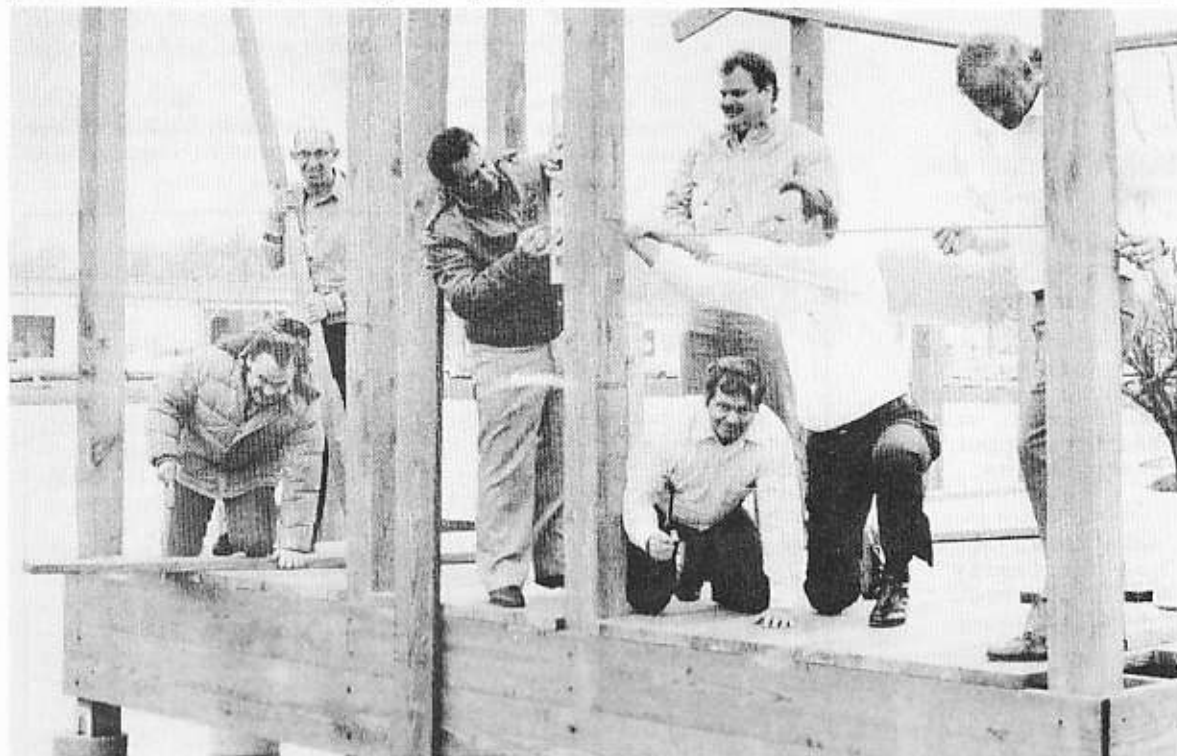


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Members of the Circle-Q demonstrate their carpentry skills at the picnic pavilion they are building during off-duty hours on the east lake at South Annex. From left: Scott Bretzke, Frank Purcell, Hank Galan, Circle-Q leader

John Moon (kneeling with hammer), Mike Sterling, John Rau (Quality Circles facilitator in the Mapping and Charting Department), and George Salava.

Photo by Janie Greathouse

Employee Project Gets Off the Ground



Photo by Paul Hurlburt

In a view from the back of the group, the altos and basses make their contribution during a concert by the Aerospace Center Carolers at the Aerospace Charting Seniors luncheon Dec. 9.

Singing, Sharing Mark Season

In a tradition dating back at least to 1948, when Aleta Cunningham led carolers through the halls of the Aeronautical Chart Plant, AC's renowned Carolers were heard throughout the Center again this year.

A Carroll himself — Larry, that is — sang a guest solo in a special appearance of the Carolers at the Aerospace Charting Seniors luncheon at Grant's Cabin. Larry retired in January 1986. The director was Laura Thompson, in her third

place a decorated barrel at the entrance to Building 36 for anyone who might wish to give a gift to some person in need. He's been doing it for years now, but, says Dave, "It's the people who keep it going; otherwise, we'd just have an empty barrel."

With the Equal Employment Opportunity Office providing storage, Dave emptied the barrel several times before it was time to deliver the gifts. As usual, he was planning to deliver them in person — toys going to the Marines Corps Reserve

One of the goals of Quality Circles is to improve the work environment for fellow employees. Taking this goal to heart is a group of eight aeronautical information specialists called the Circle Q's in the Mapping and Charting Department.

For the past several weeks members of the group have been constructing — on their own time — a 16-by-24 foot picnic pavilion on the east lake at 8900 S. Broadway. Enclosed by lattice-work fencing, the pavilion includes a deck that extends a distance of eight feet, overlooking the lake.

To build the pavilion, work parties of three or more have been taking place on four successive Saturdays, as well as a couple of Sundays, said Circle-Q leader John Moon. "It's getting to the point where my wife says, 'What? You're going to work on that again!'" The group has also worked after their regular jobs on weekdays from three "till we run out of daylight."

"The idea is to build a pavilion that people can use for functions,

breaks, ven meetings," said Moon. "The goal is to enhance the environment we work in. During the summertime, people tend to congregate under the trees for shade. Now, they will have a place to sit in comfort." Big enough to hold three or four picnic tables, the pavilion will be open to all employees, not just members of the Mapping and Charting Department.

The idea for the pavilion came out of a Circle-Q brainstorming session, Moon said. "Everybody got into the act to nurture the idea along a little bit. We got a book on pavilions and discussed what we wanted and then Ken Tebbe drew up the plans." A member of the Circle Q's, Tebbe retired last month.

The group hadn't planned on starting the project until next spring, but the Director of Facilities Engineering, Lt. Col. Donald J. Armstrong, "liked the idea, so it went on the fast track," said Moon. "He said, 'Get your plans and list of materials to me right away, so we can order them.'" With FE supplying the materials and laying concrete foundation posts, Circle members were able to get their project off the ground by the middle of November.

Members of the Circle Q's, besides Moon, are Scott Bretzke, Bill Buckwalter, Hank Galan, Frank Purcell, George Salava and Mike Sterling. John Rau is the facilitator who served as Circle Q's liaison with management.

Besides the picnic pavilion, the Circle Q's have focused their attention on products produced by MC, specifically enroute charts, which provide flight information to military aviators and other users.

The circle has proposed a plan to standardize the legends appearing on the charts. The circle has also been working on standard operating procedures.

"Quality Circles can die out for lack of ideas, poor leadership, or lack of acceptance of their ideas," said Moon, "but the basic idea is super. Quality Circles give

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group. The multi-part harmony and precision of the Carolers didn't just happen but took hours of practice, as you might imagine.

Besides the impulse toward song, there was an urge to share again this holiday season. Once again, cartographer Dave Klinge took it upon himself to

Airport, for distribution in the "Toys for Tots" program, and food and clothing going to the Salvation Army Center at 3800 Lindell Blvd.

Office parties and decorations were also part of holiday festivities at AC. Shuttle bus riders, however, were in for a surprise. See page 4.



Talking It Over

Dr. Richard R. Randall (left), DMA Geographer, confers with his Soviet counterpart at a United Nations conference on geographical names. The Soviet representative is Vjaceslav Dmitrocenkov of the U.S.S.R. Main Administration of Geodesy and Cartography.

Dr. Randall is the executive secretary of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. At the conference, held in Montreal, Dmitrocenkov introduced a system to Romanize the spelling of Russian place-names. The system was adopted—despite U.S. objections.

Director's Hotline

The Director's Hotline is available for employees who have questions or suggestions for improvements in all areas. Some suggestions/questions that are received will be printed in the Orientor, along with an answer. Call 3-4178 24 hours a day. An answering machine will take your call.



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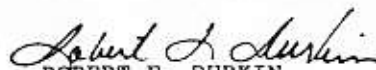


TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF DMA:

My strongest impression from the several months I have been part of the Defense Mapping Agency is of the genuine feeling of accomplishment at all elements of the Agency. The mutual confidence and respect I see within this Agency family clearly come from a realization that we are producing, that what we do here is important, and that we are doing it well.

In my travels to the various DMA Components around the country, I have found that we are all aware of the challenges facing this Agency with the New Year, but that we also face our challenges confidently, together. With each other's help, we will continue our efforts to ensure, through effective support to deterrence, those freedoms we all enjoy and that genuine Peace on Earth we all seek.

So, to all of you, I say take a break and make it a joyous time with your families and friends. Judy, I, and our family forward our sincere wish that you and yours have a happy and safe holiday season and a healthy and rewarding New Year.


ROBERT F. DURKIN
Major General, USAF
Director

Hours Are Designated for Sign-In

An Open Letter

AC Aims for Zero Overpricing

Monitoring the cost of each of the thousands of items DMAAC procures is a huge task. It largely depends on those who are most qualified to do so — each of us who works with these items on a daily basis.

DMAAC's program to assist in watching the costs of individual items is the Zero Overpricing Program.

Should you suspect an item is greatly overpriced, the primary point of contact is the Customer Service Unit (LOSPP), Sheri Glotfelty, at extension 8317.

Price challenges may be submitted to LOSPP by letter or in person. The challenge should include the following information:

- *originator's name, organizational address, telephone number, and date of the challenge,
- *stock number and nomenclature for the item whose price you are challenging,
- *part number of item,
- *price paid and an estimate of what the price should be,
- *name of different source for the identical item at a lower price,
- *justification for the challenge,

Friendship Pact Is Celebrated

Navy Captain Winfield Donat represented DMA at ceremonies in Morocco celebrating the bicentennial of the Moroccan-American Treaty of Peace and Friendship. Captain Winfield, who is chief of the Hydrographic Division at HQ DMA, also took part in the dedication of the first nautical chart published under the U.S. Morocco

*any other pertinent information.

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All of you are urged to submit a price challenge if you have good reason to believe that an overpricing exists. Help the Center save money and possibly win a cash award for yourself. Call Sheri Glotfelty at 8317 for further information.

—Sheri Glotfelty
Customer Liaison Officer
Supply and Services Division

Promotions

- Alphin, Kevin E., GS-5
- Baer, Lori A., GS-11
- Bell, Patricia A., GS-11
- Benford, Carolyn L., GS-5
- Blakey, Karen K., GS-6
- Bottoms, William H. III, GS-7
- Boyer, Debra K., GS-11
- Cystrunk, Pamela D., GS-5
- Dean, Marie E., GS-7
- Dierker, Mary A., GS-7
- Dorman, Edna, XP-8
- Doss, Michael W., GS-7
- Egan, Richard A., GS-11
- Gaertner, Marikay G., GS-6
- Giles, Deborah J., GS-11
- Grzesk, Ronald L., GS-5
- Hanewinkel, Sharon L., GS-6
- Hilliard, Donna M., GS-4
- Hugyez, Kathlyn R., GS-8
- Ing, Jo Ann, GS-8
- Jones, Marcia V., GS-7
- Kaut, Kenneth, WG-6
- Kenniston, Kent E., GS-11
- Klein, Nancy T., GS-9
- LeFave, Gary, WL-11
- Lehrmann, Bonnie M., GS-6
- Maguire, Carl R., GS-11
- Manning, Dennis M., GS-11

Effective Jan. 2, all personnel arriving at 3200 South 2nd Street and 8900 South Broadway during designated hours will be required to sign in and out. The new procedure is being implemented by the Security Office to enhance security at the Aerospace Center.

The hours for sign-in and out at 8900 S. Broadway will be 5 p.m. through 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday and 5 p.m. Friday through 5 a.m. Monday. At 3200 S.

2nd Street, the hours for sign-in and out will be 6 p.m. Friday through 10 p.m. Sunday.

Sign-in and out will take place at the Main Gate to each facility. There will be extended hours for sign-in and out at both locations during holidays.

"We solicit each employee's cooperation in our effort to enhance the security of this Center," said LTC Edward W. McGinley III, Director of Security.

Stop-Smoking Classes To Begin

Employees wishing to enroll in the Aerospace Center smoking-cessation program are invited to phone the Employee Assistance Office at 4848.

Classes will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1 in the EO Conference Room on the first floor of Building 36 and on Jan. 12, 19, 26 and Feb. 2 in the Employee Assistance Office in Section 3 of Building 8900-4.

Attendance will be treated as an excused absence (up to 60 minutes); thus employees must have authorization from their supervisor to attend. Homework assignments will be made.

A second series of classes will be held at 3200 South 2nd Street on Jan. 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4, and at 8900 South Broadway on Jan. 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5.

In Sympathy

Word has been received of the death of Leona A. Monahan on Nov. 29. She was a secretary in the Cartography Department at the time of her retirement in August 1980. Her federal employment totaled more than 14 years, all but a

few months at the Aerospace Center.

Mrs. Monahan leaves three children and grandchildren. Interment was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

To AC Employees

To DMAAC employees:

The DMAAC Women's Club wishes to extend to each of you and your families a happy holiday. We wish for you the true gifts of Christmas: peace, joy and love, and the hope for a prosperous New Year.

We would like to thank you for your generosity in helping to make our bake sale a huge success. Without your help, our total of \$800 could never have been attained. This money will be used to help support the Dream Factory. Hopefully, the happiness you will have helped bring to some child may be returned to you a hundredfold.

(s) Rae Meeks

Hydrographic Cooperation Program

Morocco, in 1777, was the first nation to recognize the newly independent United States of America by providing free access to American ships. The treaty, signed in 1787 by Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, provided protection to U.S. vessels from Barbary pirates along the Moroccan coast and is the longest such friendship pact in American history.

Captain Donat presented a framed first-day cover of a new U.S. stamp entitled "Friendship with Morocco, 1787-1987" to Hakam Abdelmajid, chief of the Division of Cartography of the Moroccan Office of Land Records and Topographic Works.

McCann, Raymond, GS-9
 Mohan, James G., GS-12
 Morris, Carla J., GS-6
 Parson, Victoria L., GS-6
 Pinnell, Leslie J., GS-11
 Pizzo, Larry R., WS-5
 Poll, Linda M., GS-6
 Puhon, Oscar W., GS-11
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 Schwartz, Eugene P., GS-11
 Scott, Locha C., GS-9
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 Whitworth, Willie B., GS-6
 Wooldridge, Monique B., GS-4

Calendar

JAN.	EVENT	PLACE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Holiday		
5	Toastmasters	Lindbergh Rm.	R. Snider/4956
12	FBA Mtg.	Garavelli's Inn at Park	T. Woodward/895-9208
14	Chartmasters	South Annex	H. Adams/8468
15	Bloodmobile	2nd Street	P. Benson/4047
18	Holiday		
19	Toastmasters	Lindbergh Rm.	R. Snider/4956
25	NFFE Local 1827	2nd Street Dining Hall	E. Hacker/776-8424
28	Chartmasters	South Annex	H. Adams/8468
28	FEW Monthly Mtg.	To Be Announced	K. Hille/8398

Contact Sue Paige/4142 to have your February events listed.

Honor Roll

35 Year

Robert E. Diekemper, Lillian W. Galant, Ralph E. Heath

30 Year

Vern A. Hewitt Jr., John M. Hillestad, Charles R. Schifferdecker, Zane H. Thompson, Leroy E. White

25 Year

Donald J. Edgar, Joseph France, Lohris G. Jenkins, John A. Lefman, Marshall E. McGill Jr., Garland W. Noll, Barbara A. Speiser

20 Year

Alonzo O. Acklin, David W. Boone, Melvin Harris

15 Year

Donald C. Bush, Patricia J. Culiberk, Bernard J. Kolo, Gary N. Lackey, Emory C. Simmons, Daniel A. Taylor, Connie L. Zimmer

10 Year

Cleodora E. Alexander, Violet M. Connoyer, Larry Dickson, David L. Douglas, John W. Eckhard, Meredith B. Fields, Steven E. Giles, David N. Gillett, Dan E. Gwinn, Linda A. Hayes, Donald A. Hoffmann, Theodore H. Isringhaus, Kathleen C. Kruger, Roberta E. Lenczowski, Donald E. Mumm, James M. Murray, Mark C. Shelberg, William E. Small, John H. Tiner, Robert H. Wilhelm, Kent E. Wroughton

Outstanding Performance Rating

Dana M. Bartlett, David M. Berg, Lawrence N. Bratcher, James C. Butler, Michael J. Collier, Kenneth D. Crist, Robert E. Diekemper, Carroll O. Forester, Susan M. Gligros, Robert L. Hicks, Bruce E. Hinterleitner, Raymon J. Jones, James W. Maher, Ivo Mannarelli, Paul Mercado, Larry D. Morgan, Joseph G. Novak, Curtis A. Nungesser, John M. Parker, Jr., Raymond E. Patt, Patsy A. Plemmons, William W. Potts, James M. Preston, David Scurry, Linda Simmons, David T. Stein, Linda L. Wallace, Sandra E. White.

Outstanding Performance Rating/Quality Step Increase

Richard A. Aschenbrenner, William L. Breckner, Thomas P. Camarda, Phyllis A. Farris, John A. Gillihan, Sr., Thomas E. Heinze, Christine E. Hoelker, Robert M. Jensen, Barbara R. Kistler, Timothy J. Miller, Donald A. Nierman, Dorothy R. Preiss, Rand O. Seppelin, Janet L. Sturley, Deborah A. Williams.

Quality Step Increase

Theresa M. Allen, Julie A. Bauer, George J. Szigeti

1987

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The weather is turning colder with snow increasingly in the forecast. Civic Christmas displays are up throughout the city and St. Louis has celebrated the beginning of the holiday season with civic events such as the Christmas parade and the Festival of Trees. The year is rapidly coming to a close.

This has been an exceptionally eventful year for the Aerospace Center. It has been a time of transitions, some painful, but all necessary to support our ultimate objective of providing timely, tailored support to the men and women in uniform whose lives depend upon the quality of our products. Some changes have had momentous impact on the functioning of our agency, such as the opening of the Systems Center and Reston Center.

We have had many personnel and organizational changes at all levels of DMA. We acquired a new DMA Director, Maj General Durkin, a man with many years of experience as a user of DMA products. We reluctantly bid farewell to our AC Technical Director, Mr. Paul Peeler, when he transferred to Washington, but took comfort in the selection of Mr. James Skidmore, a man with tremendous talent and long experience in DMA, as his replacement. 1987 saw the merge of the AD and MC Departments. We have seen alot of change this year, and we will continue to experience changes in 1988. There will be more changes in the Organizational chart and the organizational leadership, and, of course, new construction is guaranteed to keep the parking situation in a state of turmoil. I applaud the way you have dealt with change and uncertainty in the past and I know everyone will continue to pull together and help one another in the future. Our users depend upon the professionalism and dedication of the men and women of the Aerospace Center, and I know we will continue to give our very best.

Thank you all for the tremendous job you have done in 1987. At times it has been difficult, but you have held to the high standard of excellence you have established over the years and have made it the most productive year ever for the Aerospace Center. I wish each and every one of you a very safe and happy holiday season, and a bountiful new year.



Outstanding Performance Rating/ Sustained Superior Performance

Juliet L. Bauer, Merlin L. Gray, Cynthia L. Haegele, James R. Hildreth, Donna E. Miller, Mary Ann Rieffle, Catherine M. Schmidt, Joyce A. Taylor, Brenda J. Walsh

Sustained Superior Performance

Spencer L. Bartlett, Jr., Philip Orlando

Outstanding Performance Rating/Performance Awards

Wayne F. Arms, Arthur E. Austin, Suzanne E. Barnes, Arthur L. Collins, Jo Ann Cronin, John S. DeFato, Sr., William R. Dubishar, Theresa A. Higgins, Robert R. Jaye, Larry A. Larson, Charles A. Lechner, Patrick B. Lutz, Dennis M. Manning, Curtis A. Martin, Linda S. McGaugh, Thomas A. McNamee, Jr., Judith M. Packman, Richard K. Poropat, Philip W. Roberts, Timothy Scott, Lawrence L. Spong

Performance Awards

Jeffrey C. Bjerke, Robert C. Eddy, Virginia L. Garcia, Robin N. Goodrich, Raymond J. Hric, David D. Kovar, Jerry E. Lynch, Joyce E. Marks, Susan I. Robinson.

Special Act Award

David B. Holtzclaw

Suggestion Awards

Timothy B. Arl, \$259.00, Frederick H. Clarke, \$349.00, Linda K. Pratte, Willie J. Whitten

Retirements

Elizabeth B.R. Ecker (GANA), negative engraver, retired Dec. 3 with more than 39 years of federal service, including 34 years and 10 months at the Aerospace Center.

Carl Fannon (GAPL), offset photographer, retired Dec. 1 with more than 32 years of federal service, including 24 years and one month at the Aerospace Center.

Thomas J. Murphy, chief of the Maintenance Control Office

(LOMP), is scheduled to retire Dec. 31 with more than 34 years of federal service, including 32 years and nine months at the Aerospace Center.

Norris L. Perkins Jr. (MCACC), aeronautical information specialist, retired Dec. 3 with more than 22 years of federal service, including 21 years and five months at the Aerospace Center.

ROBERT J. LEMON
Colonel, USAF
Director

Looking Back

TEN YEARS AGO...Announcement of the formation of a new Directorate of Systems and Techniques was made by the Center Director, Col. James St. Clair, during the Nov. 30 staff meeting. The new directorate will be composed of the Advanced Technology Division, now within the Plans, Requirements and Technology Directorate, and an Acquisition Systems Division to be established. (Orientor, Dec. 9, 1977)

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TWENTY YEARS AGO... ACIC charts will play a major role in the process of naming features on the far side of the Moon, says L. Harold Spradley, ACIC lunar expert. The NASA Lunar Orbiter program has obtained photography of the entire Earth-side hemisphere of the Moon and about 99 percent of the far hemisphere. ACIC has actively participated in the analysis of these photographs and prepared a chart of the entire lunar far side in October.

Because the Lunar Orbiter materials contain so much new material, the International Astronomical Union, which met recently in Prague, Czechoslovakia, has deferred the approval of

names for additional far-side features until 1970. During the intervening period, a committee will evaluate nominations. Since ACIC charts represent the most complete medium for description of lunar far-side information, they will play a major role in this process. (Orientor, Dec. 8, 1967)

Setting Standards

The Defense Standardization Program Office has awarded DMA an "outstanding performance award" for 1987.

DMA "took the initiative to standardize digital MC&G requirements through a comprehensive program," the citation says. The award was accepted on behalf of DMA by Navy Captain Victor A. Karcher, chief of the Standards Products Division at Headquarters DMA.

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Kudos

Miss Kansas



Cindy Decker, daughter of Nick Decker (DPP), has been crowned Miss Kansas. The competition took place in Kansas City, Kan., Nov. 29. Cindy will represent Kansas in the Miss USA pageant in El Paso, Texas, on March 1.

A sophomore majoring in architecture, the new Miss Kansas attends Kansas State University in Manhattan.

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A logo for a campaign on alcohol awareness at Illinois State University in Normal was designed by Darryl White, son of LeRoy White (SDRG). Darryl chose the theme "Responsible Drinking," with the words pouring out of a whiskey bottle, for his winning entry.

As a student in the art department at ISU, Darryl also won the Elizabeth Stein Award, based on his academic performance and artistic ability. A wall he painted on the South Campus won first place in a mural contest.

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Chief Lou & Friends



Robert F. (Chief Lou) Lozano (LOSSMR), along with Santa and his helpers, celebrated the 14th Operation St. Nick in South St. Louis on Dec. 19. Chief Lou and his friends made stops at six places of business this year, passing out treats and spreading good cheer to South Side kids.

Making a Joyful Ride

This photo doesn't do justice to the colorful shuttle-bus trimmings hung by driver Al Manson (smiling in the mirror). Said one employee: "It's the nicest greeting DMAAC could have, a real gesture of good will and the Christmas spirit." Asked why he did it, Al said, "The idea just came to me."

Photo by Paul Hurlburt



Basket, Volleyball Leagues Forming

Men's basketball and co-ed volleyball leagues are currently being formed at the U.S. Army's St. Louis Area Supply Center in Granite City, Ill. League play will be held at the Center's gymnasium on Route 3.

There will be three basketball leagues, each meeting a different night: recreational on Monday, intermediate on Tuesday, and competitive on Thursday.

The cost per team is \$70. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 10. League play will get underway Jan. 18.

Bowlers Report Highlights

At Shrewsbury Lanes

The highlight of the week was when Denny Dummeyer shot nine consecutive strikes and in the 10th frame got the 8-10 split. Denny ended up with a 269. Beautiful game, Denny!

Norma Harmon bowled 73 pins over her series average, Ed Fank bowled 85 pins over average, and not to be outdone, their spouses, Jack Harmon and Barb Fank, each bowled 101 pins over average.

Connie Pisciotta shot a 211 game, Bob Preston a 247, Tony Randazzo a 217, Kay Kersting a 201, Rita Chalupny a 203, and Barb Speiser a

would like to wish you the "merriest" Christmas ever.

—Ginny Woehrle

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At Western Bowl

Bowling 82 pins over her average for a game, Janie Greathouse had a 267. Monica Zollner had a 227 game, 73 pins over her game average. Sue Mateyka rolled a nice 669 series.

For the men, Earl Ross bowled a 245 game, followed closely by teammate Al Manson with a 242. Rick Remmler bowled a 222 game (71 pins over his average).

There will be no bowling Dec. 23

Children who won T-shirts in the Fire Prevention Week coloring contest have been announced by the Safety Office: Gretel Aschenbrenner, Heidi Aschenbrenner, Brian Benford, Charles Neal Bottenfield, Kaulane Rose Bottenfield, Benjamin Damos, Emily Damos, Jenny Kelly, Christine Kerley, Robin Kerley, Sherry Kerley, John Marsh, Danielle Mays, Lauren Micke, Amy Overbey, Ashley Pence, Kell Pence, Susie Pratte, Bradley Ramsay, Mark Schnelting, Matthew Smith, Jennifer Taylor, Jessica Taylor and Matthew Wert.

Adults who won T-shirts were Tom Dierkes, Beverly Engle, Bobbie Evans, Delores Grandidier, Keith King, Frank Lehr, Michael Letrello, Michael Maske, Michele Niehaus, Cathy Owens, Pasty Rodriguez, Dave Young, John Whitaker, Floyd Wuthrich, Michael Zimbleman.

tional and power, are also being formed. Play will be on Wednesday evenings. The cost per team is \$50 and the deadline for signing up is Jan. 10.

Karate classes are being planned for Monday and Thursday nights, and a recreational "wallieball" league is also in the works. Jan. 10 is the deadline for both.

All leagues and classes are sponsored by the St. Louis Area supply center.

For more information, call Jane or Bob at the gym at (618) 452-2709.

...Employee Project

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employees a grass-roots say in improving day-to-day operations. Most employees feel a basic need for some kind of contribution over and above their daily tasks, but so many times they are not involved in the decision-making process. I think there would be higher morale if there were more Quality Circles because they give a sense of belonging to an organization, not just a feeling of being supervised."

There are five Quality Circles in the Mapping and Charting Department. Moon said he volunteered after "hearing the basic idea; it sounded worthwhile." The former Army helicopter pilot in Vietnam was elected leader of his circle in "an extremely close" three-way race, he said.

The circle's first brainchild has attracted some attention. One wag sent us a drawing of the Taj Mahal, calling it "an artist's conception of how the new gazebo will look when completed." (The official word for the project is "pavilion," but "gazebo" has found favor with many employees.)

We close with a few lines from another contribution, this one a poem:

WHAT NEXT, MC?

By Sharon Burnham

The "gazebo" is coming
So let's spread the word
To all of the people
Who may not have heard.

The "gazebo" is coming,
Our lifestyle'll improve,

For lunchtime we'll all
To the "gazebo" now move.

Where else at DMAAC
Save here will one find
A morale booster as unique
Which is both yours and mine?

I know the togetherness
We in "MC" share
Will certainly be evident
By our visits there.

But please don your sock caps
Your gloves, boots and coat
As we enjoy winter
Hoping our "gazebo" won't float.

We'll take in the beauty
Of snow coming down
As all 'round our "gazebo"
White turns the ground.

So step lively, you volunteers
Before snow slows you down
Complete our "gazebo"
Where good times'll be found.



Making a Joyful Noise

Laura Thompson directs the Aerospace Center Carolers at the December luncheon of the Aerospace Charting Seniors.

