

# Range soldiers trek to State Golden Glove finals

## PVT Pete Varisano

(Editor's Note: Pete Varisano and Terrence Biggs have a lot in common. They are both privates, although Biggs is a private first class and Varisano is an E-2. Both are illustrators. Both enlisted under the Station of Choice option for White Sands. Both come from big families, were lettermen in high school, and have a deep and lasting interest in art. But if you think that makes them sissies, read on.)

By Marian K. Singleton

When Private Peter Varisano fought in the New Mexico Golden Gloves finals last weekend, he only went two rounds.

But it was enough.

He scored two first round knockouts and emerged from a dazed field as the New Mexico Golden Gloves novice heavyweight champion.

It was a fairly amazing performance, considering the fact that the 18-year-old private from White Sands Missile Range hardly knew what the word "boxing" meant three months ago.

"My only contact with 'boxing' before I came to White Sands was on the hockey field," PVT Varisano said. When pressed, he admitted modestly that he was a three year letterman in hockey and football, and added another letter in lacrosse, none of which number among the gentler sports. But boxing. That was something else.

"You know, in a way it was a natural," said the graduate of Commack High School, Commack, New York. "I did a lot of 'boxing' on the streets of the town where I grew up.

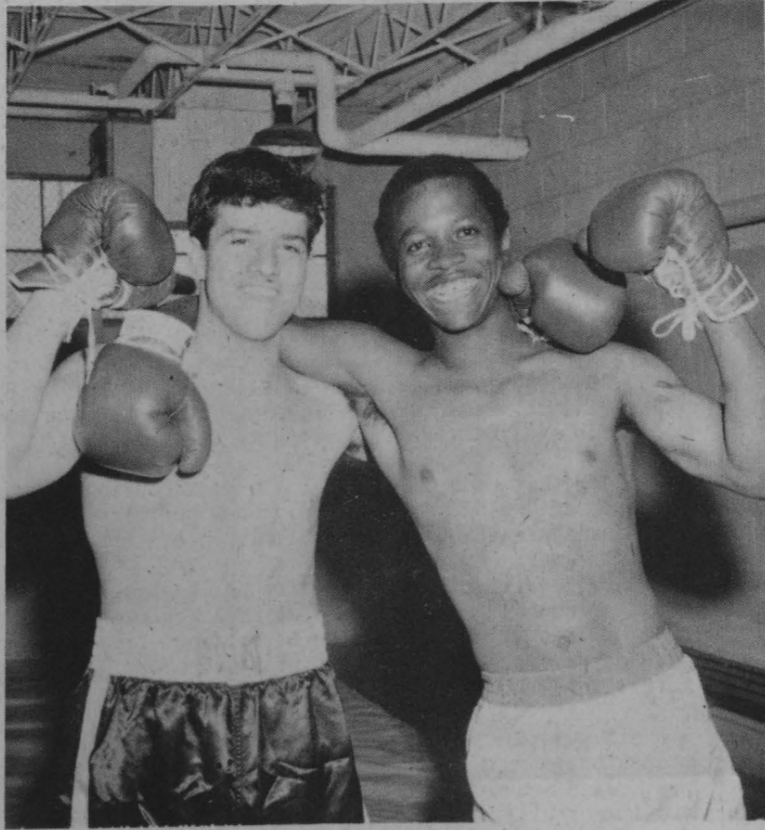
"And, of course boxing, or something a whole lot like it, is a big part of hockey."

Offered a hockey scholarship to the University of Rhode Island, PVT Varisano turned it down to enlist under a Station of Choice option for White Sands Missile Range. He is an illustrator for Troop Command. He is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, deeply interested in his work.

"I decided I wasn't ready for the studying in college," the private said. "Sometimes, I kind of wish I'd gone ahead, but I'm really happy with my job and the boxing."

So what now, for someone who just won the state title? PVT Varisano isn't sure that he wants to try the All-Army com-

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## How to win friends

Heavyweights and 165-pounders rarely meet in the boxing ring. But PVT Peter Varisano, left, and PFC Terrence Biggs met while training for the Golden Gloves competition and went on the state finals together. Although both are from White Sands Missile Range, they represented Las Cruces in the sparring tournament. As far as the range is concerned, both are winners. (Photo by SP5 James Oskam)

## PFC Terrence Biggs

It hurts a lot to lose.

But Private First Class Terrence Biggs, a quiet giant who is an illustrator for Pictorial branch at White Sands Missile Range, isn't exactly complaining.

PFC Biggs, assigned to Company C at the range, went to the New Mexico state finals in the novice 165-pound class of the Golden Gloves, only to lose in the championship final.

Some who saw the fight were amazed at the decision. "He won it," said PVT Peter Varisano, who won in the novice heavyweight division. "Everybody knew it — even the guy who took the title."

Be that as it may, PFC Biggs is satisfied with his performance. "I've only been boxing four months, just since I came to White Sands. I started just to get myself in shape," he said, "and to see for myself if I could."

"Deep down inside, I know what I did," PFC Biggs said and smiled his big, happy grin.

"Pete (PVT Peter Varisano) wants me to try for All-Army, but I have to be honest with myself. If I have to have a schedule like that, with the training and the thinking about nothing else, I'd rather do it with art than boxing."

Sour grapes? Apparently not.

"I could draw before I learned to write," PFC Biggs said. "I've been into art all of my life, it seems, and now I'm getting a chance to put it all together in my work."

PFC Biggs wants to teach art some day to grade school children. He is enrolled in two art courses at New Mexico State University, spending Tuesday and Thursday each week at the Las Cruces campus.

"I enlisted for the bennies, but I don't want to waste time now," said the 6'2" 165 pounder. PFC Biggs, like his boxing cohort Varisano, enlisted under the Station of Choice option for the missile range.

In West Philadelphia (Pa.) High School, PFC Biggs was a three year letterman in gymnastics and a swimmer. His parents, James D. and Mary J. Biggs still live in Philadelphia with PFC Biggs' older brother and sister and two younger brothers.

Terrence Biggs turned 20 the night before the fight. Rather than go to the party most of the fighters were attending, he stayed in his room, trying to prepare himself for the next day's competition.

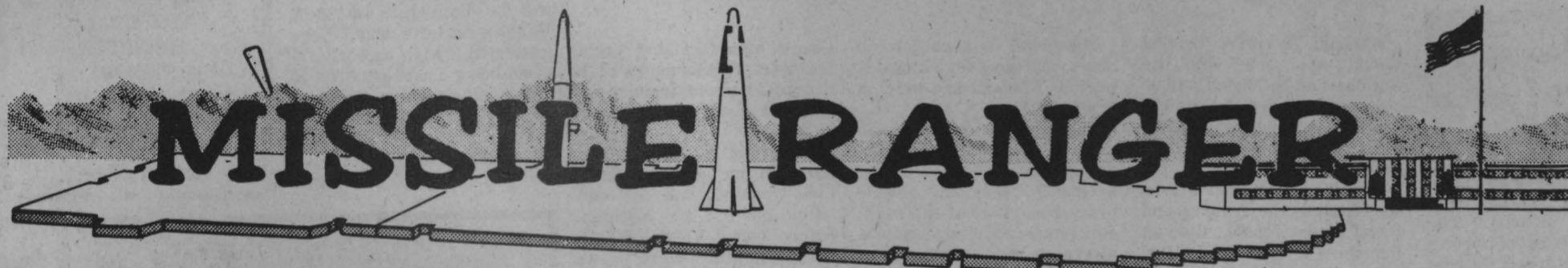
"My idol is Muhammed Ali. I've tried to copy his techniques and strategies. You know, I count the times a man hits me. I tease them, try to fire them up inside to make them lose control. And it really works," he said with that big smile.

"When I beat the leading contender during the regionals, there just wasn't anybody left in my weight class to fight. So they put me in an exhibition fight with a guy who outweighed me by 13 pounds, and I made it to a draw. And that was only my second fight," PFC Biggs added.

"Hey, I'd like to say something about judges. The kids, especially the younger ones, go out for an event like this using everything they've learned to the best of their ability."

"And they're not kidding around. They are out there to prove something to themselves inside. And they deserve the best and

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## May, June eyed

# Pershing firings set

Army officials are announcing an eight-round series of Pershing missile firings to be conducted in May and June from the Utah Launch Complex of White Sands Missile Range at Green River.

The two-stage artillery missiles will be programmed to impact on White Sands Missile Range.

Federal Republic of Germany Air Force units will fire the first two rounds on May 13 and the third and fourth rounds of the series on May 28. U.S. Army troops from Europe and from Ft. Sill, Okla., will launch two rounds on June 11 and the final two rounds of the series on June 25. All of the firings will be in the early morning hours, between 3 and 4 a.m.

Currently operational P-1A model Pershings will be fired by the German units. The American troops will launch development rounds of the P-1A-Improved model in a dual purpose program designed to evaluate both the firing operations and new components of the automatic reference system - equential launch adapter.

Support for the firing units will be provided by the 3rd Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, from Ft. Sill. Batteries of the 3rd Battalion also will fire two of the P-1A-Improved rounds in June. Seventh U.S. Army units from Europe will fire the other development test rounds scheduled in June.

About 400 strong, the Ft. Sill battalion is scheduled to arrive

at Green River in mid-April. The troops will be housed in semi-permanent metal buildings at the Utah Launch Complex.

The firing units will be graded on their performance by the U.S. Army Field Artillery Missile Systems Evaluation Group, also from Ft. Sill. Technical direction will be provided by a team from the Pershing project manager's office of the U.S. Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Major elements of White Sands Missile Range also will support the firing program. Observers will include representatives of the prime contractor for Pershing missile systems, the Martin Marietta Aerospace Corp., Orlando, Fla.

The series will begin the 15th year of Pershing firings. More than 300 of these powerful and highly accurate missiles have been fired from launch sites in Florida, New Mexico and Utah since test firings began in 1960. The Pershing has been operational since 1963 and is now deployed with U.S. Army troops and North Atlantic Treaty Organization defense forces in western Europe.

The Pershing has a solid propellant propulsion system and an inertial guidance system. It travels at supersonic speed and is capable of operating in any weather conditions. The two-stage missile is 35 feet long and 40 inches in diameter and weighs 10,000 pounds at launch.



## Springtime debut

Today is the first day of spring. And for White Sands Missile Range employees thoughts turn to putting in the garden, putting winter clothing in storage, and that not-so-far off summer holiday. But for the youngster above, the most important thing is a spot of lunch. Just a week old yesterday, the wobbly foal is

watched proudly by owner, CW4 William P. Popwell, and mama, Slippery Rock. The sire, Grey Challenge, wouldn't stand still for a family portrait. The little filly's name? What else but Slippery's Challenge.

# NM installations ask \$14.7 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — New Mexico military installations would receive \$14.7 million for construction in fiscal year 1976 under the Department of Defense's funding request, Senator Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said.

The Defense Department is asking for \$5.5 million for White Sands Missile Range; \$5.3 million for Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque; and \$1.8 million for Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis.

In addition, the military has

asked for energy conservation construction funds of \$645,000 for Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo; \$361,000 for Fort Wingate near Gallup; \$186,000 for Kirtland; and \$51,000 for Cannon.

"These monies will be used to improve insulation at the installations in order to save energy consumption," Domenici said.

The office of Representative Harold Runnels, D-N.M., said the request for White Sands includes \$395,000 for three fixed

telescope sites, \$2.2 million for 15 mobile optical sites, \$569,000 for phase II construction of a multiple target launch complex, and \$485,000 for two portable wells.

"The military has asked for a substantial increase in spending authorization for WSMR in the military construction category," said Domenici's office. "In 1973, White Sands was authorized \$3.8 million. The Army has asked for an increase in that

authorization to \$5.5 million, an additional \$1.9 million."

The request for Kirtland includes \$1 million for additions or alterations in the research data center, \$3.8 million for alterations in the electrical distribution system, and \$482,000 for a new water tank.

Cannon's request includes \$1.8 million for construction of a 38,000 square foot gymnasium to replace the present 1943 structure.

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# Korea, Vietnam veteran named Logistics director

An Army colonel who served with an infantry rifle company in the campaigns for Pork Chop Hill and Baldy during the Korean conflict and who also served in Vietnam during the fighting there has been named director of Logistics at White Sands Missile Range.

Colonel Royce M. Powell, the new chief, brings to the position many years of experience in supply and maintenance work. His most recent assignments were as commanding officer of the Army Supply and Maintenance Activity, Japan, and G4 (Logistics officer), U.S. Army, Japan. He served in 1970 and 1971 with the Department of the Army deputy chief of staff for Logistics.

At WSMR COL Powell is responsible for logistical support of range activities including housing and equipment management, transportation of personnel and supply distribution operations.

A veteran of some 28 years of Army service, COL Powell began active service in 1951, having served four years in the Florida National Guard. He attended Infantry Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in 1952.

During his Army career, the colonel has served overseas tours in Korea, Germany, Vietnam and Japan. His U.S. Assignments include tours at the Army Ordnance School, with the Army Missile Command and with the Department of the Army headquarters.

COL Powell is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He holds a degree in industrial management from the University of Nebraska and has also attended the University of Miami (Florida) and George Washington University.



COL ROYCE M. POWELL

His decorations and medals include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and three oak leaf clusters, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with bronze palm and the Department of the Army General Staff Badge.

COL Powell is the son of Katherine I. Powell, 1137 Obispo Ave., Coral Gables, Fla., who was a member of the first Women's Army Auxiliary Corps training company. He is married to the former Betty Lou Love of Miami, Fla. She and their three children, Susan, 16; Richard, 10; and Bryan, 3, are living at Camp Zama, Japan, but will join the colonel at WSMR March 22.

outside are \$1.50. Proceeds will go to help defray the young people's expenses to the 1975 New Mexico Junior-Senior Bowling Tournament.

Parents to be Expectant parent classes will be held April 10, 15, and 17. These classes provide information on prenatal care, labor and delivery and baby care. There will be guest speakers and movies. The classes will be held from 7-9 p.m. in the hospital conference room. For registration and information contact Captain McLaren, health nurse at 678-5106 or 678-1308.

## On and around Post

New journal available The Post Library has received a copy of Parameters, the Journal of the U.S. Army War College, from the commanding general's office. This new magazine is on display in the periodical room and is available for reading. Library hours are 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Car wash rescheduled The Junior-Senior Bowling League car wash, cancelled last weekend, has been rescheduled for tomorrow from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Navy BEQ. Cost remains the same; outside is still \$1, inside and

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SUBJECT: Spring Clean-Up Week.

TO ALL WSMR PERSONNEL

1. Today, 21 March, is the first day of spring. Traditionally, Army-wide, spring means donning lighter clothing and policing the post for the busy summer work and recreation period ahead.
2. This year I have set aside the week of 31 March through 6 April as "Spring Clean-Up Week" at White Sands Missile Range. During this period, all work areas, launch sites, office buildings and immediate surrounding areas, and the post housing area will be thoroughly cleaned.
3. I ask that each occupant of the post housing complex support the annual clean-up effort by policing individual quarters area, cutting and trimming grass, and preparing garden or flower plots for planting.
4. During this period, Facilities Engineering Directorate will provide extra trash pickup daily to all housing areas. Technical assistance for tree trimming or tree planting can also be obtained from FE. The Self-Help Shop will have extra tools and equipment available for loan. Also, grass seed and fertilizer will be available for issue.
5. All supervisors, at all levels of command, and housing area occupants are requested to support this annual clean-up campaign. It is imperative that the post reach and maintain a suitable appearance, not only for the expected spring and summer visitors, but for all of us who work and live here throughout the year.

ROBERT J. PROUDFOOT  
Major General, USA  
Commanding

## 'Safer America' is theme of defensive driving week

National Defensive Driving Week, sponsored by the National Safety Council, will be observed April 6-12. The observance is being sponsored by the Safety Council's Defensive Driving League.

WSMR participation will be sponsored by the Training and Development Branch, Civilian Personnel division.

The theme for the observance will be "Defensive Driving for a Safer America." Efforts will be aimed at making the public more aware of safe driving through employment of defensive driving techniques.

The sponsors also hope to promote enrollments in their highly popular and successful Defensive Driving Course, which is being taught in all of the 50 states. As of the end of 1974, a total of 5,913,812 American drivers had been graduated from this course.

Through the Training and Development Branch, one class has been taught at WSMR each month for a number of months. An average of 30 drivers of government vehicles have been enrolled in each class.

The course is taught for two hours each day over a four-day period. Classes are held in Building 364.

The course covers road hazards, vehicle maintenance, driver attitudes, accident avoidance, safe and unsafe practices, rules of the road, courteous driving, mental alertness and methods of applying defensive driving techniques.

Case histories of actual accidents are studied. Motion picture films and other visual aids are used by the instructors.

Students for the course at WSMR are selected on the basis of job requirements. Currently the course is open only to those who drive government vehicles full time or are required to drive government vehicles regularly in order to perform their jobs.

Coordinator for the course is Mrs. Pat Sauntry of the Training and Development Branch. Drivers or supervisors desiring information concerning the course may contact Mrs. Sauntry. The instructors have been certified by the National Safety Council after receiving special training. This consists of 12 hours of instructor training and 16 hours of instructing in the classroom.

Additional WSMR instructors are now completing their requirements for certification by the National Safety Council. Visiting WSMR last month were two representatives of the New Mexico Department of Safety who are certified to train instructors.

During their visit the New Mexico representatives, Milton Matson and Dewey Bullard, assisted in the training of 14 new instructors at WSMR.

## Enlisted wives' club schedules buffet, speaker

The Enlisted Men's Wives Club social for this month is set for March 25 at 12:30 p.m. A buffet luncheon is planned, at which Captain Richard D. Edwards of the Staff Judge Advocate office will speak. The public is invited.

The club recently elected and installed new officers. They are Charray Allen, president; Carolyn Rustin, vice president; Nancy Struchko, secretary; Delores Ruthstorm, treasurer; Joan Manning, assistant treasurer; and Martha Deen, parliamentarian.

The group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the NCO Club.

## BIRTHS

Christopher Jason, son of Private Charles A. and Janine Gagnon, 380 Hawk, March 14.

Carrie Reasona, daughter of Photographer's Mate Second Class Robert W. and Judy Swanson, 204 Corporal, March 4.



Tonight The Odessa File - PG - Adults \$1, children 50 cents. Starring Jon Voight and Maximilian Schell. The Odessa, composed of former members of Hitler's SS who have assumed new identities, is infiltrated by a German reporter (Voight) who discovers a plot against Israel. Violence and language may offend some.

Saturday Special matinee, regular performance Digby, the Biggest Dog in the World - G - Adults 60 cents, children 30 cents. Stars Jim Dale and Spike Mulligan. A lonely boy finds an unkempt dog which is accidentally fed a magic growth formula and the animal shoots up to elephant size, then is stolen by thugs for use as a circus attraction.

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday The Towering Inferno - PG - Adults \$1.50, children 75 cents. Stars Steve McQueen, Paul Newman, William Holden. From the producer of "The Poseidon Adventure" comes this saga of a fire in the world's tallest skyscraper, complete with thrilling rescues, agonizing suspense. Certain elements of the film may be too sensitive for the younger set.

Wednesday The Paper Chase - PG - Adults 60 cents, children 30 cents. Stars John Houseman and Timothy Bottoms. Very entertaining and often insightful look at the first year of graduate school for a group of Harvard law students. Language may be offensive.

Thursday Law and Disorder - R - Adults \$1, children 50 cents. Stars Ernest Borgnine and Carroll O'Connor. A taxi driver and his ex-Marine hairdresser friend, tired of being victims of thieves and muggers, start an auxiliary police patrol. The film is called funny, touching and quite realistic.

## Interest rate on GI home loans is down

The maximum interest rate on GI home loans was reduced from 8.5 to 8 per cent effective March 3, the Veterans Administration has announced.

Administrator of Veterans Affairs Richard L. Roudebush noted the half-per cent decrease could mean mortgage payment savings of over \$10 monthly, amounting to \$3,800 over the 30 year life of a loan to a veteran buying a home with a \$30,000 GI loan.

Interest rates on loans guaranteed by VA began a steady rise from 6 per cent in 1966, and peaked at 9.5 per cent last August. They then declined to 9 per cent last November, 8.5 per cent on January 21 and finally to the current 8 per cent rate.

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## Flying Club seeks members

"Come Fly With Us" is the motto of the WSMR Flying Club.

To make it easier for interested persons to do just that, officials of the club announced this week that a special membership drive is now being planned. The drive will be held from Saturday, March 29, through Sunday, April 6.

Also announced were plans for special open house events at the Flying club, at Condron Field, on Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30.

The membership drive, the only one to be held this year, will offer more than those held in the past, said Captain Charles Vaughn, president of the club. The normal initiation fee is \$20 for each new member, he added, but for the period of the drive this will be reduced to only \$5.

"Penny-a-Pound" days will be observed for the open house events. Hours will be from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 30. During those hours, persons interested in joining the club will be given special introductory flights with qualified club pilots or instructors for only one cent per pound of their weight. For example, a person weighing 174 pounds will have to pay only \$1.74 for the introductory flight.

Also during the open house events, club members will be on hand to conduct tours of Condron Field and answer questions concerning flying club operations.

The number of new members to be signed up during the drive will be limited to 20, CPT Vaughn said. He urged those interested to sign up early, to avoid being closed out. The 20 new members will be signed up on a first-come first-served basis.

He added that a similar drive last year was too successful.

Twenty-eight new members were signed up, which was fine until they all wanted to fly at once. Because of the lack of available aircraft, several of the new members resigned shortly after they had joined.

"We want to avoid that situation this year," said CPT Vaughn, "and therefore we are limiting the number of new members to 20."

Since last year's drive the club has acquired one new plane and returned another to the flight line. Currently there are five planes available, in excellent condition and ready for many hours of flying. They are a Piper PA-18 Super Cub, two Cessna 150 model trainers, a Cessna 172 model four-place, cross-country aircraft and a modified T-41 (military version of the Cessna 172), also a four-place, cross-country aircraft.

These planes are available to members at very reasonable rates.

Affiliated with the club are four certified flight instructors. Student pilots may sign up for flying lessons with these instructors, also at very reasonable rates, and begin working toward their private pilot licenses.

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## Mathematician wins special act for paper

Robert E. Green of Route 1, Las Cruces, a mathematician at White Sands Missile Range, has been presented a \$100 special act or service award through the Army incentive awards program.

He is assigned with the Systems Management division of Instrumentation directorate. The award was presented by Col. Joseph P. Pepe, director of instrumentation.

The award was in recognition of Green's work as co-author of a technical paper on filtering of high-dynamic trajectory data. The results of tests described in the paper were of special value to researchers in estimation and control theories and perturbation studies.

Dr. Wiley Thompson of the electrical engineering department at New Mexico State University, co-author of the paper, presented it in Phoenix, Ariz., last November at a conference of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Green, a native of Eden, Tex., received a B.A. degree in mathematics from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., shortly before coming to White Sands in 1958. He obtained his M.S. Degree in Mathematics from NMSU in 1968.

Green lives north of Las Cruces with his wife, the former Billye Franklin of Colorado City, Tex., and their two sons and three daughters.



Sun Parade winner

White Sands Missile Range won the handsome Sun Parade trophy for best military entry, "The U.S. Army Bicentennial," in the 1974-75 pageant on New Year's Day. At a special Parade Float Awards reception, Herb Klappmeyer, Sun Carnival vice president in charge of the Sun Parade, presented the winning trophy to COL. William Walker, WSMR deputy commander, who also received smiles and congratulations from pretty 1974-75 Sun Queen Marta Salas Porras. (Harris & Harris Photo)

## General Deane takes over Army Materiel Command

General John R. Deane Jr. has assumed command of the U.S. Army Materiel Command. At a swearing-in ceremony at AMC headquarters, the former Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development, and Acquisition, received his fourth star from Army Chief of Staff Fred C. Weyand.

General Deane, a highly decorated Infantry officer, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1942 and saw service as an infantry battalion commander in World War II and Korea. He also served as chief of plans on the Military Armistice Commission in Korea. During the Vietnam conflict, General Deane served as chief of staff, Field Force I; assistant division commander of the 1st Infantry Division; and later commanding general of the 173d Airborne Brigade. Back in the United States, he was assigned as commander of the famed 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

General Deane has held a number of top Pentagon assignments over the years. He was executive assistant to the assistant secretary of defense (deputy director of Defense Research and Engineering) from 1962 to 1965; director of Doctrine and Systems, Office of the assistant chief of staff for Force Development from 1967 to 1968; director of the Defense Communications Planning Group from 1970 to 1971; director of the Defense Special Projects Group from 1971 to 1972, and deputy assistant chief of staff for Force Development from July to August 1972 when he became deputy director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.



GEN John R. Deane Jr.

General Deane completed advanced management studies at Harvard University in 1963 and received his master's degree in business administration from George Washington University in 1964. He is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and the

National War College. Among the decorations awarded General Deane are the Distinguished Service Cross (Army's second highest award for valor) with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

## What's happening?

### Tonight

On post — Dance to "Soul Dynamics" from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at Countdown Recreation Center. The Officers Club menu special is southern style catfish for \$2.50.

In the area — Open house at the Clyde W. Tombaugh Observatory on the campus of New Mexico State University (NMSU). Also at NMSU, last day of the Anthropology Show in the Little Gallery in Corbett Center. In El Paso, UTEP's University Symphony Orchestra has a concert, Fine Arts Building Recital Hall at 8 p.m. "The Loved One," UTEP's Union Theater, 8 p.m.

### Saturday

On post — Countdown Recreation Center has a pool tourney at 1 p.m., play rehearsal and a cribbage tourney at 2 p.m., a hearts tourney at 3 p.m. and a movie at 4 p.m. The Officers Club is closed.

In the area — "West Berlin and London" (Great Zoo Series) 3:30 p.m., Maud Sullivan Gallery of El Paso Public Library, free. Also, kids' films at 11 a.m. at the library, "Beaver Valley" and "Blueberries for Sal." In the evening in El Paso, Barber Shop Quartet at the Civic Center Theater, 8 p.m., and Bach on the Rio Grande, string ensemble, Chamizal Theater, 8 p.m.

### Sunday

On post — Countdown

Recreation Center has all-day coffee call, and at 2 p.m., Kathy Wasko reads the cards; Countdown also has the following tourneys: Spades at noon, pinochle at 2 p.m., game night at 7:30 p.m. The Officers Club is closed.

In the area — Spring vacation, although beginning officially tomorrow, is evident by the lack of special activities, both in Las Cruces and in El Paso.

### Monday

On post — Rummy tournament at 7:30 p.m. in Countdown Recreation Center. The Officers Club menu special is Italian Night, with spaghetti and meat sauce, glass of wine, all for \$2.25.

### Tuesday

On post — Countdown Recreation Center has "Remember When with 'The Shadow'" at 7:30 p.m. The Officers Club menu special is savory meatloaf for \$2.25.

### Wednesday

On post — Two one-act plays, "Impromptu" and "Red Carnations" open for a two night run with curtain time 7:30 p.m. at Countdown Recreation Center. The Officers Club menu special for tonight is bar-b-q, spare ribs, complete meal for \$2.25.

### Thursday

On post — One-act plays continue at Countdown Recreation Center, curtain time 7:30 p.m. The Officers Club menu special is beef and burgundy for \$2.85.

## Mechanical engineer cited by special act

A Las Cruces mechanical engineer employed at White Sands Missile Range has been awarded a \$500 Special Act Award for his work with the Armored Reconnaissance Scout Vehicle program.

Ronald Cooper, who plans, designs, tests and analyzes armored vehicle systems for the TRADOC Systems Analysis Activity here, served as director of the program to determine vehicles to be included in a cost and operational effectiveness analysis by the U.S. Army Armor Center.

Cooper was commended for his handling of the tests, through which he eliminated additional testing of the vehicles and netted a substantial saving of money for the government.

Born in Oklahoma, Cooper came to the missile range in 1967 after graduating from New Mexico State University with a BS degree in mechanical

engineering. During his federal career he has worked with the WSMR environmental testing program and with the Hawk, Spartan, Sprint and SAM-D missile systems. He worked two years at the Kwajalein Test Range, Marshall Islands, with the Safeguard System Analysis Agency as lead engineer responsible for design analysis and evaluation of the Spartan and Sprint missiles.

Cooper lives at 2713 Topley, Las Cruces, with his wife Linda and children, David and Susanne.



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## Three years

SP5 James P. Oskam, a still photographer assigned to Company C, Troop Command, has reenlisted in the Regular Army for three additional years. A veteran of eight years' service and duty in Korea and Okinawa, Specialist and Mrs. Oskam live at 206 Aerobee with their daughter Janet, 3.

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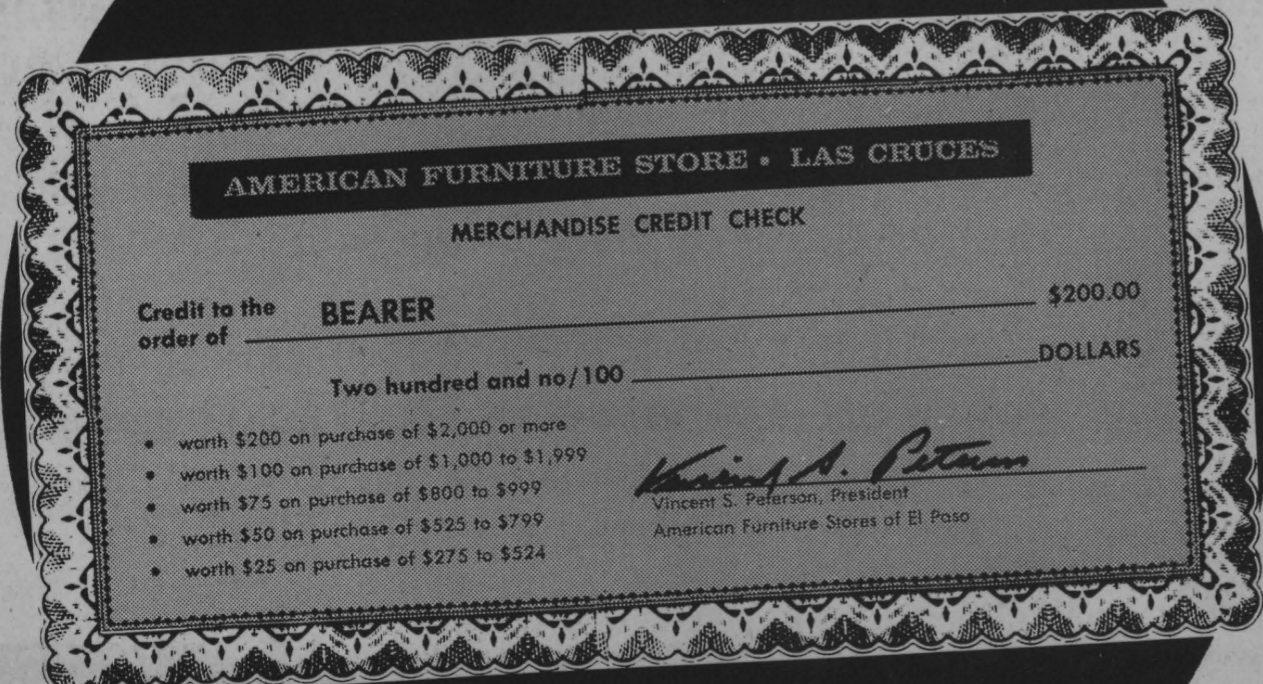
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So we've gathered together some of the more frequently heard gripes, complaints, harassments and put-downs. And we've put down the facts.

This way you'll have the answers the next time someone questions your decision to reenlist.

**"They'll promise you anything to get you to reenlist."**

That's a big one. You hear it all the time. And the irony of it is, it's true. But not the way your buddies mean it.

First, you have to qualify for whatever it is you want to reenlist for. If you do, we put your choice in writing. Along with your own understanding of the agreement in your own handwriting. So there's no chance of misunderstanding each other.

Then, if something goes wrong, we make it right. Or you make tracks.

Here's another one. **"Only guys who can't make it as civilians reenlist."** Wrong again. The average reenlistee today is smarter, better trained and more highly motivated than ever before. With a better chance of making it, anywhere.

The fact is, he stays because he likes what he's doing. (We know the importance of job satisfaction, and we've been working on making the Army more responsive to the needs of the individual.)

The only way we'll keep a good man is to make him a good offer. So we've become more competitive. That way you get a better Army, and we get a better soldier.

**"You'll never make big money in the Army."** Maybe so. But how many people really make it big

whatever they do for a living?

You will make a good salary, though. One that will go a lot farther when you consider that many of the best things of Army life are free, or much lower than in the civilian community.

So don't be fooled by pay comparisons. It's

the things that you as an Army man won't have to pay for that really add up.

And then there's

**"The Army's ok if you're single."**

Perhaps we should be glad that the complainers concede that much. But this statement implies that it's not ok for a family man.

We say, ask one. We think you'll find that Army benefits for your family are outstanding. Benefits that go beyond the savings at the commissary. Benefits that grow with your family.

We like to think of today's Army as a family

of families. As responsive to the needs of your family as we would be to our own.

And last but not least: **"What are you, a Lifer?"**

This one has been floating around for a long time. So we'd like to set the record straight, and see what a "Lifer" really is.

In today's Army, he's a man who's living his own life. Making his own decisions.

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He's a man who realizes that the Army asks for an extra degree of dedication, over and above normal job loyalty.

He's a man who enjoys in return that unique sense of pride that comes from serving one's country.

If that's the way you feel, talk it over with your Career Counselor. He'll also be able to help you deal with any other discouraging words you may hear. He's a "Lifer," too.

**Today's Army gets better every time a good man reenlists.**



## Get the facts about staying in.

If you're considering staying in, talk to an Army Career Counselor about the reenlistment bonuses, benefits and options open to you. The Career Counselors in your area are:

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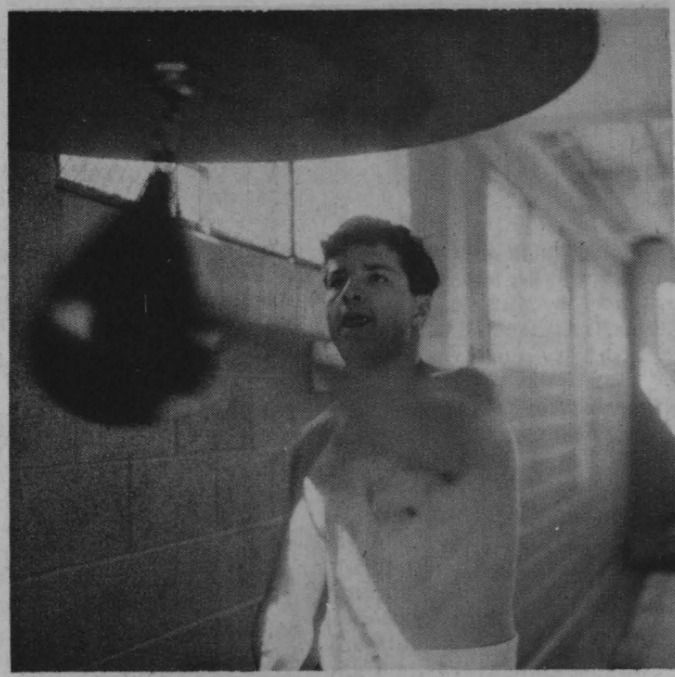
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*His hands a blur of motion, Pete Varisano puts in hours of practice on a punching bag.*

### PVT Pete Varisano

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petition right away. "I look at it this way. I'm feeling really good about what's happened so far. And I'm young. I want to be in really top notch condition before I think about going All-Army. If I were to lose before I got my head straight about what I am doing, I might really mess myself up." It was clearly a difficult thing to say, but it was equally apparent that Pete Varisano had given it a lot of thought.

"My work is really important to me," PVT Varisano said. "I've been interested in art as long as I can remember. I want to go to school to study architecture, built city projects and design homes. So my work is getting a lot of emphasis right now," he concluded.

He plays with art in his spare time, too. He is slowly building a portfolio of oils and pencil sketches, mostly of sports figures and sea scapes.

PVT Pete Varisano is the son of Louis J. and Janice Varisano, now living in Rochester, N.Y., with two older sisters, two younger brothers, both budding sportsmen, and a younger sister.



*Terrence Biggs also puts in a lot of time pounding away at this dummy. Here he poses, in full regalia, with pounding partner.*

### PFC Terrence Biggs

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fairest judges around.

"I'm not saying that I lost when I should have won. But I sure would like to have it on tape or film, so I could see what I did wrong and correct it," PFC Biggs added wistfully.

Privates Biggs and Varisano went through the local competition, the regional meet and the state finals together. They worked out together, trained together, and helped each other out.

They came out of it friends. And maybe that's enough to make it worthwhile.

### Spain protects masterpieces

MADRID — The Prado museum here is installing a \$6 million air purification system.

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## First range greenkeeper ends career

Today marks the retirement of E.K. "Smitty" Smith from White Sands. Smith has been the greens superintendent at Sierra Vista Golf Course since August 1961, just prior to the official opening of the course.

Coming here during the final stages of course construction, Smith has been White Sands' only greens superintendent. From its crude beginnings, he has built the WSMR course into one of the best-conditioned layouts in the Southwest.

He first began his greens-keeping career at New Mexico Institute of Mines in Socorro in 1951. He advanced quickly from the labor ranks to superintendent, and built that course into a fine layout. He left Socorro in 1955 to assume the head duties at nearby Holloman Air Force Base. He remained there until coming to the range.

Smith will retire to Truth or Consequences, where he owns a home. He says he plans to empty Elephant Butte Reservoir of all fish.



## No fish story

Four White Sands Missile Range workers and a former employe display a portion of their 300-pound-plus catch of Red Snapper, Grouper, White Salmon and Calico Bass. The fishermen landed the 300 pounds of fish in three days off the coast of Guaymas, Mexico. They are, from left, Chito Padilla, Leo Orona, Rod Legarreta, Steve Benavidez and Fernando Lucero. Lalo Legarreta, another member of the party, is not shown. All are assigned to National Range Operations Directorate except Benavidez, who is a former NRO employe. (Orona photo)

A— No. Only children of veterans who suffered permanent, total disabilities or deaths from service-connected causes, or children of military service personnel missing in action or prisoners of war for more than 90 days are eligible for education benefits.

Q— I am an 18 year old son of a veteran who has a 60 per cent service-connected disability. Am I eligible for Veterans Administration education benefits?

## Chinese food, costume party set for tonight

Since its 1950's party was a resounding success, White Sands Missile Range's 7-8-9-Club will sponsor a 1960's party tonight beginning at 5:30 p.m.

All members and their guests are asked to dress as they did in the 1960's. Joe "Killer" Slim of El Paso will provide the 'sixties' beat for dancing beginning at 9 p.m.

Prizes for the most authentic 1960's dress, both male and female, will be awarded during the evening. In addition valuable door prizes will be awarded during the night.

A special Chinese platter featuring sweet and sour pork, chow mein, chop suey, hot mustard and tea will be served from 5:30 until 9 p.m. The special meal is priced at \$3.75.

All members of the armed services, active and retired, and their guests are invited to attend 7-8-9- Club activities.

## Drag racing set Sunday

Sanctioned drag races and ET racing is scheduled Sunday at the New Mexico State University Drag Strip located behind the Pan American Center on campus.

Gates will open at 9:30 a.m. Sunday for the time trials which will get underway at 10 a.m. Actual racing will begin at 1:45 p.m.

The event is NHRA sanctioned with regular NHRA classes and plus ET racing. The races are a joint effort of the Aggie ET Club and the United Independent Street Races Association of Las Cruces.

## Pin Count

SWMR JUNIOR-SENIOR TOP TEAMS: 1. Homer's Elbow, 58-22; 2. PLGW's, 51-29; 3. Gutter Busters, 45-35. TOP BOWLERS: 1. Randy Rhodes, 185-496; 2. Richard Pier, 184-476; 3. Tony Marelli, 164-474; 4. Susan Fujil, 160-465; 5. Louie Freitas, 217-458; 6. Steve Beach, 153-458.

WINTER INTRAMURAL TOP TEAMS: 1. A Company 2, 163-37; 2. USACC, 135-65; 3. ASL 1, 132-68; 4. Navy 1, 122-78; 5. C Company 3, 122-78. TOP BOWLERS: 1. Bill Coggins, 203-561; 2. Dave Simpson, 214-555; 3. Gary Myers, 207-544; 4. Allen Rothlisberg, 205-544; 5. Mick Howard, 209-542.

## TM 1205

The Chaparral Toastmaster Club 1205 held their regular weekly meeting on March 18. The seventh session on parliamentary procedures was conducted by Henry Leinbach Jr. The third round of speeches for the Spring Speech Contest was won by Earle Penrod. The judges were Richard Priest, Barry Young, Martha Zamora and T.C. Ashby.

## Sports Seen

Volleyball schedule

Company A continues undefeated in volleyball and has to face only one opponent during the week ahead, the Pistols (259th MP Company) at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Other games include on Monday, Generation Gap vs. Officers, 6 p.m.; C Company against MPs at 7 p.m.; and HHC takes on the Medics at 8. Besides the A Company-MP battle Wednesday, ASL meets the Officers at 6 p.m., and Generation Gap opposes Medics at 8. Thursday, C Company takes on HHC in the first game at 6 p.m., then ASL bucks the MPs, and Officers vie with Medics.

Singles tournament

Entries for the range tennis singles tournament should be turned into the Sports Office. All military personnel are eligible to participate.

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## Paving pros, cons is topic for NAACP

Street paving pros and cons will be discussed by Robert "Red" Smith at the March 20 meeting of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People).

The full title of Smith's talk is "Paving Streets under the Community Development Program and Alternatives." Questions will be accepted from the audience.

The meeting will be held in the Las Cruces city commission chambers in the municipal building at 200 N. Church, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

## Special dinner for dependents, guests March 26

The Consolidated Dining Facility will feature a special night for dependents, relatives and guests March 26, from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.

The menu will consist of roast beef, baked ham, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, sweet potatoes, blackeye peas, assorted vegetables, salads, beverages and desserts. Cost of this meal is 45 cents plus 20 cents surcharge for children, and 95 cents plus a 25-cent surcharge for adults.

Reservations must be in by noon on March 25, and may be made by dialing 678-4580. The Speciality House will be closed until 8 p.m.

## Aide limits set; just one per general

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Department of the Army announced recently that officer aides would be limited to one per general officer. The action will reduce the number of officer aides-de-camp by 61.

Aides-de-camp are normally assigned to general officers serving with troop units and the number varies with the rank of the general. An eligible brigadier general is authorized one officer aide; an eligible four star general is authorized three officer aides.

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# Directorate News

## Logistics

The Equipment Management division has been as busy as a new hive of bees since the first of the year. Looks as though 1975 is going to be a very rough year.

The FY75 vehicle reduction assessment has caused considerable flurries with the WSMR activities and LG-E, not to mention Guy Swannack, vehicle manager, and Virginia Vondran, who has had to prepare umpteen charts on vehicle assignments, turn-ins, and exempt vehicles. Vehicles, vehicles, vehicles. Is it any wonder that every time she turns a corner in the building she gives hand signals and honks.

Employees receiving congratulations and a pat on the back are: Virgil Hernandez, who received his diploma and honor graduate status for his completion of the Defense International Logistics Management Correspondence Course; Nicolas Ramirez, LG-EP, who has supported the WSMR Suggestion Program and has been awarded three suggestions awards and \$75. It does pay off to look around for easier, cheaper methods!; Walfred Hognlund, LG-EP, and his new wife Vera; Keith Almon, son of Jesse and Helen Almon (Jesse is an equipment manager). Keith was named to Who's Who in American High Schools, Outstanding Negro Students, and was named as a finalist in the National Scholarship Achievement Awards.

Welcome to Colonel Royce M. Powell, new director of Logistics, and David P. Allen, new chief of LG-ED. May both your assignments prove to be happy and beneficial ones.

Good-bye and good luck to Paul Keethler and Harvey Latta, both on sith leave pending retirement.

Eloisa Ramos and her husband Ramiro, NR, are eagerly anticipating the arrival of their first "addition to the family." We send our best wishes for a healthy, beautiful baby. Hope Eloisa is used to those late night feedings before she comes back to work.

Along the lines of new additions, Susan Stammer has warned equipment managers to be on their guard and to make room for B.J., now six months old, who is getting sharper every day and just waiting for his chance at equipment management. Grandparents Lupe (LG-SR) and George (MEWTA), agree that B.J. is just about the smartest baby ever born. Sound familiar, all you grandparents!

Our sympathy and prayers to the Julius Erickson family of El Paso, Mr. Erickson, who worked for LG-EP, passed away unexpectedly on March 8.

The consolidation of the Troop Command Property Book and PB 122 has the employees of both activities running around checking equipment and hand receipts and mumbling, "There has to be a better way to make a living." Glenn Foster replaces Mr. Ruiz as property book officer for PB 123. Ruiz will join the ranks of the LG-EC managers. Remember, all kinds of equipment are available at the Equipment Pool to satisfy activity requirements. The pool is located in Bldg. 1862.

Good luck to Cecil Gillespie, LG-EP, and a WSMR bus driver, who is currently undergoing medical tests in an El Paso hospital. becoming a better bridge player; look out Ingraham and Hartcock, those lunch bridge games are going to get rough. Jesse Almon must be holding his own at these games since we haven't heard any boasting on his part, just a lot of mumbling.

A belated congratulations to the former Nancy Olona, ID, on

her marriage to Scott Brown. A long and happy life to them both.

So long for now, and remember, reduce your vehicles and save Virginia's sanity.

## LG-E

Gigi McDougal is the FE representative who will attend the Employe-Employer Banquet in Las Cruces Tuesday at the Palms. She will be attending with Aurora Sanchez from Administrative Services. Have a good time, girls, and remember to count your calories! This is a school sponsored activity for those students that participate in the Job Training Program.

Congratulations to Terry Stevens of Production Control. Terry received a promotion and is now a GS-05 production control clerk. When can we expect the cigars and candy?

The "Munchies" of Production Control would like to thank Milton Huffmeyer, chief of Metal Working branch, for the delicious, steady supply of calories. "Huffy is nice enough to stop for our supply every morning before coming to work. We appreciate it very much, Huffy, but could you please bring in some dietetic donuts next time?"

Congratulations to Tony, Maria Elena and Shorty Castro. Tony has a few gray hairs from his experience with the contractor, but he and his family at long last moved into their new home in Vinton. Best wishes! When is the house warming party?

## Procurement

Bob Swisher, PR-P, our smiling procurement analyst, will be heading east very shortly. Newark Air Force Station, Newark, Ohio, is fortunate indeed to be adding Bob to its list of employees. Procurement planning here at WSMR won't suffer too much, according to Dennis Mundhenk, chief, PR-P. So don't panic, all you directly affected by Bob's transfer.

Congratulations to two deserving employees of Simplified Purchasing who received promotions - C.J. Owens and Margaret Oakes. Donuts followed the "money-in-hand" checks. Let's have more donuts, or shall we say promotions.

A hearty welcome to Private Pam O'Shea, Pam comes to PR from basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. Though originally from New York, Pam considers herself a native of New Mexico. We hope your tour is a pleasant and rewarding experience.

March 13 was David Romero's birthday. Dave spent his day at home celebrating with his wife and family instead of his PR-S family.

March 22 is Bennie (Pablo) Montoya's birthday — which just happens to fall on a Saturday .... makes for a double celebration.

PR-C welcomes back Celina

Mullins who completed the four week's Defense Procurement Management Course at the Army Logistics Management Center, in Ft. Lee, Va. It's good having you back, Celina.

If you're watching your calendars, you'll notice it's just about that time of year when PR personnel are asked to refrain from taking any unnecessary leave. During April, May and June, PR is busy winding up FY-75 business and everyone is needed in order to accomplish a smooth transition from 75 to 76 fiscal year. In the past PR's people have supported this unwritten request wholeheartedly and there's no

reason we won't again this year. Wearin' of the Green was strictly observed by Paul Burns and Clif Robeson — there couldn't have been two finer dressed Irishmen at WSMR on March 17th.

**WELL READ**  
ALBANY, Ore. — A book returned to the library here had lost its cover, its pages were shredded and it bore tooth and paw marks — but you could still read the title, "How to Keep Your Pet Healthy." — CNS

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Tragedy hits many

# Mystery still shadows Lincoln's death

On April 14, 1865, Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by actor John Wilkes Booth while sitting in a box in Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. The resulting furor over the assassinated president and the subsequent events surrounding the principals in the infamous deed have left a series of mysteries and unexplainable tragedies that perhaps will never be resolved.

Two weeks after the assassination, Booth was cornered by a Union cavalry unit in a Virginia farm building. After he refused to surrender, the troops set fire to the building, but before the

flames reached him he was killed by a bullet from a gun wielded by Sergeant Boston Corbett.

For most people the entire story begins with the shooting of Lincoln and ends with the shooting of Booth. But there is far more to the tragic chain of events.

Members of Lincoln's party in Ford's theater included, besides Mrs. Lincoln, the President's aide, Major Rathbone, and the major's fiancée, a Miss Harris.

Mrs. Lincoln lost her mind after the war, a surprise to few persons, as she had long been considered an eccentric.

Major Rathbone married Miss Harris, and several years later shot and killed his wife and himself.

Booth's killer, Sergeant Corbett, back in civilian life several years later as a doorkeeper for the Kansas legislature, one day locked the door of the state house chambers and began shooting at the lawmakers with two revolvers. When his guns were empty, he was captured and sent to an asylum.

Then there was Mrs. Surratt, who was indicated as one of the conspirators who had aided Booth. Tried by a military court and condemned to death,

she should have been acquitted, according to the evidence.

Friends of Mrs. Surratt, attempting to see President Johnson on her behalf, were barred by two senators — Preston King of New York and James H. Lane of Kansas — by the use of force. They had not been assigned to do this.

Several months later, Senator King, who had by then been appointed as a customs collector in New York, weighted himself with lead bars, stepped off a New York harbor ferryboat and drowned.

That was on November 12, 1865. Senator Lane killed himself

at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on July 11, 1866.

Lincoln's Secretary of War Stanton died in 1869, supposedly by cutting his own throat, although this was generally denied by friends and relatives.

One of the persons who suffered longest and hardest from the tragedy was the physician who set Booth's broken leg, Doctor Benjamin Mudd. Tried as one of the conspirators, he was spared the death sentence, however, and was imprisoned at Fort Jefferson, one of the most isolated of the Florida Keys. There he worked hard to save

other prisoners from the trials, rigors and disease of tropical prison life, and eventually was granted a pardon. He died several years later, penniless and in near-obscure. Finally Congress exonerated him.

The doctor left his mark on American history, however, in the everyday expression, "Your name will be Mudd," used as a warning to persons who are about to enter into a risky venture. (AFPS)

## Historic preservation is park system goal

WASHINGTON — Historical areas comprise well over half the units of the National Park System.

Altogether, 188 properties were found eligible for designation as National Historic Landmarks in 1974, bringing the total number to nearly 1,200 properties. — CNS



First day of spring

"Buttercups and daisies — Oh, the pretty flowers — Coming ere the Springtime — To tell of sunny hours." Those lines, written by Mary Howitt, are especially prophetic this year due to late fall and winter moisture. Here Jean Richart, Atmospheric Sciences Laboratory, poses with a posy of freshly picked wild flowers found in the desert just south of the main post area. Today is the first day of Spring and the entire desert is responding with a blanket of flowers and green shrubbery. (Photo by Frank Ontiveros)

## New program open for soldier-students

The new Project AHEAD (Army Help for Education and Development) is now operational and accepting soldier-students, according to White Sands Education Services Officer William Black.

"The education project gives service people the opportunity to enroll in any participating college and earn credits towards a degree at the same time their military enlistment is being fulfilled," he said.

In the New Mexico and southwest Texas area, colleges that are participating in the Army's Project AHEAD are New Mexico State University,

including branches at Las Cruces, Alamogordo, Carlsbad, Farmington, and Grants, the University of Texas at El Paso, Eastern New Mexico University at Portales and Roswell, and New Mexico Highlands University.

Project AHEAD is not an Army reenlistment or education option. Each participating college and university serves as a "home base" school for the student-soldier and has its own program requirements.

College credits can be earned from many sources, such as on-post college classes, service experiences, College Level Entrance Program exams, correspondence courses, and classes at nearby colleges. The Army offers financial assistance covering up to 75 per cent of tuition costs. During a three-year enlistment, a soldier could conceivably earn between 30 to 60 college credits toward a degree.

Complete information about the program can be obtained locally through the Education Center at 678-4222 or 678-5425.

## Caverns art show opens for paintings

Plans have been completed for the annual art exhibit at Carlsbad Caverns National Park which will start on March 26 and extend through April 9. The exhibit is a cooperative effort of the National Park Service and the Carlsbad and Guadalupe Mountains National Parks.

Artists wishing to enter the show should arrange for delivery of paintings to the park visitor center between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon on Wednesday, March 26, for registration and hanging. There is no registration fee. Each artist is allowed three entries.

Ribbons will be awarded to artists whose entries receive the most votes from park visitors viewing the show.

## Cultists open English grave

BIRMINGHAM, England — For the second time in 14 months, gravestones have been damaged and a grave opened in the cemetery of Wishaw parish church near here, leading police to investigate witchcraft practices.

In the first incident, remains were taken from a grave and witchcraft symbols written on a tombstone. — CNS

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**Something to crow about**

"Big Crow," is being prepared for operation over White Sands Missile Range by the Office of Missile Electronic Warfare, a WSMR element of the U.S. Army Electronics Command. Antennas for the full complement of EW equipment aboard the plane are in the oblong radomes above and below the fuselage and the bulbous radome on the nose. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)

**High-flying 'Big Crow' to be sky-high laboratory**

An electronic countermeasures "jammer" device to be carried aboard a modified Air Force jet transport plane is being prepared for use in the electronic warfare assessment program for the Army's SAM-D (Surface-to-Air Missile Development) system.

The assessment program is to be conducted at White Sands Missile Range by the Office of Missile Electronic Warfare (OMEW), an element of the U.S. Army Electronics Command. It will be conducted in conjunction with other SAM-D testing already under way and planned at WSMR.

The jammer is just one of a full complement of ECM (electronic countermeasures) equipment, designed by OMEW engineers and technicians, to be carried aboard a modified NKC-135A transport. The plane, which is based at Kirtland Air Force Base, has been named the "Big Crow."

Big Crow is being converted into a flying laboratory. Equipment now being installed will be capable of creating ECM environments for sus-

ceptibility and vulnerability tests of the SAM-D and other missile systems now being developed.

The jammer is an ECM environment transmitter designed to test the full range of ECM capabilities of a defense system such as the SAM-D. It contains a full array of EW (electronic warfare) modulations.

Control functions are on a central console, so that many tests may be performed during one flight mission. The operator will be able to "dial in" various jamming sequences as directed by the test scenario.

Other equipment will provide a multitude of data not previously available from a single airborne carrier. Five research and development stations are available for special tests.

Also on board will be four stations housing microwave EW receivers and other sub-receiver systems. This equipment is capable of receiving in frequencies ranging from 0.5 megahertz to 18 gigahertz, with growth

capabilities to 40 gigahertz. Standard ECM devices will be on board the transport also. These may be interchanged or combined to expand or concentrate capabilities, depending on mission requirements. Up to 10 of these systems may be utilized at one time.

A data acquisition station is provided for recording both analog and digital data on tape. The user will be able to correlate his data with on-board inertial navigation data and synchronized timing data, as required.

Two modified AN-ALE-32 chaff dispensers are available to aid in determining the chaff rejection capabilities of the SAM-D.

But capabilities will not be limited to those of the flying laboratory. A number of unique pod-mounted jammers, designed to be mounted under the wings of their carriers, will be available.

Carried by manned aircraft or drones, the self-screening jammer pods are designed for supersonic flight and can confuse or deny radar tracking — exactly like hostile aircraft penetrating zones defended by the SAM-D or other air defense systems.

Thomas S. Bellows of Las Cruces, chief of the OMEW SAM-D electronic warfare assessment program, explained the major design concept for the equipment. "This was for a flexible, high-speed airborne laboratory that would provide all of the necessary data in the shortest possible time and at the least expense," Bellows said.

And according to the chief of the Office of Missile Electronic Warfare, Lt. Col. Frank L. Treece, the capabilities developed for the SAM-D assessment program "represent the most severe EW threat yet employed in the development of Army missile systems."

The technical director of OMEW, Joseph E. Bert of Las Cruces, pointed out that similar assessment programs now are being pursued during development of all Army missile systems, in order to achieve a maximum readiness posture for America's defense forces.

**Civilians win awards for suggestions**

A committee has announced suggestion awards totaling \$660 for four civilians employed by the U.S. Army at White Sands Missile Range. Their ideas are saving an estimated \$9,000 annually.

The winners were Raul M. Ramos, Anthony, N.M., \$330; John A. Womer, El Paso, \$200; Genevieve E. Schure, El Paso, \$105, and Nicolas Y. Ramirez, El Paso, \$25.

Ramos, working in transportation and maintenance, devised a modification for scanner assemblies that greatly reduced breakdowns. Savings are more than \$5,500 per year in labor and materials.

Womer, assigned with range control, suggested using a computer and terminal unit to speed up transmission of evacuation notices and road block information. Hand-written notices were sent out previously, at considerably greater cost.

Ms. Schure, of range programs, suggested a new method for processing a master schedule, eliminating extraneous data and reducing the number of printed copies required. Paper savings alone are about \$800 a year.

Ramirez, of equipment management, suggested recycling any fuel found in vehicles being prepared for disposal through surplus property channels. The idea is contributing to the conservation program.



**Four more**

SSG Louis P. Bergin, Headquarters Company supply sergeant, has reenlisted for four additional years and will transfer to Ft. Ord, Calif., for duty with the 7th Infantry Division. A former U.S. Marine, SSG Bergin is a veteran of two Vietnam duty tours and other overseas assignments in France and twice in Germany. His hobby is collecting military unit insignia and crests. His collection now numbers near the 500 mark.

**It's working**

WASHINGTON (ANF) — The Army's overall recruiting and reenlistment success continued through January. According to figures released by recruiting officials, enlistments exceeded the month's 20,000 goal.

Almost 65 per cent of the new enlisted soldiers entering the Army in January were high school graduates — just slightly more than 5 per cent were in mental category IV; this reflects a downward trend from 18.1 per cent a year ago (January 1974).

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EARLY BIRD AIR COND.  
RECHARGE — \$4.50 + Freon

SUN DIAGNOSTIC TUNE UP

\$15.00 plus PARTS  
For Most American V-8s  
Slightly Less for  
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**GARDEN FERTILIZER**  
5-LB.\* FERTILIZER  
Our Reg. 1.67 **1.27**  
3 Days

All-purpose nourishment for flowers, trees, vegetables.

**MARBLE CHIPS**  
Decorative chips for attractive landscaping  
3 Days **2.77**

**MICHIGAN PEAT**  
40-LB.\* BAG OF PEAT  
FOR LAWNS, GARDENS AND SHRUBS  
Our Reg. 2.17 **1.77**

Decorative mulch for lawns, gardens. Holds in moisture.

**REAL-KILL WEED KILLER**  
42-oz.\* spot weed killer in plastic sprayer.  
Our Reg. 2.37 **1.93**  
3 Days

**'FAN' TRELLIS**  
70x47" white styrene plastic; with 5 spokes.  
Our Reg. 4.97 **4.27**  
3 Days

**FERTILIZER**  
Composted cattle manure. Weed free.  
Our Reg. 1.28 **.97**  
3 Days

**GLAD BULBS**  
No. 1 grade, assorted colors.  
Our Reg. 2/25c **10/1**

**K-GRO LAWN FOOD 23-7-7**  
20-LB.\* K-GRO®  
4.77  
3 Days  
Covers 5,000 sq. ft.

**8x16x2-IN. PATIO BLOCKS**  
Our Reg. 39c **3/\$1**  
3 Days  
In assorted colors.

**80ct. PKG. ONION SETS**  
Our Reg. .97 **57**  
3 Days  
Ready to plant.

**4"x40' PLASTIC GRASS STOP**  
Our Reg. 2.97 **2.27**  
3 Days  
In green. Save.

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3 Days  
33"-long, white.

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