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Photo by Lauren Lee Salgaller

A large crowd turned out for the "World's Biggest Picnic" May 18, sponsored by the D.C. Dining Society. See story, photos, pages 8 & 9.

Competition awards won by San Diego

By Bill Yates
Journal staff writer

Physicians from San Diego Naval Hospital took first place in both the staff and resident categories of the Navy's Sixth Annual Academic Research Competition held May 17 at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC).

Lieutenant Commander Mark R. Wallace, MC, an internal medicine specialist, won the staff-level award for his presentation, "Oral Acyclovir (ACV) in the Treatment of Adult Varicella."

Ophthalmologist Lieutenant Commander Karl A. Holzinger, MC, won first place in the resident category for presenting "Histology and Perfusion-Flow of Heparinized versus Standard Molteno Implants in the Rabbit Model."

The competition, which was produced by the NNMC Clinical Investigation Division for the Navy Medical Department, featured staff and resident presenters from the Navy's four teaching hospitals.

Winners of contests at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., and Oakland Naval Hospital, Oakland, Calif., joined San Diego and Bethesda winners for the morning-long competition in the amphitheater. Each speaker was allowed 20 minutes of presentation time.

Staff research winner

Through a randomized, double-blind study that was placebo-controlled, Wallace demonstrated that beginning treatment with the antiviral drug ACV within 24 hours of developing varicella, commonly called chickenpox, "significantly shortens the course" of the disease.

Research authors Wallace and Lieutenant Commander William A. Bowler, MC, concluded that patients randomly selected to receive oral doses of ACV within 24 hours of the onset of the rash returned to work an average of one day earlier than patients who received only a placebo.

According to Wallace, varicella cost the Navy 22 man-years worth of duty and \$2 million in hospitalization in 1988. The possible benefit shown by this research of reducing the number of work-days lost due to adult chickenpox positively influenced the judges' decision, according to Commander Lyn Yaffee, MC, one of three competition judges.

USUHS confers degrees, doctorates

By Kevin Sforza
Journal editor

One hundred ninety-six students, representing the Navy, Army, Air Force and Public Health Service graduated from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) May 18 in the Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.

The commencement address was delivered by The Honorable Enrique Mendez Jr., M.D., assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. Mendez and The Honorable Sam A. Nixon, M.D., chairman of the USUHS Board of Regents, conferred the medical degrees.

Among those receiving student awards were

two naval officers: Ensign David Allen Lane, USNR, who received the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States Award and Ensign Ronald Floyd Dommermuth, USNR, who received the U.S. Navy Surgeon General's Award. In addition, Captain David S. Hartman, MC, an instructor at USUHS, received the William P. Clements Jr. Award for the Outstanding Uniformed Services Educator.

Attending the commissioning ceremony for the newly graduated medical officers was the Surgeon General of the United States, Vice Admiral Antonia C. Novello and the surgeon generals of all the armed services — Vice Admiral James A. Zimble, MC, USN, Lieutenant General Frank F. Ledford Jr., MC, USA

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Perspectives

(Editor's note: The following column by RADM Hagen originally appeared in the July 27, 1989 issue of The Journal.

By RADM D.F. Hagen, MC
NNMC Commander

Good leadership and management skills are something each and every one of us should think about daily. No matter where you are in the organization, you are involved in leadership because someone is looking up to you as a role model.

The Navy feels so strongly about this that the Leadership, Manage-

ment Education Training classes are now required for the senior pay grades. One way you can exhibit traits of good leadership and management is what I call "management by walking around!"

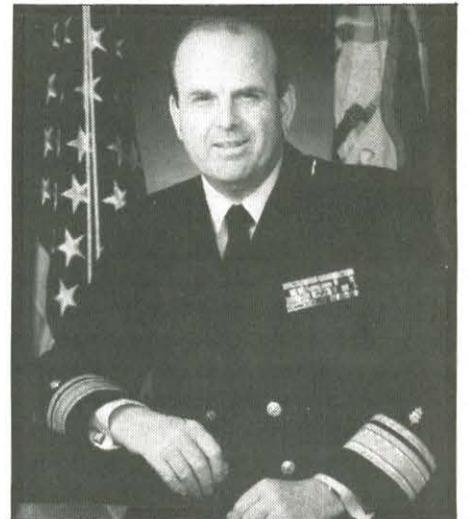
I realize all of you are busy. I know how hard it is to get out of your office, your clinic, your work area. Each of us should make time several times a week, however, to walk around this medical center.

The supply person can understand the supply needs of the ward better by visiting the ward and asking questions. The doctor can understand the lab's problems better by visiting the lab. The pharmaceutical people can understand the

doctor's problems better by visiting the clinics. In short, you can learn a lot about better managing your area when you leave it occasionally.

Get out of the "ivory tower" and see how the rest of the medical center works. Get to know your co-workers in the next building. See what problems they have and see if something in your area can improve your co-workers' workday. When we get out of the office and see the problems of others we can better understand their problems and together we can resolve them.

This is what I mean by "management by walking around." Try it! you'll see how well it works!



RADM D. F. Hagen

Letter to the Editor

Many military reservists found their lives suddenly changed this past year. They were called in support of a conflict in the Middle East that turned into a war. They are your neighbors, employers, employees and even housewives.

I have heard reservists called twice the citizen. They normally drill one weekend a month and go on active duty for two weeks a year. They drill, study, learn and train in reserve units, sometimes alongside full-time military personnel. In return for being prepared (should they be needed by their country) they receive pay and benefits, including educational help.

I have traveled between here and Florida and seen and felt the support for our troops. Signs, posters, banners and ribbons were on fences and houses; on every highway and byway; in large cities and small towns.

I experienced this because I am a Coast Guard reservist. I didn't spend my time in the Middle East, I was part of a staff that trained replacement troops to go overseas. Most of those we trained did go overseas...after the war was declared over!

The Coast Guard was in the Middle East before and during the war and is still there. We were — and still are — on duty in ports around the country as ships arrive and leave. We ensure the safety of cargo being loaded and unloaded as well as working with other military and federal agencies.

I was stationed in Florida and worked 10 to 18-hour days, many times seven days a week. Mail, photos from home and care packages were the highlights of our day and were shared with those around us. Such little things do mean a lot when you are away from home.

Nobody wants a war and I'm glad so many of our citizens are home and coming home; both from the Middle East and other Desert Shield/Storm support positions and operations. I ask that you still remember and support those who have served their country well as those who are still answering the call.

Remember them not only in your prayers but also in letters to them as well.

Gail E. Owens
Hollywood, Md

WORTH REPEATING

"Prejudice is a raft onto which the shipwrecked mind clammers and paddles to safety."

—Ben Hecht,
U.S. novelist/dramatist

"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life."

—Plato,
Greek philosopher

"Let it be your pride . . . to show all men everywhere not only what good soldiers you are, but what good men you are."

—Woodrow Wilson,
U.S. president

"Happiness is a warm puppy."

—Charles M. Schulz,
U.S. cartoonist

Thanks

The staff of the National Naval Medical Center wishes to thank the D.C. Dining Society and all those who participated in last Saturday's picnic. Without their assistance the event could not have been the success it was. Bravo Zulu!

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Navy's summer pageant opens May 29

By Heidi Hunter
Navy Band

The 1991 Navy Summer Pageant entitled "The American Sailor," opens at the Washington Navy Yard — the Navy's oldest shore establishment — on May 29 at 9 p.m. and continues each Wednesday throughout the summer, except for July 24.

The pageant features the United States Navy Band and Sea Chanters chorus, and the U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard and Drill Team. The 60-minute, multi-media production salutes the history, traditions and accomplishments of Navy people from the days of John Paul Jones to high-tech Navy support of Operation Desert Storm.

Costumed characters, stirring music, film, narration, and preci-

sion drill highlight the presentation which concludes with a spectacular patriotic finale. Cast members include "Bos'n Burlidge Freeman," a fictional ghost of the Navy Yard, and his modern counterpart, "The Young Sailor."

The Navy Museum, Navy Art Gallery, Navy Yard Chapel, and Display Ship Barry are also open on Wednesday evenings. Parking is free within the Navy Yard and food and beverages are available.

Entrance to the Navy Yard is at 9th and "M" Streets, Southeast. For free reservations, which are recommended, please call 202-433-2218.

(Editor's note: June 6 is Navy Medicine Night at the Summer Ceremony. Other nights of note are July 17, National Naval Dental Center Night and Aug. 14, Naval School of Health Sciences Night.)

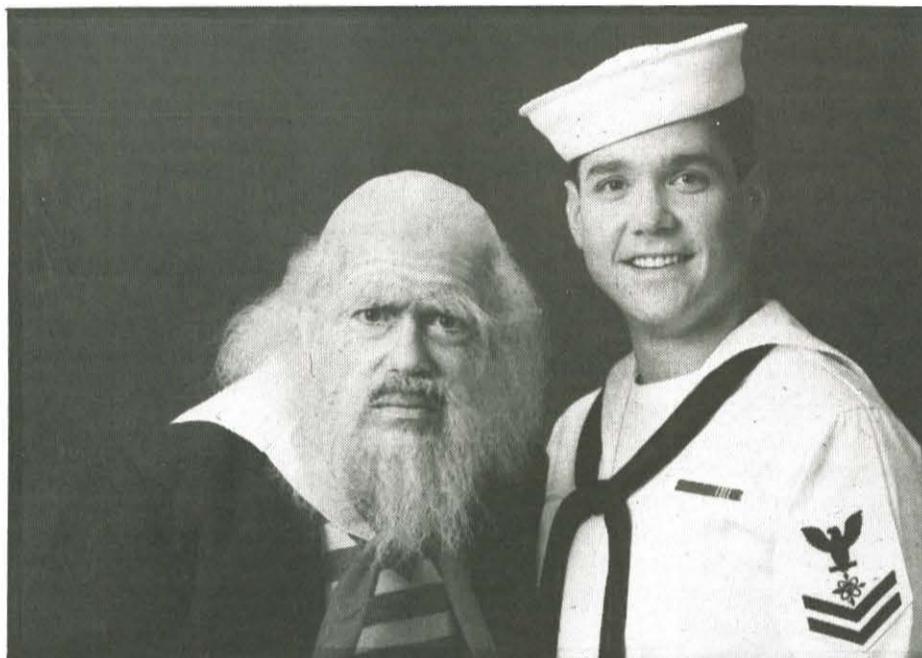


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MUCS Tom VanVranken is Bos'n Burlidge Freeman and MU1 Reid Williams is the young sailor in "The American Sailor" at the Navy Summer Pageant.

Auditorium dedication tomorrow

By JOSN Kathleen L. Warring
Journal staff writer

The auditorium in Building 2 at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) will be dedicated as the National Naval Medical Center Memorial Auditorium tomorrow morning. This name honors the 16 medical personnel who died in the Oct. 23, 1983, terrorist attack on a Marine barracks compound in Beirut, Lebanon.

According to Chief Hospital Corpsman James Davis, coordinator, the ceremony takes place in the auditorium at 10 a.m. The invocation and benediction will be delivered by Captain D.L. Krabbe, CHC, chaplain of the Marine Corps. The scheduled guest speaker is Rear Admiral R.I. Ridenour, MC, Medical Officer of the Marine Corps.

During the dedication, said Davis, each deceased service member's name will be read aloud as the NNMC Band plays "Navy Hymn." A ringing of the bell will follow each name. Attending families of the fallen service members will be presented a plaque similar to the plaque to be unveiled at the conclusion of the ceremony. A cake cutting ceremony will accompany the unveiling.

Special guests include the Honorable Barbara S. Pope, assistant Secretary of the Navy Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Duane Bushey; Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps D.W. Sommers and Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Force Master Chief William M. Griffith.

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"The general impact of the varicella study should be to save the Navy a good deal of money," said Yaffee, assistant director of research and development for fleet readiness support at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D.C.

"It was good research based on a clean hypothesis," he said.

Resident research winner

Holzinger's research involved a possible improvement of function in a widely-used implant for relieving pressure within the eyes of glaucoma sufferers.

Glaucoma, which can lead to blindness, is caused by abnormally high aqueous humor pressure within the eye. Improving the outflow of liquid aqueous humor, through either flow-increasing eye drops or surgery to establish a drainage channel, is the usual treatment procedure, according to the Bantam Medical Dictionary.

Holzinger and Commander Ben Hasty, MC, conducted research on a plastic surgical implant, called a Molteno shunt, that rests on the top of the eyeball and provides a straw-like, direct drainage channel for the eye. Aqueous humor drains up the straw and into the containment unit on top, then slowly diffuses through the plastic wall of the unit into the surrounding tissue.

One project goal was to prove the general assumption that containment units covered by thick tissue diffuse slower. A second goal was to determine whether coating the implant in heparin, an anticoagulant produced by the body,

would increase the unit's diffusion rate by inhibiting the growth of connective tissue on the device.

Studies were done on 10 rabbits with one heparin-coated device and one regular device that were randomly implanted in opposite eyes. Small sections of each capsule were surgically retrieved for study one, two and three months after implant.

Holzinger said the research indicated that containment units made thicker by the growth of connective tissue were less efficient in diffusing aqueous humor. Furthermore, use of heparin did not impede development of connective tissue but rather precipitated more tissue growth and greater inflammation.

The authors concluded that "an effective method of controlling encapsulation should result in improved management of high-risk glaucoma. A different technique of inhibiting [connective tissue] proliferation should achieve this goal."

After the contest, Rear Admiral Richard Ridenour, MC, speaking for competition judges R.J. Porter, M.D., Yaffee and himself, addressed the competitors.

"First of all, we want to say how impressed we were with all of the work, thought and expertise that went into this competition," said Ridenour, medical officer of the Marine Corps.

"There weren't any losers. Our only regret is that we're able to give only one award," said Porter, deputy director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke at the National Institutes of Health.

ALL HANDS

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Look for the May *All Hands*
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News Currents

Memorial Day service

The American Legion Gold Star Post 191 in Mount Airy, Md., invites all NNMC personnel to its Memorial Day service May 27 at 11 a.m. The service will be held in Mount Airy at the Pin Grove Chapel on South Main Street. A free luncheon follows at the Post home.

Pax River air expo

Patuxent River Naval Air Station will hold its 22nd annual Air Expo and Open House on Saturday, May 25.

Air Expo '91 features the Blue Angels, the Navy's flight demonstration team. The grand finale of the air show will be their demonstration of naval aviation might.

Joining the Blue Angels will be civilian performers flying biplanes, a sail plane, vintage war birds, a wing walker and a sky writer. Military and civilian aircraft will be included among the static displays and exhibits. Also scheduled during the day of Air Expo '91 is a pre-show parade honoring the service members of Desert Storm.

The air show begins at noon. The gates open at 9 a.m. and there is no charge for admission or parking. For an Air Expo '91 update call 301-862-7517.

The public is invited to a Meet the Performers Party in the Cedar Point Officers' Club at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 24. The cost is \$10 per person. This includes all you can eat hors d'oeuvres and a special pre-show performance of Air Expo '91. For more information, call 301-863-3656.

Bethesda beach party

Join Jack Diamond and Barbara Britt of radio station MIX 103.7 FM at Bethesda Metro's fifth annual Beach Party Blast, May 25 from noon to 6 p.m.

Entertainment includes the Trinidad & Tobago Steelband of Washington, the rock band Amoretto and the 50s rhythm and blues group, the Orioles.

Party goers can also play volleyball, cool off in the dunk tank and participate with the Sport & Health Competitive Aerobic team. Kids can ride the moonbounce, have their face painted and enter a limbo contest.

A selection of boardwalk food and drinks are available in the food court.

All entertainment is free except for the dunk tank (\$1) and Super Star Recording Studio (\$5).

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and Lieutenant General Monte B. Miller, MC, USAF.

Harry C. Holloway, M.D., deputy dean of the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine at USUHS, administered the Hippocratic Oath.

The 150 Army, Navy and Air Force graduates were assigned internships at various military medical facilities throughout the United States including the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, and the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Malcolm Grow Air Force Medical Center, both in Washington, D.C.

Other degrees awarded were 16 doctorates, one Master of Science, 26 Masters of Public Health and three Masters of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

All proceeds go to benefit Bethesda Cares, a non-profit organization that serves the homeless in Bethesda.

Bethesda Metro is located at the crossroads of Old Georgetown Road and Wisconsin Avenue, atop the Bethesda stop on Metro's Red Line. Three hours free parking is available under the Hyatt hotel with ticket validation from the food court. For more information, call 301-652-4988.

Navy Memorial concerts

The U.S. Navy Memorial opens its fourth season of free outdoor Concerts on the Avenue on Memorial Day, May 27 at 8 p.m., featuring the United States Navy Band's Concert Band.

The Navy Memorial will host free evening concerts each week, from Memorial Day to Labor Day — more than two dozen concerts in all. The U.S. Navy Band and its affiliated performance groups will appear on Thursday evenings and selected Saturday evenings. The Army, Marine Corps, Air Force and U.S. Naval Academy bands will appear on separate Saturday evenings. The National Concert Band of America, an organization of retired military musicians, will perform on three Monday evenings. Concerts begin at 8 p.m.

No tickets are required for the concerts and ample bench seating is available. The Navy Memorial is located on Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest between 7th and 9th Streets, adjacent to the Archives/Navy Memorial Station on Metro's Yellow Line.

The Navy Memorial offers a concert hot line, 202-347-6327, for updated concert schedules or cancellations due to rain.

CPO scholarship

The Bethesda Complex Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Association has opened applications for its annual award of a \$500 scholarship.

Applications will be for the 1991-92 school year. The award of the CPO scholarship will be based upon a combination of scholastic achievement and financial need and may be used at the college or university of the recipient's choice.

Eligibility is open to any dependent child of an active duty enlisted member permanently stationed aboard any of the National Naval

Medical Center complex commands.

Further information and scholarship applications, contact your command master chief or call the scholarship chairman, Master Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW) S.J. Robillard at 301-295-5762. Deadline for applications is Aug. 30.

Terrorism conference

The National Capital Region Chapter of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States presents a conference on "Terrorism and Foreign Counterintelligence" May 29. The guest speaker is FBI Special Agent Daniel P. Johnson. The conference, to be held at the Commissioned Officers' Mess (Open) here, starts at 6:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres. Agent Johnson's presentation begins at 7:45 p.m. The cost is \$15 for members and guests, \$20 for non-members. Reservations must be received by May 24 and can be made by calling CDR Joseph Fisher at 301-295-1018.

Farmers' markets open

Featuring fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers and herbs from local farms, the two of three Montgomery County farmers' markets are open for the summer season. The markets are located this year in Bethesda, Silver Spring and Potomac and will be open for produce sales, during selected hours, through October.

The markets currently open are:

- Bethesda — at the National Institutes of Health, Lot 41-B, behind the National Medical Library, on Tuesdays, from 2 to 6 p.m.

- Silver Spring — at the Armory Place grounds, one-half block east of Georgia Avenue, off Fenton Street, between Pershing Drive and Wayne Avenue, on Saturdays, from 7 a.m. to noon.

The opening date of the market in Potomac has not been announced. It will be located at the Potomac Presbyterian Church parking lot on River Road, one-half mile north of Falls Road, on Thursdays, from 1 to 5 p.m.

The farmers' markets are sponsored by the Montgomery County Office of Economic Development and the Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee.

To obtain a copy of the Montgomery County "Direct Farm Markets Directory," call the Office of Economic Development, at 301-217-2345.

Nursery staff plans picnic

By JOSN Kathleen L. Warring
Journal staff writer

The staff of the National Naval Medical Center's Intensive Care Nursery is planning to hold a special picnic June 2.

On that day, families who experienced the birth of a premature baby will return here for a reunion picnic with the nursery staff from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the pavilion behind the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences building.

"This is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the progress the children have made since their births," said Lynda Segel, Child Life

coordinator, NNMC Pediatric Clinic. "It's fun for the family to bring the child back to visit the staff in non-stressful circumstances and show him or her off."

According to Segel, a co-chairman of the event, the infants were in the Intensive Care Nursery for a variety of reasons. "Some were very premature, some were very sick and some were in for observation. No matter what the reason for admission to the Intensive Care Nursery, the staff spent many long hours caring for and worrying about the infants," she said.

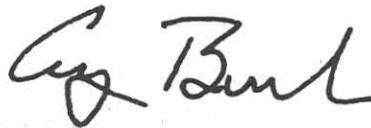
Segel said contests and awards for children are planned in addition to relay games, face painting and other events. For more information, contact Lynda Segel at 301-295-4084/85.

Memorial Day Message for the Armed Forces From the President

On Memorial Day, our hearts are filled with solemn pride and heartfelt gratitude as we recall the tremendous sacrifices made in behalf of our country by members of the United States Armed Forces.

Today, we are especially mindful of those service men and women who took part in the recent struggle to liberate Kuwait and to deter ruthless aggression. Whether they offered support from these shores or stood along the sands and off the shores of Saudi Arabia, they have reminded us of the courage, dedication, and skill that American troops have always demonstrated in the defense of freedom.

Memorial Day is a time to pay special tribute to all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the lives and liberty of others. They have earned our lasting respect and gratitude, and they will always be remembered for their bravery and selflessness. May their families take comfort in the knowledge that these heroic individuals did not die in vain, and may all Americans be inspired by their profound sense of duty, patriotism, and honor.



Chapel Service Schedule

Roman Catholic

Weekdays
Noon Main Chapel
4 p.m. 6 West Chapel
Sunday
9 a.m. & Noon Main Chapel

Protestant

Wednesday
Noon 6 West Chapel
Sunday
10:30 a.m. Main Chapel
Noon 6 West Chapel
Thursday
7:30 Bible Study, Room 1022

Jewish
As announced

Correction

The headline on page 11 of last week's *Journal* incorrectly identified the Quarterdocs of USUHS as winning the co-ed volleyball title. In fact, NSHS won the title as stated in the story.

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From The Chaplain . . .

By LCDR Francies Mitchell, CHC
NNMC Pastoral Care Service

Are you quick to make assessments of situations without knowing the facts? Do you often get involved in situations? First impressions are lasting impressions but sometimes they can be misleading. As with most things in life we can learn and grow from every situation if we only take time to discover why they occur.

What price is paid by the use of statements like: You're so ugly, fat, short, dumb or lazy?

Twelve-year-old Kurt never missed a game of his Little League baseball team, but he didn't get to play much because of his small size and lack of coordination. The coach never let him play more than the two innings a game, required by league rules. Even with Kurt's participation, however, the team won many games and qualified for the playoffs.

After the last practice before the big game, the coach drew Kurt aside and said, "Kurt, just don't show up on Saturday. It'll be better

for the team if you're not there." A dejected 12-year old left the field that day.

How often do we walk by a group of children and pick one out of the crowd and say you're beautiful or handsome. All of us are not Snow White, Miss America or the handsome prince — yet, we are people. Do you open up your feelings? Do you share your world so that others may understand your feelings of them or of situations involving them. Let's learn and grow together in a healthy and meaningful way.

1 Samuel 16 says:

"But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

Do you ever consider how the other person might feel? Have you ever been in a situation like Kurt or Mary and felt the pain deep within you.

How does the "External or Internal" affect us more directly? Here is an example; "I'm important and

you're not because you weren't in a 'Combat Zone.'"

Since the return of Desert Shield/Storm personnel, our external and internal behavior between reserves and active duty people hasn't always been pleasant. Cruel, spiteful or painful comments have been made to each other. I challenge each of us, through the grace of God, to look deep within ourselves to show kindness to each other.

Many of us can accept the fact that those who were in the "Combat Zones" received the most attention and praises. The challenge, now that Desert Shield/Desert Storm is somewhat over and the *Comfort* is back is to remove the mask, the External, and look deep inside ourselves to see how each of us has been affected.

Some of our lives will never be the same. We have been influenced by others. As I return to civilian

life I take with me what has been given me by many people. I leave these thoughts with each of them.

Try not to pass judgment on or make cruel statements about someone else. People's feelings are delicate, complex and activated by different motives or circumstances. Remember we often hurt those we love and those around us when we lash out with unkind words or actions. We must temper our words and acts with respect and consideration for others and anchor them in our faith in God.

We search for new strength both internally and externally, learning that sometimes in suffering, there is victory. Remember, you may have failed Christ and feel he no longer wants you on his team. But, Jesus never says to a repentant child, "Don't show up!" He always gives a new opportunity, with healthy directions, to live for him.

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Blood drive scheduled

The next scheduled blood drive at NNMC will be May 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lobby of Building 10. All blood types are needed.

The following general requirements apply:

- Last donation before April 4.
- Desert Storm personnel deferred 60 days after the departure from the Persian Gulf theater of operations.
- Personnel not stationed in areas endemic to malaria may be eligible to donate blood. These areas are western and southwest Saudi Arabia, any portion of Oman or Yemen or northern provinces or Iraq.

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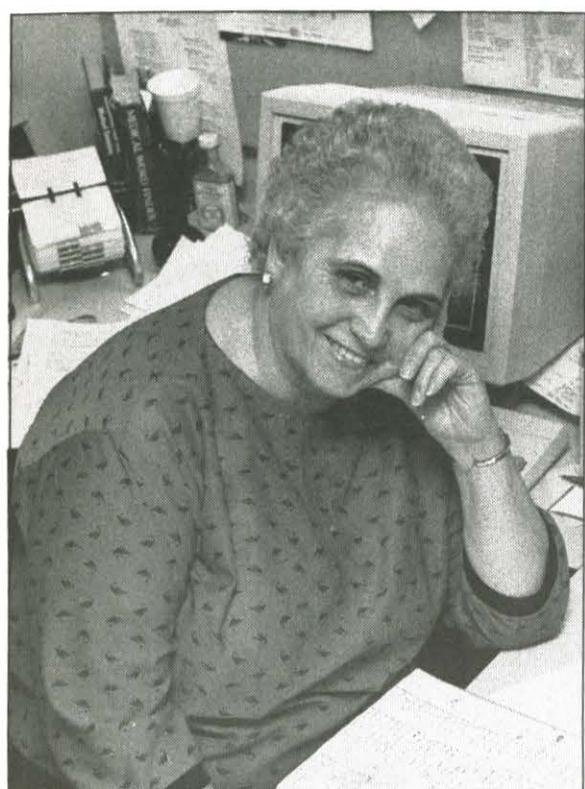


Photo by Lauren Lee Salgaller

Margarette Hubbard, head of the National Naval Dental Center's (NNDC) Oral Pathology Laboratory, was honored with a testimonial luncheon in the Officer's Club May 15 by her NNDC co-workers. CAPT R.E. Cassidy, NNDC commander, presented Hubbard with a ruby-inset gold pin at the 19-person affair, an award that commemorated Hubbard's more than 40 years of civil service.

Many East Coast entertainment theme parks are demonstrating their gratitude to the men and women of Operation Desert Storm by offering special packages to military members.

Hershey Park, Hershey, Pa. — May 18 through June 14 the park will be accepting "Stars and Stripes" discount cards worth \$10 off regular admission. Cards may be obtained at Recreation Services in Building 23. Eligible patrons are active duty, reserve and retired military members and their families and civilian support personnel and their families.

Kings Dominion, Richmond, Va. — June 29 through July 2 admission to the park will be half price — \$10.95 — for active duty and reservists, their dependents and NNMC DOD civilians. No refunds will be given on tickets purchased under this special offer. Tickets are tentatively scheduled to arrive at Recreation Services for distribution beginning June 3.

Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, Va. — May 18 through Sept. 2 will be a "Yellow Ribbon Summer" at the park, with military personnel and their families invited for one free visit during the season. Military ID cards will be required at the box office for admission. Children under 10 must be accompanied by parents. Eligible are active duty, reserve and National Guard military members who served during

Operation Desert Storm, as well as their families.

Sesame Place, Langhorm, Pa. — The park will be accepting coupons worth \$9 off the regular admission price for every family member through May 31. Coupons may be obtained at Recreation Services during normal working hours. Military personnel and their dependents are eligible for the discount.

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'World's Biggest Picnic' salute



RMC Steve Simpson serves a hamburger and a smile to Marie Ford.



ENS Stu Hubbard's hands show cake.

By Hilary Adams
Journal Staff writer

Nearly 3,000 people, many harboring a sweet tooth, attended the picnic last Saturday on the grounds of the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC).

The picnic, sponsored by the Washington D.C., Dining Society, was an effort to welcome home the thousands of men and women who served in every branch and capacity of Operation Desert Storm. Many of them brought their family members, who enjoyed food donated by area restaurants, vendors and hotels.

Among the variety of cuisine sampled were Mexican blue corn tortilla chips, pasta and Chinese noodles.

The Wild Blueberry Association of North America donated 10,000 personal-sized blueberry pies. Candy vendors also saw to it that no one left empty-handed.

Most of the picnic-goers came to see the main attraction: the construction of a 25-foot vanilla and chocolate ice cream sundae.

Well, it didn't quite get *that* big. According to Richard Snow and Tim Watters, who own the local Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream franchise, the sundae reached about 9 feet in

height. By 4 p.m., NNMC volunteers were still scooping ice cream. "Everyone's had some ice cream, everyone's happy," said Snow, who helped build the sundae.

Volunteers began building the ice cream sundae in a pyramid fashion, which involved stacking 20-pound blocks of ice cream. Next, the Ben and Jerry's team, standing above the sundae in a cherry picker, poured buckets of chocolate syrup, peanuts and a generous amount of M & M's. NNMC Commander Rear Admiral Donald F. Hagen, MC, had the honor of placing one single cherry atop the sundae, which at that point had begun to melt only slightly.

Some youngsters waited in line more than once for their shares of ice cream.

While their children enjoyed themselves with amusements, parents listened to jazz provided by Al Williams and Friends.

The Radisson Mark Plaza, Alexandria, Va., provided the biggest cake many of the picnic-goers had ever seen. The cake, in the shape of the U.S. flag and iced with red, white and a blue-gel frosting, was 8 feet in length and 4 feet wide. A cake that large could not be cut with an ordinary cake knife.

Hagen and Captain Don Wilson, MSC, NNMC director of adminis-



NNMC chiefs take a refreshing dip into Lake Eleanor during the tug-of-war contest. Children and all other comers, to dunk the chiefs.

es Desert Storm personnel



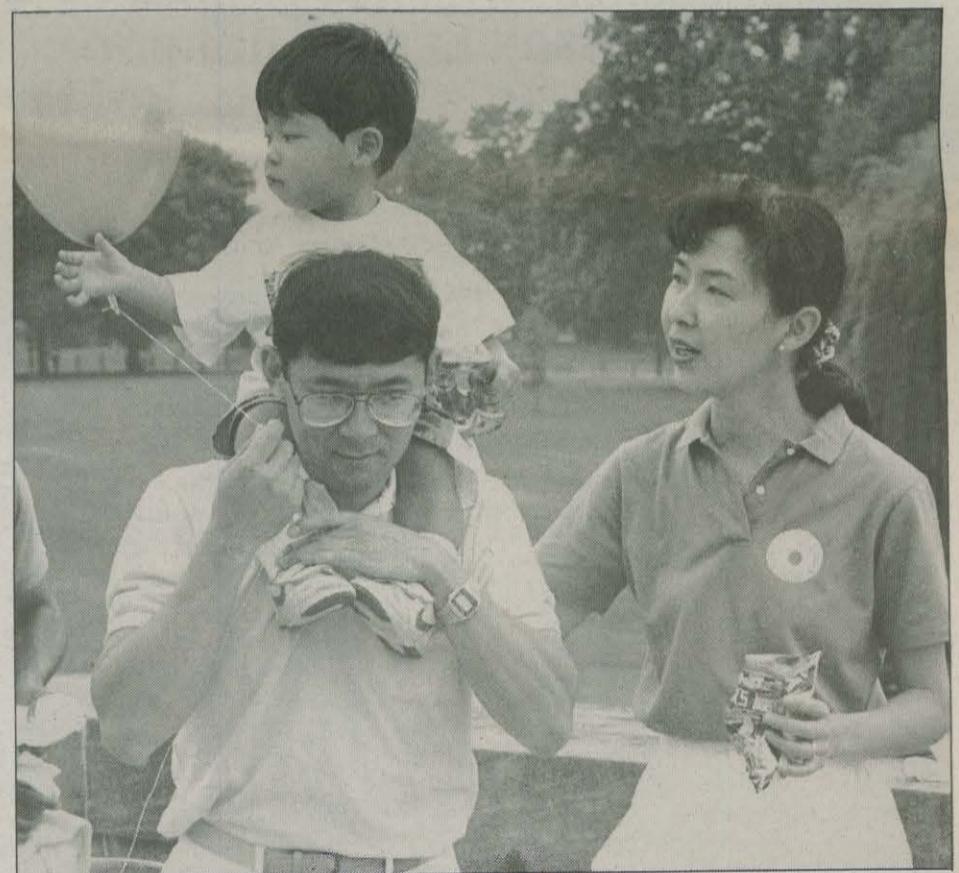
signs of "frost" bite as he slices pieces of 8 foot by 4 foot American flag



It may not have been a world's record but the ice cream still tasted great. HMC Brian Cason serves up some dessert to picnickers.



ntest. It took just 10 seconds for the competition, made up of MSC officers,



The picnic brought many families out to share in the celebration. LCDR Jim Saiku, his wife, Masami, and their son, 20-month-old Daniel, got in the spirit of the day.

tration, both armed with swords, cut the cake into hundreds of slices for everyone. By the end of the day, not a single piece remained. It seemed that everyone had their cake and ate it, too.

Area restaurants and movie theaters donated gift certificates while several hotels gave away weekend

holidays to both active duty and reservists.

When they weren't playing on the moon bounce and the ball crawl, children waited patiently in line with their parents for grilled hamburgers and hot dogs.

The sweet effort should have been re-named Operation *Dessert Storm!*

Area keglers go head-to-head in regional tournament

By Bill Yates
Journal staff writer

Fifty-eight bowlers from area commands went on "unofficial" temporary additional duty last week to the Edward M. Clauss Bowling Center on the grounds of the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC).

The 54 men and four women met May 13 to begin three days of competition in the 1991 South Mid Atlantic Navy Sports Conference Regional Bowling Tournament. Superb lane conditions combined with tough competition at the top made for an exciting tournament, according to men's handicap winner Paul Anthony.

"This was the best 18 games I've ever rolled," Anthony said at the awards banquet held one week ago. "If you could get it in the outside groove, you had a shot at a strike every time."

Anthony, who bowled 16 out of 18 games over 200, chased eventual men's scratch winner Charlie Velasquez up until the last frame on May 15. Between turns in his next-to-last game,

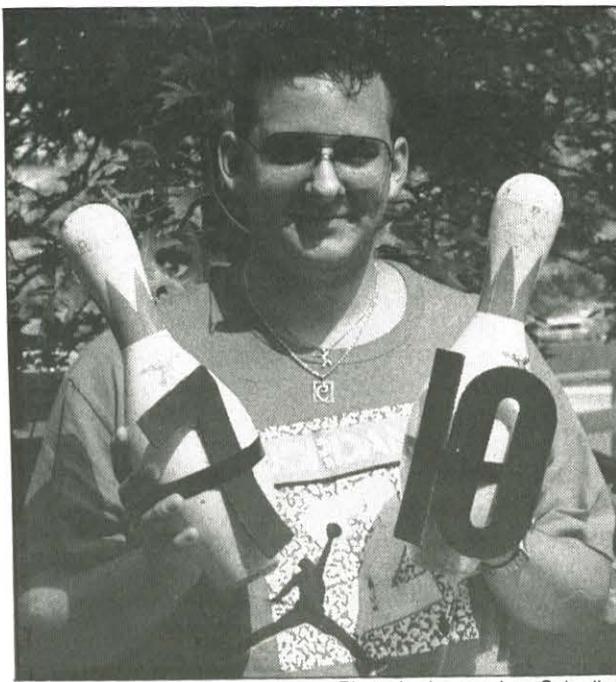


Photo by Lauren Lee Salgaller

Charlie Velasquez, Naval Research Lab, Washington, D.C., converted the difficult 7-10 split during the tournament.

Anthony stepped away from his Patuxent River, Md., teammates and wandered from his own alley number 20 down to alley number 1.

The objective of his alley-length stroll was a peek at the status of Velasquez, who was bowling in the doubles competition on the far left lane. "He's got me by about 50 or 60 pins.

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1991 SMANSC Bowling Tournament First Place Winners Team Handicap Naval Air Facility 6239

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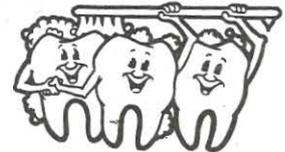
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It doesn't look good," Anthony said, referring to the all events titles.

Valasquez, a scratch bowler from the Naval Research Lab, Washington, D.C., eventually beat Anthony by 90 pins for the all events scratch title, but lost the handicap title to Anthony, who carried a 35 handicap into the tournament.

Anything seemed possible on Monday, when Marine Rickie Jones bowled a tournament-high handicap game of 299 (279 scratch), leaving only a solid 7 pin standing in the fifth frame. Valasquez also made some magic that day, nailing a 7-10 split in the third frame of the his first game.

"You just throw it as hard as you can and hope," said Valasquez, who rolled 15 200-plus games. His tournament began with the 7 pin hammering off the alley wall and into the 10 for a spare.

"My hand is a little sore and my legs are hurting, but other than that I'm pretty happy," Valasquez said at the awards ceremony. "I thought the lanes were in great shape, too."

Several NNMC bowlers took some hardware home from the awards ceremony. The four-person Personnel Support Detachment team led by Mike Scioli took second place in the team handicap and the duo of Manuel Cayia and Leon DeLacruz finished second in men's doubles handicap.

In men's singles, NNMC's Leonard Zook took second place in the overall scratch competition, while Blake Harrison bowled a 268 for high scratch game.

As for the women's competition, Pax River supplied all the entrants. Karen Dealy, who won the singles scratch, all-events scratch and high-scratch series titles with a broken finger on her bowling hand, indicated that she went home with mixed feelings about the event.

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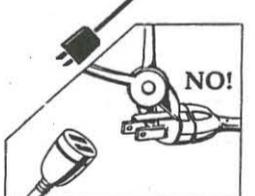
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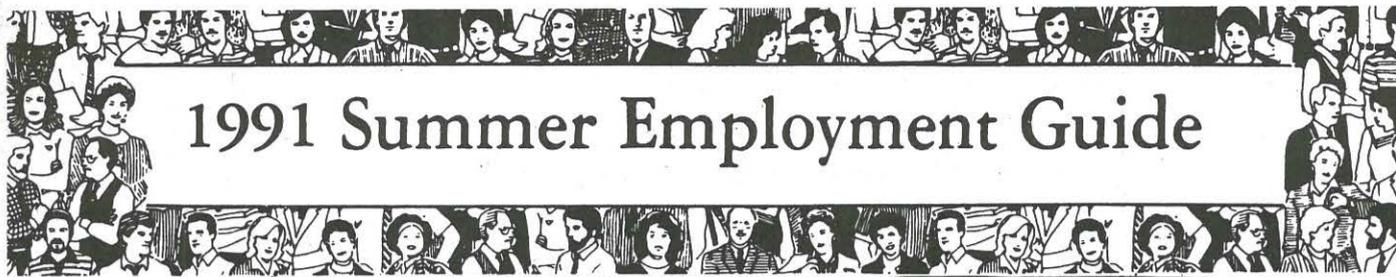
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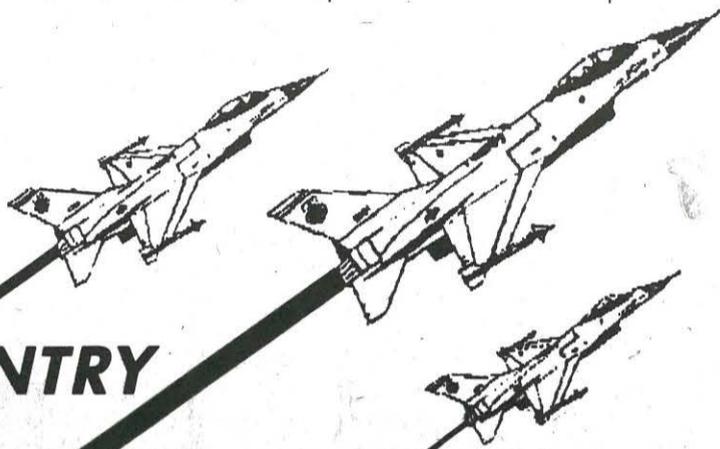
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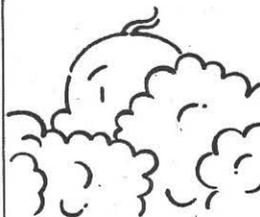
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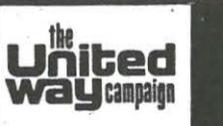
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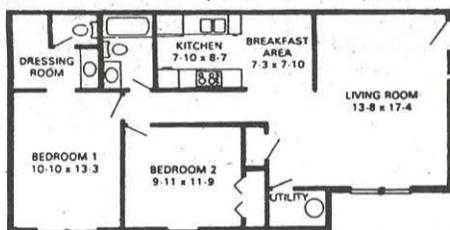
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