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Silent night. Holy night —
All is calm. All is bright.

— Joseph Mohr

Holiday Greetings To All Employees

The Christmas Season has meant various things to people in the past. For centuries it has been a time of intense religious activity. In recent years, intense commercial activity has been highlighted. But always it has been a welcome holiday period for getting together with loved ones and friends.

This year we celebrated the bicentennial of the birth of our country. For 200 years Americans from different backgrounds, with different religions and beliefs, of different colors, from all parts of the world have enjoyed the blessings of this great country. We are most fortunate to have the ability to pause and reflect on the many good things which we now enjoy as a result of the sacrifices of our ancestors.

The Christmas Holiday is a celebration period honoring the birth of Jesus almost 2000 years ago. He taught us, through his sacrifices, to share our blessings with one another. As we celebrate this current holiday season with our loved ones and our fellow man, it is proper that we recognize the individual freedoms which we all enjoy. Freedom of speech, religion, pursuit of happiness--these are all rights which we enjoy. The many contributions toward these freedoms which you have made in your daily endeavors permit us to go our individual ways in pursuit of the true holiday spirit. Your efforts over the last year have helped to maintain this country's strength and to ensure that America's freedoms will continue in the future.

I would like to take this time to thank each and every one of you for the sacrifices which you have made, and for the dedication and loyalty you have shown to the country and the Agency. May this Holiday Season bring you peace of mind and happiness. I am convinced that 1977 will be an even better year for the Defense Mapping Agency because of your support.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

S. D. CRAMER, JR.
Vice Admiral, USN
Director



From St. Louis, Missouri, to sunny California, warm Hawaii, snowy Alaska, and chilly Europe, the people of the Aerospace Center will be celebrating the holidays in many ways.

Regardless of where we are or how we might celebrate, within each of us runs a common thread for which we can be proud. Each and every one of us is part of a great team. We, the men and women of the Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center, bear the great responsibility of being important contributors to our nation's defense. Quite simply, without the products and services we provide, the aerospace weapons of the military armed forces could not function.

The holidays are, traditionally, times for reflection as well as for gratitude and merriment. As I look back over 1976 and recall the success we have had as an agency, I know that our success would not have been possible if it were not for the professional and dedicated efforts of all our team members.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your excellent accomplishments and my best wishes for happy holidays and a fruitful new year.

James H. St. Clair
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Colonel, USAF
Director

Kuhn Receives AFA Award



Donald Kuhn, AD, is congratulated by Aerospace Center Director, Col. James St. Clair, (right), upon receiving the national Air Force Association Medal of Merit. The award was presented by the AFA Vice President for the mid-west region, Lyle O. Remede, (left), during the recent joint meeting of the St. Louis AFA Chapter and the Scott Memorial Chapter. Kuhn was cited for his efforts in revitalizing the Greater St. Louis chapter as he served two consecutive terms as chapter president beginning in 1973. At the time of his first election the chapter was in a state of non-activity. It now meets regularly with a full meeting and program schedule for its more than 700 members.

Honor Roll

November 1976

30 YEARS

Elwell E. McCray, Carl E. Odam, John R. Wren, Jr., Bobby M. Hagler, Louis Mitchell, Jr., Henry C. Zwicke, Jr., George W. Dugger, Fred C. Clow, Jr., Frank A. Heritz, Earl P. Urban, Walter F. Danaher, Glenn I. Haley, Jr., Raymond P. Boehm, William H. Carriel, Oliver C. Gilbert, Thomas R. Randolph, Joe Walker.

25 YEARS

Retirements

CHARLES A. McGEE, ADDEC, retired on November 30 with 33½ years federal service. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1941 and was assigned as an aircraft mechanic. He entered pilot training in 1942 and upon completion in February 1943 was commissioned. As a bomber pilot he flew B-17s, B-24s, B-29s and B-47s. He retired from the Air Force as a major in 1963.

He continued Federal employment with the Federal Aviation Administration as an Air Traffic Controller until December 1963 when he transferred to DMAAC and was assigned to the Aeronautical Information Department. He served a five year tour with DMA Latin American Division in Panama from 1968 to 1973. At time of retirement he was assigned as an air information specialist.

His retirement plans include, golf, golf, more golf, and amateur radio.

BESSIE A. DAYTON, GDDDA, also retired on November 30 with 32 years total Federal service. She was assigned as a cartographer and had been at DMAAC the past 17 years, 8 months.

AF Civilian Wins Mapping Project Award

The award for Meritorious Civilian Service was presented recently to Joe Diello of the Rome Air Development Center's Reconnaissance and Intelligence Division, Griffiss AFB, N.Y.

Diello was honored in part for direction of a multi-million dollar

New Stats Show Workers Settle in Flexitime Pattern

Statistics just released by the Comptroller indicate that members of the Center workforce on Flexitime have settled into patterns of arrival and lunch length.

Seasonal changes and daylight savings time had little effect on the distribution of workday starting times. During the first survey (14-27 Mar 76), 33% of employee arrival was at the 6:30 a.m. time segment. Subsequent surveys of sign-in/sign-out sheets indicate that approximately 41% of employees selected the 6:30 hour as they settled into the Flexitime routine. Subsequent surveys were taken during 6-19 June, 12-18 September and 7-20 November 1976.

The most recent survey indicates that 84% of employees are on board by 7:15 a.m.

The lunch time patterns have also stabilized. Originally 45% of employees were beginning the lunch period at 11:30 a.m. and 89% were taking 30 minutes. The last survey continues that trend as 47% beginning

at 11:30 and 95% have elected the 30 minute period.

The four sample periods cover those times affected by seasonal changes, daylight savings time, school openings, organizational realignment and other recurring events of the calendar year that could potentially affect the individual use of Flexitime.

In the area of carpooling statistics, an increase was noted during the year in the number of employees carpooling. In December 1975 there were 1708 employees carpooling at the Center. In November of this year the number had increased by approximately 9 percent.

The Flexitime program at the Center has drawn the attention of area industries and business. The Director was recently asked to explain the Center's program to a meeting of downtown business and industry leaders. The informational briefings by DMAAC and General American Insurance were arranged by the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council at the request of civic leaders.

In Sympathy

GARO J. FINIGIAN, died on December 8, 1976. He retired on May 14, 1975, just six weeks after he reached the 30 year mark. At DMAAC since June 1950, he was section supervisor in the Contract Support Branch, Cartography Department at time of retirement.



He is survived by his wife Lou, a daughter and a son.

Services were held on Friday, December 10, with interment at St.

Join the Payroll Savings Plan.



25 YEARS

John W. Hayden, Everett A. Bratcher, David F. Wallace, Lawrence J. Guthmiller, Gilbert E. Swanson, Norbert C. Couch.

20 YEARS

Arthur A. Gore, Glenn T. Beshears, Russell T. Cottingham, Ivo Manna-relli, Beatrice I. Underwood, Leonard I. Cochran, Fred Morlock.

15 YEARS

Jessie E. Jones, Patricia A. Dickmann, Jessie E. Swart, Millard M. Babich, Gerald L. Breville, Eleanor Reeves.

10 YEARS

Lucille I. Baltzell, Carolyn A. Jones, Mary Bove, Robert H. Clevenstine, II, Oliver F. Deppong.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING

Gregory J. Kuehl, Doris E. Edwards, Doris M. Brackett, Geraldine Dumas, Charles F. Black, Marianne C. Celeslie, Laura J. Breckenkamp, Barbara A. Guthrie, Benjamin R. Braley, Dorothy D. Vogele, June M. Ruckman.

QUALITY SALARY INCREASE

Geraldine Dumas, Charles F. Black, Barbara A. Guthrie, Robert L. Hudzik, Robert D. Champlin, Jaen P. Henry, Donald L. Gargac, Malcolm J. Murphy, Dolores F. Schulte, Darryl E. Crumpton.

SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

Gregory J. Kuehl, Doris E. Edwards, Doris M. Brackett, Vivian A. Dedham, Louis A. Zucol, Hazel M. Cullen, Ladorn Creighton, Evelyn L. Herman, Marianne C. Celeslie, John Harrison, Charles K. Day, Alvin L. West, Thomas P. Doyle, Albert Ruck, William B. Werten, Allan B. Korte, Marlene C. McAllister, Patricia J. Taylor, Albert Doucet, James F. McClure, Charles Gerdig.

direction of a multi-million dollar project for the Defense Mapping Agency. The program came under his supervision as chief of the Center's mapping, charting and targeting section.

The award was also granted for Diello's achievements while directing the development of the advanced analytical stereo plotter. The plotter, as part of the Air Force's photographic equipment, is expected to aid in accomplishing critical Strategic Air Command missions.

Powers Receives Master's

Bernal Powers, GDCB, recently received his masters degree in Management from Webster College. He graduated with honors, attaining a "A" average for all his coursework.

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Director

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Chief, Public Affairs Office
Editor

Take stock in America.
Buy U.S. Savings Bonds

Trinity Cemetery.



Eight Decades and the Major Is Still Marching

To his friends he's known as "the Major", but in the town of Subotica, Austria-Hungary where he was born some 80 years ago, his name is recorded as Vojislav Dimitrijevich.

The nickname, taken from his rank as a reserve Major in the Royal Yugoslavian Army, was tagged on him by American co-workers in Los Angeles, who had trouble pronouncing his first name.

Now a geodesist in the Scientific Data Department of the Center, the "major", began his interest in the geodesy field when he graduated from Belgrade, Yugoslavia University in 1924 with a degree in Geodetic Engineering, (a degree equivalent to a master's in the United States). Following registration as a geodetic engineer he opened his own office in Yugoslavia, where he was involved in solving local and state geodetic problems related to the establishment of boundaries, property subdivision, mapping, etc.

The sixth child in a family of 13 and the son of a Serbian Eastern Orthodox priest, Dimitrijevich had a distinguished military career in addition to his civilian one. He was drafted in 1914 to the Austrian-Hungarian Army and served in the Emperor's Cavalry.

When Yugoslavia was formed as a nation, in 1919, he was accepted into the Royal Yugoslavian Army in which he served for two years.

After discharge he continued to serve in the reserve forces while working at his civilian geodesy career.

In 1942 he was called back to active duty during the German invasion of Yugoslavia. The war was brief, as the Royal Yugoslavian Army fell apart with internal political conflicts. A war related back injury kept him out of service for a year but in 1944 he joined the Serbian Volunteer Units to fight in a civil war against local communist elements. As a reserve Major of the Royal Yugoslavian Army, he served in the civil war as commander of a regiment.

When the Soviet army invaded Yugoslavia in 1945, helping the local communist elements, he moved with the Serbian Volunteer Units to Italy to join the English-American forces.

Following the end of the war these units were used, under English command, for guard service in allied occupied Italy. The "major" served as chief of staff on the division level.

In 1947 he was transferred with the division to West Germany and discharged.

During his military career in World War I he received seven medals for bravery, including the highest medal that could be awarded to an officer of the rank of Second Captain. During World War II he received two golden medals for bravery.

As a displaced person he was forced to leave Europe and in 1949 the former Royal Yugoslavian Ambassador sponsored him to come to the United States. After his arrival in Boston, the Serbian Orthodox Church

sponsored a trip to the church headquarters in Chicago. From there he was sent to Los Angeles where friends and relatives lived. Within three weeks of his arrival the World Church Service organization had found him a job in a land surveying office. Later he worked in the field of photogrammetry for two private sector companies.

As a result of a Civil Service announcement for geodesist in the St. Louis and Washington, D.C. areas, he applied to both and received inquiry from St. Louis in 1962. The announcement specified no age restriction so at the age of 67 he came to the Aerospace Center.

During that same year his wife to be, Inez Siefker, began work at the Center by attending the Carto Training School. After a year at Purdue for long term training she was assigned to his section. They were married four years later.

In addition to his regular duties at the Center the "major" has written seven technical papers, five of which he has presented to the national meetings of the American Geophysical Union.

He is a fellow member of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping and a member of AGU.

The man who speaks five languages fluently was made a naturalized American citizen in 1955, an honor he holds very dear. "My life belongs to the United States," he said. "I am grateful I had the opportunity to work in my



Vojislav Dimitrijevich prepares to cut his 80th birthday cake as his wife Inez looks on. The "major," as he is known to his friends and co-workers, has been a geodesist with the center since 1962.

profession for 27 years, which is more than I was able to work in Nazi country."

His recent party might have

marked his 80th birthday, a slow down point for some, but for the "major" drummers beat still sounds loudly as he marches on.

Your Car Is a
LIFESAVER

SPEEDY EMBERS SAY'S.....

Be careful with displays, place Christmas decorations away from heat sources.

Ever thought of your car as a life-saver, as well as a very convenient transportation device? During emergencies, it contains the hardware for survival.

Your horn can alert rescuers as far as a mile downwind. The flat, round top of the air cleaner can be used for digging trenches or throwing up earthen windscreens.

There is a reservoir of oil under the hood. A quart burned in a hubcap in the still air of sunrise spews a miniature cloud visible for miles. Every hose converts to a siphon for getting at gasoline. The windshield wiper tubing becomes an effective tourniquet. The dip stick is a skewer for hot dogs or toast. The hood can be removed and used as a heat reflector behind your fire.

Your car serves as a bunkhouse. Convex gauge lenses or the dome light's glass can be a sun-focusing



fire starter if you don't have matches or a cigarette lighter. A burning tire makes a hot fire that won't go out and lasts for an average of three to four hours. For night signaling, remove a headlamp from its housing and direct its beam upward in wide, sweeping arcs.

a very
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

From The
Public Affairs
Office Staff

- Use fire safe trees, turn off tree lights when leaving home.
- Use fire safe decorations.
- Don't use faulty tree lights, check for breaks in cords, plugs or connections.
- Keep base of "live" tree in water.
- Have fire extinguisher handy.
- Dispose of empty Christmas packages and wrapping paper in proper refuse containers.
- A clean house seldom burns.
- **HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

