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DMA Awards Day April 20th *37 Center Employees to be honored*

Thirty-seven Aerospace Center employees have been selected to receive awards as part of the Defense Mapping Agency annual awards day presentation.

The list of Center winners includes 23 individuals who received a special group award for their work in the Lineal Input System digitizing which supported the Center's Digital Landmass Simulation programs. The special group award will be accepted at the Washington, D.C. ceremonies by Colonel Burns. Special local presentation ceremonies will then be arranged for presentation of individual awards to: **Robert F. Preston, James P. Hutchings, Donald A. Gorris, Robert L.**

Reinhardt, Robert Allen, Edward M. Black, Gearold L. Blank, John G. Carty, Patricia DiFulvio, Virgil K. Haun, Joseph S. Havlicek, Kent E. Kenniston, Gene T. Merriott, James R. Bordner, Richard A. Eagan, Phillip N. Foster, Mildred L. Jackson, Robert N. McCrain, Jayne M. Pedrotti, James B. Perry, Julia Presnell, Richard A. Seifert and Robert E. Smetana.

Other award winners, who will be in Washington for the presentations by DMA Director, Lt. Gen. Abner Martin, include:

DMA Meritorious Civilian Service Award - **Allen Gunn, Richard Duncan**

DMA Outstanding Employee of

the Year - **Anthony Birkenmeier, Glen Mulkey, Russell Gustin**

DMA Award for Achievement in Equal Employment Opportunity - **Paul Morton, Inez Dimitrijevic, Emmett Burton, Olenda Knowles** [ACK]

Commendation for Suggestion (most adopted) - **Elmer Lanigan**

DMA Award for Achievement in Safety - **Adolph Wuenscher**

Special Act Award - **Harold Hopper, Lawrence Knopfel, Beverly Barsh**

The Awards will be presented during special ceremonies in the Fort McNair Officers' Club in Washington, D.C. on the 20th.

The director will also accept the DMA Effectiveness/Productivity Award for the Center.

Savings Bond Campaign Set For May

The Aerospace Center Savings Bond campaign has been set for the month of May, according to an announcement by the Center director.

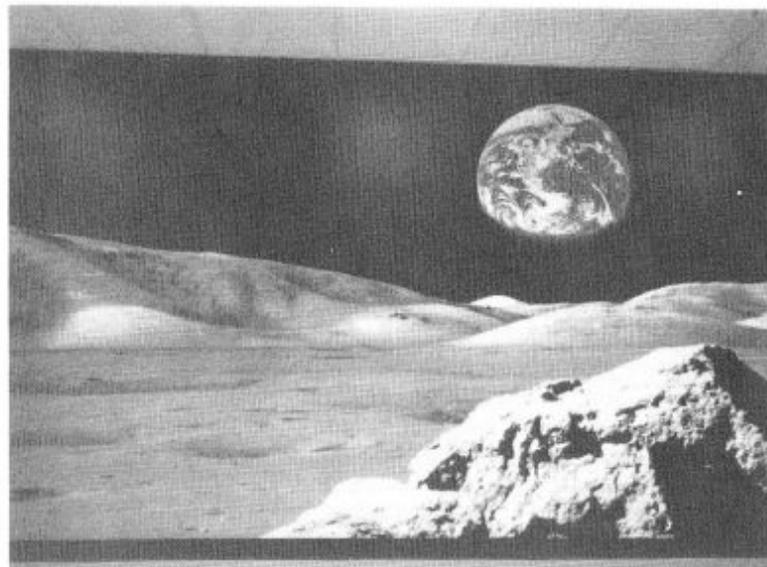
Named as Campaign Chairman was Col. Merlin Smith, Jr., Center deputy director, with Jerry Sundberg, PRP, as alternate chairman.

to fly the large Treasury Minuteman flag as recognition of employee support to the nation.

Savings Bond sales managers will be selected from organizational elements during the first part of this month with training programs to begin the last week of April.

president stated, "helping to protect the value of the dollar and stabilize our nation's economy."

Secretary Brown said Savings Bonds purchases reduce the amount of commercial borrowing the Treasury Department has to do to finance the national debt. The secretary said, "by helping to



This isn't a new lunar product. It's the photo mural in the new visitors processing area being constructed near the lobby entrance to building 36. When completed the room will house the Security Visitor Control function and reception area.

DMA Study Group Named by General

The appointment of a Study Group on the feasibility of relocating the Defense Mapping School (DMS), was announced March 29 by DMA Director, Lt. Gen. Abner Martin. At the same time, the Department of Defense (DoD), Army, Navy, Air Force, and Defense Logistics Agency announced base closures, realignments, relocation, feasibility studies, and conversions.

General Martin said, "I want to assure all DMA personnel that our study has no predetermined outcome. No decision has been made to relocate DMA. This is a feasibility study from which any recommendations for relocation would be made to the Secretary of Defense only after detailed

facilities are available elsewhere due to realignments," said General Martin.

General Martin appointed Colonel John J. Meara as Chairman of the DMA Study Group and charged him with the development of a study on the feasibility of relocating DMA to another facility at Fort Belvoir; to Patrick AFB, FL; to Kirtland AFB, NM; or any other location that might come up in the course of the study.

The study is to be completed by August 1. The other members of the Study Group are: Robert S. Allen, facilities engineer and George L. Andrus, management analyst, both from the Headquarters, and Reuben D. Cook, technical director, DMS.

George May of GD, was appointed assistant to the alternate chairman.

The theme for this year's campaign will be "Let U.S. Savings Bonds be Your Passport to the Future."

In announcing the campaign the Director indicated that the Center hoped to achieve the government-wide employee participation goal of 75% in this year's campaign. In doing so the Center would be able

Complete details of the campaign will be carried in the April 27th issue of the **Orienter**.

Both President Jimmy Carter and Defense Secretary Harold Brown said earlier this year that the purchase of Savings Bonds helps the national economy.

"Today Americans own more than \$80 billion of these securities. These holdings constitute nearly one-fifth of the publicly held portion of the federal debt," the

Extra Income With Guard

April is National Guard recruitment month in Missouri. For complete information on the many opportunities available to you in the Missouri National Guard contact the Lambert Field unit at 263-6275 or 263-6302 or the Jefferson Barracks unit at 487-8011.

Secretaries Week

By official proclamation of Federal, State, and municipal governments, April 22-28 has been designated Secretaries Week, and Wednesday, April 25, Secretaries Day. Secretaries Week was begun in 1952 to recognize all secretaries for their vital role in business, industry, education, government, and the professions.

Restaurant Council Named

New members of the Base Restaurant Council have been named in special orders of the Center. Appointed chairman is John Hinkel of GD with Ralph Gilbreath of GA serving as alternate.

Other council members and alternates are: Ms. R. Eleanor Mandel, SD; Gene Merriott, AC, alternate; Alvin West, AC; Ms. Rose Messinger, PP, alternate; David Tolpen, AD; Robert Schnure, PR, alternate and Charles Turner, FE; Jacquelyn Parks, PO, alternate.

The council will meet at least once per month with both the primary and alternate members attending. Alternate will only have a voting right when primary members are not in attendance.

The base restaurant officer is Kenneth Diers of PPCN.

Secretary said, "By helping to promote the sale of Savings Bonds, we are helping to fight inflation as well as encouraging our fellow employees to take part in a systematic savings program."

Hotline to Aid Fraud Battle

A toll-free defense hotline was set up April 2 to aid in the battle against fraud and waste.

The effort is part of the Department of Defense implementation of President Carter's campaign against fraud in government.

The toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9098 will be available for 30 days, day and night, for individuals who wish to report suspected instances of fraud or waste in Defense Department transactions with the General Services Administration.

Callers can use the toll-free number from anywhere in the continental United States. Washington metropolitan area callers can use the local number: 693-5080. Authorized callers can use autovon 223-5080.

The defense hotline will be operated by the Defense Investigative Service with assurance that the anonymity of any caller will be respected.

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analysis of potential benefits and impacts."

A recent engineering study confirmed that the DMA study is necessary because Bagley Hall has deteriorated to the point that replacement within the next three years is essential. "New construction funds are difficult to justify if unused existing school

considerable input to the Study Group will come from the Director, DMS, and his staff. Other Component Directors and Headquarters Staff will provide support. Working groups appointed on an ad hoc basis as the study progresses will consider subjects such as facilities, manning, and personnel.

Happy EASTER



SPRING CLEAN-UP

Now is the time to spring into spring time clean-up. The following clean-up and straighten-up practices are recommended by the Aerospace Center fire Prevention Program: Fire Checklist:

- Rubbish - no unnecessary accumulation.
- Flammables - safely stored, contained; no breaks or spills.
- Housekeeping - work area neat and tidy.
- Wiring - good connections, grounded.
- Machinery - clean, working properly.
- Combustibles - away from heat.
- Smoking - safe area, safe disposal.
- Ventilation - of waste, high fume areas.
- Extinguishers - right ones, well marked; know how to use them.

- Exits, Passageways - clear, unobstructed.
- Evacuation Alarm - recognized by all.
- Evacuation Procedures - practiced, known by all.

Know how fires are caused:

- Report or repair unsafe conditions.
- Practice good housekeeping.
- Learn emergency procedures.

Preparedness and knowledge are the best types of fire prevention.

Time Is Money: Spend It Well!

Time, says the adage, is minutes every hour or money. Though we all have heard this a thousand times, we continue to throw money away by wasting time. Studies show that most people waste at least two hours a day at work, at home, at play, and traveling in between.

Cutting down your wasted time is easy with a little more planning. People who manage their time best don't do it by

so. You'll continue your work refreshed and get it done faster.

Of course, there'll always be interruptions. You'll have to be flexible and evaluate each new development as it occurs. If it's important enough, you'll have to give it priority and postpone things on your list.

Some interruptions, however, can be avoided. While

Bits And Pieces

From the Black book:

We survived April Fool's Day and now grit our teeth for this, the 13th of April. If black cats don't cross your path and the salt doesn't get spilled you will probably make it through the day, but take heed, there is another Friday the 13th in July. Imagine the nerve, putting such a day right in the middle of the hot summer when your defenses are lowered by the sweltering heat.

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Looking ahead on the calendar, I note that someone has circled the week of April 22-28 and the date of the 25th for some special reason. I can't imagine who might have circled the dates, but I do note that it is National Secretaries Week with the 25th being the official day. It is fitting, I think, to have such a week proclaimed, after all, we observe a lot of other things that aren't nearly as important to our daily success as are secretaries. What would we do without them? Who would keep our day organized? Who would offer words of encouragement and wisdom just at the time they are most needed? Who would make the apologies for our hurried forgetfulness or fend off the talker when time is precious? Who would there be to declare to the world that we know what we're doing, when we've just proven we don't? Who would understand our idiosyncrasies and work around them? Who would do all those things—loyalty, dedication, understanding—a good secretary, that's who! I think I'll

March Honor Roll

35 YEARS

Queen E. Easley, Marcel A. Mueller, Royce C. Winston.

35 YEARS

Melvin E. Haley, Arthur G. Morgan, Mabel Charlene Gill, Oleanda S. Knowles, DeLeon Howard, Donald J. Moore.

25 YEARS

Donald H. Byers, Travis T. Cole, Dennis L. Dummeyer, Robert E. Yorke, Harold L. Sanders, Earl C. Hill, Jr., Richard L. Trapp, Warren L. Kellems.

20 YEARS

Carol V. Palmer, Anna M. Wiegand, James G. Asch.

15 YEARS

Jon David Flinn, Roy W. Schuttenhelm, Stewart A. Hughes, Huey P. Hervey.

10 YEARS

Connie D. Murphy, Christine L. Truka, Julie A. Martin, Joy J. Strothman, Walter L. Peterson.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING

Lawrence F. Ayers, Debra L. Mays, Harold Roenfeldt.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING/QUALITY SALARY INCREASE

Stephanie J. Boyd, Fanton Chapman, Robert H. Clevestine, II, Laura J. Gillespie, Guido Tesi, Walter G. Johnson, Thomas M. Johnston, Donald A. Knapp, Revera M. McHale, Sharon Wallenberg.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING/SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

Joan L. Breihan, Ann L. Miller, John J. Moreiko, Joseph J. Morrisroe, Jr., Ardell G. Platz, Ellis B. Ray, Charles A. Turner.

QUALITY SALARY INCREASE

John J. DeFrancesco, Melvin E. Haley, Roscoe Hill, Dorothy L. Martin, Patrick B. Michael, Thomas E. Rond.

SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

John E. Betts, Anthony T. Birkenmeier, James E. Bundy, Odell R. Courtaway, Robert F. Day, Raymond G. Donner, Christine O. Everding, Harold W. Finch, Warren E. Huff, William O. Jones, Carl Lam, Alfred H. Nagy, James R. Oakes, Michael J. Ronshausen, Elda L. Rowland, Earl F. Sanders, Jr., John F. Schweitzer, Hubert C. Tidwell, John E. Unruh, Edward C. Winslow.

their time best don't do it by deciding what they have to do and then trying to find time to do it. Instead, they first determine how much time is available and then set priorities on each task. Human nature tends to make you tackle the easy or familiar jobs first, so you must make a conscious effort if you are to finish the important jobs first.

Following these few simple steps can help you do more in less time:

—Each morning, list all you want to accomplish, ranking the tasks in order of importance. If you don't finish all the tasks by the end of the day, you'll at least know you've been working on the most important. The ones you didn't get to are the ones to put off.

—Put the tasks you want to accomplish on a time schedule. If you start falling behind schedule, you'll know you'll have to pick up the pace.

—Don't try to juggle three or four tasks at once. Pick the most important, stick with it until it's finished, and then go on to the next.

—Don't grind yourself down by working long periods without a break. Stand up, move around, do a little job, or return phone calls for a few

ever, to be avoided. While you do want to be able to consult with other workers and let them consult with you, try setting aside certain times of the day when you discourage interruptions. Close your door, if you have one, or try putting up a sign on your desk saying "On Deadline."

The telephone is perhaps the most common interruption and the biggest threat to efficient use of time. Learn to be brief and to keep your calls short. If you're really rushed, tell the caller you're busy and will call back later.

Time wasting is not an incurable disease. Cultivating just a few habits can help you recapture much of the time you've been frittering away.

Be prepared to work anywhere, anytime you have a free moment. Carry a pen and pad of paper with you wherever you go. Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg Address on the back of an envelope while riding to the battle site on the train.

If you take time to do a job, take the time to do it right. If you don't, you may have to take more time to do it over.

Save time for important matters by handling minor ones quickly. Don't waste time worrying over nonessentials.

secretary, that's who! I think I'll circle that week on the calendar again, just to be sure I remember.

dlb...

In Sympathy

William T. McGee, a retiree, died on March 26. He retired in January 1972

with over 30 years total Federal service and had been at the Aerospace Center since October 1944. He spent 19 years in the Aeronautical Information Division, then transferred to the Cartography Department where he was chief of Compilation Section 2 in the Cartographic Production and Contract Support Branch at time of retirement.

Interment was in Union, Mo.

He is survived by his wife Margaret and three sons and two daughters.



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David L. Black

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Editor

SPECIAL ACT AWARD

Joan A. Chambers, Judy D. Conway, Judith M. Epperson, Dianna L. Jones, Marie E. White.

SUGGESTION AWARDS

Richard A. Gephart, \$55.00 and \$35.00; Lawrence J. Guthmiller, \$50.00; George H. Keetch, \$50.00; Carl S. Lappe, \$50.00; Tony A. Napoli, \$50.00; Elmer D. Lanigan, Jr., \$35.00; Glenn T. Beshears, \$25.00; Theodore D. McNeal, Jr., \$25.00; Richard E. Newton, \$25.00; Patricia A. Wiese, \$25.00.

March Promotions

The following people received promotions during the month of March: Claire A. Anderson, GS-7; Denis L. Bagsby, GS-9; Richard J. Ballard, GS-11; Annie G. Blackmon, GS-9; Jeffrey D. Bowman, GS-9; Anthony P. Burk, GS-7; Nancy T. Clark, GS-6; Michael L. Cooper, GS-7; John M. Doty, GS-9; John F. Dunne, GS-9; Donald J. Edgar, GS-12; Mary Beth Farrar, GS-9; Mark K. Gendron, GS-4; Melvin Gillespie, GS-5; Patricia A. Griffin, GS-9; Barbara A. Guthrie, GS-4; Jeffrey A. Haase, GS-9; Terry W. Harmon, GS-9; Ruby L. Harris, GS-6; Loren D. Hicks, WG-10; Claudia L. Hopkins, GS-6; Keith A. Huelsebusch, GS-7; Delores Johnson, GS-6; John M. Kerins, GS-9; Don E. Klier, GS-12; Don R. Koboldt, GS-7; George M. Kroenung, GS-9; Steven E. Laughlin, GS-7; John J. McMahon, GS-9; Mary F. Miller, GS-9; Alfred H. Nagy, WP-32; Joyce A. Noland,

GS-9; Garland W. Noll, GS-12; Michael J. Pohlers, GS-9; David J. Premer, GS-15; David W. Reed, GS-9; Fern M. Reichert, GS-5; Richard A. Remmler, GS-7; Doretha Robinson, GS-4; Donald K. Rogers, GS-9; Irvin E. Rogers, GS-15; June M. Ruckman, GS-6; Theresa A. Scotion, GS-5; Nancy J. Seemiller, GS-5; Monica L. Sharp, GS-9; Joseph Edward Smith II, GS-9; Lawrence G. Smith, WP-12; Cleoria J. Stokes, GS-5; Cheryl A. Tisdale, GS-9; Marshall J. Turner, WG-7; Robert M. Walker, GS-9; Nancy M. Wallace, GS-11; Milton L. Westbrook, Jr., GS-9; E. Faye White, GS-6; Beverly A. Williams, GS-11; Hazel A. Zimmerman, GS-7.

-Military-

Announcement was made of selection for promotion to the grade of Captain of Lt. Bradley W. Stewart, SS.



Lt. Col. Fitzgerald



LCDR Bozich

New Officers Report For Center Duty

Two new officers have arrived to begin tours of duty with the Aerospace Center and both have been assigned to the Plans And Requirements Directorate.

Named as chief of the Requirements Division of PR is Lt. Col. Byron Fitzgerald, USAF. Selected for duty in PRRN was LCDR Robert Bozich, USN.

Colonel Fitzgerald comes to the Center from Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. He is a native of Kansas and a 22 year veteran of Air Force service. He received his commission and a degree in military science from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point in 1957. He later received his master's in Geodesy from Ohio State University.

His assignments have included

tours with Headquarters U.S. Air Force Europe, at Mather AFB, Calif., and at Ellsworth AFB.

He is a command rated pilot.

Lieutenant Commander Bozich has 14 years of military service and comes to the Center from duty with Patrol Squadron 44 at the Naval Air Station in Brunswick, Maine. He received his degree in meteorology from Pennsylvania State University and in 1972 a master's in Meteorology from the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, Calif.

In addition to two tours of duty at Brunswick Naval Air Station the new officer has served at Naval Air Station Saufley Field, Florida and aboard the USS J.F. Kennedy (carrier).

He is a native of Pennsylvania and a rated pilot.

Thirty Years Reached by Four

MABEL CHARLENE GILL, PPGD, reached the 30 year mark on March 9. Her Federal service began at Fort Knox, Ky. in April 1948 as a clerk-typist where she worked for a few months before returning to her home in Brighton, Il. She changed her career field to that of cartographic aide when she came to the Aeronautical Chart Plant at 12th and Delmar in October 1948. She was assigned to the Photogrammetry Division until November 1952 when she left on maternity leave.

She returned in March 1953 and was assigned to stereo plotting as a cartographer. In the fall of 1948 she transferred to the Missile Support Division, Analytical Branch then to the Topography Branch and, in 1964, became a supervisory cartographer. Since 1970 she has been assigned to various staff positions within the Programs, Production and Operations Directorate as a cartographer/production program manager.

She was appointed as Federal Women's Coordinator in October 1974 and served in that capacity until February 1978.

She is an active member in such technical organizations as ASP and ACSM and has held a number of offices in the St. Louis Chapter, including first woman president of the ASP and as a director of the ACSM. Also, in the National ASP she served as Newsletter Editor for the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (a monthly journal with circulation of 10,000). She is also a charter member of the Aerospace Center Toastmaster's Club.

assigned to the Printing Division as a lithographic photographer then to the Art Room.

He entered military service in October 1950 and was assigned to the Military Police as a photographer and instructor at Camp Gordon, GA. He was transferred to the Army Motion Picture Company in Charleston, S.C. as a public information and still photographer.

He returned to ACIC in October 1952. In the reorganization of 1957 he was assigned to the Cartography Department as a negative engraver, where he is presently assigned.

KENNETH E. REED, FEMAH, will reach the 30 year mark on



Gill



Stephens



Reed



Caruthers

April 18. He joined the U.S. Navy in July 1947. He states that most of his duty time was spent on the USS Platte AO-24 doing electrical work, receiving his discharge in April 1950.

He returned to Federal service at the Medical Depot at 8900 South Broadway in December 1951, where he worked as a junior and journeyman electrician until 1953 when he was caught in a Reduction in Force (RIF). This was due to the move of the Medical Depot to Kentucky.

He transferred to the Aerospace

Center and since then has worked as a plant electrician, Mosler Intrusion electrician, electrical leader and since 1977 has been in his present assignment as electrician foreman.

M.C. CARUTHERS, FEPL, will reach the 30 year mark on April 27. His first Federal job was in 1947 as a temporary employee at the Aeronautical Chart Plant at 12th & Delmar as a labor helper in the Air Installations Division, now Facility Engineering. A year later he accepted a job at the Records Center on Goodfellow to serve one year probation to a permanent job, but he was RIFed after eight months. He returned to the Plant in early 1949 to his same

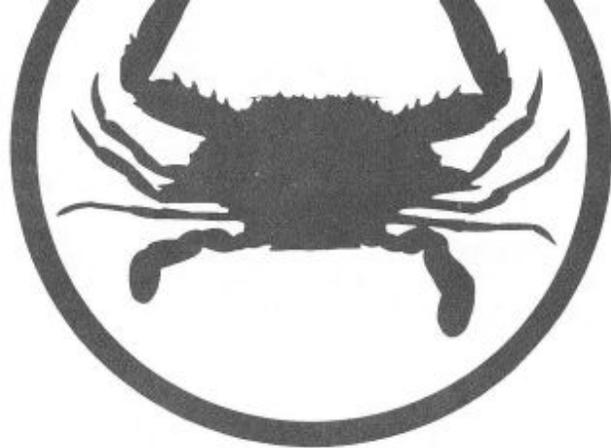
job but as a permanent employee.

After the move to 2nd & Arsenal in 1952, he was transferred to the Printing and Distribution Division, Maintenance Shop as a press mechanic helper and was then promoted to mechanic trainee.

He was caught in another RIF in 1959 and went to the mailroom for a short time before being transferred to Base Supply. He worked there until 1966 when he transferred back to the Engineering Division, Material Control Branch where he is presently assigned as supply technician supervisor.

April - Cancer Control Month





Cut out this easy reminder and attach it to some convenient spot, like the back of the bathroom mirror.

Seven Warning Signals

Change in bowel or bladder habits

A sore that does not heal

Unusual bleeding or discharge

Thickening or lump in breast or elsewhere

Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing

Obvious change in wart or mole

Nagging cough or hoarseness

*If you have a warning signal,
see your doctor.*

Among her many awards are the ACIC Federal Woman of the Year; ASP Presidential Citation for Meritorious Service and Spirit of the Region Award; DMA Equal Employment Opportunity Award; first place award from the St. Louis Metropolitan Federal Women's Council for Community Service.

EARL C. STEPHENS, ACADA, reaches the 30 year mark on April 15. His Federal career began at the Aeronautical Chart Plant at 12th & Delmar in April 1949. He was

AFA Membership Drive Underway at Center

The annual Air Force Association membership drive is being conducted this month in the St. Louis area, according to Spirit of St. Louis Chapter President, Stuart Popp, of the Aerospace Center.

The Air Force Association is open to military and civilian members of the community who are interested in the united dedication to peace and freedom through adequate aerospace power. Voting memberships are

open to all U.S. citizens who either are, or at one time, were affiliated with the Armed Forces of the United States, or their spouses. Other persons who wish to be affiliated with the Association may become Patrons.

Annual dues are \$13. Individuals interested in joining are encouraged to contact Stuart Popp, ext. 8409, for more information and assistance in joining the Spirit of St. Louis Chapter.

Junior Achievers to Hold Sales Day at Center

The three Junior Achievement companies sponsored by the Aerospace Center will hold a Sales Day at the Center on April 27th, according to the Coordinating Advisor, J. Edward Jones.

The three companies that will be selling are: Production Unlimited, Great Achievers and Progress Co.

Items available include personalized matches, decorative wall plaques and ash trays, bottle lamps and shopping pads.

The sales tables will be located in Building 36 at 2nd Street (across from the Credit Union) and in Building 4 at 8900 (near the cafeteria).

Sales times will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Aerospace Center Director, Col. Robert Burns, presents the official charter to a group of Aerospace Center Junior Achievers as they began work on the sales items that will be featured in the April 27th sale at the Center.

Central Arkansas U. Tours

Students of the University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Ark., are shown receiving a briefing on the Lineal Input System by Kent Kenniston during their recent tour of the Aerospace Center. After viewing the multimedia mission and products briefing presentation, the group received briefings on compilation and the automated type placement of the Aerospace Cartography Department and the camera, plate and press rooms of the Graphic Arts Department. The visit to the Aerospace Center was part of a field trip arranged by Professor James K. Good, who accompanied the group.



Peo Moves

Up in Contest

Retirements January-March 1979

Beffa, Norvel D.	ACAEC
Birkenmeier, Anthony T.	SDD
Britton, James E.	SDDLD
Clouser, Richard C.	SOP
Coleman, Tom L.	GADMI
Graves, James M.	ADPF
Jones, Ernie B.	FEMPC

It has always been my contention that machines, bless their tin hearts, have organized at times with the sole purpose of "getting" we humans. The other day on a trip to Omaha a chain of events added support to my belief. I offer them herewith so that you might draw your own conclusion.

I arrived at the airport for an early flight with the intention of grabbing a roll and some coffee for breakfast as I made the long walk from the terminal entrance through security, down the concourse to the gate area. As I traversed the concourse I glanced at one of those television sets which display the current flight data. To my surprise I found my flight

was suggested that I return to the main terminal ticket counter for possible rerouting.

Sprinting (something I haven't done since high school) I maneuvered into what appeared to be the shortest line at the upper level ticket counter. Behind me appeared two other breathless gentlemen also refugees of the Omaha flight.

When I finally got to the ticket agent (my line was short but the others moved faster) my choices were—attempt a standby on another airline to Kansas City and then pick up a confirmed flight on still another airline to Omaha arriving a couple of hours behind my original schedule; or take a

Softball Season Begins May 2

The Aerospace Center men's slowpitch softball league will get underway on May 2. An exciting season is contemplated this year with many new teams and players entered in the 13 team league.

Games will be played every Wednesday beginning at 3:20 p.m. at Lyon Park, Diamond #1, right outside the Main Gate, and at 6:30 p.m. at Berra Park, Diamond #2. There will be six games every Wednesday with teams from all areas of DMAAC represented.

The DMAAC league champions for the last two years, the Nads, have not returned this year,

throwing the league championship up for grabs.

Returning from last year are the powerful Buffalo Chips, the exciting Panthers, the always tough Cougars, the tremendous Twins II, the mighty Mustangs, the magnificent Misfits, and the popular Wonies. New teams of unknown quality include the Pink Flamingos, Master Batters, Jakes, Wombats, Rogues and Tenrags.

Your support and attendance will be greatly appreciated by all the teams. Tell your friends or bring them to the ballgame.

We hope to see you on May 2.

—Jerry Johnston

The Machine Age or Fly Now Pay Later

by David L. Black

was located at another terminal building. By bus that's a ten minute wait and a 15 minute ride, normally. This morning the busses evidently decided to have a gasoline break together and our wait time was 20 minutes with a 15 minute ride. "Can't we walk," we asked the security man, "it's just over there." "Can't get there from here," he replied, "you have to walk way over there and then back along there, better wait for the bus."

Arriving at the new terminal time became of major consideration, especially for my fellow travelers as they didn't have tickets, remember. I headed straight for the gate area and

Lewis, Dorothy F.	GAF
Melton, Caleb W.	PPGG
Miller, Russell A.	ACIP
Owens, Elzee	FEMPB
Pursley, Willis E.	SSA
Rinderknecht, Arthur W. Sr.	GAD
Rixmann, Paul C.	GADMP
Shea, David E.	LOMR
Sierawski, Francis J.	ADDSB
Thompson, Joe S.	LOTV
Vengoni, Joseph	LOTV

Up in Contest

George Peo will compete in Toastmasters Missouri South Division Speech Contest to be held at Cape Girardeau, Missouri on April 22. George, an Aerospace Center Toastmaster, won the Serious Speech Contest for Area 8 on March 22. The title of his winning speech was, "Who Has Your Child?" He stressed the importance of involving ourselves with youth, particularly our own.

...for a road my flight scheduled for 1:00 p.m. A typo error, I thought, but to be certain I'll check at the gate.

I strolled past the coffee shop to the gate, the last one on the concourse, where I learned that my plane had mechanical trouble in Washington, D.C. and would be delayed at least until afternoon. It

...confirmed flight by way of Chicago, Minneapolis, Denver, and Kansas City arriving at 4:00 that afternoon. I opted for the chancey standby and went scurrying to the other end of the terminal, down another long concourse to a plane that was beginning to board. (When you're in a hurry, why is it always the last gate?)

Taking my place with the other standbys near the check-in door, I noticed the two gentlemen behind me in the ticket line come staggering into the gate area with alarmed looks on their faces. It seems the computer had gone out and tickets (now an automated function) could not be issued to them. Instead they had been given hand written notes for standby boarding which could be exchanged for tickets in Kansas City.

The computer outage also presented a problem for the airline I was about to board—they had no way of knowing how many people were on the plane or how many seats would be required at the Kansas City stop. (Manually counting people seemed to be out of the question). There was discussion about closing the door and not boarding any standbys—there was discussion about not boarding anybody period. At last common sense prevailed and they boarded people until the plane was full. My two fellow travelers and I got on board.

We arrived in Kansas City without incident and found we had 45 minutes between flights. Now for breakfast, I thought. But wait, the airline we were to transfer to

...straight for the gate area and found the security measures were done manually. My briefcase had to be opened and each nook and cranny examined. I got on the plane just as the door was closing. As I glanced over my shoulder I noted my two conversants waving arms and gesturing toward the plane as the ticket agent was explaining why his airline could not accept the handwritten note of another airline. I never saw them again.

Finally I arrived safe and sound at my destination. Of course, the person I was to meet wasn't there but eventually we got together and by 3:00 p.m. I had finally eaten breakfast/lunch and was ready for the return trip.

The plane was twenty minutes behind schedule but after the morning that was a minor amount of time. As I watched the debarking passengers I spotted a familiar face, that of former Centerite Helen Stephens (you remember Helen, our Olympic champion).

As she approached I asked, "What brought you to Omaha?" "Almost nothing," was the reply. "You know I've been waiting at Lambert since early this morning for this flight."

Sure enough, the plane I boarded for the flight back to St. Louis was the one that should have started me on my journey early that morning.

To top off the evening, I got caught in a traffic jam leaving Lambert for home. But, what do you expect when machines are out to get you?

Jackson Praised For School Work

Mikel Jackson, PR, was recently the recipient of praise for his work during attendance at the Armed Forces Staff College. "Mr. Jackson's performance gained him the respect of both his classmates and the faculty. . . ." wrote Maj. Gen. L. Gordon Hill, USA, commandant of the College.

During the course he completed a research paper entitled, "Precise Point Positioning for Deployable Operations."

GOING PLACES?

Share
A Ride With
A Friend



The Women's Club will have a rummage sale May 4th, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at 7017 South Broadway. Donations of rummage (clothing, workable appliances, furniture, toys, etc.) will be appreciated. Drop-off points for rummage are AA, sixth floor, Bldg. 36, 2nd and Arsenal, or the Supply Division, 8900 South Broadway. Items will be accepted through May 2. Contact June Moran, 4822 or Major Dennis Finch, 8186.

An Installation Luncheon will be held May 10th at the Robert E. Lee on the Riverfront. Guests are welcome. For more information call Mrs. Edward Williams, 962-1098.

The Women's Club wishes to thank everyone for their support this year. Women employees or wives of employees of DMAAC are invited to join this worthwhile organization. Please call Martha Burns, 227-3994 or Mary Mattke, 536-1690 for more information.

—Joan Fahy