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Colonel Walter J. Chappas New DMAAC Director

Air Force Colonel Walter J. Chappas became the new Director of the Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center during change of command ceremonies July 31.

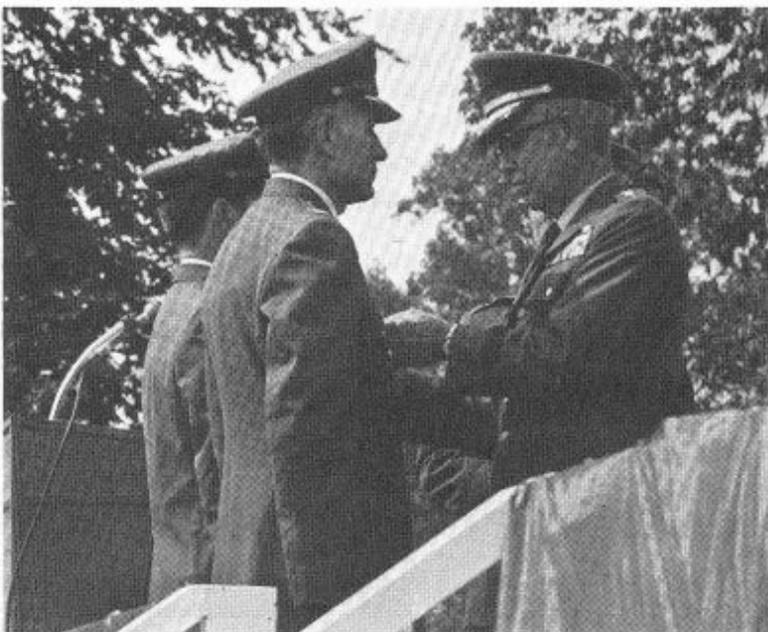
The new director has been associated with DMAAC and its predecessor ACIC since 1963. He served with the ACIC Detachment 1 in Washington D. C. and as commander of the 7650th Squadron in Germany. Tours of duty with the headquarters in St. Louis have been within the Directorate of Operations. Immediately prior to the transfer of ACIC functions to the Defense Mapping Agency on July 1, Colonel Chappas served as the Center Vice-Commander. During the month of July he assumed the position of special assistant to the director.

During the planning and organizational phases of the DMA headquarters Colonel Chappas was selected to serve on the start-up staff, providing expertise in the plans, requirements and technology area.

The colonel entered the Air

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Force in February 1943. He has an aeronautical rating of Master



Medals Awarded

Air Force Colonel Byron L. Schatzley receives the Distinguished Service Medal from Army Lieutenant General Howard W. Penney, Director, Defense Mapping Agency, during retirement ceremonies at the Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center July 31. (DMA Photo by Ed Mullen)

Colonel Schatzley is the retiring Director of the Aerospace Center after having spent more than 30 years in the military service with the majority of his assignments in the intelligence, mapping, charting and geodesy fields.

Also decorated during the ceremonies was Lt. Col. James D. Hawkins, who received the Meritorious Service Medal. Colonel Hawkins, like Colonel Schatzley, was retiring from military service.

Colonel Schatzley was cited for his outstanding achievements and initiative which resulted in the development and implementation of highly complex and unique geodetic and geophysical programs that greatly improved the posture of the United States

tempted. The orbital data and photography acquired by Apollo 15 is being utilized to develop a new lunar geodetic system." Retirement certificates were presented to Colonel and Mrs. Schatzley by Major General George Keegan, Air Force Assistant Chief of Staff/Intelligence. Colonel Schatzley is succeeded in the Director's position by Air Force Colonel Walter J. Chappas. The distinguished Service Medal is the highest award presented by the Air Force for non-combat service.

In presenting Colonel Hawkins with the Meritorious Service Medal the Air Force cited the officer for "outstanding professional skill, leadership, and the ceaseless efforts," which resulted in major



New DMAAC Director, Col. Walter J. Chappas, receives the command flag from outgoing Director, Col. Byron L. Schatzley, during change of command ceremonies July 31. (DMA Photo by David L. Black.)

posture of the United States tactical and strategic forces.

In addition, the citation read "...Colonel Schatzley directed the most extensive exploitation of lunar orbital science ever at-

tempts, which resulted in major contributions to greatly increase the effectiveness and success of the Department of Defense Flight Information Publications Programs.

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Suggestion Program Plaque Winners

by Mary Ann Hinton, POX

Comptroller and Research Department personnel continue to outstrip all competitors for the Suggestion Program Plaques. Research Department employees submitted a total of 128 suggestions sweeping the Technical Activities Category for the fourth consecutive year with a participation rate of 36.8%; while the Suggestion Program Plaque for the Administration Support Category goes to the Comptroller whose personnel couped the award for the fifth straight year with a total of 36 suggestions and a participation rate of 29.8%.

Due to outstanding participation by members of the Office of Communications & Electronics a new award has been added. Their 17 submissions resulted in a participation rate of 77.3% and won for them the Serviced Activities Category Suggestion Program Plaque.

Our overall participation rate dropped to 17.2%, or 12.8% below the desired rate. We in the Incentive Awards Program are hoping that now the new organization is underway, each of you will give some thought to methods of improvement and

submit your ideas through the Suggestion Program.

We'll all benefit!



Department heads and commanders of geographically separated units meet with Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center Director Col. Walter J. Chappas during the Commanders Conference. Standing behind Col. Chappas from left to right are: Otto Stoessel, Printing and Distribution Department; Joe Platte, Missile Support Department; Thomas Seppelin, Research Department; Gordon Stine, Cartography Department; E.M. Thompson, Aeronautical Information Department; Capt. Alfred Welch, FIO Latin America; Col. J.H. St. Clair, Cartographic Technical Squadron; Lt. Col. Vernel C. Ogden, FIO Pacific; Maj. William Volz, FIO Europe; Lt. Col. Kenneth Stahl, FIO Alaska; and Lt. Col. Orlando Holway, Geodetic Survey Squadron.

aeronautical rating of Master Navigator. During World War II he flew combat missions over Europe in B-24's and later served on a Strategic Air Command combat crew.

In 1952 he began a series of intelligence staff assignments at Headquarters USAF and Headquarters SAC. These assignments were in the mapping, charting and goeodesy functional areas.

Colonel Chappas is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha with graduate work in business administration at George Washington University. He is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and the Armed Forces College.

First DMAAC Director's Conference Held

The first Director's conference under the DMAAC organization for geographically separated units (GSU) commanders and department heads was held Tuesday through Thursday of last week.

Commanders attending included: Col. James H. St. Clair, Cartographic Tehnical Squadron; Lt. Col. Orlando Holway, Geodetic Survey Squadron; Lt. Col. Vernal C. Ogden, Flight Information Office Pacific; Lt. Col. Kenneth D.

Stahl, FIO Alaska; Maj. William M. Volz, FIO Europe; and Capt. Alfred F. Welch, FIO Latin America.

The department chief conferees were: Edward M. Thompson, Aeronautical Information; Gordon E. Stine, Cartography; Otto C. Stoessel, Jr., Printing and Distribution; Joseph S. Platte, Missile Support; and Thomas O. Seppelin, Research.

Tuesday's session began with an official welcome by the DMAAC Director, Col. Walter J. Chappas. He then explained the concepts and organization of the Defense Mapping Agency, noting that it was essentially a Department of Defense agency and that DMAAC was not part of the Air Force organizational structure.

"But we are still the experts in the Air Force weapons systems," Colonel Chappas added, "and we still support the aerospace forces."

The colonel was followed by DMAAC Acting Technical Director William T. Riordan who gave the conferees an expanded briefing on the DMA/DMAAC organization and background information on the

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From The New Director



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To DMAAC Personnel:

Taking command of an organization with the proud heritage and equally optimistic future that DMAAC possesses is one of the greatest pleasures that any officer can enjoy during a career.

Much of my military service has been associated, directly or indirectly, with ACIC, now DMAAC. During my years with Hqs. SAC and Hqs. Air Force Air Staff, many of my assignments dealt with the products and programs of the Chart Center. My first direct assignment with ACIC was in Washington D.C. as Chief of Operations in Detachment 1. From there I was assigned as Commander of the 7650th ACISq. in Germany. In July 1968 I joined the staff of the Hqs. Aeronautical Chart and Information Center. I cite these assignments only to express the closeness I feel to this organization and to its people. I have "grown up" in mapping, charting and geodesy assignments and therefore realize fully the great responsibility which I assume with this command.

It is my intention to see that the proud traditions of quality, professionalism, and service established by ACIC within the Air Force are continued under our new name in the Defense Mapping Agency.

Serving on the Defense Mapping Agency start up staff has provided me the opportunity to look well into the future of DMAAC as plans and programs were developed to elevate the organization within the DoD structure.

In my role as director I will rely heavily upon the foresight and insight gained on the start up staff, and the hindsight gained through years of MC&G association when making the necessary decisions of the office.

I trust that this experience, coupled with the guidance of the

Six Celebrate 30 Years Of Service

Names added to the three decade roster the past month include:

OLIVIA E. BESTE's first Federal job was with the War Department as a clerk at the Quartermaster Laundry, Jefferson Barracks when the strength of the post was approximately 1500 men. During WWII the number of men stationed at JB gradually increased to a peak of 35,000 and was changed from an Army Post to an Army Air Corps Station. Due to the increase of military personnel and the resultant workload she became Office Manager with a clerical staff of 10 girls and six enlisted men.



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She resigned from JB and worked as a legal secretary for four lawyers. She resumed her Federal career when she began working at ACIC in September 1959 as secretary at the Training School. She transferred to Directorate of Operations, Requirements Division in June 1969 where she is still assigned as the Division secretary.

ROBERT L. DAINS began government service in the Army as an Aviation Cadet. He was commissioned as an Aerial Navigator in 1943. Assigned to the European Theater of operations with a troop carrier unit, he participated in the Normandy Invasion. He was transferred to medium bom-

assigned to a combat crew and flew 50 combat missions as an aerial gunner in B-17s with the 15th Air Force in Italy. Shortly after his discharge in October 1945 he went to work at the Veterans Administration. He transferred to



Lomuto



Menendez

ACIC in January 1958 and was assigned to the Accounting and Finance Office. He is currently assigned as a computer systems analyst in PROMACS area in the Automated Production Management Systems Branch, Comptroller.

PAUL C. RIXMANN entered the US Army on June 11, 1941 and received his discharge on December 14, 1944. He began his civilian service at Scott AFB with the Department of the Air Force on October 24, 1945. A year later he transferred to the St. Louis Administration Center where he remained until January 1953. He transferred to ACIC as a laborer and is currently assigned as a packer in the Preservation, Packing and Packaging Branch of the Transportation Division.



I trust that this experience coupled with the guidance of the staff and the dedicated labors of all of you, will allow DMAAC to continue as the leader in the MC&G community.

Sincerely,


WALTER J. CHAPPAS, Colonel, USAF
Director

Mrs. Farmer Transfers To DMA Position

Annette G. Farmer, secretary in PRT, leaves DMAAC this month to return to Washington, D. C. and the position of secretary to Dr. Charles F. Martin, DMA/PRT.

The Washington assignment is

nothing new for Mrs. Farmer since she worked there from 1940 to 1952 with Hq USAF Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence.

Prior to coming to ACIC in 1961 she had taken time out of Federal service to raise her family of four boys and one girl. At ACIC she has served in the Directorate of Operations, Aeronautical Information Division and most recently the Advanced Technology and Systems Division of Operations.

"I have enjoyed working at ACIC," said Mrs. Farmer, "and will miss the many friends I have made here. However, I am looking forward to renewing old acquaintances in Washington."

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transferred to medium command and near the end of WWII was transferred to photo reconnaissance in B-17's.

He was discharged from service in March 1946 at which time he began his career at ACIC. He was assigned to the Photogrammetry Branch for ten years. He has had assignments in the Cartography and Missile Support Division, and in May 1971 became P&D Plant Technical Equipment Project Officer. He is now assigned to the Directorate of Programs, Production and Operations.

JOSEPH LOMUTO's Federal career began July 16, 1942 at the Army Map Service New York office. He transferred to Lake Survey at Detroit, Mich. and five years later, in July 1950, transferred to ACIC. In 1951 he was assigned to the group who organized the first training division in Building 4 here at 2d Street several months before the "big" move from 12th & Delmar.

In 1957 he was assigned to the Chart Research Division but in 1963 returned to the Education & Training Division. Many ACICers received their training in management, writing, editing and public speaking in Mr. Lomuto's classes. He is presently assigned to the Cartography Department, Compilation Branch as a cartographer.

JACK MENENDEZ Jr. began his Federal career as a personnel clerk with the Panama Canal Washington Office in September 1941. The following May he was drafted into the Army. He was



Rixmann



Thomas

JACK L. THOMAS SR. began his Federal career with the St. Louis Medical Depot in July 1942. A year later he entered the Army and was assigned to an Engineer Aviation Battalion as a heavy equipment operator and was stationed in the South Pacific. Upon discharge he returned to the Medical Depot but four years later was recalled to active duty and served during the Korean conflict. As a result of training received under the GI bill he was assigned as a drummer with the 315 Army Band at Fort Leonard Wood. He returned to civilian duty as a tractor and trailer driver at the St. Louis Area Support Center. He transferred to ACIC in October 1956 and has been assigned as a boiler operator since that date.

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Col. Walter J. Chappas

Director

Capt. Robert D. Lenox

Chief, Office of Information

David L. Black

Editor

Bits And Pieces

From the Black book:

The old Arsenal grounds literally saw stars during the change of command ceremonies July 31. A total of six general officers attended the ceremonies bringing with them a collection of 12 stars.

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We extend our congratulations to Colonel Schatzley and Lt. Col. Hawkins, who received the Distinguished Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal respectively.

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I've spent the last two weeks assisting my neighbor in putting up a large outdoor swimming pool. Since we're both "do-it-yourselfers," we decided there



Mrs. Schatzley and Mrs. Hawkins receive special certificates from Maj. Gen. Keegan recognizing their contributions and support rendered during their husbands' careers.

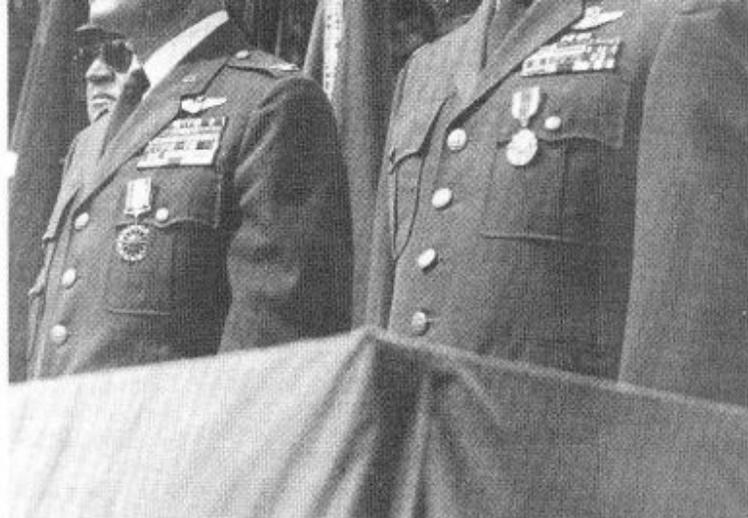


"The Hawaiians have a very nice way to say farewell. It conveys the very deepest of feelings of parting but with hope for meeting again and is therefore also a greeting. I fondly use it now—Aloha."



"The President of the United States of America . . . awards the Distinguished Service Medal to Colonel Byron L. Schatzley . . ."

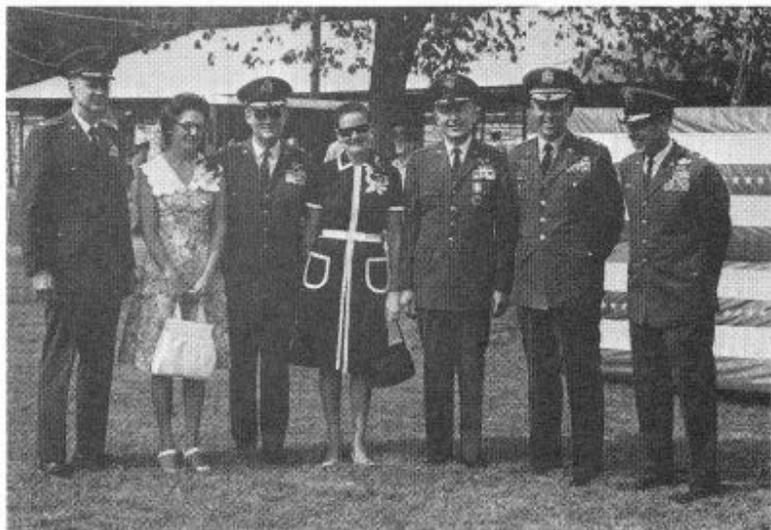




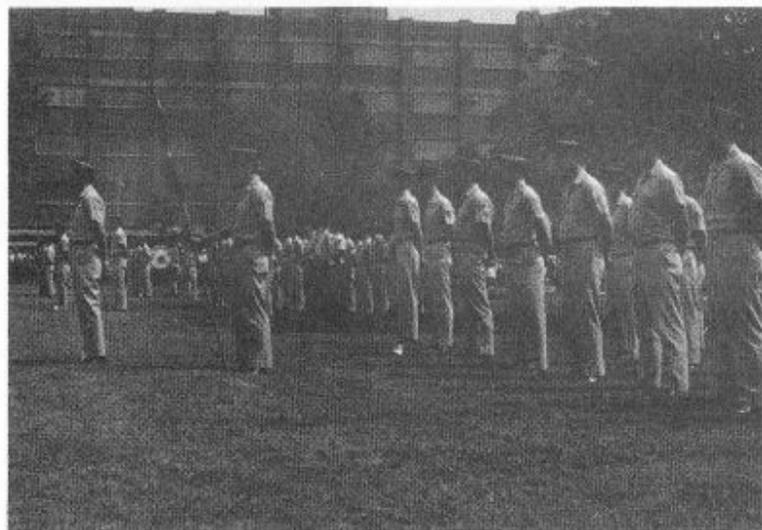
"The Meritorious Service Medal is awarded to Lieutenant Colonel James D. Hawkins who distinguished himself . . ."

Left to right below - New DMAAC Director, Col. Walter J. Chappas and his wife; Maj. Gen. George Keegan, Air Force Assistant Chief of Staff/Intelligence; Mrs. Byron L. Schatzley and Colonel Schatzley, retiring DMAAC Director; Lt. Gen. Howard W. Penney, Director DMA; and Maj. Gen. James Watkins, Deputy Director DMA.

Below troops stand at parade rest awaiting the start of retirement and change of command ceremonies.



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Lt. Col. Kreft Retires

Capt. Welch New Commander FIO-Latin America

by Charles McGee

July 1 marked two milestones in the history of Detachment 4, ACIC—the closing of the door of “Old Det 4,” to take a place in the chain of command within the new organization (DMA) and the bidding farewell to past Com-

mander, Lt. Col. Ivan Kreft, who retired in San Antonio, Tex. August 1.

Lt. Col. Kreft's military career began with his entry into Cadet Training in 1943. He won his wings as a bombardier in 1944 at Deming, New Mexico and was assigned to combat crew duty in B-24 aircraft, shortly thereafter he was reassigned to B-29's.



Lt. Col. Kreft

In 1950 he entered pilot training and graduated in August 1951. His first pilot duty assignment was in F-80 aircraft in which he flew a combat tour in Korea.

During his 3 and one-half years at Hq. ACIC he served in various capacities, advancing to the position of Chief of the Requirements Division prior to assuming command of Det 4.

The colonel and his family plan a retirement home in San Antonio. Succeeding Colonel Kreft is



Capt. Welch

Captain Alfred F. Welch. Captain Welch is a native of Renton, Wash., and received his ROTC commission thru Parks Air College, East St. Louis, Ill. Upon graduation from pilot training he was assigned to crew duty in C-124's at Kelly AFB, Tex. The young officer has served a tour of duty in Southeast Asia flying C-123's in re-supply operations.

Prior to assuming command of the DMAAC Flight Information Office-Latin America Capt. Welch was a flight instructor in T-37 aircraft at Williams AFB, Ariz.

The captain is married and has two daughters.

Air Force News

Military members and dependents on leave will acquire a category two rating when applying for space-available travel on Defense Department-owned or controlled aircraft when a new directive becomes effective Aug. 14. Members and dependents are now accorded a category three rating.

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Air Force contributions are solicited to help the American Red Cross aid victims of the summer floods. While on-the-job fundraising campaigns on federal installations will not be conducted, all Defense bases and activities will be given broad latitude in working with local Red Cross officials in determining appropriate means of insuring federal employee support for the Red Cross disaster appeal.

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Service people 29 years old and older are no longer required to take mandatory drug testing (effective Aug. 1).

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Thirteen states will hold primary elections in September while Hawaii will conduct its primary election in October. States holding September primaries are: Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Squawk-Talk

by SSgt. W. Bronikowski,
Det 1, 1918 Comm. Sq.

Det 1 (AFCS) warmly salutes its

Remember When??



Retiree, Charles Morgan, furnishes us with this issue's picture taken in 1950 in the Production Office - Reproduction Division. From left to right are: Leta Stockton (standing), Opal Traxel, Virginia Harris, Gloria Powers, Ruth Smith, Sally Studer and Charles Morgan.

TSgt. Stokes Earns Quarterly Honors

TSgt. Vernon Stokes, Special Activities Office, has been selected as the Center Airman of the Quarter for the period ending June 30.

Sergeant Stokes received recognition for his achievement in



Director's Conference

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formulation and implementation of the agency.

Operations of the Plans, Requirements and Technology Directorate were explained by Col. Donald D. Hawkins, Requirements Division Chief, and other members of the directorate staff.

The daily conference agenda afforded the visiting commanders

TSgt. Parra Receives AFCEM



TSgt. Antonio Parra, an inventory management specialist with Supply Division, has been awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service at Cannon AFB, N. M.

Sergeant Parra received the medal during recent ceremonies in his honor from Capt. Robert DiCocco, chief of Supply Division.

The sergeant was cited for "outstanding leadership and devotion to duty (which) were instrumental factors in the resolution of many problems in the area of tactical mobility."

A native of Deming, N. M., Sergeant Parra came to the Aerospace Center from Cannon AFB last month.

Lt. Col. Butler Retirement

Retirement ceremonies and a farewell coffee were held in the DMAAC command section recently in honor of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Julian G. Butler.

Colonel Butler, chief of ACIC Military Personnel, retired from active duty with 20 years military service. He came to the Chart Center in June 1968 following a tour at the Alaskan Communications Region Headquarters, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.



Col. and Mrs. Butler

Det 1 (AFCS) proudly salutes its recent promotion selectees: Master Sergeant Ernie Betzing, Technical Sergeants Harry Barnhart, Raymond Freye and John P. May and Staff Sergeant Dennis Molnar.

Commander (Det 1) Lt. Bosco's theme this month is, "I've been working on the railroad," and in truth, he has, working on the railroad tracks for his upcoming promotion to Captain circa 14th August 1972.

From the world of half cooked meals, hiking in the rain and smuggling beer into the camp we welcome back TSgt. Fitts from his one week of advisory duty with the boy scouts.

A contingent of personnel, including Lt. Bosco, MSgt. Betzing and TSgt. Fitts represented Det 1 in honoring the retiring DMAAC Director, Colonel Byron L. Schatzley, July 31. We all extend our best wishes for Col. and Mrs. Schatzley.

Knight and Son

Members of the singing chorus for the St. Louis Municipal Opera production "The Student Prince" will include Gene D. Knight, CDT, and his son, Richard. They are members of the St. Louis Cosmopolitan Singers and have been honored by being selected to be part of the "student" male chorus. Being student is nothing



the form of a congratulatory letter and a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond during recent ceremonies in his honor. Col. Byron L. Schatzley, former DMAAC Director, made the presentation.

Sergeant Stokes will also receive three-month VIP parking privileges, a three-day pass and excusal from additional duties for the next 90 days as a result of his selection for the quarterly military honor.

In the nominating letter Sergeant Stokes was cited for "those professional attributes which the Air Force constantly looks for in its noncommissioned officers."

A veteran of 18 years Air Force service, Sergeant Stokes came to the Center from the Defense Intelligence Agency, Wash., D. C., in August 1971.

new to the Knights. Richard is a senior at the University of Missouri, Columbia and Gene was in long term-full time training at Ohio State University for a year.

The father-son team have been rehearsing regularly at the Opera and will be required to spend a week in full cast rehearsals. The performance of "The Student Prince" is scheduled for August 21-27.

afforded the visiting commanders an opportunity to meet with the DMAAC staff and for individual conferences with the Director.

Philip Rahall, Acting Chief of Programs, Production and Operations Directorate, and members of his staff opened the Wednesday meeting with an outline of the PPO operations. They were followed by John I. Johnson, DMAAC Comptroller, with a briefing on the financial situation expected for the next fiscal year.

The conference closed on Thursday with sessions on support activities, led by Col. George A. Browning, DMAAC Deputy Director; fiscal 1972 milestones and effectiveness productivity goals, by Mr. Rahall; and briefs by the commanders on their organization.

