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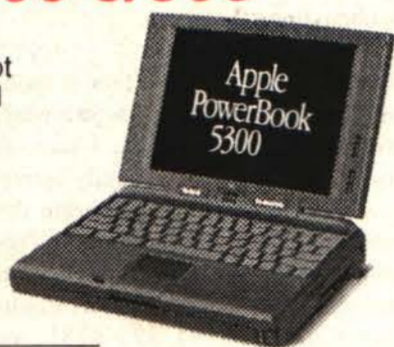
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Fire prevention award Hape named top inspector in national competition

By Joy Adams
Public Affairs Office

Much to his surprise, Fire Prevention Inspector Paul Hape, was congratulated by Capt. Jack Dodd, NAWCWPNS vice commander, at the China Lake site meeting March 4, for winning the Charles B. Grindele Fire Prevention Award.

Unbeknownst to Hape, Assistant Fire Chief Bill Towell nominated Hape for the Grindele Award. Towell said it was difficult keeping the news from Hape and especially hard not to tell Hape once they found out he won the award.

The Grindele is awarded through a national competition with nominees coming from worldwide Navy and Marine Corp units ashore and afloat.

The award will be presented to Hape at the Fire Prevention Association's annual dinner in San Jose, Calif., April 20. His wife, Becky; Fire Chief Wil Simoneau; and Training Officer Lawrence D. Kaul will also be at the presentation ceremony.

Hape said he always wanted to help people and his interest in becoming a fireman began when he was in eighth grade when his father, Oscar Hape, suffered a massive coronary. The China Lake Fire Division responded to the emergency. Hape said even though his

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NAWCWPNS hosts international confab

■ NIMIC members visit for insensitive munitions technology interchange

By Kathi Ramont
Staff Writer



Photo by Kathi Ramont

TOURISTS—As part of an ongoing world-wide technology information sharing effort, last week China Lake's insensitive munitions community hosted a multinational conference for more than 50 visitors. Above, visitors see the Modified Confined Burn Assessment Chamber. This chamber was built to explore technology and generate design criteria for a full scale national rocket motor disposal facility. On hand, from China Lake, is tour guide Thom Boggs (plaid shirt), head of the Engineering Sciences Branch and Bill Ledden (hat), head of the Ballistic Test Branch.

Last June when several China Lakers attended a NATO Inensitive Munitions Information Center (NIMIC) workshop in Versailles, France, they issued an invitation to the organizers of that event to bring part of the next conference to the Mojave Desert. Last week, more than 50 people from France, the United Kingdom, Canada, the Netherlands, Norway and the United States descended upon China Lake.

To meet the need of making information available to munitions designers and to identify technology deficiencies associated with insensitive munitions, NIMIC, a multinational group, was conceived and developed under the leadership of Dr. Ronald L. Derr, head of the NAWCWPNS Science and Technology Division. With offices at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, NIMIC provides a forum for technology information exchange that is intended to facilitate the efforts of munitions designers in meeting safety and insensitive munitions requirements.

Cumulative international experience arising out of major accidents in which munitions were involved has demonstrated the need to design weapons that are inherently less vulnerable to accidental or combat action stimuli. Weapons that meet specific criteria for reduced vulnerability are known as "insensitive munitions." As design technology for insensitive muni-

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Bluejacket of the Year Award Dinner set for Saturday night

PRIZES—Bluejacket of the Year Award candidates AME2(AW) Daniel J. Balsinger, AE1(AW) Walter Krutzfeldt, HM3(NAC) Daniel W. VanSkyhawk II, AN3 Jason D. Murphy, ACAN Robert J. Yosco, MA1(AW) Donnamarie Torchio, AD1(AW) John E. Bastin and HM1(AW/IMF) Nilo M. Ilagas are shown with Yolanda Dahms, advertising and promotion specialist with the NWC Community Federal Credit Union, and IVW Navy League President Warren Seal last week. The credit union presented a \$750 check to go towards Bluejacket prizes at the March 23 awards dinner. Tickets, at \$15 each, are available from NAVWS, WTS, VX-9 and BMC command master chiefs. Or call Joani Seal at 446-3836. This year's final two candidates are profiled on Page 3.



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Final Bluejacket of the Year Award candidates profiled

AME2 Daniel J. Balsinger

Naval Weapons Test Squadron's Aviation Structural Mechanic (Safety) Petty Officer Second Class Daniel J. Balsinger has been on the fast track since joining the Navy three and a half years ago. He is currently a candidate for Junior Bluejacket of the Year. Raised in a career-Army family, he joined the Navy because he was seeking a change. When he leaves China Lake in April and joins Attack Squadron VAQ-138 onboard the *USS Nimitz* out of Whidbey Island, Wash., he will get his chance to see the world by sea.

Balsinger joined the Navy in 1992 and went through recruit training at Recruit Training Center Orlando, Fla. On leave after boot camp, he participated in the Recruiter Assistance Program in Killeen, Texas, and was meritoriously advanced to airman apprentice for his achievements.

He then reported to NATTC Memphis where he graduated second in his class from Aviation Structural Mechanic, Safety Equipment "A1" School. In January 1993 he transferred to VA-128 at Whidbey Island and attended escape and survival systems schooling. He was meritoriously advanced to airman after once again participating in the recruiter program.

His first permanent duty station has been NAWS China Lake. Here he was assigned as an Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department Oxygen Shop technician. Since his arrival he has attended classes at Cerro

Coso Community College, joined the NAWS Auxiliary Security Force, received the Expert Marksman Medal and advanced to petty officer second class. He received his aviation warfare specialist wings in July 1994. In August 1995 he received an associate in science degree in professional aeronautics and recently received his bachelor of science degree from Emery-Riddle Aeronautical University.

He was designated as collateral duty inspector on the F/A-18, A-6E and HH-1N aircraft and was assigned as the Egress/Environmental Branch mid-shift supervisor.

He has also received a letter of commendation, two letters of appreciation, a Good Conduct Medal and was Dust Devil of the Month for October at WTS. He was the Aircraft Division's Navy Relief and Combined Federal Campaign representative. He is currently applying for Aviation Officers Candidate School and plans to continue his education in pursuit of a master of business administration degree.

Referring to his educational achievements Balsinger commented, "This has been a great tour for me. Without my chain of command I wouldn't have been able to do it. They allowed me to excel at what I do. I've had the freedom to work in my free time on my education."

Petty Officer Balsinger and his wife, Tiffany, have been married for four years, and they have two children, Kaitlyn and Zachary.

MILITARY NEWS



AME2 Daniel J. Balsinger

HM3 Daniel VanSkyhawk II

Hospital Corpsman Third Class Daniel W. VanSkyhawk II, a Bradenton, Fla., native, joined the Navy in August 1991. After finishing boot camp in San Diego, he attended Hospital Corps School, also in San Diego. His first duty station was in Portsmouth, Va., as a general duty corpsman. After two years in Virginia, he attended search and rescue schooling in Pensacola, Fla., and received his aircrewman wings.

Upon completion he was given orders to the Branch Medical Clinic, China Lake. He currently works as a floater in the Medical Records section. "I work wherever I'm needed. I can draw blood in the lab or pull records, I do whatever is needed at the time," he explained.

VanSkyhawk was selected as Junior Sailor of the Quarter in May 1995. He recently reenlisted and received his first Good Conduct Award. Commenting on his Bluejacket of the Year Award candidate nomination, he said, "The way the award was explained to me is that this is hard work that someone (the Navy League) finally recognized. It's really cool that this program exists."

During the three years he has been stationed in China

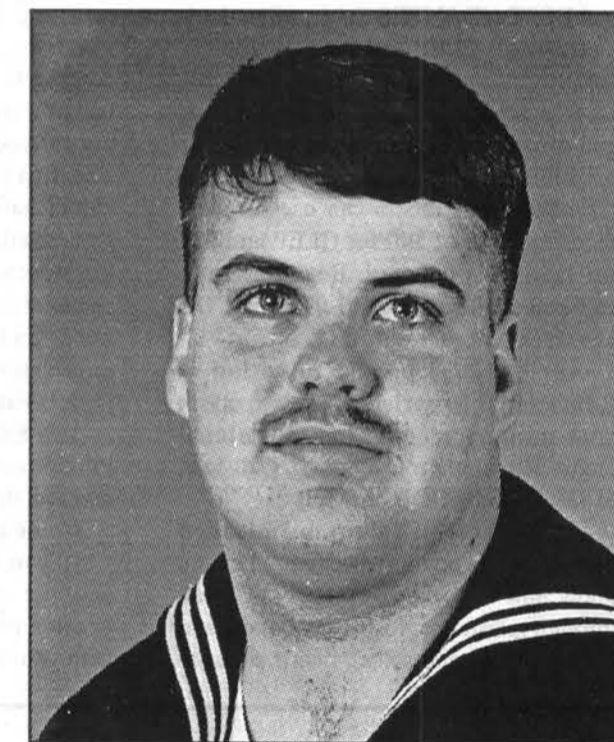
Lake, VanSkyhawk has been an active member of the community. He is a Boy Scout assistant scoutmaster, a junior high school teacher at the Ridgecrest Nazarene Church, a volunteer for the Women's Center and Shelter and an assistant football and baseball coach for Immanuel Christian School. "I really enjoy kids and working with them," he said. He has future plans of working toward a degree in elementary education.

But for now he is happy to be in the Navy. "Possibly I'll put in an officer's package," he commented on future plans.

He has also represented the Navy in many community services. Recently he administered medical coverage for the Burroughs High School JNROTC, and he has given lectures at James Monroe Junior High School on search and rescue. For the past two years he has helped set up a health fair for the community sponsored by the Ridgecrest Kiwanis Club.

Besides his many community activities, VanSkyhawk enjoys swimming and works out with the swim team at the base gym.

His wife, Amy, works for the Movin' On Up Program with the Child Development Center.



HM3 Daniel VanSkyhawk II

LCdr. Rhodenbaugh explains medical and dental coverage differences

According to Dr. Jeffrey Rhodenbaugh, lieutenant commander, officer in charge of China Lake's Branch Dental Clinic, as of Feb. 1, United Concordia is the insurance carrier for the TRICARE Active Duty Family Member Dental Plan (FMDP). United Concordia won the contract in 1995 when they underbid the previous carrier, Delta. The Department of Defense opens the TRICARE FMDP contract to bidding every five years to review programs and reduce costs.

Many of the same dentists in the Ridgecrest area who were contracted with Delta are now contracted with United Concordia. According to Richard Melrose, a regional director for United Concordia, nearly 7,000 dentists have enrolled in California alone and more than 30,000 have enrolled nationwide. United Concordia has met the contractual requirements in most areas of California, including China Lake, that have active duty family members. Those requirements include having enough

participating general dentists within 35 miles of the active duty family member population and that appointments can be made within 21 days.

Many people get confused on terms and coverages for medical and dental insurance for the active duty family members. The medical and dental insurance are quite different, even though TRICARE appears in both titles. TRICARE simply means that all active duty family members are included under two different plans. The medical plan,

known as CHAMPUS, had three different coverages: TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra (both offered locally) and TRICARE Prime (offered in places like San Diego). Eligibility is done automatically through DEERS, and there is no monthly premium. Contrast this to the TRICARE Active Duty Family Member Dental Plan (FMDP), where the military sponsor must enroll into the plan at PSD and \$6 or \$16 is deducted monthly from the military member's pay

Family Service Center Scene

Classes to help you while in transition

Classes available

The NAWS Family Service Center (FSC) is sponsoring a variety of classes. All classes will be held at the Family Service Center, 610 Blandly Ave., unless otherwise stated. These classes are open to all military members and their families. Civilians and contractors are welcome on a "space available" basis.

March 27, 8-10 a.m., Resume Workshop. Your resume is your primary job search tool. Come to class (with your job history, if possible) and learn to help yourself by writing a job-winning resume and cover letter. Space is limited for this class and registration is required. Call 927-1545 by COB on March 26.

March 28, 1-3 p.m., Ace the Interview. Be prepared for a "stress" interview. A little preparation, a little practice and a touch of salesmanship are all you need to become a winner. Registration is required. Call Joan at 939-0966 by COB on March 21.

April 2 and April 16, 1-5 p.m., DANTES Testing. This covers CLEP (College Level Examination Program) and DSSTs (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests). CLEP tests are usually for freshman and sophomore courses. DSSTs are comparable to the final or end-of-course exam in college or technical subjects. Testing is free to the military. Family members can use this service, but a fee of \$40 for CLEP and \$25 for DSSTs is charged. Registration is required. Call Joan at 939-0966 by COB one week before testing date.

April 11, 1-3 p.m., Evaluation of Educational Experience. How to check your military records for educational credit. Registration is required. Call Joan at 939-0966 by COB on April 8.

April 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Blended Families. Are you a step-parent? Do you know how to make the pieces fit; break through resistance; form new bonds; and recreate rules and roles? Learn commu-

nication tools. Learn through shared ideas of others. Find out what does and doesn't work. This class is every Tuesday for six (6) sessions. Registration is required. Call 939-3056 or 939-3059 by COB on April 15.

April 16, 5-6:30 p.m., Eating Economically (and Nutritionally). A major part of every family budget is for food. It is also the part that is adjusted often to fit the income. Amy Fuller, a registered dietitian, will show you how to save your food dollars and still have your family eat healthy. Registration is required. Call Karen at 939-1018 by COB on April 15.

April 18, 5-6:30 p.m., Seven Steps to Successful Investing. A representative of Merrill-Lynch will present this seminar. Learn about common mistakes in investing, risk assessment and how to know the dollar is secure and making money for you. Registration is required. Call Karen at 939-1018 by COB on April 17.

Loan Closet

The Family Service Center's Loan Closet is now open. This is for use by military personnel and their family members. Do you have family or friends coming to visit? Do you need an extra bed or a crib for the baby? Are you waiting for your household effects to arrive? The Loan Closet is your answer. The closet has futons, small cribs and car seats available. We also have hospitality kits which include dishes, glassware, silverware, toasters, coffee makers and irons. Call Karen at 939-1018 for more information.

Job Fair

The FSC will be sponsoring another job fair on April 26. Watch *The Rocketeer* and the POW for more details.

Come and see us

If you are new to China Lake and have not stopped by to see what we have to offer, please do so. The FSC is here to help you in any way we can.

New credit cards, BRAVO and Private Issue, accepted at NEX

Customers who carry NOVUS Service Incorporated's new credit cards, BRAVO and Private Issue, may now use them when purchasing merchandise and services in Navy Exchanges worldwide.

The two cards offer card members different options. The Private Issue card, originally introduced in 1989, offers card members one of the following options: The Cashback Bonus award, up to two percent paid yearly, based on an annual level of purchase; a five percent interest rebate; or rate advantage, which offers a lower annual percentage rate. The Private Issue card also offers card members four

different card styles. Each year, Private Issue will annually unveil and retire one card design.

The BRAVO Card was originally introduced in September 1995. The BRAVO Card offers the customer two credit lines, an active line and a reserve line, and is designed for those customers who tend to carry balances from month to month. Customers can obtain additional information on these cards by calling 1-800-DISCOVER.

The Navy Exchange also accepts the Discover Card, Visa, MasterCard and the NEXCARD for purchases.

Housing Says

Residents asked to watch their children during construction

Sewer main excavations

With the commencement of the sewer main work some excavations will necessarily be left open at night within the fenced construction areas. In the interest of safety, a guard will patrol these areas at night when excavations are open. The guard will wear an orange vest and carry a flashlight. Please be aware that this individual is not a prowler.

Recreational vehicles

While the old recreational vehicle lot was under renovation, RV vehicles were parked at the Seabee trailer park located off Richmond Road. Residents who have vehicles still parked there need to move them no later than April 1.

Failure to do so will result in the vehicles being towed and stored at the owner's expense. If you have questions, please call the Housing Division office at 939-4450.

Playgrounds

There are several playgrounds located throughout the housing areas. Please help keep them clean and free of debris. Let's take pride in our neighborhoods and help keep these areas a nice place for the children to play. Your help and cooperation is appreciated.

Safety

Due to the amount of construction going on in the housing area, parents should be extra cautious not to allow their children to play in these areas. All construction sites are not fenced, so please help us out by knowing where your children are playing. Many houses on Station are vacant and will remain so until demolition of these units begins. We urge parents to please keep children from entering the vacant houses. Parents of children caught damaging government property will be held liable.

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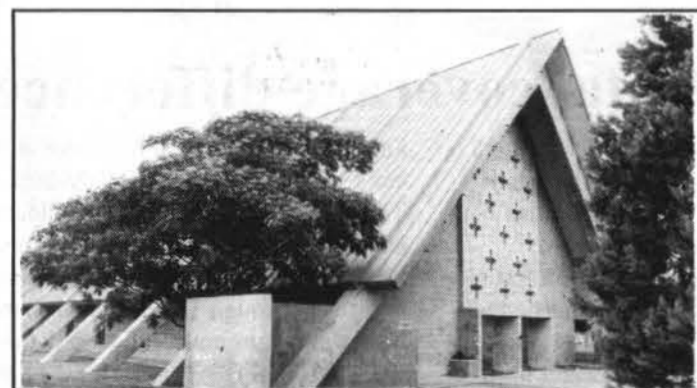
Sunday Worship Service, Main Chapel 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School, Sept. - May, 1008-10 Blandly & 1903-05 Mitscher 9:00 a.m.
 Bible Study (East Wing), Sept. - June, Wednesday 11:30 a.m.
 Men's Prayer Breakfast, East Wing, Thursday 6:00 a.m.
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Jewish (446-3613 Messages)
 Weekly Services, Friday, East Wing 7:30 p.m.
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 Sunday, 1902 Dibb 9 - 11 a.m.

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 Confessions, Sundays 8:15 - 8:45 a.m.
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 Religious Education Classes, Sept. - May, Sunday, 1002 Blandly, 1008-10 Blandly & 1903-05 Mitscher 10:30 a.m.
 RCIA, St. Ann's School Library 8:15 - 9:45 p.m.

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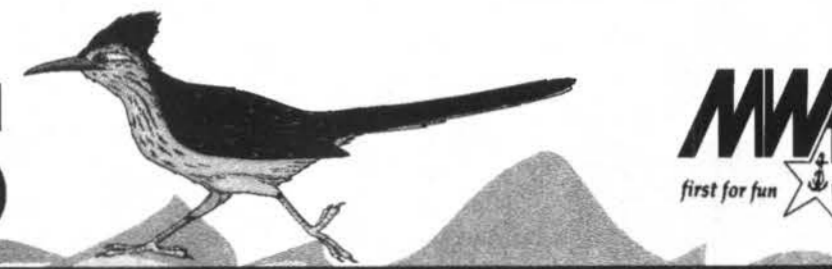
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REC BITS



MWR Management Team, NAWS, China Lake, CA

Graze like a bunny

Easter just wouldn't be the same without a traditional Easter feast. Wreck Center is getting ready for its April 7 buffet from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Virginia Ham, Prime Rib, Eggs Benedict, Waffles, Pancakes, assorted Fruits/Desserts and more Easter favorites abound! Reservations required by April 3.

	Adults	Children (6-12)
Military	\$8.95	\$4.25
DoD	\$10.25	\$5.50
Community	\$11.50	\$6.75

Children, under 5, are free. For details or reservations, call 939-8660.

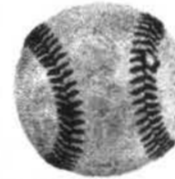
Breakfast Special

Buy one Breakfast Burrito at any MWR Snack Bar, and receive the second one

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Expires: April 15

Manage your own baseball team



Now's your chance to have your own baseball team. Sign-up now for Fantasy Baseball or Dream Team Baseball at the Wreck Center. Leagues are played with the National Trivia Network and Sports Satellite systems. Weekly winners both locally and nationally. Call Colleen or Alice at 939-3540 for details.

Pool watch

Interested in being a Lifeguard? We are looking for energetic and qualified people to join our staff. The American Red Cross Lifeguard Course is offered during spring break from April 8-12 at the Indoor pool. Course is 40 hours from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. daily. Start preparing now!! Sign-up by April 4 at the Sports and Fitness Complex. For details, contact Jenny Slater at 939-0756.

Defy the elements

Biathlon is March 30. Don't miss finest fitness competitions of the year. Be sure to get your registration form to the Sports and Fitness Complex as soon as possible. Volunteers are needed to help with the timing, setup, water stops, etc. Family or friends planning to watch the participants, are encouraged to become a part of the event by volunteering! Call Jenny Slater at 939-0756 to volunteer or for event information.



Spring fever x 2

Snow adventure continues on April 25. MWR takes single active duty military to ski Mammoth FREE. Van leaves the CBQ parking lot 5:30 a.m. and return around 8:00 p.m. \$5.00 per person covers gas fees. Limited space. Sign-up by April 19. MWR's next adventure takes you to ride the rapids of the Kern River on May 18. Van leaves the CBQ parking lot at 8:30 a.m. White water rafting trip is called the "Sampler." It's Nine to 12 miles of continuous class II-IV rapids. Sign-up and pay by April 11. Bring your lunch and get ready to get wet! Fees are \$68.00 per person. Call Charmaine at 939-0883 for details.

Magic Mountain or bust

If roller coasters or radical rides are your style, sign-up for our April 6 trip. Van (s) leave the CBQ parking area at 8:00 a.m. sharp and return at midnight. Fees are \$20.00 per person, which includes admission and transportation. Sign-up by March 29. For details, call Charmaine at 939-0883.

Create a painting in one day

Yes. You can do this! Amateur and professional painters take home a completed oil painting in one day. Wet on wet method enables you to succeed every time. Technique is simple and the results-AMAZING. The next class is Saturday, March 23 at Craftech from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Painting theme is Mountain Water Runoff. Reservations require a \$10.00 deposit and must be paid 7 days in advance. Wear old clothes, bring a sack lunch and enjoy your creative side. Military receive free use of easels, brushes and receive 10% off all supplies. For details, call Pat at 939-3252.

We're getting too personal

One-on-one personal fitness assessments are available at the Sports & Fitness complex by appointment. Why pay hundreds of dollars when you have this service at your finger tips for only \$10.00 for military, \$15.00-DoD and \$20.00 for community customers. Assessments include VO2 Max, nutrition, strength and body fat analysis. Sports and Fitness also has a Health First™ computerized system that provides fitness profiles in the following areas: blood pressure, cardiovascular sub max VO2, strength, flexibility, body composition, heart disease risk, cancer risk and nutrition habits. Call today. For details, call Loy Vincent at 939-2841.

B-Ball tourney

All basketball greats, especially those who enjoy a 3-on-3 competitive Basketball experience are urged to join this fun competition March 26-28 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Event is held at the Sports & Fitness Complex. Deadline for sign-ups is March 22. Fees (per team) are \$12.00 for military, \$15.00 for DoD and \$18.00 community. Capture the moment of being high on "hoops." For details, call Michelle Archuleta 939-0754.

Easter surprise

What a special way to say "Hoppy Easter." Call Craftech and they deliver a festive balloon bouquet to your favorite bunny. Bouquets consist of one mylar and 12 large latex balloons adorned with ribbons for only \$15.00. Craftech delivers anywhere main side for only \$2.00. For details, call Craftech at 939-3252.

Not one-but three Easter egg hunts

For kids 2-10 years, Solar Park hosts a hunt on April 6, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Teens have fun at the Golf Course on April 5 for a flashlight evening hunt, beginning at 7:30 p.m. That's not all... Dive into the water for Easter trinkets at the Indoor Pool on April 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Don't miss our Easter hunt. For details, call 939-2909 and for the water hunt, call 939-0756.

Story time

Don't miss a special spring story time at the China Lake Community Library on April 13 from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. Program is for children 6-10 years of age. For details, call Elizabeth at 939-2595.

Congratulations to CURTIS JOHNSON!



Curtis bowled a perfect 300 game at Hall Memorial Lanes on March 2. Well Done!

Spring splash

Summer is coming and this is an excellent way to give your child an introduction to the wonderful experience of swimming. Program is for ages 6 months and up. If the child is under 3 years old, parent needs to supervise in the water. Exciting water program is Friday, April 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Indoor Pool. Swim lessons will begin every half hour between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Instructors provide knowledge and fun as well as test children for appropriate level necessary for the upcoming summer swim lesson program. Early Bird sign-ups for summer swim lessons are available this day only. For details, call Jenny Slater at 939-0756.

It's raw force

Spring Bench Press and Power Lifting Contest is scheduled for April 13 at the Sports and Fitness Complex. Load up on the CARBS before the event on April 12 at 6:00 p.m. Wreck Center is hosting a spaghetti dinner. Contest consists of power lifting (Squat, bench and deadlift) or bench press. Pre-weigh in is April 12 at 5:30 p.m. Event is open to military, DoD and all other eligible patrons. USDFPF lifting rules apply. Awards are presented to the top three finishers in each event and weight division. Sign-up at the Sports and Fitness Complex. All entrants receive a specially designed t-shirt. Entry fees are \$8.00-military, \$12.00-DoD and \$15.00 for community. For details, call Loy Vincent at 939-2841.

HAPE from Page 1

father did not survive the coronary he was impressed with the skill and professionalism of the firemen and how helpful they were.

Hape's fire career began when he worked as a paid volunteer fire fighter while still in high school. Following his graduation from Burroughs High School in 1973, Hape joined the Army serving as a crash rescue specialist and emergency medical technician at Fort Ord, Calif., and Fort Campbell, Ky. After three years active duty, Hape worked as a civilian fire fighter at Fort Campbell.

Hape transferred to China Lake Fire Division in 1977. He married Rebecca Gue in 1977. Their daughter, Katie, was born in 1992.

Hape was instrumental in implementing the testing of the fire sprinkler/fire deluge systems at China Lake. He is



Fire Inspector Paul Hape

responsible for the review of all blue prints submitted to China Lake and holds signature authority for the China Lake Fire Division.

Working with Donna Charles, Hape developed a computer program that greatly simplifies tracking and hydrostatic testing of the fire extinguishers at China Lake. He was chairman of the Quality Council of the Safety and Physical Security Department.

He also chairs the High Desert Fire Prevention Association (HDFPA). The HDFPA membership includes the China Lake Fire Division, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Kern County Fire Department and North American Chemical Company.

Hape was one of the masters of ceremonies for the HDFPA's Children's Spring 1995 Fire Prevention Program. Over 3,900 children from 14 different schools from three school districts attended the programs. As a result, the number of fires related to children playing with matches has reduced dramatically.

Participation by children in fire prevention poster contests reached almost 100 per cent. The winning posters were displayed at various public and private organizations, bringing many favorable comments from the Fire Division's customers. Towell said that the outstanding success of this program is the direct result of Hape's efforts.

Fire officials from Arizona, and various national forests, attended this year's program. James Jeffrey, deputy chief of California governor's Office of Emergency Services, and Knott's Berry Farm of Buena Park, Calif., requested information on the program and permission to present it to their customers. Steven F. Frady, of the governor's office, State of Nevada, and the Sierra Front Wildfire

The expertise and "can do" attitude Hape contributes to the fire protection team affects team members in a positive manner, raising morale and increasing team effectiveness.

Cooperators, requested a presentation be given to approximately 30 fire agencies and fire chief's in Carson City, Nev., later this year.

Hape says he has always been interested in teaching fire safety education to chil-

dren and adults. In 1987, he was instrumental in organizing the China Lake Fire Division's Explorer Program. This program was dedicated to the advancement of youth interested in a future with the fire service.

He spent many off-duty hours assisting in the preparation and manning of the HDFPA booth at local fairs. These booths help teach fire prevention to the public. Hape is also active in the Smart Cookie program developed to teach preschool and kindergarten children the importance of fire safety.

When Hape discovered the Fire Division's training media was worn out and obsolete, he located a program through the National Fire Protection Association that replaced the outdated films with four new training films at no cost. His efforts saved the Fire Division \$942.

Trowell commented that the expertise and "can do" attitude Hape contributes to the fire protection team affects team members in a positive manner raising morale and increasing team effectiveness.

Hape was quick to note that his accomplishments were possible only through the support of Simoneau, Trowell and team members.

Hape has been involved in the local community in the Road Runner Club, the American Legion, Boy Scouts of America, Parent Teacher Association and the Grace Lutheran Church. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and restoring classic cars.

TRICARE from Page 3

for one family member or two or more family members, respectively.

It is strongly recommended that all active duty members with family members enroll into the TRICARE FMDP. The government pays for 60 percent of the premium, so that makes it a good deal for military families.

Children as young as six months old are recommended being seen by a general dentist or pedodontist, according to the American Board of Pediatric Dentists. The bottom line is, if we want our family members to enjoy the same high level of dental care that the active duty members have and at reduced out-of-pocket costs, then the TRICARE FMDP is a must.

Enrollment into the dental plan must be accompanied by participation to achieve good dental health. Unfortunately, it was calculated last year that only 30 percent of the family members enrolled in the TRICARE FMDP actually used it. From talking to others, the reasons why a significant percentage of the people didn't use the plan were: the military member never told their family members they were on a dental plan; or the military member didn't know or forgot they had signed up on the plan.

It is easy to check if one is enrolled in the TRICARE FMDP. The military member should look on their latest LES under deductions: "Dental Plan \$6/\$16." If that does not appear on the LES, and the military member would like the dental plan for their family members, the military sponsor should go to PSD to sign up. In most cases premiums and coverage begin as quickly as the month after enrolling into the TRICARE FMDP.

It is business as usual for most family members enrolled on the TRICARE FMDP. Participating dentists can submit claims to United Concordia. The cost share from the family member will be higher if a nonparticipating dentist is used.

If finances are a major concern, the perspective dental office should first be called and asked, "Is the dentist contracted with United Concordia?" If yes, then lower costs for the military family can be expected.

For questions about this or any other aspect of the TRICARE FMDP, contact Dental, PSD, or call United Concordia directly at 1-800-866-8499 for customer service Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern standard time.

All Faith Chapel Holy Week Schedule

Catholic

- March 31 - Palm Sunday - Mass will begin at 8:45 a.m.
- April 4 - Holy Thursday - Mass and Procession, 7 p.m.
- April 5 - Good Friday - Stations of the Cross, 11:35 a.m.
- April 5 - Good Friday - Passion & Communion, 7 p.m.
- April 7 - Easter Sunday - Ecumenical Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m.
- April 7 - Easter Sunday - Easter Mass, 9 a.m.

Protestant

- March 31 - Palm Sunday - regular 10:30 a.m. service, Main Chapel, Choir Cantata "Praise to the Lamb"
- April 4 - Communion service in Main Chapel, 6 p.m. Soup supper in East Wing around 6:30 p.m.
- April 7 - Easter Sunday - Sunrise service, 6:30 a.m., starting outside and continuing service in Main Chapel, followed by breakfast in East Wing.
- April 7 - Easter Sunday - Easter services, 10:30 a.m., Main Chapel

Changes at the new commissary

Baggers from the China Lake commissary have expressed their delight in the new store. "There have been some new changes along with the new store and lots of questions from customers," said Lisa Tompkins, head bagger.

Mandatory carry-out service is a new procedure. This means shopping carts are no longer allowed out of the store. Customers may take their own groceries out using the carry-out carts, but the

carts must be returned inside the store.

The new carry-out service has made two baggers per line necessary. A tip box is placed at the end of the register as usual. Baggers can be tipped either inside or outside the store. The tips are split between the two-bagger teams.

Please remember when you shop, that baggers are still voluntary workers and are paid by tips, not by the commissary.

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Cantillo receives commendation medal at March 11 NAWS quarters



MSCS Anthony V. Cantillo

Naval Air Weapons Station quarters were held on Monday, March 11, at the Wreck Center. A Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (gold star in lieu of the second award) was presented to Senior Chief Mess Management Specialist (Surface Warfare) Anthony V. Cantillo for service as logistics management trainer/assessor for Food Service Operations at Afloat Training Group Western Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii from November 1992 to January 1996.

Signed by RAdm. F. K. Holian, commander, Training Command, U. S. Pacific Fleet, San Diego, the citation stated that Cantillo

"conducted 80 extensive assessments and training evolutions as well as 15 Phase I NEY evaluations and provided technical guidance in all aspects of food service operations."

Stevenson read, "All of your accomplishments significantly enhanced logistics readiness and contributed to improved food service operations of seventh fleet ships throughout the western Pacific."

Recognition

Cantillo, ET3 Scott M. Parkhurst and AC2 Dwight C. Ball received letters of commendation from NAWS CO Capt. Chuck

Stevenson.

Good Conduct Awards were given to nine Sailors: ET3 Christopher M. Monteverde, AK3 Gregory P. Laube, AK3 Charles A. Warner, AK Bernadette A. Reeder, ACAN Frank J. Crosswhite, ET3 Scott M. Parkhurst, ET2 Scott A. Pearson, ET2 James M. Weems II and PR2 Todd R. Tucker.

Stevenson delivered letters of appreciation to PR3 Michael M. Pierce, MAC(AW/SW) Loren K. Rockey, MA1(AW) Donnamarie Torchio, MA2(AW) Brett Kittelson and China Lake police officers Ed Winchester III and Roger Zurn.

Navy Exchange news briefs: sidewalk sale, new registers, recall notices

Navy Exchange news briefs

The Navy Exchange will hold a 3-day sidewalk sale March 28 through 30. Featured items will include big discounts on clothes, shoes and toys. The Flower Shop will have a plant sale during these three days. Also, a barbecue stand will be available for hungry shoppers.

NEX now carries Hallmark Greeting Cards, replacing American Greetings. Come and check the new selections for your greeting cards and other party needs.

On March 27, the NEX will be using new state-of-the-art registers with scanners. This is just one of our latest mod-

ernization efforts in the Navy Exchange system. With the newer registers, the checkout process will be faster, smoother and more accurate.

Children's suspension liquid recalled

The Perrigo Company has issued a recall of all 4-oz. bottles of NEX brand Children's Non-aspirin Cherry Flavored Suspension Liquid, with the following lots and expiration dates: SPA644, 1/97; SPA706, 1/97; 5RA056, 1/97; 5UA062, 5/97; 5SA051, 5/97; 5UA306, 5/97; 5WA052, 5/97; 5VA090, 8/97; 5YA028, 11/98; 5YA100, 11/98; 5YA281, 11/98; 6NA962, 11/98; 5ZA141, 12/98; 6NA096, 1/99 6NA247, 1/99

The Perrigo Company has recalled the suspension liquid because it may pose a health risk to a small percentage of children. Navy Exchanges worldwide are pulling the merchandise from its shelves and warehouses.

Customers who have purchased this may return them to their nearest Navy Exchange for a full refund. Any customers who have a question can call the Perrigo Company at 1-800-827-2296 ext. 4255.

Char-Broil grills need modification

Customers who purchased the table top Char-Broil Gas Grill model #1200 prior to May 1, 1995, will need to have

the regulator replaced. The grill has been known to have regulator malfunctions, which can result in dangerous situations. The grills in question will have a production code with the last four digits numbered sequentially between 4001 and 5120.

Customers who think they may have purchased this grill or need information on having the regulator replaced should call Char-Broil at 1-800-824-8406 or contact their local Navy Exchange. There will be no charge to the customer to have the regulator replaced.

Any grills remaining in the stores will have the regulator replaced before it is sold.

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for access to the 'B' mountain jogging and bike trails. Effective April 1, the special access 'B' mountain recreation passes previously issued (in accordance with NAWSCLINST 5532.1) will no longer be honored. Only employees who have North Range access (designated by an 'N' area designator on their badge) will be allowed beyond the Lauritsen or Sandquist gates. North Range access will be issued for official business only, not solely for the recreational use of 'B' mountain. Members of the China Lake

Mountain Rescue Group and the officially sanctioned China Lake pistol and rifle teams will be issued special access badges so the appropriate North Range facilities can continue to be used for the training necessary to support their missions.

Recently there has been a rash of thefts in our outer range area. We would like to remind each of you who work in this area to be on the alert and to emphasize the need to take measures to safeguard your equipment in the area by locking items inside when at all possible.

Did you know?

If you are a station employee and hold a second job in the community that requires you to deliver goods or services to the Station, it is a violation of station instructions to use your official NAWCWPNs badge to gain access to any portion of the base.

Checking the tire tread depth and wear patterns on your vehicle's tires is extremely important. Your tires are the only thing that is between your vehicle and the ground. Depending on the condition of your tires; it may make the difference between stopping at 20 feet or 75 feet. Most local tire stores will check the condition of your tires and proper inflation free of charge.

That's all for now. If you have any topics you would like to see us cover, please send QuickMail to Will Levy III.



Traffic Radar Trailer

'MAD Dash' starts 8 a.m., April 13

Get those running shoes out of the closet. The 9th Annual MAD Dash 10K Run and 5K Walk starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 13 at the Marine Aviation Detachment parking lot.

Preregistration is until April 5 for those who want to receive their tee shirt on the day of the race. Cost is \$12. Race day registration will be held from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m.

Drop-off your registration form and entry fee at the Marine Aviation Detachment, or mail to: MAD, 1

Administration Circle, NAWS, China Lake, CA 93555-6001. Make checks payable to the Marine Corps Fund. Race day entry fee is \$15 (this includes tee shirt). Additional shirts are \$10 each.

The course varies slightly for the 10K and 5K, but mainly runs along housing units by the golf course and past Mirror Lake.

For more information on the dash, call Staff Sgt. Troy Couron at the MAD at 939-6601.



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Police News

By Will Levy III
China Lake Police Division

Hello again from the China Lake Police. It has been a very hectic time since our appearance in the Jan. 25 issue. Take a look at what's been happening.

This issue

Congratulations goes out to several personnel. MA1(AW) Donnamarie Torchio is up for the Bluejacket of the Year Award next week. She serves as a military dog handler within the Police Division along with her faithful sidekick Carlo. Good luck Torch! Our entire K-9 team was recently presented an award from Capt. Chuck Stevenson for their superior rating on the evaluation of the K-9 program. Military Police Investigator Patrick Olli, working out of the detectives section, was awarded the Sailor of the Quarter. He is a real asset to our police force who, unfortunately, will be transferring soon. MA2(AW) Brett Kittleson, and his bomb dog, Rudy, recently assisted the Secret Service with protection of President Clinton while he was in Los Angeles. Officer Roger Zurn, who is very active with the local schools working with our youngsters, was selected our department's Employee of the Quarter. Yea Roger! He also conducted a tour of the Police Division for a class from Immanuel Christian School. We thank the Fire Department for hosting this class too and showing off all their fire equipment and apparatus. Alas — they did not have a dalmatian to show off!

Long time CLPD officer Dave Heaston retired this month letting the younger guys assume a larger share of the reins. We gave him a royal send off into retirement. His experience will be missed. We also say good-bye to veteran dispatcher Val Hall who will be assuming a new position as the Conference Center coordinator. I'm sure a lot of you will get the chance to meet her while attending meetings.

Look out for the Traffic Radar Trailer when driving on Station. In cooperation with the Ridgecrest Police Department, this trailer will be placed strategically around the Station to provide traffic safety awareness - not traffic enforcement.

It will show you just how fast you are driving as you approach. We've had many reports from housing residents about speeding cars. Please remember that the speed limit in all housing areas is 15 MPH. We will strictly enforce this speed limit in housing to protect our residents' safety.

For your information

Heightened safety and security concerns have brought a change in policy. See **POLICE NEWS** on next page

Intelligram Recently received documents

Documents at the Intelligence Library are filed according to the KWOC (Key Word Out of Context) number.

721637 — "Tomahawk Weapon System Performance During Strikes Against Iraq" (CNA). This three-volume set is a study conducted to quantify the effectiveness of the Tomahawk Weapon System. The KWOC numbers for the other volumes are 721656 and 721657

404784 — "Air Base Systems Threat Environment Description" (NAIC). The National Air Intelligence Center developed this Threat Environment Description (TED) to depict the threat environment in which air base systems, present and future, may operate.

404191 — "Special Operations Forces (Aviation) Threat Environment Description" (NAIC). This document describes the special capabilities of the aircraft used by the Special Operations Forces. The current threat to these forces as well as the projected threat is also discussed.

721658 — "Sensor to Shooter: Architectures and Strategy" (CNA). The sensor-to-shooter functions can be complex or simple and short. This document puts together the findings and recommendations to provide a workable strategy for the future.

121041 — "Flogger Flight Control System and Flying Qualities" (NAIC). This document describes the two basic families of the Flogger: the S-family and the M-family.

100734 — "S.A.I.L. (Selected Accessions In the Library)" (ONI). The Office of Naval Intelligence puts this catalog out periodically. It lists the finished reports available from the ONI library.

We will be resuming our Brown Bag Briefings in April. The first one will be on April 10 at 11:40 a.m. in the Intelligence Library. These briefings consist of ONI videos and are about 35 minutes in length. Bring your lunch and join us for an interesting half hour.

Don't forget to stop in and check out the newest periodicals that arrive almost weekly. The winter 1996 *Aimpoint* is here. The latest *Weapons Review* from the Air Force is also here, as well as the *Ground Combat Developments*. For further information please call 939-1503. Remember, we are located at the end of Wing 5 in Michelson Lab and are looking forward to serving you.



Photo by Kathi Ramont

BRASS VISITS—On Monday, March 11, VAdm. John A. Lockard, commander Naval Air Systems Command (above, second from right), visited the Weapons Survivability Lab. Accompanying Lockard were NAWCWPNS Commander RAdm. Dana B. McKinney, Research and Engineering Group Leader Sterling Haaland, Naval Weapons Test Squadron Commanding Officer Cdr. Randy Sweeney and Marine Aviation Detachment Commanding Officer Col. John Moyer. At WSL's fire control building, Tim Horton, head of the Survivability Division, briefed the group on the division's functions, and then led them on a tour of the facility. Here, he points out details of ongoing testing of the V-22 Osprey. After this visit the group went on to tour the WSSA facility, Wunderlich Laboratory and the Anti-Radiation Laboratory. Lockard also took this opportunity to meet with NAWCWPNS senior management and had lunch with chief petty officers at the Wreck Center (right).



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To access WWW you need additional resources: 1) an Internet IP account (to transfer files), Internet interface software (like Mac TCP) and a WWW browser such as Mosaic or Netscape. It should be mentioned that Netscape is not a freeware, a license must be held for each copy. Netscape and Mosaic are navigational pointers to these scientific sites and other Internet sources.

The point-and-click approach provides easy direction to information. One need only enter a word, set of words, or a phrase into the Internet search line to get results. A few locations containing scientific material available include:

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Please come to the Technical Library and use the Internet. Jane Oswitt, a reference librarian, says, "I often use an Internet search to kick off my efforts to locate facts or literature. It's productive time; my results always exceed my expectations."



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CRADA — At a recent signing ceremony NAWCWPNS Commander RAdm. Dana B. McKinney and Mel Parrish, president of Manufacturing Technology Training Center, signed an amendment and renewal of the existing Comarco Cooperative Research and Development Agreement. "This signing shows the continuous relationship between MITC and the NAWCWPNS Technology Transfer Office," commented Parrish. Establishing the MITC within Comarco was part of the original CRADA. Also on hand were Roy Terry, head of Manufacturing Engineering; Jerry Maurice, technical coordinator for the CRADA; Bill Webster of the Technology Transfer Office; Ron Derr, Science and Technology coordinator of the Engineering Competency; Martha Harrington of the Technology Transfer Office and John McCollum, general counsel.

not otherwise be impacted and as such could prevent someone else from being separated. This legislative activity culminated in Section 1034 of the 1996 Department of Defense Authorization Act. This section allows:

- The Secretary of Defense, or a Service Secretary, to approve the release, in a RIF situation, an employee who volunteers for the release even though the employee is not otherwise subject to release in the reduction in force.

- Each employee who volunteers allows an employee in a "similar" position to be retained.

- Employees separated because they "volunteered" are to be treated as if they were involuntarily separated.

- The ability to volunteer can be limited by the agency because an employee possesses critical skills or the fact that the mission of the agency would be impaired by releasing an employee.

- This is good until Sept. 30, 1996.

Additionally this legislation allows for the payment of severance pay in a lump sum as opposed to biweekly installments.

Now what does all of this mean? Unfortunately we at our level are not allowed to interpret legislative intent and are prohibited from taking any action without implementing guidance. The DoD staff office responsible for translating the legislation into concrete answers to your questions is working diligently to get implementing guidance out to the field. Their current estimate is that it will be at least early April before such guidance is available. As near as we can determine the information not being available until then, or even later, will not adversely impact anyone wishing to avail themselves of this authority.

Just as soon as implementing guidance is received we will get the word out to all hands.

FERS employees:

Immediate voluntary or (optional) retirement:

Age	Years of service
62	5
60	20
MRA	30
MRA	10 (reduced benefit)

(MRA = Minimum retirement age, this is based on your date of birth. If there are questions on this please contact your PMA team.)

Early retirement:

Age	Years of service
50	20
Any age	25

For FERS employees, a deferred retirement can start upon reaching one of the following ages:

Age	Years of service
62	5
60	20
MRA	30
MRA	10 (reduced benefit)

CSRS employees:

Immediate voluntary (or optional) retirement:

Age	Years of service
62	5
60	20
55	30

Early retirement:

Age	Years of service
50	20
Any age	25

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Shaping Your Future

By Capt. Jack Dodd
NAWCWPNS Vice Commander

'Early Out' retirement explained

Since the approval was received to conduct a reduction in force, a number of people have been asking what their options are relative to "Early Out" or early retirement. This article is intended to provide information on this topic.

Like so many topics in the federal bureaucracy, this one tends to be somewhat complicated. First lets look at this in terms of the two different retirement systems, the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). Hopefully everyone knows which system they are covered by, but, if not, any of our Notifications of Personnel Action (SF-50) will show this information in block 30. There are two types of early retirement authority. One is considered voluntary and one involuntary. For the employee, the only difference is that in some cases the involuntary action may create an earlier eligibility for state unemployment compensation and if you are reemployed after a voluntary retirement you are reemployed as a "reemployed annuitant" which is not the case

in an involuntary retirement action. Please note, there is no Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VSIP) that goes with these early retirements.

An employee may apply for Optional Retirement at any time after meeting the age and length of service requirements. However, two conditions must exist before an employee may elect Early Retirement. First, the employee must meet the conditions for age and length of service shown above. Second, some event must occur that allows the use of early retirement. As you may recall, when we have offered VSIP (Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay), we have combined that with VERA (Voluntary Early Retirement Authority). Our approved RIF also allows for the use of the early retirement option.

There are two ways that an employee could take early retirement through the RIF process. First, any employee who receives a formal separation notice and meets the age and service requirement is automatically eligible for early retirement. Because of the separation notice, this is considered an involuntary separa-

tion. We plan to issue formal RIF notices on March 26. Second, we have authority to approve an early retirement for an employee who meets the age and service requirements but is not in receipt of a separation notice if his or her departure would reduce the impact of the RIF. In this case, the separation is considered voluntary.

There is one other type of retirement you should be aware of. This one is known as "Deferred Retirement." Anyone separating from federal service who is not eligible for an immediate annuity (either optional or early retirement) or who is eligible and elects not to retire for more than one year after separation, must wait until a later date to take a "deferred" retirement. For CSRS employees, a deferred retirement would not start until age 62 with at least five years of service.

The disadvantages of a deferred retirement, in addition to the age requirement, is that an employee's "high three" average salary is computed as of the date of separation and is not updated for inflation. Additionally, the employee loses health and life insurance coverage upon separation from federal service. Therefore, anyone separating from federal service should carefully examine their retirement options.

Finally, please note that any employee separated by reduction in force who is eligible for an immediate annuity

(including early retirement) is not eligible for severance pay.

Anyone who is interested in the possibility of early retirement should contact their PMA team for further information or an estimate of their annuity.

If you decide that you want to take early retirement prior to July 31, please contact your PMA team for the necessary paperwork. Employees who are not directly impacted in the RIF do not have a right to take early retirement but all applications will be considered. We will evaluate all applications, first in terms of the impact that person's departure would have on the RIF and second in terms of the individual's planned separation on the NAWCWPNS business plan and finally requests will be entertained on a "first come first served basis."

Your request is not binding. If you are informed that your request for early retirement is approved, you will be asked at that time to complete a retirement package. You should allow plenty of time for this process; the payroll office in Denver should receive your completed package at least thirty days prior to the effective date of your retirement. Contact your PMA team for further information.

As I have mentioned before there has been legislative activity around creating a situation where employees could volunteer to be RIFed even if they would

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After three days of indoor meetings, as part of the international technology sharing effort, a smaller group, led by Thom Boggs, head of the Engineering Sciences Branch of the Research and Technology Division, and Terry Atienza-Moore, head of the Explosives Technology Office in the Airframe, Ordnance and Propulsion Division, hit the road on Friday and toured several China Lake facilities.

Bettye Moody, head of the Nondestructive Evaluation section, met the visitors first for a tour of her building, the Large Rocket Motor Radiographic Inspection Facility. Commenting on the equipment there she joked, "We do a terrific cat-scan, with our computerized tomography, but I don't think you'd want to use us for your medical needs." In reality the test bay is used on live ordnance items — anything from a small retro rocket to the large Trident missile.

At the Large Rocket Motor Thrust Stand (Sky Top), a complex for static-firing of rocket motors (from the smallest motors and gas generators up to motors with 1.5 million pounds of thrust), Bill Ledden, head of the Ballistic Test Branch, showed a video of previous Polaris testing at the facility. Later,

standing on the top of the test facility and looking over the 92-foot drop off, everyone commented on the view of the area and the Sierra Mountains. "In Brussels now," said NIMIC official Dr. Benjamin Stokes, "we are living under a gray cloud for months on end. I hope you all know how fortunate you are to live in such a beautiful area."

The next stop was the Propulsion and Explosives Plant, where Tim Mahoney, of the Ordnance Processing section showed off the injection loader. The Engineering Sciences Complex consists of laboratories and facilities for conducting research on high-pressure burn rates (to 150,000 psi) of high-rate mechanical properties of propellants and explosives, laser ignition, high-voltage electrostatic sensitivity, combustion of strained propellant, ingredient and propellant characterization and cook off and impact induced reactions.

David J. Fischer, at the Area R Barricades, led the group inside a bunker, where he explained the fragmentation tests and data processing handled in that area.

They wrapped up their technical tour at the Weapons Survivability Lab where facility manager Jay Kovar led the group up to the test pad and through the aircraft boneyard after hosting an American style barbecue. "Last year at the NIMIC conference in France we were treated to four-star treatment at an evening dinner in the Treaty Room at the Palace of Versailles," said Leo Budd, an aerospace engineer at WSL. "We thought it only right that we (China Lake) meet those same high standards with an all-American lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers cooked over oil drums out in the desert sunshine."



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DIGITAL CIRCUITRY SYSTEMS (32 hrs.)

20-24 May; Monday-Friday, 0800-1600; Location TBD, Point Mugu. By: Evolving Technology Institute, David D. Lynch, Jr.

Intended Audience: Electronic technicians who are required to repair and maintain modern Navy electronic weapons systems.

Prerequisites: Completion of a basic course in digital electronics or the equivalent work experience.

Troubleshooting modern naval electronic equipment often appears to be a highly complex task. This course lays the foundation for technicians to first understand the basics of digital systems and how to approach and accurately troubleshoot any digital electronic system, from the simplest to the most complex. The procedures developed in the course will not only correct system defects, but the methodical approach developed will save time and cost in electronic maintenance. Topics include, but are not limited to: Introduction to Digital Techniques, Review of Troubleshooting and Repair Tools, Sequential Logic Circuits, Input/Output Circuits, System Level Analysis, and Troubleshooting with lab/workshop sessions in between each topic. Students will learn to isolate and replace defective components and verify system operation.

To enroll, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2) to Mary Glasmann, Code 733000E. For further information, call (805) 989-3982 (DSN 351-3982).

DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING (40 hrs.)

20-24 May; Monday-Thursday, 0800-1600; CESOS, Bldg. 1444, Room 290, Port Huene. By: Quintech Corporation (Byron Edde)

Prerequisites: Persons taking this course should have a working knowledge of calculus and transform methods. Participants should have a sufficient mathematics background to understand the materials presented.

This 40-house course presents signal processing and the design and integration of signal processing techniques into systems. It is intended for engineers, scientists, mathematicians, and other technical personnel who need information on how signal processes work and how they are applied in systems such as radar, sonar, imaging, and test instrumentation. This course presents the mathematical basis of signal processes, signal processing algorithms and software techniques, and the architecture of modern signal processing hardware. The mathematics and implementations of digital signal processes using integer and floating-point arithmetic will be studied in detail. The use of standard off-the-shelf processors, as well as special-purpose hardware, will be studied. Signal processing software will be furnished to each student. To enroll, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2) to Mary Glasmann, Code 733000E. For further information, call 989-3982 (DSN 351-3982).

TAGUCHI METHODS (16 hrs.)

21-22 May; Tuesday-Wednesday, 0800-1600; Bldg. 323, Room 159, Point Mugu. By: University of Massachusetts Lowell

Note: Meets SEDP requirement for statistic/Taguchi methods.

Taguchi methods and similar DOE methodologies, such as Yates algorithms, have shown their beneficial use in many companies and on different design and manufacturing applications. They are used as tools to increase the engineers' knowledge of the product design and manufacturing process.

This course is designed for practicing engineers and technicians and assumes no prior knowledge of these methods. To enroll, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2) to Marcy Acosta, Code 733000E. For further information, call 989-3992 (DSN 351-3992).

NAVAL AVIATION EXECUTIVE INSTITUTE (NAEI) FY96 SEMINARS

NAEI courses are designed for GM-13/Lieutenant Commanders (or equivalent) and above assigned to the Naval Air Systems Command. All Senior Executive Management Development Program (SEMMP) participants are required to attend certain classes. These participants have priority for available billets. Program costs are funded by NAEI. Travel and per-diem expenses of nominees are funded by their respective organizations. If the course is residential, lodging and meal costs are provided by NAEI. Nominations must be submitted on an NAEI form, which may be obtained from Lori Ryser, Program Coordinator, Code 733000D, China Lake, (619) 939-2686 (DSN 437-2686).

Note: A DD-1556 is NOT required. Nominations from all sites must be submitted to the Employee Development Division, China Lake, by the deadline dates listed below.

COURSE TITLE	COURSE DATES	DEADLINE DATE TO 733000D
Contemporary Management Issues and Practices	12-23 Aug 96	20 May 96
The Washington Arena	16-20 Sep 96	5 Jul 96
Managing Individual and Organizational Change	6-9 Aug 96	20 May 96
The Politics of National Security	26-31 Aug 96	7 Jun 96
NEW - Creating the High-Performance Workplace	26-30 Aug 96	7 Jun 96
NEW - Managing Critical Resources	5 days-TBD based on demand	

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Employee Assistance Resources

Worried about your job future? Do you want to take charge of your career in these uncertain times? Many resources are currently available to employees at China Lake and Point Mugu. Check the chart below and call the number listed for more information and assistance.

What Are You Looking For?	Where Can You Find It?	Who Do You Call?
Career Counseling	NAWCWPNS Employee Development Division Community Colleges Career Centers	939-2359 (CL); 989-3984 (PM)
Job Information	Career Transition and Resource Centers (CTRCs)	939-2359 (CL); 989-3982 (PM)
Job Bulletin Boards, Government and Private	Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP)	939-0966 (CL); 989-1022 (PM)
Industry Jobs	Employment Development Department (EDD), State of California	446-2593 (CL); 382-8610 (PM)
Job Search Techniques	Career Transition and Resource Centers (CTRCs)	939-2359 (CL); 989-3982 (PM)
Networking Applications: SF-171/OF-612/	Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP)	939-0966 (CL); 989-1022 (PM)
Resumes Interviewing Skills	Employment Development Department (EDD), State of California	446-2593 (CL); 382-8610 (PM)
Job Market Information Defense Outplacement Referral System (DORS)	DORS Program Manager	939-2265 (CL)
Retirement Counseling Benefits	Personnel Management Advisors and Assistants	939-2264/2265 (CL); 939-3311 (PM)
Employee Relations Retirement Experts		939-2574 (CL); 989-3323 (PM)
Financial Counseling	NAWCWPNS Employee Development Division (Training)	939-2359 (CL); 989-3982 (PM)
Stress and Personal Counseling	Civilian Employee Assistance Programs (CEAP)	939-2574 (CL); 989-7708 (PM)
Training	NAWCWPNS Employee Development Division Job Training Policy Council (JTPC)	939-2359 (CL); 989-3982 (PM) 446-2593 (CL); 981-8764 (PM)

The NAWCWPNNS Announcements and Human Resources Department Information are published by the PAO on the Thursday before payday. Copies of the insert are provided to the Albuquerque and White Sands sites. Personnel at China Lake, Albuquerque, and White Sands may send items for the Announcements section to Code 750000D, Attn: Barry McDonald, FAX 939-2796 (DSN 437-2796) or via QuickMail (CL NAWC WIDE NS name server in the CL MAINSITE zone). Personnel at Point Mugu may send items for the Announcements Section to Code 750000E, Attn: Pat Hollenbaugh, FAX 989-1785 (DSN 351-1785). Items included in the Human Resources Department Information Section are provided by the Civilian Personnel Division, Employee Development Division of the Human Resources Department. The deadline for all submissions is Wednesday at 1700, 8 working days prior to the alternate Thursday publication date. **Note:** All inputs MUST include the sponsor's code and phone number. Any questions or issues pertaining to this insert may be addressed to Ron Rogers at 989-3997 (DSN 351-3997), FAX 989-9846 (DSN 351-9846).



NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER WEAPONS DIVISION

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ALL NAWCWPNNS SITES GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TSP RATES OF RETURN
The latest TSP rates of return were

	C Fund	F Fund	G Fund
February:	0.91%	(-1.75)%	0.46%
Last 12 months:	34.58%	12.07%	6.69%

INTERFUND TRANSFERS: An interfund transfer changes the balances of your TSP account that are invested in the three TSP funds. An interfund transfer affects only money already in your account; it does not affect the way your future payroll contributions are invested. You can make interfund transfers monthly if you wish. Interfund transfers can be made by using the THRIFTLINE, telephone (504) 255-8777. For more information on using the THRIFTLINE, at China Lake call John Powers, 939-2574, and at Point Mugu call Peggy Topham, 989-3323. Ask for a copy of the FACT SHEET - Using The Thriftline.

MICROFILM READER PRINTER WANTED

Code 332100D needs a microfilm reader/printer in good working condition. If you have one that you no longer need, call Heidi Farmer at 939-0104.

NAWC-WIDE CONTRACTS AVAILABLE FOR USE

The Acquisition Support Branch, Code 721200D/E has several NAWC-wide support services and hardware and software maintenance/repair contracts available for use.

To name a few, there are contracts for Sun, Silicon Graphics, Digital Equipment Corp, Printers, Tektronix, Hewlett Packard, Apple, and Generic computer maintenance and shredder and typewriter repair.

Information on each contract is available on the 72D Dept Server. On your Macintosh, do the following:

- Under the Apple, select "Chooser"
- Double click on "Appleshare"
- Select "Mainsite" zone
- Select "72D Dept" server
- Go in as a guest
- Open "Public Volume"
- Select "Basewide Contract" folder
- Open "Local Contracts" document

You can also find the ASB Home Page on the Internet at <http://zorro.mugu.navy.mil/ASB.html>. There you can find detailed information on each contract available through the ASB.

NETSCAPE 2.0 licenses are now available. Call Sharon Biesiadeck, the Base-wide Software Bankcard Buyer, at 939-3165 to reserve your \$32 Netscape license, which includes 1 year of major and minor upgrades.

The ASB also has a site license for system 7.5. For more information, call the PC Lab at 499-5181.

If you have any questions, call Linda McCauley at (619) 939-0614. You can also reach her on QuickMail or Internet at linda_mccauley@imgdw.chinalake.navy.mil.

CHINA LAKE GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNET USERS GROUP FORMING

The NAWCWPNNS Technical Library at China Lake is forming an Internet Users Group. Meetings will present an informal forum for sharing information about the Internet and its uses. The first meeting will be held at the Technical Library on Friday, 26 April at 1300. The Library is closed on Fridays so to attend, ring the doorbell at the front entrance. For additional information, contact Bob Bloudek via QuickMail or at 939-0926. This group is open to all interested.

IEEE VIDEO LECTURE

This year's third IEEE Video Lecture will take place at the Training Center, Room 107 on Wednesday, 27 March from 1130 to 1230. The title of this video lecture is "Terabytes >> Teraflops (Why Work on Processors When I/O Is Where The Action Is?)" and is narrated by David Patterson of UC Berkeley.

In this video tape, UC Berkeley Computer Science Professor David Patterson discusses his work to develop high-performance input/output systems which will more closely match the increasingly higher performance of the newer processors. Professor Patterson describes the results of his famous RAID (Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive Disks) project, which offers much greater performance, capacity, and reliability from I/O systems by stripping data to multiple large-capacity hard disks arranged in an array configuration.

Professor Patterson also discusses some ideas on future library systems and the relationship between the data capacity needs of library systems and that of a new project, Sequoia 2000, which looks at utilizing small helical

scan tapes, such as digital audio tapes or video tapes, to offer terabytes of storage for the price of a filesaver. He contends that a 1000x increase in storage available on most Ethernets will have a much greater impact than a 1000x increase in processing speed.

This 58-minute video was produced in 1993 and has been arranged by the China Lake Section of IEEE. For more information on this or other IEEE activities, contact Bob McGahern at 939-1443 or via QuickMail.

Note: Employees who sign the attendance roster will receive 1 hour of training credit.

FINANCIAL COUNSELING FOR EMPLOYEES

Each year, thousands of people are confronted with overwhelming money problems. It all starts when it's time to pay bills. You take out your checkbook, look at the balance, and add up what you owe. You realize you don't have enough money to pay all the bills, so you begin with the priorities. Who gets paid first? Who can wait? The fact is, all creditors want their money. If you can't do something about it, you're in trouble. Trouble can spill over into your work and family life. You receive late payment notices, letters from attorneys, and unpleasant telephone calls.

The Employee Assistance Program has arranged for a representative from the Consumer Credit Counselors of Kern County, a nonprofit community service agency from Bakersfield, to come to NAWCWPNNS to offer counseling. Your financial situation will be reviewed free of charge by a trained counselor.

You can call the Employee Assistance Program Office at 939-2018 to arrange for an appointment.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE SPACE INSTITUTE MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM

The University of Tennessee's Space Institute (UTSI) offers a master of science (MS) degree in aviation systems for those who possess a bachelor's degree in engineering or science. Video-taped courses are available to any qualifying individual at China Lake or Point Mugu. If you wish to study under a "systems philosophy" towards careers in research and development or administration in areas pertinent to aviation, this program is for you. Additionally, UTSI offers up to 15 hours of credit for Navy Test Pilot School (TPS) and up to 9 credits for Air Force TPS, thereby enabling a student to complete a MS degree by taking four to five courses, not including thesis or non-thesis hours. The next term begins on 30 May.

Point Mugu: All video tapes are available to you. You do not need to travel to China Lake to enroll in or participate in this program.

For more information, contact Pam at (619) 927-UTSI (DSN 469-UTSI) or (619) 446-2814 or stop by her office in the Family Service Center, Office K, China Lake, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1030 to 1330.

CHINA LAKE TOASTMASTERS COMMUNICATIONS AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This is an ongoing program covering public speaking, preparing and giving presentations, organizing and conducting meetings, parliamentary procedure, impromptu speaking, and much more.

Start at your convenience, and proceed at your own pace because this course is in a supportive atmosphere.

The program is held at the Training Center, Room 114 every Thursday from 1830 to 2000.

For more information, call Carl Von Elm at 377-5768.

GAYLON WEST

Gaylon West is retiring after over 40 years of service at NAWC. A retirement party will be held in his honor at Farris' at the Heritage on 28 March. The evening will begin with a no-host bar at 1800. The cost for dinner will be \$12.50 per person. To make reservations or to buy tickets, contact Lori McCauley at 939-2545.

POINT MUGU GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LABOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

The exclusive labor representative for the bargaining unit employees of NAWCWPNS Point Mugu is the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE). The local R12-33 President is Louis W. Rogers, located in Trailer 10097; he can be reached at 989-1374.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT CHANGES HOURS OF OPERATION AND LOCATION OF VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Effective 2 January, the Human Resources Department will be closed for lunch from 1130 to 1230. In addition, vacancy announcements will no longer be posted in Bldg. 211. All vacancy announcements are now posted in the Career Transition Center, currently located in Bldg. 20.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CEAP)

Getting help when you have a problem can be a problem. Do you know that there is someone you can talk to if you or someone in your family is having difficulties? There is no charge for CEAP services, which may be used before, during (on administrative leave), or after working hours. Family members, self-referrals, and supervisory referrals are welcome. The program is located in Bldg. 2-825 (University of La Verne). All interviews are confidential. For further information, call Martha or Bob at 989-7708 or 989-8161.

ATTENTION NAWCWPNS POINT MUGU PERSONNEL IMPACTED BY DOWNSIZING

The State of California Employment Development Department and the Workforce Development Division of Ventura County will co-present "Services Available" to NAWCWPNS personnel impacted by downsizing. All impacted personnel are encouraged to attend. No reservations are required. Personnel will be seated on a first-come first-served basis. Address questions to Ron Rogers at (805) 989-3997 (DSN 351-3997).

8 April; Monday, two sessions: 0900 to 1100 or 1330 to 1530

Introduction:

Workforce Development Division of the County of Ventura. By: Aram Saroyan

On-the-Job Training and Classroom Training:

Workforce Development Division. By: Aram Saroyan

Unemployment Insurance and Basic Readjustment Services:

Employment Development Department (EDD). By: Duane Richey

Budgeting Through the Transition Between Leaving a Job and Getting a New One:

Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS). By: Diane Gentile or Rob Fauroat

Stress Management When You Leave a Job:

Ventura County Mental Health Services. By: Dr. Richard Reinhart

Support Services:

Interface. By: Carol Munoz

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Human Resources Department (HRD) Information Section is intended to provide timely HRD information to NAWCWPNS personnel. Any questions or issues pertaining to this section may be addressed to Ron Rogers, Code 733000E, (805) 989-3997 (DSN 351-3997), FAX 989-9846 (DSN 351-9846).

LABOR/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS TEAM NEWS

LEAVE DONORS NEEDED

The employees listed below have been approved as leave recipients under the Leave Transfer Program. These employees have exhausted annual and sick leave because of personal or medical emergencies and anticipate being in a leave-without-pay status for at least 24 hours. Employees who wish to help a leave recipient may donate annual leave to the employee by submitting a **completed OP Form 630-A (Request to Donate Annual Leave to Recipient)** and a copy of **current Leave and Earnings Statement**. OP-Form 630-A is available at Administration Offices at Point Mugu and Telmart at China Lake. Completed forms for Point Mugu may be mailed to Estela Padilla, Code 731000E; forms for China Lake may be mailed to Leora Fields, Code 731000D. For additional information, call Estela Padilla at (805) 989-3222, or Leora Fields at (619) 939-2018.

CHINA LAKE

Judy Post, Code 761100D

Judy is having surgery to repair a ruptured disk in her neck.

Sandy Watson, Code 335000D

Sandy is taking care of her diabetic husband.

Eva Nolan, Code 418100D

Eva is caring for her adopted newborn baby.

Marilyn Smith, Code 836500D

Marilyn is recovering from knee surgery.

Larry Blair, Code 475200E

Larry has undergone surgery.

Mikki Edsall, Code 454930E

Mikki is recuperating from major surgery and will continue under a doctor's care for a minimum of 6 months.

William Peavyhouse, Code 522730E

William suffered a severed medical trauma requiring extended convalescence.

Tina Liszka, Code 413100D

Tina has a medical problem.

Anna Martin, Code 474160D

Anna is caring for her sick daughter.

Kathleen Bangs, Code 475100D

Kathleen is recovering from ankle surgery.

Susan Wigfield, Code 230000D

Susan has a medical problem.

Christine Doria Agustine, Code 763100E

Christine is on maternity leave.

Anita Retome, Code 453300E

Anita is caring for her daughter, who needs medical attention.

Alberto Santana, Code NAVSOC

Alberto is caring for his newborn son, who has a severe bacterial infection.

Robert E. Irving, Code 832620E

Robert has undergone two spinal surgeries.

Leslie Folden, Code 826400D

Leslie is currently under a physician's care for a chronic condition.

Ginny Collins, Code 332300D

Ginny is recovering from reconstructive ankle surgery.

Victoria Wintjen, Code 823220D

Victoria is recovering from surgery and is being treated for a brain tumor.

POINT MUGU

Kathleen Bendot, Code 482100E.

Kathleen is on maternity leave.

Norma Lavin, Code NAWS ADMIN

Norma is under a doctor's care.

Allison McKowen, Code 523320E

Allison is recovering from back surgery.

George Sanborn, Code 833710E

George is recovering from surgery.

Francis Amaro, Code 454930E

Francis is on maternity leave.

Jerry Chisholm, Code 823600D

Jerry is recovering from surgery.

Tracy Plunk, Code 823250D

Tracy is recovering from surgery.

Jeanie Salyer, Code 734000D

Jeanie is undergoing peritoneal dialysis while awaiting a kidney transplant.

Michael Tibbs, Code 413200E

Michael has ideopathic congenital lymphedema (Milroy's disease). He will be undergoing his 203rd major operation, which will consist of a left-foot trans-metatarsal amputation.

Mercy Trevino, Code 423400E

Mercy is on maternity leave.

Robert Schuller, Code 486300E

Robert is recovering from major surgery.

together major topics: project success issues, implementing the software engineering process with the user perspective, system quality attribute issues, and techniques for better management. The course outline will cover topics on Success Issues, Implementing the SE Process With the User Perspective, Software Quality Attribute Issues, and Techniques for Managing Better.

To enroll or ask questions, call Pat Oliver at (619) 939-2468 (DSN 437-2468).

EFFECTIVE PRESENTATIONS

8-9 May, Wednesday-Thursday, Trailer 10076, Point Mugu. By: Mariam Lapan

This course will present specific concepts and techniques to assist employees in strengthening their personal performance during organization presentations. Participants will learn methods to conquer and calm fears of public speaking and enjoy the opportunity of sharing ideas through effective presentations. Topics will include mechanics of the delivery, effective opening and closings, use of humor in winning your audience, evaluation visual aids, and relaxation techniques.

To enroll, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2) to Felicia Nickelberry, Code 733000E. For further information, call 989-3980 (DSN 351-3980).

QUERY AND DISPLAY DATA WITH SQL AND SQL*PLUS (16 hrs.)

13-14 May; Monday-Tuesday, 0800-1600; Training Center, China Lake. By: Oracle Corporation

Required Prerequisites: Introduction to Oracle; at least 1 month of professional application development using the Oracle server.

Intended Audience: Application developers, systems designer/developers, and technical support personnel.

The participants will learn to query and display data by writing SQL and SQL*Plus statements. Topics include relational database concepts; query and display data with SQL; alter the display of character, number and ate data; format reports; organize data into groups; display data from multiple tables; and Nest queries.

To enroll, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2) to Mary Glasmann, Code 733000E. For further information, call 989-3982 (DSN 351-3982).

FUNDAMENTALS OF STEALTH & LOW OBSERVABLE TECHNOLOGY (24 hrs.)

13-16 May; Monday-Thursday, 0800-1500, Training Center, China Lake. By: Monterey Consulting Services (Dr. Allen Fuchs)

Prerequisite: Bachelor level in science or engineering.

Various facets of stealth initiate the course and lead to Radar Cross Section (RCS), and later in the course, Laser Radar Cross Section (LCS). Basic features of electromagnetic (EM) scattering are presented. Having a foundation of EM fundamentals, the focus shifts to RCS calculations for simple shapes and radar range equation. Payoff of stealth is discussed. The relation of RCS to aircraft design features uses the information presented to this point. Examples of stealth vehicles include B-2 and F-117A, as well as F-22 and F-23. For complex scattering bodies, methods for calculating RCS are discussed. The Infrared Observables lesson will provide a background and military applications of infrared; atmospheric effects; detection range and detection probability; resolution; aspects of implementation; target signatures; stealth applied to infrared; infrared technology; and plume temperatures for afterburning turbojet and turbofan engines. The Acoustical Signatures topic will provide an understanding of military importance of acoustics, give methods of describing and characterizing acoustical signatures, and furnish facts about sources of noise (airframe, propulsion, sonic boom, jet). The Visible Spectrum, Camouflage lecture will provide vocabulary, definitions, and a framework for understanding the role of camouflage; establish facets of the surveillance threat; explain countermeasures and camouflage tools; describe principles for reduced visible signature; and discuss range effects on visual stealth and camouflage.

FAMILY SERVICE CENTER (FSC) CIVILIAN RIF SERVICES

The following services are available to civilian employees during the Reduction In Force (RIF) proceedings at Point Mugu and China Lake:

FSC COUNSELING SERVICES (CLINICAL)

- Two licensed mental health counselors are available for emergency response.
- FSC clinical staff is prepared to do 3-hour weekly group workshops (to accommodate up to 60 individuals per session). These workshops are primarily prevention programs designed to educate and reduce the stress, tension, and sense-of-loss due to the RIF.
- FSC will provide a monthly 2-hour stress management class to accommodate up to 50 individuals.

FSC CAREER COUNSELING

- FSC's Transition Assistance Management Program will provide classes on the following: Resume Preparation, Interviewing Skills, Job Search Techniques, and Skills Assessment.
- FSC job banks and computerized referral services will be made available to affected civilians.
- On a space-available basis, civilians can attend the 4-1/2 day Transition Assistance Program (TAP) for separating active duty members (4 days at China Lake).

FSC RELOCATION SERVICES

- Relocation assistance (RAP) will be provided as needed. The FSC RAP has housing, school, and medical information on all 50 states and overseas military locations.

FINANCIAL COUNSELING SERVICES

- Individual financial counseling (debt resolution, budget preparation, etc.) services are offered to civilians adversely impacted by the RIF. Appointments are necessary.

SERVICES ARE PROVIDED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS AND TIMES

CHINA LAKE:
610 Blandy, Bldg. 02308
Code 82J000D
Phone (619) 939-1555

POINT MUGU:
Trailer 10131, Chapel Complex
Code 83FOOOE
Phone (805) 989-8146

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and non-CWS Friday, 0700 to 0900
Reservations are required for computer usage.

ADVANCED PROGRAM MANAGEMENT COURSE (PMT 302)

The Director, Acquisition Career Management is requesting civilian and military nominations for the Advanced Program Management Course that begins 19 August and concludes 22 November at the Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, VA. Civilian and military personnel who wish to be considered for this course should submit a nomination package to Code 733000D/E via their competency for review and endorsement. The nomination package should include Civilian/Military Nomination Form; DON Acquisition Training Request; waiver and/or fulfillment sheets, if applicable; and performance appraisals for the past 3 years (civilians only). Travel and per diem are funded through the Acquisition Career Management Office. Employee labor costs, however, are paid for by the employee's code.

Deadline: 29 March

Individuals interested in applying to this course should contact Nancy Saxton, Code 733000D, at 939-3129, or Helen Casteel, Code 733000E, at 989-3003 for the nomination package.

Course Prerequisite: Successful completion or fulfillment of ACQ 201 or PMT 201.

Recommended Experience: Civilian GS-13 and above, and military O4 and above who are acquisition corps qualified

Education: A bachelor's degree or waiver.

Security Clearance: A Secret security clearance is required.

The 14-week Advanced Program Management Course provides a comprehensive examination of the integrated processes used in defense systems acquisition management. The primary learning methodology is faculty assisted, however, small student-led groups study cases and perform exercises. Substantial feedback by faculty members on the results of student activities is also a key part of the learning process. Through the cases and exercises, the dynamic interaction among the acquisition functional disciplines is explored in detail, and the importance of developing and managing effective integrated acquisition management teams is emphasized.

Subject areas include the integration of technical and business disciplines in the management of a system; the business motivations and technical practices of private industry and the impact they have on successful acquisition management; the development and importance of acquisition policy; the use of quality tools, interpersonal relations, and communication skills in the development of an effective acquisition management team; and the evolving defense acquisition environment and the forces driving changes to how the acquisition of a system must be managed. Electives provide an opportunity for students to pursue further inquiry. Interaction with current program managers, as well as with senior officials of OSD, the Military Departments, and the defense industry provides an executive-level education forum.

To enroll, submit an On-Board Training Request (NAWCWPNS 12410/2) to Dorothy Wiederhold, Code 733000D. For further information, call 939-2359 (DSN 437-2359).

FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS LAW

14-16 May; Tuesday-Wednesday, Training Center, Room 211, China Lake.

If your work involves understanding the legal aspects of federal appropriations, this seminar and the accompanying reference text are important to you. You will be able to track the typical

Congressional sequence—organic or enabling act, authorization, and appropriation; recognize how lump-sum and line-item appropriations parallel block and categorical grants; know the ground rules for reprogramming; apply legal reasoning to appropriations; and understand how GAO audits administration spending. Topics covered will include authorizations, sequestrations, continuing resolutions, and Comptroller General decisions.

To enroll, contact Pat Nogle via QuickMail or at 939-3159.

COMMUNICATING ACROSS CULTURES (8 hrs.)

15 May; Wednesday, 0800-1600; Training Center, Room 114, China Lake. By: Graduate School, USDA

This course will provide an understanding of how to be more sensitive to issues surrounding workforce diversity and help the participants become more effective in communicating with people from diverse cultures and ethnic groups.

To enroll or ask questions, call Lori Ryser at 939-2686 (DSN 437-2686).

