

Community Events

Anyone who has ever considered learning to square dance, or who may be thinking of it now, should take advantage of the Beginners Square Dance Class being offered by the Jim Dandies Square Dance Club. Taught by Jim Brown, the class will be held every Tuesday beginning Sept. 11 at the Senior Citizens Center on South Warner Street. The foot-stomping music starts at 7:30 p.m. Registration will be held the first three weeks of class, with the same material being covered each week. Sept. 25 will be the last night to register. For more information, call Mike and Jerry Broaker at 446-5182 or Gary and Betty Ozunas at 377-5113.

Space is still available for the Maturango Museum's tour of the American Southwest. The trip, scheduled for Oct. 1-8, will include tours by Ken Hedges of the Museum of Man, San Diego, of national parks, monuments and rock art of the area. Cost is \$1,235 plus airfare. For more information, call Elva Younk at 375-6900.

On Sept. 29, the Southern California Edison Ridgecrest Employee's will hold their first annual United Way Benefit Open Horse Show at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds. Food and drinks will be available and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call 375-1552.

Come and join in the dance! The China Lake Desert Dancers invite people to learn international folk dancing in the beginner's class from Sept. 13-Nov.15 on Thursdays, from 7-8 p.m., at the Hi Desert Dance Center, 725 Gateway. THE FIRST NIGHT IS FREE! The regular fee is \$20 for 10 lessons.

The class emphasizes basis steps, patterns and rhythms of various countries. No previous dancing experience or partner is necessary. Anyone who enjoys the dancing in class can continue dancing from 8-10 p.m. Membership with the China Lake Desert Dancers can also be obtained. For more information call 446-6752, 375-4127, or 446-5236.

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CLOTA prepares for two shows

While Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Antonio Salieri are still preparing to stage their history-making feud for local audiences in the Community Light Opera and Theatre Association's (CLOTA) "Amadeus," beginning Aug. 24, CLOTA has also started rehearsing "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street." Directed by Karen Buehler, "Sweeney Todd" will have a late-September debut in the Burroughs High School Lecture Center.

This Tony-winning musical thriller by Stephen Sondheim has many of the finest performers in the Indian Wells Valley on its cast lists. Rehearsing the title role of the vengeful barber is Alex Bellen, recently applauded for his award-winning portrayal of Georg Nowak in "She Loves Me." Janis Jamison plays his manipulative helpmate, Mrs. Lovett.

The role of the sinister Judge Turpin challenges local favorite Reno Venturi, while Becky Garcia plays Johanna, the damsel desired both by the evil

magistrate and Rod Sheets, who enacts the noble jack tar, Anothly Hope.

Thom Woodall switches to the sympathetic role of a downtrodden street urchin, Toby Ragg, while Joyce Johnson is learning the fragmented lines and lyrics of an addled Beggar Woman who seems to know something about Todd's mysterious past. Duane Steiner will play the bullying Beadle Bramford, aiding and abetting Judge Turpin in his villainy.



Two choice cameo roles have gone to John Clark and Mark Loewen. Clark plays Jonas Fogg, warden of a horrifying madhouse. Loewen will swagger through the crucial appearances of Adolfo Pirelli, a foppish Italian barber who claims to "have had-a da glory to shave-a da Pope!"

Learning the chorus parts under vocal director Ted Fiske are Erline Applegate, Earl Applegate, Lara Desmond, Virginia Hanks, Jim Lawless, Richard Muhn, Bonnie Richardson, Ann Roseman and Tricia Siegel.

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A-12 information released by DoD

WASHINGTON (NNS)--Stealth technology, greater speed and advanced weapons systems highlighted details released by the Department of Defense earlier this month for the Navy's newest attack aircraft, the A-12 Avenger.

As a replacement of the Navy's aging fleet of A-6E Intruders, the Navy's primary carrier-based attack aircraft for the past 27 years, the A-12 will provide all-weather, day-night attack capabilities in support of the Navy's mission. The two-man aircraft will fly farther and faster than the A-6 and carry a greater weapons payload.

A statement released in Washington said the program calls for a total of 620 aircraft to be procured at the rate of 36 per year by Fiscal Year 1994. An artist's conception of the A-12, released by DoD, illustrated its sleek "flying wing" design used to reduce its radar and infrared signature, enabling the aircraft to evade attacks from modern anti-air weapons systems.

Seafarer offering 'B-T-S' Brunch

Children go back to school on Monday, August 27. Celebrating the new school year, NWC's Seafarer Club offers a "Back to School Brunch," Sunday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The menu includes waffle bar, omelettes to order, bacon, sausage, home fries, fresh fruit, breads, biscuits and gravy, fried chicken, baked cod and more.

Pay \$8.95 for adults, \$6.95 for adolescents 12 to 17 and \$3.50 for children 5-11.

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SLAM simulation earns TD Award

During a recent Monday morning Commander's Meeting at the Naval Weapons Center, Mike Crouch of the Engineering Department's Missile Guidance Branch was honored with a presentation of the NWC Technical Director's Award for outstanding technical accomplishment.

Bill Porter, Center Technical Director, and Capt. Douglas W. Cook, NWC Commander, joined in making the presentation and congratulating Crouch for a job well done. Porter

said, "I want to commend you for your leadership and dedication." He added that Crouch's technical leadership had been instrumental in allowing NWC to find and correct problem areas in the Standoff Land Attack Missile (SLAM) through simulation.

Robert Riggs, acting head of the Engineering Department, nominated Crouch for his "contributions to the Harpoon and SLAM programs in the areas of system simulation and operational flight software development."

Riggs said of Crouch, "His exceptional ability to understand system software requirements and implementation of the requirements in code substantially reduced the time required to obtain a working missile flight program and begin flight testing."

In the nomination letter, Crouch was praised for leading a team of civil service and contractor employees in development of a detailed digital flight simulation, then coding, (Continued on Page 5)



Parachutist has string of firsts

Not only has a positive attitude and "can-do" spirit contributed to the overall smooth daily operation of the Parachute Test Operation Branch, but they have earned Aircrew Survival Equipmentman Third Class Peggy S. Myers recognition as the Naval Weapons Center's Junior Bluejacket of the Quarter for the third quarter of 1990.

Assigned to special duty at NWC as a Naval test parachutist, PR3 Myers is responsible for inspecting, rigging, packing and jumping a variety of fleet and prototype parachutes for research, development, test and evaluation. "Your quest for knowledge quickly moved you out front of your peers when you mastered the packing procedure for the Navy's new prototype Naval Aircrew Common Ejection Seat Systems," reads the citation signed by LCdr. Leon Miller, commanding officer of enlisted personnel. "And to date (you) have taught 11 branch personnel how to pack this system."

The young test parachutist is the only female active jumper at NWC and, as far as she knows, (Continued on Page 11)

HAVING FUN--PR3 Peggy Myers, NWC's Junior Bluejacket of the Quarter, is captured midair during one of her jumps. The test parachutist is assigned to the Code 64 Parachute Test Operations Branch and is the only known active female jumper in the Navy.

VX-5 responds to 'real world' questions from Navy

Answering real world questions concerning the Persian Gulf crisis has become a top priority at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5). According to Lt.Col. Mark Mitchell, VX-5's chief operational test director (COTD), answering fleet questions and concerns is part of VX-5's vital mission. To do this, continual operational evaluations of attack weapon systems and electronic warfare equipment are in progress at the VX-5 Projects Department along with development of initial tactics and procedures for their employment.

VX-5 is an independent operational testing agency separate from

Naval Weapons Center (NWC), "tenants" as Lt.Col. Mitchell says. The ongoing testing of weapon systems and tactical development enables personnel to respond to real world contingency questions, including the Persian Gulf.

As chief operational test director, Lt.Col. "Banzai" Mitchell supervises and coordinates all operational testing conducted at VX-5. The squadron now has 65 assigned Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) projects. Twelve projects are in active test and 40 in active monitor phase.

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China Lake Calendar

Fri. Aug. 24
 . . . JP Summer Party, Officers' Club, 8 p.m.

Fri. Aug. 31
 . . . Deadline to file application for NSAP positions available summer, 1991.
 . . . Final day to submit work requests for Fall Clean-up Day materials.

Thurs. Sept. 6
 . . . Rob Sweetgall discusses fitness and walking, Seafarer Club, 10 a.m. and Room 1000D Michelson Lab, 1 p.m.

Coming Events

Fall Clean-up Day, and Hazardous Waste Collection Day, Sept. 29

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 Fridays publication.

Women's Equity Day

DoD ties event to Armed Forces Voters Week

DoD will mark Women's Equality Day with exhibits, posters and special observances at installations around the world. The day, Aug. 26 by presidential proclamation, is a Sunday, so many observances will be held during the following week.

"Women's Equality Day commemorates the certification of the 19th Amendment (to the U.S. Constitution), which gave women the right to vote. Therefore, many activities will be tied to Armed Forces Voters Week, which begins Aug. 27," said Rosemary Howard, DoD's Federal Women's Program manager.

Howard passed on facts about women and voting. For example:

- In 1872, Susan B. Anthony and several other women were arrested for voting.
- The Women's Suffrage Amendment, to give women the right to vote, was first introduced in Congress in 1878 and then reintroduced every year for the next 40 years.
- In 1890, Wyoming became the first state to give women the vote.
- In 1916, Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.
- By 1917, 30 states allowed women to vote.
- The 19th amendment was ratified on Aug. 18, 1920, and was certified by the Secretary of State eight days later. An amendment is ratified when it receives enough votes to pass and is certified when it is determined that the count was correct.

Wellness Corner



Walking

Walking has many benefits for the human body. The Wellness Program Office plans to demonstrate these benefits by sponsoring two training classes at the Naval Weapons Center.

Two classes of *Walking Off Weight*, taught by Rob Sweetgall, will be held on Thursday, Sept. 6. The first class will be held from 10 to 11:15 a.m. at the Seafarer Club, while the second class is slated for 1 to 2:15 in Room 1000D in Michelson Laboratory.

This class is designed for China Lake employees who wouldn't mind dropping a few pounds of fat. Attendees will learn the 14 most important concepts for lasting weight loss, how to design a fitness walking program geared for fat reduction and why diets don't work.

On the same day, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sweetgall will instruct *New Strides in Fitness Walking* at Solar Park. This course will enable attendees to learn a new technique for walking which burns 30 percent more calories, tones the stomach and upper body, strengthens the back muscles, improves posture and enables people to reduce their walking time by 25 percent without sacrificing a thing.

Both these courses are on a walk-in basis only. The point of contact is the Wellness Program Office at NWC ext. 2468.

Parenting

The Wellness Program Office is also offering two parenting classes. To enroll in either of the following classes, submit an On-Center Training Request to Code 2243 prior to the deadline.

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting -- Teen

Sept. 11-Nov. 20, Tuesdays, 1130-1300, Chapel Annex No. 4. By Debra Oliver and Janet Butler.

This Systematic Training for Effective Parenting of Teens (S.T.E.P./Teen) is a training course for parents and others who want to help their teenagers behave responsibly in the face of today's social pressures and who want their relationships with teenagers to be more satisfying and enjoyable. S.T.E.P./Teen encourages mutual respect between parents and teens. It leads to increased cooperation, more effective communication and a more responsible, self-reliant attitude among teenagers. Meeting with other parents in an atmosphere of mutual support, parents learn effective ways of building self-esteem, communicating and disciplining. Point of contact is the Wellness Program Office, NWC ext. 2468.

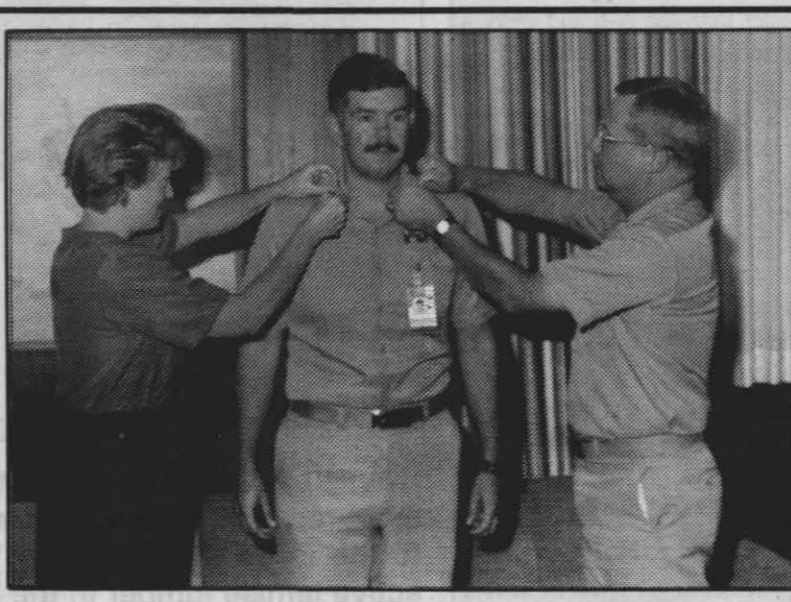
Deadline: Sept. 5.
 Systematic Training for Effective Parenting -- Childhood

Sept. 12-Nov. 14, Wednesdays, 1130-1300, Chapel Annex No. 4. By Camie Fielder and Linda Eberhart.

This Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (S.T.E.P.) is designed for parents with children ages 6-12 years of age. Improving parent-child relationships will be the focus of the ten-week course. The discussions will be based on Systematic Training for Effective Parenting which is an educational program widely used in the United States. This method encourages mutual respect between parent and child, increased cooperations and effective communication. Parents are given tools to help their children develop attitudes of responsibility and self-reliance. Point of contact is the Wellness Program Office, NWC ext. 2468.

Deadline: Sept. 5.

CHANGING COLORS-
In a recent promotion ceremony, Cdr. Thomas E. Massicotte, chief test pilot in the Aircraft Department, is assisted in changing his gold oak leaf clusters to silver ones by his wife, Sally, and Capt. Douglas W. Cook, NWC Commander.



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Leslie O'Neil, Computer Systems Analyst, Code 2732 -- has returned to work after surgery and is indebted for leave.

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

Polly Bainbridge, Secretary, Code 3922 -- underwent surgery and will be off work until September. She is still caring for her husband.

Carolyn King, Engineering Data Management Specialist, Code 36541 -- underwent surgery and will be off work until September. She is still caring for her husband.

George Petty, Physicist, Code 3924 -- was admitted to the Duke University Hospital on an emergency basis with the diagnosis of acute myelogenous leukemia.

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



Personnel development opportunity

Design Seminar-Developing Multiprocessor Solutions (8 hours)

Sept. 26, 0800-1600, Training Center. By Paracom: Bill Prescott.

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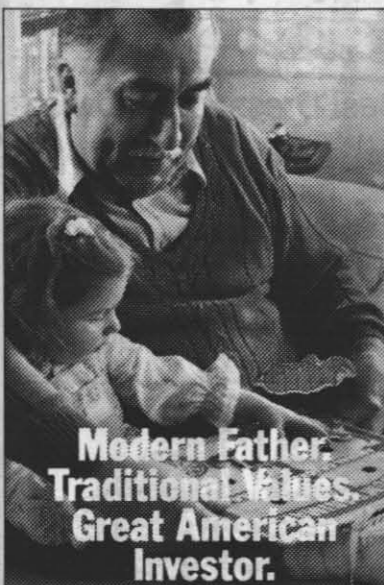


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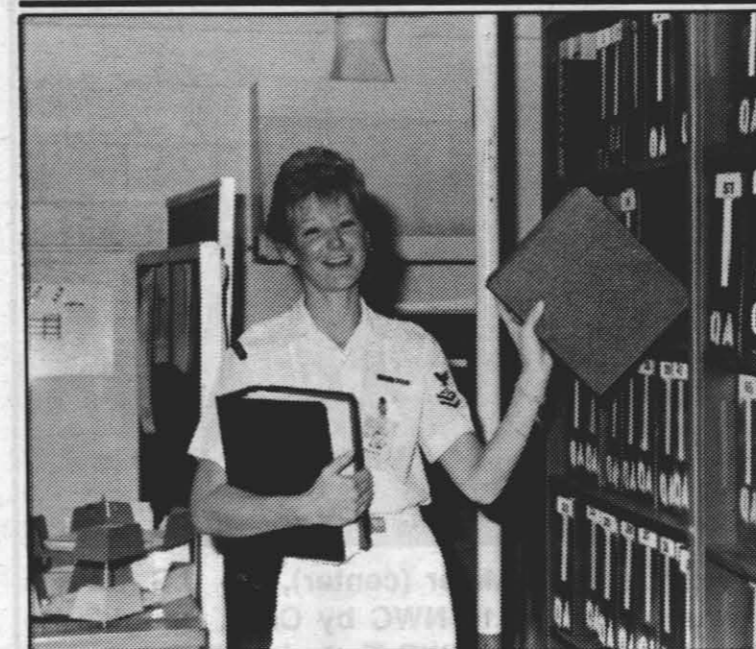
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NWC salutes new Senior Bluejacket of the quarter

Once again, Aviation Maintenance Administrationman Second Class Brenda R. Ford has been honored by her command. Due to her superior work performance, AZ2 Ford has been named Naval Weapons Center's Senior Bluejacket of the Quarter for the third quarter of 1990. She was also honored for her superior performance by her previous command in Guam when she was selected Sailor of the Month for the entire base.

In addition to being an aviation maintenance administrationman, Petty Officer Ford is the work center supervisor assigned to the Technical Publications Library located in Hangar III at the airfield. She is in charge of more than 50,000 publications and directives for 15 different aircraft, including all related support equipment. In addition, AZ2 Ford's work center performs quarterly publication audits on over 50 work centers that includes all levels of maintenance. "I just do my job," the petty officer said.

But LCdr. Leon E. Miller, commanding officer of enlisted personnel at the Naval Weapons Center, feels differently. "Your performance as an aviation maintenance administrationman and work center supervisor while assigned to the Technical Publications Library has been truly superb," reads the citation signed by LCdr. Miller.

"Through your maturity, professionalism and uncommon leadership abilities," continues the citation, "the Technical Publications Library received an overall grade of 'Outstanding' from the NAMO (Naval Aircraft Maintenance Orders) inspectors in April. Always willing to assist those in need, you have made it possible for people to get the most up-to-date publications. You are a role model for Navy and civilian personnel to emulate."

The career-oriented petty officer has been in the Navy a little over nine years and has been stationed at NWC since last December.

AZ2 Ford has previously assigned to Maine; Whidbey Island, Washington; and her last duty station in Guam since joining the Navy in 1981. Sometime in her career, she would like to be deployed so she can see some more of the world. The petty officer noted she and her husband, Douglas, who is also on active duty, requested being assigned to NWC. "We didn't want to be stationed in a big city, so when we heard about China Lake, we asked to come here," she said.

As a mother of a one-year old boy, Bryan, AZ2 Ford says she really admires the female chiefs and officers who have made the Navy their career. "They have stuck it out and made something of themselves," she said. "I know how hard it is being a mom and career-oriented at the same time." But regardless of the difficulties, she is confident in her abilities to handle both roles.

VX-5 Vampires' contributions to vital CNO projects earn awards

Aviation Ordnanceman Third Class Richard L. Lilljedahl and Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Christian A. Jennings were recently awarded the Navy Achievement Medal by Capt. Raymond Kellett, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron FIVE (VX-5) commanding officer.

According to the citation accompanying the medals, the two ordnancemen were honored for their professional achievements in the superior performance of duties in direct support of Chief of Naval Operations' Projects 1261 (SLAM), 287-1 (FMU-140) and 1089 (X-16 Fin) while attached to VX-5.

Part of a hand-picked group, Petty Officer Lilljedahl and Airman Jennings performed their demanding duties "in an outstanding manner, exhibiting extraordinary versatility, technical skills and vast knowledge of the A-6 (SWIP/WCSI) Intruder and F/A-18 Hornet aircraft."

The two men were praised for demonstrating exceptional initiative and dedication as they troubleshot, repaired, tested various aircraft systems, configured and reconfigured aircraft and handling equipment in support of mission requirements.

Petty Officer Lilljedahl has been in the Navy since August 1988. He arrived at China Lake in April last year.

VX-5 is Airman Jennings' first assignment. He joined the Navy in April 1989 and arrived at China Lake in November.

Subspecialty selection board set

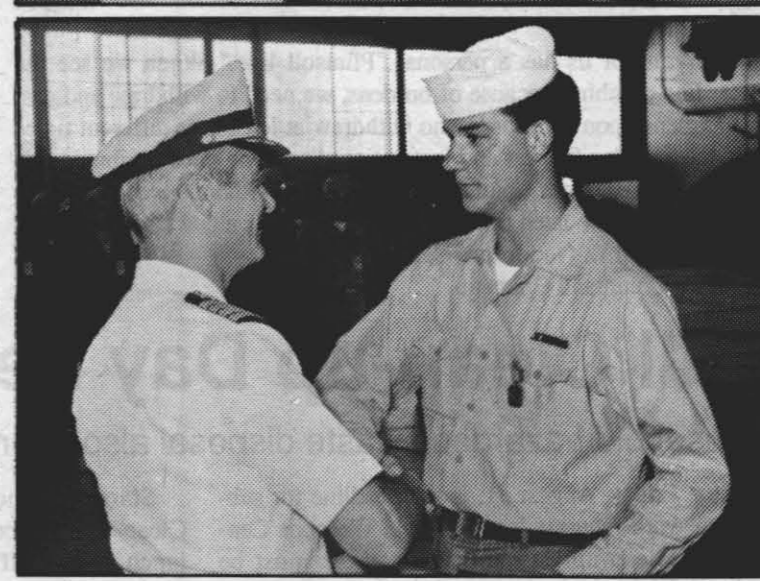
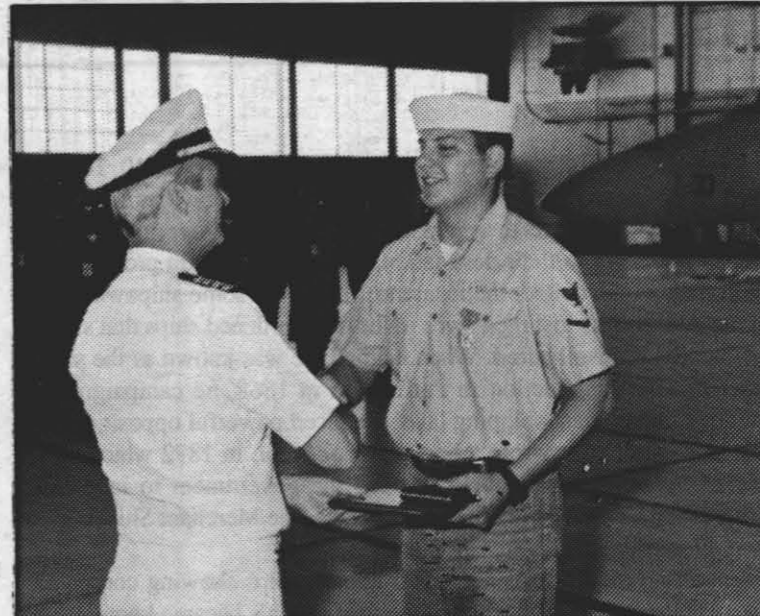
Washington (NNS) -- Unrestricted line, Medical Service Corps and Nurse Corps officers, in the grades of lieutenant commander (including selectees), commander and captain, who wish to extend the range of their subspecialties are advised that the FY-91 Material Support Subspecialty Selection Board will be convened on Feb. 11, 1991.

This board, meets every two years, is tasked with identifying specialists who meet specific professional and subspecialty performance and experience criteria. Officers' records will be examined automatically only if they are currently coded in one of the 17 subspecialties under consideration, or if they are serving in a coded billet.

However, those who do not fall within those two categories, but who desire consideration, need only submit a letter requesting they be considered. That letter should be forwarded to Senior Member, Material Support Subspecialty Selection Board, Naval Military Personnel Command (NMPC-440E), Washington, DC 20370-5440. Such requests must be received no later than close of business Jan. 15.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Naval Military Personnel Command's Professional Development Education and Subspecialty Branch (NMPC-440) at Autovon 224-3321.

The skill areas include: aeronautical engineering, nuclear physics, avionics, nuclear propulsion plant op, chemistry, strategic navigation, electronics engineering, strategic weapons, flight performance/test pilot, transportation management, material logistics support management, underwater acoustics, naval construction & engineering.



PROFESSIONALISM PARAMOUNT AT VX-5--Aviation Ordnanceman Third Class Richard L. Lilljedahl (top) and Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Christian A. Jennings (bottom) receive the Navy Achievement Medal from Capt. Raymond Kellett.

NRS gives layettes to new parents

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Burdens

Samuel Plimsoll was born in Bristol, England, on Feb. 10, 1824. He was a coal dealer in London for many years. Shipowners in England would heavily insure their vessels and flagrantly overload them. If their vessels got to their destination, then they got extra profits; if not, then they would collect the insurance. Little did some shipowners care if the poor sailors lost their lives in the overburdened ships that sank.

Samuel Plimsoll cared. When he died, he was known as the sailors' friend. After his election to Parliament in 1868, he campaigned for reforms in merchant shipping laws. He faced powerful opposition from the shipowners. He wrote a book, *Our Seaman*, in 1872 which stirred public opinion and eventually forced the government to investigate what could be done, and after much debate, the Merchant Shipping Act was adopted in 1876.

One provision of this act was a line on ships showing compulsory fixed limits to which ships could be loaded. This became known as the Plimsoll lines.

Everyone of us has a personal "Plimsoll line." When we see the water line climbing because of burdens, we need to withdraw and cast our burdens upon our Lord, who withdrew at least four different times with the apostles for rest and instruction. Someone once attributed this motto to Baker James Cauthen: "Divert daily. Withdraw weekly. Abandon annually." We need time alone. We need time alone with the Lord.

By Lt. Gerald L. Goodman, CHC, USNR
Assistant Command Chaplain

Fall Clean-up Day next month

Household hazardous waste disposal also offered on September 29

Next Friday, August 31, is the deadline for submitting work requests for the Naval Weapons Center Fall Clean-up Day where materials must be ordered. Richard Dominguez, Clean-up Day coordinator stressed the need to get materials ordered as quickly as possible for the September 29 event. He also noted the August 31 deadline does not apply to labor, only projects, but he encouraged the submission of labor work requests as soon as possible.

Department representatives have special work request forms to be completed and submitted to Dominguez for the Fall Clean-up. Department representatives should be able to answer most questions about the clean-up effort at NWC. If not, Dominguez can be reached at NWC ext. 1205 for more information if necessary.

The goal is to accomplish as much as possible during the designated four hours, 8 a.m. to noon on September 29. The work completed with volunteer labor will represent an improvement to the quality of life in those work areas where volunteers get together.

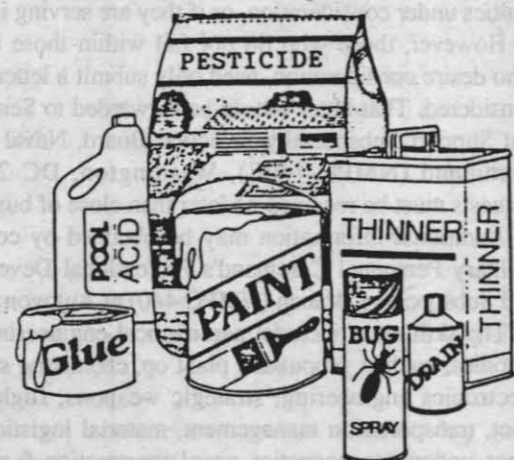
Projects cannot include areas requiring special skills such as plumbing, electrical work or building alterations. Some of the areas recommended include painting, installing carpet tiles, paneling, landscaping where no additional maintenance requirements will be generated, stepping-stone sidewalks, mini-blind installation and other similar tasks.

Projects undertaken should be completed in the four hours set aside for the program. However, Dominguez said he will approve projects taking a longer time if the individual department has no objection to work going beyond the four-hour period.

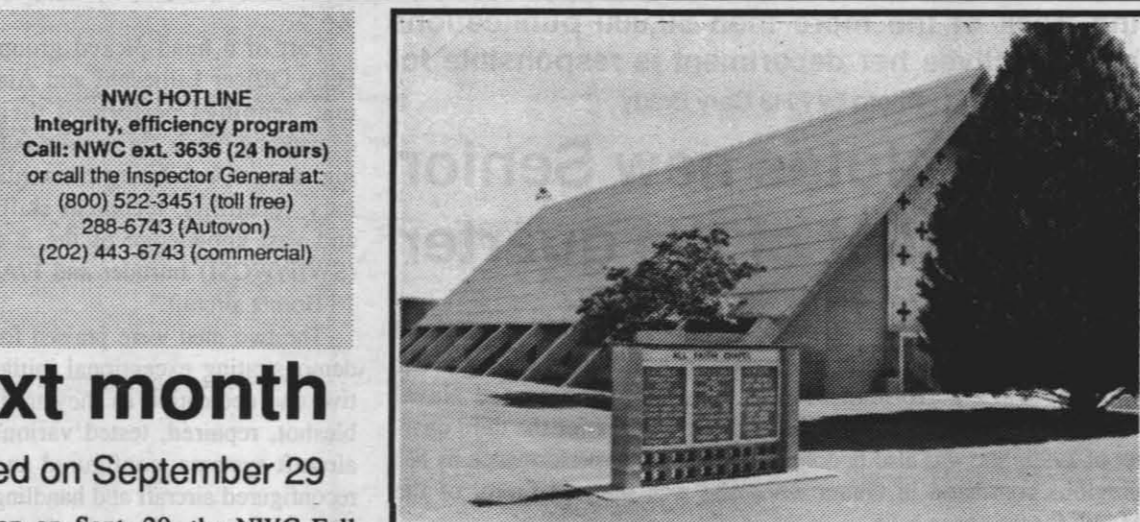
Starting at noon on Sept. 29, the NWC Fall Clean-up Day committee will host a free picnic lunch at the Officer's Club for participants. The O'Club will also be used as Clean-up Day headquarters by Dominguez and others involved in the planning process.

In conjunction with the fall clean-up, the Safety Division of the Safety and Security Department and the Environmental Services Office are sponsoring a Hazardous Waste Disposal Day at the same time. From 8 a.m. to noon on Sept. 29, China Lake residents will be able to legally dispose of most hazardous household chemicals and toxic products. This includes paint and paint thinner, batteries and oven cleaner, cleaning solvents and car-care chemicals. People are asked not to bring explosive or radioactive materials, nor work-generated materials for disposal.

The collection area for this hazardous waste is the west parking lot, next to Building 981 in the Public Works Department compound.



WELCOME TO NWC--Rear Admiral W.C. Miller (center), the U.S. Navy's Chief of Naval Research, was welcomed to NWC by Capt. Douglas W. Cook, NWC Commander, Bill Porter (right), NWC Technical Director, and two directorate heads, Sterling Haaland (left), laboratory director, and Dillard Bullard, head of the quality and product improvement directorate.



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Officers' Christian Fellowship/Christian Military Fellowships, East Wing, Thursday	7:00 p.m.
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Jumaa Prayer (Friday at 1006 Blandly)	1:00 p.m.
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Advisors needed...

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5. Familiarity with SYSCOMs, OPNAV and other Navy laboratory communities.

A SECRET security clearance is required. Applicants must pass the required physical examination.

Naval Science Advisor positions are lateral reassignments for current DP-4s. If a senior DP-3 is selected, the employee will be given a temporary promotion for the duration of the assignment. Duration of these assignments is normally two years, however a continuing commitment is required during the first year. Interested applicants should file a

Standard Form 171 with Sandra or Jacqui (Code 22). Questions concerning these positions should be directed to the NWC NSAP coordinator, Bob Byrne (Code 031), at NWC ext. 1485. Deadline for filing is Aug. 31.

Service in an NSAP assignment is a significant distinction and considered career enhancing. For further information about the specific tours from a "participants' viewpoint," contact any one of the following NWC employees who have been NSAP advisors in the past--Bob Byrne: NSAP Coordinator; Mel Foremaster: F/A-18 Program Office; Jack Russell: T&E Director; John Webb: Weapons Planning Group; John Prescott: Sea Lance Program Manager; Mick Rindt: Deputy for Advance Systems; Ray Miller: Head, Propulsion Systems Division; Douglas Savage: Tomahawk Program Office.

Workers need extra leave hours

Employees indicated below have been approved to become leave recipients under the Leave Transfer Program. These employees have exhausted annual and/or sick leave because of personal emergencies and will be in a non-pay status for at least ten days. Employees who wish to donate annual leave to the employee should call NWC ext. 2018.

Deborah Leonard, Secretary, Code 6535 -- had a gall bladder attack and is indebted for leave.

Teresa Clower, Procurement Clerk, Code 2623 -- is taking care of her husband who has had two major hit surgeries.

Bill Eastman, Payroll Clerk, Code 2853 -- underwent back surgery and is indebted for leave.

Tamera Nelepovitz, Electronic Technician, Code 3573 -- is experiencing severe complications due to dependent diabetes.

Mary Burchett, Engineering Data Manage-

ment Specialist, Code 3652 -- suffered a myocardial infarction Jan. 1 and is presently undergoing cardiac rehabilitation.

Joseph Sapp, Laborer, Code 26415 -- underwent surgery for a broken ankle.

Mary Jane Hall (Olson), PSD -- is recovering from surgery complications.

Sheilah K. Fultz, Research Chemist, Code 3686 -- is taking care of her terminally ill mother.

Gail Reed, Security Specialist, Code 2433 -- is in need of leave due to complications of pregnancy.

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

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

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Alternate Form of Annuity may change in October


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money amounts for various agencies and probably will not address the lump sum issue.


Representative Thomas' representative said from past experience, he expects the lump sum option to

remain. Regardless, there is no assurance that it will remain -- it is still up in the air and anything could happen.

For further information, employees should contact their PMA team.



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Reassignments...

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Branch, Missile Systems Division, Intercept Weapons Department. The incumbent will lead and support simulation for the Missile Homing Improvement Program (MHIP) Common Seeker. These positions will include analysis, mathematical modeling, scenario generation, computer work using real-time digital and analog machines, IR target presentations

and improvement, and missile evaluation and testing. The position involves work in all-math simulations, Hardware-in-the-Loop and Tracker-in-the-Loop. The successful candidate will work as part of the simulation team to evaluate MHIP performance under a variety of conditions. Please submit a current SF-171 to Bob Licklider, at Code 3912, NWC ext 2392.

Nominations sought for NSAP positions

Naval Science Advisors, Interdisciplinary, DP-801, 855, 861, 1310, 1520, 1550/3 or 4. The Navy Science Assistance Program (NSAP) provides quick-reaction scientific and technical services to the major Navy and Marine Corps operational commands in direct support of efforts intended to improve Fleet combat readiness. One of the goals of NSAP is to improve the dialogue between the Navy's Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RD&E) laboratories, centers and operational forces and the responsiveness of the laboratory and center community in achieving timely solutions to specific technical problems that significantly impact operational readiness.

This announcement identifies Naval Science Advisor vacancies that will be filled in the summer of 1991. All Center nominees will be interviewed and selections made in September 1990. Center candidates are encouraged to apply for more than one position/location. The candidates nominated by the Center will be competing with nominees from other Navy laboratories and centers. The NSAP Office, White Oak, MD, makes the final selections for all NSAP positions in October 1990.

Naval Science Advisor positions will be available in the summer of 1991 at the following staffs/locations:

- Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, Norfolk, VA.

Counselors visit

Academic counselors of Cal State Bakersfield will be on-Center Friday, Sept. 7, to advise current and prospective students in the external degree programs offered by that school.

Those who wish to see one of the academic counselors are asked to make an appointment by calling NWC ext. 2648.

- Commander, Second Fleet, Norfolk, VA
- Commander, Third Fleet, Pearl Harbor, HA
- Commanding General, First Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA
- Commander, Seventh Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan
- Commander, Joint Task Force Middle East, Bahrain

The incumbent will participate in Fleet activities and exercises as required. Broad technical engineering and management background and experience with acquisition programs are considered essential to carry out the assignment. Applicants shall have the ability to work in any one or more of the following areas: mine, ASW, ASUW, AAW, special and/or electronic warfare, C₃, surveillance, or ocean technologies. The Naval Science Advisor will be the primary interface between the Fleet Command, NWC and other Navy Laboratories and centers on NSAP and Commands RD&E matters.

Factors considered for candidate selection include:

1. Communication abilities that allow meaningful exchanges with many Navy and technical community skill levels and disciplines.
2. Ability to deal effectively with high-ranking civilian and military personnel in situations requiring a high degree of tact, diplomacy, and sound judgment.
3. Ability to make sound technical recommendations and

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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. 28-007, Secretary (Typing), DG-318-2/3, Code 286 - This position is located in the Accounting Division in the Office of the Comptroller. The incumbent provides secretarial support to the Division Head, Administrative Officer and two branches. Knowledge and working skill on the Macintosh PC is desirable. Promotion potential to DG-3. Previous applicants need not reapply.

No. 30-006, Secretary, DG-318-2/3, Code 303 - Incumbent will provide secretarial support to the Head, Weapons and Tactical Analysis Center (WEPTAC) and three branches. Incumbent must be able to deal effectively with all levels of personnel up to and including Flag-level, both On-Center and Headquarters level. Experience with the Macintosh is desired. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret Clearance. Promotion potential to DG-3. Area of consideration is limited to the 03 Directorate. Previous applicants need not apply.

No. 31-062, Secretary (Typing), DG-318-1/2, Code 3191 - THIS POSITION CAN BE FILLED BY ONE FULL TIME PERSON OR BY TWO PART-TIME PERSONS. The incumbent will provide secretarial and administrative support to the Systems Engineering Branch. Knowledge and working skills on the Macintosh PC is desirable. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret Clearance. Promotion potential to DG-2. The area of consideration for this position is the 03 Directorate.

No. 31-063, Secretary (Typing), DG-318-2, Code 3107 - The incumbent provides secretarial and administrative support to the Deputy F/A-18 Weapons System Support Activity in the F/A-18 Program Office. The incumbent is responsible for all secretarial duties including numerous travel orders and constant preparation of technical briefs. Must have the ability to communicate effectively. Skill on the Macintosh computer is desired. Full performance level of this position is DG-2.

No. 31-066, Secretary (Typing), DG-318-1/2, Code 3158 - The incumbent serves as Branch Secretary providing clerical support to the Target Recognition Branch. Experience on the Macintosh II is desirable. Promotion potential to DG-2. The area of consideration for this position is the 03 Directorate only.

No. 39-019, Secretary (Typing) DG-318-A/1/2, Code 3931, The position is located in the Surface Targets Fuze Branch, Fuze Sensor Systems Division, Intercept Weapons Department. Incumbent will provide secretarial support to all branch personnel. Duties include preparing vugraph presentations, travel orders, training requests, typing memos, filing and answering phones. Knowledge and experience with the Macintosh PC is desirable, but not required. Knowledge of NWC secretarial procedures and regulations is desired. Promotion potential to DG-2, but not guaranteed. Previous applicants need not apply. AREA OF CONSIDERATION IS LIMITED TO THE LABORATORY DIRECTORATE (03).

No. 39-033, Secretary (Typing) DG-318-1/2, Code 3925, The position is located in the Fuze Technology Branch, Concept Development Division, Intercept Weapons Department. Incumbent will provide secretarial support to the branch. Knowledge and experience with the Macintosh PC is desirable, but not required. Promotion potential to DG-2, but not guaranteed. AREA OF CONSIDERATION IS LIMITED TO THE LABORATORY DIRECTORATE (03).

Lump sum retirement rule may change

Current retirement options include an election for lump sum withdrawal of retirement funds with a reduced annuity. This lump sum can be withdrawn in two 50/50 increments, call the Alternative Form of Annuity.

According to Employee Management Relations Division staff, current rules could expire Oct. 1. Budget talks are now addressing this provision and one of the proposals being considered would eliminate the lump sum option.

Contact with Representative Bill Thomas's office revealed that a final decision is not expected until the first part of September. The following observations on the status of the lump sum option

were offered: 1) both the House and Senate have a position to keep the current 50/50 split; 2) none of the committees, including the House Armed Services

Committee, have recommended scrapping the lump sum; 3) the on-going budget summit talks are expected to deal with the overall (Continued on Page 17)

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Award salutes Crouch

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testing, modifying and using the simulation model to support system integration effort. The letter also notes he caught numerous logic and coding errors in the missile flight software and determined corrections, often before the contractor writing the software had become aware of the problem.

The nomination goes on to cite Crouch's willingness to contribute to other projects undertaken by the Missile Guidance Branch and serving as a local consultant in computer simulations and operations.

"Mike has an exceptional ability to quickly transfer an idea into a working program, and will frequently develop software routines for others on short notice to fill a special need," added Riggs.

The citation accompanying the technical director's award, signed by Porter read in part, "Your work on the Harpoon missile provided the Navy with an understanding of system performance and an evaluation of potential product improvement. I truly appreciate your dedication to the development of a detailed digital flight simulation plan."

Code 25 welcomes new leader

LCdr. Cedric Knight takes over reins for top Procurement Department post

"This is a model installation for most procurement offices around the country," said LCdr. Cedric Knight, the new Procurement Department director at the Naval Weapons Center. "I am very happy to be here."

LCdr. Knight has assumed the duties of Cdr. Stephen Nyland, who retired from the Navy at the end of June.

"The people here are very friendly," said the new department head. "But even more importantly, they are not afraid to help out and when tasked with a specific job, they aren't afraid to accept the additional responsibility."

Since joining the Navy in March, 1975, LCdr. Knight has been assigned to the *USS Midway (CV-41)*, Navy Supply Corps School, *USS Philadelphia (SSN-690)*, Defense Contract Administration Office (DCASMA) in Inglewood, the Naval Supply Systems Command and the *USS McKee (AS-41)*. Before coming to NWC, LCdr. Knight was the Contracting Department head and, for the past two and a half years, the transportation director at the Naval Supply Center in San Diego.

He has a bachelor's degree in food technology from the University of Georgia and a master's

degree in acquisition/contract management from the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey,

"This is a unique opportunity for me," said LCdr. Knight. "I haven't had a lot of experience working in a research and development laboratory, most of my background is operational."

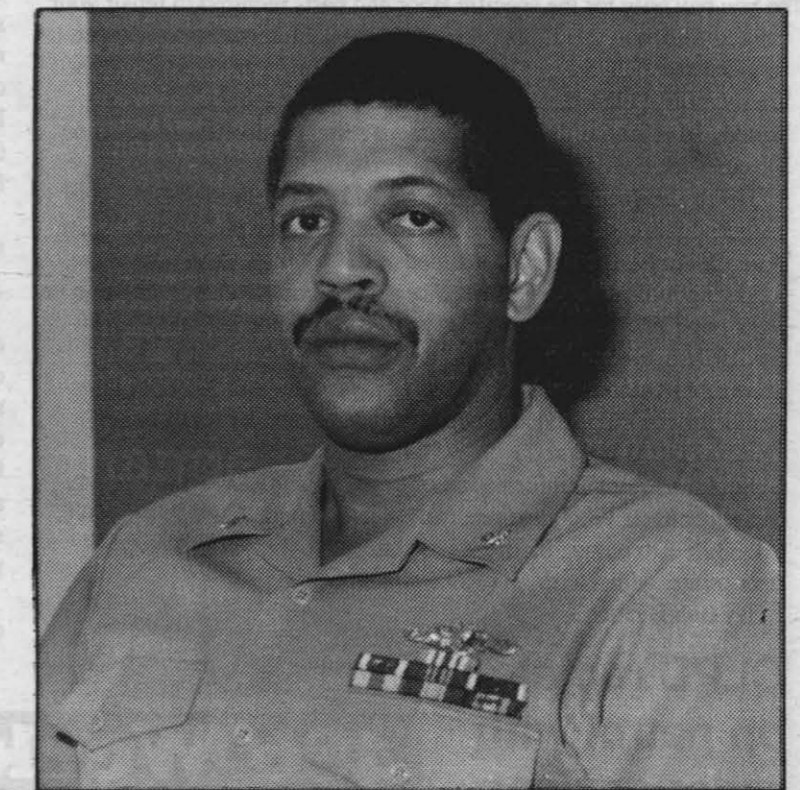
According to the department head, the current environment at the Procurement Department is such people want to work there and have a desire to please their customers. "I want to nurture that feeling," said LCdr. Knight, "and at the same time, I want us to continue to improve our abilities to be responsive to all our customers and to do whatever is reasonable within the parameters we must adhere to."

"To help me with that goal," LCdr. Knight said, "the department's Executive Steering Group (ESG), almost a year old, will provide the tools to keep Code 25 moving toward becoming the 'ideal public sector service organization' of the future."

The new department head noted the ESG is currently developing a "Vision Statement" which he hopes will reflect how people will see the Procurement Department in the future; a "Mission Statement" which reflects what the code does; and an "Opera-



WELL DONE--Mike Crouch (right) receives congratulations from Bill Porter, NWC Technical Director, for earning the NWC Technical Director's Award. The presentation came during a recent Commander's Meeting. Photo by PH3 Cary Brady



LCdr. Cedric Knight

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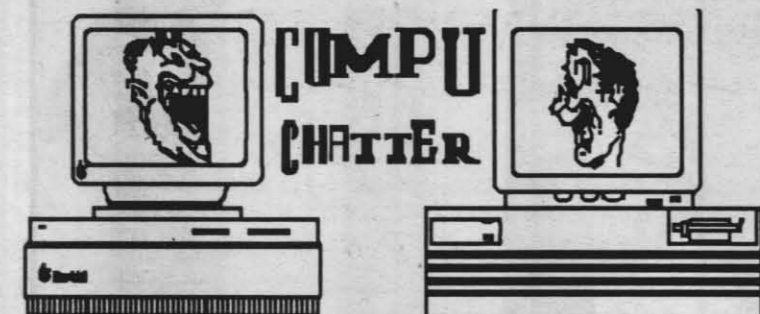
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Let me make one point real clear. The ONLY printers I am referring to, that cannot be serviced under the normal printer service contract, are XEROX and other printers that have the same motor; specifically the Talaris or QMS laser printers.

However, don't give up all hope. There is a XEROX hardware maintenance contract in the works that will support the repairs of XEROX, or equivalent, printers. This is a time and materials contract, so you pay only for the specific labor and parts required to repair your printer. But, and this is the crux of the contract, it is also a set inventory contract. On this set inventory contract, only those printers that are specifically listed, by serial number, on the contract, will be supported. In other words, if your printer's serial number is not listed on the contract, it will not be serviced. Period.

Here's the good news. You too can add your Talaris or QMS laser printer to this contract with just a quick and simple phone call. There is no cost to have your printer added to the contract. You'll need the following information available when you place the call: your name or other point of contact, phone number, Printer Name and model number, serial number, bar code, and the location of the printer. The important item to remember, to repeat myself, if your XEROX laser printer, or equivalent, is not listed on the contract, it cannot be serviced under the contract.

So, for additional information or to get your XEROX laser printer on the contract; Who ya gonna call? Tiana Gaugh, Code 2741, NWC ext. 3396. Do it now, before it's too late. Get your Talaris or QMS laser printer added to the XEROX contract today!

By Bob Beane

CLPD remains on patrol with radar devices

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 -- Randsburg Wash Road.
- Tuesday -- Burroughs Road.
- Wednesday -- South Knox Road.
- Thursday -- Richmond Road.
- Friday -- Inyokern Road.

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

NRS offers volunteer training

Joyce Dinnage, from the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Long Beach Auxiliary, will teach a Navy Relief Course at the Naval Weapons Center during the week of Sept. 10. The class will be held at the China Lake Branch Navy Relief Society office at 1811 Lauritsen Road from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day.

The course, which is open to everyone, covers topics ranging from pay and allowances and Navy Relief policies to volunteer programs and opportunities.

Students completing the course will receive a diploma on the final day of the class. There is no requirement for persons taking the course to become volunteers, but those who desire to do so may work as receptionist or interviewers in the office, or in other volunteer programs.

For more information and to make arrangements for free child care for preschoolers, call the NRS Office at NWC ext. 2921. Mileage will be paid upon request.



Joyce Dinnage

Be smart and stay school safe

Summer vacation for schools on board the Naval Weapons Center and those in Ridgecrest ends on Monday, and school-bound children are trading their swimsuits and skateboards for notebooks and pencils. But children and parents often may overlook one key item on the list of things to consider in preparing for school -- safety.

Here are some tips to keep in mind.

Parents

•If your elementary-age children are going to walk to school or hike a long distance to the bus stop, go over the safest route with them before school starts. Remember, the safest route isn't always the shortest. Children shouldn't go through alleys or wooded areas.

•Put reflective tape on your child's backpack or jacket.

•Obey signs that say where

unload passengers. Follow signs for pickup and dropoff zones, especially during bad weather when drivers' visibility may become lessened.

Children

•Wear bright colors, especially on cloudy days.

•Be extra careful boarding the school bus. If you're in a foreign country, remember that some don't have laws that require drivers to stop when a school bus stops.

•Never walk behind or to the side of a school bus -- the driver won't be able to see you. Maher said kindergartners and first graders are at the greatest risk of being injured by the school bus in this way. If you must cross in

•Where there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic.

•Try to walk with a group of friends so you can be seen more easily by drivers. Also, a group of children is less likely to be harmed by strangers than a child walking alone would be.

•Cross only at intersections. Don't dart from between parked cars.

•Before crossing, look left, right and left again. Don't assume crossing guards and school safety patrols are correct when they say you can cross.

•The safest route for bicycling will probably be different from the best walking route. Cyclists should try to avoid busy streets and use bike paths if available.

Various job vacancies are available at the Naval Weapons Center

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will be TDY about 25% of the time at the Norco facility until MESA is completed in 1993. Test planning and data reduction will be performed at the China Lake duty station. **Job relevant criteria:** Knowledge of radar field test procedures; Knowledge of radar instrumentation; Ability to communicate orally; Ability to communicate in writing. Incumbent must be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret Clearance.

No. 39-031, Supervisory Engineering Technician, DT-802-3, Code 3921 - This position is that of Head Weapons Control Branch, Concept Development Division, Intercept Weapons Department. The incumbent is responsible for supervising a diverse group of physicists, engineers, electronic and mechanical technicians and computer scientists in the

design, development, fabrication and testing of the next generation guidance and control weapon systems. This branch also uses CAE design techniques to prototype and engineer development of weapons, subsystems and components. **Job relevant criteria:** Knowledge of personnel policies and procedures; Knowledge of financial management policies and procedures; Knowledge of missile electro-mechanical fabrication procedures; Knowledge of affirmative action principles including a willingness to implement EEO practices. Position has promotion potential to DP-4 (Not guaranteed).

No. 39-032, Supervisory Electronics Engineer, DP-855-3, Code 3921 - This position is that of Head Weapons Control Branch, Concept Development Division, Intercept Weapons Department. The incumbent is responsible for supervising a

diverse group of physicists, engineers, electronic and mechanical technicians and computer scientists in the design, development, fabrication and testing of the next generation guidance and control weapon systems. This branch also uses CAE design techniques to prototype and engineer development of weapons, subsystems and components. **Job relevant criteria:** Knowledge of personnel policies and procedures; Knowledge of financial management policies and procedures; Knowledge

of missile electro-mechanical fabrication procedures; Knowledge of affirmative action principles including a willingness to implement EEO practices. Position has promotion potential to DP-4 (Not guaranteed).

No. 62-022, Electronics Technician, DT-856-2, Code 62041 - This position is located in the Junction Ranch Test Section of the Radar Cross-Section Range Office in the Range Department. The incumbent will perform Radar Cross-Section (RCS)

testing at the Junction Ranch RCS test range and other technical duties in support of the test facility. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of radar and radar systems; Knowledge of NWC test range operations; ability to analyze technical data. The incumbent will work an irregular "first forty" schedule; however, 60-hour work weeks are common. Incumbent must be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret security clearance. Promotion potential to DT-3, but not guaranteed.

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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 Opportu-

NO. 39-029, INTERDISCIPLINARY (GENERAL ENGINEER/ELECTRONICS ENGINEER/PHYSICIST) DP-801/855/1310-2/3, CODE 3913 - This position is located in the Missile Effectiveness Branch, Missile Systems Division, Intercept Weapons Department. The position is that of test engineer for the Encounter Simulation Laboratory (ESL) at Norco, California and the future Missile Engagement Simulation Arena (MESA) at China Lake. The incumbent is responsible for endgame simulation projects that use fuzze signature data from the ESL/MESA facilities. The incumbent will be TDY about 25% of the time at the Norco facility until MESA is completed in 1993. Test planning, software development, data reduction, and reporting will be performed at the China Lake duty station. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret Clearance. Please submit a current SF-171 to Jerry Preston, Code 3913, ext 3493.

NO. 39-030, INTERDISCIPLINARY (GENERAL/AEROSPACE/ELECTRICAL/MECHANICAL ENGINEER/MATHEMATICIAN/PHYSICIST/ OPERATIONS RESEARCH ANALYST) DP-801/861/850/830/1520/1310/1515-2/3, CODE 3912, (TWO VACANCIES) - These positions are located in the EO Missile Systems (Continued on Page 16)

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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 Blandly. 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. 00-005, Paralegal Specialist, DA-950-1/2, Code 006 - This position is located in the NWC Office of Counsel. The incumbent will be responsible for providing a wide range of legal assistance to attorneys within the Office of Counsel. Specific responsibilities will include preliminary research and coordination of research materials in the areas of Government contracts (Acquisition, Construction and General), Government personnel law, standards of conduct and other general law topics, other research and support in obtaining records and preparation of cases for filing with the U.S. District and Federal Courts. Additional duties include analysis of legislative developments and administrative and judicial decisions, options, determinations and rulings. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of analytical techniques; ability to communicate orally; ability to communicate in writing; ability to interpret and apply rules, regulations, policies, procedures and instructions. Promotion potential to the DA-3 level.

No. 22-007, Personnel Clerk/Assistant (Typing), DG-203-A/1/2, Code 226 - Incumbent performs the following duties for a major department(s): processes all actions affecting appointments, pay setting, separations, conversions of appointment, etc.; performs competitive and non-competitive qualification ratings; performs ranking and may conduct vacancy/selection panels; and drafts vacancy announcements for recruitment. At the higher levels, incumbent advises and recommends to supervisors and managers recruitment options for certain occupations (e.g. clerical); participates in various phases of crediting plan development. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of personnel policies and procedures related to staffing; ability to plan, organize, and accomplish work independently; ability to perform a variety of clerical/technical functions; ability to research, comprehend, and apply complex regulatory information. Promotion potential to DG-3.

No. 26-028, Maintenance Foreman, WS-4701-10, Code 26415 - This position is at the first full supervisory level in the Maintenance Utilities Division, Construction Branch, Construction Shop. The incumbent plans sequence of operations and work steps of employees supervised. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to supervise; knowledge of technical practices and trade theories; ability to read and interpret blue prints, instructions, specifications, etc.; knowledge of materials; knowledge of pertinent tools and equipment; and knowledge of affirmative action principles and a willingness to implement EEO practices. Full performance level: WS-10. May be required to complete a one-year supervisory probationary period. SUPPLEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE FOREMAN REQUIRED. Previous applicants need not reapply.

No. 26-029, Engineering Technician, DT-802-1/2, Code 26903 - This position is located in the Facilities Planning Division of the Public Works Department. Duties include identifying real property (buildings, structures) and associated boundaries; construction of new or the revision of existing maps, charts, and related cartographic products; compiles, computes, plots, and checks a variety of data for construction related projects; making sketches, drawings, diagrams, etc. as needed. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to read and interpret engineering and architectural plans and specifications; knowledge of and ability to use engineering formulas and measurement systems; ability to use Computer-Aided-Design (CAD) software and equipment in order to apply CAD methods, practices, and procedures for the purpose of facilitating the mission of the program office; ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing; and ability to perform field measurement and interpret varying facility/infrastructure conditions. Promotion potential to DT-2.

No. 30-008, Supervisory Interdisciplinary General/Mechanical/Electrical/Electronics/Aerospace Engineer/Mathematician/Computer Scientist/Operations Research Analyst, DP-801/830/850/855/861/1520/1550/1515-3, Code 3031 - Branch Head Operations Branch, WEPTAC Program in the Weapons Planning Group. WEPTAC is a computer based, interactive wargaming facility providing man-in-the-loop simulations to evaluate the effectiveness and utility of weapons, weapons systems, platforms, sensors and tactics. The incumbent provides overall direction, coordinations, and management of branch activities. Technical responsibilities include overseeing development of proposals for new projects, interface between project leaders and sponsors in the concept, prosecution, reporting and briefing of projects, and followup on the accuracy and utilization of project efforts. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of Naval weapons systems and tactics; knowledge of the WEPTAC interactive wargaming simulation; ability to perform as a first-line supervisor; ability to plan, organize, coordinate, and manage a program; knowledge of affirmative action principles including a willingness to implement EEO practices; ability to communicate orally; ability to communicate in writing. May be required to serve a one year supervisory probation period. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret clearance.

No. 30-009, Mathematics Aid/Mathematics Technician, DT-1521-A/1, Code 3033 - These positions are located in

Weapons Planning Group Department, Weapons and Tactics Analysis Center (WEPTAC) Wargame Support Branch. The branch provides support to the WEPTAC Operations Branch. The incumbent actively and directly participates in military wargames and simulations based on a working knowledge of the wargaming systems and software as well as Navy tactics, doctrine, and terminology, the incumbent enters wargame commands into a computer terminal and advises acting Unit Commanders in the conduct of games and simulations. Incumbent provides initial instruction on work station equipment, range of permissible commands, and basic operation and capabilities of the system and wargame models. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of wargame systems to model military systems and tactics; ability to communicate orally; ability to communicate in writing. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret clearance. Promotion potential DT-2.

No. 31-064, Supervisory Interdisciplinary, (General/Mechanical/Aerospace Engineer), DP-801/830/861-3/4, Code 3182 - This position is Head of the Weapons Survivability Laboratory (WSL) Branch in the Survivability and Lethality Division of the Aircraft Weapons Integration Department. The incumbent will direct a multi-disciplined staff of engineers and technicians which support air weapons systems survivability and lethality testing under simulated combat conditions as well as experimental evaluation of technology exploration concepts. The position includes duties as the technical monitor on delivery order contracts for the on site support contract work force of approximately 34 personnel. Duties also include administration of the WSL Service Center accounting system. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of the air combat survivability discipline; knowledge of joint service programs; knowledge of tactical operations; knowledge of aircraft subsystems (i.e. propulsion, fuel systems, flight controls, etc.); knowledge of lethality, weapons effects, and safe arm requirements; knowledge of instrumentation techniques, ordnance operations, and explosive safety procedures; knowledge of affirmative action principles including a willingness to implement EEO practices; ability to effectively deal with NAVAIR sponsors and personnel of diverse backgrounds; ability to plan, organize, coordinate, and manage technical programs. The incumbent may be required to serve a one-year supervisory probationary period. The full performance level of this position is DP-4.

No. 31-065, Supervisory Engineering Technician, DP-802-3/4, Code 3182 - This position is Head of the Weapons Survivability Laboratory (WSL) Branch in the Survivability and Lethality Division of the Aircraft Weapons Integration Department. The incumbent will direct a multi-disciplined staff of engineers and technicians which support air weapons systems survivability and lethality testing under simulated combat conditions as well as experimental evaluation of technology exploration concepts. The position includes duties as the technical monitor on delivery order contracts for the on site support contract work force of approximately 34 personnel. Duties also include administration of the WSL Service Center accounting system. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of the air combat survivability discipline; knowledge of joint service programs; knowledge of tactical operations; knowledge of aircraft subsystems (i.e. propulsion, fuel systems, flight controls, etc.); knowledge of lethality, weapons effects, and safe arm requirements; knowledge of instrumentation techniques, ordnance operations, and explosive safety procedures; knowledge of affirmative action principles including a willingness to implement EEO practices; ability to effectively deal with NAVAIR sponsors and personnel of diverse backgrounds; ability to plan, organize, coordinate, and manage technical programs. The incumbent may be required to serve a one-year supervisory probationary period. The full performance level of this position is DP-4.

No. 38-003, Supervisory Research Chemist/Chemical Engineer, DP-1320/893-3/4, Code 3851 - This position is the Head, Instrumental Chemical Analysis Branch, Chemistry Division in the Research Department. The Branch specializes in basic and applied research in instrumental chemical analysis as applied to materials characterization and process diagnostics. The applicant should be an advocate for basic and applied research's role in the solution of Navy-relevant problems. The applicant should be willing to develop a research program in analytical chemistry as a principle investigator and/or program manager. As the Branch Head, he/she must be able to communicate with all levels of NWC management as well as sponsors outside NWC. A Ph.D. in Chemistry/Chemical Engineering preferable; communication and leadership skills are necessary. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of and experience in instrumental chemical analysis as applied to materials characterization and process diagnostics; knowledge of and experience in advocating/promoting the basic and applied research role in the solution of Navy's technology-related problems; knowledge of affirmative action principles, including a willingness to implement EEO practices; ability to plan, organize, coordinate, and manage a technical research program; ability to communicate orally and in writing; skill in managing personnel. The full performance level of this position is DP-4.

No. 32-011, Munitions Destroyer, WG-6505-7, Code 3266 - This position is in the Ordnance Logistics Branch, Conventional Weapons Division, Ordnance Systems Department. The major tasks of this position are the handling of all of the unit operations required for disposal, handling, and transporting of many types of explosives, ammunition and toxic chemicals by burning or detonation. The incumbent receives, stores, and ships these items. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of ammunition and explosives; ability to inspect ammunition and explosives; ability to operate motor vehicles; ability to do the work of the position without more than normal supervision; dexterity and safety. A supplemental is required and can be obtained in Room 100 of the Personnel Building. Promotion potential WG-7.

No. 38-003, Supervisory Research Chemist/Chemical Engineer, DP-1320/893-3/4, Code 3851 - This position is the Head, Instrumental Chemical Analysis Branch, Chemistry Division in the Research Department. The Branch specializes in basic and applied research in instrumental chemical analysis as applied to materials characterization and process diagnostics. The applicant should be an advocate for basic and applied research's role in the solution of Navy-relevant problems. The applicant should be willing to develop a research program in analytical chemistry as a principle investigator and/or program manager. As the Branch Head, he/she must be able to communicate with all levels of NWC management as well as sponsors outside NWC. A Ph.D. in Chemistry/Chemical Engineering preferable; communication and leadership skills are necessary. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Knowledge of and experience in instrumental chemical analysis as applied to materials characterization and process diagnostics; knowledge of and experience in advocating/promoting the basic and applied research role in the solution of Navy's technology-related problems; knowledge of affirmative action principles, including a willingness to implement EEO practices; ability to plan, organize, coordinate, and manage a technical research program; ability to communicate orally and in writing; skill in managing personnel. The full performance level of this position is DP-4.

No. 39-028, Electronics Technician, DT-856-2/3, Code 3913 - This position is in the Missile Effectiveness Branch, Missile Systems Division, Intercept Weapons Department. The position is that of test director for the Encounter Simulation Laboratory (ESL) in Norco, California and the future Missile Engagement Simulation Arena (MESA) at China Lake. The incumbent coordinates and assists in all phases of endgame simulation at the ESL/MESA facilities. The incumbent (Continued on Page 15)

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- Saturday, August 25th
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For the back-to-school season, Kids Ahoy features 66 items for boys, girls, toddlers and infants compared to 32 items in 1989.

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The Kids Ahoy fashion collection for back-to-school is colorful and exciting. Kids Ahoy for girls (in sizes 4-6x) includes printed twill pants, denim acid wash pants, belted knit pants, denim jumper, fleece logo set, crew and cardigan sweaters, knit tops and a nylon jacket.

Boys may choose from acid wash denim, canvas and twill pants, solid turtle necks, knit tops with twill trim and a crew neck sweater (sizes 4-7).

For boys and girls, Kids Ahoy accessories feature brightly colored back packs, belt bags and socks.

Network Management Center now assigns TCP/IP addresses

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Gulf crisis brings calls for advice to VX-5

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The COTD compares VX-5 to a normal Navy fleet squadron with the addition of a Projects Department. "We operate and fly like the fleet squadrons. We take weapon systems to the boat, fly tactics at high speed-low altitude, perform 5-G pop-up attacks, whatever would be used by the fleet in combat." The goal is to ensure these weapon systems are ready prior to being sent to the fleet. "We are the operational final checkers."

"Many of our weapon systems have applications pertinent to the Gulf right now," said Lt.Col. Mitchell. For the past several weeks VX-5 has been on an accel-

VX-5 takes questions and can go back with an answer to the Gulf on weapons or tactics.

erated schedule strictly answering questions from the Persian Gulf. Questions concerning tactics and weapon systems "Will this tactic work against this? Will this weapon system do well against that?" says Lt.Col. Mitchell.

VX-5 takes these questions from the fleet and sets up similar scenarios here in China Lake, where the surroundings are less hostile. Squadron personnel then look at a particular system or evaluate tactics the fleet have voiced concerns about. Then VX-5 can go back with an answer to the

Gulf saying "yes it's a good tactic, or no it's not" and "yes, this weapon system is good or no this weapon system won't work well" says Lt.Col. Mitchell.

Project department has officers, enlisted members and civilians at work on numerous efforts.

VX-5's Projects Department includes the COTD, the Assistant COTD LCDr Craig Cuninghame, 35 operational test directors (OTDs), 13 enlisted personnel and 19 civilians. There are seven branches within the department, each working on various CNO projects.

The Assault Helo Branch, headed by Maj. Bobby Rowland, works on 10 different projects including AH-1W Helo Night Targeting Systems, ALQ-144 Infrared Jammer, AGM-122A Sidarm I/II Anti-Radiation Missiles.

The Electronic Warfare Branch, headed by LCDr J.P. Kindred, currently has 13 projects including EA-6B Harm Block IV and Low Cost Seeker, ALQ-149 Communications Jammer, Tactical Air Launched Decoy (TALD), EA-6B Advanced Capability (ADVCAP).

The Strike Fighter Aircraft Branch (F/A-18, A-7), headed by Lt. "Chip" Miller has 11 projects including IR Maverick, Interim Night Intensification Goggle and Head Tracker System (INIGHTS), Wall-

eye, 89X/A/C Operational Flight Programs.

The Strike Fighter Aircraft Branch (VSTOL), headed by Maj. Glen Duncan is currently working on 11 projects including Airborne Self-Protect Jammer (ASPJ), AV-8B Night Attack, ALQ-164 Tactical Airborne Adaptive ECM POD.

The All Weather Attack Aircraft Branch, headed by Lt. Steve Rabogliatti, works on 11 projects including Standoff Land Attack Missile (SLAM), Skipper II, Harpoon, Gator Mine System.

The Foreign Military Exploitation Branch, headed by Lt. Ed Vincze, currently works on SAM/AAA Systems, Contingency Support Operations and Night Tactics

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Development and Evaluation.

The Future Systems Branch, headed by Lt. David Dunaway, is currently involved with A-12, Naval Advanced Tactical Fighter (NATF), Integrated Defense Avionics Programs (IDAP), Advanced Airborne Expendable Decoy and Advanced Bomb Family.

VX-5 unlike NWC is not a developmental agency. The concerns and objectives are not the same of those in a devel-

oping agency. VX-5's job is to determine if operational specifications outlined by CNO are met and if a system is workable or not. The squadron represents the fleet, it set up like a fleet squadron and if project OTD's can't get a system to meet specifications, findings are reported to CNO.

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This often causes VX-5 to be perceived by developing agencies, program managers and outside agencies as the ones who stall the introduction of weapon systems to the fleet. Commenting on this Lt.Col. Mitchell responded "I think it's important that everyone understand that a lot of times people perceive us, VX-5 (projects), as the "bad guys," the guys who are doing everything they can to keep something from getting to the fleet. I perceive our mission as the final checkers, as the one who makes sure our fellow aircrew and pilots in the fleet are getting a workable, safe system."

VX-5 continues its ongoing efforts to test and evaluate projects to enhance the Navy's weapon systems and tactical developments.

It's because of Naval organizations like VX-5 that real world questions, like those from the Persian Gulf, are met with real world answers.

Duff retiring with 38 years time

In last week's *Rocketeer*, it was mentioned that Harold (Hal) S. Duff, an employee in the Systems Development Branch, Advance Systems Division, Attack Weapons Department, was retiring after 31 years of service. This was incorrect. Duff is retiring after 38 years of service.

The *Rocketeer* staff apologizes for any inconvenience this error may have caused.



QUESTIONS FOR VX-5--Current COTD Lt.Col. "Banzai" Mitchell and former COTD LCDr. "Doc" Antonio provide a wealth of knowledge concerning weapon systems and the development of tactics in progress at VX-5's Project Department. For the past several weeks the squadron has been on an accelerated schedule answering questions from the Persian Gulf.

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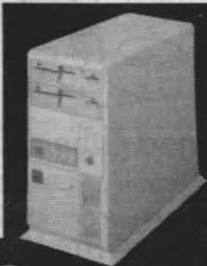
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Entries now being accepted for this year's mini-triathlon

Contest is limited to 96 contestants, so enter early!

Entries are now being accepted for the Mini-Triathlon '90. Forms can be picked up at the Naval Weapons Center Gym Annex (Weight Room) in Building 21.

Sponsored by the Morale, Welfare & Recreation Sport Branch, this annual event includes a half-mile swim, 25-mile bicycle race and a 6.2 mile run. Divisions will be broken into men's and women's individual with an age breakdown of 18-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50-59. Divisions for teams will include men's, women's and mixed (teams will not have an age breakdown).

The first heat will begin at 8 a.m., with additional heats at 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m. Contestants will select their heat (indicate first, second and third choice) at the time they submit their entries. For the best selection of heat times, register early.

Entry fees are \$20 per person prior to Oct. 1. Entries received on or after Oct. 1 will cost \$23. Checks should be made payable to MWR-REC and

hand delivered to the Gymnasium Annex, or mailed to Sports Branch, Code 2294, MWR Division, Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, CA 93555. The annex will be open for hand delivered entries from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contestants who mailed in their entries should call NWC ext. 6542 after Oct. 4 to verify their heat times. Please make sure both sides of the entry forms have been completed and signed.

All participants will receive a t-shirt and individual awards will be given out for first and second place in the individual divisions. In the team divisions, awards will be given out for the first place finishers. In addition, the "best overall man" and "best overall woman" will be given a special award.

Volunteers are needed to help make this year's event the best ever. Anyone who would like to help should call NWC ext. 6542.

Entries are limited to the first 96 contestants, so hurry and enter today!

New hours in effect for NWC pools

Starting Monday, Aug. 27, new hours will be in effect for the Officers' Club and Seafarer pools through Sept. 3. After that date, the Seafarer pool will close and new hours will go into effect for the Officers' Club pool. O'Club and Seafarer memberships will be honored for all swim times through Sept. 30.

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5-7 p.m. -- lap swim
7-9 p.m. -- IWV practice
O'Club patrons interested in open swim from Aug. 27-31, are welcome to use the Seafarer pool.
Weekends and holidays
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. -- lap swim
12:30-5 p.m. -- open swim
Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 1-3)
11 a.m.-7 p.m. -- open swim
Seafarer Pool
12 noon-6 p.m. -- open swim

Recreation Services giving away free passes to San Diego Sports Museum in Balboa Park

Recreation Services in San Diego are giving away free passes to the San Diego Sports Museum in Balboa Park during the Hall of Champions giveaway. The lucky winners will be drawn on Friday, Sept. 14, and the passes are good any day until Dec. 31.

See exhibits of favorite sports figures and experience some classic moments from sporting arenas around the world. The Hall of Champions has hundreds of displays, representing over 40 sports. The museum's "Breitbard Hall of Fame" recognizes the greatest sports stars, including Bill Walton, Dan Fouts, Ted Williams, Billy Mills, Maureen Connolly and Brian Sipe.

Experience Don Larsen's remarkable World Series no-hitter, Florence Chadwick's epic English Channel swim and Dennis Conner's America Cup victory.

To enter, send a postcard with your name, rate, command, address and phone number to Commander, Naval Base, (Code N4), Recreation Services, 937 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92132-5100. Winners will be awarded two passes to the museum.

If you are not one of the lucky prize winners, you can still go to the Sports Museum. Cost is only \$2 for military with a military I.D. card and \$3 for general admission. The contest is open to all active duty military members.

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Code bowling leagues are now being formed

Two code leagues are being planned by Hall Memorial Lanes for the fall/winter bowling season. Each league will consist of 10 mixed teams (must have two members of the opposite sex).



League play, beginning Sept. 6, will be Thursday and Friday evenings, starting at 6 p.m.

The first place team from each league will have a roll off next spring for the code championship. The winning team will receive a trophy, which will be displayed at Hall Lanes.

To register a team, call the bowling center at NWC ext. 3471.

Some Sequoia National Forest roads close due to fire danger

According to Forest Service personnel in the Sequoia National Forest, the area burned by the Stormy Fire has been indefinitely closed to entry. The primary reason for the closure is public safety. Although the fire's advance has been stopped, the possibility of small but intense fire runs within the fire perimeter is still high. There are numerous smoldering stump holes. Trees burned by the fire may fall at any time and rocks loosened by the fire are easily dislodged by any disturbance.

The closure effects only the following roads:
•Rancheria Road (Mtn. Highway 90) from Greenhorn Summit north to Portuguese Pass; Mill Creek Road (Mountain Highway 90) from near Lower Tobias Meadow south to Portuguese Pass; and Road M9 from near the Speers Creek special use tract east to Portuguese Pass. All other local roads are open to unrestricted public use.

NWC won't have upland hunt this year due to fewer number of birds

Captain Douglas W. Cook, Naval Weapons Center Commander, has announced there will be no upland game hunting conducted on board the Naval Weapons Center this year. Due to the continuing drought conditions, population numbers for chukar and quail are very low.

When the drought ends and conditions return to normal, hunting on the Center may be resumed.

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Due to the China Lake Tennis Club Tournament, the Naval Weapons Center tennis courts will be closed Sept. 8 and 9. For further information, call NWC ext. 6542.

Fishing productive in many spots, slow in others

Be sure to bring warm clothing when fishing in the Eastern Sierra this weekend. After a number of thunderstorms, a drying trend is bringing in cooler temperatures.

Big Pine Creek remains the best area for fishing around the Big Pine area. However, for those who want great fishing and don't mind a long hike, try the backcountry lakes. Don't forget to stop by and say get the latest information from John at Big Pine Station.

The fires in and around Yosemite National Park are under control now, and tourists are again flocking to the park and the Sierra area near it, so fishing pressure is likely to increase this weekend.

South Lake remains the leading area for fishing in the Bishop Creek region. Again, the fish are biting anything and everything! Lake Sabrina is also having good results. Try trolling with a needlefish with lead core to 3 to 4 colors. At Intake 2, try salmon eggs or powerbait. The Owens River at the Wild Trout area is recommended for flyfishing. Matt Nitschke of Eastern Sierra Fishing Guides, is suggesting using a May Fly or a Blue Dun emerger. Late evening fishing is having the best results. Paradise Lodge reports fishing is very good on the lower Rock Creek. Try using powerbait.

Lake fishing at Rock Creek Lake is proving productive only if you use a green colored lure or wet fly. Use a needlefish, super

dupers, or roostertails for lures or wooly worms for flyfishing. Trollers should stay fairly close to the top on the lake and use a nightcrawler with a green lure. For stream fishing, try elk hair caddis. Novices are having trouble fishing this area, but experienced fishermen are doing extremely well. For backcountry lakes, try the Hilton Lake region and don't forget the powerbait!

Nice size rainbows are coming out of Convict Lake. Try using nightcrawlers or powerbait. Catches are up to five pounds.

Fishing is still slow at Crowley Lake. Part of the problem seems to lie in the change of opening time to 8 a.m. Trout are being caught, but aren't meeting the 18-inch requirement. Perch fishing has also been iffy. Just a reminder, boating is allowed on Crowley Lake only until Sept. 3. Crowley Lake is open for fishing from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is closed on Tuesdays. Remember the special rules for late season fishing at Crowley

In the Mammoth Lakes area, try powerbait or inflated nightcrawlers when shore fishing at Lake Mary. For lures, try the Thomas or super duper. Trollers should use flasherblades with nightcrawler or needlefish. The fly and bubble combo, or nightcrawlers are the best bait when shore fishing at Lake George. A Cast Master or Z-ray are the best lures. For trolling, try a flasherblade with needlefish or rapalla. Lake Mamie and Twin Lakes are best using a fly and

bubble or a Thomas lure. Mammoth Creek has been best with crickets or garden worms. The San Joaquin streams are proving productive for those using crickets or power eggs. The fishing for this area is best in the morning or evening hours. For the Upper Owens River, try crickets, nightcrawlers or salmon eggs. Fly the flyfishermen, try bait imitations, caddis or May Fly imitations.

June and Gull lakes are recommended as the most productive of the set in the June Lake region. Shore fishing has picked up, with red eggs proving the most effective

bait. If trolling, go to 5 to 6 colors.

Lee Vining Creek has been slow to very slow for inexperienced anglers. Fishing skills are needed to catch rainbows and brookies in this stream. The water level is fair and limits of pan-sized fish are possible with luck, patience and skill. Try power bait or bubble fly comb.

In the Bridgeport area, Virginia Lake has been best for those using bait during the daylight hours and a fly and bubble for the evening. Upper and Lower Twin has nice Kockanee salmon being

caught on lead core line. The browns are starting to show up on Twin Lakes, but not any big catches as of yet. Stop in at Ken's Sporting Goods in Bridgeport and Rick will point out the right direction for some fun fishing for Graylings. The Bridgeport area is the only place in California where these fish can be caught. For stream fishing, try Green, Robinson or Buckeye. Please remember, banks on the streams are fragile -- approach with caution. Use ultra-lite tackle when fishing the streams. The West Walker still seems to be the all-around best stream to fish.



NOT MUCH LUCK—Anglers work the lower reaches of Lee Vining Creek, but to little avail. Last weekend the fishing on the creek was reported as slow or very slow by most anglers. A couple of skilled or very lucky anglers landed limits last Saturday, but for most the fun was in the trying. Photo by Steve Boster

Aquabonita flyfishers learn how the sport is in Holland

Bas Verschoor of The Hague, Holland, will present a program on fly fishing in his homeland tomorrow, Aug. 25, at the Grace Lutheran Church. *Water and Holland, Friend or Foe? Fly Fishing 10 Feet Below Sea Level* will be presented at 7:30 p.m.

Public is invited to attend upcoming fly tying class

Starting Aug. 28, the Aquabonita Flyfishers are offering a fly tying class at Grace Lutheran Church. This class is open to all interested parties. The first session, starting at 7 p.m., will provide information on class structure, schedule, fees, etc.

Tying tools are available from the club for use during the class; however, materials will be available for purchase.

The class meets every Tuesday and Thursday evening

The public is cordially invited to attend this Aquabonita Flyfishers-sponsored event.

Verschoor has been fly fishing for 33 years and tying flies for 24 years. He is currently visiting the States as a participant in the Federation of Fly Fishers Silver

Anniversary Conclave and is sampling some of our fishing.

Internationally active in fly fishing for a number of years, Verschoor has served as international director for Europe for the Federation of Fly Fishers; vice chairman of Nederlands Vliegvis-

sers Gezelschap; flytying chairman of Werphenelcommissie's-Gravenhage; flytying chairman and organizer of Fly Fair; and chairman of the Dutch American Association of Fly Tiers. He has

contributed to two books on fly tying, *The Art of the Trout Fly* and *Patterns of the Masters*. He was the recipient of the Federation of Fly Fishers Ambassador Award in 1989.

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Many people at the Naval Weapons Center now rely on the MILNET to facilitate electronic communication with remote sponsors, offices and contractors. Any computer system that can access the NWC network can use the MILNET for electronic mail, however, restrictions do apply.

MILNET usage is under the same restrictions that apply to using AUTOVON or NWC credit card calling numbers. It is to be used for official government business only and not for personal or private use.

The Network Information Center Document 5001, *DDN New Users' Guide*, spells out this policy on Page 11, Requirements for Legitimate Access to DDN. A copy of the guide can be acquired by calling NWC ext. 2379 or 3169.

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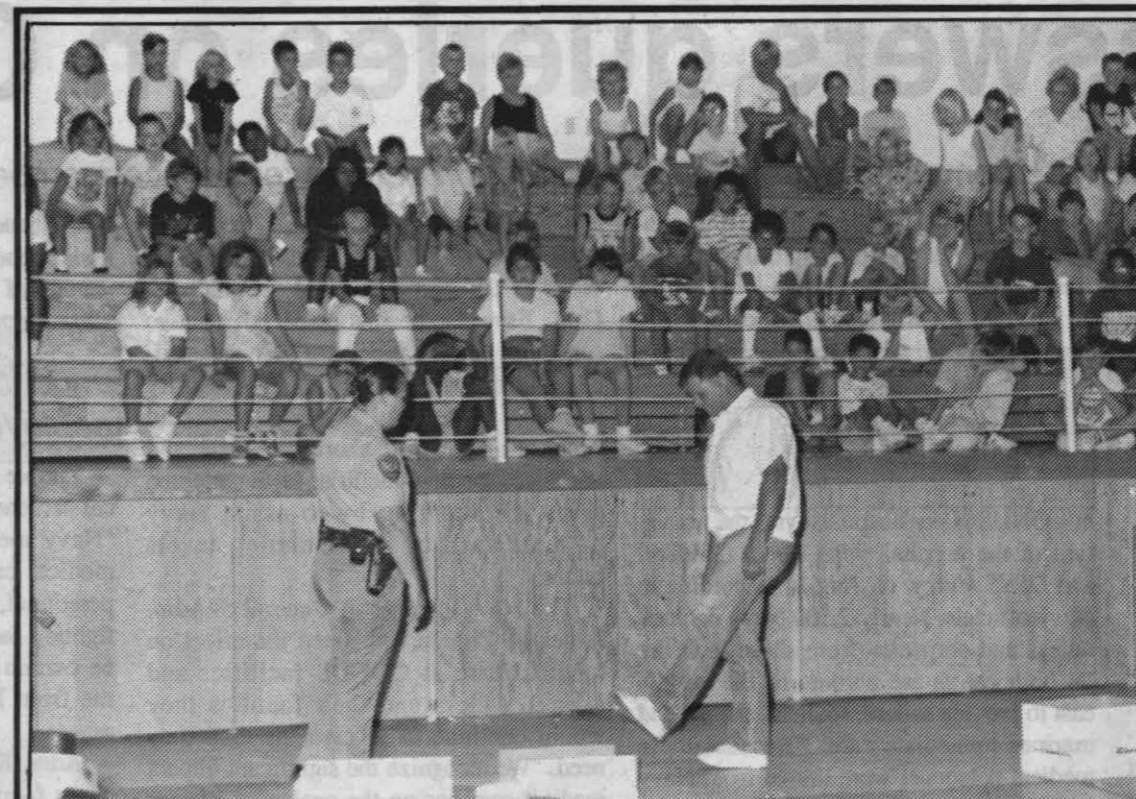
Navy personnel, families and government travelers may now use their government-sponsored Diners Club card at Navy Lodges to guarantee reservations and pay for room and telephone charges. Merchandise may not be charged on this card.

Under a change in regulations governing Navy Lodges, all Diners Club cards are now acceptable. This includes those cards issued to government personnel for use in conjunction with official travel.

Military and government civilian personnel may use Navy Lodges and can make reservations in advance of their travel by calling 1-800-NavyInn in the United States or Autovon 624-1103 from overseas.

Families on permanent change of station (PCS) orders may make reservations at any time. Other personnel, including reservists, may make reservations up to 21 days in advance. Retired military can make reservations 10 days in advance.

On guaranteed reservations, guests will be charged for the full night promptly at 6 p.m.; however, the room will be held until noon of the next day. If a guest doesn't arrive by that time, the balance of the reservation will be cancelled.



LEARNING TO SAY NO—Officers from the China Lake and Ridgecrest police divisions and the Kern County Sheriff Station recently put on an informational program on drugs to the children attending NWC's Youth Center. The program, organized by Myriam Wright, the children's sports director, explained the dangers of drugs/alcohol and how to avoid them. The two police divisions demonstrated their police dogs in action -- sniffing out drugs and how they attack. In the picture above, China Lake Police Officer Susan Hunsacker shows the children what a sobriety test is like by putting fellow officer Don Cortese through the procedure. Photo by PH3 Cary Brady

Cheney stresses right to vote

Armed Forces Voters Week ceremonies get under way at DoD installations Aug. 27. The week draws attention to the right and civic duty that service members have to vote. "Our military men and women are most deserving of every opportunity to exercise their right to vote," said Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney. He urged all commanders to publicize the week, saying every eligible military member and dependent should be made aware they can vote.

Henry Valentino, Federal Voting Assistance Program director at the Pentagon, said Armed Forces Voters Week focuses attention on the upcoming general election in November and transfers attention from the primary elections, which have been going on since February. The week reminds service men and women to apply for absentee ballots. Those who haven't registered are encouraged to file, he added.

Though the week signals primaries are fast coming to a close, the voting director noted they do not officially end until Oct. 6. Don't wait to request a ballot, he

said: Do it during Armed Forces Voters Week.

Commanders can promote the event as they wish, said Valentino. Some tried and proven ways include discussions at commanders' calls and training sessions, and voter registration drives, he said. Organizations such as wives' clubs have provided excellent support in the past years, he noted.

Valentino pointed out that vot-

ing in the 1990 election takes an added significance because of the census. State legislatures and governors elected this year determine districts for federal

Good ways to keep in touch about local candidates and issues are through family and friends back home, subscribing to hometown newspapers and just visiting the installation library, Valentino said. American Forces Information Service

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CNO answers queries on Gulf

Says he and SECNAV Garrett are committed to minimizing separation periods for service members and their families

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Frank B. Kelso II, told sailors and their families that while some deployment schedules will be affected by the crisis in the middle east, Navy leaders will make every effort to minimize the disruption of lives caused by extended deployments.

During an interview with the TV news show "Navy News this Week" (Aug. 13), Adm. Kelso voiced the commitment both he and Secretary of the Navy H. Lawrence Garrett III have to see that separation periods between sailors and their families are minimized with respect to the buildup of U.S. Naval power in the middle east. "This is a critical time in our country's history, and the Navy's role is extremely important," Kelso said. "This effort will affect

Adm. Kelso says Navy will work to minimize burden on sailors and families.

the security and economic health of the entire world."

The Navy's top officer referred to the recent increased tempo of operations around the fleet, explaining to sailors and their families that disruption in scheduling due to the Gulf crisis will take some time to stabilize. "We're working to adjust deployment schedules so we can take on

this mission, regardless of its length, without the burden falling on only a few," Kelso said.

That burden will also affect capabilities **Health care facilities will feel impact of crisis for at least the near term.**

at CONUS Navy hospitals with the activation of the hospital ships *USNS Comfort* and *USNS Mercy* on Aug. 10, according to Navy officials. Nearly 2,500 Navy doctors, nurses and corpsmen from shore facilities on both coasts are enroute to the middle east to provide sailors, soldiers, airmen and marines immediate care. "Because these medical personnel were drawn from Navy facilities on both coasts, it is unavoidable that there will be at least a near-term reduction in available care," Adm. Kelso said. "We are working hard to minimize this hardship on our families and to find ways around shortfalls in availability."

Medical personnel normally have two distinct assignments—one each in peacetime and wartime. When medical personnel are activated, reserve personnel are normally recalled to fill the peacetime assignments. Shortfalls caused by the deployment of medical personnel are immediate, with the restriction of inpatient

care trimmed to only active duty personnel at the Navy hospital in Bethesda, Md. Services at the Navy hospital in Oakland, Calif., have also been affected. All elective surgery at both facilities has been suspended, and outpatient services for family members have been severely restricted because of the staff shortage. Army and Air Force medical facilities in the affected areas are standing by to assist Navy patients until normal manning levels return.

The Navy's Surgeon General, VAdm. James A. Zimble, explained the effect on medical care at CONUS facilities and assured sailors and their families they would continue to receive the care they need. "We recognize the significant impact medical care has on the quality of life for our other eligible beneficiaries," he said, "and we will make every effort to ensure they receive the care they need whether through our medical treatment facilities or alternative health care sources."

CNO expresses his appreciation for support of leaders by family members.

Zimble said family members and other eligible beneficiaries should continue to seek medical treatment as normal. If appointments are not available, then the

health benefits advisors at each facility can assist beneficiaries in locating alternative sources of health care.

VAdm. Zimble expressed pride in medical people deployed to the mid east.

Zimble expressed his pride in the medical personnel deploying to the middle east. "Navy medicine's mission is to provide medical care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel," Zimble said. "Any time our fighting forces go in harm's way, you can be certain that medical personnel are on the front lines as well, both afloat and ashore."

Adm. Kelso expressed appreciation to Navy family members for their support, adding that Navy leaders and the family services network are ready to assist them in any way possible. He added that their continued support will be the key to their loved ones' success in the current situation. "We can be proud of our Navy men and women," he said. "They are out there doing what they do best—standing tall for freedom."

"To our sailors involved in this operation, I want you to know the American people are behind you, and your country's leadership is behind you," Adm. Kelso said.

'Desert Shield commitment key to world'-- Bush

Washington (NNS)--In a speech before the Pentagon steps Aug. 15, President Bush described the U.S. commitment to the middle east in operation "Desert Shield" as the "key not just to the functioning of this country, but to the entire world."

"Our jobs, our way of life, our own freedom and the freedom of friendly countries around the world would all suffer if control of the world's great oil reserves fell into the hands of that one man, Saddam Hussein," the president said to 2,000 DoD personnel outside the Washington military headquarters building.

The emotionally-charged speech defended the largest projection of U.S. Naval, land and air power since Vietnam, and showed the nations of the world would work together to "ensure that no goods get in--and not one drop of oil gets out," of Iraq. "The American people are with us, the congress is with us, our allies are with us and the vast majority of the Arab people are with us," he added. "No one should doubt our staying power or determination."

In other developments, the air-

craft carrier *USS John F. Kennedy*, accompanied by several other U.S. Atlantic Fleet ships, departed Norfolk, Va., Aug. 15 as a potential relief for the *Eisenhower Battle Group*--already on station in the region. The *Kennedy Battle Group* could also respond to additional tasking if determined by rapidly changing events in the area. With *Kennedy's* arrival in the Mediterranean, the number of Navy ships in the region supporting "Desert Shield" will reach nearly 45 ships, including four aircraft carriers and the battleship *USS Wisconsin* (BB 64).

Ships from the Maritime Prepositioning Ship (MPS) Squadron 2 arrived in Saudi Ara-

bia and unloaded needed equipment, fuel and water for the 16,500 marines arriving in-theater. Commander Amphibious Group Three, RAdm. Steve Clarey, told DoD media reporters that the off-load of the MPS ships was proceeding ahead of schedule with, "no problems to date."

"We're making history here today," he said, noting that his force had steamed from its Diego Garcia anchorage in record time. Clarey said he was getting tremendous use of Saudi commercial facilities, which he described as, "one of the most modern ports in the world."

Under the MPS concept, the Military Airlift Command (MAC) is flying marines to staging areas in Saudi Arabia, where they will marry-up with their equipment and weapons. The Marine Amphibious Brigade can operate without outside assistance for 30 days, Clarey said.

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Young parachutist named sailor of quarter

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the only one in the Navy. She has made more than 130 parachute jumps since being assigned to NWC in February, 1988.

Petty Officer Myers was also recognized for achievements in her collateral duties. Besides being a test parachutist, PR3 Myers orders supplies for her branch. The citation noted that after implementing a check and balance system, the petty officer quickly discovered over \$3,000 in accumulated errors between the billing and what the branch actually received.

As the technical publications librarian, PR3 Myers maintains over 145 branch publications and when the Fleet Support Branch Technical Library lost their part-time librarian, the petty officer didn't hesitate to volunteer to help.

The Parachute Test Operations Branch is responsible for inspecting, rigging, packing and jumping a variety of fleet and prototype parachutes for research, devel-

opment, test and evaluation. "We don't pack for the pilots at NWC," the parachute rigger said. "Everything we pack, we use ourselves."

The branch also inspects how items handle coming down from the skies with a parachute. Petty Officer Myers noted they test jump with items to see if they get tangled in the lines and we find out why and what could be done to prevent it.

PR3 Meyers has been in the Navy for three years. She became interested in parachute testing during Aircrew Survival Equipmentman 'A' School. "Recruiters were there talking about the parachute test team and asking if anyone would be interested in becoming a test parachutist. I had heard a lot about parachute jumping from a master gunnery sergeant and thought it sounded interesting, so I submitted my application. I didn't actually think about the jumping until after I had been selected."

Upon completion of her training, the new test parachutist was assigned to the Parachute Test Branch at NWC, the only such branch in the Navy. It was at this time she met the man who was to become her husband, Chip, another test parachutist selectee. "I think we are the only married couple in the military at China Lake who work together in the same branch," noted Petty Officer Meyers.

The scariest moment for the young jumper came during her twelfth jump when her main parachute didn't open. "I had to use my reserve," she said. "I didn't panic until the canopy opened and then I fell apart." On a normal jump, parachutists land against the wind, which helps slow their landing, noted PR3 Meyers. But upon nearing the ground this time, she noticed she was heading toward the emergency vehicles instead of open ground and was forced to go with the wind, resulting in a hard landing, which caused several bruises.

Bruises aren't anything new to the test parachutist. "Because the gear is not specifically made for a woman, a small-boned woman at that," she said, "some of the clips end up in awkward places, causing constant bruising. The Navy needs female jumpers," the test parachutist said. "We react differently than men and sometimes the Navy needs to know how this difference may affect the test."

"I enjoy my job," said PR3 Meyers. And being chosen as the Naval Weapons Center's Junior Bluejacket of the Quarter for the third quarter in 1990 proves she's good at it.

Petty Officer Meyers is a positive advocate for the parachute testing team. LCdr. Miller summed up her contributions to the team by saying, "You have proven to be an asset to the department as a test parachutist and a parachute rigger. Congratulations on a job well done!"

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A letter from the commander of an airborne unit stated, "... *Mail Call* was a real morale booster and a pleasant surprise to us all. It made us proud to be Americans, knowing so many stood behind us as we fought in Panama."

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According to Department of Motor Vehicles Director Del Pierce, this type of drivers license testing tape may be the first of its kind in the United States and will make the written portion of the license exam more convenient for the hearing impaired. Often, if a hearing impaired person wishes to take a driver license exam, an appointment with a certified interpreter at a DMV field office is needed. The video is an option to those who may find using an

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