

East-West Gateway CFC Helps St. Louis With Over 1 Million

The East-West Gateway Combined Federal Campaign, which covers the metropolitan area on both sides of the Mississippi, has emerged as one of the major contributors to charity programs of the area.

This year Federal, military and civilian, employees exceeded the one million dollar goal and contributed \$1,061,854 to the requirements of the United Way, National Health Agencies and International Service Agencies. This was the highest total ever produced by the Combined Federal Campaign and showed the impact of the Federal employee on the metropolitan area.

The Aerospace Center, one of the top contributors to the CFC success, also set a record as Center employees contributed \$139,489.

Daugherty Named H/TC Tech Director; Pegler to Retire

Kenneth Daugherty, Ph.D., currently chief of the Program Integration Division (GS-16), DMA headquarters, has been selected to replace the retiring Dewey Pegler as Technical Director of the Hydrographic/Topographic Center in Brookmont, Md. The assignment is subject to the approval of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Civil Service Commission.



Daugherty began his career with the agency in 1957 as a GS-5 with the then Research Division of the USAF Aeronautical Chart and Information Center (forerunner of the Aerospace Center). He advanced with the St. Louis organization to become chief of the DoD Gravity Service Branch as a GS-14.

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Center Air Field Info Aids In Guyana Airlift Effort



Air Force flight crew, combat control team and medical personnel load a survivor into a C-141 during initial medical evacuation operations in Guyana, South America. The flight crew and combat control team members are from the 437th Military Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C. Medical personnel

The Aerospace Center recently responded to the national crisis action team request for air facilities information to support the airlift operations in the country of Guyana.

Immediate knowledge of the airfield data was required by the Joint Chiefs of Staff Crisis Action Team to assist in the formulation of plans for the overall operation.

The information was immediately supplied by the Center's Aeronautical Information Department. Subsequent to the general planning request the Aeronautical Information Department responded to a direct request from the Military Airlift Command for more specific information on the facilities and communications at the airfields selected for use.

Insurance Refunds For



associate professor of Geodesy and Assistant Director, Hawaii Institute of Geophysics at the University of Hawaii. During that time he took a year's leave of absence to attend Uppsala University in Sweden as a visiting research scientist. He gained his Ph.D. while at Uppsala.

In 1974 he became the Chief of the Department of Geodesy at the Defense Mapping Agency Topographic Center and in 1975 moved to the headquarters as Chief of the Special Programs Division.

The technical director's position will become vacant after the first of the year. Dewey Pegler, the incumbent, has announced his impending retirement. A complete story on his career will be carried in a later issue of the *Orienter* as retirement ceremonies are announced.

VA Home Loans Increase in Value

The maximum guarantee for Veterans Administration (VA) home loans has increased from \$17,500 to \$25,000 under the Veterans Housing Benefits Act of 1978.

The legislation also permits certain severely disabled veterans to obtain a VA grant of up to \$30,000 to buy or adapt a residence to meet their special needs. VA grants for these homes were formerly limited to \$25,000.

The new bill is of special benefit to an estimated 168,000 Vietnam era veterans because it reduces the length of active-duty service required for eligibility for VA home, condominium or mobile home loan guarantee benefits.

Vietnam era veterans now need to have served only 90 days on active duty, one day of which must have been between Aug. 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975.

The legislation also permits VA

to guarantee loans for energy-related home improvements, including installation of solar heating and cooling systems.

It also authorizes VA to guarantee loans for converted condominiums as of July 1, 1979. The agency currently is authorized to guarantee condominium loans in buildings constructed and sold as this type of dwelling.

VA's mobile home loan program was also restructured by the new law, setting a \$17,500 loan maximum and extending the maximum loan term for single-wide mobile homes to 15 years, an increase of 36 months.

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are Air Force reservists, 31st Aeromedical Squadron, 315th MAW (Assoc.), also from Charleston AFB. (U.S. Air Force Photo by SSGt. Bill Stephenson)

Silent Killer Being Attacked Through Community Programs

What is the killer of millions that few people "die" of?

The answer is high blood pressure (hypertension). Uncontrolled high blood pressure can cause stroke, heart failure and kidney disease. . . all killers. While these are usually listed as the reason for death, in most cases it was the victim's high blood pressure that set him up.

Uncontrolled high blood pressure is a major national public health problem. It is the primary cause of 60,000 deaths per year and a contributing factor in the 1,400,000 heart attacks and strokes that occur each year in this country. An estimated 23 million Americans, or one of every seven adults, have high blood pressure.

At the present, the major causes of hypertension are unknown and medical science can neither prevent the disease nor cure it. But there are a number of research programs currently underway which are making great strides in identifying problem areas and developing controls.

In the St. Louis area, two such programs of study and treatment are being conducted by the Lipid Research Center and the Veterans Administration hospitals. As a major employer in the area the Aerospace Center has been cooperating in this community effort to control or to obtain a form of early hypertensive detection.

Through the Center's occupational health program some employees are enrolled in both the Lipid Program at Washington University and the Compliance and Hypertension study at Cochran Veterans Hospital.

The Center program does not stop with these enrollees. The Medical Services Division offers screening, detection, referral and follow-up. In addition to the two programs mentioned, the dispensary also works with the medical programs at Scott AFB and with private physicians.

Patients have had first referrals to participating studies or physicians of their own choice. Blood pressure readings are kept daily and/or weekly and recorded for the employee to present to his personal physician during scheduled visits. Employees are counseled and encouraged to take the prescribed medications and diets as identified by the study program.

Hypertension is an insidious disease. During its early stages it seldom produces any symptoms perceptible to the person who has it. Over most of its course the disease may produce few symptoms at all, and these few often such non-specific ones as headaches or dizziness. Unless a physical examination reveals high blood pressure, an individual may

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W. Germany

A search is underway to locate thousands of military personnel stationed in West Germany from 1972 through 1977 who may be due refunds on car insurance premiums.

Insurance companies frequently make year-end adjustments in premiums. In some cases in West Germany, they determined that certain insured people were due refunds, but could not locate the people due to transfers. The result is a mounting backlog of refunds, estimated at \$3 million.

Not everyone who insured an automobile in West Germany will be due a refund, and the amount returned will vary. Personnel stationed in West Germany between 1972 and 1977 who desire more information on which insurance companies are involved should contact a representative of the Non Commissioned Officers Association, an independent service organization conducting the search.

Multi-Image Group Formed

The St. Louis Chapter of the Association for Multi-Image will conduct an organizational meeting at 7:00 p.m., December 20 at the McDonnell Planetarium.

The key speaker will be Robert Wiseman, AMI vice president from Eastern Illinois University. A multi-image show will be presented.

Refreshments will be available following the meeting.

All interested persons are invited to attend. For additional information contact Don Fizer, SDRG, 4357.

Fire Safety And Christmas Trees

Christmas trees become extremely flammable when cut long in advance of use and when brought indoors where heat and low humidity accelerate drying. To reduce the hazard, the tree should be kept indoors only as long as absolutely necessary, and the trunk should be sawed off at an angle at least 1 inch above the original cut end and kept standing in water during the period the tree is in the house. Water should be added at intervals to the pail or tub in which the tree stands to keep the water level always above the cut.

To achieve a satisfactory degree of flame resistance in any combustible material, it is essential to get a certain minimum quantity of effective flame retardant chemical either into or on the surface of the material to be treated. Since Christmas trees by their nature are not absorbent, the only effective method of treatment is by application of a surface coating. Efforts to treat Christmas trees with simple solutions of water-dissolved chemicals, such as borax and boric acid, diammonium phosphate, or ammonium sulfate are completely and emphatically useless. Solutions such as these can be effective flame retardant agents for cotton or rayon fabrics, paper, dry grass, and similar cellulose-based materials which will absorb water containing the dissolved chemical.

trees are in error, regardless of the source.

Much misunderstanding in this area results from tests of fresh trees treated with simple water-thin solutions of the type described above. Such tests lead to the erroneous conclusion that the treatment is effective, when, as a matter of simple fact, the tree was naturally flame resistant due to its water content. Tests of the same treated tree after thorough drying would quickly reveal the total ineffectiveness of the so-called treatment. From the inspection standpoint, tests on a treated fresh tree are meaningless. Proper



Bits And Pieces

From the Black book:

It seems as if I just got through thawing out the old typewriter from last winter's letter to Santa and now here it is that time of the year again. So here goes . . .

Dear Santa:

The Public Affairs Office has managed to navigate the pitfalls of 1978 with fairly good moves and things seem to be calm, at least for the present. Speaking of presents, there are a few things on our gift list this year that should be called to your attention. Miss Wisneski, our walking encyclopedia of Aerospace Center historical knowledge, is in need of a mini computer to help her keep track of 30 year and retirement data on employees featured in the Orientor. Marge says that after writing and researching several years of stories her memory banks are becoming cluttered. Miss Gresham, the vertebrae of the office, could use a climatron for her working area, one that leans to a warm, tropical environment. Be warned, however, if there is a wisp of cold air she can feel it. If you want to throw in a few native men swinging about among the vines in the climatron I'm sure she won't mind. As for me, I'm still looking for my editor. Perhaps this year one will be in the bag. But most of all Santa, we wish for peace and

New Carto Grads



Recent cartography school grads are: Class 78-R-above (left to right) Philip Kaplan, University of Illinois, Urbana; Claudia Polk, University of Missouri, Columbia; Janet Dalton, Maryville College; Joseph Springli, University of Missouri, St. Louis; Charles Forbes, Southern Illinois University; Donald Hite, Southern Illinois University; Dorothy Newell, Southeast Missouri State University.

Class 78-S-below, (left to right, first row): Marla Bales, Southern Illinois University; Catherine Cline, Grand Valley State College. (Second row, left to right): Patrick Biggar, Kansas University; John Moss, Southeast Missouri State University; Nicholas Bova, Jr., University of Missouri, Columbia; David Stegmann, University of New Mexico; Eric Devening, Southern Illinois University; Ronald Muse, Northeast Missouri State University; William Kagan, Queens College of Cuny, New York.



absorb such solutions, therefore, the only chemical which can be retained by the tree is that which dries on the surface. This positively cannot be enough to have any significant flame retardant value unless the solution is thick or syrupy enough to form a fairly heavy coating. The chemicals noted above cannot be made to form such a thick solution except by means of special ingredients and manufacturing methods not available to the amateur. Publications which recommend the use of the above chemicals mixed with water for the flameproofing of Christmas

evaluation requires that a sample be taken and dried adequately before test, even though this may seem to be a cumbersome procedure.

Pressurized aerosol containers of flame retardant Christmas tree coatings have undeniable convenience but are of dubious value because of the very limited quantity of the contents. Many cans would be necessary for the adequate treatment of all parts of larger trees, and because of prohibitive cost, there is a strong temptation to apply only a token and useless coating.

New Training Facility



A new training facility has been opened for use on the first floor of Building 36 across from the Dispensary. The room is designed for small in-house training classes conducted by various organizations. The room scheduling is the responsibility of the training division of the Directorate of Personnel.

good will to all for Christmas Day and the days thereafter.

dlb..

In Sympathy

José Bello, Jr., whose disability retirement was effected on June 1st, died on Friday, November 17.



He started at the Chart Center in July 1957 and, except for two years in the Army, his entire Federal career was at the Center. At the time of retirement he was assigned to the Geopositional Data Division.

Services were held on November 21 at St. Charles Christian Church with interment at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Carol, a son José, III and a daughter Lisa Marie.

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IG Bill Change

The Department of Defense was removed from all Inspector General requirements as they apply to other Federal agencies in House Bill 8588 recently signed by the President.

An Orienteer article appearing in the October 27th issue, based on information in the original bill, indicated that the Department of Defense would be required to maintain an inspector general function in line with the bill's requirements for other Federal agencies.

Amendments to the bill, prior to the President's signature, removed the Department of Defense from the requirements of the bill as originally stated for named Federal agencies.

The Department of Defense requirements as now stated in the signed bill are: "The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Congress semi-annual reports during the period ending October 1, 1982, summarizing the activities of the audit, investigative and inspection units of the Department of Defense."

Mini-Reunion At DMAAC

DMAAC was the locale for the reunion of three old "Army Buddies" who lunched together on November 29. Leonard C. Paduano, Councilman of the city of New Rochelle, New York, was in town for the recent convention of city officials when he decided to look up Carl Winkler and John Hopkins of the Aerospace Center Geopositional Department.

Armed with the knowledge that they work at the "Chart Plant," he located them, after following several false leads, by starting to call every John Hopkins in the telephone directory. When the trio finally got together, they reminisced about their "good times" while serving together in the 62nd Engineer Topo Company in Korea.

It was the first time in 25 years that Winkler and Hopkins had seen Paduano, so the trio agreed not to wait so long before they would get together again.

Seven Mark 30 Years As '78 Closes

CALVIN WEAVER, Jr., AAAD, reached the 30 year mark on November 10. He served in the U.S. Army from June 1943 until September 1946. He was assigned as a truck driver with the 1694th Quartermaster Battalion with overseas duty in Manila, Batangas and Luzon in the Philippines.

He returned to Federal service in 1951 at the St. Louis Medical Depot as a mail messenger until 1955 when the Depot moved to Kentucky. He transferred to the Aerospace Center in May 1955 and was assigned as a custodial laborer. In April 1966 he was reassigned as a vehicle operator and since May 1972 has been assigned on the mail truck for Administration Communications and Reproduction Division, Directorate of Administration.

VERNON J. EDELMANN, GDDBA, reached the 30 year mark on November 16. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps May 29, 1943 and was called to active duty on September 12, 1943. He was accepted for the aviation cadet program and after receiving bombardier training was appointed a flight officer and assigned to a B-24 crew with the 453rd Bombardment Wing, 8th AF in England. After deactivation of the Wing in May 1945 he returned to the states and was assigned as a supply officer until discharged in December 1945.

He returned to Federal service at the Aeronautical Chart Plant in February 1951 and was assigned as a carto aid in a compilation branch

guard. He has also been assigned as a messenger and clerk in the Mail Room, a warehouse helper in the P&D Plant and Supply, and a messenger in Photo Services. Since April 1963 he has been assigned as an electrician in the Operation and Maintenance Division of the Directorate of Facilities Engineering.

FRED A. HUFNAGEL, STT, reaches the 30 year mark on

Printing Division as a platemaker. He went into the U.S. Army in September 1951 and was assigned to the Psychological Warfare Center for two years to the unit that activated the first printing plant in this branch of the Army.

He returned to the Center, and the Printing Division, in September 1953. He was promoted to shift foreman in the Plate Division in November 1954 and served in



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December 15th. He was a part time mail carrier for the Post Office prior to joining the Aeronautical Chart Plant at 12th & Delmar in June 1949. He began as a compiler in the Cartography Division.

His duties since then have included production management and other related staff assignments in the Production Control Office of the P&D Plant Staff Office, and the Commitments Division of the Directorate of Operations. He transferred to the Advanced Technology Division,

that position until March 1963. He transferred to the Production Engineer Office of the Printing and Distribution Department but returned to the Plate Division as chief in March 1965. He was promoted to senior production controller in February 1969 and since November 1972 has been in his present position, supervisory production controller.

DONALD E. SOVAR, ACAE, began his Federal service at the Aeronautical Chart Plant, 12th & Delmar just 30 years ago,

December 28, as a carto draftsman.

He was drafted into the Army in 1951 and served for two years assigned to the 64th Engineer Battalion, Topo Mapping Unit at Tokyo, Japan. His job in the Army was as a carto draftsman, then production clerk and finally a carto editor.

He returned to the Chart Center in November 1953 as a negative engraver. He has worked in negative engraving ever since and since 1970 has been a negative engraver, verifier.

Augustana College Learns Chartmaking

Students of Augustana College, Rock Island, IL are shown receiving a briefing by Kent Kenniston on the operation of the Lineal Input System on their recent visit to the



working in various phases of carto compilation he was reassigned to the Research Division, Geo-Science Branch in September 1958. In December 1970 he was transferred to the Positional Data Branch, Missile Support Division. He worked in various components, including six years in the Production Office (Positional Data Branch), until his present assignment as Section Chief, Positioning Branch #2, Positional Data Division, Geopositional Department.

JANET D. SANUSKAR, PDDF, will reach the 30 year mark on Sunday, December 10.

Her Federal career began in October 1943 at Jefferson Barracks as a clerk typist. When the Barracks closed in 1946 she transferred to the Veterans Administration Hospital as an admitting clerk, leaving there in November 1949.

She re-entered civil service on February 22, 1955 at the Aerospace Center and was assigned to the Distribution Division as a clerk typist. In 1967 she was assigned as a supply technician, transferring recently to the Flight Information Branch.

WRASE J. GILLEYLEN, FEMAH, reaches the 30 year mark on December 11. He entered Naval training at Great Lakes, IL on October 7, 1943. He was assigned to maintenance in the Electrical Department at the Naval Mine Depot, Yorktown, VA for 20 months then to the Naval Station at Earl, N.J. until discharged on February 7, 1946.

He returned to Federal service August 20, 1951 at the Aeronautical Chart Plant at 12th & Delmar as a

Directorate of Systems and Techniques. He is involved in the management of automated cartographic systems development.

He is an active member of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping and a former Chairman of the St. Louis Section. He has also served on the Arsenal Credit Union Board of Directors for the past 15 years and was Vice President this past year.

WALTER F. CLASEN, Jr., PDP, began his Federal career at the Aeronautical Chart Plant, 12th & Delmar, on December 27th, 30 years ago. He was assigned to the

Women's Club News

The Women's Club wishes to thank everyone who supported the Christmas Bazaar on December 1. It is through projects such as this that enables the club to help other people in need.

The luncheon for this month will be December 14 at The Moorings, 901 Clayton Rd. Everyone should get into the Christmas spirit as they listen to the River Blenders Choral Group. Guests are welcome. Call Mrs. Edward Williams, 962-1098 by December 11 for reservations.

Women employees or wives of employees of DMAAC are eligible to join the Women's Club. The organization has many activities that you are sure to enjoy. Call Martha Burns, 227-3994 or Mary Matke, 536-1690 for more information.

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have the disease for years without knowing about it.

Programs such as the Lipid and Veterans, which depend upon individuals volunteering to participate in the study, are beginning

to make inroads toward solving the mystery of hypertension.

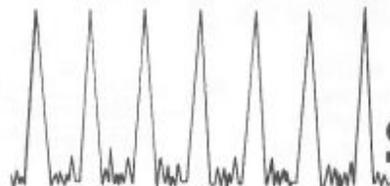
Why do people volunteer to become part of the study? According to two of the Center's work force who are taking part in the

Lipid study it's a desire for the future well being of family and friends. Joe Dicus says he's participating because he feels that the program "can help reduce heart attacks or at least give more information in an effort to control them." Jack Harmon says it's "The desire that my children become responsible, respected, successful adults and enjoy long lives with good health." and "To possibly prolong my good health and life, and the health and lives of others."

Another employee, Bennie Bondurant, is participating in the Veteran's Administration program because he wants to increase his knowledge of and ability to cope with the disease himself and provide this information to others with a similar problem.

As all the volunteers will attest, understanding the cause of heart problems is the essential first step toward preventing a heart attack or other potentially fatal ailment. The next step is taking the time for a personal assessment. One of the danger signals to heart problems is high blood pressure. Have yours checked today. **Don't let the silent killer silence you.**

DON'T LET THE SILENT KILLER



SILENCE YOU

The silent killer stalks one out of every seven Americans. You can't see it. You can't feel it. It doesn't hurt. It's just there. But sooner or later it sets you up for the big killers: stroke, heart failure, kidney damage. The Killer — HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE.

But it doesn't have to be this way, because high blood pressure can be controlled.

Know your blood pressure. Check it out. If it's high, team up with a doctor. Be sure you understand his advice. Ask questions so you can help with your treatment.

Remember, high blood pressure doesn't just go away. It can be controlled, but only by lifetime treatment. Let it loose, and it can kill you.

Don't take life and death chances with a disease you can control.

End of Year Retirements

HAZEL R. HOLDEN, CMDOC, retired on November 3 with 28½ years total Federal service.

Her Federal career began in November 1949 with the Air Force Security Service at Kelly AFB, TX as a clerk-typist. She later became a card punch operator, then a card punch machine operation supervisor. In 1954 she transferred to the Personnel Research Laboratory at Lackland AFB, TX as a card punch supervisor advancing to digital computer systems operator.

In January 1967 she came to the Aerospace Center as a digital computer systems operator and in August 1972 switched to computer operator, her assignment at time of retirement.

"My husband Archie retired from DMAAC two and a half years ago, we so plan to do full time motor homing and see the USA," she said when asked her retirement plans.

HAROLD J. HOGAN, ADDP, retired November 17 with over 31 years total Federal service. He began his Federal service with the Navy in March 1943 serving until April 1946. He then attended the University of Missouri at Columbia.

He resumed his Federal career in December 1950 as a clerk at the Military Records Center. He transferred to the Aeronautical Chart Plant in March 1951 as a carto compilation aid. In August 1955 he was reassigned to the Aeronautical Information Division

hold the rank of Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Intelligence Service. I am also a licensed real estate broker and plan to pursue that on a part time basis.

"Helen and I are looking forward to the next phase of our life and shall always have fond memories of DMA."

PATRICIA M. MILTON's, ACAAB, disability retirement was effected on November 22. Her first Federal position was at the St. Louis Medical Depot prior to coming to the Aeronautical Chart Plant in 1944. After two breaks in service she accumulated 23 years total Federal service, and was assigned as a cartographer at time of retirement.

"Only definite retirement plan at this point is to make home as pleasant as possible for my husband, which entails a lot of cooking," she said.

Other retirements effected for which no information was received by the Orientor include:

RAY T. LEMMONS', ADDEE, disability retirement was effected on October 25 with 34 years, 9 months total Federal service. He had been at the Aerospace Center

Aero Info Party Dec. 16

The Aeronautical Information Department will hold their annual Christmas party on December 16th at the Holiday Inn Downtown (2211 Market)

since March 1967 as an air information specialist.

GEORGE D. VAINIKOS', SOP, disability retirement was effected on October 25 with 21 1/2 years total Federal service. He was a guard and had been at the Center since January 1961.



Caldwell & Turkey

Hunting and Fishing Beckon Employees

Hunting and fishing activities have been consuming the time of some Center employees during the past days.

Our reports indicate that Dave Caldwell nabbed a ten pound turkey (almost big enough to see) on October 21st while hunting in the Vienna, Mo. area. About a month later his son, Griff, hunting in the same area killed an 8-point buck.

Eight points must have been in fashion, Robert Ballew reports a kill during the latter part of November and Ken McManus of GD also brought home an 8-point

trophy.

Jack McNeil, Les Dreiman and Eldon Gamel, all from FE, got their bucks while hunting at Tensleep, Wyoming during the last week of October.

In the fishing department we hear that the wife of former Center employee Gordon Stine was awarded the Master Angler plaque from the Conservation Department for her catch of a four pound white bass at Table Rock Lake during October. We understand Gordon has also been successful in his fishing endeavors.

Holiday Entertaining: Do's and Don'ts

The approaching holiday season brings with it family gatherings, office parties and increased entertaining. If you plan to have a party, a few guidelines can keep togetherness from turning into tipsiness.

The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare offers pointers on entertaining in their pamphlet, "Drinking Etiquette."

As a guest, there are several ways to handle social drinking while avoiding abuse. One out of three adults chooses not to drink at all. Those who drink might consider the following tips:

- Know your limit.
- Eat while you drink.
- Don't drink fast. Sip for enjoyment; don't gulp for effect.
- Accept a drink only when you

a party is togetherness, not tipsiness.

As a host or hostess, there are obligations to provide more than alcohol:

- The home setting. Provide seats for all; plan for people moving around; keep the lights on.

- Pace the drinks. Serve drinks at regular, reasonable intervals. The length of the interval will depend on whether the guests are enjoying the company or the drinks more. A drink-an-hour schedule means good company prevails.

- Don't double up. Many people count and pace their drinks. If you serve doubles, they'll be drinking twice as much as they planned. Doubling up isn't hospitality; it's rude.

- Don't push drinks. Let the glass

- Serve nonalcoholic drinks, too. Occasional drinkers sometimes prefer not to. Offer a choice of drinks besides alcohol—fruit and vegetable juices, tea, coffee, or soft drinks.

- Offer more than drinks. When guests focus on the drinks, the party is slipping. Stir up conversation. Share a laugh. Draw out the guest talent. A good host or hostess has more to give than just food and drinks.

- Serving dinner. If it's a dinner party, serve before it's too late. A cocktail hour is supposed to enhance a fine dinner, not compete with it. After too many drinks, guests may not know what they ate or how it tasted.

- Set drinking limits. When a guest has had too much to drink,

advanced to aeronautical information specialist in September 1963, his assignment at time of retirement.

Hogan said that he and his wife (a former DMAACer) have always enjoyed traveling and current plans are to extend their trips to California.

"I plan to remain active in the Air Force Reserves and currently

Cocktails will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a sit down dinner at 8:00 and dancing from 9:00 to 1:00 a.m. Music will be provided by the Best Brothers.

Price is \$25.00 per couple or \$12.50 per person. No tickets will be sold after December 13. For tickets and information contact John Human, 4241; Steve Yarnal 8131 or John O'Connell 8222.

• Cultivate taste, especially if someone comes up empty too fast. When a guest says "no, thanks" to an alcoholic drink, don't insist.

• Skip a drink now and then.

• When dining out, if you must drive home, have your drinks with dinner, not afterward.

• Beware of unfamiliar drinks.

• Don't drink to relax when what you really need is a change of pace or some sleep.

• Remember that the purpose of

And don't rush, especially if someone comes up empty too fast. When a guest says "no, thanks" to an alcoholic drink, don't insist.

• Push the snacks. Do this while your guests are drinking, not after. This is important because food slows down the rate at which alcohol is absorbed into the bloodstream. It also slows the rate at which people drink.

concern for him or her by offering a substitute drink—coffee, perhaps. This is a gentle way of telling a guest that he or she has reached the limits you have set at your home.

• Closing the bar. Decide in advance when you want your party to end. Then give appropriate cues by word and action that it's time to leave.

december

December was the last month in the ancient Roman calendar when there were only 10 months in the year. In the Fifth Century B.C., February and January were added, although it was not until some time later that the months were reordered to follow each other in the current calendar style.

For a cold month, December is warmed with a number of religious holidays and festivities. The Moslem New Year begins on Dec. 2. Jewish Hanukkah, the Feast of Lights, starts on the evening of Dec. 24 and continues through Jan. 1, 1979. Christmas, the birthday of Jesus Christ, is celebrated throughout the Christian world on Dec. 25.

Month-long festivities center on the religious and secular aspects of the Yule season.

A figuratively bleak month, December has been literally bleak for the United States and its Armed Forces. On Dec. 31, 1775, the ill-fated Quebec campaign was

launched to win English Canada for the United States. British forces took the major southern city of Savannah, Ga., on Dec. 29, 1778, and during the War of 1812, English troops captured Niagara, N.Y., on Dec. 18, 1813.

The Nation's involvement in both World Wars began on a Dec. 7 date. The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and 24 years before, the United States declared war on the Austro-Hungarian Empire on Dec. 7, 1917.

One of the few U.S. military highlights in December was General George Washington's Christmas 1776 crossing of the Delaware River with the subsequent defeat of Hessian troops at Trenton, N.J., during a surprise attack the following day.

Individual rights are given special emphasis in December with two Presidentially proclaimed observances. Human Rights Day on Dec. 10 marks the anniversary

of the United Nations' adoption of the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" in 1948, which set forth the fundamental freedoms to which all people in the world are entitled. Bill of Rights Day, Dec. 15, commemorates that day in 1791 when the first 10 Amendments, defining citizens' rights, were added to the U.S. Constitution.

Winter officially begins on Dec. 22, the winter solstice, which is the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and the longest in the Southern.

John Greenleaf Whittier, in his poem *Snowbound*, set the stage for

the month when he wrote:

"The sun that brief December day,
Rose cheerless over hills of gray
And, darkly circled, gave at noon,
A sadder light than any
waning moon."

Perhaps the great consolation of December is that it's the last month of the year. And with all the resolutions made during New Year's Eve festivities on Dec. 31, there's a chance that the coming year will be a better one.

Old-Fashioned Christmas

