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Brigadier General Milton Hunter, South Pacific Division Commander prepares to hand the Engineer Flag to the LA.District's 53rd Commander, Colonel Michal R. Robinson (see related story and photos, pages 14-15)



COL M.R. Robinson

LA! It's still hard to believe that here we are, living and working in this vibrant, progressive community of Los Angeles! And this great Southwest, that is our new neighbor hood—it's terrific to be back! My family and I are delighted to be here and would like to thank everyone, for all the many kindnesses that have been extended to welcome us and helped us to get settled.

As many of you know, I was fortunate enough to get my first choice of District Commands. Assignment to the Los Angeles District is the fulfillment of a professional dream for me since I was a young captain in the St. Paul District. I couldn't be happier than to be here as the 53d District Engineer of this great organization. You have an excellent reputation and I am learning in my travels around the District that it is well deserved!

I appreciate the Newcastle as a means to "talk" to the entire District team on a monthly basis. You will find as we grow together that I will also use electronic mail on the Local Area Net (LAN) as another good way to communicate. But even with all the high technology available to us today, good old-fashioned, face-to-face communication is still the best (when possible). I have had the chance to see much of the District and, enjoyed meeting many of you face-to-face, these past few weeks.

EAGLES VIEW

BY: COL Mike Robinson
District Engineer

The picnic was my first opportunity to meet people. It was great seeing everyone having fun together, taking a well-deserved break. Esprit in the District is obviously high. Working together is more or less required, but to see so many co-workers playing together...this speaks well of an organization and suggests a positive work climate. High-performing teams not only work well together but also play together.

The occasion of the picnic also provided an indication of the dedication of the District. While many of us enjoyed the picnic, several people in Contracting, Programs and Project Management, and Construction-Operations were "back at the fort," working diligently to award the last of ten end-of-third-quarter military contracts. Their heroic efforts resulted in the award of nearly \$64 million of work in about ten days! And I have not heard a single grumble about their having to miss all the fun at the picnic—only saw pride in their remarkable achievement.

The change of command ceremony was further evidence of a high performing organization—well planned and well executed, with lots of great work by many. I was very impressed and pleased, as was Colonel Van. On behalf of the both of us, I want to thank you all—those of you who had a direct role, as well as the many who honored us by your attendance.

Since the change of command, I have had a chance to meet and talk with many of our people in our "home office," as well as to get out and see the great work being done in our field offices, at our project sites, and out in the local communities. I have immensely enjoyed meeting the many people who are out there "mak-

ing it happen." I have met project managers, area and resident engineers, construction inspectors, biologists, draftsmen, sociologists, architects, technicians, environmentalists, project sponsors, engineers of all sorts, specialists representing disciplines too numerous to mention them all, mayors, U.S. Senators and Representatives and other representatives of government, including even the Vice President of the United States.

Everywhere I go, I see and hear ample evidence of Trust, Quality and Teamwork, those by-words of the District, that have such great implications for all that we do.

As I conduct initial visits of our many offices and activities, I gain greater understanding of our District and how it has come to earn the great reputation that it has. I am also gaining insight into the challenges that face our District. As I continue get around the District, I encourage you to keep up the great dialogue so that we may mutually gain greater understanding of these challenges, as well identify the new challenges and opportunities awaiting us just over the horizon. I am confident that together we can develop appropriate and effective strategies that will put the Los Angeles District on a trajectory on our continued 'Path of Excellence' — well into the twenty-first century.

In conclusion, let me affirm my support for the policies currently in effect in the District. I especially subscribe to your by-words — Trust... Quality... Teamwork — I embrace them as my own and I pledge to you my very best personal efforts as I join your team."

WW II 50th Anniversary Committee

The Los Angeles District has applied to the Department of Defense to become an official 50th Anniversary of World War II Commemorative Community. The Public Affairs Office is the lead agency for the District. Dr. Anthony Turhollow and Dr. Fred-Otto Egeler are co-chairmen and are looking for volunteers/members.

The 50th Anniversary of World War II Commemorative Program is a 'grassroots' initiative designed to encourage communities, cities, states, federal agencies, military installations, service/social and veterans organizations to thank and honor WWII veterans through commemorative events and activities.

The commemoration period last through Veterans Day, 1995, and the District's committee will plan and carry out several events to include displays and exhibits for

Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Veterans Day and December 7.

This program allows Americans an opportunity to recognize and remember the sacrifices of our armed forces and all those who served on the home front, and a chance to study the history and lessons of World War II.

Many historians have referred to World War II as the central event of the 20th Century. Perhaps, even more importantly the 50th Anniversary offers Americans an opportunity to say, "A grateful nation remembers."

The District will receive an official WWII Commemorative Flag and authorization to use the 50th Anniversary Logo. Each member of the committee will receive a Commemorative Lapel Pin.

If you would like to be a member of the District's committee stop in or call the Public Affairs Office at 894-0455.



Women's Equality Day Celebrated

By Noreen Dean Dresser

Women's Equality Day (August 26th) is the national holiday that celebrates the century of struggle to procure the vote and to give significance to Women's achievement. The District's Federal Women's Program (FWP) will celebrate the event on Wednesday, August 24th between 11:00 and 2:00 in the Federal Building Room 7503.

"Everyone in the District is invited to talk about our challenges and possibilities while working with the Corps. This working lunch (bring your lunch and something to share) will offer an overview of changes going on in Government and strategies for your position on the playing field," said Noreen Dean Dresser, the District's Federal Women's Program manager. "This year District team members will take the time to look towards further developing equity to bring out the best

in all of us to achieve our assigned missions."

The discussion will be an overview of areas that might concern you. With the re-invention of government, the workload will be shifting for government agencies creating new areas of job development. Other related issues, such as how priority placement and reduction in force, work will also be discussed.

The FWP committee will present ideas
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Nellis Federal Hospital Dedicated

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — More than 500 spectators were on hand for the dedication of the new Nellis Federal Hospital that will be shared by the U. S. Air Force and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Brig. Gen. Milton Hunter, South Pacific Division commander, led the Corps contingent at the dedication ceremony. He and Col. Michal R. Robinson, LA District commander, received a briefing by Nellis AFB Resident Office, staff and toured the hospital the evening before. The Sacramento District designed the hospital and the Los Angeles District provided construction management and oversight for almost three years.

The 76.8 million dollar, 375,000 square foot facility contains both hospital and clinic areas and a central energy plant to supply hospital utility needs. The 49 acre site was completely landscaped to fit into the surrounding area. Extensive parking areas and road work including improvements to Las Vegas Boulevard were part of the contract constructed by the contractor, M. A. Mortenson from Colorado Springs, Colorado.

As he accepted the hospital into the Air Force inventory

Maj. Gen. Robert Buethe, Jr. director, Medical Programs and Resources, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General commented that, "the hospital was built with trust and a commitment to the veterans' community by both the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs."

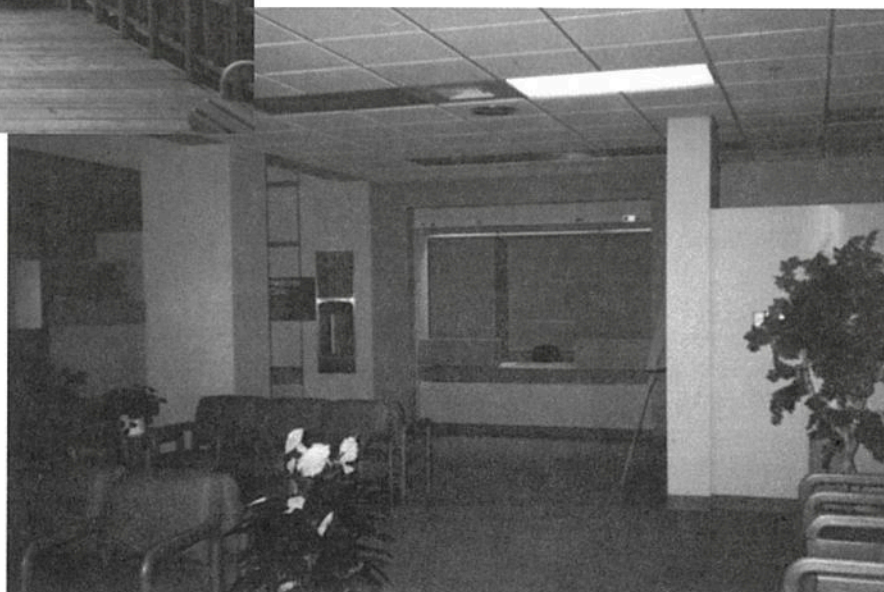
The hospital will address the health care needs of more than 50,000 active duty, family, retired members and more than 175,000 veterans in the Southern Nevada area.

"We have a commitment to provide medical care to those who served their country and to those who continue to serve. The Nellis Federal Hospital will not be the last of its kind. Joint ventures like this one will take off around the country and will have a stabilizing effect on health care for DoD beneficiaries and veterans," commented Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown, prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Gracious Courtyard... Hospital patients and visitors will be able to enjoy weather in a spacious inner courtyard

Clinics... All of the clinics have an appointment/reception desk and waiting area





Maj. Gen. Thomas R. Griffith, Weapons and Tactics Center command (center), cuts the ceremonial ribbon at the Nellis Federal Hospital's dedication ceremony held July 8. Helping him is (l-r) Col. Gerald Muehlberger, 554th Medical Group Commander; Maj. Gen. Robert A. Buethe, Jr., deputy Air Force surgeon general; Sen. Richard H. Bryan; Leonard Davis, former Las Vegas Veterans Affairs Medical Center director; Rep. Barbara F. Vucanovich; Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Rep. James H. Bilbray; Josh Reid, son of Sen. Harry Reid; and Ramone Reevey, Las Vegas VAMC director. (Photo by SrA. Billy Johnson)



Patients Dining Facility



CLASS PHOTO....The Corps Crew that toured the Nellis Federal Hospital took time out to have a class photo taken. Back row: Shawn Basu, Air Force Programs project manager; Bob Joyner, Jim Allred, chief, USACE Medical Facilities Office; Rob Caskie, resident engineer, Nellis AFB Project Office; Carl Enson, chief, Construction-Operations Division, and Joe Pickens, Arizona/Neveda Area Engineer

Tierrasanta Ordnance Removal Project Comes to a Close

By Bob Armogeda

Tierrasanta Community Center was the scene for a recent ceremony officially ending the Tierrasanta Ordnance Removal Project. San Diego area television, radio and print media, as well as local and Federal people were there.

It was more than a closing ceremony, however. It was a great example of how government and community can work together to turn a tragic event into a more positive and happier future for this "bed-room community" suburb of San Diego, known as Tierrasanta.

The ceremony marked the final chapter in a story begun about 11 years ago. Fifteen days before Christmas 1983, two boys, Matthew Smith and Corey Peaker, both eight, were killed instantly when an artillery shell they had found and were playing with, exploded. A third boy, Corey Peaker's brother, Carl, 12, was severely injured.

Community action to the event was quick in coming and angry. Community

organizations and political leaders wanted answers to why this condition had been allowed to exist.

Since the old military installation, Camp Elliott, Tierrasanta rested upon had been a Marine gunnery and tank range, the U.S. Navy sent mobile ordnance units in to conduct testing and surface removal and numerous pieces of unexploded ordnance were discovered.

The Corps of Engineers entered the picture in 1985 when Headquarters USACE tasked Huntsville District with preparing a feasibility study in hopes of remedying what had become a hot issue in the San Diego and southern California area, as well as throughout the nation. After careful consideration of the study, Headquarters approved the project plan.

The feasibility study and the possible ordnance removal project which would emanate from it became a source of considerable community interest. The congressman for the area at that time, Bill

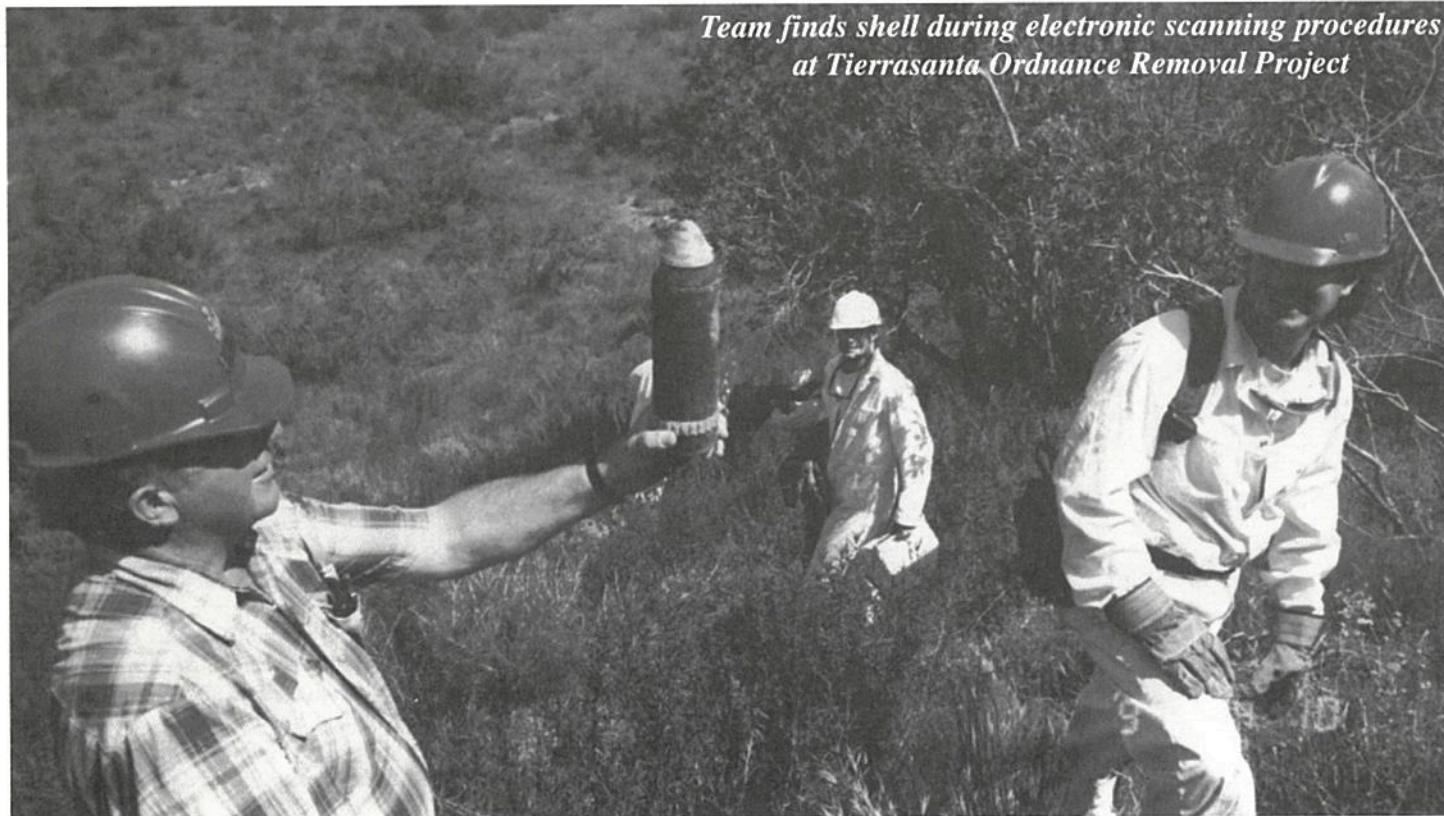
Lowery (R-San Diego) held at public meeting and explained the meaning of the feasibility study.

The remainder of 1986 and much of 1987 was filled with public meetings and public workshops to inform the citizenry about the planned project, what it could mean to their safety and well-being and how the Corps planned to go about the ordnance cleanup.

The push was on and preparations went forward to begin the remedial action, the clean up of Tierrasanta. Project designs were considered in 1988. The representative for the Tierrasanta community at the time, Congressman Bill Lowery, showed an avid interest in the project and kept track of events leading up to the start of the final design in March 1990 and the completion of the same in September.

The time had come for action and in February 1991, remedial efforts begun. The contractor at the time, Environmental Chemical Company, out of Lexington,

Team finds shell during electronic scanning procedures at Tierrasanta Ordnance Removal Project





After dividing the search area, teams perform electronic scanning hoping to find old ordnances, exploded or otherwise. The mission is to make Tierrasanta as safe as possible.

Kentucky, began remedial action. The Tierrasanta Ordnance Removal Project, as it became known, had become a reality.

The project area was divided into 100 by 200 foot grids. The contractor's teams performed visual sweeps of the grids first, cleared brush and then performed electro-magnetic sweeps. They contacted explosive ordnance removal experts and if necessary, the ordnance was blown up in place, if it was not safe to move it to a distant detonation point.

Removing the ordnance was only part of the Corps and contractor's responsibility during the project. Particular attention was paid to environmental concerns and monitoring was exercised to preserve endangered species which included the San Diego Mesa Mint and the California Gnatcatcher.

And, some of the statistics support the need for the project. Almost 4,000 small arms pieces of ordnance were removed; 28,000 pounds of ordnance explosive waste and 171,000 pounds of non-OEW scrap were removed. And, the figure that really impressed the community and highlighted the Corp's and contractor's close guarding of safety, was the fact that 51 pieces of ordnance were

blown up in place, rather than risking their removal to a detonation point.

The cost of the environmental impact statement was \$325,000; remedial investigation/feasibility study totalled \$680,000; In-house design cost another \$275,000. The largest, and most vital part of the project, the electronic scanning and ordnance removal, cost \$10,000,000.

Everyone gathered at the Tierrasanta Community Center on June 7th to officially end the Tierrasanta project, although further ordnance removal would take place at the nearby Mission Trails and East Elliott sites, projects due to be completed in three to six years. Present were: Judith McCarty, Seventh District councilmember, city of San Diego; Tom Cleary represented Congressman Randy Cunningham and presented certificates to Colonel VanAntwerp, then Commander, Los Angeles District, Major Charles Yocum, Greg Boghossian, project manager; Dick Posey, Environmental Chemical Corporation. Michael Richmond represented Congresswoman Lynn Schenk at the ceremony.



Greg Boghossian Project Manager Tierrasanta honored by Congress

by Bob Armogeda

Asserting that the vast open space of the community of Tierrasanta is much safer today than it was three years ago, Tierrasanta Councilmember Judy McCarthy and other invited dignitaries marked the end the most extensive cleanup of military ordnance in recent United States history by applauding the outstanding efforts of Corps personnel, starting with Greg Boghossian, project manager.

Boghossian was presented a certificate for his managing the Tierrasanta Ordnance Removal Project in a recent ceremony held by the City of San Diego. The certificate was signed by Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham, and reads in part, "Congress of the United States House of Representatives hereby awards this certificate of appreciation in honor of superior responsiveness to the community of Tierrasanta and outstanding dedication to duty during the removal of unexploded ordnance."

Boghossian, who lives in LaCrescenta with his wife, Cheryl, and their two children, Michelle and Ara, are Armenian from Tehran, Iran. He attended grade school, middle and senior high school in Tehran, and Boghossian, upon receiving the

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A World of Information at Your Fingertips



GRAND OPENING

.....Maria Molina, deputy, Information Management Office, left, Librarian Emily Shen and Patricia Holmes, chief, Information Management Office cut the ribbon, marking the opening of the Los Angeles District's Technical Library in the Federal Center. The Library staff have a world of information at their fingertips for you to tap

The Information Management Office held a ribbon cutting ceremony to reopen the District's Technical Library in Room 7216 of the Federal Center on July 6.

The library is staffed by contract personnel from the MoonSPACE Corporation. The Head Librarian Emily Shen is a

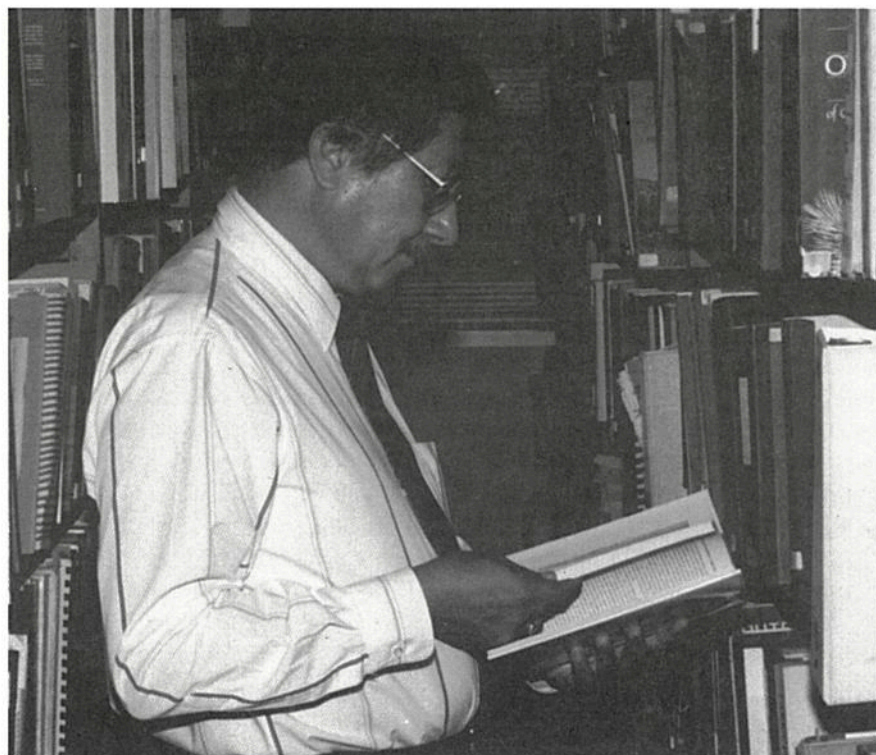
graduate of the University of Oklahoma and the Librarian Technician Pou-Wen Ho is a graduate of Rutgers University. Both hold master degrees in Library Science. Much of their work will include cataloging, circulation of publications, acquisition and subscription services for print and electronic media, and reference/research of online databases for their customers.

The Library staff will soon be able to provide a world of information with Corps-wide access to the holdings of 52 Corps libraries through the COLIS System. No matter how small the individual library or the collection, the potential to bring District customers information is unlimited.

The Library will eventually be equipped with CD-ROM players and Micros to provide the capacity for searches and access to online database services through the Internet.

Some of the resources that can be found in the Library are current periodicals; reference books; microfiche files; U. S. Geological Survey publications (some dating back to the 1900's); Corps of Engineers and Los Angeles District historical journals; the Chief of Engineers 'Annual Reports'; Congressional records and much more.

"We'll be open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.," said Ms. Shen. "We are looking forward to serving the members of the Los Angeles District and can be reached at (213) 894-5313."



Dee Gonzalez, Asst. Ch, PPMD, reacquaints himself with the library

Toastmaster's Area Governor of the Year

On July 10, 1994 at the Old Sphagetti Factory on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood, Ed Louie, immediate past president of Essayons, received the Area Governor of the Year Award for 1993-1994, from District 52 Toastmaster's organization. Ed achieved the honor from among 15 other Area Governors represented in District 52. Ed was the Area 14 Governor. His area achieved "Select Distinguished" honors.

The mission and purpose of an Area Governor is to provide District contact, support, and assistance to the club, so that it may achieve the club missions, and fulfill its responsibilities to club members. Ed was recognized for his outstanding service and dedication to District 52. He has been the Area Governor for the following clubs:

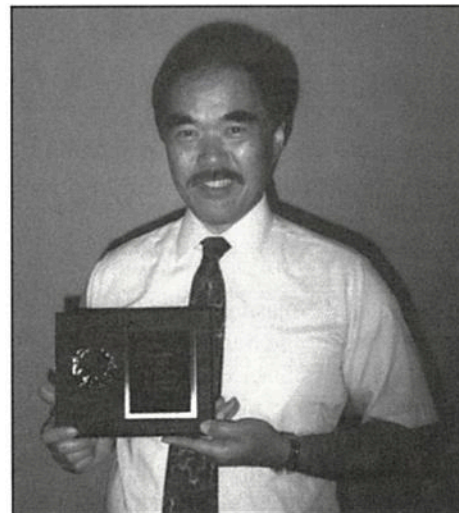
Essayons (Corps of Engineers)
Cal Trans (Calif. Transp. Dept.)
Times Toaster (L.A. Times)
City of Angels (City of L.A.)
Intangible Assets (Cal State L.A.)
Temple Toasters (Veterans
Administration Outpatient Clinic)

Ed has been elected Division

Governor for the year 1994-1995 by members of District 52, which is made up of approximately 80 individual clubs. There are four Division Governors in District 52. Ed will be Division D Governor and he will have Area 13, 14, and 15 Governor's under his Division.

Ed has been a member of Toastmaster's for three years, and he has achieved CTM (Competent Toastmaster) and ATM (Able Toastmaster) status. There are only four other members that have achieved ATMs in Essayons. Lewis Trout and Larry Kelly, Real Estate, Bob Armogeda, PAO, and Pamela Smith-Cressel from GSA. His final goal is to achieve Distinguished Toastmasters (DTM) which is the highest honor bestowed on a member by Toastmasters International. He hopes to achieve this honor in June 1995. He will be the first to achieve "DTM" status in Essayons since the club's charter in April 1955.

Essayons has grown from 13 active members in October 1993 to 30 active members presently. It is anticipated that another five to seven members will join by October 1994. As of February 28, 1994, there were 7,994 clubs in the United States, Canada and 50 other countries.



Ed Louie
Area Governor of the Year

For additional information regarding Toastmaster's, please call Ed Louie at X0239. And remember Essayons meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in room 7503, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Guests are always welcomed to observe the proceedings of each meeting, and no one is obligated to participate. Why don't you give it a try? See what Toastmaster's can do for you!



Joe Pickens (left), Area Engineer Arizona/Nevada, presents a check to Nick C. Aquilina, Manager of DOE's Nevada Operations Office for \$100,322. The check was the final settlement for design issues with Bechtel National, Inc., the architect-engineering firm which designed U.S. Department of Energy's Remote Sensing Laboratory (RSL), Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Design and construction of the RSL was done through the Corps of Engineers. (OEA/NV photo.)

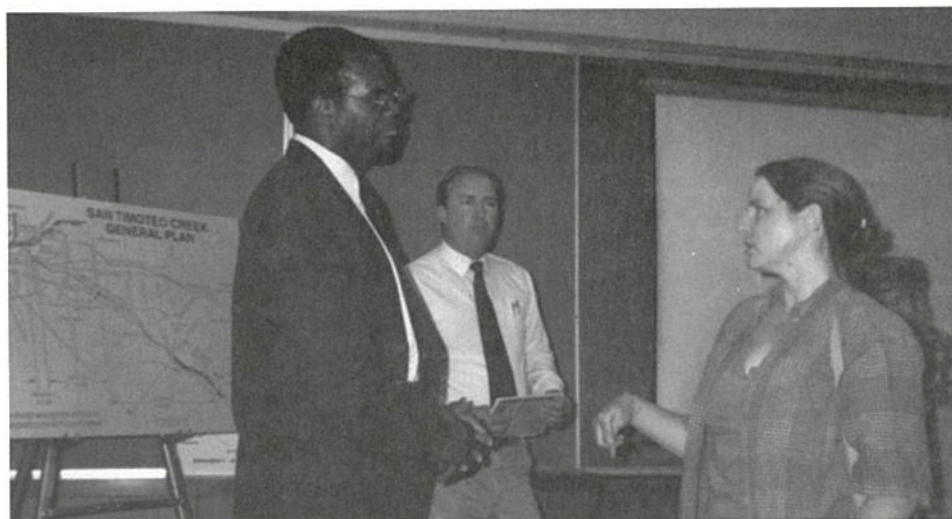
San Timoteo Creek Construction Awareness Workshop Held

Getting information to residents of the San Timoteo Creek area about upcoming work on the local flood control project is important part of the pre-construction phase, according to Ken Morris, the LA District's project manager for San Timoteo Creek.

"That is the reason we (the District) and members of the San Bernardino County Flood Control District held a construction awareness meeting recently," Morris said. "We explained what was going to happen during the building of the 0.7-mile-long rectangular channel and reconstruction of the Waterman Avenue Bridge that crosses the creek just north of Hospitality Lane.

We answered questions about traffic, noise, dust and other potential impacts that will result from the flood control construction activities that will be going on in the near future. We know that the construction will disrupt the area for about 14 months and want local residents and business owners to understand why we're doing the work."

The project runs from the Santa Ana River south to the San Bernardino



Fr. L to R Ken Morris, Project Mgr. San Timoteo Creek Project, David Lovell, San Bernardino County Federal Projects Mgr., and Battina McLeod of the Tri-County Conservation League, discuss issues related to the San Timoteo Creek project at a recent construction awareness meeting in San Bernardino, 21 June 94

Freeway (I-10) and is part of the Congressionally authorized Santa Ana River Mainstem Flood Control Project. It will be completed by the end of 1995.

There have been many floods over the years and the last big one in 1969, caused more than \$23 million in damage. When completed, the San Timoteo Creek

flood control improvements will provide 100-year flood protection to about 1.6 million people living in the 125 square mile flood plain which extends through Loma Linda, Colton and a portion of San Bernardino County.

Women's Equality Day

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on how you can assist yourself in preparing for your future in government. The programs the FWP will be sponsoring will be covered to assist you meet your goals.

A presentation on the FWP/EEO library will open new possibilities for you to borrow training tapes and in the future PC disks, for you to have the information you need in Career Planning and EEO guidance," explained the FWP manager.

"Women's Equality Day was conceived to elevate and remind all of us of our foremothers, who were standard bearers for the improvement of our quality of life. Women have always been focused on immediate struggle at hand: Mother Jones's labor work in the coal mines, Mary McLeod Bethune's struggle for trade skills and education, the Woman Temperance Movement which focused on the alcoholic abuse of working class immigrant women and their children," Dresser explained. "Ida B. Wells struggled for anti-lynching laws, the Abolitionist and

their successors in the Civil Rights Movement setting human dignity and self definition to supersede even immediate economic interest, Jane Addams's International Peace Movement for World War I and later in 1964 Fannie Lou Hamer's Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party looking to recognition so as to facilitate a new leadership.

We can stand on the shoulders of their achievement to see clearly the horizon facing our country's new century, we can prepare to shape the future by preparing ourselves for leadership," Dresser concluded.

Boghossian honored...

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certificate recognized other key players in the success of the Tierrasanta Ordnance Removal Project. "Those individuals are: John Keever, Dan Moore, Julie Martinez, Jim Walker of the Southern California Area Office and Jim Annelle, ordnance safety specialist from Huntsville Division, who were involved in the day-to-day field activities and responsible for the safe and effi-

cient management of the project," he explained. "I would also like to commend Tom Kirkpatrick and Tina Frazier of Contracting Division for their timely response to my requests for generating and executing contract modifications and change order documents. Karen Warren, Military/Support For Others Branch; Kelli Johnson, Budget Branch; Mayuree Villegas, Military Accounting; Lilliam Miller and Imelda Garcia, Programs and Reports Office, both did an outstanding job in generating and processing budgetary and financial documents."

President Clinton Signs Order Speeding Waste Sewage Cleanup

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- President Clinton today designated the city of San Diego as eligible to receive federal Clean Water Act grants to manage construction of part of the Tijuana-South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plant is designed to treat wastewater which flows, untreated, from Tijuana and across the border into the U.S. The waste has forced numerous beach closings in California, and has disgusted residents and tourists alike with foul odors and unhealthy conditions.

In response to the presidential designation, Browner said, "The President has kept his promise to the people of southern California. This shows what breaking policy gridlock in Washington can mean to people outside the beltway." Browner cited the leadership of San Diego

Congressman Bob Filner (D-50-CA) and Lynn Schenk (D-49-CA) in helping to speed construction of the plant.

In the memorandum of designation to the Administrator of the U.S. EPA, Carol M. Browner, the President noted that "I have seen first hand the severity of the problems and expressed my grave concern... about the effect that Tijuana sewage is having on San Diego." The presidential designation is required under the Water Quality Act of 1987 to allow any non-federal agency to participate in plant construction.

San Diego will manage construction of the massive "outfall" pipe which will carry the plant's treated wastes some 3.5 miles into the Pacific ocean. The city intends to use some of the pipe's capacity to carry some of the city's own treated municipal wastewater. Much of the pipe

will be tunnelled under the Tijuana River Estuary on its way to the ocean in order to protect the estuary's fragile ecosystem.

In 1993, project sponsors decided to put the project on a "fast track" schedule. It will be built in stages, with advanced primary treatment of the wastewater to be operational in early 1996 - many months ahead of the previous schedule.

The \$384 million wastewater treatment plant is being built jointly by the U.S. E.P.A., the International Boundary and Water Commission, the state of California, and the city of San Diego, with technical assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

New DE Visits Seven Oaks Dam

*By Rhys M. Evans,
Santa Ana Area Office*

Col. Michal Robinson visited the Seven Oaks Dam construction site Wednesday, July 13, 1994. Colonel Robinson, accompanied by Carl Enson, James Link, Brian Moore and Rick Leifield were greeted by Pete Reyna, Area Engineer for the SAR Office and other employees of the Santa Ana Area and Seven Oaks Dam Resident Offices.

During his nearly three-hour visit, Colonel Robinson was introduced to Alan Edler and Tom Sallender, who led the group on a brief tour of the construction site. The tour included descriptions of and visits to the energy dissipation pond and the outlet works and diversion tunnel. Construction is now complete. An overview of the entire project was accomplished by way of Warm Springs Road to the top of the future dam. Additionally, the group was able to observe compression strength testing of concrete cylinders



Colonel Robinson exits the outlet at Seven Oaks during a recent tour of the Dam

to be used in the construction of the outlet works intake structure.

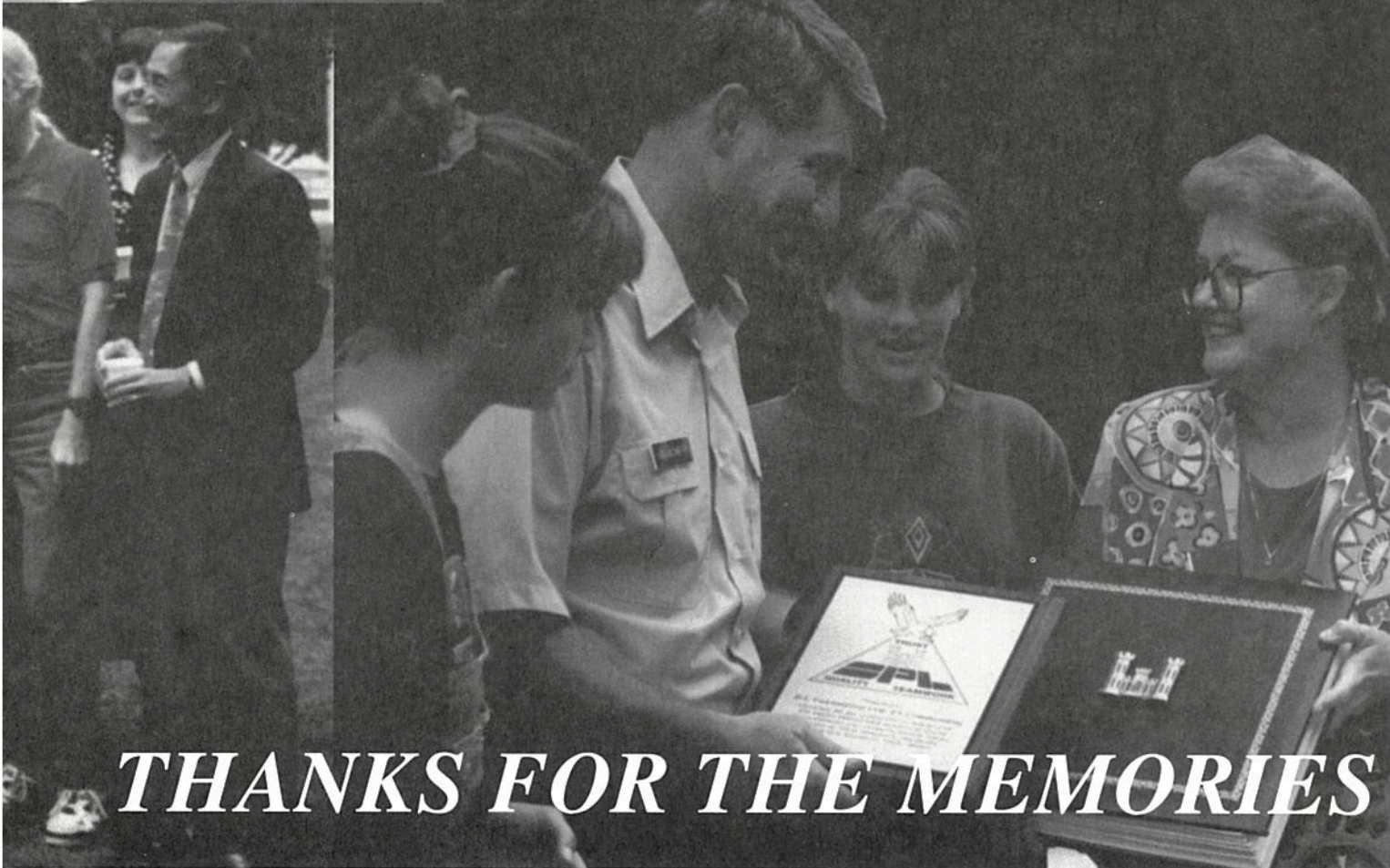
Prior to the tour, Mr. Reyna presented a briefing on the staffing of the Santa Ana River Area Office, including descriptions of the other six integrated ongoing pro-

jects, currently in planning stages for the Santa Ana River flood control plan.

DISTRICT BIDS FAREWELL TO



COL VAN



THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

CEREMONY MARKS CHANGE OF COMMAND

The Roybal Federal Center Plaza was filled with the sounds of music on July 7, as members of the Los Angeles District and a large group of distinguished guests gathered to view the long-honored ceremony that transfers the responsibility for the District from one commander to another.

The mid-morning ceremony found more than 400 people turning out to witness the District's 53rd Commander, Col. Michal R. Robinson, accept the Engineer Flag from the South Pacific Division Commander, Brig. Gen. Milton Hunter.

Colonel Robinson comes to the District from Headquarters, Training and Doctrine Command, at Fort Monroe, Virginia where he served as the Director, Space and Electronic Combat Directorate.

He received his commission through the U.S. Army Reserve Officers Training Corps at California Polytechnic College where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He is a great believer in education being the key to advancement and he has attended several military courses, including the U. S. Army War College in 1993. He hasn't slighted his civilian education, having earned a Master of Science Degree and the Degree of Engineer (both in Construction Engineering and Management) from Stanford University in 1979.



Honoring the Colors

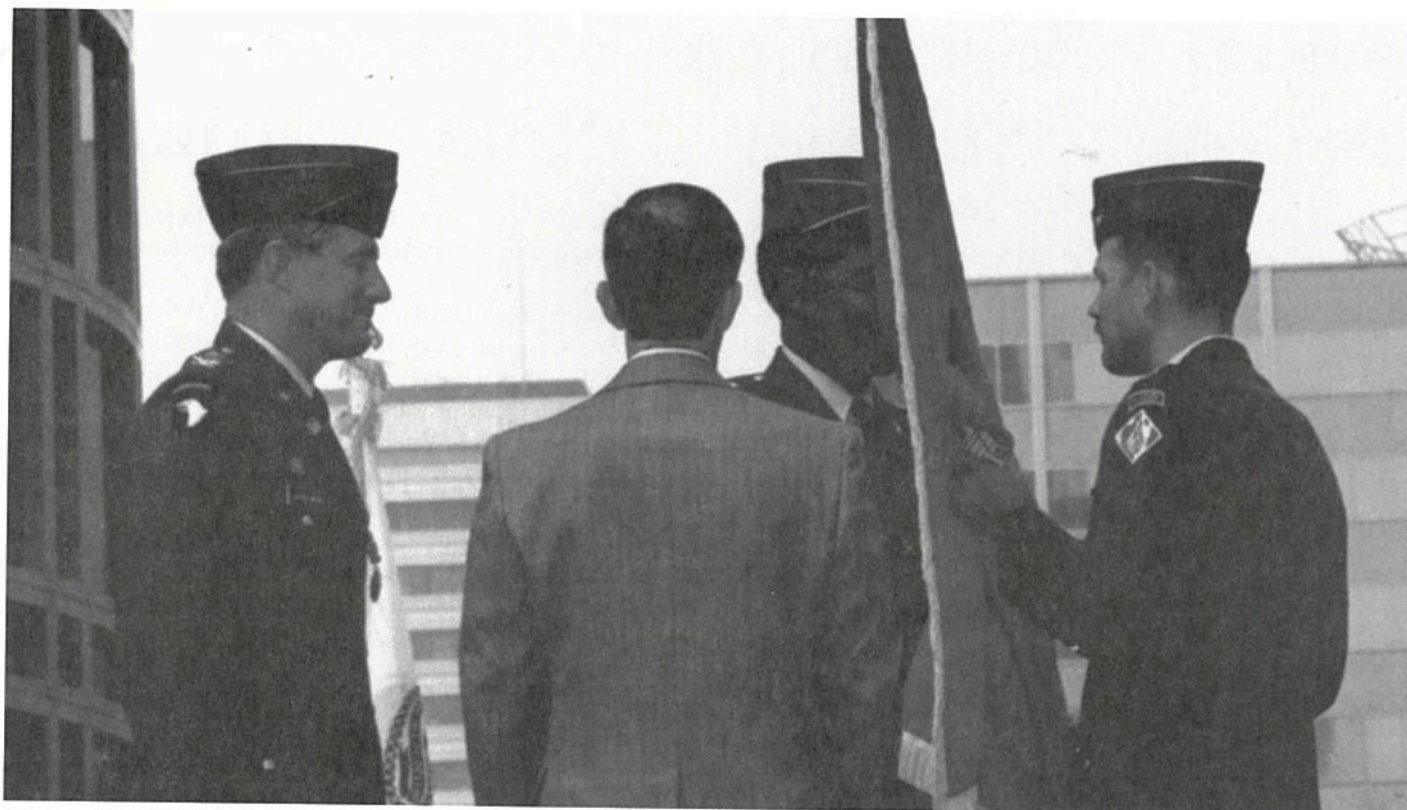
Colonel Robinson wears the coveted Legion of Merit among his awards and proudly exhibits his Parachutist and Air Assault Badges in addition to his Ranger Tab.

Mrs. Marsha Robinson and their daughter, Emily, were on hand to share in the celebration and Mrs. Robinson was welcomed into the District Family with flowers.



Major Jack Barnhill, PPMD, provided the vital narration for the ceremony (left photo). Colonel Robert J. VanAntwerp sports his new legion of merit, presented to him by Brigadier General Milton Hunter, South Pacific Division, during the ceremony (above photo).





(Top photo) Col. Michal R. Robinson, right, accepts the Corp's Standard from General Hunter, as he assumes command of the District, while outgoing commander, Colonel VanAntwerp and Carl Enson, chief, Con-Ops watch. (left photo) Colonel Robinson addresses the guests at the Change of Command. (bottom photo) The 63rd Army Reserve Command Band provided the musical background for the ceremony.



Special Precautions Necessary To Prevent Summer Heat Injuries

Summer means short sleeves and shorts, baseball and boating and a variety of other combinations normally associated with sun fun. It's when we shed our three piece suits and ties for swim attire and tank tops, brown bags for barbecues.

However, most of the summer is spent at work, dealing with daily heat and humidity.



The most important precaution is water consumption. With temperatures reaching 90 degrees and above, we need at least two quarts of water an hour to prevent dehydration and heat injuries.

This applies to off duty activities, such as athletic events like soccer, softball and running. The heat of competition often makes people ignore their bodies' demands. If you know you're going to be out competing in the heat, start drinking water early and keep replenishing yourself. Listen to your body and help cool it.

You have to keep an eye out for heat injury symptoms. Knowing what to look for and taking the correct steps to prevent or treat injuries.

here are three types of heat injuries - heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Treatment for heat cramps, usually accompanied with excessive sweating, is easy. Cramps usually go away by simple moving into a shaded area, loosening clothes and slowly drinking water.

Heat exhaustion is more serious. Besides the cramps, sweating is more profuse and leaves cool, moist skin. Victims often suffer headaches, nausea, chills and a loss of appetite.

Heat stroke victims usually have hot, dry skin; have stopped sweating; and suffer from headaches, dizziness, stomach pains and nausea. In severe cases, victims may have seizures, lose consciousness and experience breathing problems.

In both heat exhaustion and heat stroke cases, immediately call medical authorities. While waiting for help provide the victim water, and shade, elevate feet to prevent shock and cool the

body by pouring water over the patient and by fanning. Other suggestions for preventing heat injuries:

- Don't take salt tablets. The body may lose salt in sweating, but eating normal meals replenishes that supply.
- Drink cool water, preferably 50 to 55 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Drink one quart of water in the morning, at each meal and before strenuous work. Water requirements vary with climatic conditions and workloads. In hot climates, hourly water requirements increase to over two quarts.
- Take frequent drinks; they are more effective than drinking the same amount all at once.
- When possible, limit work and physical fitness activities during the first few days of exposure to heat, then increase gradually to acclimate.
- Modify activities if conditions are present that increase heat injuries risks. These conditions include fatigue or loss of sleep, previous heat exhaustion and taking medications.

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The End Is Near For SF - 171

By Evelyn D. Harris
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"Taps" will sound for SF 171 - the application form for federal jobs - Dec. 31.

The federal government will no longer print or stockpile the venerable form after that date.

Still don't feel bad if you've just spent money for SF-171 computer software. Applicants will have the option of using the old form, said Office of Personnel Management officials.

OPM Director Jim King said his agency published a proposal ending the SF-171 in the June 22 Federal Register. Officials expect the proposal to be final following a 30-day comment period and Office of Management and Budget approval.

"The intent of the proposal is to make it easier for people to apply for federal jobs," King said. "The SF-171 is too cumbersome and sends the wrong message when we are trying to move to a more customer-friendly and flexible system."

Agencies should begin phasing in SF-171 alternatives this year. DoD officials said they will be ready with SF-171 alternatives by Jan 1, 1995.

Next year applicants will have the option of using a resume, an electronic file or a written format. Applicants for certain hard-to-fill jobs can already apply over the telephone.

OPM will assist agencies with the change to computerized and telephone hiring systems. Agencies choosing not to invest in computer or telephone hiring systems can hire OPM as a contractor to process applications and provide other services.

Other officials said the new proposal highlights the agency's commitment to



Jackie Tatum, right, director of Recreation and Parks Department, City of Los Angeles, presents Colonel Robert L. VanAntwerp a commendation signed by the Mayor of Los Angeles, prior to the change of command ceremony in July.

simplify the application process through computerized hiring. Job seekers will use a pencil to mark answers about their qualifications on computer-scannable forms and send them in with their resumes. Applicants without resumes can complete a mini-form that will be provided upon request.

OPM officials said the new format will save time for both applicants and personnel offices. The average federal job seeker takes at least eight hours to complete an SF-171, according to Mary Ann Maloney, an agency spokesperson. But the applicant isn't the only one inconvenienced. "Even a good personnel specialist can take up to 90 minutes processing an SF-171," she added.

Officials said the new computer forms will take about 40 minutes for an average applicant to provide basic qualifications and another 15 minutes to answer specific questions for each agency applied to. Computer scanners can read up to 1,500 applications an hour.

King said the computerized format will mean the easiest way to apply for a job will be to review OPM's centralized list of agency job openings and follow the simple instructions given.

People with computers and modems can access the list through the Federal Job Opportunities Bulletin Board at 1-912-757-3100. Or job applicants can use touch screen computers in federal employment information centers throughout the country or in their state employment offices. TDD numbers for the hearing impaired are also available at these centers.

Vice President Albert Gore's National Performance Review recommended eliminating the form. Gore called the SF-171 "a symbol of a system that's so tied up in its own red tape that it fails to serve either the government or the applicant for a government job."

Course Benefits All

Planners and Project Management Program

By Pat Luvender

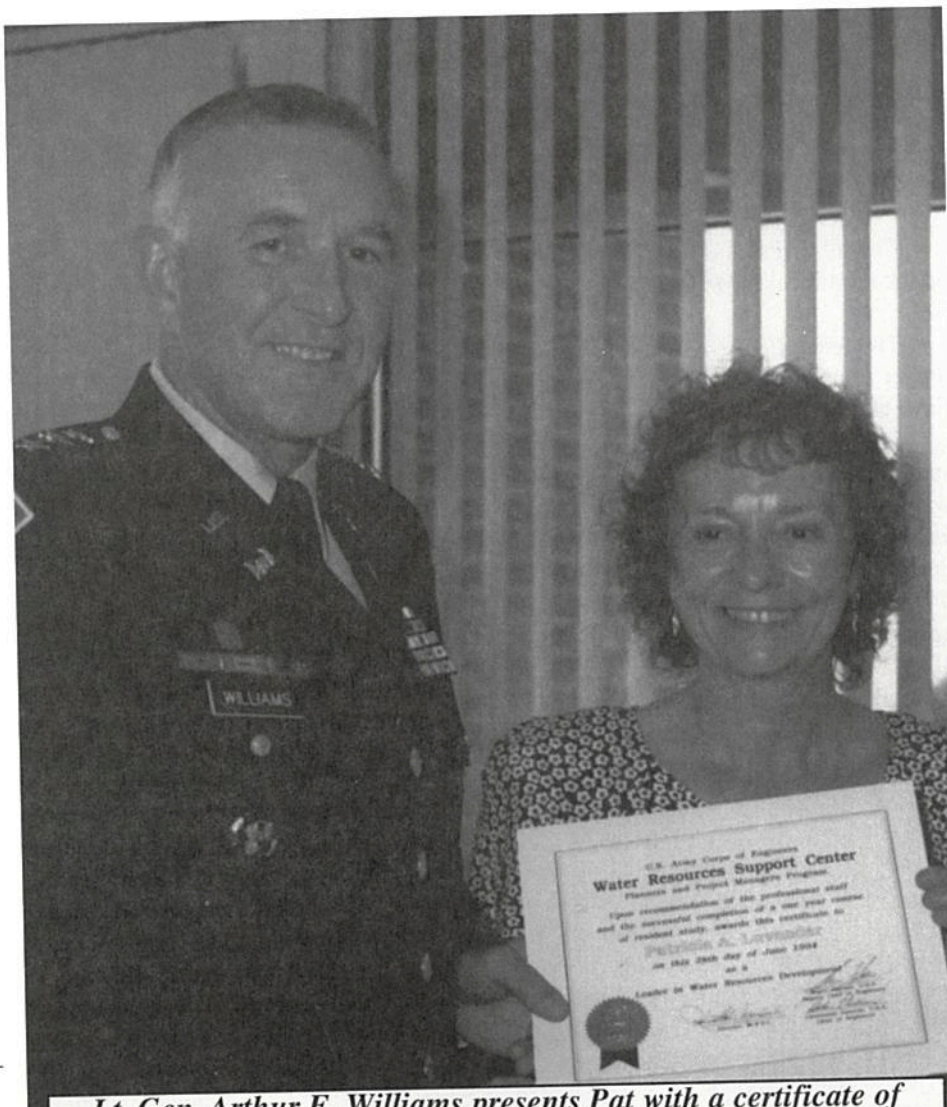
I am back in the Los Angeles District after a year's absence. I've been asked to share with you my experiences. I was fortunate to have my application accepted for long term training in the 11 month Planners & Project Management Program at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. This comprehensive program is structured to include classroom instruction, field trips, research opportunities and hands on teaching for the last two weeks of the program. It is designed to improve the participant's understanding of every aspect of water resource planning and project management.

There were 13 of us from Jacksonville District, Omaha, Tulsa, New Orleans, Buffalo, Charleston, Portland, New York City, Los Angeles, Louisville and Sacramento. The disciplines represented were technical study managers, project managers (civil and military) that included civil, mechanical and petroleum engineers, ecologist, biologist, hydrologist and economist.

Teamwork is an important aspect throughout the 11 month period. The instructional modules presented to us focus on maintaining effective working relationships and solving problems using a team approach. Our class motto became "Strength through Diversity".

Our field trips to Corps facilities included Los Angeles, Portland, Waterways Experiment Station at Vicksburg, Richmond, Norfolk and Huntington. We also spent two weeks on the Delmarva Peninsula and Wallops Island to develop an appreciation and understanding of the environmental mission within the Corps, the environmental impacts of civil works projects and mitigation procedures. Emphasis was placed on wetlands, waterfowl and endangered species.

At the end of the program, we each are sent to two locations to teach the 40 hour Civil Works Orientation Course. The sites for 1994 were Jacksonville, FL; Huntsville, AL; Huntington, WV; Dallas, TX; Springfield, VA and Anchorage, AK. We put the site names in a box and let Lady Luck determine where we would be teaching. It was my good fortune to have "drawn" Anchorage and Huntington. This was my first experience teaching. It proved to be rewarding and valuable on a professional and personal level.



Lt. Gen. Arthur E. Williams presents Pat with a certificate of completion, marking the end of an intense 11 month program.

In addition to the teaching assignment we all were required to complete a research paper. My paper was titled "RISK ANALYSIS FOR FLOOD CONTROL, Information Paper with Case Studies". (Ed. Note: Papers can be obtained through the Tech Library system.)

In summary, this program offered me an opportunity for growth in my career with the Corps, introduced me to many members of the Corps family nationwide and expanded my database of memorable experiences. I am glad to be back in the District and eager to apply what I have learned.

SPORTS &

ENTERTAINMENT

This year's annual softball tournament at Whittier Narrows brought out over 100 participants. The tournament, coordinated by Mel Kirkland, Fitness Coordinator, began on June 3rd, it was a double elimination event. The consensus among most teams (except Seven Oaks) was to beat the Seven Oaks team. Seven Oaks had gone undefeated for the past three years. Eight teams participated in the event, including Design, Baseyard, Emergency Operations, March AFB, Planning, Regulatory, Resource Management and Seven Oaks.

After two weeks of play, Regulatory and Design had advanced to the finals. The championship game was unusual for two reasons this year. A heat wave brought temperatures over 95 degrees, and for the first time in 3 years, the Seven Oaks team did not make the finals. The confrontation began at 5 p.m., everyone tense, shouting, yelling, but Mel finally got everything under control.

Players hit hard, but unfortunately right to the defense. The Design team offense went back to the basics, using fielders choices and sacrifice flies, while Regulatory offense found intelligent balls with eyes that managed to find many holes. It was now a matter for the defense to control the outcome of the game. Regulatory defense made some nice plays, but the Design defense made even better plays.

When the dirt finally settled, it was the Design team that came on top, beating Regulatory (4-3). It is true, Design owns the bragging rights until next year. Everyone enjoyed a healthy barbecue when the game was over.

Thanks go out to all those who participated, and we look forward to seeing everyone at the games next year.



UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	FEE
5, 10K & 1/2 marathon	San Pedro	10 Sep	\$15
5 & 10K run	Tustin Air Station	11 Sep	\$17
Run, bike, & swim	Torrance Beach	11 Sep	\$35
5 & 10K run/walk	Rose Bowl	17 Sep	?
5 & 10K run/walk	Elysian Park	18 Sep	\$18
Swim, bike & run	Malibu	18 Sep	?
Downhill bike	Big Bear	24 Sep	?
5 & 10K run/walk	Griffith Park	25 Sep	?
1 & 5K run/walk	Yorba Linda	1 Oct	\$18
5 & 14K run/walk	Castaic Lake	15 Oct	?
508 mile bike race	Death Valley	22 Oct	?
3, 5 & 10K run/walk	Marina Del Rey	30 Oct	?
5 & 10K run/walk	Universal Studios	13 Nov	?
2, 5, & 10K run/walk	Dana Point	24 Nov	?

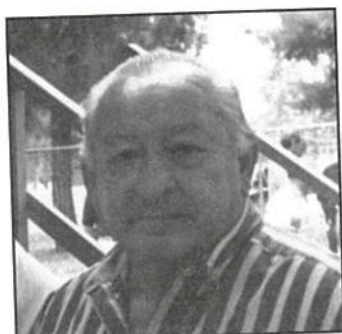
For more information on the above events, and many others not listed, see the brochure(s) held by the Cross-Trainers Librarian, David Compas in room 6632, X-0244.



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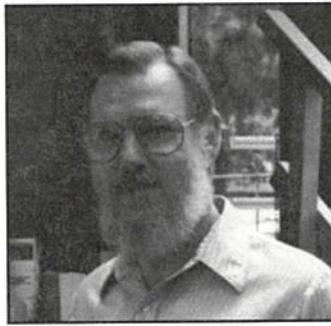
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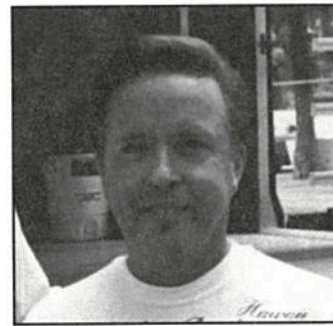
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and
Hank Watson,
LMO, enjoy
quieter time
around the picnic
table*



CORPS' 1995 National Wetland Workshop Abstracts Due

The organization committee of the Corps' National Interagency Workshop on Wetlands has received a positive response from wetland professional to its call for topics. Until the firming up of the agenda and the final selection of papers, prospective speakers are encouraged to send intopics; however, it is advised that the abstracts be attached at this time. Abstracts should be 75 to 150 words and all must be received by Sept. 30, 1994. The following is a listing of proposed sessions:

Restoration, Protection, and Creation

- . Placement and design
- . Construction and implementation (engineering)
- . Monitoring for success
- . Research field studies
- . Constructed wetlands (cleanup and remediation)

Identification and Delineation

- . Regional approaches
- . Hydrology of hydric soils
- . Hydrologic indicators
- . Hydrologic vegetation

Evaluation

- . Hydrogeomorphic classification system
- . New wetland assessment method

Processes

- . Hydrology and hydraulics
- . Sedimentation and erosion
- . Water quality
- . Soils chemistry

- . Biotic components

Stewardship and Management

- . Change assessment
- . Automated wetland management systems
- . Cumulative impacts analysis
- . Mapping and inventory
- . Research field studies

Other Issues

- . Mitigation and mitigation banking
- . Watershed planning
- . Ecosystem analysis
- . Landscape ecology/modeling

The workshop will be held at the Clarion Hotel in New Orleans, La. April 3 through 7, 1995, under the theme "Technology Advances for Wetland Science."

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