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Michelson Lab Awards go to 10 top performers

Ten China Lakers joined the select ranks of Michelson Laboratory Award winners late last month. Scientists, engineers and administrative specialists were recognized for superior individual contributions throughout their China Lake career.

As Bill Porter, deputy commander for research and development, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division

(NAWCWPNS), noted, this ceremony marked the final chapter in the Michelson Lab Award story for the former Naval Weapons Center. While he expects the award to continue under the new organization, he said it may be opened up to outstanding talent at the other NAWC Weapons Division sites. For many recipients, receiving the last of the NWC Michelson Lab Awards had a

special meaning because of their long association with the Center.

Captain Douglas W. Cook, NAWC Weapons Division vice commander, joined Porter in making the presentations for the 1991 Michelson Lab Awards.

Since this special recognition was first given to William H. Woodworth in 1967, only 135 other China Lakers, among

the thousands who have passed through, have won this honor. It is complementary to China Lake's top individual award, the L.T.E. Thompson Award and recognizes significant achievements in management and leadership and individual effort and excellence in the technical arena.

Winners this year were Rolf F. Gilbertson, Clifford C. Hunter, Capt. Robert E. Kaper-

nick, Roy M. Kartzmark, Theresa A. Mitchell, Steve Sanders, Don Shibley, Kenneth M. Stephens, Steve Tanner and George Teate.

The winners were nearly unanimous in praising other people on their respective teams, noting it was the overall effort that made this award possible for the individual.

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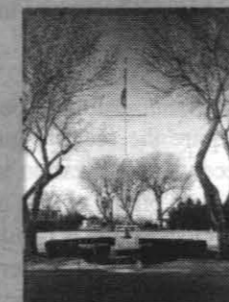
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Thurs	67	38	18	.01
Fri	62	45	13	-
Sat	61	40	8	.01
Sun	67	40	12	+
Mon	70	37	12	-
Tues	75	40	8	-



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USS Bennington's bell now headed for namesake city

By Steve Boster
Managing Editor

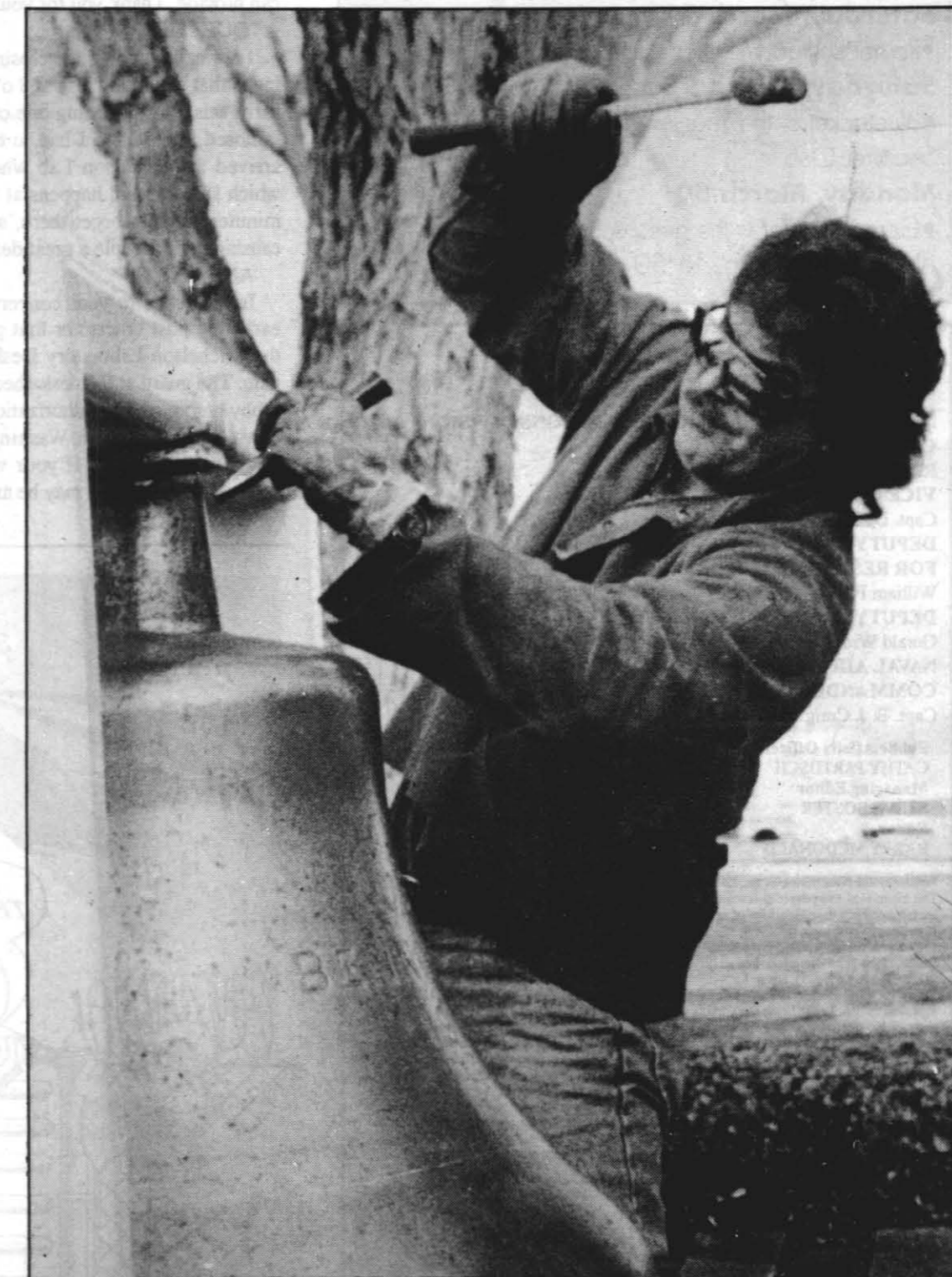
For a few days, at least, the Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS), China Lake, is without a ceremonial bell in front of the NAWS Headquarters Building. Workers from the Public Works Department cut down the ships bell from the former USS Bennington last week and prepared to send the bell to Bennington, Vt., the town for which the World War II era carrier (CVA 20) was named.

The bell had hung at China Lake since 1970, on loan to the Naval Weapons Center and then the NAWS, from the Curator Branch of the Naval Historical Center. Henry Vadnais, who heads the branch, has arranged to loan China Lake the ship's bell from the now-decommissioned USS Valley Forge.

The new bell will go back to the same spot and be used during official ceremonies.

From July 1970 until last Wednesday, the bell had been

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CUTTING AWAY—Greg Reed of Public Works labors to remove the USS Bennington's bell.

COMMENTARY

China Lake Calendar

Friday, March 13

•St. Patrick's Day at the Barefoot Bar, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18

•CenterVision returns to Michelson Lab Room 1000D, 9, 10 & 10:30 a.m. and 1, 2 and 3 p.m.

Thursday, March 19

•Surplus Government Property Sale, Warehouse 41, 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 21

•Power shutdown scheduled by PW, see Page 6.

Saturday, March 28

•Bluejacket of the Year Awards Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Seafarer Club.

Monday, March 30

•Gerry Schiefer is the guest speaker for a joint AIAA, IEEE meeting, 11:30 a.m., Seafarer Club

The Commanding Officer's Desktop



The Commanding Officer's Desktop is a forum for China Lakers who have questions of broad interest. It is not the intent of this column to circumvent the normal chain of command. Questions may be called in to 939-2727 or mailed to "CO's Desktop, C/O Code 0033, NAWC, China Lake.

QUESTION

I was just wondering about the misuse of government vehicles by the Police Department. The other day, I was in the Credit Union and some officers came in and they had their government cars out front. I was just wondering if that is misuse of government vehicles, or if that's allowed for the Police Department? Thank you.

ANSWER

I do not support the intentional misuse of government vehicles by any China Lake employee. After speaking with China Lake Police supervisors, I have found there are legitimate reasons for China Lake Police officers to be at the Credit Union. They are responsible for money escorts and alarm responses to the Credit Union. If you believe misuse is occurring, please call police management at 939-2709 immediately, with such information as date, time, etc. that you can provide. Thank you for your concern.

QUESTION

I am calling about the closing of Sandquist Gate. My understanding is that it should close at 8 o'clock. Many times I have seen it close early, this morning being one of those times. According to my clock, it closed at 7:58 and I had to turn around and drive onto the base. I arrived at Michelson Lab when the morning ceremony occurred, which I understand happens at 8 o'clock. It took a good three or four minutes for me to get there, so, there is a discrepancy in the time, causing many people a great deal of inconvenience.

ANSWER

In reference to your concern about Sandquist Gate being closed early, the post orders for that gate require the security guard to call the Michelson Laboratory Desk to receive authorization to close the gate. The guard at the desk checks the time on the atomic clock in the lobby before giving authorization. The clock's time is regulated by the Naval Observatory in Washington D.C. and is considered correct down to the second. If your watch is set with the atomic clock, I believe the close calls may be avoided.

Pages From The Past

March 12, 1982

AZ1 Craig Wilson of NWC and AD2 Jerald Brooks of VX-5 were honored as Bluejackets of the Year by the IWV Navy League. . . Two earthquakes in the 4.5 magnitude range struck China Lake on Saturday causing minor damage in several locations. . . The Blue Whale is taking shape next to Hangar 3.

March 10, 1972

Fuel-air-explosive (FAE) weapons with a China Lake connection are being used effectively in Vietnam. . . Al Christman was selected head TID's Publishing Division. . . Bill Hickie of Code 4008 was a member of a team setting an aircraft climbing record with a modified F-8-F Bearcat.

March 9, 1962

Robert Groth is the new police chief, succeeding acting chief Slim Cummins. . . NAF pilots joined the Civil Air Patrol in a search for a missing civilian aircraft. . . Bakersfield Junior College faculty toured Michelson Lab.

March 12, 1952

Captain Paul D. Stroop, now CO of the USS Princeton has been selected as the next NOTS commander. . . The Burroughs Junior High Pep Club sponsored a turn-about Hobo Dance. . . Dr. H.J. Fisher is the new executive secretary of the NOTS research board.

NIS warns residents about possible fraud group in the area

Naval Investigative Service agents at the Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake are warning residents of a possible fraud scheme being carried out in the area. A group of young men and women are soliciting magazine subscriptions under the name of "Marketing Associated Group, Inc."

Although this company does exist, Special Agent Baer of the NIS Resident Agency, China Lake notes the Better Business Bureau has received hundreds of complaints from consumers who have not received merchandise.

China Lake residents who feel they have been victimized are asked to call Special Agent Baer at 939-6646.



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Navy lifestyle. In August 1981, they both decided to join the Naval Reserves to keep a foothold in the Navy. Ernst was frocked to petty officer second class during his involvement with the reserves. Despite their success as civilians, by November of the following year, both were laid off from their jobs. This unfortunate turn of events prompted Ernst's decision to rejoin the Navy. Within months, he was stationed at Barbers Point, Hawaii.

Ernst was temporarily set back to third class, but advanced to second class by July 1983 because of his outstanding skills and recent advancement in the reserves. While at Barbers Point, Ernst was a crew leader and shift supervisor for maintenance on aircraft pressurization and breathing oxygen systems. He completed numerous technical courses, qualifying him to conduct inspections and train subordinates. He also participated in several successful deployments.

In March 1986, Ernst was interviewed and selected for a Chief of Naval Operations special projects program at Point Mugu. He was assigned as the aviator's equipment branch supervisor for a detachment supporting a Chief of Naval Personnel research and development program. In addition to the maintenance he performed on the aircraft systems, he was the flight gear issue custodian, assis-

tant individual material readiness list (IMRL) petty officer, and launch and recovery crew supervisor. This unique tour enabled Ernst to complete several courses that developed his technical and managerial skills. He received a letter of commendation for Sailor of the Quarter, First Quarter, 1987, and was advanced to first class in July 1987.

At the end of 1988, Ernst's successful tour at Point Mugu was winding down and he reviewed his options for new orders. He finally decided on VX-5. "We were kind of excited about returning to China Lake," Ernst recalls. "We knew what the community was like and what it offered us and our children."

His job was much different upon his return. His years of hands-on aircraft systems maintenance and the many technical and administrative courses he had under his belt placed him in the position of work center supervisor for the Egress/Environmental Branch of the Aircraft Division. In charge of an 11-person staff, he supervised the maintenance of 11 types of aircraft and served as the branch career counselor. He also served as an instructor, custodian, qualifier, and quality assurance representative for a variety of equipment and aircraft.

In May 1991, he was transferred to his present position as a quality assur-

ance representative for the egress/environmental systems of all assigned aircraft. He's also the program manager and monitor for tool control, phase maintenance, egress check-out, and aviator's breathing oxygen and also serves as Maintenance Control Watch Stander.

Stepping away from his main duties, he is a squad leader for the Auxiliary Security Force.

The awards and honors he's earned during his time back at China Lake show he made the right decision when he rejoined the Navy. "It's a real compliment, both personally and as a member

of the Navy," Ernst says about his success.

March is an exciting month for Petty Office Ernst. He'll be waiting anxiously on March 27 as the Shore Sailor of the Year is announced, and again on March 28 as Bluejacket of the Year is announced. He says, "It's going to be a busy weekend!"

Winning Bluejacket would mean a lot to Ernst. "I've thought a lot about how I would feel if I win," he says. "It would mean I'd earned the recognition of both commands and the valley as a whole. It would make me feel real good."

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cowboy poet tells tales in Trona opera house

Saddle your horses or catch the nearest stage to Aggie's Opera House in Trona Saturday, March 14 for an evening of dinner and Cowboy Poetry.

After a dinner of barbecue beef, chili, salad and fixin's, hear tales of the west presented by poets Owen Badgett and Chuck Pretiss. Badgett was born in a ranching community in Eastern Montana, "been a cowboy all o' my life. There are a lot better, and a few not so good," he says. "I was a rodeo cowboy for awhile, and a teller of stories...I never lie...just use a lot of imagination."

Now he rounds up wild horses and burros at China Lake. His book, "Breezes of Eastern Montana," will be available at Aggie's.

Pretiss lives in Porterville. He grew up team roping. After two shipboard tours in the Navy, he returned to cowboy on several large Nevada ranches. He recently ramrodded 2,800 head of Mexican steers on the Roberts Ranch in Coalinga. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 and show at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00. For reservations, please call 446-6646 or 619-372-4342.

Health Fair scheduled for Joshua Hall April 4

Ridgecrest area businesses are joining the Ridgecrest Community Hospital and the Desert Empire Fair Board to sponsor a Health Fair Expo at Joshua Hall on Saturday, April 4. In addition to a free health screening and health-related exhibits, anyone attending can get 28 different blood chemistry tests run for just \$25. For appointments call 939-2287 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 23 through April 4.

What's Happening

Desert Counseling Clinic invites the public to attend a free discussion session tonight from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The featured speaker, Dr. Robert Gilmer, retired surgeon from Drummond Medical Group, will discuss "Coping with Chronic Disease," with special emphasis on breast cancer. Open discussion will follow Dr. Gilmer's presentation. Chronic disease affects every member of the family, so family participation is encouraged.

Parents and parents to be can discover how children learn through play at a Community Connection for Child Care workshop on Wednesday, March 25 at 237-D West Ridgecrest Blvd. The workshop, called, "Play is Children's Work" starts at 7 p.m. To register for the free session call 375-3234.

Craftech at the Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake is assessing interest in oil painting classes. If there is enough interest class sessions will be held on payday week Fridays. Craftech now has on display, class samples from prior classes including ceramics, oil paintings and punch embroidery.

Starting the first Tuesday of April, wood workers can take a Wood Shop Class from Craftech. This is an open class and people who register may bring projects of their own to work on. The class starts at 5:30 p.m. For more information on any Craftech program call 939-3252

Tours of petroglyphs on board the Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS), China Lake, are offered on selected weekends from March through June by the Maturango Museum in Ridgecrest. Openings are still available on most weekend tours.

Reservations are accepted by mail or in person. Museum members pay \$2 per person and non-members pay \$15, including children, six years and older. Younger children are not allowed on the tours. Petroglyphs are art incised into rock. One of the best collections of this Native American rock art is protected on board the NAWS. Thousands of examples of the art were carved on rock faces hundreds to thousands of years ago by ancient residents of this mountain area. For more information, call the Maturango Museum at 375-6900, Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MILITARY NEWS

By PHC Roger Hadley



KING BEE, Capt. Randy Williams joined RADM. Roy L. Dunlap, (USNR, Ret.), youngest Seabee, CM2 Shawn Knister, and oldest Seabee, EO1 Carrie Daniel, in cake cutting ceremony.

Can-do Seabees celebrate 50th anniversary at ball

Fifty years of Seabee history was celebrated Saturday night at the Seafarer Club, when Detachment 0217 of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Seventeen (NMCB-17) hosted the annual Seabee Ball. The 125th anniversary of the Civil Engineering Corps was also celebrated.

During the social hour, which began at 6 p.m., guests enjoyed the photo displays and posters that lined the walls of the club, to the background sounds of Spirit, the eight-piece Navy band from San Diego. Some had portrait photos taken by Sierra Photography.

At 7 p.m., Master Of Ceremonies Lt. Michael Crebbin invited the crowd to take their seats, as dinner was about to be served, and then introduced Lt. Gerald L. Goodman, assistant command chaplain, who gave the invocation. The three-meal was served buffet style, with the King Bee, Capt. Randy Williams, Civil Engineer Corps (and Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS), China Lake, Public Works Officer) leading his table through the line first.

The ceremony began at 8 p.m. with Sea Cadets Celest Booth, Saraa Barnett, Ian Roark and Scott Tenzycki parading the colors and the national anthem. A 25-minute historical video produced by Mark Pahuta of the Technical Information Department was substituted for the traditional reading of Seabee history.

The King Bee, himself, Capt. Randy Williams, followed the video, acknowledging congratulatory messages from various upper echelon military dignitaries, and reading one from RADM. David E. Bottorff, commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and chief of civil engineers.

But the biggest response came from a message that read, in part, "Seabees continued their standard of excellence in the recent post-

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Bluejacket hopefuls rejoined Navy after trying civilian life

By Deborah Salgado
Technical Information Department

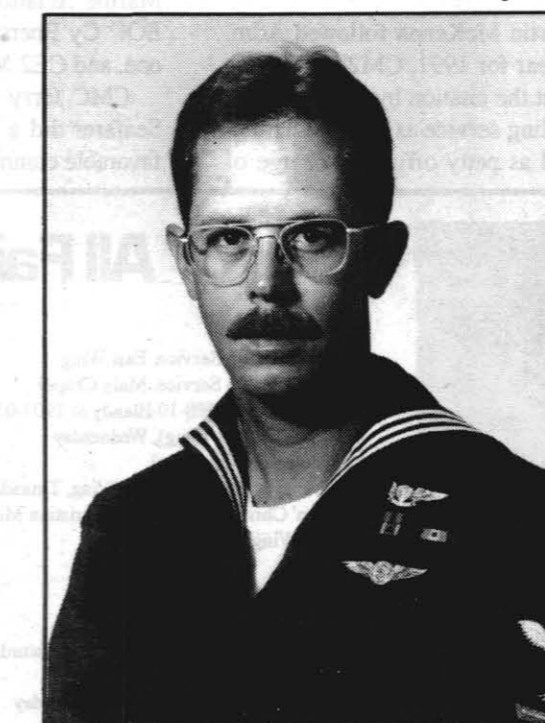
AME1 Ernst excels in second China Lake tour

Things are much sweeter the second time around for AME1 (AW) Miles P. Ernst. He began his career with the Navy at China Lake in 1976, then left for other civilian and naval destinations. He returned again in 1989 as VX-5's work center supervisor for the Egress/Environmental Branch within the Aircraft Division. Since returning to China Lake, Petty Officer Ernst has earned several honors including Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) Vampire of the Year for 1992; Supervisor of the Quarter, First Quarter 1991; nomination for 1992 Shore Sailor of the Year for the Pacific Fleet; and he's now up for the Navy League's Bluejacket of the Year.

Ernst's beginning at China Lake was humble, but it laid a solid foundation for his career. Fresh out of recruit training and eager to learn, his first assignment at China Lake involved technical assistance on a solar heater project. "My work there was a learning experience," says Ernst. "I enjoyed it. Lots of good people taught me what I needed to know to move on." From there he went to the AME shop where he performed scheduled and unscheduled maintenance on the air conditioning, egress, pressurization, and utility systems on several types of aircraft. He advanced to petty officer third class in July 1978.

After getting married, he followed his wife, Kathy, who was also in the Navy and a former China Laker, to NAS Bermuda and tried civilian life. He tried many jobs, from a gas station employee to a construction inspector. In 1980 they moved back to the states and settled in Minnesota. Ernst worked as an auto mechanic and they led a comfortable civilian lifestyle, but they missed the

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AME1 Miles P. Ernst

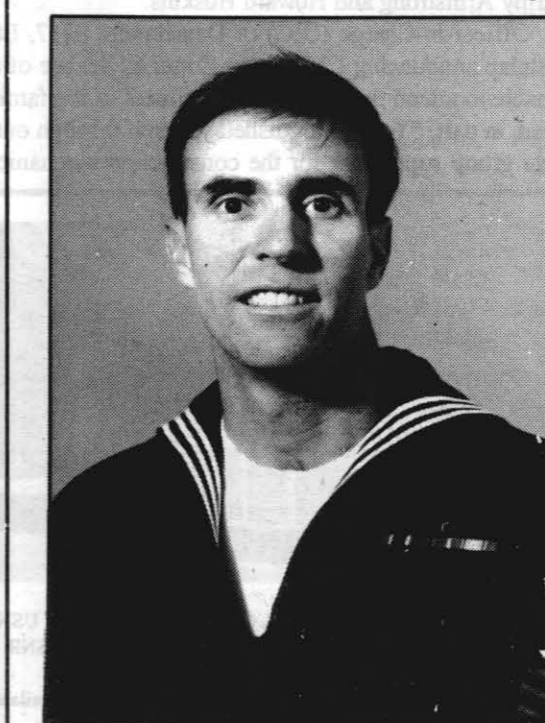
Perseverance is the key to success for AC1 Cody

One word captures what AC1 Thomas W. Cody, Jr. is all about: perseverance. Selected as the then Naval Weapons Center (NWC) Senior Sailor of the Quarter, Fourth Quarter 1991, Cody joined the race for the Navy League's Bluejacket of the Year Award. Meeting professional and personal goals along the way, he's kept a swift and steady stride, and it doesn't look like he's going to break it.

Petty Officer Cody's professional perseverance is demonstrated by his fast-paced climb up Naval ranks. Cody was off and running when he enlisted with the Navy in January 1982. He completed recruit training in Orlando, Fla. His company graduated with top honors, receiving the "Commander's Excellence Flag." This honor proved to be the beginning for AC1 Cody. With solid Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test scores, he was able to pursue a career in the challenging field of air traffic control. "I've always been interested in aviation and this just seemed like an opportunity I couldn't pass up," Cody said about his career choice. After recruit training, he was transferred to Air Traffic Control "A" School at NATTC, Millington, Tenn. He graduated in August 1982 with a letter of commendation for attaining the highest scholastic average of his class.

After "A" School, Cody was assigned to Naval Air Station (NAS) South Weymouth in September 1982. Within three years, he achieved his goal to become fully facility qualified at all positions in the control tower as well as on ground control approach radar. He was achieved the rank of AC3 in April 1984, followed by AC2 in January 1986.

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AC1 Thomas W. Cody

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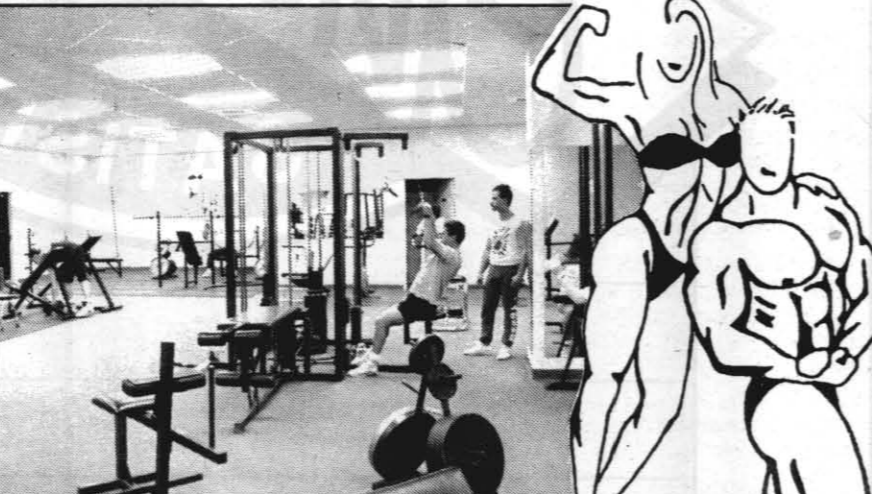
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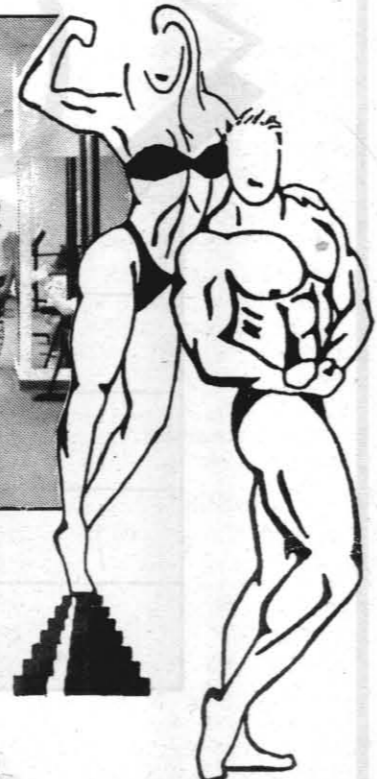
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CODY from Page 3

Cody transferred to NAS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in March 1986. He became facility rated within four months. His efforts paid off when he was designated the facility watch supervisor and was promoted to watch section leader (one of only three on board) by his fifth month of work. While stationed in Cuba, Cody received two Overseas Service Ribbons and was awarded a Good Conduct Award.

At the conclusion of his tour at Guantanamo Bay, Petty Officer Cody declined reenlistment to strive for a civilian career in air traffic control. "Every enlisted person faces this decision at this point in his or her career. The opportunities available as a civilian with the FAA looked good. I had to take the shot," he said.

He took the FAA's entrance exam in March 1988. His score put him in the contention for possible employment by the Western-Pacific Region and he commenced pre-employment proceedings. Then he had to sit back and wait. "The FAA was slow in processing the paperwork. I was facing 12 to 18 months of waiting for an answer. And there was no promise of employment. It just didn't work out," Cody recalls. During the long wait, he realized that he was more satisfied with his Naval career. So he reenlisted and was sent back to Orlando for a short NAVET training tour. Soon afterward, he received and accepted orders to NWC.

Petty Officer Cody promptly qualified at all air traffic control positions. He was designated the facility watch supervisor in August 1989 and advanced to AC1 in June 1990. His diligence rewarded him when he became air traffic control training chief, a billet normally held by a chief petty officer. He was also named the NWC Control Tower Operator/Air Traffic Control Spe-

cialist Examiner by the FAA and NWC Commander, Capt. Douglas W. Cook.

"This job is the biggest career challenge I've faced," says Cody. "It's the first job I've had that has taken me out of the working controller environment and put me into the office environment. It's my first big managerial job." Cody's current responsibilities include standardizing training and qualification of journeyman air traffic controllers. He's also the flight planning chief, publications petty officer for flight planning and the control tower, and a certified CPR instructor. His effort and hard work on the 1991 Air Show earned him a letter of appreciation.

Cody participated in the January E7 rating program, taking the exams for advancement to Chief Petty Officer early. He plans to make the Navy his career, and wants to be as successful as possible. Passing the E7 exams will allow him to put in for the position of limited duty officer (LDO), which would be another step toward upward mobility.

When asked what winning Bluejacket of the Year would mean to him, Cody responded, "It would be a great professional and military honor and personal reward. It would show me that what I've been doing all these years is right. And it would open many doors for new opportunities."

Personal perseverance has also given Petty Officer Cody a solid lead. He has continually attended college classes during his off-duty hours. His determination earned him an associate's degree in arts with honors from the City-Wide College of Chicago. He's presently attending classes through Cerro Coso Community Col-

lege and Cal-State Bakersfield and has applied for the Enlisted Education Advancement Program (EEAP) to enable him to complete his bachelor's degree in liberal studies with a teaching certificate. "My biggest personal challenge has been working toward completing my B.A.," Cody comments. Acceptance into the EEAP will allow him to be temporarily assigned to Cal-State Bakersfield as a full-time student where he could complete the requirements for his degree in 18 months. Whether he's accepted or not, he's confident he'll earn his degree through the courses offered locally and by correspondence.

Cody challenges himself physically as well. An avid swimmer since his high school days, he lettered three years. "My wife is a runner. She got me interested in running and training," says Cody. While stationed at NAS South Weymouth, he began competing in community and charity running events. He earned numerous certificates of commendation for consecutive "outstanding" ratings while participating in semi-annual health and physical readiness programs at NAS Guantanamo Bay.

He's now an exercise buff, training and competing in triathlons during off-duty hours, when he's not busy with classes. He's a member of the local Over the Hill running club and of the Triathlon Federation of the USA. He recently participated in the 1991 Multiple Sclerosis Malibu Classic Cycling Challenge, riding over 130 miles and raising hundreds of dollars for charity.

Petty Officer Cody's wife, Dawn, is very pleased with his nomination. "Dawn's my number one fan," he said. "She's been very supportive. In many ways she wants this award more than I do!"

BALL from Page 3

Cold War era, in the Persian Gulf, Seabees constructed 5,000 buildings, 10 camps, four runways, and 200 miles of roads for United States and Allied Forces which directly contributed to our Desert Storm victory. Your humanitarian efforts supporting Iraqi Kurds during Provide Comfort, providing relief for Bangladesh in Sea Angel, and assisting in the recovery from Philippine volcanic eruptions are sterling examples for all to follow when responding to international disasters...You are America's winners. Happy 50th Anniversary, Can-Do Seabees." This message was signed Gen. Colin L. Powell, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Guest speaker RAdm. Roy L. Dunlap (USNR, Ret.) a former commander of the Reserve Naval Construction Force was up next, but said the video had touched on most of what he was going to say. He did, however, talk a little about his own career and the special relationship between the Seabees and the Marine Corps. He recognized three World War II veteran Seabees in attendance, who had been with MCB-21 helping to build defensive facilities in the Aleutian Islands—Larry Fox, of Ridgecrest, and visitors Army Armstrong and Howard Hoskins.

Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of Detachment 0217, Lt. Martin McKenna followed Adm. Dunlap announcing CM2 Rhett Cotter as Seabee of the Year for 1991. CM2 Cotter was unable to attend the ball due to an illness in the family, but the citation by Lt. McKenna read, in part, "You distinguished yourself through outstanding service as the detachment rate group supervisor for the construction mechanics and as petty officer-in-charge of

the combat pistol range sun shade project. Your leadership, mechanic and welding skills have greatly enhanced the detachment's ability to conduct and accomplish several training projects at China Lake."

The birthday cake was rolled into position by the Sea Cadet guard as the crowd sang the "Song of the Seabees." Then the oldest Seabee, EO1 Carrie Daniel, and the youngest, CM2 Shawn Knister, joined Capt. Williams and Adm. Dunlap in the traditional cutting ceremony.

Dancing to Spirit began at 10 p.m. and went on until midnight with door prizes being presented during the breaks.

Besides those already mentioned, the guest list included, NAWS, China Lake, Commanding Officer, Capt. B.J. Craig, who Capt. Williams recognized as former a CO of a command at Diego Garcia where the Seabees have made a lot of improvements over the years. Also in attendance were, Capt. Garth Van Sickle, commanding officer, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5), Col. J. R. Agenbroad, commanding officer, Marine Aviation Detachment and former commanders or OICs of Detachment 0217 EOC Cy Ebersberger, Cdr. Paul Erickson, LCdr. Michael Levine, Capt. Richard Malone, and CE2 Marvin Windsor.

CMC Jerry Morrison, assistant OIC told *The Rocketeer*, Monday, "The folks at the Seafarer did a fantastic job—the food was great and service, top rate. We had many favorable comments from our guests."

Schiefer addresses AIAA and IEEE joint meeting

Gerald R. Schiefer, aircraft weapons systems director, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, China Lake is the guest speaker Monday, March 30, when the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers hold a joint meeting at the Seafarer's Club. His topic will be "Federal Laboratories: Past, Present, and Future."

The laboratories of our federal government, particularly those related to our defense needs, have a long history of service to the nation dating back almost to the arsenals of the Revolutionary War.

From their inception shortly after the conclusion of World War I, the laboratories of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, now NASA, have played a dominant role in the development of this country's preeminent position in the aeronautical and space sciences.

In order to understand the context of the extensive changes now taking place, particularly in the military laboratories, Schiefer will provide a brief overview of the history of the naval laboratories and the background and impact of the cur-

rent laboratory realignment. He will conclude his presentation with his view of the future of the Navy laboratory system.


Schiefer is a former technical director at the Naval Weapons Center and was the director of navy laboratories prior to taking on the role of aircraft weapons system director for the new NAWC Weapons Division earlier this year.

For reservations please contact Jim Serpanos, 939-2619; Gerry Thielman, 939-2877; Ed Fink, 499-5087; Dave Southworth, 939-3243, no later than March 27.

New essay contest sets April 15 deadline

Annapolis, MD — A year has passed since coalition forces launched Operation Desert Storm to drive Saddam Hussein's troops out of Kuwait.

The U.S. Naval Institute is sponsoring a war-fighting essay contest to see what sea-service professionals have to say about combat operations of the future. All aspects of warfighting, including doctrine, tactics, hardware, training and mental preparation, are potential essay topics. If additional information is needed, call Jennifer Paytas at (410) 268-6110.



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Seafarer 'Night Scene' hops

Seafarer Club patrons at the Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, are now offered a new weekly feature, "Night Scene"—Wednesday with music, dancing and door prizes. Customers must be 18 years of age or older to attend.

Coming up next Wednesday is "White Horse" a country band from Lancaster. Billed as one of the hottest country bands in Southern California, the group performs everything from Hank

Williams Sr. to Hank Jr. and everything in between, according to China Lake Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department officials. There is a \$5 per person cover charge.

The following week, "Gold Star" featuring Chris Lee, also from Lancaster, takes the stage for some hot music. This act has a \$3 per person cover charge

The music and dancing in the Seafarer starts at 8:30 p.m. and goes until 11:30 p.m.

Family bowling open at Hall Lanes

Until the end of May, Hall Memorial Lanes will host a Family Bowling Night every Friday from 6 until 10 p.m.

Families will be able to enjoy a night of bowling at discount prices - \$1.25 per person, per game, for military personnel and their dependents; and \$1.35 per person, per game, for Department of

Defense employees and their dependents. Prices include shoe rental in what Bill Booth, Hall Memorial Lanes' manager, calls a "great bowling package."

Drawings for free snacks will be held each Friday night.

For more information, call Booth at 939-3471.

Join in the Irish celebration this Saturday at MWR's Barefoot Bar

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Barefoot Bar on March 13! Starting at 4:30 p.m., enjoy a live Irish band, full Irish buffet and specialty beers for only \$5 each for club members and \$9.95 for non-members. Tickets may be purchased at the Seafarer Club and the Barefoot Bar.

This event is open to all eligible patrons of the Barefoot Bar. For more information, call 446-6929.

Seafarer closed on Mondays; Freddy's open

Effective March 16, 1992, the Seafarer Club will be closed every Monday. Freddy's Pizza and Sports Bar, however,

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Navy leadership talks about FY 93 budget plan

WASHINGTON (NNS)— On Feb. 27, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee based on the 1992 Department of the Navy Posture Statement, which was also publicly released.

Unlike past years where the Secretary of the Navy, CNO and CMC each had separate statements, the Navy Department leadership this year issued one unified statement outlining their positions on state of the Navy-Marine Corps team, its future course and FY 93 budget priorities.

The objective is to provide essential capabilities that naval force can contribute to national security.

The 1992 statement emphasized that times have changed dramatically with the end of the Cold War and the shift of U.S. military strategy from a global superpower confrontation to future conflicts, which are most likely to be regional, sudden and widely dispersed.

The statement said the Navy and

Marine Corps have already begun to adapt to the changing world. Today's expeditionary Naval forces are the highest quality Navy-Marine Corps Team in our history. As forces are reduced and restructured in the future, this high quality will be maintained by concentrating Naval resources on goals of quality and readiness—even over force structure.

According to the statement, the Navy and Marine Corps overall objective is to provide, at an affordable cost, those essential capabilities that naval forces are uniquely able to contribute to the nation's security.

The statement stressed that no single factor is more important to the readiness of naval forces than the quality of life of Navy and Marine Corps people and their families. While personnel reductions will match ship, aircraft squadron and battalion reductions, both services will strive to "retain high quality, experienced personnel; maintain advancement opportunities; improve the quality of training and reduce overall manpower costs."

The Navy and Marine Corps seek to reduce military personnel without forced separations. Only a small number of officers and senior enlisted, with more than 20 years of active service, will be affected by involuntary retirements.

The statement noted that record retention levels and competing for reenlistments have complicated personnel plans. Both services will also need to continue investing in high-quality recruits and training and education in the 1990s.

According to the statement, remaining pay and compensation inequities need to be corrected and the Department of the Navy strongly endorses the proposed 3.7 percent pay raise proposed for January 1993 contained in the budget.

The 1992 statement emphasizes the quality of life of Navy and Marine Corps people.

Navy-Marine Corps expeditionary capabilities for providing presences and projecting power in regional crises areas and enabling capabilities to help secure access for the sequenced employment for heavier joint U.S. and allied forces.

A shrinking overseas base structure means naval forces must maximize ability to sustain themselves far from home with logistic support ships and aircraft.

The Navy fleet in FY 93 is planned at 461 ships, including 13 aircraft carriers (plus a training carrier). The Navy base force will be down to 11 active and two reserve air wings, and by FY 95 will be down to 12 carriers and 451 total ships.

Navy air plans call for a core carrier air wing of 60 offensive air-to-air or air-to-ground aircraft including F-14s, F/A-18s and A-6s. The Navy's long-term goal will rely on the F/A-18 E/F model and the planned A-X aircraft.

Other key points of the statement: •Smaller force structures must be complemented by innovative changes in operational doctrine.

•Although readiness is the first spending priority in the 1992 Department of the Navy posture statement and FY 93 budget, the budget also supports procurement for long-term replacement of weapons, ships and aircraft.

•Since there is a long development time and a 30-50 year life span of capital-intensive warships, fundamental changes in naval force structure cannot happen overnight.

•Navy and Marine Corps leaders are taking a new look at post Cold War naval strategy in their Naval Force Capabilities Planning Effort, expected to be completed late this calendar year.

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New telephone system nears planned April cutover

By CTS Team
Code 27

As the cutover date for the new telephone system fast approaches, there are many users at Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS), China Lake, wondering what is going to happen at that time. Currently the new telephones are being installed. On occasion over the next few weeks, as intensive system testing continues, the new telephones may stop working due to tempo-

rary disconnection at the switch. This will continue until each of the nine sites is completed. Please refrain from making trouble calls about new system operation during this period. We will inform all China Lake personnel when the testing period ends and will publish the new trouble desk number at that time. In addition, the Contel trouble desk, which is used for trouble calls on the old system, is unable to assist users with trouble calls on the new system.

Completion of telephone installation and switch testing, will bring us to

Cutover. The Center Telecommunication System (CTS) was designed to run both the old system and the new system in parallel to ensure telephone service at all times. However, the telephone trunk lines to the outside world can only be connected to one system or the other at any given time. Therefore, "Cutover" is the night that the trunks to the outside world will be moved from the old system to the new system. Until that time, the old system will work as it always has. The new telephones are currently working entirely within China Lake, and only

to other telephones on the new system. After cutover, the new telephones will handle calls both on- and off-Station as the old system does now. The old system will then be retained in a backup mode for a short time, and work only for on-Station calling with other telephones on the old system.

Like everything, there are exceptions. Some telephones, such as those in SCIFs and other secured areas, will not be replaced with new telephones until

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CenterVision returns March 18

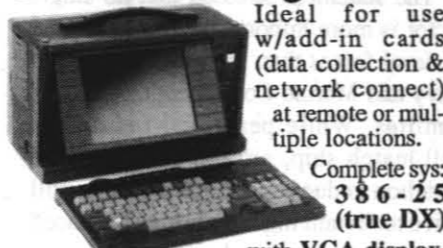
The second installment of CenterVision will be shown March 18 in Michelson Laboratory, Room 1000D. The 15-minute "NAWCWPNS DIVISION: Weapons That Work" — A closeup of the new organization and "China Lake Team Involved on Solving Ozone-Depletion Problem," a three -minute NAWC-NAWS, China Lake audio-visual news release will be shown at 9, 10 and 10:30 a.m. and 1, 2 and 3p.m.

PW sets power shutdown for next Saturday

Public works officials have announced the power outage originally planned for Saturday, Feb. 29, is now scheduled for Saturday, March 21.

The outage will impact Lauritsen Lab, G-1 Road, G-2 Road, the airfield, all of Water Road, all of Pole Line Road, Thompson Lab, RCC, the sewer farm and the Engineering Lab (behind Michelson Lab). Employees working in these areas should take precautions with computers and other electrical equipment to prevent any loss of data or other problems associated with the electricity being turned off and then brought back on line.

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SPORTS

Ordnance Systems team answers MAD's Volkslauf Run challenge

China Lakers in the Ordnance Systems Department (Code 32) have answered the challenge of the Marine Aviation Detachment (MAD) by forming a team and entering the Volkslauf Mud Run set for the Marine Corps Air Station Tustin on March 20.

The Solid Propulsion and Air-breathing Propulsion branches of Code 32 joined forces to come up with six members of a Volkslauf Mud Run team. Responding to the challenge issued by the MAD, Jerome Kong and Allen Gehris of Code 3274 are joined by John Moore, Jim Amarel, Jim Nabity and Richard Lasell of Code

3276 in the Ordnance Systems Department team.

The China Lake teams are set to compete against up to 498 other teams in the 11th annual mud run, sponsored by the Ridgerunners of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163.

Six-member teams compete, with at least five team members crossing the finish line together.

The course traverses muddy trails, dirt roads, paved streets, a river bottom and an obstacle course.

Competitors are required to wear long pants and military style boots if competing for a trophy.

Youth Soccer loop signup deadline tomorrow

Registration for spring youth soccer is still being taken at the Youth Center at China Lake. The deadline to register is March 13. Evaluations are held 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, March 16, for 7-8 year olds; Tuesday, March 17, for 9-10 year olds; and on Wednesday, March 18, for 11-14 year olds. For full information, call the Youth Center at 939-2909.

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Tennis clinic set March 21

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Held at the Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, tennis courts, the clinic features eight hours of instruction, a rules of tennis handbook and a clinic t-shirt. This clinic is open to all skill levels. The instructors videotape the students and do analysis of their fundamen-

tal skills and various strokes.

Their are three sessions, based on age. The 8 to 10 a.m. session is for students seven to ten years of age. At 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., students are age 11 to 14. And, the 2 to 4 p.m. session for for anyone 15 years of age or older. Application forms are available at the MWR Office or *The Rocketeer* office.

There is a limit of 18 students per session and the slots are filled on a first come, first served basis.

Students should bring a tennis racket, a new can of tennis balls, a towel and a jug of water.

Track Club announces annual 16 kilometer Rademacher Ridge Run cross-country event

Saturday is the date of the Over-the-Hill Track Club's annual a Rademacher Ridge Run, 16 kilometer (10 mile) cross-country run. The run begins at the east end of the Cerro Coso Community College parking lot, climbs over the ridge south of the college and then take a clockwise loop to finish back at Cerro Coso.

The Rademacher Ridge Run is a challenging, but scenic, run through the hills south of Ridgecrest. It offers

panoramic views, wildlife and usually abundant wildflowers. The recent rains should guarantee a bumper crop this year.

This is a fun run with no fees, no age-groups, no awards and no pressure. Water stops and your finishing time are provided by the club. Sign ups 8 a.m., race, at 9.

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"I liked flying so much, I opened up an aerial advertising business when I was about 25," he said. "I towed banners and did sky writing. I was the guy who made the big hearts in the sky, yelling out 'I love you.'"

When asked why he is working as a machinist, instead of around planes, Dawson said, "Being a machinist is also in my blood. It's something I enjoy doing. Because of my machinist abilities, I am able to work on the planes. Eventually, I would like to get into building, restoring and flying planes for a living. But until then, I enjoy working here. Being a machinist all my life isn't

my ambition, but it supports me and my family now and is a job I can always fall back upon."

Just because he isn't earning a living by flying, doesn't mean Dawson is grounded.

He has a Soneria II he keeps at the Inyokern Airport and flies for pleasure whenever he has time.

"I have always wanted to be a commercial pilot," he said. "It's been a dream of mine. If it wasn't for the support of my wife, Debbie, I wouldn't be as close as I am in realizing that dream. I thank her with all my heart. She's my biggest supporter."

CM/DM group seeks area users for first local ACDM Chapter

Sue Cross at Echo Range heads a group seeking to form a local chapter of the Association for Configuration and Data Management (ACDM). The local chapter would be open to people with commercial configuration management (CM) or data management (DM) experience, government CM and DM personnel and anyone interested in knowing

more about the field.

Last year the national association was formed to provide these disciplines a tool for the future and an arena to ask questions, get answers and document solution to problems in these areas.

Anyone interested in forming a local chapter or joining the national group can call Cross at 939-3571.

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sometime after cutover. This is due to the complexities of wiring these areas. The telephones currently in these locations will be switched over to the new system on the night of cutover and will then work only on the new system. In coming months they too will be replaced with new equipment. Another exception will effect some of the telephones behind some of the switches on the old system, such as the Airfield. The telephones on the old system, after cutover, may only work to other old telephones also on that local switch. It is recommended that, after cutover, you use only the new telephones. This will ensure

complete testing of the CTS under operational conditions and also there will be no concern about whether the telephone being used is a special case.

At cutover, most users at mainsite will be retaining their current telephone number on the new system. There will be several areas, such as Public Works, Thompson Lab, EWTES, Salt Wells, and Fleet Engineering, where many Station employees will be receiving new telephone numbers. To eliminate confusion, a preliminary telephone directory will be printed with new China Lake numbers only. This will be available to the departments for at cutover. A combined Naval

Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWPNS) personnel directory will be published and distributed later.

After cutover, the next big event will be System Acceptance. The CTS has to run, with no major failures as defined in the contract, for a minimum of 30 consecutive days, before the government will accept the system. In addition, the CTS team will be checking that the contract requirements have all been met, and that the system is performing as specified. Also during this time, work will continue on assigning features, adding voice mail users, assigning authorization codes, installing paging systems, and

whatever was not completed before the critical cutover date. When the system meets the contract requirements it will then transition into the Operations, Maintenance and Administration (OM&A) Phase under the Telephone Services Branch, Code 2714. It is after System Acceptance, that users will be able to start submitting Communications Service Requests (CSRs) for any adds, moves, and changes required regarding connections to the new system.

For questions any topic related to the new system, call the CTS team at 939-1659. For CSR, OM&A or billing call Telephone Services at 939-3451.

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Ideas Column

By Melanie Truesdale
IDEAS Office

Communication! A long word—often unused! Sometimes handling duplicated IDEAS is hard to do. If the original IDEA was implemented, that's easy. We just tell all other submitters that it was previously submitted and implemented. But what this tells us, unfortunately, is that communication isn't happening. We try to write about implemented ideas in our news articles, at least once. Other than that, we have no vehicle to advertise a change. From the point when a code tells us they will implement an idea, it's their responsibility to let people know about it.

How about it?
I'm encouraging those codes implementing a change to let everyone know about it. If it's a policy change or a "How to do it now" change the effort would be worthwhile in eliminating people doing something wrong and having to redo it.

And what happens when an idea is disapproved? Let everyone know things that don't work, or can't be changed. If we get an idea and it is a duplicate of one that was disapproved, obviously

there's another communication problem. Make life easier! Communicate!

You can reach Bruce MacIntosh or Melanie Truesdale in the IDEAS office at X2311, E-Mail at SCF::IDEAS or QuickMail addressed to IDEAS in the Code_27_QM.

IDEAS submitted last week:

No. 357, Donated Frequent Flyer Miles; Richard Shaffer, Code 36824 suggested that "Frequent Flyer Miles" be allowed to be donated to charities.

No. 358, Computerize Personnel Information; Claudia Theis, Code 62C2, suggested individual personnel information be computerized so when a job needs to be filled, basic quals could be entered in the computer and yielding names of the top ten people.

No. 359, Travel Coordination; Pat Nalley, Code 3649 suggested Travel and Training provide a weekly list of all travelers for coordination purposes.

No. 360, Government Vehicle Parking Spaces at West gate of M. Lab; John Channer, Code 3955 suggested spaces be identified for government vehicle parking at the West gate. (A map was created to mark the parking site of a government vehicle for easier location.)

No. 361, Cut Down on Insurance Items (Jet Start); Francis Youso, Code 2671, suggests the warehouse cut its

stock of expensive jet start parts. (This is a resolved issue—Code 21 has a procedure in place.)

No. 362, Visitor Clearance Forms; Debby Leonard, Code 6435 wanted the visitor request made available for use on the MAC. (It has already been created, however, varying numbers of copies are needed determined by location of travel. One copy will not usually suffice. John Hammonds, Security, said one code on base, working with Security, is sending out their own requests. Contact John for more information).

No. 363, Travel Order Clarifications; Debby Leonard, Code 6435, suggested "ORIGINAL" and "DUPLICATE ORIGINAL" be stamped on the orders before they leave originator code. Lessens confusion about which is original copy.

No. 364, Orange Folders for Travel Orders; Debby Leonard, Code 6435 suggests travel orders be retained in the orange folder even after they are in the travel office. Helps to reduce lost orders.

No. 365, Travel "Clearing House" to Pt. Mugu; Roger Peck, Code 224, suggested SIDS create a "clearing house" where potential travelers seeking a ride as well as those planning to drive, could check in and be informed about another traveler's needs.

China Lake Library joins national salute to Women's History

During March, the China Lake Community Library joins educators throughout the United States in celebrating National Women's History Month. This year's theme "Women's History: A Patchwork of Many Lives," emphasizes the variety of experiences and contributions women have made to our society.

The Community Library is featuring a display pertaining to women—their art, literature, music, work, history, education and biographies.

Also available are two video cassettes, "How We Got The Vote," the story of the struggle for female equality and "A Woman's Place," paying tribute to notable individuals who made great contributions to society.

The library is open Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. It is closed Friday and Saturday.

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used to signal arrival and departure of dignitaries at official ceremonies, including changes of command and retirement ceremonies at China Lake. In one of its last official functions, it pealed for the admirals and captains making up the official party when NAWS, China Lake, was established on Jan. 22.

When the *Bennington* was decommissioned, the bell was requested by the Naval Weapons Center. To get the bell from Navy Curator, NWC officials, led by Capt. Mel Ethridge, the then NWC commander, agreed to display it with dignity and to take good care of it.

Bennington's bell is of interest to China Lake because RAdm. James B. Sykes, USN (Ret), the second commanding officer of the Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS), Inyokern, had commanded the ship during the closing stages of World War II, just before earning command at NOTS.

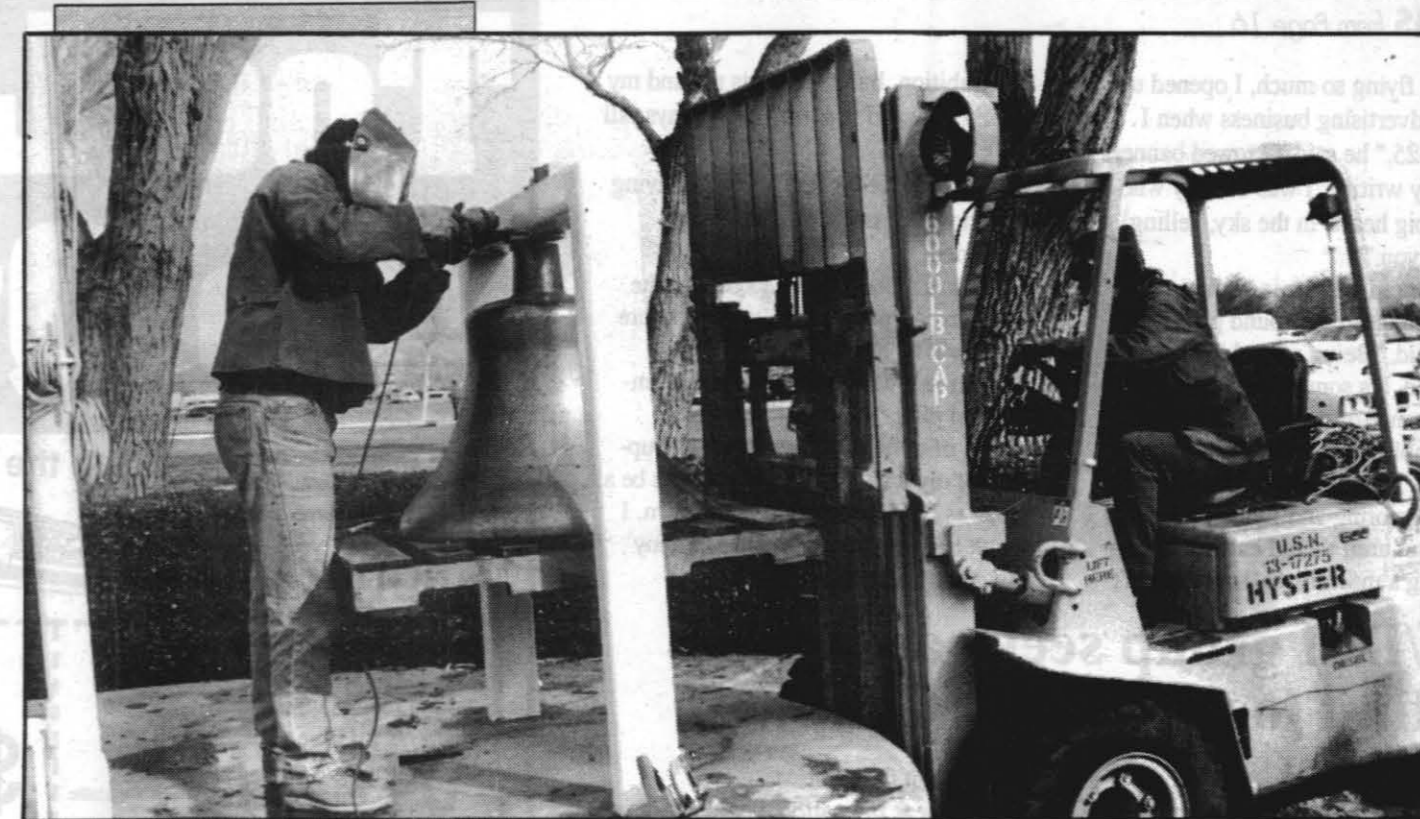
During his tour at NOTS, 1945-47, RAdm. (then Captain) Sykes was in command during the critical post-war years. He took command just two days after the war ended in the Pacific. He was responsible for naming Bennington Plaza after the ship he commanded and Card Street after the *USS Card* (CVE-11) which had been a previous command of his.

In a post-retirement interview, the former NOTS Commanding Officer said of his command of the *Bennington*, "Out of the 3,600 men during the 11 months I was in command, no one was lost other than the pilots when they had gone off to combat from the ship."

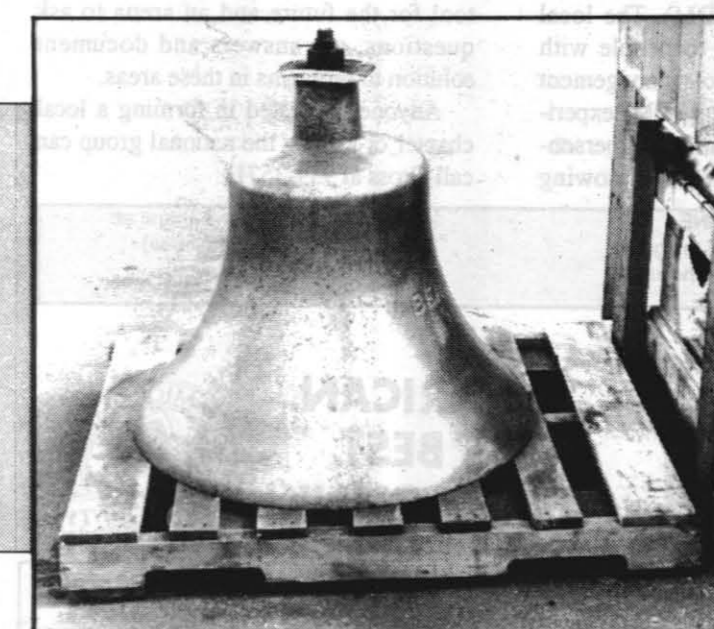
Bennington saw action in numerous battles, including the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Sykes later received the Navy Cross for his service as CO of the *Bennington*. The ship and its air wing were credited with downing 174 enemy aircraft. She made one of the initial Navy strikes against Tokyo and was involved in the battle when the Japanese battleship *Yamato* was sunk.

RAdm. Sykes was also involved in helping NOTS get established early in the 1940s. He served in the Aviation Planning Section of the old Bureau of Ordnance and worked with the first NOTS CO, RAdm. Sherman E. Burroughs, to make sure enough money was pumped into NOTS to continue essential war work. In his post-retirement interview, Sykes said when he arrived to take command he was "surprised to find what a big place I had helped to get started."

Sykes was a 1918 graduate of the Naval Academy who saw action in the closing days of World War I on board destroyers. He later went to submarine school and eventually commanded three subs before moving into the blossoming field of naval aviation where he remained.



BELL REMOVAL efforts were handled by Public Works personnel. Greg Reed is grinding away at the weld and John Branson is at the control of the fork lift. Dave Hawkins was also on the team.



READY TO GO—The bell from the *Bennington* rests on the pallet, ready for the Transportation Branch to pack it up and send it on to a final resting place in Vermont.

Now the *Bennington's* bell has gone back to Vermont. The move came at the behest of Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) on behalf of city officials who plan to display the 850-pound cast iron bell in the city museum. *Bennington* is a small town in southwestern Vermont. The community's biggest claim to fame centers on the Battle of *Bennington* on Aug. 16, 1777 when American troops, defeated a British expedition during the Revolutionary War.

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special technologies and assisting in program coordination. He has a degree in physics from the University of Missouri.

Tanner, a 21-year veteran at China Lake began his career in 1971 with the RF Guidance Branch, supporting the Sparrow missile program. Since 1975 he has been with the Engineering Department's Environmental Engineering Branch, and now heads the branch. He is currently involved in a NATO working group tasked with preparing a standard set of environmental documentation for use by all NATO nations. This will ensure European-produced hardware will be usable by U.S. military personnel during NATO operations.

Teate, an electronics technician in the Sidewinder Project Office, began his career here 28 years ago. In addition to Sidewinder, he worked on the Agile missile and liquid propellant gun development projects and was project manager of the technology development effort associated with the charge couple device seeker. The basic concepts of this effort were later used in development of the AIM-9R seeker. As a result of his technical leadership in the AIM-9M retrofit program in response to U.S. needs in the Middle East, the test program had nine successful firings and the U.S. war-fighting capability in the air-to-air arena improved considerably.

Dreams do come true for machinist-turned-aviator

Dreams can come true, if a person is willing to work for them, notes Tim Dawson, a journeyman machinist with the Engineering Department's Central Model Shop Branch at China Lake. After -- years, his dreams of being able to fly for a living are finally coming true.

The first step of course, was learning to fly. He then earned his private and instrument ratings. His next step was to earn his single and multi-engine commercial rating, which he did just a month ago. His final step is to earn a commercial multi-engine instrument rating, which he plans to do in the near future.

With his current ratings, Dawson said he is eligible to fly anything from a Piper J-3 Cup to a Piper Seneca (multi-engine). "I have already logged 2,700 flight time hours," he said. "That makes me a high-time pilot."

Flying since he was nine years old, Dawson said he used to watch the airplanes at the Oxnard airport. "I have always loved airplanes," he said. "I got a job sweeping floors in an aircraft factory when I was 13 years old just to be able to be around the planes."

By the time he was 16, Dawson built his first plane, a Soneria, often called a

Formula V race plane. Since then, he has helped build a SX-300 (a 300-horsepower, high performance aircraft) and a Newport 11 replica. He also restored a Champion Citabria.

In 1980, he took third place at the World Aerobatics Competition in

Oshkosh, Wisconsin in the sportsman category. He has also performed air-show routines with a 1943 Stearman, an old bi-plane and a Citabria, which he and his mother restored.

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FLYING MACHINE—Tim Dawson shows off one of his flying machines.

Weapons Division seeking volunteers for assignments

Following are Off-Center assignments the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWPNS) plans to participate in for 1992. Only DP-3s and DP-4s with a minimum of three to five years' experience at NAWCWPNs qualifying for series 801, 830, 855, 861, 1310, 1515, 1520 and 1550 are eligible to apply. The one exception to this is the Budget Analyst position. All positions are located in the Washington, D.C. area.

General Engineer, T & E Management Branch - Serves as a NAWC HQ technical engineering expert for the management of T & E resources, and as a focal point for naval aviation T & E policy development and execution.

General Engineer, Programs and Planning Branch - Assists branch in providing policy level engineering and management coordination and liaison with NAVAIRSYSCOM technical and program management elements, the Fleet, and other principal customers of the NAWC.

Interdisciplinary Position, Office of Director, Science and Technology -

Works directly with and provides support to the Director of Science and Technology on special S & T studies within NAWC and will interface with ONR, ONT and NRL on technology base program execution and evaluation.

Budget Analyst, Financial Management Branch - Supports the Financial Management Branch in carrying out NIF management and funding assignments.

Provides budgetary and financial planning, execution and management for NIF funded portions of the NAWC, including Navy elements of the DOD MRTFB.

Program Analyst, T&E Management Branch - Works primarily with the management of Navy Central T&E Investment Program (CTEIP) projects, but also supports the Multi-Service Test Investment Review Committee and the Navy T&E Long Range Planning process.

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Surplus sale set March 19

Local Auction 41-2242 of surplus government property will be held by the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) at China Lake on Thursday, March 19, 1992.

The auction will begin at 9:00 a.m. in building 1073, warehouse 41, and the public is encouraged to bid.

Some 240 items will be on display for inspection from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily except weekends beginning Monday, March 16. A complete list, as well as sales terms and conditions, can be seen at building 1073, warehouse 41.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. on the day of the sale. Bidders must be present and registered to bid. Mailed bids cannot be accepted. Items purchased may be removed on the sale date provided full payment is made. Payment must be in cash or guaranteed instrument (cashier's check, money order, traveler's check, etc.).

Because the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is located within the Naval Air Warfare Station's (NAWS) interior security fence line, prospective bidders without an NAWS pass must stop at the main gate visitor's center and obtain a pass before coming aboard. Everyone must present photo identification and may be subject to vehicle inspection before being allowed entry onto the base.

Hours of operation at Sandquist Gate are 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Those wishing to reach the DRMO at other time must use Lauritsen Gate. Both routes are indicated in our auction catalog.

For further details, contact Phyllis at building 1073, Code 97 or 939-2538.

New legislation requires government to open some POW/MIA files to public under FOIA

Washington (NNS) Legislation requiring disclosure of POW/MIA information in compliance with the Freedom of Information and Privacy acts has been approved by congress as an amendment to the 1992 DoD Authorization Act.

Although the U.S. government must open its POW/MIA files, information that would compromise the safety of POW/MIA's or intelligence operations is exempt from disclosure under this amendment.

Jewelry Jottings advertisement featuring a portrait of a man and text describing aquamarine gemstones. Includes 'MR. T's Fine Jewelry' logo and address: Sierra Lanos Plaza.

GOLFERS... advertisement for a March Special on golf clubs. Features a golfer in mid-swing and lists prices for regrip and reshaft services. Includes 'OTEY CRISMAN PUTTERS' and 'PRO GOLF SPECIAL-TEES'.

ComputerLand of Santa Clarita advertisement for Federal Systems Division. Lists services for Santa Clarita and East Kern County, including sales manager Pete McLaughlin and contact information.

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St. Patricks Day PARTY! advertisement for Sierra Restaurant & Lounge. Promotes a Tuesday March 17 party with steaks, chicken, and burgers. Includes a 'Pot o' Gold' prize drawing with over \$450 in prizes.

The excitement of mathematics advertisement for Computer Store. Promotes the purchase of Mathematica software for IBM and Mac systems. Includes contact info for 251 Balsam St.

Wellness Corner

By Betty Miller
Wellness Coordinator

Blood draw schedule; how to arrange fitness assessment

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Mitchell, for more than 19 years at NWC, excelled in employee and organizational development, team building, organizational change, and the theory and practice of Total Quality Management/Leadership. Team skills and synergy created by people working together to solve problems have been her forte. She introduced the tools for people to operate as a team in better satisfying customer requirements. Through her commitment to healthy and innovative approaches, she profoundly influenced countless supervisors, managers and the organizations they represent.

Steve Sanders brought a degree in history from the University of Nevada to NWC when he came here in 1967 as an administrative management intern in the Personnel Department. In 1979, while acting head of the Personnel Department, Sanders was responsible for development, marketing and implementation of the Personnel Demonstration Project. He was named to head the Technical Information Department in 1982 and in the same year was named the Management Innovator of the Year by the local American Society for Public Administration chapter. He is credited with providing a highly-motivated, creative customer-service oriented work environment for TID employees.

Shibley began his China Lake career as a personnel management advisor in 1974. He made significant contributions to the Center's formulation of the Personnel Demonstration Project and provided leadership and guidance for a smooth and successful implementation. In 1989, Shibley assumed leadership of the two personnel service divisions in addition to duties as associate department head.

Under his leadership, two divisions were successfully integrated into a single division. As associate department head, he has played an important role in defining what the Human Resources Department for the NAWC Weapons Division should be and how it should operate.

Stephens began his career at NWC in 1973 after work in weapons planning

studies for OPNAV. These studies formed the basis for the Conventional Strike/ASUW Master Plan. Because of his technical skills Stephens has gained stature in the low observables technology field. He organized a China Lake group to support OPNAV, the chief of naval research and the systems commands in evaluating low observables and

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WINNERS— Don Shibley, Rolf Gilbertson, Terry Mitchel, Steve Tanner and George Teate were among the 1991 Michelson Laboratory Award winners honored recently.

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Gilbertson, a 31-year China Lake veteran, was honored for his work in design and development of electrical power systems and servo systems for such weapons as Sidewinder, Shrike and Walleye. He also won high marks for his work as F/A-18 project manager and as head of the Aircraft Weapons Integration Department's System Integration Division.

Hunter began his career here in June, 1966 as a junior professional mechanical engineer. Working in the ARM Weapons Office of the Attack Weapons Department, he was honored for 20 years-plus support of the High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missile (HARM). He directed the HARM Block IV development efforts from concept through developmental test and evaluation. Hunter was commended for his technical expertise in a complex anti-radiation missile system.

Capt. Kapernick, now nearing the end of his third tour in the desert, is a veteran attack aviator with 55 combat missions to his credit during the Vietnam War. During this latest China Lake tour, he was deputy laboratory director and head of the Systems Engineering Group. The citation on the award read in part, "Capt. Kapernick has been instrumental in implementing formal systems engineering discipline and processes in the Center's major programs and improving cus-

tomers and working relationships within the technical community.

Kartzmark came to the Naval Weapons Center in 1973, leaving the Naval Undersea Center for a career in the desert. Now working in the Anti-Air

Projects Office of the Intercept Weapons Department, he was a charter member of the RF Anti-Air Branch in the Weapons Department. His key role now is providing systems engineering support to the Sparrow AIM/RIM-7M and Sparrow

Product Improvement Programs. He is called on as a trusted advisor by the Naval Air Systems Command and the NATO Seasprow Program Office in the Naval Sea Systems Command.

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MICHELSON LABORATORY AWARD winners for 1991 were recently saluted. The winners included Capt. Robert Kapernick, Clifford Hunter, Steve Sanders, Roy Kartzmark and Mike Stephens.

Editor's Note

By Barry McDonald
Editor

Behind the scenes of Dune Tunes 92

Dune Tunes 92 took a lot of work by a lot of people, but for those who participated it was very rewarding. And Tom Blackmore, head of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department has announced it will be even more rewarding for those who volunteered—they will each receive a free concert sweat shirt. Volunteers can pick up their shirts during regular working hours at the Youth Center Gym at the corner of Richmond Road and King Street.

The effort also took the cooperation and contributions of a number of commercial sponsors and other entities. Blackmore was very appreciative and wanted to make sure they all got the credit they deserved. These folks include Benchmark Cable, Contel, CASI, Richer's Digital Audio, Nyborg Music, Sage Music, Jones Innerbridge Cable, Pepsi Cola, Sato Leisure Travel, KZIQ, KRAJ, B-Rock, KXXZ, K-Duck, Antelope Valley Distributing, Castro's Silkscreening, U.S. Rentals, The Daily Independent, The News-

Review, Heritage Inn, Spring Water, Burroughs High School and boosters, Cerro Coso Community College, NWC Credit Union, Valley Fence, K-Mart, Walmart, Stater Bros., and Bank of America.

The effort to convert Schoeffel Field into a concert site started a couple of weeks in advance. Workers removed the outfield fence, set up four flatbed trailers as the main stage and built additional risers for speakers and other equipment, including one placed about 20 yards into center field for the house mixers. Others set up concession booths and bright orange temporary fencing. The basic staging area was ready for the various crews that came to set up Friday, though the final section of the parachute canopy needed rigging and the flag pole was being installed.

First to arrive was a semi from Sound Image of San Diego, filled with 24 huge speakers, mixing boards—a 30-channel and a 40-channel for on-stage monitors and two 40-channels for the house mix—amplifiers, other

equipment and attendant cables. Sound Image brought a crew to set up, technicians to run the mixers and an electrician to tie into the field's power.

NiteLife's Mick Ryan and Jeff Thornton were on hand throughout the day to put out fires only promoters can put out. Ryan's background is in radio broadcasting and Thornton is a 10-year veteran of military MWR, most recently as MWR director at Naval Submarine Base San Diego. They explained the main business of NiteLife is setting up audio/video systems in base clubs and, as part of the package, they bring acts to the clubs and concerts to the bases. This was the first stand-alone concert they produced.

As Sound Image was finishing up, a large Rider truck rolled in with REO's crew, who set up another large riser for two keyboards and the drum set, mike stands, various amplifiers and guitars. As if on cue, Kansas' crew came next, setting up another riser for their drum set and more equipment. Finally, the Mickey Thomas crew arrived and set up yet another drum set and so on.

Around 7:30 p.m., during sound checks, Capt. B.J. Craig, commanding officer of Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, was backstage talking guy talk with Thomas' guitarist Jeff Tamalaire and trumpeteer Max Haskett

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Cal State seeks more response from students at China Lake

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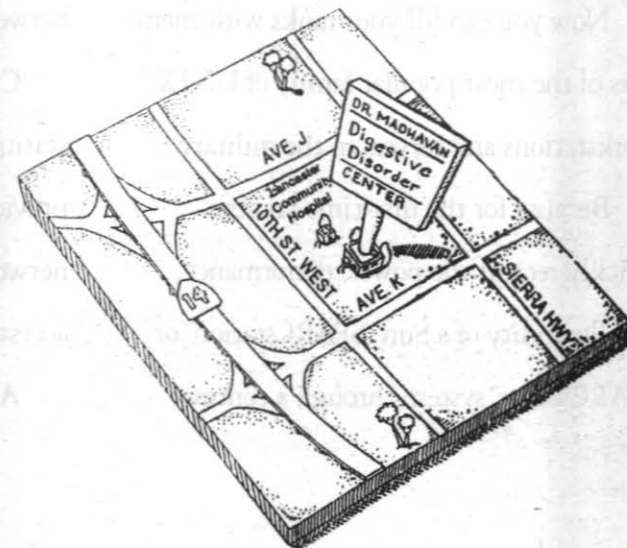
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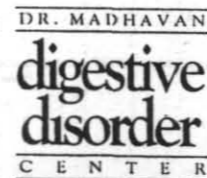
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(both formerly of Cold Blood). They were talking about what they might do while they were in town. Golf was one option. They thought they might stop in Death Valley on the way home, and the Skipper told them what they ought to see if they did. Tamalaira made a

gesture with his hands over his head and Haskett said, "Jeff's the hoopster of the band."

"Hoop?" the captain said, and waved toward the Hill. "You can come on up to my house and play some hoop, if you want."



P.S.—Friday, when I tried to reach someone at TID and couldn't even raise an answering machine all the way up through the department office, with smoke trailing from my ears, I tried to go over their heads to Dillard Bullard, services and information director. When I got no response there I called Mr. Porter's office. Seems the power in that neck of the Station was out. Above, workmen tidy up after replacing power pole on Knox Road that snapped like a toothpick when line was caught by bleachers being transported away from concert site. My apologies to TID and SID for evil thoughts. - Editor

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