

Well Done!

The Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center Bicentennial Day was a complete success. It provided the opportunity for nearly 9,000 visitors to actually see our production processes and learn more about what we do here. It also provided each and every one of us with the opportunity to "show off", and rightfully so, because the work that we do here is important to this nation and the contributions made by all of us deserve recognition.

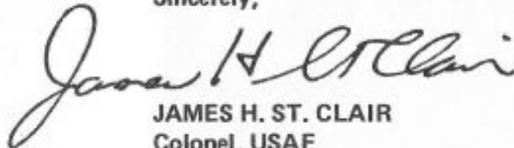
During the day I was gratified to see that everyone seemed to be enjoying the "family outing". Young and old alike took advantage of the tours, films, displays, historical artifacts and special programmed events to make Saturday, May 15, 1976, a memorable one.

Congresswoman Sullivan, Admiral Cramer and many of the distinguished guests remarked about the magnitude of the day's events and the excellent way the activities were organized.

The success of the day would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of all employees of this Center. I particularly want to express my deep gratitude to those volunteers who gave of themselves so that all might benefit. The smiles on the faces, the expression of amazement at the sophistication of our mission, the good comments that were openly offered by our families, friends, and the public were all indications that the day was worth the time and effort expended.

My congratulations to all for a job well done and my sincere appreciation for all your efforts.

Sincerely,



JAMES H. ST. CLAIR
Colonel, USAF
Director

Orienteer

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Governor Congratulates Center

In a letter to DMAAC Director, Colonel St. Clair, Missouri Governor Christopher S. Bond, expressed his congratulations to the Center on its Bicentennial Day.

"Please pass along to all those attending the dedication ceremonies of the St. Louis Arsenal as a National Historic Place my best wishes for a memorable occasion.

"I regret that previous commitments will prevent me from joining you in St. Louis on Saturday for this special occasion.

"Congratulations to the Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center. You should all be very proud of your 150th anniversary of the Arsenal. Best wishes for a most memorable Bicentennial Celebration."

The letter was signed Kit Bond, Governor.

DMA Hosts MC&G Conference

A program to establish an improved dialogue between DMA and its principal users was launched during a week-long conference the week of May 10, hosted by DMA and attended by more than 40 managers of mapping

9000 Attend Bicentennial Day at Aerospace Center

Almost 9,000 persons toured the historic grounds of the St. Louis Arsenal and viewed the Aerospace Center work area displays during the agency Bicentennial Day, May 15.

The doors opened at 8 a.m. with people waiting in line to tour the production areas. Outside programs began at 10 a.m. with the official dedication of the St. Louis Arsenal as a National Historic Place by Congresswoman Leonor Sullivan (Mo. 3rd District).

In her speech the Congresswoman gave a capsule account of the Arsenal's history pointing out some of the important individuals who had visited or served there. She also emphasized the continued history of the Arsenal as a military installation to include the present occupants, The Aerospace Center.

In her closing remarks, Mrs. Sullivan offered a tribute to all who work here. She said, "It is with great pleasure that I join with all of you in dedicating this St. Louis Air Force Station as a National Historic Site and express the appreciation of a grateful nation to all those who have served and are now serving in the Federal military and civilian ser-

senal and about today at the Aerospace Center.

Comments pouring into the Director's Office last week following the Bicentennial Day expressed the appreciation of the employees for a well planned, organized and conducted event. Many said it provided them with an excellent opportunity to let their families know more about their jobs. Others expressed a "feeling of belonging" as they learned more about the Arsenal's role in history. Comments were expressed regarding the splendid assortment of entertainment which was presented throughout the day on the parade ground. "It was a memorable occasion for all my family," wrote one individual. "Thank you for the Open House", wrote another. "Everybody did a great job and deserve all our thanks," said another employee.

Congresswoman Sullivan and Admiral Cramer both expressed their admiration for a tremendous day. In addition to the congresswoman and the DMA Director, more than 60 specially invited dignitaries attended the dedication ceremonies. Among these were Mayor Poelker of St. Louis, officers and representatives of

\$2000 Purchase Plus

Regular Payroll Deduction



Leo Hutton (second from right) makes a purchase of two \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bonds from Dorothy Williamson, Finance cashier, as a part of his participation in the Center savings bond drive. The purchase was in addition to his regular payroll deduction. Pictured with Hutton are: (left to right) Earl Hill, CD project officer; Mrs. Liz Ecker, CDC keyworker; Mrs. Williamson; Mr. Hutton and Edward Black, Chief, CDCM-4 and Hutton's immediate supervisor. "The DMAAC Bond Drive, which winds up Monday, has had some spectacular results," said Paul Morton, assistant Center drive chairman.

Drive Safely for the Holiday!

than 40 managers of mapping, charting and geodesy from the Department of Defense worldwide and other government organizations.

VADM Shannon D. Cramer, Jr., DMA Director, addressed the group on two occasions. With the prospect of limited resources and ever-tightening budgets, the Director predicted that MC&G people will be facing increasing demands for greater efficiency and production. He pledged a strong effort to maintain a responsiveness by DMA to the needs of users.

"We really can't do our total job of assuring that the MC&G part of the weapons systems will be provided for national security without your strong participation," Admiral Cramer said, adding that ways need to be devised to simplify and streamline working contacts between DMA and MC&G officers.

Admiral Cramer stressed the importance of across-the-table discussions between representatives of DMA and key MC&G officers. The visitors were apprised of DMA operations in support of new weapons systems, Agency capabilities and objectives, DMA resources, production procedures, international programs, advanced systems and technological support, and the exploitation of materials.

Federal military and civilian service on this - the St. Louis Arsenal."

The Bicentennial Day presented an opportunity for all employees, their families and friends to enjoy a day's outing and learn more about yesteryear at the Ar-

officers and representatives of the numerous historical societies and associations in Missouri, executive officers of Federal agencies in the two state area, and past commanders and technical director of the Aerospace Center.



Showing the family around was what it was all about May 15 during the DMAAC Bicentennial Day. It is estimated that nearly 9,000 persons toured the Center to learn about the chart making process. Additional photos inside.

Approximately 30 members of DMA Hq and the components, including Colonel St. Clair and Lawrence Ayers from DMAAC,

participated in the briefings. Guests strongly recommended that the Worldwide MC&G Conference be held annually.



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery.

In Honored Glory

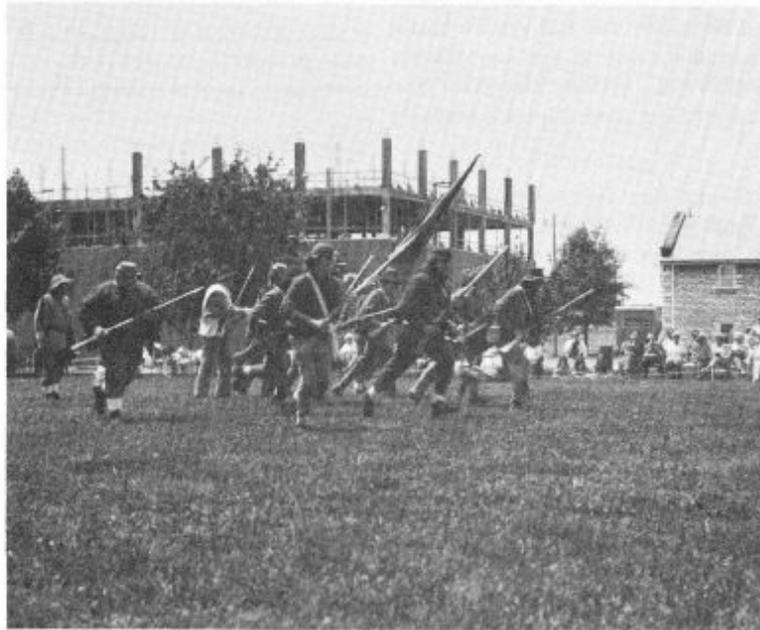
Memorial Day ceremonies on May 31 at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery will have added significance this Bicentennial year as the Nation honors more than one million Americans who have died in battle throughout our country's 200-year history.

Since the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was erected in 1921, the nationwide observance of Memorial Day has centered increasingly around the simple marble monument which is inscribed, "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God." Interred at the site are unknown Servicemembers from World War I, World War II and the Korean War; there have been no unidentified military dead from the Vietnam War. This year, as in the past, the President of the United States or his representative will lay a wreath at the tomb in the name of the American people.

The idea for an unknown soldier's tomb goes back to antiquity. Not far from Athens is the Cerameicus, or street of tombs, which is the only ancient cemetery now extant in Greece. Histories recount that at that cemetery the famous statesman Pericles delivered an oration in ringing phases over the unknown Athenian soldiers who were killed in the first year of the Peloponnesian War. Inspiration for creating the U.S. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier came from the creation of similar tombs for unknown soldiers in Great Britain and France just after World War I.

When the U.S. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was

Bicentennial Day Views



Charge . . .



Gadgets . . .



A Great Day For All . .



When the U.S. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was dedicated on November 11, 1921, Associated Press reporter Kirke L. Simpson described the ceremonies: "All day long the Nation poured out its heart in pride and glory for the nameless American. Before the first crash of the minute guns began the knell for the dead from the shadow of the Washington Monument, the people who claim him as their own were trooping out to do him honor . . . They flowed like a tide over the slopes about the burial place. They choked the bridges that lead across the river . . ."

There are other lesser-known tombs of unknown soldiers in the U.S. dating from our country's early history. Tombs of unknown Revolutionary War soldiers are located behind the Old Meeting House in Alexandria, Va., and in Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pa. At Balls Bluff, Va. the smallest U.S. national cemetery and site of a Civil War battle, there is a semi-circle of 23 tombstones, 22 of them to unknown dead. And not far from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier site in Arlington National Cemetery is a monument to 2,000 Confederate unknown dead interred there.

The nationally-dedicated Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, however, has come to represent all of America's unknown war dead, and to serve as a reminder of the many U.S. Servicemembers who have died in battle at home and abroad. A foreign visitor to the U.S., after returning home, recounted his impressions at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for a local publication:

"The picture of the Honor Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington came back to mind. Again, I could see the moved faces of the women, men and children who were watching the changing of the guard. I saw once more the long rows of gravestones and saw once more the huge fields of white crosses of the American cemeteries in Europe."

Not only on Memorial Day but throughout the year, a military honor guard keeps constant vigil at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a vigil in honor of all those in uniform who, "known but to God," made the supreme sacrifice in our Nation's defense.



USAF Band . . .



TV Coverage . . .



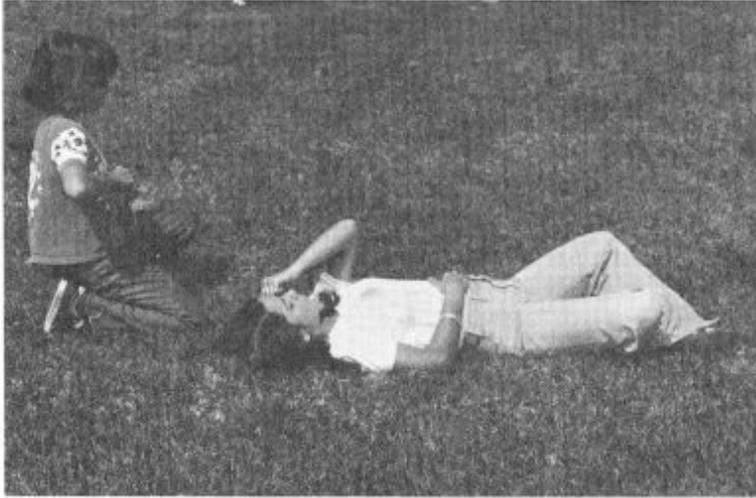
Family Affair . . .





DMAAC Chorus . . .

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Welcome Rest . . .



How It Works . . .





... Precision



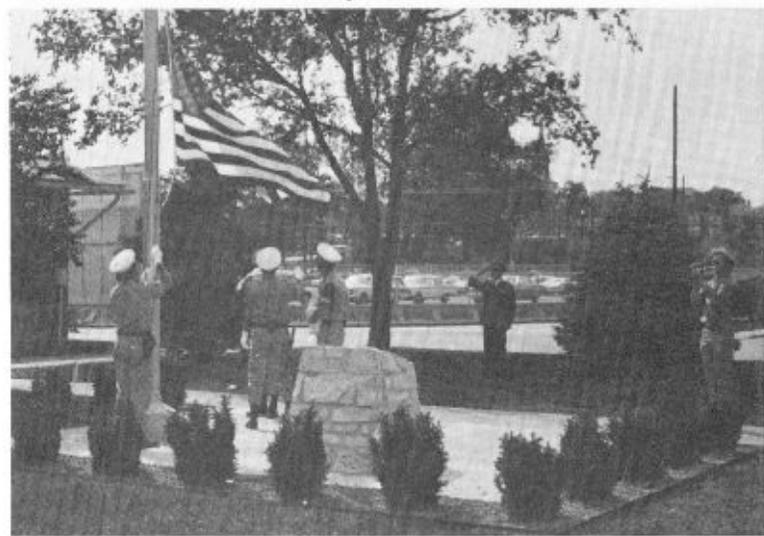
... The Congresswoman

Stereo Viewing ...



... Monument For All

At the End of the Day ...



Center Fishermen Aid Blind Students in Outing



This was the scene May 8 at the South Annex ponds as students from the Missouri School for the Blind and DMAAC employees and their families joined together for a "fishing experience."

Employees from the Center who acted as escorts and helpers to the 16 blind children included: Butch Thurmond, Jim Barth, Don Poff, Ed Barr, Jim Donner, Bob Stanley, Harold Howard, John Graham and Kathy Carroll.

All the kids caught fish, with Butch and his fishing partner leading the way with 30 bluegill.

Jim Barth and his partner netted the largest fish of the day, a monster weighing in at two and one-half ounces. Don Poff and partner held down last place with

a fish that wouldn't budge even the smallest of scales.

Arrangements with the school were made by Kathy, who donates several hours per week to help the blind children.

Refreshments and bait were supplied by Norm Thurmer of Thurmer's Restaurant.

Everyone who helped felt that they had contributed much more than a few dollars to a group of kids that don't have what everyone takes for granted - a chance to see the world go by.

Bits And Pieces

From the Black Book:

The Bicentennial Day is over and that long sigh of relief that you heard Saturday afternoon at four came in unison from the Bicentennial Planning Committee. For a while it looked as if we were in for a rainy day but precisely at 10:14 a.m. when Congresswoman Sullivan began her speech the sun came out and the day (to say nothing of my temperament) improved rapidly.

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Just in my small part of the planning there are many people to whom I owe so much gratitude for their supporting efforts. It would be impossible to name them all but I trust that they realize how much every effort meant to the accomplishment of the major projects. There is no doubt that it took teamwork to carry out the day's plans and teamwork is exactly what there was. Thanks to all. Let's do it again. Maybe for the tricentennial.

dlb...

April, May Retirements

ARCHIE D. HOLDEN, ADFC, retired in April with 30½ years Federal service. His career began as a duty soldier with Battery "B", 2d Battalion, 6th Coast Artillery in California. In November 1941 he transferred to the Air Corps and was assigned as an Air Traffic Controller. His overseas assignments included Molokai, Hawaii; Guam, Saipan and Kisarazu, Japan.

He was tower chief at San Marcos, Texas and served at

JUNE	EVENT	WHERE	INFO
1	Charter Golf Assn.	Crystal Lake	R. Wolff/8222
3	Assn. of Litho Club	Salad Bowl	L. Held/4846
5	ACSM Installation	Ramada Inn South	H. Reese/4871
8	FBA Luncheon & Installation	Carpenters Hall	D. Black/4142
12	ASP Installation	Concordia Turners Hall	C. Triggs/4043
14	FLAG DAY		
14	FEW Meeting	DMAAC Dining Hall -2nd Street	E. Sinwell/4034
14	AFA Meeting	Ramada Inn South	S. Popp/8409
15	Charters Golf Assn.	Clinton Hills	R. Wolff/8222
18	Bloodmobile	2d & Arsenal South Annex	R. Freeland/8364
20	FATHER'S DAY		
29	Charters Golf Assn.	Forest Park	R. Wolff/8222

Due to limited summer activities calendar will be discontinued and resumed in September.

Credit Union News

The Arsenal Credit Union has announced the continuation of a 9% new car loan through June 30.

Employees are also reminded that the Credit Union office has consumer information available.

April Promotions

The following people received promotions during the month of April: Tyrus G. Arnold, GS-9;

April Honor Roll

30 YEARS

Milton E. McMurry, Rita C. Seigler, Melvin A. Bequette, George M. Page.

20 YEARS

Donald K. Kuhn, Francis G. Sethman, Richard B. Dierkes, Charles J. Maher, Donald J. Riggs, Mary F. King, Robert B. Rivas, William P. DeBolt, Jack Harmon.

10 YEARS

Ronald S. Blouse, Linda R. Klinker, Dale E. Willeford, James R. Bordner, Leona A. Monahan, Ernest E. Adams, Howard L. Gregg, Stafford M. Ford.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATINGS

Harold L. Lewis, Kenneth L. Zabel, Thaddeus A. Sudol, Erwin J. Bergt, Lawrence T. Appelbaum, James A. Huettnermeyer, Phillip Gustafson, Alberta J. Whitener, Joyce G. Banovz, Robert E. Yorke, Max G. Hurst, Lawrence F. Ayers.

QUALITY SALARY INCREASE

Harold L. Lewis, Kenneth L. Zabel, Thaddeus A. Sudol, Lawrence T. Appelbaum, James A. Huettnermeyer, Alberta J. Whitener, Joseph H. Frew, Victor C. Trejbal, Thomas A. Perrott, Sheila R. Kelch.

SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

Max G. Hurst, Curtis B. Ward, George A. Rolby, William T. Fisher, Norvil L. Dallas, Joseph E. Harpine, Ronald N. Land, Martha J. Moore, Doris D. Kimborough, Livingstone B. Sykes, Walter Blackmer, William L. Hutchison, Norman L. Davis, Elmer Little, John W. Miller, John H. Moffett, Taylor E. Day, Harold E. McDonald.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Robert L. Meinhardt, Oliver F. Deppong, Robert Cherry, Ronald B. Harrison, Nollie Goff, Patricia A. Micka, Len Yarborough, Jr.

He was tower chief at San Marcos, Texas and served at various other Air Force bases in Texas including Webb AFB where he retired in March 1961.

He was assigned as a civilian instructor at the Air Force Officer Training School prior to coming to DMAAC in December 1966. At time of retirement he was assigned to the Aeronautical Information Department as an air information specialist.

"For the time being we will stay in the St. Louis area until Marie (CMD) can retire," said Mr. Holden. "I also plan to do a little flying, fishing, hunting and just taking it easy."

"When we leave St. Louis we plan to travel in our motorhome for a time and may settle in Black Canyon, Arizona at my sister's ranch. They have an airstrip and a couple of aircraft on the ranch and if all goes well I want to get a light aircraft to fly around in too."

NORVEL W. GREEN, LOSP, retired effective May 7. His Federal career began at the Medical Depot in the Mart Building on February 6, 1942 where he was assigned as a warehouseman.

He transferred to the Aeronautical Chart Plant at 12th and Delmar in November 1949 and was assigned to Supply as a warehouseman. His entire career at DMAAC was in the Supply Division where he was assigned as a

grapher, 4 months of his 33½ years total Federal service was at DMAAC.

NORMAN F. KINNINGER'S, RDSA, disability retirement was effected April 21. He was one of the first employees hired when the Aeronautical Chart Plant was activated at 12th & Delmar, entering on duty on March 24, 1943. His entire 33 years of Federal Service was with DMAAC where he was assigned as a supervisory cartographer at time of retirement.

GEORGE A. GOODWIN, PPCE, retired effective April 30. All but five of his 31 years, 4 months total Federal service were at DMAAC. He was assigned as an aeronautical information specialist.

RALPH J. TOSI, SOCB, Guard Supervisor retired on April 30. He had 32 years, 2 months total Federal service and had spent the past 4 years, 9 months at DMAAC.

WALTER A. NIERENGARTEN, CDAA, was retired on disability effective May 18. Assigned as a cartographer, all but 6½ of his 18 years total Federal service was at DMAAC.

CHARLES J. YOUNG'S, ADDE, retirement is effective today, with 37 years total Federal service. At DMAAC, the past 17½ years he was assigned as an aeronautical information specialist.

promotions during the month of April: Tyrus G. Arnold, GS-9; Thomas L. Ballard, GS-9; Richard V. Bunte, GS-9; Phyllis A. Cass, GS-4; William G. Clark, GS-9; Sheree L. Dees, GS-4; Richard J. Gosden, GS-11; Carol A. Greco, GS-9; Joseph E. Harpine, GS-9; Donald E. Henson, WG-11; Terry M. Herron, GS-9; Donald A. Knapp, GS-13; Ronald N. Land, GS-9; Mary Louise T. Maret, GS-4; Richard J. Marlen, GS-9; Marcella A. Moroni, GS-4; Paul F. Pals, GS-9; Nicholas G. Parker, GS-9; Leroy D. Schmieder, GS-9; Dennis J. Shannon, GS-9; Robby G. Sportsman, WG-11; John W. Stamm, WS-10; Douglas J. Torrie, GS-9; Elizabeth F. Wissman, GS-9; and David E. Young, WG-11.

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SMSgt. James P. Flaherty was selected for Chief Master Sergeant. He is superintendent of Simulator Plate Cartographic Branch at the Cartographic Technical Squadron at March AFB, California.

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