

### CLPD releases weekly traffic concentrations

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

- Monday -- Inyokern Road.
  - Tuesday -- Blandy Avenue.
  - Wednesday -- Knox Road.
  - Thursday -- Randsburg Wash Road.
  - Friday -- Sandquist Road.
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### BCSS snips ribbon to new Armitage Field facility

Boeing Corporation managers cut the ribbon as their new Armitage Airfield facility began its first full day of business, April 30. The facility is dedicated to the support of the Naval Weapons Center's Aircraft Weapons Integration Department (Code 31).

Since the NWC contract for computer support was awarded in January, Boeing Computer Support Services (BCSS) has been phasing in the performance of work. The first phase

began April 2 when BCSS began work under its contract, and ended with the official opening of the airfield facility. Phase 2 will be complete May 14 when the transition of the Ridgecrest facility on the corner of Inyokern Rd. and Norma St. is complete. Fred Lavering is Boeing's program manager for the Ridgecrest field branch of BCSS.

As contract phase-in manager for Boeing, Ralph Herrick is in charge of coordinating the

transition from the prior contractor. He notes the local Boeing operation is a team--an integrated workforce--consisting of the prime contractor, BCSS, and four subcontractors: Software AG Federal Systems Inc. (S/W AG), Systems Exploration Inc. (SEI), Computer Software Analysts Inc. (CSA), and Pulau Electronics Corp. According to Herrick, the majority of the local CSC workforce did or will transfer to Boeing.

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### MWR cancels luau planned for today; not enough interest

According to Jim Bowen, head, Morale, Welfare & Recreation Division, the Hawaiian Luau planned on May 11 has been canceled due to the lack of participation.

Refunds will be given to the people who have already bought their tickets.

Bowen, Tim McCullough, Seafarer Club manager, and members of SATO Leisure Travel regret any inconvenience this cancellation may cause.

For more information, call the Seafarer Club at 446-6929.

### Annual Poppy push begins Monday by Legion Auxiliary

American Legion Auxiliary volunteers will be selling hand-crafted poppies at local shopping centers on May 19 in celebration of Poppy Week, which is May 14-19.

This annual event pays tribute to those veterans who have died in the last 70 years and honors the millions of Americans who have willingly served their country in seven decades.

The Poppy Program has been part of the American Legion Auxiliary for more than 65 years. It has been estimated that approximately 25 million Americans wear the poppy to honor America's war dead and all veterans, contributing nearly \$2 million for rehabilitation and welfare programs.

In reality, however, these spouses are recognized each day for their important contributions to the security of the United States. The unselfish dedication of military spouses provides vital moral support to active-duty mem-

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## NWC researcher earns TD Award

### Dan Gillespie records a rare double for his scientific work and leadership

Dr. Dan Gillespie of the Naval Weapons Center's Research Department was surprised and flattered to receive one of the few second Technical Director Awards ever given at the Center.

The head of the Applied Mathematics Research Group was honored April 24 for his "sustained level of excellence in scientific research, communication and leadership," and specifically for his Technical Director's Seminar lecture, *Is Quantum Mechanics Crazy, or What?*

During his 18 years at NWC, Gillespie's outstanding scientific contributions have been recognized and rewarded--with a prior TD Award in 1982, and three Sigma Xi Outstanding Paper Awards indicating the excellence of his published research. And the honors even run in his family. His wife, Carol, of

Code 3132, received a TD award in 1988 for work on the Integrated Defensive Avionics Program (IDAP).

Gillespie's main research at NWC is in random process theory and Monte Carlo methods. But since his graduate school days, he has maintained an interest in quantum mechanics, having authored the textbook, *A Quantum Mechanics Primer*, in 1970. As a member of a working group in the Introductory University Physics Project, sponsored jointly by the American Physical Society and the American Association of Physics Teachers, Gillespie recently wrote a trial series of undergraduate lectures in elementary quantum mechanics.

Last August, Gillespie's presentation of *Is Quantum Mechanics Crazy, or What?* was

well received by non-technical listeners as well as scientists and engineers. His informative and entertaining look at one of the more complex areas of theoretical physics warranted a repeat performance. A videotape of the lecture has been in demand on-Center since its recording.

Two weeks ago Gillespie was sponsored by the American Institute of Physics to give his quantum mechanics talk, along with a talk on random numbers, at Coe College, a small liberal arts college in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as part of the Visiting Scientist Program in Physics.

Gillespie says he owes much of the presentation's conception to his co-workers, who found his description of the "craziness" of

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THEY'RE TO BLAME--The Applied Mathematics Research Group's interest inspired the Technical Director's Seminar lecture which earned Dr. Dan Gillespie (center) a TD Award last week. From left to right: Dr. Paul Kersten, Dr. Bill Alltop, Teri Hines, Gillespie, Dr. Jorge Martin and Dr. Warren Willman. Photo by PHAN Cary Bray

### H. G. Wilson patent honors set for May 29

Patents awarded to Naval Weapons Center employees have the potential to bring a financial reward to the inventor or developer under NWC's Haskell (Hack) G. Wilson Award program.

Named for the former Center Technical Director and long time China Laker, the program focuses recognition on patents that bring substantial payoffs to the Naval Weapons Center and U.S. Navy. Later this month (May 29) the annual Hack Wilson Awards will be presented for some of these outstanding patents.

The presentations are set for 1 p.m. in Michelson Laboratory's Room 1000D on May 29.

## Military Spouses Day brings salute

Parent, homemaker, volunteer and employee are words used to describe military spouses at the Naval Weapons Center and throughout the U.S. Armed Forces.

Today (Friday) is set aside by the Department of Defense as Military Spouses Day; one day in the year in which spouses of men and women in uniform who serve their country are given special recognition.

In reality, however, these spouses are recognized each day for their important contributions to the security of the United States. The unselfish dedication of military spouses provides vital moral support to active-duty mem-

bers here and around the world.

As a parent, the military spouse often has to be there for the children when the uniformed member is at sea, on deployment or standing watch. The spouse of a military member frequently doubles as father and mother for long periods of time. Their dedication as a parent is vital to the spirit of those absent.

As an employee, the military spouse is recognized at China Lake as an important part of the workforce and is depended on for continued outstanding performance. They often cope with frequent job changes as they follow the

uniform from duty station to duty station, but their enthusiasm compensates for the changes.

As a volunteer, the military spouse is a scoutmaster, pack leader, den mother, baseball coach, soccer coach, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society worker and more. Without their support, many volunteer organizations could no longer meet the needs of the community.

And as a homemaker, the military spouse takes on an extra burden when the active-duty member of the family is gone for long periods of time. In the course of a three-to-six month deployment, a homemaker may face many

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## China Lake Calendar

**Fri., May 11**  
...Grilled steak lunch, Seafarer Lanai, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
...Code 32 picnic, old CPO Club park, 5 p.m.

**Sat., May 12**  
...Women's Shelter Network Golf Tournament, NWC Golf Course, tee-off from 7 a.m. to noon.  
...Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 95 officer installation dinner, corner of Lauritsen & Entwistle, 5 p.m.

**Sun., May 13**  
...Mothers' Day Brunch at the Seafarer Club, 9:30, 11:00 or 12:30 seatings. Call for reservations.

**Tues., May 15**  
...Computer Society meeting, El Charro Avitia, 11:30 a.m.-noon, lunch; noon-1 p.m., program  
...TID Library ribbon cutting ceremony, 8:30 a.m.

**Thurs., May 17**  
...China Lake Chapter of Sigma XI, Carriage Inn, 7 p.m.  
...SAME Spring Golf Tournament, NWC Golf Course  
...American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics annual dinner, The Hideaway Restaurant, 7 p.m.

**Fri., May 18**  
...IEEE luncheon, Seafarer Club, 11:30 a.m.

**Coming Events...**  
Cdr. Fred Lentz retirement--June 1  
American Heritage Week--June 4-8

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

## Wellness Corner

### May programs offer something for everyone

We have had some great presentations the past two weeks, celebrating National Physical Fitness and Sports month. Below you will find a schedule of the upcoming events.

Bring your walking shoes next Wednesday, May 16, so you can join in the Federal Fitness Day walk. Everyone at China Lake is invited to participate in this 1.5 mile walk to show people here want to be physically and mentally healthy. If you haven't already incorporated walking into your daily routine, this is a great time to start.

The benefits of walking are more than just a change of scenery. If your pace is brisk enough and your walks are frequent enough you will increase your cardiovascular efficiency. Walking is also an effective way to release tension and stress and lose extra pounds. Plan to set aside 30 minutes of your lunch hour to be a part of Federal Fitness Day. The suggested time is 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon, but since everyone has individual requirements to work around, any other time of the day is great. Suggested walking routes are described below. Do it for the health of it and bring a friend.

**May 14--Stress Management**, by Rita McCullough Stanley, Ph.D. Do you feel tense, anxious, worried, irritable, depressed, unable to slow down or relax, tired or restless? Do you have problems concentrating, eating, sleeping, or controlling unwanted thoughts? All of these can be symptoms of stress. Dr. Stanley will discuss: The three most common types of stress; how to find out if you have

a "Type A" personality; how to pinpoint your particular sources of stress and measure your current stress level; several practical methods to combat the stress in your life; and three ways to control anger and not let it control you. The presentation will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Training Center (walk in).

**May 15--Sports Medicine**, by Dr. Lawrence Horn, D.P.M. The lecture on podiatric sports medicine will use a series of slides to emphasize the following subjects: traumatic injuries, overuse injuries, blisters, jogger's/tennis toe, ingrown toenail, turf toe, Morton's neuroma, Plantar Fasciitis, heel spurs, Sever's disease in the child athlete, RICE principle, ankle sprains, Achilles Tendonitis, calf muscle tear, shin pain, fractures of the toes, foot, and ankle, and orthotics. Diagnosis, PREVENTION, and treatment are discussed for these and other conditions. Doctor Horn will lecture from 1-2 p.m. at Michelson Lab 1000D (walk in).

**May 16--NATIONAL EMPLOYEE FITNESS DAY**--Celebrate National Employee Fitness Day with a non competitive 1 1/2 mile walk designed to be fun and dramatize the importance of physical fitness at the same time. Fitness can be as simple as a brisk 20-30 minute walk, a practice you can help begin TODAY over the lunch hour. Suggested routes are:

CLPL: The Par Course at the CLPL Gate or at Salt Wells.

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## Local committee making plans for safe graduation

Graduation night is becoming a safer and richer tradition in the Indian Wells Valley as local high school grads are treated to an all-nighter sponsored by the Committee for a Safe Graduation (CFSG'90).

On June 7, the third annual graduation night party will be held from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. the following morning in the patio/pool area of the Naval Weapons Center Officers' Club. All Indian Wells Valley graduating students are invited to bring one guest.

According to Bill Capps, CFSG'90 co-chairman and third time committee member, the event is becoming the "place to be" on graduation night. "Last year we had a turn out of 300 seniors and 150 guests," he noted. "It seems to be a self-perpetuating event. Many of the guests are juniors who come back the following year as seniors, bringing their peers along."

The main idea behind the party is to help save lives on graduation night by providing young people with the action they would be seeking elsewhere.

Capps and Everett Greene, the committee's police coordinator, met with China Lake Police Chief, James Brown and Ridgecrest Police



**WORKING FOR A SAFE GRADUATION**—(from left) Ridgecrest Police Chief Randy Narramore and China Lake Police Chief James Brown are briefed by Bill Capps and Everett Greene, NWC employees and members of the Committee for a Safe Graduation 1990.

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V.F.W. SHIP 4084 will hold installation of officers on May 5th at 3:00 p.m. A Bar-B-Q dinner will follow at 5:30. A "Nifty Fifties" dance is scheduled at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 for members and guests only. On May 6th Ship 4084 will host the District 10 Council quarterly meeting for election and installation of officers. For more information call 375-4084.

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**THE WACOM FOUR**--Officers of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM) 1990-91 year were installed at Tuesday's luncheon meeting. Left to right, President Donnie Goettig joins Tina Kne-meyer, vice president; Elaine Jenne, secretary and Jean Kraus, treasurer. During the luncheon \$10,630 earned in WACOM's Thrift Shop was distributed to twenty-one community service and special interest organizations.



**Dance tonight to benefit local Sister City Association**

Kick up your heels at the Sister City Association of Ridgecrest's *Cinco de Mayo Dance*. It's not exactly the Fifth of May, but tonight (May 11) at the Ridgecrest Civic Center, Big Band Express will provide music for dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$9 at the door or \$8 in advance for members. Door prizes will be given away. Call Jeanne Backman at 375-4068 or Hector Leon at 375-1758.

A non-profit organization, the Sister City Association of Ridgecrest raises money each year to cover expenses of hosting a delegation from Tapatitlan, Mexico. The goal of the Sister City program, as established by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956, is to help secure peace throughout the world through the establishment of personal, people-to-people friendships between Americans and the peoples of other nations.

**Community Events**

What is the future of Ridgecrest? will be the topic for the next Historical Society meeting, which is slated for 7:30 p.m. on May 15 at the Maturango Museum. Flo Condos, Ridgecrest's new mayor, as well as many of the former mayors and Damon Edwards, city administrator, will talk of their ideas and answer questions. The public is invited to attend and perhaps to share some of their hopes for the city.

During the regular summer school program offered by the Sierra Sands Unified School District, the Regional Occupation Program will offer one class, Pre-School Teacher's Aide. This 4-hour class will be held at the Rainbow Ridge Nursery School from 7:15 to 11:15 a.m. Monday through Friday from June 11 through July 20. This class is open to students 16 years of age or older and adults. The on-the-job training prepares students for work in day care and pre-school situations. For more information, call Jo Burdick at 375-4476, ext. 23.

Tomorrow, May 12, it will be Prohibition all over again as LL and Company comes to the historical Trona airport for a special production of *Thaddeus Barnstormer's Bathub Gin*. Writer/director Linda Lou Crosby and her crew are helping celebrate Trona's First Annual Barnstorming event, a weekend of antique aircraft, balloon rides, celebrity pilots and good old fashioned fun to benefit the Trona Community Chest which sponsors youth activities in the community.

Come on out to the airport hangar. After the show dance to the music of *Haywire*. Cost for dinner and entertainment is \$20 per person. For reservations call Trona Hardware at (619) 372-4520.

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**Fleet Reserve installs '90-91 officers**

Tomorrow, China Lake Branch 95, Fleet Reserve Association, will hold its 1990-91 installation of officers starting at 5 p.m. at the FRA home, located at the corner of Lauritsen and Entwistle roads. Tickets for the swiss steak dinner are \$5. Please call Wanda at 375-6839 or Joyce at 371-2246 for more information and to reserve your space.

Each year, Fleet Reserve Association branches sponsor boot camp companies at the Naval Training Center, San Diego. This year, Skip Bennett, Bob

and Wand Schwaiger and Wally Baker of China Lake Branch 95 journeyed to the Naval Recruit Graduation to cheer on their company, Recruit Company 101, which won seven of the possible eight awards, including the Distinguished Leadership Award.

Officers and members of China Lake Branch 95 are proud of all the Recruits of Company 101 and feel confident the future of the U.S. Navy is safe in the hands of such outstanding young people.



**FAREWELL SALUTE**--MMCM(SW) Frank Jones offers a last salute as he was piped over the side into civilian life last Friday. The Command Career Counselor retired after 30 years of service to the U.S. Navy and two years at NWC. See story on Page 9. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

**NWC officers earn recognition for duty on the land, sea and in the air**

At the Naval Weapons Center All Officers' Meeting on Monday, Lt. Karl Fairbanks, Lt. Kirk Addicott, and LCDr. Michael Mohn received well-deserved recognition before their fellow officers.

Capt. Douglas Cook, NWC Commander, presented Lt. Fairbanks with his certificate for completion of the prescribed requirements of the Engineering Duty Qualification Program. Lt. Fairbanks, with the Center's Missile Software Branch (Code 3922) since June 1987, was approved after 3 hours before the qualification board in July of 1989. As part of the qualifications, the officer wrote a paper on software metrics which was published in *IEEE Conference Proceedings*. Fairbanks has a master's degree in computer science.

Next, the Skipper presented the Navy Achievement Medal to NWC newcomer, Lt. Addicott for superior performance of duties while serving as Assistant Strike Operations Officer onboard *USS Coral Sea* from July 1988 to December 1989. His citation letter, signed by VAdm J. Ready for the Secretary of the Navy, called out Addicott's "unyielding dedication, meticulous planning, and intuitive ability to flawlessly

schedule even the most complex evolutions... As a result of his in-depth knowledge and precise application of special weapons procedures, *USS Coral Sea* received an outstanding evaluation during NATO exercises."

"For meritorious service while serving as Staff Operations Officer on the Staff of Commander, Destroyer Squadron 35, from July 1988 to January 1990," LCDr. Mohn, a newly arrived surface warfare officer, was awarded with the Navy Commendation Medal by Capt. Cook. The award

from the Secretary of the Navy was signed by VAdm. R. Kihune, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. It cited in part, "Displaying exceptional skill and resourcefulness, LCDr. Mohn coordinated all operational planning for two Surface Warfare Training Availabilities and two Battleship Battle group Readiness Exercises." In addition, he was primarily responsible for preparing and executing the Anti-submarine Warfare Commander's operational orders for Battleship Battle group Romeo.



**THREE AWARDED**--At the recent All Officers Meeting, Capt. Douglas W. Cook, NWC Commander, presented LCDr. Mike Mohn with the Navy Commendation Medal (center photo) for service with Destroyer Squadron 35; Lt. Kirk Addicott (right) received the Navy Achievement Medal for service aboard the *USS Coral Sea*; and Lt. Karl Fairbanks (left) was awarded his Engineering Duty Officer certificate.



**The Skipper Sez...**

**QUESTION**

Skipper, your answer recently to a question regarding the repayment from travel was inappropriate. Regardless of how many times I've filed within one working day of returning from travel, I've yet to be paid within three weeks, more frequently five. Many of us travel on short fuse orders, frequently, and believe me, not of our own violation! We cannot keep financing our meals and incidentals from family budgets and should not be forced to do so -- but with the per diem and the 80 percent advance cap, most of us do. You seem to be unaware of the real problem -- if active duty personnel are repayed in 48-72 hours, why can't we?

**ANSWER**

The Travel Branch performed a survey on all 1,665 claims received in the last two months. The results of that survey indicate that .5 percent or nine claims were delayed for payment longer than three weeks. Ninety-six percent of all claims received were processed within 14 calendar days which is within the requirements of the regulations and 42 percent processed in seven days or less.

The Travel and Disbursing branches are continually working on ways to further improve the quality of service provided to their customers and would appreciate input from them on what they view as important to them. Any time a traveler has a specific problem, he/she should feel free to contact Barbe Anderson, head, Travel Branch, at NWC ext. 2707.

**QUESTION**

Captain, while approaching the Richmond Gate recently, the traffic was backed up almost to the Ridgecrest Blvd. intersection. I have noticed this on other occasions. It creates quite an irritating situation, even though it is only now and then. It appears the decals are too small for guards to see or the lighting isn't illuminating them sufficiently. Thank you.

**ANSWER**

The MIPI proposal for increasing the size of the year and month stickers on Center vehicle decals has been approved and will be implemented upon receipt of the new decals in about two months (1" by 1" vs. 1/2" by 1/2"). About 60 percent of all "year" decals currently registered will expire during the next year. For those individuals who wish to have the larger decals prior to the current decal expiration date, one afternoon a week will be set aside for decal exchanges.

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. Douglas Cook. 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 their name and phone number for a direct contact, but otherwise, this is not required. There is no intent that this column be used to subvert normal, established chain-of-command channels.

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## VX-5 runner enjoys marathon

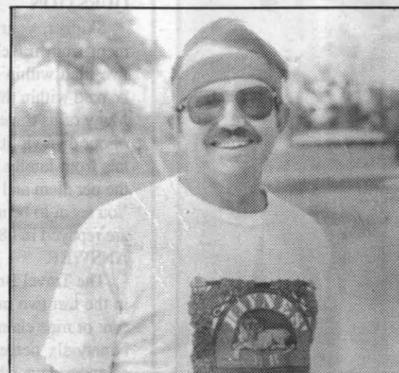
Big Sur International race was only second for Petty Officer Robert Haynes

Overcoming a 30 knot headwind and hilly terrain, AE1 Robert Haynes completed the awesome Big Sur International Marathon in 4.5 hours. The Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) AE Shop supervisor joined 3,000 entrants in the 26.2 mile run along the Pacific Coast Highway (Hwy.1) from Big Sur to Carmel on April 29.

Finishing the run in the middle of the pack, the 34-year old Haynes felt justifiably proud. "The course is a lot steeper and hillier than either the L.A. or Long Beach Marathon courses," he challenged. His wife, Mary, and their two sons, Zechariah and Jacob, were his biggest fans at the race.

Running is a hobby for the aviation electrician's mate who has been with VX-5 since May of 1988. Each afternoon he runs 7.5 miles and an additional 20 miles on weekends to train for marathons. The Big Sur was only his second. Now that he's hooked, he'll train for the Chicago Old Style Marathon coming up in October.

The stretch of Highway 1 was closed to traffic for 5 1/2 hours during the Marathon. Of the 3,000 entrants, 2,200 finished.



**MARATHON RUNNER--**AE1 Robert Haynes of VX-5 ran the Big Sur International Marathon held April 29.

### Back lot barbecue at Michelson Lab

On Friday, May 18, the Naval Weapons Center's Navy Exchange will hold a barbecue in Michelson Lab's back parking lot from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy a lunch of barbecue hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, chips and sodas. Prices will be posted.



### Commitment

Commitment is a rare quality these days. Commitment according to Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary is an act of committing to a charge or trust.

I read the newspaper, listen to the news on the radio or watch it on television like many of you. Commitment is something other than selfish ambition seems absent from many pursuits.

I am concerned about men and women who are not committed to the sanctity of their marriages. It is written in the Holy Scriptures, "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." (Hebrew 13:4, New International Version, NIV).

I am concerned about publicly elected officials selling the trust of their offices for personal financial gain. They are in authority, "...that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:2, NIV).

I am concerned about those ministers who have betrayed their commitment to the ministry. A charge is written in the Scriptures, "...devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching" (1 Timothy 4:13, NIV), and "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage -- with great patience and careful instruction." (2 Timothy 4:2, NIV).

I am convinced that we are still capable of commitment to marriage, family, God, country and job. This instruction from the Scriptures offers a direction. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." (Philippians 2:3, 4). We must determine that, regardless of what others are doing, we will give commitment to those persons and things that are important to us. So for us, it is a question of will. Will we or will we not?

By Lt. Gregory E. Williams, CHC, USNR  
Airfield Chaplain



At the May 1 meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), officers for the new year were installed by Capt. Douglas W. Cook, NWC Commander (far left). New officers are: Tim Silberberg, president; Domenic Barbaro, vice-president; Ens. Paul Odenthal, secretary; Ens. Doug Tunison, treasurer; and Ens. Morgan Shepard, asst. secretary/treasurer. The board of directors includes Tammy Furnish, Ron Gilchrist, Darrel Hovde, Sam Miller, Lt. Pace and Craig Stump. TID Photo

## Anglers see limits taken for opener

Windy weather and dropping temperatures greeted the 1990 Eastern Sierra Trout Opener. According to the Bishop Chamber of Commerce, area merchants reported many anglers with limits.

Big Pine Campground fishermen had their limits caught by 9:30 a.m. A 2 lb. rainbow was caught in the Big Pine area on nightcrawlers and a 3 lb. rainbow was reeled in on a Panther Martin.

In the Bishop area, Lake Sabrina was open and proved to be lucky for one angler who brought in a 9 lb., 6 1/2 oz. brown using nightcrawlers. Pleasant Valley Dam was also releasing limits.

Rock Creek Lake was open and fishing was excellent for those using small super dupers.

There's good fishing on Crowley Lake. By noon on opening day, most limits were caught with the range of weight running from 3/4 lb. up to 4 lbs.

On the whole, most trout were in the 1/2 to 3/4 lb. range at Convict Lake with brooders running in the 3 to 5 lb. range.

There was lots of action on the June Lake Loop. At Gull Lake, a 7 lb. 26 inch rainbow was caught on a rapalla and on Silver Lake, a 4 lb. 11 oz. rainbow was reeled in, also on a rapalla. Power bait caught a 3 lb. trout at Grant Lake.

Action was heavy at the Bridgeport area. A Bakersfield man caught a 10 lb. 2 oz., 32-inch brown out of Lower Twin Lake with a 18-rainbow floating trout rapala. A 10 lb. 14 oz., 33 inch brown was caught at Lower Twin Lake on a floating rainbow rebel.

## Legler wins 'Expert' title

Even though Master Chief Ralph Legler officially retired from the Navy on May 1, he did not retire from shooting matches. During the Southern Regional pistol shooting competition in San Diego this past weekend, Legler won six out of 12 individual stage awards and was declared the Expert overall winner.

According to the shooting expert, this was the first match in which he shot a master's score of 2573/70X out of 2700. If he can shoot another master's score at his next match, Legler will advance to the master's category.



**CHINA LAKE LADIES--**The China Lake Ladies Invitation Golf Tournament was held at the China Lake Golf Course on May 2. Participants were (front row, l to r) Mary Ann Castor, Patty Turner, Rubye Kokosenski, Betts MacGregor, Charlotte Carroll, Sally Payne, (back row, l to r) Sonja Giuiliani, Helen Eyre, Lillian Gribble, Sue Bates, Eleanor Johnsen and Autumn Eyre. First low gross winners in the Hostess Flight were Giuiliani and Caster. Photo by PHAN Cary Brady

## Staff sees vehicles come and go at Lemon Lot

Each week, different vehicles are registered at the Auto Hobby Shop for placement in the Lemon Lot (located on Inyokern Road across from the Housing Office). Many of the vehicles are there for only a couple of days before being sold. Visit the Lemon Lot today

and check out the deals. As of Tuesday, the vehicles available at the Lemon Lot include a 1975 Brougham 22-ft. RV, 1988 Nissan Sentra, 1978 El Camino, 1988 Ford Ranger, 1977 Datsun Z, 1985 F150 Ford, 1983 Nissan Stanza, 1975 Chevy 4x4

with camper, 1981 Toyota 4x4, 1988 Pathfinder 4x4, 1979 Chevy 1/2 ton with shell, 1981 Ford Escort, 1987 Ford Ranger STX 4x4, 1987 Mirage 4-door, 1973 Chevy Suburban 4x4 and 1987 32-ft. Prowler trailer (sleeps 9).

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# Soccer play continues

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the Apollos. Brett L'Hommedieu played well in the loss.

## Cobras 1, Sounders 1

Great plays by Kyle Cliborne, Kevin Finch and Eric Hennigan kept the game even for the Cobras. The Sounders did not turn in a score sheet.

## Division II

### Electrons 2, Strikers 0

Good defense by Julie Bloudek and Earl Shiflett kept the Strikers scoreless. Good offense by Nathan Mickelsen and accurate kicks by Andy Pape, and Justin Weidenkopf resulted in a win. The Strikers, especially Jason Schweitzer and Ryan Koziel, proved they knew their game.

### Bullets 3, Rockets 2

Joey Blanton's three goals shot the Bullets to victory. Plays by Mike Giroux and Joe Jordan kept the victors just out of reach of the Rockets. Two goals by Brett Thomsen and excellent goalkeeping by Dana Clark weren't enough in this game. Matt Wilson and Ian Kaylor did a good job in

keeping the Bullets to three.

### Jets 2, Roughnecks 0

Defensive moves by Josh Chambers, David Dubois and Chris Troutman, along with goals by Aaron Marshall and Ben Labee, gave the Jets their win. The Roughnecks did not turn in a score sheet.

### Wolves 9, Diplomats 1

A very strong offense led the Wolves to a solid victory. Sam Elson kicked in four goals, Johnathan Ford booted in three and Rory L'Hommedieu and Chris Brown each knocked in one goal in the win. The Diplomats did not turn in a score sheet.

## Division III

### Soccers 6, Mustangs 3

In a fast-paced, exciting game, the Soccers emerged victorious due to goals by Robert Tomlinson, Jamie Rugg, Kate George and Frank Gamble. Goalies Chris Kajiwaru and Tom Davis prevented the Soccers from a higher score. Sal Ramierez, Heath Chambers and "Wheels" Powers scored in the loss.

### Stings 2, Lancers 0

Super plays by Jonathan Mickelsen, Jolie Ann Robison and Chris Maki, along with two goals by Mitch Tims put the Stings on top. According to the Stings' coach, teamwork held the Lancers in check. Offensive moves by Allen Breitengross and Tim Clark and outstanding goal playing by Kyle Gentry weren't enough to stop the Stings.

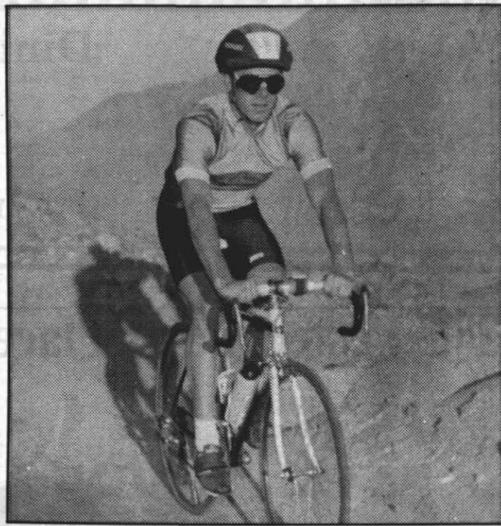
### Furies 6, Goalbusters 4

Five goals by Glenn Conrad and one by Aaron Knecht, along with hard work by Mike Murray, Haroom Saleem, and Stephen Dangel, resulted in the Furies triumphing over the Goalbusters. The Goalbusters did not turn in a score sheet.

## Division IV

### Renegades 5, Aztecs 2

Five accurate shots on goal by Jerry Green and Aaron Schwartz gave the Roughnecks a victory. Chris Rummer and Kevin Self played well in the win. Despite the loss, Sean Kajiwaru had a fine performance as goalkeeper. James Gonzaga and David Renner scored the Aztecs only goals.



**RECORD BREAKER**—Tim LaFromboise recently broke the High Sierra Cyclists' record at the last monthly time trial. In the picture above, LaFromboise prepares for the Death Valley to Mt. Whitney race, which is slated for this weekend.

## NWC employee breaks old record at time trial

Tim LaFromboise, a Naval Weapons Center employee in the Air-to-Air Guidance Branch, Electro-Optics Guidance Division, set a new course record during this month's High Sierra Cyclists' time trial. Beating the previous record of 45:15, LaFromboise crossed the finish line with a time of 44:12.

On the second Saturday of each month, cyclists throughout the area gather together to test their speed and endurance. The trial is run over a 19.6 mile course. The object is to see how fast the rider can go without the help of other riders.

Cyclists who would like to know more about the monthly time trials, or would like starting times, should contact T.J. Frisbee's Bike shop.

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# NEX, Commissary still vital Navy benefits

Some Navy folks may not know that the Navy Exchange (NEX) and Commissary are a major part of their Navy benefits package. Along with 139 Exchanges and 82 Commissaries, the worldwide Navy Resale System also consists of Ships Stores Afloat (373), Navy Lodges (39) and Uniform Shops (113).

The Naval Weapons Center Navy Exchange and Commissary are under the direction of CWO3 Terry F. Nale. While the NEX is manned by civilians, the NWC Commissary is manned by Senior Chief Binaora. SHC Martin Cherry is the assistant manager. Four servicemen also aid in the smooth running of the Commissary. They are SH1 Tay Holmes, SH1 Ken Nabor, SH2 Mark Hannon and SH2 Mike Jorgenson.

A portion of every dollar spent at the Navy Exchange goes into Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) funds to support on-base recreational facilities and programs, including recreation centers and child day care.

According to Paul Baczkiewicz, MWR business manager, The Youth Center, Craftech and the gym rehabilitation were accomplished with monies the Navy Military Personnel Command received from the Navy Resale System.

CWO3 Nale said some of the profits from the stores are used to make them self-supporting, since Navy Exchanges are not tax-payer funded.

The following facts that may help patrons know more about activities they probably see every day:

•Navy Exchanges and Commissaries are not commercial stores; they are an integral part of the U.S. Navy.

cial stores; they are an integral part of the U.S. Navy. They are owned and operated by the U.S. Navy and are staffed with Navy, as well as civilian, personnel. Many store employees are Navy dependents.

•Navy Exchanges have a wide selection of merchandise, including up-to-date fashion, state-of-the-art electronics, household needs and much more. NEX also has its own line of fashions, *Harbor View* for men and women and *Kids Ahoy* for children.

•Those authorized to shop at Navy Resale outlets include active duty members and their dependents, retirees and reserve members. Exchanges are open to personnel from all military services.

•The on-base Personalized Services, Uniform Shop, Package Store and Food Services operations are valuable services which are part of the Navy Exchange program at NWC.

•Unlike navy Exchanges, Commissaries are taxpayer supported and operate on a strictly not-for-profit basis; therefore, they cannot support MWR.

•The NWC Commissary sells groceries at cost, said CWO3 Nale. The price the stores pay to the manufacturer is the price the customer pays, plus a five percent surcharge. The surcharge, which is charged at all commissaries, is not a profit. Revenues generated by the surcharge at all are used for operating supplies and equipment as well as for building new stores and renovating existing structures.

•Even with the addition of a five percent surcharge,

Navy Commissaries provide customers with big savings. According to CWO3 Nale, a survey was done in the local area, showing a 30 percent savings for people who shop at the NWC Commissary.

•Substantial savings are part of the Navy Commissary goal of helping Navy families make ends meet.

CWO3 Nale noted he wants to meet the needs of the local military community. "However," he said, "we need your involvement. If you have a suggestion on how we can provide better merchandise or service, please let us know by using the available suggestion boxes."



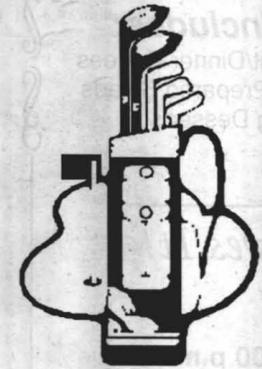
## Women's Shelter holds a golf tourney to raise needed funds

On Saturday, May 12, the Women's Shelter Network will hold its first annual Las Vegas Golf Tournament. The nine-hole event will be held at the Naval Weapons Center Golf Course to raise money for the shelter.

Tee time is from 7 a.m. to 12 noon and the entry fee is \$10 per player, plus green fees. The low-

est score with handicap will win two nights in Las Vegas. The next lowest score with handicap will win \$50. The golfer closest to the Hole 6 pin will win \$50 and the one closest to the Hole 8 pin will win \$25.

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**RESEARCHER AND ASTRONAUT CANDIDATE--**Dr. Ellen Ochoa, Chief of the Intelligent Systems Technology Branch, NASA Ames Research Center, lectured at the May 2 Technical Director's Seminar at NWC, on NASA's research developments of high performance intelligent computational systems for aerospace missions. Dr. Ochoa was recently chosen by NASA as a mission specialist astronaut. Her visit to NWC was initiated by China Lake's chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE).



## NWCNet needs help from Apple users

Networking Services Branch, Code 2711, is actively pursuing solutions to problems involving AppleTalk on the Naval Weapons Center's corporate communications network (NWCNet). Unfortunately, there is not just one problem, but many.

Existing AppleTalk bridges, i.e. FastPath, were not made to function on such a diverse network as NWC's. Yet no other vendor has been able to demonstrate their bridge (when put in place of every FastPath) could function well in NWC's AppleTalk environment. That has led the branch to question the Center's environment.

AppleTalks on Center have been added in an ad hoc fashion, with no single design in mind. This has created some of the NWCNet problems. Further, not all users are aware of how AppleTalk functions.

For instance, FastPaths must gather a new "snapshot" of the network every time it is turned off and on, creating excess traffic on the network. And yet it is surprising how many users have their FastPath plugged into the

same power strip as their computer. When they turn off their computer (via the power strip), they turn off FastPath. This means many FastPaths are being turned "off and on" on a daily basis.

Personnel in Code 2711 suggest the following ways users can



help them attack the problem:

- Make sure FastPath has its own power source--as healthy as possible (surge suppressor).

- Please do not buy more FastPaths without consulting Norm Carroll at NWC ext. 3358. As the branch researches the problem they should be able to guide users in better directions. Meanwhile, they are trying to reallocate FastPaths to a more logical configuration, so they may have spares on hand. One goal is to reduce the overall num-

ber of FastPaths, where practical.

- Technical input on specific AppleTalk problems may be addressed to Dave Allen at NWC ext. 3091. He is forming a technical users group to try to gather more data and work solutions.

- Please continue to place trouble calls to NWC ext. 2338. Personnel are doing their best to respond. They know it is frustrating, but collection of data improves their troubleshooting.

- If a site is in need of some changes/upgrades, let Allen know (X3091). Improvements to the network help everyone.

- Please be patient. This problem grew over time. It will take some time to fix. Updates can be found in future issues of the Rocketeer and VAX NEWS.



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### Software Show

The PC Lab is sponsoring a software expo in conjunction with Dustin Discount Software. Featured software will be for the IBM PC and Macintosh computers. The show will be held on Thursday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Seafarer Club. There will be quite a variety of software available for you to test drive. Highlighted among the numerous applications and manufactures on display will be Borland Software, AMI-Professional, Micrografyx, and Xerox for the IBM PC, as well as Peter Norton, Symantec, Computer Associates, and WordPerfect for the Macintosh.

### New Software Upgrade Procedure

In an effort to streamline the software upgrade process and shorten the turnaround time to get new software, the PC Lab's internal procedures have been altered. Software upgrades will still be coordinated through the PC Lab, as in the past, but the ordering process is now being handled as a bankcard transaction. You do not need to provide the bankcard; the PC Lab has a card for ordering software upgrades.

Your procedures will remain pretty much unchanged. To order an upgrade of your present software, most, if not all of the following items must be brought into the PC Lab: your name, code, phone number, a GOOD job order number, software serial number, master diskette(s), title page from the documentation, current version number, and desired version number. You may contact the PC Lab at NWC ext. 6631 for the requirements for your particular application. However, if you have registered your software with the manufacturer and receive an upgrade notice, the requirements should be specified on the notice. You must then bring the required items to the PC Lab along with the upgrade notice to order the new version.

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By Bob Beane

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# Sportsmanship, teamwork key to program

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### Division I Coyotes 3, Eagles 1

Pulling together as a team and outstanding defense by Jordan Bell and Christie Jones gave the Coyotes the edge. Quinn Edwards and Erik Johnson kicked in the winning goals. A goal by Travis McGill

and two misses by Timothy Witt weren't enough for the Eagles. Tiffany Koerner and Derik Myklebust never gave up and gave the team their best.

### Express 2, Hurricanes 1

In a close game, the Express squeaked by due to a goal by Ryan Katzenstein and one by a Hurricanes' player. Julia Fuller, Derrick Begin and Chrissi Wolfe played an excellent game for the Express. In spite of the error which cost them the game, the

Hurricanes saw interesting plays by Curtis Monastero, Kevin Collins and Amanda Johantgen. Kevin Collins scored in the loss.

### Owls 1, Cougars 0

A strong defense by Dale Dorrel kept the opponents from scoring and offensive plays by Richie Tyburski, teamwork and a goal by Erik Pockfandt put the Owls on top. Formidable plays by Joseph Mitchell, Rachel Trowbridge, Adam LoBianco,

Justin Robbins and Andy Smith made the Cougars a hard team to beat.

### Stallions 7, Apollos 3

Six goals by Jonathan Brown, and one by Tarek Giraldo, gave the Stallions a solid lead. The Stallions' coach noted the team played well together and that Mason Rosenberg had excellent moves to help with the win. Two goals by David Garcia and one by Karli White weren't enough for  
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# Expertise brings recognition

His expertise in the hardware fabrication and machining field recently earned a Special Act Award for Charles F. Smith, a mechanical engineering technician in the Attack Weapons Department's Advanced Systems Division. Paul Homer, department head, presented the award to the surprised technician at a recent gathering of Smith's friends and co-workers.

According to the nominating letter, written by John Freeman, his division head, Smith's expertise has become so valuable that "whenever a program comes to a standstill because of a hardware mechanical fabrication problem, Smith is usually the first person methioned as the source for a solution."

In addition to building precision devices for the testing of superconducting materials, Smith has fabricated all the hardware required for the interface

electronic transmitters and receivers for the Fiber Optic Data Link Skyray Project and modified a Condor seeker as the optical target pointing device for Tacit Rainbow Flyable Test Fixture.

"He can be relied on to complete all hardware tasks requiring fixtures on a one-of-a-kind basis," said Freeman. "His expertise is relied on for the construction of innovative hardware for use in research and development of new concepts and ideas."

An NWC employee since 1962, Smith has done many jobs for codes throughout the Center. After the awards presentation, various members of the Research Department presented Smith a delicate, glass lathe in appreciation for all the work he has done for them.



IN APPRECIATION--Paul Homer (right), head, Attack Weapons Department, presents a Special Act Award to Charlie Smith in recognition of all the work performed for departments throughout the Center.

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# Summer's heat looming after another dry month

April was another drier than normal month at the Naval Weapons Center. With only .08 of an inch of rain recorded by the Range Meteorology Office during the month, the season moisture total is now more than three inches below normal. All the measurable rainfall came on April 30.

During last month, the hottest day was 96 degrees while the low temperature recorded was 40 degrees.

Last month was also a windy one, the peak winds came on Monday, April 23 when gusts up to 79 miles per hour were recorded. Gusts of more than 35 miles per hour were recorded on five days during April.

Looking ahead to June and the official start of summer, the Range Meteorology Office notes the month typically includes sunny, warm days and clear, cool nights. It is also China Lake's driest month of the year. Afternoon high temperatures will top the 100 degree mark an estimated 13 days.

One the longest day of the year, June 21, summer gets underway officially and the sun will shine at the Naval Weapons Center for 14 hours and 45 minutes.

# Lounges release new schedules

Effective next week, the Officers' Club Barefoot Lounge will be closed on Tuesdays and the Enlisted Lounge will have new

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**Gene Linard, Mathematician, Code 2843** -- is in need of leave to take care of his wife during her illness and recuperation.

**Louise Tague, Budget Assistant, Code 2836** -- is indebted for leave due to injuries sustained in a car accident.

**Laura Brady, Secretary, Code 3649** -- had open heart surgery and is in need of leave.

**Linda Watkins, Procurement Analyst, Code 2504** -- is indebted for leave due to surgery and on-going chemotherapy treatments.

**Leslie O'Neil, Computer Systems Analyst, Code 2732** -- will be undergoing major surgery and will be required to be off work for six weeks.

**Karen Linard, Industrial Engineer, Code 3291** -- underwent major intestinal surgery and is in need of leave.

**Deborah Leonard, Secretary, Code 6535** -- had a gallbladder attack and is scheduled for surgery.

**Dorothy Wiederhold, Employee Development Assistant, Code 224** -- suffers from Pericarditis (fluid around the heart) and is indebted for leave.

**Dionne Lancaster, Facility Management Specialist, Code 26521** -- is taking care of her husband and is in need of additional leave hours.

**Betty Cirotski, Procurement Assistant, Code 31B1** -- underwent surgery for a total hip replacement and is indebted for leave.

**Bob Donsbach, Specifica-**

**tions Writer/Editor, Code 3656** -- suffered a heart attack and has exhausted all his leave.

**Debra S. Hurt, Operations Research Analyst, Code 3082** -- is experiencing medical complications due to a difficult pregnancy and will not be able to return to work until July.

**Deborah Ball, Computer Scientist, Code 3922** -- is indebted for leave.

**Polly Bainbridge, Secretary, Code 3922** -- is currently undergoing medical treatment and is indebted for leave.

**Leta Darcey, Management**

**Assistant, Code 36402** -- is indebted for leave due to complications associated with childbirth.

**Carolyn King, Engineering Data Management Specialist, Code 36541** -- is indebted for leave.

**George Petty, Physicist, Code 3924** -- was admitted to the Duke University Hospital.

**Satik Martinsen, Management Assistant, Code 36402** -- is diagnosed as having nodular sclerosing Hodgkin's Disease and is currently undergoing treatment.

**Nancy Muro, Engineer Technician, Code 3033** -- has under-

gone two reconstructive surgeries to her left foot and will soon need additional surgery.

**Mary Elaine Hooper, Secretary, Code 3201** -- underwent surgery and is indebted for leave.

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## Generosity appreciated

Lou Giegerich passed away due to cancer. The response from Center employees to help him was tremendous, and Mrs. Giegerich would like to express her sincere thanks to all of you.

## Gillespie wins his second TD Award

(Continued from Page 1)  
 quantum mechanics fascinating. "The intensity of their interest made me wonder if I could describe it to non-mathematical personnel as well."

Bill Porter, NWC technical director, presented the award before a gathering of Gillespie's coworkers, remarking that the quantum mechanics talk was the most popular NWC Technical Director's seminar ever.

Gillespie said he felt "very honored by the award, which I know is normally given for accomplishments that are more directly related to specific Navy needs than was my talk on quantum mechanics."

"I am grateful to NWC for allowing me to maintain my sideline interest in quantum mechanics, and also for allowing me to share some of this interest with my fellow employees."

## Spouses Day recognizes contributions

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 decisions and doesn't have the other spouse right there to consult.

Military family life presents burdens a civilian family might not face; but this military life also offers rewards and experiences few civilian life styles can match.

Leaders, from the president down to the division officer know the military spouses make sacrifices and today's Military Spouses Day is just one way of saying thanks to the spouses for their continued support.

## Housing says

Housing says. . . The Housing staff and NWC Command want to congratulate the winners selected as the Yard of the Month recipients for May. Their hard work, time and effort are reflected in the exceptional appearances of their yards.

Sincere appreciation goes to SKC and Mrs. Michael A. Wendt, 414 Ashworth Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Diamond, 1905 Bogue Circle; DK3 and Mrs. Darrell Bloom, 1407 Kearsarge Avenue; and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Jorgensen, 1405 Kearsarge Ave.

We hope that everyone will become involved in this program and work at helping to improve and maintain Navy Family Housing. Take a drive by to see these well-maintained yards.

## Were you exposed?

Susceptible persons who visited the Drummond Clinic Saturday afternoon and Monday morning were exposed to the measles virus and should be vaccinated immediately, according to Doris Garton, Infection Control Nurse.

At risk are people 33 years or younger who have not had the measles or have not been adequately vaccinated; also those vaccinated prior to 1968. Seek vaccine from your private physician, or call the Kern County Health Dept. at 375-5157.



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## Blood pressure check in lab ends; are available at NWC Branch Clinic

After Thursday, May 31, blood pressure screening will no longer be available at Michelson Laboratory on Thursday afternoons. Any employee wanting a blood pressure check can get it at the Naval Weapons Center Branch Medical Clinic's Occupational Health Department.

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# Command Master Chief Jones calls 30 years enough

Thirty years active duty with the U.S. Navy reached a bitter-sweet conclusion for Command Master Chief Frank Jones at the Naval Weapons Center last Friday.

Capt. Robert Dropp, commanding officer of enlisted personnel, paid light-hearted tribute to the retiring chief for his camaraderie and many accomplishments. "I owe a lot to Frank Jones. I've come to rely on his constant sage advice and his concern for the well-being of sailors at this command," related the C.O.

Master Chief Jones accepted his retirement certificate, signed by VAdm. Jeremy Boorda, Chief of Naval Personnel, along with a certificate of appreciation from the Commander-in-Chief, President George Bush. Finally, Capt. Dropp presented the retiring chief with a case displaying an American flag and the retiree's many award ribbons and medals.

In a short speech, Master Chief Jones remarked, "This has been one of my best tours, primarily because of working with you folks (referring to gathered friends and co-workers) and the ranks."

A career that began with his 1960 enlistment at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, took machinist's mate Jones to ports including Charleston, Long Beach, Norfolk, Alameda, Pearl

Harbor and Whidbey Island.

During his years in the service, he earned the Navy commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, six Good Conduct Medals, two Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbons, National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Battle "E" Ribbon, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. He also acquired the warfare specialty for Surface Warfare (SW).

Reporting to duty at NWC as Command Master Chief in June 1988, Master Chief Jones has since assisted the CO in all matters pertaining to welfare, health, job satisfaction, morale, utilization, and training of enlisted personnel. In his letter of appreciation, Capt. Dropp thanked the master chief for his "perseverance and personal attention to the needs of the command which have had a significant positive impact on morale."

Fire Control Master Chief John Capazzi, formerly head of the NWC Auxiliary Security Force, has succeeded Jones as Command Master Chief.

The *Rocketeer* staff joins his many shipmates in wishing MMCM(SW) Frank Jones, USN (Ret.) smooth sailing, fair winds, and following seas, and success in his future endeavors.

See photo on Page 3.

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## IEEE guest talks about 'the big one'

"What do we mean by the big one?"

James J. Mori, research seismologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, will talk about San Andreas Fault Earthquakes to members of the China Lake Section, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), guests and visitors on May 18. The luncheon meeting is set for the main lounge of NWC's Sea-

farer Club at 11:30 a.m.

Mori will explain some basic seismology, give a brief description of the San Andreas Fault's geologic history and discuss some of the consequences of the "big one" in Southern California. The speaker's background includes a PhD. in seismology from Columbia University, follow-on research at the Earthquake Research Institute in

Tokyo and field studies in the Gulf of Alaska, California and New Guinea.

Seismologists estimate there is a 60 percent likelihood of a large earthquake on the San Andreas Fault in Southern California within the next 30 years.

In addition, the Naval Weapons Center is crossed by several faults with severe earthquake potential.

## Sigma Xi program features JPL

Dr. Doug Stetson, Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), will talk about the Voyager/Mariner Mark II Program during the China Lake Chapter of Sigma Xi's annual dinner meeting on Thursday, May 17, at the Carriage Inn. Cocktails begin at 7 p.m., followed by a dinner of chicken champagne or filet of sole bonne femme at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Stetson will talk on both the past and future of planetary space exploration. In addition to reviewing Voyager's encounter with Neptune, he will outline plans and goals of the Mariner Mark II Program -- the next generation of planetary space exploration. Tickets may be obtained for \$17.50 per person from the following individuals: David Vanderah, NWC ext. 1633; Brett Borden, NWC ext. 1417; Don Decker, NWC ext. 3247; Dave White, NWC ext. 3089; and Frank Wu, NWC ext. 3837.

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New and continuing students may register on May 24 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with a new student orientation being held at 5 p.m.

Continuing students may also

register on May 29 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on June 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All registration will be conducted at the Admissions and Records Office on the first floor

of the main building.

Schedules can be seen at the counselors' offices. An enrollment fee of \$5 per unit, up to nine units, or a flat fee of \$50 for 10 or more units will be required at the

time of registration.

For more information on how to enroll, financial aid, placement exams, veterans' benefits or other services offered by the college, call 375-5001.

## Red Cross class open to the public

(Continued from Page 14) have a cold, sore throat, fever blister, cold sore or show symptoms of any infectious disease.

Prior to attending class, participants should thoroughly review the textbook *Standard First Aid* on which the course and written test will be based. There will be little time during the class to study the content of the book. Books can be purchased from the Cerro Coso College Bookstore or the American Red Cross. If you choose not to purchase your own copy of the book, the Safety Program Office, on the corner of Nimitz and Hussey streets, has several books available for temporary check-out.

First Aid and CPR training is required for certain Navy Weapons Center personnel such as emergency response teams, fire department personnel, electrical and electronics personnel, safety and health professionals and personnel who work at remote sites. Refer to OPNAVINST 5100.23B for details. Employees who fall into the outlines categories are required to be trained in First Aid/CPR. Attendance at this *Standard First Aid* class will satisfy your requirement.

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# Personnel News & Notes

## Promotional opportunities

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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. 00-002, Patent Clerk (Typing), DG-303-1/2, Code 006** - This position is located in the NWC Office of Counsel (Patents). The incumbent will be responsible for providing clerical support to the Patent Counsel. Duties will include answering telephone calls, mail distribution, memoranda, typing of patent applications, patent amendments, patent appeals, various types of legal briefs and reports, filing, updating existing computer data bases and other miscellaneous clerical duties. Promotion potential to DG-2.

**No. 28-004, Budget Analyst Supervisory, DP-560-3, Code**

**2833** - The incumbent of this position serves as head of the Research and Development Budget Branch, Budget and Resource Analysis Division, Office of the Comptroller. The incumbent is responsible for managing and supervising a professional staff whose responsibilities include providing financial management and policy advice to the Laboratory Directorate as well as providing budget staff support to the technical departments as well as Center management. **Job relevant criteria:** Ability to supervise and provide leadership; skills in interpersonal communication; knowledge of off-Center budget

requirements; and knowledge of financial analysis techniques; ability to implement and administer management policies; ability to communicate both orally and in writing; ability to interface with all levels of Center management; knowledge of and a willingness to support NWC EEO policies and goals. Subject to completion of 1 year supervisory probationary period if not previously completed.

**No. 32-006, Interdisciplinary (Supervisory General/Mechanical/Aerospace/Chemical Engineer/Physicist) DP-801/830/861/893/1310-3/4, Code 3273** - Incumbent serves as Head, Systems Technology Branch. Responsible for management, supervision, and administration of branch involved in exploratory, advanced and engineering development programs. Technical areas include propulsion and thrust vector control systems, vertical launching system, missile control actuation and power systems, and insensitive munitions. Major system support includes Vertical, Launch ASROC, AAAM, NAAWS, ARS, Standard Missile Aegis ER and Tomahawk. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of propulsion systems; ability to manage complex development programs; ability to supervise; ability to communicate orally; ability to communicate in writing; ability to provide budgeting, scheduling and allocation of branch resources; ability to further NWC EEO policies and goals. Promotion potential to DP-4, but not guaranteed. If selection is made at the DP-3 level, supervisory probationary period required, if not previously com-

## CSUB advisors schedule visit

Academic counselors of Cal-State Bakersfield will be on Center June 12 to advise current and prospective students in the external degree programs offered by that school.

Bakersfield also provides math courses in other external degree programs at NWC.

Those who wish to see one of the academic counselors should call Helen Benes at NWC ext. 2648.

## 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. 05-001, Secretary (Typing), DG-318-1/2, Code 05** - The incumbent will provide secretarial and administrative support to the Quality & Productivity Improvement Directorate. Knowledge and working skill on the Macintosh PC is desirable. Promotion potential to DG-3.

**No. 28-003, Secretary (Typing), DG-318-A/1/2, Code 2834/2835** - Position provides secretarial and administrative support to the Heads of the Resource Analysis and Plans and Programs Branches and the branches' personnel. Experience with Macintosh computers is desirable. Promotion potential to DG-2.

## CPR/First Aid training could mean difference between life and death

According to the American Red Cross, this year about 1.5 million people in the United States will have a heart attack. One-third of these people will die and most victims will die before reaching a hospital. Coupled with this is the loss of life and disability due to catastrophic accidents and illness.

Far too often those persons first to arrive on the scene of an emergency are not trained to give proper and immediate emergency care. Although emergency medical services are available, it may take several minutes for advanced medical personnel to arrive on an emergency scene. Quick and skillful delivery of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and/or First Aid by you in these critical minutes could mean the difference between life and death.

Cerro Coso Community College, in conjunction with the Safety Program Office (Code 2405) and the American Red Cross, is presenting *Standard First Aid/CPR* training June 11-Aug. 17. These 8-hour classes will be running from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Naval Weapons Center Training Center. Registration is open to the entire Ridgecrest community at no cost. Participants do not have to be NWC employees to attend, but must be at least 16 years of age to be certified.

Upon completion of this class, participants will be given both Standard First Aid and Adult CPR certification cards. Completion of this class will serve either as initial certification and/or annual recertification.

Participants should come to class in comfortable clothing (women in pants) as there will be a great amount of "hands-on" practice with the manikins on the floor. Participants should not attend class if they

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## Plaza Snack Bar begins Saturday hours this week

Starting tomorrow, May 12, the Bennington Plaza Snack Bar will be open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

NWC's snack bar, located in the Bennington Plaza, next to the Post Office, has an extensive menu that will satisfy most

appetites. Operating hours are Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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# Nurse Corps observes birthday

China Lake nurses share their memories of nursing history, careers and changes

On May 13, the Navy Nurse Corps celebrates 82 years of service. For this occasion, former Navy lieutenants, Mary Forrester and Joan Gaska shared a bit of their history as Navy nurses. Both women are registered nurses currently serving as civilians under the leadership of Senior Nurse LCdr. Maureen Kusnierek of the Naval Weapons Center Branch Medical Clinic.

Forrester, who was then Mary Sheridan, joined the active-duty Navy as an ensign in 1948 after serving three years in the Cadet Nurse Corps. She arrived at the Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS) in 1953, working in the old dispensary at China Lake until her separation from the service in 1956 upon her marriage to Bob Forrester.

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In 1964 Gaska began her Naval career as a twenty-four year old ensign after three-years in "diploma school" and two years of practical experience. Eight weeks of basic training at Newport, R.I. included a course on Naval history, marching practice, uniform issue and finally, graduation. Prior to assignment to the NOTS dispensary in 1969, Gaska served as nurse-in-charge of the ICU at Long Beach Navy Hospital.

Both nurses vividly recall duty at the China Lake dispensary when shifts were ten hours long and went on for weeks before getting a weekend off. "We had open wards in those days," noted Forrester. "The active duty ward for China Lake military personnel had 30 beds with a nurse's station at the

end. Quiet rooms were provided for more critical cases, but the only privacy in the wards was from portable screens. For military dependents, a separate obstetrics ward containing 4-5 beds, a pediatric ward, nursery, and a delivery room were provided.



"We always looked forward to the 'quiet hour' observed in the afternoon. The televisions would be shut off, and we could get off our feet and work on charts."

"We worked extremely hard," Gaska agreed. "Back then active duty personnel couldn't be discharged until ready for full duty--so we put them to work running errands and cleaning for us, a kind of 'light duty' which helped to lighten our load."

Aside from typical nursing duties, they were responsible for training medical corpsmen, preparing them to assist the Fleet Marine Forces in combat duty. Forrester was on active duty during the Korean War and Gaska in the Vietnam era.

Gaska explained that the dispensary was under the command of NOTS at that time, and as part of a Research and Development Center, funds flowed more freely than they do under the present system. "As new senior medical officers rotated into the dispensary, they ordered the latest equipment to support their specialties," she

said. "One doctor brought in a cardiac monitor; another officer, a surgeon who regularly applied his skills, acquired specialized equipment as needed." As a consequence the nurses were exposed to a wide range of experience and equipment.

"In the late sixties a court case opened the door for females to stay in the service even if pregnant," Gaska noted. "But when I married my husband, Bob, an employee of Kerr McGee, and started a family, it was more practical to resign my commission and settle down in Ridgecrest." She worked as a civilian nurse until their third child was born in 1975, took a hiatus from full-time nursing to

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raise the children, then returned to work as an occupational health nurse for the NWC Branch Medical Clinic in 1984. When Forrester felt her three children were old enough, she returned to nursing at the Branch Medical Clinic in 1970 as a nursing assistant, preferring primary patient care to the paperwork and increasing

responsibilities of registered nurses.

The two nurses enjoy telling of the similarities in their lives, including the fact that they both married Bobs, stayed in Ridgecrest and had three children before returning to work at the

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clinic. "The way I see it," said Forrester, "Even though we aren't Navy nurses anymore, we still serve the Navy in the same capacity, only now as civilians."

Currently, LCdr. Kusnierek is the only Navy nurse on the clinic's staff. Her work is mainly administrative; however, she tries to stay involved in her specialty of pediatric and obstetric care.

LCdr. Kusnierek used the GI Bill to return to school and obtain a master's degree in maternal child health. "The Navy allows terrific educational opportunities, encouraging their nurses to go on to specialized fields of study," she commented.

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**CELEBRATION--Nurses at the Naval Weapons Center Branch Medical Clinic had a celebration recently in honor of the 82 birthday of the Navy Nurse Corps.**

# Nurses celebrate 82 years of Naval service

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Today's Navy Nurse Corps is well educated. Of the 2,939 members, 26 percent of whom are male, 70 percent hold baccalaureate degrees, 13 percent have masters degrees, 11 per-

cent are diploma graduates while three individual Navy nurses have earned doctoral degrees.

The future holds excitement and potential for assuming a greater leadership role for nurses,

es, like LCdr. Kusnierek, who enjoy the lifestyle of travel and autonomy led by Naval officers.

As an added note, LCdr. Kusnierek has been nominated for this year's Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S.

Award for Clinical Nursing by the clinic's officer-in-charge, LCdr. Richard Titi.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY--LCdr. Richard Titi speaks to the staff of the NWC Branch Medical Clinic on the occasion of the Navy Nurse Corps 82nd birthday. Mary Forrester, LCdr. Maureen Kusnierek and Joan Gaska stand by. Forrester and Gaska are former Navy nurses working as civilian nurses at the clinic. LCdr. Kusnierek is the clinic's head nurse.**



## 'Sacred Twenty' were neither officer nor enlisted

WASHINGTON (NES)--On May 13, 1908, the Navy Nurse Corps was established by Congress. By October of that year, the first 20 nurses reported to Washington, D.C., for training and duty. These women, later called the "Sacred Twenty," weren't given rank status--officer or enlisted--by Congress.

*"... These women weren't part of an official unit and weren't even assured of being paid..."*

Prior to 1908 nurses served the Navy from a variety of sources. For example, Roman Catholic nuns belonging to a nursing order served in the medical department of the hospital ship *Red Rover* during the Civil War.

In 1898, a group of trained nurses cared for the sick and wounded of the Spanish-American War at Naval Hospital Norfolk. These women weren't part of an official

unit and weren't even assured of being paid.

Less than a decade after the Nurse Corps was established, Navy nurses met the challenges of duty under fire in Europe during World War I. Of the four Navy Crosses awarded to Navy nurses, three were made posthumously.

During World War II, five Navy nurses were captured by the Japanese on Guam and were interned for six months before their repatriation. Eleven of their comrades captured in the Philippines were less fortunate, spending 37 months in an internment camp where they cared for the sick and wounded.

Almost four decades after the corps' birth date, the Army-Navy Nurses Act established the Nurse Corps as a permanent staff of the Navy. The act also authorized commissioned rank and permitted integration of reservists into the ranks of

the regular U.S. Navy.

Navy nurses also served with distinction

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during the Korean and Vietnam wars, not only caring for the sick and injured, but also spending a large amount of time giving on-the-job training to hospital corpsmen.

The first male nurse was commissioned in 1965, and the corps has been fully integrated since then. In 1972 the corps also provided the avenue for the first woman to become a flag officer--RADM Alene Duerk, director of the Navy Nurse Corps--110 years after the rank of rear admiral was established by the United States Congress.

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