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- Pres. will sign G.I.

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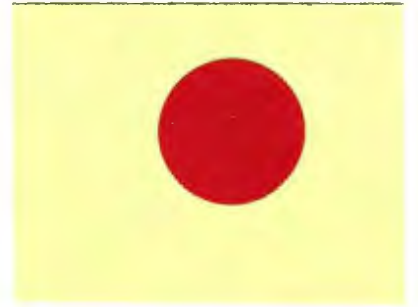
→ Req. for pen. + recognition
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MAJOR GENERAL, AUS (RET.)

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22 May 1987

Mr. Linas Kojelis
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Linas:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation today, please allow me to address in writing the four items of discussion:

1. The requested traditional meeting with the President by our elected ROA leadership is of first and continued concern to me. We had planned to use the photo as the cover photo of our July 4th bicentennial issue to coincide with our National Convention on the 4th of July. The four leaders will be in our Minute Man Headquarters on June 2, 3 and 4 — but we will make ourselves available at any time, of course, with the briefest of notice.
2. Through the decades, ROA Has been a leader in some key legislative efforts; one of those was in 1981, for the President in turning around the Senate AWAC vote. Eight letters with Presidential pens adorn a hallowed position of honor at Number One Constitution Avenue. We would be honored if the G.I. Bill signature pen would be number nine! It would be a fitting tribute by the President in this year to the "reservist." (See attached proposed letter.)
3. A brief message from the President to our convention in Orlando to be read at our gala banquet on 4 July would be another opportunity to take his message to the troops.
4. I appreciate all your continued good efforts and congratulations on your fourth anniversary at the White House. I shall be honored to be present and hope you can make our 4 star, 3 star, 2 star Navy recognition party.

Best regards,

"Curly"

Evan L. Hultman
Major General, AUS (Ret.)
Executive Director

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Encl.

(date)

Dear General Hultman:

In recognition of the Reserve Officers Association's continued interest in and support of educational assistance for service men and women, I am enclosing a pen used in the signing of H.R. 1085, the Montgomery GI Bill Act of 1984.

By increasing the readiness of our military services and contributing to the education of our society, the GI Bill is a tribute to the foresight and energies of Congressman G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery, whose name this Act proudly bears, and to the ROA, who led in the effort to adopt this monumental legislation. Your untiring contributions to maintaining the military strength of our nation are appreciated.

Sincerely,

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5 March 1987

Mr. Linas Kojelis
Special Assistant to the President for
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The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Linas:

As per our previous discussions, the Reserve Officers Association requests a brief meeting of our senior leadership with the President on Thursday, April 9th, or Friday, April 10th, 1987. These Reserve officers will be in Washington at that time for their National Executive Committee Meeting. This meeting with the President has been a long standing tradition; a key occasion when Reserve military leaders can reaffirm their great support to the Commander-in-Chief.

The senior elected leadership of the Reserve Officers Association is comprised of: Col. Ralph T. Carlson, USAFR, National President; Maj. Gen. Roger W. Sandler, USAR, Army Vice President; CWO4 Frank J. Kovacs, USMCR, Navy Vice President; Major Karen A. Folsom, USAFR, Air Force Vice President. As the Executive Director, I will be pleased to introduce the ROA leadership team to the President as I have done on two previous occasions when President of our Association.

In the event April 9th or 10th is unavailable, I can assure you that our leadership will make any and every effort to meet the President's busy schedule.

Best personal wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Evan", is written over a horizontal line.

Evan L. Hultman
Major General, AUS (Ret.)
Executive Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 30, 1987

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conversation
with
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MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK LAVIN, NSC

FROM: LINAS KOJELIS, ^{OK}OPL

SUBJECT: OPL Orientation Visits

In following up to our conversation this morning, I would like to recommend the following sights and programs for initial OPL Defense/Foreign Policy orientation visits:

1. U.S. base for training Central American, especially El Salvadoran, troops and officers
2. SDI research facilities
3. SAC base with deployed B1-B's
4. ICBM/MX deployment base
5. Tour of naval facility at Norfolk, VA, focusing on modernization and build-up programs.

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Inside Track

*What's inside
the JOURNAL?*

SOUND OFF LETTERS thank NCOA for a "greatest tribute" while a submariner's wife doesn't think it's right for women to sail aboard subs, and another letter takes us to task and tells us to check our facts. **Page 2.**

WASHINGTON REPORT: "Chuck" Jackson tells us that there is a move afoot for NCOA to receive a federal charter, while "Mack" McKinney says that more grassroots support is needed. Ken Casey explains the new dependent dental plan, and Dick Johnson asks if the VA is divorcing itself from veterans, and John Adams asks if VAVS is the program for you. **Starts Page 4.**

MOVING? Please help us out and fill out the change-of-address form on **Page 10.**

NCOA CALENDAR can be found on **Page 12.**

NCOA PATRIOT Convention registration is on **Page 13.**

SERVICE CENTERS: The complete list of all NCOA Service Centers, their phone numbers and addresses are on **Page 14.**

AUTO DISCOUNT DEALERS provide the membership with a list of all dealers offering the special NCOA discount. Check this listing monthly for changes in your area. **Page 18.**

Successful EuroConvention sees large turnout

BAD KISSINGEN, FRG — Over 300 delegates and their spouses took part in the European Convention that was held here April 3-5, reports NCOA's European Director Bill Watkins.

This year's event, held at the Sonnenhugel Hotel, saw many activities and increased the scholarship fund by over \$14,000.

First days activities included registration that was followed by the Rat Pack initiation where 16 new rats were received into the pack. CSM A. Johnson, European

Council Secretary, served as master of ceremonies and officiated at the initiation. New rats are: Rick Farrell, Buddy Butler, Ken Stevens, Jim Williams, Dewey DuBose, Fred Davenport, Dennis Fountaine, Mark Grzubska, Henry Hurley, John Blair, F.W. Walker, George Lyles, Rick Graham, Gerald Owen, Norbert Strasser, and Frank Bare.

At 10 a.m., April 4, the EuroConvention was officially opened by NCOA's president Walter W. Krueger, when he called it to order. Then

European Council Chairman, and member of the International Board of Directors CSM Bill Nowell directed the color guard, from the 2/41 FA, 3d Infantry Div. to post the colors. Following this, Nowell read the NCOA creed, which was followed by several briefings.

Later the same afternoon Krueger met with International Board members Nowell, CMSgt. Paul Nollin, CSM Theodore Spellacy, CMSgt. Tom Wentz, and CMSgt. John "Doc" McCauslin; the European Council members and

chapter trustees to discuss the most recent changes within the Association and future changes. While this was going on, the ladies got together for a coffee and cake reception.

Another activity saw the European Resolutions Committee drafting four proposed resolutions that are to be presented before the general membership during NCOA's International Convention in Las Vegas next month.

Other activities included a Career Transition Seminar conducted by Bill Fitzpatrick and a presentation by Academy Senior Vice President Sam Walsh.

BANQUET

The busy days activities were highlighted by a formal banquet in the Spessart and Rhon Room, where Mr. Krueger was the featured speaker. He said that he was very impressed with the membership's patriotism and was "tremendously proud of the job that the men and women of the Armed Forces in Europe and NATO are doing to ensure our freedom."

He continued, saying, "America is very appreciative of our Armed Forces personnel, even though it does not always appear that we do appreciate them."

Following his speech, Mr. (Continued on Page 3)

Transition Management Project result of joint Army/Labor efforts

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each year the Department of the Army pays nearly \$68 million in unemployment compensation to recently separated soldiers who attempt transition into the civilian labor force. The

by Donald E. Shasteen
Assistant Secretary of Labor
for Veterans' Employment
and Training

Department of Labor has been evaluating how it can assist the armed services in reducing their obligations in this area and yet also ensure that those separating soldiers feel that their honorable ser-

vice earned the Army's gratitude and support for their career decisions.

The evaluation found that the Army and separating soldiers would both be better served, and significant economies realized, through an Army initiative to further assist these soldiers in the transition from active Army service to the civilian labor force. The approach to provide these services to affected soldiers has been termed Transition Management. The Army requested that the Department of Labor work with them to design a Job Assistance component which

is one part of a number of interrelated modules making up Transition Management.

In June 1987 the Army will begin a Transition Management Pilot Project at Fort Bragg, NC, entering a "test/fix/test" phase of the Transition Management approach. The final model will then be implemented at all Army Transition Centers using a phased-in schedule beginning in mid-1988.

The Job Assistance component will consist of a Job Assistance Center at Fort Bragg charged with ac-

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Scholarship winners announced after day-long screening process

SAN ANTONIO, TX — Following a day-long process by a panel of senior NCOs and prominent educators, who screened 386 applications, 15 new NCOA scholarships were awarded to students from 12 states.

Of the scholarships, eight were academic, five were vocational, and two were special awards.

The scholarships are for \$750 each, while the special scholarships are for \$1,000 and will be used during the Fall 1987 semester. In addition to the new grants, 55 grants were renewed, which brings the total receiving NCOA scholarships to 65 for the 1987-88 school year.

Students selected to receive first-time awards are:

Academic: Steven A. Gaul, Harlan, IA; Michael S. Long, Clarksville, TN; Amanda L. Mathis, Midwest City, OK; Tracey E. Owens, Danville, AR; Margie Powell, San Antonio, TX; David R. Shoemaker, Killeen, TX; Cynthia L. Thurston, Colorado Springs, CO and Daniel J. Woodward, Miami, FL.

Vocational: David W. Barlow, Myrtle Point, OR; Laura J. Cassell, Bonita, CA; Carmen J. Luff, Richfield, ID; Kay L. Ross, Colorado Springs, CO and Amy L. Witte, Randolph AFB, TX.

Winner of the Mary Barraco (Continued on Page 10)



BRIEFING PANEL — Buddy Flanagan (back to camera) briefs the panel of Senior NCOs and educators before they start screening applications for the NCOA scholarships. The panel consists of (L to R) Mr. Henry Morales, MGySgt Joe Lopez, CSM James Jackson, SCPO Joel Hawk, Mr. James Gosdin, CMSgt Gary J. Barnette, CMSgt Dionisio Rodriguez, and CMSgt. Wayne Smith.

Editorial

Patriots deserve better

by Walter W. Krueger

After spending the better part of two weeks visiting with servicemembers stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany, it becomes clearly apparent that service life has a long way to go before it ever compares favorably with duty in the Continental United States.

Housing and health problems are considerable. Somewhere between 40 and 50 percent of the married servicemembers reside in quarters on the Germany economy not provided by U.S. Government. While there has been some new construction and built-to-lease programs implemented in the last few years, our people are still scattered hither and yon, thus missing out on the social amenities; i.e., proximity to commissary, medical facilities, clubs, etc. While commanders do their best, and the services provide furnishings as best they can, the 2,000-pound JTR limitation on shipment of household goods to and from the assignment in Germany imposes a tremendous burden. The furnishings just aren't available in the quantities needed, and their state of repair leaves something to be desired.

To offset the shortage of certified medical facilities, particularly after normal duty hours, the military has, in many cases, contracted with civilian doctors whose qualifications are as good, even better than say, an American military doctor. However, the difficulties in communicating medically related problems to these doctors and medical specialists who may have a limited ability in using English, is perplexing and to some family members, frightening.

I was pleased to observe that megabucks are finally being spent on replacing or upgrading the maintenance facilities and worksites where our servicemembers spend the majority of their time. Unfortunately, as these worksites are programmed for replacement, no dollars are available to maintain them at minimum standards until such time as the actual replacement site or building is constructed.

Our elected representatives in Washington, D.C., during their many visits, fail to place themselves in the position in which our servicemembers find themselves; for, I am sure if they did, the dollar priority would change significantly.

Rest assured that your NCOA Washington, D.C. Staff is working hard to bring these intolerable situations to the attention of these same elected officials. Though the military in Europe has seen considerable improvement during the last four or five years, we will have a long way to go to attain what I consider even minimum living standards . . .

OUR PATRIOTS DESERVE BETTER!

SOUND OFF LETTERS To The Editor

The letters which appear in the Sound Off column reflect the views or opinions of our readers and do not necessarily reflect the policies of the NCO Association. JOURNAL retains the right to edit all letters submitted in the interest of brevity should this be required. However, care will be taken to ensure that any editing does not alter the views of the writer. As the JOURNAL has reported on matters of major importance to Association members, letters to the Sound Off column have increased. However, the letters have grown lengthy and as a result, several have not appeared in print. In the future, no letters longer than one typewritten page, or the equivalent in longhand, will be accepted for publication.

Greatest tribute

(Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to NCOA's River City chapter, who forwarded it to the JOURNAL. The action described is indicative of all NCOA chapters and the "LITTLE" things they do to help those in their communities.)

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the family of my father, the late Edward H. Bruce, I wish to thank you and your organization for helping him and his wife, Joetta.

The donation of his uniform meant more to him than you may know. It also meant a great deal to those who knew him.

Perhaps the most important thing you could have done for my father was to have arranged for his services to include military honors. Aside from having his family in attendance, my father would have considered the military honors of the highest priority for his services.

At the conclusion of the services, I spoke to the lieutenant in charge and obtained permission to speak to his men. I wanted them to know that what may have seemed to be their duty was accepted as the greatest tribute my father could have received.

Again, thank you for all you did for my father.

Respectfully,

Ronald Bruce
Austin, TX

Throw it out

Dear Editor:

Enough is enough! A suit filed by the ACLU to allow female civilian shipyard employees aboard submarines

during sea trials should be thrown out of court.

While I believe in equal pay for equal work, women being allowed on submarines is where I draw the line. It started when women enlisting in the services decreased the availability of shore duty billets for active duty enlisted and their families; then women were allowed on deployed non-combat ships and now this.

I feel it is my duty as a submariner's wife to strongly oppose this. Submarines are in no way equipped to accommodate women — never have and never will! No separate berthing is available except for officers' staterooms. There are no separate rest room facilities. Once deployed, men aboard tend to talk their own language and their attire can become quite immodest. To live on a submarine is to live subcompactly and it is not possible to integrate men and women under those circumstances.

I'm sure I speak for the families and sailors in the U.S. submarine community in petitioning the judicial system to consider the consequences. A woman's place is NOT on a submarine.

Sincerely,

Venessa L. Durden and
STSC/SS Donald A. Durden

Check your facts

Dear Editor:

I would like to congratulate CSM Nowell on his appointment to the International Board. It is an honor shared by few. I am puzzled, however, about him being credited with establishing the Spearhead Chapter. Is it possible that my memory is getting as bad as our Commander-in-Chief's?

I believe when you check your records you will find that the Spearhead Chapter was chartered in '72 or '73. I don't recall CSM Nowell being in the 3d AD at that time. I also don't recall the Division CSM's name but do remember that I received a lot of opposition from him when trying to charter the chapter.

We formed many chapters during the period 71-74 in Germany. Some were successful and some were not. I was aided by many old timers who really cared about our Association. I would hate to think their efforts were unrewarded. Do us all a favor and check and see who's right. And please keep up the good work.

Still serving,

Scott Messenger
USA, Ret

(Editor's Note: Our researcher informed us that he should have used "rejuvenated the Spearhead Chapter" and not established. We regret the error.)

In appreciation

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my most heartfelt gratitude to the NCOA, Air Academy Chapter, Colorado Springs, CO, and especially Mr. Ben Benzel for the assistance and comfort provided to my family during my father's bout with cancer and recent death.

Throughout my father's six-month term of illness, Mr. Benzel repeatedly went out of his way to arrange transportation through NCOA volunteers from Colorado Springs to Fitzsimmons Medical Center in Denver numerous times and provided outstanding and

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much needed support in many other areas that assisted my mother and myself tremendously.

When my father passed away on March 17 of this year, Mr. Benzel and the NCOA were "right there" providing comfort and assistance. I cannot imagine going through an ordeal such as this without the NCOA members and Mr. Benzel there to assist me.

My father and I have been active NCOA members in the Air Academy Chapter for over two years and in my opinion, and I feel I can speak for my

father, it is the finest chapter in the entire NCOA organization.

Please convey my families' sincerest gratitude and thanks to Mr. Benzel and the members of the Air Academy NCOA chapter for their outstanding support and assistance in our saddened time of need.

Sincerely,

James D. Lucas
SMSgt, USAF
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Communications Division

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Krueger presented Super Sax-on awards to CSM Horace Hughes, CSM Edward Daigle, and 1SG James Smartt, from the Black Stallion Chapter, to TSgt Dave Weeks, chairman of the newly-formed Saber Chapter, and to CSM James Tuembler from the Iron Deuce Chapter.

ACADEMY AWARDS

During another presentation ceremony, Mr. Monte Dennett, vice president, Academy and Pension Life In-

surance, made several awards to NCOA accredited counsellors and staff in Europe, for their outstanding efforts during the past year.

Larry Bates was given the Top Producer Award while Larry Krumholtz was given the Second Top Producer Award. Receiving the Third Top Producer Award was Jerry Barnes and Jim Hendrick was named as the Fourth Top Producer for 1986.

Development Leader of the Year was Ted Netz and Fred Gann was named as General Agent of the Year.

Maus Wagner received the Field Service Excellence Award while Ron and Annette Willis were given the NCOA Service Excellence Award.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND WINNER

During the European Convention, NCOA's Scholarship Fund became the big winner, as over \$14,300 was donated to the fund.

CSM Al Johnson held a fund-raising event that saw 27 items, donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, raise \$1,516 for the fund. Mr. Johnson is a multi-year life member, and this was the first European Convention that he had missed in many years because he was hospitalized. John, along with his wife Ellen, also donated all the flowers, vases, ribbons, etc. that were used for the banquet table decorations.

Another \$2,790 was donated, or pledged from several chapters. Those making donations or pledges were: the Checkpoint Charlie Chapter, in Berlin, who donated \$900, while the Frankfurt-based Spearhead Chapter donated \$500. From one of NCOA's newest chapters, the Saber Chapter in Spangdahlem, came an additional \$100 while the Karlsruhe on the Rhine Chapter donated \$100 also. Three hundred dollars were pledged by Giessen North Chapter and the Iron Deuce Chapter at Garlsedt pledged \$100. A pledge of \$500 came

from the Hessen Chapter, Frankfurt, and the Pentagon Federal Credit Union pledged \$250, while the Hanau-On-Main Chapter donated \$40.

The largest donation of the convention came from Terry Beall who made a \$10,000 donation on behalf of Aachener Und Munchener.

The last official European Convention function was the President's Breakfast where the resolutions spokesman CSM Norbert Strasser presented the European resolutions to the delegates and guests for their approval. Following this, the highly successful convention ended. Next year's EuroConvention will be scheduled for early summer, either April or May.

The European Convention gives members stationed in Europe, the opportunity to take part in convention activities without the added expense of traveling to the states for the International Convention. Attendance at the European Convention also fills one of the requirements for petitioning for the Knights of the Square Table (KST).

JOB FAIRS

Two days later, at Nelligan Barracks, the first of a pair of job fairs were held. This fair was sponsored by the Black Stallion Chapter and saw over 1,100 job seekers attend and talk with representatives of 17 Veterans Employment Assistance Program (VEA) companies. Three days later, on the 10th, another job fair was held in Frankfurt, sponsored by the Hessen Chapter. At this fair recruitment representatives from 16 VEA companies were on hand to conduct interviews.

Proxy votes MUST be received before the General Membership Meeting on July 18 at 9 a.m. during Convention '87.

Transition Management Project result of joint Army/Labor efforts

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completing three limited, though significant, objectives.

First, to the extent available, labor market information will be provided to soldiers in order to assist them in making informed decisions regarding career plans.

Second, we will assist those soldiers who choose to make the transition from the active Army to become better prepared and more effective in their efforts to secure suitable employment.

The third objective is to gather and provide to the Job Service local offices serving the area of the soldier's planned return, occupationally significant information about the transitioning soldier's education, training, work experience, and employment interests, so as to better prepare the local office staff to assist the soldier in securing suitable employment in a timely manner.

These three objectives will be met through a combination of briefings, small-group workshops, and one-on-one interviews conducted at Fort Bragg, and through linkages established with other components of Transition Management.

One product of job assistance will be a Job Assistance packet containing several items relating to the soldier's background and employment-related plans. Duplicate packets will be prepared, one will be provided to the soldier for his or her use, and the other will be mailed directly to the Job Service local office serving the area of the soldier's planned return. While all of the documents to be included have not yet been finalized and printed, the following are currently planned for inclusion in the Job Assistance Packet.

The Army has adapted a

facsimile of an Employment Service form containing contact information (local), education, training, work history, and general employment goals. In addition, the Job Assistance Center staff will convert the soldier's Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) code to the most comparable Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT) code. This form also contains a very brief "Local Job Search Plan." The "Plan" is a logical, six-step process designed to enable Job Service office staff to very quickly determine how to serve the recently separated veteran.

The Army has developed a "Veterans' Reemployment Rights Checklist" form that briefly covers the benefits and eligibility requirements for coverage under the Veterans' Reemployment Rights Law, and allows a soldier to complete the basic eligibility information. At the end of the form, the soldier can indicate a desire to have the pre-service employer notified of the soldier's planned return.

A resume will be included for the soldier who believes it appropriate to his or her work, education experiences and career goals. One copy will be included in the Job Assistance packet for local exposure as appropriate.

If the soldier indicates on the form enrollment in the Army Apprenticeship Program, a copy of the record of enrollment will be included in the packet. The Army form shows the skill area, the work processes in which the veteran was trained, and the number of hours successfully completed. These programs are registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training and for those who complete the requirements, earn journeyman status in a

skill, trade, or craft. For those with apprenticeship credits, the form will assist local office staff in placing the veteran with an employer who is registered with the program so that the veteran can complete the training necessary for journeyman status.

Other training records will also be included. For many transitioning soldiers, this will serve to better detail other areas of skill training in order to assist placement staffs.

The Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript (AARTS) will most often be included in the Job Assistance packets of soldiers transitioning through retirement and who have math or science backgrounds equal to, or closely approaching, general teacher certification requirements. With this information, state education departments can evaluate specific courses or training necessary for teacher certification.

Other records may also be included as appropriate. As noted, the documents, records, etc., are currently planned for inclusion in the Job Assistance packets; however, because of the nature of the "pilot" project, changes may be necessary as the project matures.

In summary, the Department of the Army and the Veterans' Employment and Training Service of the U.S. Department of Labor are working together to ensure a rapid transition of those soldiers who want to return to civilian life.

Our Nation needs a highly motivated workforce. Veterans can and should be an integral part of that force. This project brings us one step closer to achieving greater productivity.

July 4 parade cancelled

SAN ANTONIO, TX — NCOA has sponsored the Nation's only 4th of July Independence Day Military Parade here for the past two years, but has had to cancel this year's parade.

Unfortunately outside support was negligible which regrettably caused NCOA to withdraw sponsorship of the event.

The Association thanks all those military and veteran organizations that had helped and participated in the past, but most of all, thanks the military men and women who gave of their time to help restore a little American pride and patriotism in the hearts of all citizens.

Washington News In Brief

By the National Capital Office, 225 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314

4% HIKE ASKED BY NCOA

NCOA representatives have appeared before the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. They asked both panels to give priority to a four percent pay hike for active duty, reserve, and guard personnel. Other priorities mentioned by NCOA representatives were: funds for adequate medical care for all military beneficiaries; language barring the use of appropriated funds for establishing a user-fee for outpatient care in military treatment facilities; and a full cost-of-living adjustment to military retired pay at the end of 1987.

BILL MARK-UP

The Senate and House Committees on Armed Services have marked up the military personnel portion of their FY 1988 Defense Authorization Bills. The Senate committee will recommend to the full Senate a four-percent pay hike beginning 1 January 1988. The House panel recommended only a three percent raise beginning April 1, 1988, which is currently being considered by the full House.

If the House adopts the three percent figure NCOA will work with conferees to sustain the Senate's present position. Conferees are appointed by both bodies to iron out any differences between the House and Senate passed versions of the bill.

Other interesting items or issues appearing in the two versions are: a catastrophic cap of \$1,000 annually on CHAMPUS costs for active duty dependents' medical care; improved career sea payments; prohibiting both implementation of a user-fee for medical visits, and a test for privatizing military commissary stores; and, the authorization for two Air Force hospitals to experiment with a new health care test. The test will allow the two medical facilities to contract with local civilian hospitals and doctors so dependents and retirees will be provided low-cost medical care. The two-year proposal will be an alternative to the CHAMPUS Reform Initiative (CRI) now underway by the Department of Defense. The Air Force experiment will also be a CHAMPUS-sponsored initiative.

A word of caution. None of the above has yet been fully authorized by Congress. Both the Senate and House must pass their proposed bills, meet in conference, then return to the floor of both bodies for approval of the conference report. Finally, the finished product goes to the President for his signature before becoming law.

IMPACT AID REAUTHORIZED

The House Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Education voted to reauthorize Impact Aid to school districts for the next six

years. NCOA recently urged the panel to extend, for at least another three years, the authority to partially fund school districts heavily impacted with dependent children of military personnel. In addition to the six-year reauthorization, the panel also approved an increase in funds for the program.

COMSTORE BRIEFINGS

The Military Coalition, of which NCOA is a member, recently conducted an open briefing and discussion on military commissaries. The program featured LtGen Anthony Lukeman, USMC, Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary for Military Personnel Policy; Will Cofer, Staff Counsel, House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness; and, Louis Johnson, a broker personally interested in retaining the commissary stores as currently operated by the military services. The briefing was held in one of the House of Representatives office buildings and was open to members of Congress and staff personnel. Coalition members also used the forum to oppose a test to privatize a commissary store selected by DoD. The test was ordered by the Office of Management and Budget.

"MASSIVE EROSION ... IN CAPABILITY"

During the House debate over the FY 1988 budget, Representative



BLACK STALLION AWARD — SP4 Glynis Harris (C) receives an NCOA Military Excellence Award after being selected as Soldier of the Quarter for the 16th DPU in Stuttgart, FRG. Present during the presentation are (L-R) MAJ Mark Freeman, SGM Jerry Doss, Harris, accredited counsellor Paul Sklar, and 1SG Ralph Taylor.

Duncan Hunter (CA) told his colleagues that if they didn't go with an adequate defense budget, there would be a "massive erosion in our personnel capability and our personnel (end) strengths." Hunter predicted a loss of between 100,000 and 300,000 people. "(W)e are going to have a major problem in the personnel area; in fact, a disaster in the personnel area if we adopt the Democrat budget." Evidently the majority was not listening. They voted for the Democratic budget.

Need more support on grassroot level to accomplish goals

NCOA representatives from the Association's National Capital Office have had a busy year to date. Not only have they testified more often than last year, but submitted more requested materials to congressional committees having oversight authority of the issues. The most pressing one is the deficit the Nation continues to suffer as a result of spending more money than what is taken in as revenue.

by C.A. "Mack" McKinney
Legislative Counsel

Under heavy attack are some of the earned entitlements that have been a matter of law for many years. Military retirees pay is one. Another is veterans' compensation rates provided to former uniformed members who have service-connected disabilities.

Earned entitlements are distinct from means entitlements. Earned entitlements are exactly what one might believe they are — earned by the recipient for services or monies rendered. Means entitlements are those given to citizens who are in need of supplemental funds to provide food, shelter, health care, etc., for themselves and their families. Food stamps are one of these entitlements.

Despite the apparent differences, many elected legislators with heavy constituencies of needy voters fight hard to hold onto federal funds earmarked for welfare programs. A surprisingly large number of these legislators, far too young to have been in the military or who received draft exemptions, fail to fully evaluate the sacrifices given by the men and women who are serving or have served in the armed forces.

These legislators believe it's as important for the Nation's defenses to fund welfare and social programs as to pour taxpayer's monies into military programs. They need guidance and education as to what it is to be a member of the uniformed services or what it was to have established eligibility for veterans' entitlements.

This is a never-ending effort on the part of NCOA representatives working the halls of Congress. Going from one office to another, they attempt to convince

elected lawmakers and their staffs that military personnel, veterans and their families rate priority.

TWO PROBLEMS

Two problems face NCOA representatives. One is the high turnover in staff personnel. As often said,

"Just about the time you complete a tour of one floor of offices, the staff has already changed in the office visited first."

So, it's a continuing struggle on the part of NCOA and other concerned military associations to keep
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NCOA federal charter bill introduced in House

On April 28, 1987, Representative G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, Chairman House Veterans Affairs Committee on behalf of himself, Representative Gerald B. Solomon, the committee's ranking minority member and 51 additional co-sponsors introduced in the House of Representatives H.R. 2248, a bill to provide for a federal congressional charter for the Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America (NCOA).

by C.R. "Chuck" Jackson
Vice President for Government Affairs

The granting by the U.S. Congress of a Federal Charter to NCOA will focus recognition and appreciation on the Association for its 27 years of service to the enlisted community, past and present, of the Uniformed Services of the United States.

NCOA through its years of dedicated service to the military/veterans community has earned the right to be so honored by the Congress. The signatures of 53 Representatives as original co-sponsors of the bill attest to the fact that our efforts are recognized.

However, 218 votes in the House will be required for the bill to be approved. The following is a list of co-sponsors of H.R. 2248. If your Representative's name does not appear on the list, drop him a note asking him to co-sponsor and support H.R. 2248.

G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery (D-MS), Gerald B. Solomon (R-NY), Robert Dornan (R-CA), Arthur Ravenel (R-SC), Dan Daniel (D-VA), James Florio (D-NJ), Douglas Applegate (D-OH), Dan Burton (R-IN), James Jontz (D-IN), Charles Bennett (D-FL), Jack

David (R-IL), Floyd Spence (R-SC), Earl Hutto (D-FL), Solomon Ortiz (D-TX), Mike Bilirakis (R-FL), Richard Ray (D-GA), Bob Stump (R-AZ), J. Roy Rowland (D-GA), Elizabeth Patterson (D-SC), Herbert Bateman (R-VA), Marvin Leath (D-TX), Robert Badham (R-CA), Charles Stenholm (D-TX), John Paul Hammerschmidt (R-AR), Harley Staggers (D-WV), Wayne Dowdy (D-MS), Bob McEwen (R-OH), Mac Sweeney (D-TX), Beverly Byron (D-MD), Ronald Coleman (D-TX), E. (Kika) de la Garza (D-TX), Pat Roberts (R-KS), Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), Bill Nichols (D-AL), George Hochbrueckner (D-NY), Ken Gray (D-IL), Daniel Mica (D-FL), Lane Evans (D-IL), Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Thomas Ridge (R-PA), Marilyn Lloyd (D-TN), Vic Fazio (D-CA), Tim Johnson (D-SD), Melvin Price (D-IL), John Bryant (D-TX), Albert Bustamante (D-TX), Ben Blaz (R-Guam), John Rowland (R-CT), W.G. (Bill) Hefner (D-NC), Pat Schroeder (D-CO), Timothy Penney (D-MN), David Obey (D-WI), Bill Chappel (D-FL).

Senators Alan Cranston and Frank Murkowski, the chairman and ranking minority member, respectively, of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee have agreed to sponsor NCOA's charter request in the Senate. The bill will be introduced soon. We need 51 votes here. Again, members are urged to write their Senators asking that they become co-sponsors of NCOA's Federal Charter.

The names of all co-sponsors will be reported in future issues of the JOURNAL to keep you informed of our progress in bringing this much deserved honor to the members of our great Association.

Military News In Brief

TOURS SHORTENED

The Marine Corps has reduced tour lengths from 15 to 12 months for embassy guards in hardship locations such as Moscow, East Berlin, and other socially remote areas. HQMC said the reduction was ordered because the embassies are in high security areas which are vulnerable to espionage efforts and because guards have very limited social contact and severe travel restrictions imposed upon them.

NAVY EARLY-OUT PROGRAM

Effective immediately, certain Navy officers and enlisted members whose obligated service ends in FY 1987 can leave the Navy up to 90 days ahead of their scheduled separation. Requests for early release from active duty require commanding officer's approval. This early-out program does not apply to TAR personnel.

NEGATIVE IMPACT ON USMC PROMOTIONS

Marine Corps manpower officials insist that the massive restructuring of its enlisted force will not have a



FIRST AWARD — SRA Jeffery Barlow (L) receives an NCOA Military Excellence Award, for his record at the NCO Preparatory Course, from the first chairman of the newly formed Saber Chapter, TSgt David Weeks, during ceremonies at Spangdahlem AFB, FRG. This was the first award issued by the new chapter.

dramatic, negative impact on promotions. However, those MOSs that have realized fast promotions will be slowed to match those that have been comparatively slower. There appears to be a continuing effort by HQMC to "age" the force. Officials believe that no one on a first four-year tour of duty should be promoted to sergeant.

That is the rank to be used as the transition point from first-termer to the career force.

FOSTER PARENTS SOUGHT IN ILLINOIS

The Family Support Center (FSC) at Scott AFB, IL, and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services are working together to encourage more Air Force families to become foster parents. Foster care posters will be displayed around the base to make military and civilian base personnel more aware of foster care and the need for more foster homes. The FSC staff will use the center as the base of information for interested families and to offer support and referrals to potential foster families.

NEW SECNAV

The Honorable James H. Webb, Jr. has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the next Secretary of the Navy. He was sworn in May 1 in a ceremony at the United States Naval Academy where he was graduated in

1968. Webb, who is a highly-decorated Vietnam veteran, is medically retired from the U.S. Marine Corps and recently stepped down as the first Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

NDF Brief

VOIDS EXEMPTION ON MILITARY PAY

The Governor of Minnesota put forth a tax proposal which would do away with the \$3,000 state income tax exemption on military pay for members of the Minnesota Guard and reserve and active duty military personnel serving within Minnesota. The proposal also eliminates a \$5,000 income tax exemption for residents of Minnesota serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and stationed outside of Minnesota. Interested personnel should contact Rudy Perpich, Governor, State of Minnesota, 130 State Capitol St., St. Paul, Minnesota 55155.

What new dental plan will do for dependents

With the award of a nationwide contract to Delta Dental Plan of California, the Defense Department's Active-Duty Dependents Dental Insurance Plan is a reality. After the Uniformed Services have completed the initial enrollment period, benefits under the plan will begin on Aug. 1, 1987, for covered care received on or after that date.

by Ken Casey
Director of Military Affairs

The plan is a voluntary program of preventive services and basic dental care for the family members of active-duty members of the Uniformed Services living in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Plan does not cover active-duty members, only their families. Nor does it cover military retirees and their families, survivors of deceased active or retired military, former spouses of servicemembers, active-duty members' families living overseas, or the families of reserve members not on active duty. After the initial enrollment period, active duty members with less than two years remaining of active duty service who are on a first-term enlistment are not eligible to enroll their dependents.

The eligible dependents of active-duty members are automatically enrolled by the Defense Eligibility Enrollment System (DEERS). Children under age four can be enrolled, but the servicemember must request enrollment for them. A handicapped child over age 21 or a student up to age 23 may also be enrolled upon request.

Servicemembers who do not want to be covered by this plan, must request to be disenrolled within the 90-day enrollment period that began when the contract was awarded on April 3. To disenroll, a completed disenrollment form must be given to the local service representative.

All family members must be enrolled if any member is enrolled, except where a single dependent is living away from the family (such as a college student), and the remaining family members are not enrolled because they live overseas, have other dental insurance, or have access to space-available care.

Family members will be continued in the plan if the

servicemember is transferred to another duty station within the U.S. However, if dental care is available for dependents at the new location, members may choose to be taken out of the plan by filling out the disenrollment portion of the enrollment form. This decision must be made within 90 days of reporting date to the new station.

WHAT IS COVERED

For servicemembers having only one dependent (spouse or child), \$3.93 will be deducted each month from their basic pay \$7.86 will be deducted monthly for two or more dependents. This constitutes part of the premium costs, with the government paying the balance. The first deduction will be reflected on July's end-of-month Leave and Earnings Statements with benefits beginning on Aug. 1.

The plan pays for the full allowable charges for covered diagnostic and preventive services that are provided by dentists who participate in the plan. For other covered services, patients pay 20 percent of the cost to a participating dentist. Patients must pay all charges for services that are not covered by the plan.

Services covered by the monthly deduction at no additional cost are such preventive, diagnostic and minor emergency care as routine oral examinations, routine full mouth x-rays, lab work for other covered services, teeth cleaning and polishing, fluoride treatment, space maintainers and minor emergency treatment as specified in the benefits brochure.

Services provided under the plan for which enrollees pay 20 percent of the charges to participating dentists are fillings, repairs to dentures, and stainless steel or plastic caps for baby teeth.

Any service not specifically listed in the brochure provided to those who are participating in the plan are not covered by this plan.

NCOA Patriot Convention has important meetings scheduled

Two important meetings are scheduled to take place during Convention '87. One will be the general membership meeting of the NCOA, Saturday, July 18 at 9 a.m.

The other meeting will be the International Auxiliary business meeting that will be held at the same time as NCOA's annual meeting. During this meeting Auxiliary members will be able to vote for new officers.

See you next month in Las Vegas!

Your legal domicile may save money

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was written, at the request of the National Defense Foundation, by Samuel F. Wright, prominent D.C. Attorney, who has long been active in Military Voting Affairs.)

by Samuel F. Wright, Esq.

If you are currently paying state income tax to your home state, it may be possible for you to save that money by changing your domicile to a state without a state income tax, a state which does not assess state income tax on military personnel who are not physically present in the state, or a state with a lower state income tax rate than your home state's rate. However, if you go about this in the wrong way, you may make your problems worse and end up being taxed by two or more states.

This article discusses some of the legal principles and practical considerations governing domicile for military personnel and dependents. This article should not be considered a substitute for individualized legal advice. Before taking action in reliance upon this article, you should consult

with a military legal assistance attorney.

There is a great deal of "bum scoop" being circulated by "sea lawyers." Be sure to consult with a legal assistance attorney, and do not rely upon advice from amateurs.

A person's domicile is his legal residence. A person is eligible to vote only in the state of his domicile, and the person must pay state income tax and other taxes to that state, in accordance with its laws. Domicile also determines eligibility for benefits provided by the state, such as the right to attend a state university at the "in state" tuition rate, which is substantially lower than the rate for non-residents.

Generally speaking, a person has one domicile for all legal purposes. You make a serious mistake if you vote in State A, have a driver's license from State B, and register your automobile in State C. If you do this, you give multiple states the opportunity to assert that you owe them state income tax. You should consult a military legal assistance attorney to determine what state is your domicile, and then you should place all your in-

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Veterans News In Brief



OVER 300 saw accredited counsellor James Kyzer (L) present award certificates to (L-R) MSgt. James Black, Senior NCO of the Quarter; Sgt Shelby Strunk, NCO of the Quarter; and SrA Sarah Preston, Airman of the Quarter, as CMSgt. Michael Long observed during recent ceremonies at Myrtle Beach AFB, SC.

HOMELESS VETS PROJECTS IN 43 AREAS

Projects in 43 communities across the country have been approved for funding from \$5 million provided in FY 1987 for the evaluation and treatment of homeless veterans who are chronically mentally ill. The projects will be run from VA Medical Centers and independent outpatient clinics. They were developed in collaboration with an existing coalition of public agencies, volunteer organizations

working with the homeless, and local veterans service organizations.

FALSE INFO GETS 3 TO 5

The VA Inspector General reports that a veteran and his spouse were sentenced to 3 to 5 years probation and fined \$4,000 for conspiring to obtain a VA home loan using false employment and income information and bogus social security numbers. The court also ordered the couple to pay restitution as determined by the Probation Department.

LOW RATE FOR TEXAS VETS

The Texas Veterans Land Board announced on April 1 that, effective immediately, the interest rate for Texas Veterans Home Improvement Program loans is lowered to 10.5 percent. This program enables eligible Texas veterans to borrow up to \$15,000 for 15 years to improve and modernize their homes. All loans are FHA insured and no downpayment is required.

CHANGES MIND

Oklahoma Governor Henry Bellmon abandoned his proposal to close or covert the state's five veteran nursing homes and to shutdown the

Oklahoma Department of Veterans' Affairs. Bellmon wanted to turn the nursing homes into correctional facilities for drug and substance abuse. However, he has proposed a reduction in the rate expended for veterans in homes.

HIGH COURT AGREES

The Supreme Court let stand an Appeals Court ruling which upholds a current federal law prohibiting the concurrent receipt of military non-disability retired pay and veterans' disability compensation. In upholding the decision the Supreme Court said it is not unconstitutional to prohibit such payments when Congress acts with good reason. The decision also stated that Congress had good reason in exercising "fiscal restraint." As a result of the court's action only Congress can provide equity on the issue.

FREE PASSPORTS TO VISIT GRAVES

A relative of a serviceman killed in action and buried overseas can obtain a free passport to visit the gravesite. However, the benefit is limited to the spouse, former spouse, children, and parents. To apply, write to: Mrs. Martha Sell, American Battle Monument Commission, Operations Division, 20

Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20314, phone (202) 272-0537.

NCOA TESTIFIES

NCOA testified before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Housing and Memorial Affairs on April 22 in favor of increasing the VA's loan guaranty, eliminating the one percent funding fees paid by veterans and allowing military personnel who have been transferred to refinance their homes. NCOA gave special emphasis to the refinancing proposal which could give servicemembers an opportunity for tremendous financial savings. Under current law a veteran or servicemember must be living in the House to refinance under the VA program. The proposal would allow active duty servicemembers the opportunity to refinance even if they have been transferred. As a result, a servicemember who purchased a \$70,000 home at 12.5 percent could refinance at the current 9.5 percent rate for a monthly payment savings of \$150. The committee is likely to

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Is VA divorcing itself from most veterans?

In recent years the Veterans Administration has not fared well in either the budget or appropriations process. Veterans and their survivors have received reduced cost-of-living increases in disability compensation and survivor benefits. Medical care funding has been deficient, leaving to reductions in both inpatient care at VA medical facilities. Activities in job training and loan guaranty programs have at various times been curtailed because of authorization or appropriations deficiencies.

by Richard W. Johnson
Director of Legislative Affairs

Benefit levels in education programs have remained frozen for several years and are not expected to increase this year. Burial benefits have been eliminated for all but indigent and disabled veterans and payment levels have not changed since 1973. Loan guaranty amounts have remained the same since 1980. Agency staffing has declined at the expense of timely services to veterans. And, expenditures for veterans have dropped from 4.4 percent of federal spending to 2.6 percent since 1977.

Despite this record of sacrifice by veterans, the Administration this year proposed to increase fees charged to veteran homebuyers, to eliminate burial plot allowances for nondisabled veterans with wartime service, and to rescind \$75 million in medical care funding notwithstanding the fact that the VA is turning away 35,000 outpatients per month. In fact, the Administration's proposal would further curtail medical care by an estimated 13,000 inpatient and 113,000 outpatient visits next year. Altogether the Administration proposed a veterans' spending package which was \$277 million less in budget authority and \$497 million less in outlays than the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimated current services (baseline) budget.

NCOA also notes a disturbing trend of cost avoidance that seems to be building in VA appropriations requests. This year the VA wants to transfer the cost of funding the New G.I. Bill to the Defense Depart-

ment (DoD) and has deleted research requests in favor of DoD and Department of Health and Human Services funding for these programs.

In the current budget request the VA seeks to transfer to cost of the loan guaranty program to its veteran participants and concurrently wants to allow the investment community to gratuitously profit from loan sales and elimination of fixed maximum interest rates. In past years, the VA has sought, successfully, to divest itself of responsibility for health care of a large segment of the veteran community by transferring that cost to veterans who will now pay higher insurance premiums. And, the VA has ignored the need to keep other major programs current to the needs of veterans and their survivors as is the case in education and rehabilitation programs.

Essentially, the VA seems to be divorcing itself, little by little, from the constituency it is designed to support. NCOA can only wonder if this is not building to a point when someday all servicemembers will be contributing from their monthly pay to support veterans benefits or if there will be any veterans benefits for those who serve their Nation. This trend must stop before it becomes impossible to rebuild the agency to the level of support necessary for veterans' programs. Anti-war activists of the '60s used to ask, "What would happen if we had a war and nobody came?" As services to veterans continue to erode, they may have their answer.

Both the Veterans' Affairs and Budget Committees have done excellent work to halt the trend, at least for FY 1988. Almost all of the benefit reductions proposed by the Administration have been rejected. Additionally, the Veterans' Affairs Committees have proposed, and the Budget Committees have concurred with, some improvements in VA programs. Among the items requested in the Budget resolution are a full cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in disability compensation and survivor benefits, minor improvements in benefits for former prisoners of war and minor changes in eligibility for certain payments to surviving spouses of deceased veterans. In fact, these are the only "Direct to the Veteran" benefit improvements proposed in the budget.

The budget resolution in both the House and Senate also includes increases in VA construction funding for

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Is VAVS for you?

On January 3, 1946, President Truman signed Public Law 293. This law established the VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery (DM&S), making management of the agency's program answerable directly to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

by John M. Adams
National Veterans Service Director

The law was a notable accomplishment for General Omar Bradley, the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, and of General Paul R. Hawley, who at his request had studied and recommended improvements in the VA health care delivery system. General Hawley became the first Chief Medical Director on March 3, 1946, and quickly began moving toward his announced objective — "a medical service for veterans that is second to none in the world."

Just one month later, in April 1946, the Department of Medicine & Surgery began to formalize and provide for the expansion of an activity already begun spontaneously, an activity which would in a very special way help make the quality of medical service truly second to none. Representatives of several service organizations whose members had been volunteering in VA hospitals met at the VA Central Office in Washington, D.C. to discuss a proposed Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (VAVS). Their recommendations were accepted and on May 15, 1946, the VAVS program was officially established.

By the end of its first year the VAVS National Advisory Committee had 16 member organizations. Today it has 54, and there are more than 350 other local and national organizations with active volunteers represented on the advisory committees of all VA Medical Centers and many clinics.

When comprehensive statistical reports on volunteer services in VA Medical Centers were initiated in 1950, there were approximately 71,000 volunteers who gave over 3,800,000 hours of service. Today there are close to 85,000 volunteers serving over 12,400,000 hours. When 1986 ended, the VA was able to look back on over 320,000,000 hours of service donated by devoted volunteers to veterans in its care these past 40 years.

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Your legal domicile may help save you money

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cidents of domicile (voting, automobile registration, driver's license, etc.) in that state.

Members of the Armed Forces constitute a special case in the law of domicile because, unlike civilians, they are not free to choose where to live. A civilian may be transferred by his employer, but he can always resign if he doesn't want to move. The servicemember cannot resign until the expiration of his enlistment.

Congress recognized the above reality and also wanted to protect servicemembers from the possibility of double taxation, so it enacted the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act (SSCRA), which provides that a member of the Armed Forces may not be required to pay state income tax on his military pay and allowances to the state where he is stationed, unless that state is his domicile. This protection

only applies to military pay and allowances. If your non-military spouse works outside the home, or if you have a moonlighting job or income from playing the stock market, the state where you physically reside may tax you on that income.

The SSCRA also provides that the state where you are stationed, but not domiciled, may not tax your personal (movable) property, such as an automobile. To be eligible for this protection, the property must be in your name alone, not jointly in the name of you and your non-military spouse, and the property must not arise from or be used in a non-military trade or business. If you own real property (buildings, land), you must pay property tax on that property to the jurisdiction where the property is located, regardless of where you are domiciled.

The domicile of a member of the Armed Forces, is considered to be where he lived before entering the military, unless and until he establishes a bona fide domicile in some other place. When you move from state to state pursuant to military orders, your domicile does not necessarily change.

In order to change your domicile while on active duty, you must have a physical presence in the state to which you wish to change, and you must intend to make that state your home, and you must have both elements **simultaneously**. In other words, you cannot change your domicile to Florida while stationed in Germany. If you want to change your domicile to Florida (which has no state income tax), you must do so while stationed there.

In order to make your claim of intent believable, you should produce tangible evidence that you wish to make the new state your home. You should register to vote there, title your automobile there, and obtain a driver's license from that state.

If you make a bona fide change of domicile to Florida, you can maintain your new domicile in Florida even after the military transfers you to some other state. In this way, you can save on state income tax not just for the three years that you are stationed in Florida, but for the remainder of your military career. In order to maintain your Florida domicile, you should continue to vote in Florida, by absentee ballot, and you

should maintain your Florida driver's license and continue registering your vehicles in Florida.

You can probably save on state income tax by changing your domicile to Florida, or some other state with no state income tax, if and when you have the opportunity to do so, but there may be other factors that you should consider. For example, if you change your

domicile to Florida while on active duty, you may impair your ability to attend a state university at the "in state" tuition rate in your original home state. You should discuss all the possible consequences with a military legal assistance attorney before you try to change your domicile.

The SSCRA only applies to members of the armed forces on active

duty. If your non-military spouse works outside the home, she may be required to pay state income tax to the state where you and she physically reside, regardless of whether she votes at home by absentee ballot, or votes in person in the state where you are stationed, or does not vote at all. Because she may be required to pay state in-

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Need more support

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more than a thousand lawmakers and their aides advised of the issues. If the Association receives no grassroots support from its membership, it experiences extreme difficulty in contracting more than a token number of lawmakers to influence the passage or rejection of a legislative proposal.

NCOA must count on the membership to support the mandates established by the membership in annual conventions. An excellent example is the current drives to ward off the implementation of user-fees for outpatient visits to military treatment facilities (MTFs). Another was the concern generated by servicemembers' spouses more than a decade ago to save the military commissaries.

Lots of battles have been lost by NCOA and its brother-organizations simply because the membership did little or nothing to support or oppose the issue at hand. The Former Spouses Protection Act is one. Another is the 1986 loss of the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to military retired pay. Neither received adequate grassroots support to effectively generate a congressional reversal of an earlier decision. This is problem No. 2.

In these days of deficit control, the key to success is support from the membership on the major issues before Congress. For example, what is more important to the membership ... the defeat of the user-fee for visiting MTFs or an increase in pay and allowances? What is more important ... a COLA for retired pay or the defeat of the user-fee?

Some members might choose either the pay hike or the COLA because they affect more members. Yet, the influx of mail to NCOA is against the user-fee and not for the others.

Although the military community must never concede to the payment of a user-fee, and those who have written in protest of this proposal are commended, NCOA needs as much support from the membership on the pay increase and COLA. Both put money in the pockets of the majority of the membership.

Write to your U.S. Senators and Representatives today urging their support for either a four percent hike in military pay and quarters and subsistence allowances effective 1 January 1988, or a full COLA to military retired pay on 1 December 1987. And mention that you're a member of NCOA.



SP4 Charles Hughes accepts an NCOA plaque and congratulations from accredited counsellor Lois Gentry for being named as Soldier of the Month during ceremonies at Ft. Sill, OK. He is a member of the 77th Army band and received the award on behalf of the Red Leg Chapter.

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From the Head Shed: What's happening around the Association

With the Biloxi Symposium, we have concluded the symposium scheduled until September 1987. We are now working full-time on completing the Chapter Manual which contains some important changes to the current AFCAP and Awards Program.

by Edward J. Parnell
Executive Vice President

The new Chapter Manual will have each page dated and will be done in a loose-leaf format to allow for future changes. I expect to have the manual completed and distributed prior to our 1987 Convention in July.

Speaking of the July Convention, I would expect to see a good contingent of chapter managers in attendance. The price is right, and I would expect each and every attendee to find this to be an enjoyable and educational experience.

EUROPEAN ACTION

Well, things are really popping in Europe. As predicted in our last column, the European Convention was a smashing success in all respects. "Doc" McCauslin was very instrumental in establishing the Saber Chapter at Spangdahlem Air Base, and that chapter

is up and running under the able leadership of chairman **Dave Weeks**. Over in Nurnberg, the upcoming golf tournament is working. I see my old buddy **Ron Bowers** has arrived in Nurnberg. Karlsruhe on the Rhine Chapter is planning a BMX motocross. In Zweibruecken the spring bazaar is the primary topic of conversation. The Bad Hersfeld Chapter had to miss the European Convention due to unit commitments. The Forerunner Chapter in Illesheim continues their support of the Family Support Center. Our newest chapter, the Rail Gunners, is underway at

the 41st Field Artillery Brigade. I don't know who has the Augusta Chapter flag in Augsburg, but they had better get it to **1SG John Beck** before he gets P.O'd. Donau-Munster Chapter and Spearhead Chapter continue with their support of the local community. The King of the Sky Chapter in England is still working on their membership campaign. One of their assets, **CMSgt Tom Wentz**, will be returning to ConUS soon.

CONUS EAST

Down East Chapter in Camp LeJeune has a new chairman, **Joe Houle**. Outgoing **Brian Carey** received an award for his contributions. In the true spirit of "Strength in Unity," the Air Commando Chapter at Hurlburt Field, Florida, has dedicated their efforts to assist the Eglin Chapter in their reorganization. Good show — **Bob Bruno**. We now have a new chapter at Moody AFB called the **Winnersville Chapter**. Up at Ft. Dix, **Mel Stroud** has the **Liberty Bell Chapter** going at its normal accelerated pace. Hey! Did you guys in Newport News, Tidewater Chapter, ever get your snow cone machine? Down the road ... the Old Dominion Chapter at Ft. Belvoir continued their community support. I guess I should have said "up the road." Sorry Chairman **Willie Jones**, sailors excel in charts and get lost with maps. Aberdeen Chapter at Aberdeen Proving Grounds is really rockin'.

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CONGRATULATIONS — International Board of Director member John "Doc" McCauslin (R) congratulates SSgt Dawn Rich (R) as one of the first trustees of the newly formed Saber Chapter, during installation ceremonies at Spangdahlem AFB, FRG, as European Development Director Bill Watkins (C) observes. This is the only Air Force chapter in Germany.

★ April Top Ten All Stars ★

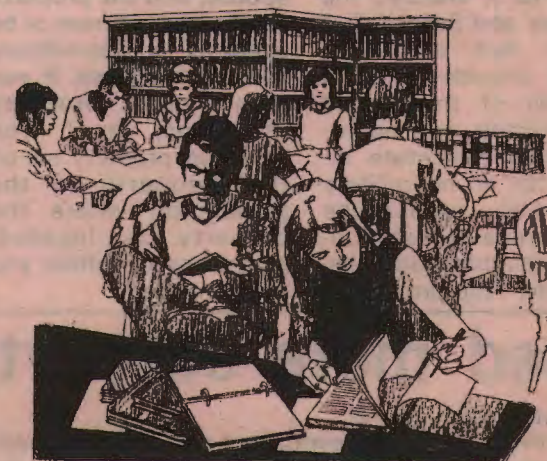
The strength of the Non Commissioned Officers Association is derived from the strength of every individual member. NCOA chapters which are active in new member recruiting add to that strength. Chapters are the frontier outposts of the Association. Their participation in local community affairs is the visible proof that the NCO Association is a vital part of the military family. The chapters listed here are doing that "little bit extra" to further the aims and goals of the NCOA through new member recruiting. Their members and trustees are to be congratulated for their recruiting efforts.

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On Investing:

Will buying be obsolete?

The automobile industry got going in Michigan at the turn of the century. The assemblers — Buick, Ford, Cadillac, Packard, Dodge Brothers, etc. — sold their automobiles to dealers, and the dealers sold them to owners for cash. The financing of an auto, as we know it today, did not exist then. Dealers were able to finance inventory and parts via banks; however, would-be owners had no comprehensive financing system available until after World War II.

Two-year paper was the rule then and customers were required to supply a down payment of at least 30 percent. By the 1970s, three and then four-year paper was available. Five-year paper became available in the 1980s and last week, Chrysler Corporation began to offer six-year paper.

Henry Ford's genius was in getting the price of his automobiles down. Autos originally were assembled singly and costs were the same no matter how many were made. Ford changed all that. Retail on other cars was from \$1,800 on up; hence the automobile was considered a rich man's toy. Various Ford models, however, were as low as \$500. Customers had to pay cash so the low price greatly increased Ford's volume.



by Robert Floyd

How long will a modern automobile hold value? At 100,000 miles it may be operable, but it's worn out. One-third of owners will drive about 80,000 miles in four years. Their auto will be almost worn out, and with six-year paper, will be worth less than balance due. If it cost, say \$18,000 (cost plus interest), then around \$6,000 will still be owing at the end of four years. The auto will be worth about \$2,500 wholesale. The owner, in dealer terminology is "upside down" by about \$3,500.

These economics are somewhat alarming. Something will change. A new trend will be created, according to one of my readers, and this trend will generate a new way of leasing automobiles. The lessee will become sophisticated about autos. He will see them as tools, or a way to gain something as he pursues his daily lifestyle. Here is how it would work.

The lease company would own a large number of different makes and models. The company operates differently because it offers customers variety in choosing their wheels.

An example: A customer we'll call Charly goes to the leasing company and selects a two-year old Cadillac Eldorado, lease period one year. Charly is prosperous and wants a status auto. This works out well for business.

Charly at this time is in the market for farm land, but doesn't want to go shopping in the Cadillac. He calls Bill, the lease company manager, and explains the situation. Bill tells him to bring the Caddy back and get something else. Bill provides a dented eight-year old pick-up truck. Charly spends four days cruising the farm roads and locates some land at a non-inflated price. Charly returns the truck and gets back into the Cadillac.

Charly returns to his office and notices on his appointment calendar that an IRS audit is scheduled next week at his home. He knows what that means. The IRS man wants to make an eyeball appraisal of his standard of living. Charly knows it's not good to have an Eldorado and a BMW (his wife's car which is also leased) in the driveway. So he calls Bill and says, "What can you do for me?" Bill says, "No problem, come in the day before." Bill provides Charly and spouse with

the old pick-up and a seven-year-old Volkswagen. The IRS auditor arrives on schedule and eyeballs the two old cars in the drive. Nothing is said, of course. After the audit the cars are switched.

Charly makes financial presentations to investors and wants to create the ultra impression so he

Scholarship winners announced

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Special Award is Patrice S. Arend, Sterling Heights, MI, while the William T. Green Special Award was given to Andrew Stern, Glen Ridge, NJ.

Buddy Flanagan, NCOA's scholarship fund administrator said that last year "we had five vocational scholarships to award, but only three people applied, so they all received an award. This year we had a harder time as we received 27 applications." Flanagan said that the scholarships are non-repayable grants that are paid directly to the college or school that accepts the student.

The panel screening the applications consisted of two prominent area educators and a cross-section of senior NCOs from different branches of the armed forces, from the San Antonio area. This year's panel included: CMSgt. Dionisio "Rod" Rodriguez, Air Force; CSM James L. Jackson, Army; CSM Ralph Phillips, Army; CMSgt. Wayne Smith, Air Force; MGySgt Joe Lopez, Marine Corps; SCPO Joel Hawk, Navy; CMSgt Gary J. "Joe" Barnette, Air Force; Mr. Henry C. Morales, and Mr. James Gosdin, who served as chairman of the panel.

NCOA scholarships are available to the sons and daughters of all NCOA members, and is funded entirely by contributions to the NCOA scholarship fund. This year's awards totalled \$41,500.

Anyone who wishes to donate to the scholarship fund, and wants information about the program, can write to: NCOA Scholarship Foundation, P. O. Box 33610, San Antonio, TX 78265.

calls Bill. Bill says, "No problem." He has a four-year-old Cadillac stretch limousine — it's the same one they rent to the funeral homes — and it will do very well. Charly says "OK," directs his 19

year-old son to rent a chauffeur's uniform and off they go to the presentation. Charly and the limo create the desired effect. Charly wonders how he got along so well when he owned automobiles.

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NEW CHAPTER — Ted Netz (R) issues the oath of office to the first officers of the newly formed Wolf Hound Chapter during ceremonies at Camp New Amsterdam, Soesterberg, Holland. The new board members are (L-R) MSgt Robert Lewis, trustee; MSgt. Berley Roberts, trustee; SMSgt Columbus Hunt, vice chairman; TSgt. William Hunter, trustee; MSgt Norman Williams, chairman; Sgt Wilma Winship, secretary and Sir Netz. (Not present for the photo is the treasurer, Gary Storm.)

From the Head Shed: What's happening around the Association

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and rollin' Keep up the good work! Terry Wood is working hard to get the Ft. Story Chapter back on its feet. Our new Patriots Chapter #1776 had their first meeting at Langley AFB. Down south in Florida, the Gateway Chapter in Port Richey and the Key West Chapter in Key West (brilliant name) continue in their good works. Way down south in Puerto Rico, our Antilles Chapter is still providing excellent support to Ft. Buchanan.

WESTWARD HO!

At Biloxi, the Hurricane Chapter and the Gleeks introduced a new drink at a local carnival. It's called the "Mrs. Sippi." I'm going to ask Chairman Ted Pilihos for the recipe. Kisatchie Chapter is changing its name to the Ft. Polk Chapter. Seems that other than a few "coon a — — —" no one could pronounce Kisatchie (I'm not sure I spelled it right). Our relatively new Bay Waveland Chapter in Bay St. Louis, MS, held a turkey shoot on the 3rd of May. Over at England AFB, the Tiger Chapter is reorganizing. Up north in beautiful, downtown Knob Noster, MO, the Show Me Chapter is really cooking. This also applies to the Ready Now Chapter at Ft. Riley. Over at Scott AFB, the F.S. Scott Chapter is conducting Job Opportunity Seminars thanks to Chairman Charley Hunt (it's really Charlene). The Bluegrass Chapter at Ft. Knox is probably really regretting not inviting me to their fishing tournament.

WHY NOT — MINOT?

Our Northern Tier Chapter at Minot is finally thawing out. Will someone out there please tell me what the "second story" is? Joe Davis has got the Trinity Site Chapter at Holloman AFB in a real "go" status. Over at Carlsbad, NM, the Guadalupe Peaks Chapter has been established at the U.S. Naval Reserve Center. The Zia Chapter at Cannon AFB, NM, is really getting hot. Way to go Chairman Delbert Haley. At Grand Forks AFB in ND, our Roughrider Chapter is working on the Muscular Dystrophy Carnival. The



UNIQUE AWARD — CSM Fred Davenport (L) and 1SG Robert McDonald (R) present a German stein with the Blackhorse crest on it to SP4 Brock Tedrick (C) for his selection as the Soldier of the Quarter, in behalf of the Fulda Gap Chapter, during recent ceremonies at the Downs Barracks CSM's office.

Black Hills Chapter at Ellsworth AFB, SD, is back in action. Over in Colorado the Air Academy and Mile Hi Chapters are gearing up

for the Special Olympics. Spanish Trail Chapter in Tucson continues to do their normal outstanding good job.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Out in California, we haven't heard too much from our chapters. I suspect that they are busy gearing up for the Special Olympics which is pretty much all consuming with all the California chapters. That being the case, I won't say anything this time about our friends out there in Fairyland.

GREAT NORTHWEST

In Washington state, we had representatives from the Silver Anniversary, Lilac City, Mt. Pilchuck, Evergreen, Trident, and Whidbey Island Chapters at the Tacoma Symposium. Oops! Almost forgot the Puget Sound Chapter. We also had representatives from the Oregon chapters in attendance. After the symposium, Bob Guthrie visited our chapters in Oregon, which are primarily non-active duty, and reported all is well. Our new state legislative program is due in part to the efforts of these dedicated chapters in Oregon.

OUT IN PINEAPPLE LAND

The Tripler Chapter is trying to enter a bed race?

How about explaining that, Chairman Mike Dagey! The Windward Warriors Chapter at Kaneohe is busy working on fund-raising events for the Special Olympics. Meanwhile, the Aloha Chapter at Ft. Shafter is planning on merging with the Tripler Chapter.

LAND OF THE RISING SUN

Can you believe it? The Cherry Blossom Chapter at Yokota Air Base cancelled a golf tournament due to snow. This chapter, under the leadership of SKCS Ray Denny has become a moving force in U.S./Japanese relations. They are responsible for the entry of Japan in the Special Olympics Program and have done a great deal toward the financing of this program. On their own initiative, they placed a NCOA recruiting ad in the Pacific edition of the Stars & Stripes. A big "well done" to Cherry Blossom.

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The symposium in Anchorage was well attended by members of the Pipeline, Midnite Sun, North Star, and Greatland Chapters. CSM Bill Cobb was a superb host and symposium leader.

ALAMO CITY

In my previous columns, we have talked a great deal about the accomplishments of our River City Chapter in Ft. Sam Houston and every bit of that praise is well deserved. We do have other chapters in San Antonio, and I would like to do a little bragging on our Birthplace Chapter at Lackland AFB. Under the leadership of MSgt Barbara Sirman, this chapter is making its mark in NCOA history. Using the name Birthplace, this chapter assumes its role as the location of the planning and consummation of a dream which brings us to the Association which we now call NCOA. Sergeant Sirman has been instrumental in rallying the support of the

various senior enlisted of this large installation and at the same time gain the membership of the young NCO in our Association. As with SFC Archie McNeill of the River City

Chapter, Barbara is the epitome of what we would expect of a chapter chairman. Keep your eyes on these Alamo City chapters, because you "ain't seen nothin' yet"!

Reunions

USS COTTEN (DD-669), Aug. 13-16, reunion in Denver, CO. Contact Walter Shollmier, 1828 Parnassus, Memphis, TN 38108; (901) 377-9599.

Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans, all services, reunion Aug. 13-16, in Norfolk, VA. Contact Ted Blahnik, P. O. Box 181, Coloma, MI 49038-0181.



ADAK TRUSTEES (L - R) EO1 Jeff Harrison, LN1 Robert Williams, chapter vice chairman ENC William Roberts, and chapter chairman SGT Erick Gautereau, USMC, flank NAS Adak's Command Master Chief, PNCM Jerry Robinson (C) to display their trustee certificates and pins. Not available for the photo was the chapter P.R. representative JO3 Roger Turner.

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JUNE 1987

- 12 JOB FAIR, Charleston Marriott, 4770 Marriott Drive, North Charleston, SC 29418
- 14 FLAG DAY
- 14 212th Birthday of U.S. Army
- 21 FATHER'S DAY

JULY 1987

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 16-19 NCOA PATRIOT Convention, Bally's Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
- 18 NCOA general business meeting/election

AUGUST 1987

- 4 197th Birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard
- 14 JOB FAIR, The Scope, 201 E. Brambleton Ave., Norfolk, VA
- 21 JOB FAIR, Twin Bridges Marriott, 333 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202

* Additional Job Fairs may be scheduled as confirmations are received. All job seekers are urged to contact your nearest NCOA Service Center for a copy of the mini-resume and information concerning exact time and location of the Job Fair. Employers who would like to participate should contact: Director of Veterans Employment, NCOA International Headquarters, P.O. Box 33610, San Antonio, TX 78265; (512) 653-6161.

Reunions

63th Signal Battalion, WW II Assn., July 23-26, Radisson Inn, Dunwoody, I-285 and Chandlee, Atlanta, GA 30338. Contact Sid Tealer, 3207 Henderson Mill Rd., Atlanta, GA 30341 or Jack Burcher, 5450 Orly Terrace, College Park, GA 30349.

USS WOOLSEY (DD-437) for information about association activities and 1987 reunion, July 12-16 at the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, NV, for former officers and crew. Contact Tony Worres, P.O. Box 9291, Whittier, CA 90608; or call (213) 693-8023.

Is VA divorcing itself from most veterans?

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nursing homes, a very necessary step toward providing adequate care for an aging WW II veteran population, and accelerates funding for the conversion of acute care beds in nursing use. Moreover, the budget approves the restoration of severely needed staffing in the areas of medical care and veterans' benefit services. Beyond these few improvements, however, the VA budget as proposed in the House Budget Resolution is essentially a current services budget, adjusted for inflation and containing a full cost-of-living increase in benefits for veterans disabled by service and for the survivors of veterans who died as a result of their service.

Unfortunately, the Budget Resolution does not include funding for continued placements under the Veterans' Job Training Act, a very successful program designed to provide job training to long term, unemployed veterans. Additionally, the House Veterans' Affairs Committee requested budget authority of a mere \$4 million to increase burial benefit payments for veterans who die of service-connected causes. The Senate Committee requested \$10 million. As noted earlier, these benefits have severely diminished in value since payment levels were set in 1973. Together, these improvements in veterans programs exceed the CBO baseline by \$64 million to \$70 million.

NCOA appeared before the House Appropriations Committee on April 29, 1987, and the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 15, 1987 to make these points. The Association's representative requested full funding for the VA and asked that additional funding be provided for burial benefits and job training. The appropriations committees will continue to work on their bills for the next several weeks. NCOA will continue to follow the issue.

NCOA's Veterans Service Officer program explained

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Last month we ran a list of Veterans Service Officers from Alabama through Florida. This month the remaining VSO's will appear.

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Atlanta 30365, GA Dept. of Veterans Service, 730 Peachtree St., N.E., Rm. 215; (404) 656-2300; Lancelot O. Williams, Howard J. Perdue, Mary E. Murphy, Robert C. Morris, James A. Bailey, Nelson E. Ballew, Frank L. Boykin, Jr., William D. Harrell, Charles E. Patterson; Atlanta 30334, GA Dept. of Veterans Service, Floyd Veterans Memorial Bldg., E-970; (404) 656-2310; James A. McMillen/Duryea S. Wilkinson; Decatur 30033, GA Dept. of Veterans Service, c/o VA Medical Center, 1670 Clairmont Rd., Rm. A-148; (404) 321-6111; William Richard West/Philip E. Joyce.

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Is VAVS for you?

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The very best heart of the VAVS program naturally is the local volunteer. Volunteers may be a member of a service organization, like NCOA, or they may be other volunteers who are willing to allocate credit for their hours of service to the organization. Volunteers fall into one of two classifications. They may serve as a Regularly Scheduled Volunteer, whose hours will be credited to them individually, as well as the organization. This category of volunteers allows a volunteer to qualify for individual recognition under an extensive nationwide awards program. The second category of volunteer serves as an Occasional Volunteer. These individuals agree to serve from time to time, usually in groups which provide recreational or leisure time activities. The hours of occasional volunteers are credited only to the organization, not to the individual.

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Any person or chapter interested in assisting hospitalized veterans need simply to call the nearest VA Medical Center and ask to speak to the Chief of Voluntary Services. He or she will be more than happy to answer any questions regarding VA Voluntary Services.

Your legal domicile

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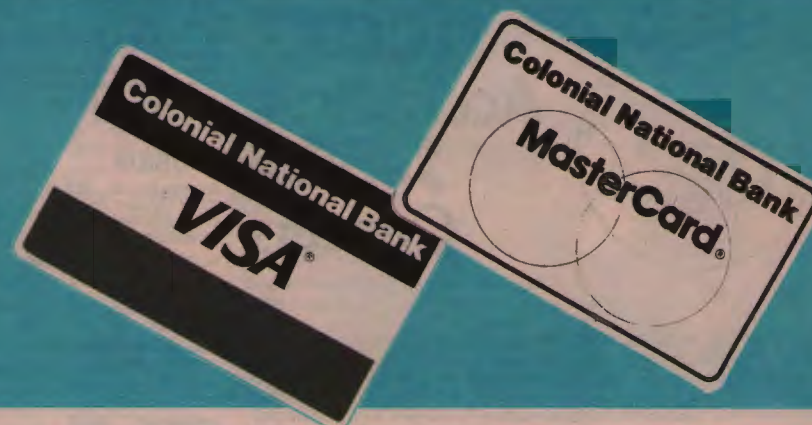
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Hospital downgrade plans major concern to NCOA Reunions

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Currently a 692-bed teaching hospital with the best burn center in the world, BAMC is scheduled to become a 200-bed facility if the Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Dr. William E. Mayer has

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Resisting him is an Ad Hoc committee composed of many organizations and retirees, of which NCOA is a member. This committee has kept the issue before the community and Congress.

Every study, including a congressional committee hearing in San Antonio, has found that a 450-bed hospital was the smallest facility that was required.

Last February, the first Joint Military Medical Command was activated in San Antonio, which combined all Air Force and Army clinics and hospitals under one command. Dr. Mayer's plans call for more Joint Military Medical Commands in several other locations throughout the country which will result in a further loss of military medical capability and

support for active duty dependents, retirees, and their families.

NCOA objects to the Joint Medical Commands because of the loss of medical capability which is now occurring at BAMC and will undoubtedly occur at other locations.

Your Association encourages letters to Congress protesting the downgrading of BAMC.

94th Inf. Div. Assn. will hold its 38th annual national reunion, July 30 - Aug. 1, 1987, in Baltimore, MD., at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. For more information contact Ross Jordan, Secretary/Treasurer, 1415 Orion Rd., Batavia, IL 60510.

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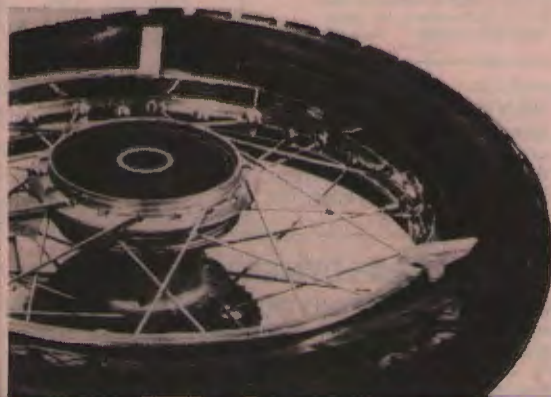
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In the past few months we have announced the development of the NCOA Retirement Community and have tried to give some details about the program.

This month we are addressing another very important question: How much will it cost me to live at the NCOA Retirement Community?

There are two costs involved at the full service lifecare retirement community, an Entrance Fee and a Monthly Service Fee.

The Entrance Fee is a one-time charge paid when you move in that entitles you to lifetime use of the residence. This fee will vary according to the size of the unit, the date of down payment, and the refund plan you select.

The refund plan refers to the percentage of the entrance fee that is returned to you if you move out, or to your estate in the event of death. There are three different refund plans available. These plans are: Plan 95, Plan 50, and

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For those who enter under Plan 95 there is no further reduction in the refund. You, or your estate, will always receive 95 percent back.

If you enter under Plan 50 your refund will be reduced by 1-½ percent each month you are here for an additional 30 months following the introductory period. After that, it will remain at 50 percent of the entrance

fee for you or your estate, regardless of the length of time.

Finally, for those who enter under Plan 0, the refund will be reduced by 2-½ percent each month you are here for an additional 38 months after the introductory period, and will be paid to you if you move out during this time. There is no refund at any time in the event of death.

Plan 95 is considered more than the standard,

Plan 50 is the standard plan, and Plan 0 is less than the standard plan.

Our financial planners have not given us firm prices yet, but we do have some approximate figures for the entrance fee.

A limited number of units will be offered at reduced pre-construction prices, starting at \$30,800 for the apartments, \$58,200 for the townhomes, and \$65,250 for the garden homes, based on Plan 0.



FIRST BOARD MEMBERS of the newly formed Yellow Rose Auxiliary recently got together to display their chapter charter following establishment of the chapter. Members are (L - R) 1st row: Lisa Trask, secretary; Barbie Arnold, treasurer; Sharon Morlando, vice president; 2nd row: accredited counsellor Annette Willis; Liz Miles, president; Francis Stevens, Executive Board Advisor; and Ginny Davenport, Executive Board Advisor.

Follow Me

FT. BENNING — The Follow Me Chapter has recently undertaken some major changes, according to chapter chairman **CSM William Mayo**, who said that the chapter has been on the verge of reaching No. 1 without ever attaining that goal.

He said, "We are now embarked on a new adventure and have agreed that this chapter shall immediately begin to challenge for the title of International No. 1 chapter. We are, after all, the Follow Me Chapter."

As a chapter project Mayo said that they are in the beginning stages of a money-raising project to benefit the Christian Childrens Fund. When complete, the project will award a 17-foot bass tracker boat, complete with motor and trailer for first place. Second place will receive a round-trip air fare to Hollywood, CA, to personally present our chapter check to actress **Sally Struthers**, chairperson for the Christian Childrens Fund.

apartments; \$730 per month in the townhomes; and \$840 per month in the garden homes. The second person charge will be \$365 per month. These fees are projected to reflect 1989 costs.

If you have any questions on the NCOA Retirement Community, you may contact the marketing office at (512) 590-2076 or 1-800-228-0987, access code 205, or write NCOA Retirement Community, P.O. Box 34955, San Antonio, TX 78265.

Reunions

3rd Composite Squadron, Lawson Field, Ft. Benning, GA, reunion, Aug. 20-23, Offutt Field, Omaha, NE. Write N.E. Cole, 2732 Warwick Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013.

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by Bill Fitzpatrick

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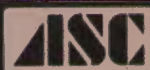
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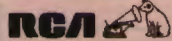
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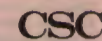
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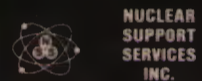
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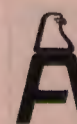
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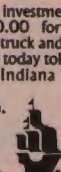
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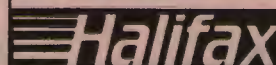
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June 2, 1784 — Congress disbands the Army.

June 6, 1944 — D-Day. Operation Overload starts with the invasion of the beaches at Normandy.

June 7, 1912 — The first firing of a machine gun from an airplane in the U.S. is made by Captain Charles DeForrest Chandler.

June 9, 1959 — The USS GEORGE WASHINGTON, the first polaris missile-firing nuclear-powered submarine is launched.

June 11, 1970 — Col. Anna Mae V. Hays is promoted becoming the first woman general in the Army.

June 12, 1775 — The first naval engagement of the American Revolution ends with the capture of the British schooner Margaretta.

June 13, 1942 — A German V-2 rocket is fired for the first time. A malfunction of the control system causes the rocket to crash.

June 14, 1775 — Birthday of the U.S. Army.

June 17, 1917 — Seaman Louis Reinhardt is the first enlisted man buried in France in World War I.

June 19, 1970 — First flight of the Minuteman III missiles becomes operational.

June 22, 1865 — The confederate raider Shenandoah fires the last shot of the Civil War while in the Bering Sea.

June 23, 1903 — The U.S. Army adopts the Springfield rifle.

June 24, 1926 — Congress authorizes the buildup of naval aircraft to a force of 1,000 in five years.

June 25, 1950 — North Koreans cross the 38th parallel launching an offensive that starts the Korean War.

June 25, 1948 — Reacting to the Soviet blockade of land routes into Berlin, the Berlin airlift (Operation Vittles) begins.

June 27, 1950 — LT William G. Hudson, flying an F-82, shoots down the first enemy plane in the Korean war.

June 28, 1919 — The Treaty of Versailles is signed ending World War I.

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RED LEG CHAPTER AWARD — Accredited counsellor Lois Gentry (L) presents an NCOA plaque to PFC Michael Rydzinski for his selection as Soldier of the Month, as 1SG Dennis Hodges observes during recent ceremonies at Ft. Sill, OK.

Top slot sought by fast-growing chapter

FT. DIX, NJ — "Before January 1988 we'll be Number One," says Liberty Bell Chapter Chairman CSM Melvin Stroud, during a recent interview.

Stroud made the statement when accredited counsellor Bobby McGarity presented the chapter with an NCOA recruitment certificate.

According to the chapter chairman, there were ten people attending chapter meetings two years ago and now there are 100. A couple of years ago there was only a handful of members who could be called active. Stroud said, "When there were things we wanted to do, it was always the same few people to do them. You get burned out."

He said, "With the increased members we can spread out. We donated 60 man hours to Operation Santa Claus in 1985. In 1986, for example, we donated seven food baskets to Army families whose plight had been brought to our attention by CSMs around post. They weren't all NCOA members, either."

Continuing, Sergeant Major Stroud said that the Liberty Bell Chapter had taken part in a retirees open house last summer and sponsored a family picnic.

Not all the chapters activities are on the local level. Last year the chapter donated \$1,000 to the San Antonio Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Liberty Bell Awards

FT. DIX, NY — Accredited counsellor John W. Lee recently issued eight NCOA awards to outstanding graduates of Army schools at Ft. Dix, on behalf of the Liberty Bell Chapter.

SFC Charles C. Harrison received the Leadership Award from the Drill Sergeant School. He is assigned to Ft. Gordon, GA.

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All eight soldiers received NCOA Military Excellence Awards for their achievements.



OREGON STATE COORDINATOR Gil Miller (R) issues the oath of office to members of the newly established Auxiliary Chapter #329. Receiving the oath are (L-R) Kathy Caswell, president; Yolando Schoor, secretary, and Carol Robinson, treasurer. Dora Williams, vice president, was unavailable for the photo. The chapter is affiliated with the Jefferson State NCOA chapter in Klamath Falls, OR.

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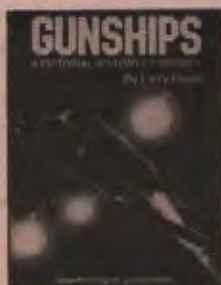
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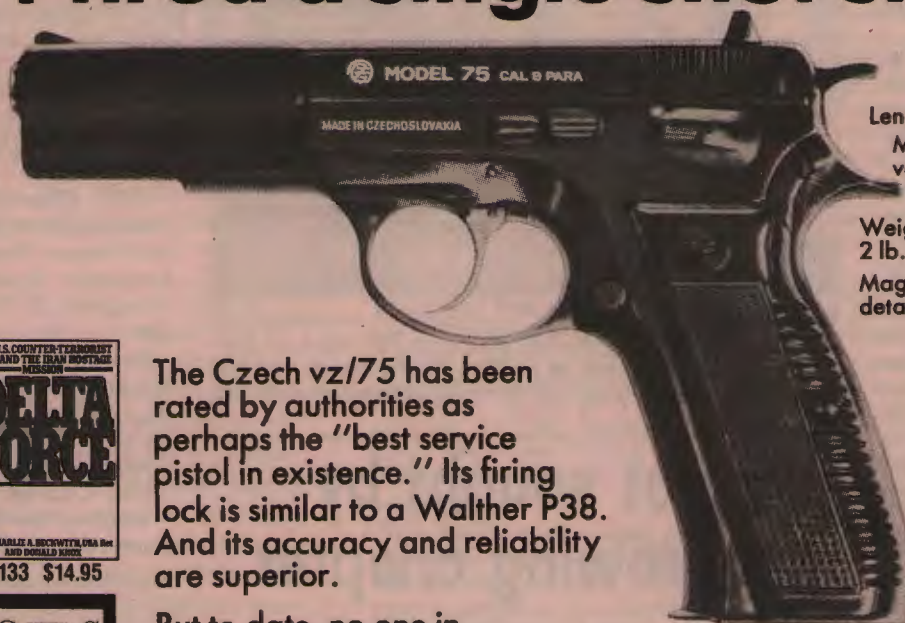
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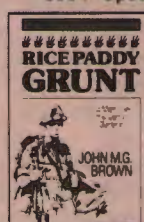
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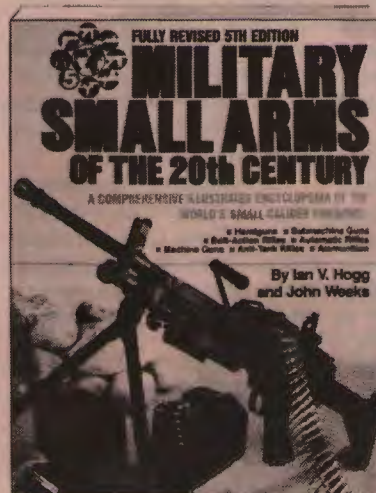
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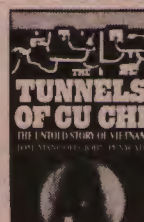
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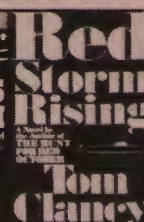
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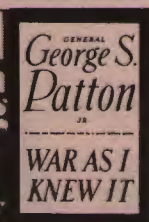
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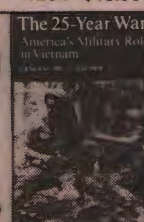
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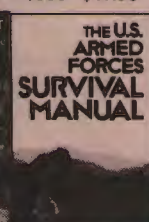
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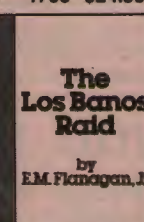
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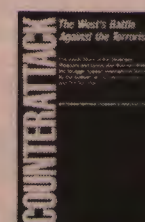
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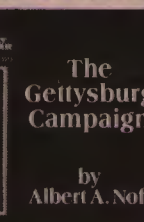
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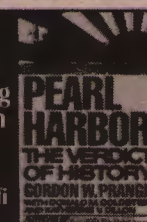
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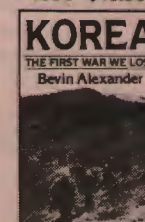
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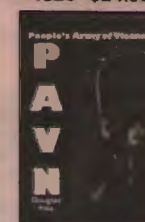
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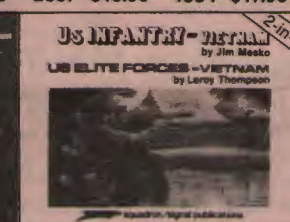
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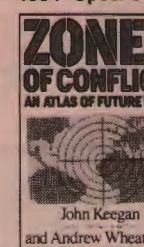
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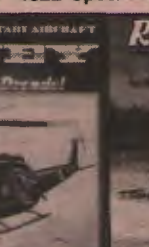
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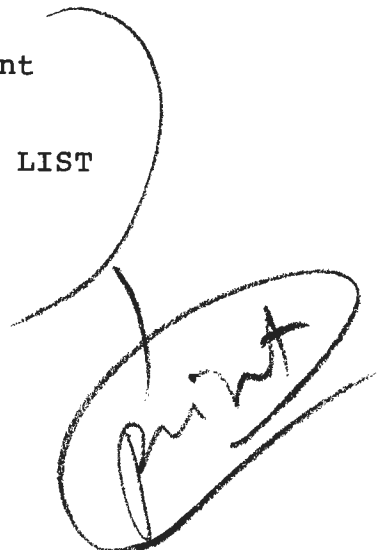
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From: Marilyn Osborne

Let all men know that I sincerely appreciate all you are doing as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces to protect our country from those nations who wish to destroy our homes, our towns, and our families. We must maintain a strong defense, and I firmly believe your STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE (SDI) program will ensure our safety. Please don't negotiate the SDI program.

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Room 128
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Dan:

Enclosed is the list of organizations which attended our budget briefing on January 6. If you can suggest a group that would not be duplicative, I will be happy to see about getting a briefer to you.

In any case, I am anxious to explore possible cooperative efforts over the long haul with you and anyone else you might suggest. Would it be convenient if I came early to the White House meeting on January 29?

I appreciate your interest, and hope we can work something out.

Sincerely,

Douglas S. McCurrach
Captain, U.S. Navy
Director for Community Relations

Enclosure

CONFIRMED ATTENDEES
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JANUARY 6, 1987

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Air Force Association

Mr. Brian Green, Director of Legislative Research

Air Force Sergeants Association

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Fleet Reserve Association

Mr. Robert Nolan, National Executive Director

Mr. James McClung, Editor, Naval Affairs

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COL Charles Partridge, USA Ret, Legislative Counsel

National Defense Transportation Association

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Mr. Bill Foulks, Member, Procurement Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR MARI MASENG

THROUGH: LINAS KOJELISLK
FROM: MATT ZACHARIH2
SUBJECT: Weekly Wrap-up

Max Green Back-up

- Set up briefing by Max for 50 Jewish high school students from New York.
- The briefing for United Jewish Appeal on Thursday went extremely well. The Vice President stopped by and the group was very pleased.
- I attended the UJA dinner with Max on Thursday evening. Sens. Kennedy and Innouye addressed the group. We sat at the head table.
- Thursday's Oval Office photo-op with the Satmar Hassidic sect also went very well and the group was happy.
- Breakfast on Friday with Tom Moore of High Frontier (pro-SDI group) and Linas and Max. Attention needs to be refocused on SDI soon or the Administration will lose the ball. Linas, Max and I are discussing options and devising game plans. —
- Lunch with Marc Brazil of White House personnel on Friday.

Upcoming Events

- No more briefings!

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NOTE FOR MATT ZACHARI

FROM: LISA ARMSTRONG

Here's the copy of the Aerospace Daily article on the reconvening of the President's Blue Ribbon Commission on Defense Management (Packard Commission).

I called John Douglas of NSC. He says that this is an unofficial meeting just to check on the progress of implementing the recommendations of the Commission. The President requested this at the time the Commission submitted their report to him. However, Mr. Packard has been ill recently, and the meeting has been postponed until June or July. You can call John at x3975 for more information.

Hope this is useful to you.

Lisa

NASA EXECUTIVES MEET ON FUTURE SPACE GOALS

Four initiatives, including manned exploration of Mars preceded by unmanned missions, were scheduled for consideration at a closed meeting yesterday of senior NASA executives in an effort to determine the future course of the U.S. space program.

Other proposed initiatives are an expanded study of Earth systems, an enhanced program of solar system exploration and establishment of a permanent scientific base on the Moon, NASA said. It noted that the NASA Advisory Council recommended Mars exploration as the primary U.S. space goal (DAILY, March 4).

NASA said that it "is engaged in a study of goals for the space program after the space station is in place in the mid 1990s" and that yesterday's meeting "will be one of a series to determine whether a major goal should be recommended at this time and, if so, what its nature should be."

The meeting was closed because of the "predecisional nature of the discussion," NASA said. It said Neil Armstrong, Samuel C. Phillips, Jaspar Welch and John L. McLucas had been invited to attend at independent observers.

The four initiatives emerged from proposals studied by NASA's Strategic Planning Group and by a group headed by astronaut Sally Ride, the agency said.

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HUBBLE GROUND SYSTEM TESTS UNDERWAY

A three-day ground system test began Tuesday at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center of the five scientific instruments which will be carried on the Hubble space telescope.

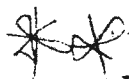
"One of the goals of this test is to carry out approximately 39 hours or 28 simulated orbits of typical HST science operation, involving all five instruments," said HST project operations manager Joseph Rothenberg. "We're commanding the instruments as if we're carrying out actual science missions. For the instruments on board the HST, the simulation will put them through the mechanics of an actual space mission."

The five instruments HST will carry are wide field and planetary camera, high resolution spectrograph, faint object spectrograph, high speed photometer and a faint object camera provided by the European Space Agency. Using a mock program, the HST Operations Control Center at Goddard is transmitting commands over telephone lines to the spacecraft, which is assembled in a clean room at Lockheed Missiles and Space Co.'s Sunnyvale, Calif., facilities.

The science data that HST acquires will be transmitted back to Goddard via satellite and then relayed to the Space Telescope Institute at John Hopkins University in Baltimore.

This is the second of three major ground system tests for the HST. Rothenberg said the first test, which took place in June last year, involved "exercising" the spacecraft and instruments for the first time. The ground system was operated for the first time and three out of the five HST instruments were operated in the same manner as if they were in orbit, and ground test data was generated, Rothenberg said. The next test, which simulates a week of space flight, is scheduled for early 1988.

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PACKARD COMMISSION TO RECONVENE BRIEFLY NEXT MONTH

The Packard Commission, which last year recommended changes in the defense acquisition process, will convene again briefly next month to see how the recommendations are faring, a former commission member said Tuesday.

Dr. William J. Perry, director of defense research and engineering in the Carter Administration, told the House Armed Services R&D subcommittee that when President Reagan accepted the commission's report, he asked commission chairman David Packard "to stand by to reconvene about a year later to see how things have gone, and such a reconvening is...being scheduled for next month."

An aide to Packard said the meeting would be held ~~April 15 and 16~~ in Washington.

Perry agreed with subcommittee staffer Tony Battista that return on investment in defense R&D could be better, but said this has been true "for a good many years...I wouldn't

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Call John Douglas x 3975 for more info

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want to pin it all on the problems of any particular administration." He said the acquisition problems have been identified and "the issue now is what progress is being made toward a solution." This, said Perry, "is precisely the issue which the Packard Commission will be revisiting next month."

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Les Aspin (D-Wis.) and ranking minority member William Dickinson (R-Ala.) stressed their concern that Richard Godwin, who fills the Packard-recommended post of under secretary for acquisition, lacks the authority to do his job. Godwin has acknowledged that he faces challenges from the service secretaries (DAILY, March 6).

Dickinson said he thought Godwin was to report directly to Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. In fact, he must first go through Deputy Defense Secretary William H. Taft IV. Perry agreed with Dickinson that this doesn't conform to the original idea. "I understood the recommendation to be that the under secretary for acquisition would report to the Secretary of Defense. The Deputy Secretary, as we understood it, would function in an alter ego role...I did not envision an intermediate step."

Perry added that one of the reasons for recommending the acquisition slot was to have "a full time person...who could make decisions subject only to" the Secretary of Defense.

Aspin asked if Perry would recommend a change in this year's authorization bill to give the post the authority it was intended to have. Perry said he wasn't in a position to call for a change, but that he was concerned. "We did make it very clear that we wanted that position to be the single point authority for acquisition in the Defense Department..." Packard himself "would say the same thing."

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EARLY DEPLOYMENT WOULD STRESS SDI POWER SYSTEM SCHEDULES

Development schedules for the Strategic Defense Initiative program's power systems would become "very tight" if the U.S. goes with early deployment, an SDI official said.

Col. George Hess, director of the SDI Organization's survivability, lethality and key technologies, didn't expand on the point but added during a hearing Tuesday of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee's energy research and development subcommittee that "Although deployment of first generation SDI systems may be possible without space reactors, second and third generation deployment schedules would require aggressive pursuit of space reactor technologies."

He said that electrical power of "unprecedented levels and characteristics" will be required by advanced space-based systems for defense against ballistic missiles.

These requirements, he added, "exceed our present experience in space-based systems by orders of magnitude...In some instances, projected requirements exceed current capabilities by two to three orders of magnitude, even in the context of ground-based experiments. In many areas, no space-qualified hardware exists at any power level."

SDI power requirements, Hess said, depend on specific architectures and projected mission requirements and "although precise numbers are still evolving," there are three categories:

- Housekeeping power at the few kilowatt to few hundred kilowatt level to maintain systems continuously for years.

- Alert mode power up to the megawatt level to attain instant battle readiness capability.

- Burst mode power, requiring hundreds of megawatts for tens to hundreds of seconds for the weapons or neutral particle beam discrimination systems presently envisioned.

Hess said that no existing systems, subsystems, components or devices "even approach the ability to satisfy these formidable requirements."

He said that the "cornerstone" of SDI power development is the SP-100 space nuclear reactor program, which is focused on developing the technology base needed to provide reliable nuclear-generated power from 10 kilowatts up to about one megawatt for civil and military space missions in the 1990s and beyond.

SP-100 is required for many of the high power sensor options under consideration for second generation systems. Coupled with an energy storage device, Hess said, it "is the only

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