Robinson Tournament scheduled for this weekend. The Robinson is traditionally the biggest event of the year at the China Lake Golf Course.

Incorrect fees reported last week

Inadvertently, a few incorrect annual fees for the China Lake Golf Course were printed in the *Rocketeer* last week. The fees should have read: DoD -- Single, \$350; Family, \$525; O-6 & above, SES -- Single, \$375; Family, \$563; Private citizens -- Single, \$400; Family, \$600. The staff of the *Rocketeer* apologizes for any inconvenience caused by last week's article.

Two for the price of one!

All eligible patrons are invited to a 'Lunch Hour Meal Deal' at Hall Memorial Lanes. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$3.25 buys a hamburger, fries, coke and one game of bowling. For more information, call Bill Booth, NWC ext. 3471.

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OTHTC sponsors run

Tomorrow the Over The Hill Track Club (OTHTC) will hold its annual 5- and 10-K run. This year's event starts at 8 a.m. at the Naval Weapons Center (NWC) gymnasium, with registration at 7 a.m. The entry fee is \$9 for OTHTC members and \$10 for non-members.

Both the 5- and 10-K courses are flat and laid out on NWC streets. Walkers and runners are encouraged to enter. For NWC employees and their dependents, this event counts toward points in the Wellness Program's China Lake Challenge.

All entrants receive a t-shirt and "petroglyph." The first three places in each age group, men's and women's, as well as the first man and woman in each event, receive special "petroglyphs." This year's t-shirt features petroglyph sheep.

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Youth soccer players learning the game

In the third week of play, Youth Soccer teams are starting to show vast improvements. Audiences were kept on the edge of their seats as the majority of the games were close, exciting matches.

Division I

Cobras 3, Appolos 0

Goals by Jared Crutchfield and David Kennedy and tremendous play by goalie Jeffery Belter resulted in a win. Good passing and defensive plays by Brett L'Hommedieu, Justin Robbins and Jonathan Sandoval weren't enough in the loss.

Express 1, Sounders 0

Excellent plays by Kyle Owen, Ryan Spargo and Alexa Thompson, and a goal by Matt Bloudek ended in a victory. The Sounders just couldn't pass the Express.

Cougars 6, Eagles 0

Four goals by Quinn Edward and one each by Robert and Ryan Charlton put the Cougars in a strong lead. Play by Whitney Harris and Jonathan Brown prevented the Eagles from scoring. Brennan Paterson, Amber Adair and Ryon Tulio showed good form in the loss.

Stallions 4, Owls 0

Eric Davis, Curtis Haney and William Powell played an excellent game for the Stallions. Winning goals were scored by Mike Giroux, Gianna Wunderlich and Matthew Chambers. The Owls did not turn in a score sheet.

Coyotes 1, Hurricanes 0

Defensive moves by Benny Cox and Scott Hine, and a goal by Erik Johnson pushed the Coyotes to victory. The Hurricanes did not turn in a score sheet.

Division II

Bullets 2, Diplomats 1

A successful shot at goal by Joey Blanton and a successful penalty shot at goal by Scott Giroux shot the Bullets past the Diplomats. Karen Behr was credited with excellent defense in the win. Outstanding play by Darren Hodge and Jay Black, and a goal by Mark Ogren wasn't enough for the Diplomats in this exciting contest.

Rockets 3, Strikers 1

In a hard fought game, Duncan Nicholson, Chris Long and Dana Clark managed to stop the Strikers. Pete Greedy and Justin Weidenkopf scored in the win. Despite efforts by Phillip Belding and Katie Pershing, and a goal by Colby Ryan Moore, the Strikers couldn't defuse the Rockets.

Roughnecks 2, Whitecaps 1

In a well-matched game, the

Roughnecks were victorious with goals by Jason Clark and Thomas Martin. Jason Persiani and Justin McDermid had excellent defensive moves in the win. Whitecaps did not turn in a score sheet.

Earthquakes 4, Electrons 2

Two goals by Barrett Edwards and one each by Jim Orozco and Joshua Roberts, along with tough defense by Tammy Yeager resulted in a victory. The Electrons did not turn in a score sheet.

Jets 3, Wolves 0

Efforts by Angel Avita, Eon Hickman and James Fujiwara weren't enough for the Wolves. Jets did not turn in a score sheet.

Division III

Stings 3, Furrries 1

Well-aimed kicks by Mitchell Tims scored all three of the Stings' goals. Super defense by Chris Maki, Jolie Robinson and Kurt Katzenstein kept the Furrries from scoring more than one. The Furrries did not turn in a score sheet.

Soccers 0, Lancers 0

Helped by defensive moves by Jeremy Ellingson and Stephanie French, goalies Brian Sutterthwaite and Jamie Rugg kept the Lancers from scoring. Excellent

handling of the ball by Stacy Schreffler and Rodney Delosreyes made the Lancers impossible to beat.

Mustangs 5, Goalbusters 2

Quick footwork by Tom Davis helped the Mustangs to keep control of the ball, resulting in three goals by Glenn Conrad and one goal each by James Hutmacher and Josh Crawford. Heather Staab and Jodi Sieg were excellent defensive players in the win. The Goalbusters did not turn in a score sheet.

Division IV

Renegades 10, Aztecs 10

The Renegades joined with two Aztecs players, Grant Barnett and Adam Summers and split the team into the Blue and Yellow teams. At half-time, team members switch teams. Greg Solem made six goals for the Blue team, while Scott Foremaster and James Leonard kicked in two a piece. High scorer for the Yellow team was Erik Wunderlich, with three successful shots at goal. Foremaster added two points for the Yellow team in the second half, while Summers, Barnett and Elliott Borden each added one point.

Variety of vehicles available at the Lemon Lot on-Center

Located on Inyokern Road across from the NWC Housing Office, the "Lemon Lot" provides base residents, active duty and retired military personnel and their dependents, and DoD employees a dedicated area for the purpose of displaying used vehicles for sale or trade.

Authorized personnel wishing to display their vehicle must stop by the Auto Hobby Shop (located right behind the lot) prior to displaying their vehicle for a Vehicle Resale Registration Form (NAVWPNCEN 4069/37). Fees for displaying a vehicle are 50 cents per day for military personnel and \$1 per day for DoD civilians.

As of Oct. 17, the following vehicles are on display at the "Lemon Lot": 1984 Jeep Cherokee; 1984 Ford Bronco II; 1978 GMC Jimmy 4x4; 1987 Nissan King Cab 4x4; 1976 Honda, 2 door; 1985 Chevy Silverado Pick-up; 1987 Suzuki Intruder motorcycle; and 1986 Starcraft Nova 24-ft. tent trailer.

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Physical disabilities no obstacle in employment

Three China Lakers don't allow deafness to stop them from being productive employees at NWC

(Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of articles during National Disability Employment Month about China Lakers with disabilities.)

Matt Beishline, Mike Wall and Terri Wall are three China Lakers whose job performance clearly demonstrates that physical disabilities are no real obstacle to employment at the Naval Weapons Center. Their deafness hasn't stopped them from being productive members of the NWC family and it doesn't prevent them, or others with disabilities, from striving for excellence in all they do.

Beishline, a Georgia native has been here the longest, five years, starting after his graduation from Gallaudet University. Working in the Attack Weapons Department's Tomahawk Software Support Branch, his original goal was to work in the Washington area. But after coming to China Lake for a summer job, he was offered a permanent position and hasn't regretted his decision to remain in the desert.

Mike Wall, and his wife, Terri, came to NWC in 1986 with the encouragement of his father who had moved here first. Mike works in the Attack Weapons Department's Advanced Systems Development Branch. Terri is an accounting technician in the Office of the Comptroller. Both are graduates of the National Technical Institute for

the Deaf (NTID) in Rochester, N.Y. Mike noted NTID is a branch campus of the Rochester Institute of Technology and has about 1,500 students enrolled.

Beishline and the Walls say they have been impressed with NWC's desires to work with handicapped individuals and actively seek out qualified and skilled workers with disabilities to come to China Lake.

"From my viewpoint it doesn't matter if you're deaf or not - if you're qualified then that's all that matters when the hiring is done. In fact, I understand China Lake has a goal of hiring more deaf employees, so the Center seems committed," added Beishline.

He did note that the remote location and small size of the community is a disadvantage when NWC tries to attract handicapped employees. Many may feel there will not be the cultural and social opportunities of a large city. It was a concern of his as well at first, but now he really loves living in the desert.

Their supervisors have had to make only a few physical adjustments to accommodate their handicaps. All use TDD (telecommunication device for the deaf) phones and there is an interpreting service to assist them in communicating by sign language with fellow employees. Mike and Terri Wall note there are always a couple

of individuals in any work environment who make the effort to learn at least a little bit of sign language to make communication easier.

"It's important for codes to understand the needs of the deaf and to treat them as individuals," commented Beishline.

As an example, all three noted there are some awkward moments sometimes when they are communicating, in sign language, with someone else who is deaf or understands signing. "I'll be chatting with someone who understands sign and a hearing employee will see us and notice we may talk for sometime. They may think I talk too much, but when you add up all the small moments on the phone or in the hall or in the office that they talk to other people, it's no different, we may just do it all at one time," added Beishline.

"We don't have the opportunity to accumulate conversations during the day," said Terri Wall.

"I would encourage people to learn a little bit of sign, I'd be happy to chat with people who do, and we all understand written messages. People who do take the trouble to learn sign should not be afraid to use it," added Terri.

Mike Wall noted many hearing people think all deaf people can read lips and tend to really exaggerate words thinking we can understand them better. He added, the deaf

have to get to know someone and watch them for sometime before they can read lips in most cases. Lip reading is a learned skill, not something that comes automatically to any deaf individual.

All three said their supervisors and coworkers had been very supportive throughout their time at China Lake. They felt China Lake offered a very good workplace and people in the workforce who took the time to communicate.

Mike and Terri Wall wanted to stress there is no reason to be timid about approaching someone who is deaf for the first time. "Don't worry if you don't know sign, write notes and we'll respond."

Terri noted they all use lights to alert them sometimes as well. Doorbell lights, phone lights, etc. are used as substitutes for the noise these devices usually provide. Terri also said they have a daughter with normal hearing, who sometimes will alert her to the phone or door bell if she can't see the lights.

Summing up his feelings, Beishline said he wanted to encourage people to take the time to communicate and stressed that while it would be nice if people learned to sign, writing a note was also acceptable.

Darrell Vance provided his signing services as the interpreter for the *Rocketeer* interview with Matt, Terri and Mike.



COMMUNICATION--Matt Beishline signs to Mike (center) and Terri Wall as they discuss the work that goes on at Mike's bench in the Advanced Systems Development Branch. The three Center employees demonstrate that deafness doesn't hinder productivity on the job.

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