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## Debbie Landis is Sun Princess

An 18-year-old Army dependent will represent White Sands Missile Range as a sun princess in El Paso's annual Sun Carnival this year.

Brown-haired Debbie Landis, a nursing student at Baylor University in Waco, Tex., returned from her freshman year at college recently to hear the news rather unexpectedly. "When I came home, I kept getting all these phone calls from photographers and people like that. I was really surprised," she said.

Attending Baylor on an Army nursing scholarship, the former first class Girl Scout, a ranking roughly equivalent to that of Eagle in Boy Scouts, has spent her life as a typical Army nomad. Miss Landis has lived in nine states and in Turkey and South Korea since her birth in Ft. Sill, Okla. in 1953.

"I love travelling. That's one reason a scholarship from the Army is good, because it's a good way to travel," she said.

The 1971 graduate of Radford High School in Honolulu, holds a 3.0 college grade point average. After completing two years of preparatory work at Baylor, she will train for her nursing career at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C., and at the University of Maryland, followed by three years as an Army nurse.

Miss Landis is the daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. C.W. Landis of 232 Polaris at WSMR. She has a sister Nancy and one brother Greg.

Miss Landis and all participating Sun Princesses of the Southwest will have a special responsibility in Sun Carnival activities this year.

Since 1970 Sun Court representatives have assisted four prominent out-of-town judges in the selection of the 1972-73 Sun Queen and two regal Ladies-in-Waiting.

The Sun Queen and attendants are chosen from the group of 17 Sun Duchesses who are sponsored by leading women's civic and service organizations in El Paso.

The identity of the new Sun Queen will not be revealed until the surprise announcement at the coronation ceremonies Dec. 30 in El Paso's new Civic Center.

The coronation program will include entertainment headlined by one of the nation's top entertainment talents.

The featured entertainer is expected to attract a capacity audience to the coronation program and ball. Advance ticket selections are expected to be at a premium, according to Sun Carnival officials.



DEBBIE LANDIS

Members of the Sons of the Sun, major sponsoring organization of Sun Carnival finances and activities, will have first choice of ticket purchases for the coronation and Sun Bowl football game.

Membership in Sons of the Sun — for \$10 a year — insures priority selection of six adult tickets for the Sun bowl football classic and substantial savings on tickets for youngsters up to 18 years old. Sun Bowl parking privileges are also included with SOS membership.

Additional SOS advantages include priority selection of tickets for the coronation program and ball and an exciting new travel attraction, qualification for participation in a club charter flight on an eight day tour of Hawaii.

Sons of the Sun memberships may be obtained from the Sun Carnival office, El Paso National Bank Bldg. Interested persons may call 533-4416 for additional information.

## A friend in need...

# Funds help former employe

by LINDA ROACH

Thirty-three-year-old Gloria Herrera made more than a few friends at White Sands Missile Range during her thirteen years as a personnel clerk here.

Proof of that came last week when coordination among Civilian Personnel Office employes, White Sands officials and the Ft. Bliss property disposal office brought a wheelchair and a hospital bed to her door.

Mrs. Herrers had worked at White Sands from the time of her high school graduation until leaving for Salinas, California, in 1970. She returned to Las Cruces in June for medical treatment for what was finally found to be a brain tumor. A convulsion just before removal of the tumor resulted in the paralysis of the left side of her body.

Mrs. Herrera's former co-

workers in the Civilian Personnel Office at the range learned of her misfortune, remembered her and decided to do more than just send flowers.

An office-wide collection engineered by Minnie Paz, a personnel clerk there and longtime friend of Mrs. Herrera, with the help of Dorothy Mullen, position classification specialist, yielded \$114.75. After much discussion, a wheelchair was purchased from a commercial firm.

Then the Ft. Bliss Property Disposal office was consulted about the possibility of purchasing a surplus hospital bed. Mrs. Herrera's mother, Mrs. Carlota Frausto, who has been caring for Mrs. Herrera during her recovery, was renting a hospital bed at that time.

Both articles purchased, transportation problems arose. The wheelchair easily fit into an automobile and was delivered to the Frausto home Sunday, Aug. 6, but the hospital bed presented a bigger problem.

At the suggestion of Gabriel Brillante, acting White Sands information officer, the range transportation office agreed to provide a truck. The bed finally reached its new owner Wednesday, Aug. 9.

Doctors in California had been treating Mrs. Herrera for continuous headaches and the inability to keep food down — symptoms of the then suspected brain tumor — for a month before she came back to Las Cruces.

"The only family she has is

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## McGuire new TECOM CSM

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — Command Sergeant Major Bobbie R. McGuire has been assigned as the top non-commissioned officer at the headquarters of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command here.

A 28-year military veteran, the sergeant major enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in June 1941. During World War II he served as a machine gun and mortar squad leader with the Second Marine Division in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

Returning to the United States in June 1944, he was assigned as an infantry in-

structor at Camp LeJeune, N.C. until April 1947 when he was discharged.

He resided in Greensboro, N.C. and was employed as a sales representative until he was recalled to active duty in September 1950. CSM McGuire was assigned to an ordnance recovery company at Ft. Knox, Ky. After becoming first sergeant of the company, he accompanied the unit overseas to Germany in 1952.

Returning to Ft. Knox in 1955, CSM McGuire was assigned to the Armor School where he remained until transferred to the Army

Language School as a student of the Russian language. Following graduation, the sergeant major was assigned as a translator-interpreter in the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion until 1958 when he transferred to the 504th Ordnance Company prior to its movement to Europe.

He spent the next three years as sergeant major of the 87th Ordnance Battalion, 47th Ordnance Group in Germany. Upon CSM McGuire's return to the United States in 1962 he served as sergeant major, First U.S. Army, Governors

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## Registration for fall school term announced here

The White Sands elementary and junior high schools will hold registration for the 1972-73 school year Thursday, August 24 in the school gym from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

First grade children registering for the first time this year must have a birth certificate and shot records. Children in grades 2 through 9 should have the last report card they received or some proof of the grade they were assigned to.

Children enrolling in the White Sands schools for the first time or those who were not in the schools during the 1971-72 school year must have an address of the school attended last year.

Range students in grades 10 through 12 will attend Mayfield High School in Las Cruces and will also register August 24. These students will board a bus at 8 a.m. in front of the elementary school building for the trip to Mayfield and will return to White Sands about 11 a.m. There will be no registration fees this year.

The new term of school will begin August 28.

## New chief of Dentistry named

Colonel C.D. Eagan, a native of Emmetsburg, Iowa, is the new chief of the Dentistry Department of McAfee Army Hospital at White Sands Missile Range.

He came to WSMR from Giessen, Germany, where he served for four years as commanding officer of a medical detachment. He succeeds Lieutenant Colonel Edward R. Schoultz, post dental surgeon here for the past three years, who is now serving in Japan.

The son of William F. Eagan of Emmetsburg, Colonel Eagan is a 1950 graduate of Emmetsburg Catholic High

School. He received his DDS degree from State University of Iowa at Iowa City in 1956.

He completed the advanced course at the U.S. Army Medical Field Service School, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., in 1964. He received a B.A. degree in history from the University of Albuquerque in 1967.

Colonel Eagan entered active duty at Ft. Sam Houston in 1956. Since then he has served as a dental officer at Aschaffenburg, Germany; at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.; in Korea, and at Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston.

From May 1964 to July 1968

he served as prosthodontist at Sandia Base. Upon departure for his assignment as commanding officer of the 563rd Medical Detachment, Medical Command, Europe, based at Giessen, he was awarded the Joint Services Commendation Medal for his exceptionally meritorious service at Sandia Base.

During 16 years as a Dental (Continued on Page 4)

## Pan-Am Fiesta planned

Plans are being completed for the annual Pan-American Fiesta in Mesilla, N.M., scheduled Sept. 8, 9 and 10.

The colorful celebration will be held in the Old Mesilla Valley.

Various committees are in charge of arrangements. The committee members include a number of White Sands Missile Range employes who live in the Mesilla area.

The concept being followed is similar to that of the world famous "La Feria de Sevilla." The committees are planning "something for everyone" each day of the fiesta.

Samuel B. Munoz, chairman of the Casetas (Booths) Committee, announced that booths will be available on all four sides of the Plaza. They will be rented to interested individuals and organizations. About 10 large casetas

(booths) will be available for commercial purposes and 26 smaller ones for private use, Mr. Munoz said. They will be rented on a first come, first served basis. The rental price will cover the space, the canvas cover and electrical power. Private casetas will rent for \$40, commercial ones for \$75. A deposit of 50 per cent of the rental is required with the balance of payment due by Aug. 26.

Commercial booths will be rented only to firms or groups desiring to sell food and drinks to the general public. Private booths will be available to clubs, church groups, associations, city or town governments and individuals.

The 1972 Pan-American Fiesta is expected to be the best ever, Mr. Munoz said. Additional information will be announced later.

## Third Mars test vehicle drops home successfully

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration reports that its Viking unmanned Mars Lander parachute deceleration system was successfully tested over the White Sands Missile Range Sunday, Aug. 13.

The test was the third balloon-launched simulated Viking entry vehicle test over WSMR this summer and was a repeat of supersonic test conditions planned for the first test.

The first Viking parachute test was conducted over WSMR July 11. The test demonstrated the capability of the parachute system at the highest speed and most severe loading conditions expected in the Martian atmosphere during the actual Mars landing planned for 1976.

In the first test, NASA reported that test conditions were exceeded and that some parachute damage occurred.

The second test of the series was conducted over WSMR July 26. This test was performed to check the parachute system at transonic conditions and at the lowest parachute loading conditions expected over Mars. Test results indicated that the system had performed completely satisfactorily in this test mode.

Sunday's test (repeat of Test No. 1) was carried by a huge helium-filled balloon from Roswell at 7:41 a.m. to an altitude of about 120,000 feet over WSMR. The test spacecraft was then separated from the balloon on radio command from WSMR Range Control at 10:25 a.m. After separation, spacecraft rocket

motors ignited boosting the test vehicle to an altitude of about 149,000 feet where the spacecraft velocity achieved test conditions in an atmospheric density simulating conditions expected over Mars. Here the parachute deployed to decelerate the simulated Viking spacecraft. The test terminated when the parachute system landed the test vehicle on WSMR at 10:53 a.m.

Preliminary analysis of quick-look data by project technical personnel indicated that all test conditions were met and that all systems

operated as planned. The parachute apparently inflated properly and physical inspection revealed no damage to the parachute. A more detailed engineering analysis of parachute and vehicle performance will be made by project officials.

The Viking Balloon Launch Decelerator Test Program is managed by the NASA Langley Research Center. The simulated entry vehicle was built by Martin Marietta Corporation, Denver Division, which also directed field test operations.

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FLOATING ONION — Viking Test Vehicle is shown ready for balloon launch at Roswell. The deceleration system was successfully tested over White Sands Missile Range on Sunday Aug. 13. A series of tests will qualify the parachute deceleration system for use on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Viking Vehicle scheduled for an actual unmanned landing on Mars in 1976. (NASA photo)



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COL C.D. Eagan



# "I want to be where my husband is."

Sergeant Jenny Preston, a medical specialist, found more than a challenging career and a chance to continue her education in the Army. She found a husband.

"There were many reasons I reenlisted. The main reason, however, was to be with my husband. He's also in the Army.

"Our chances of being together in the Army are a lot better than if I was just a dependent. We have a much richer life together. I'm looking forward to traveling together and seeing a lot more of the world.

"We're hoping to see Japan and Hawaii and I'm planning to return to the Philippines for a visit.



"My husband and I are saving as much as we can so the \$10,000 bonus was very, very nice.

"My job has been very rewarding because I'm dealing with people's lives. And what could be more important than that?"

Sergeant Preston feels the Army has given her all the things a woman needs. A richer social life, job satisfaction, a good salary, regular promotions, educational opportunities, free housing, dental and medical care.

Your Army Career Counselor has a bookful of job, duty station and training opportunities just waiting for you. Talk to him about it. He'll give you lots of other reasons for staying in.

## Why are you staying in?







**LEARNING SPANISH - THE ROMANCE LANGUAGE,** Anthony (Antonio) P. Genta, Master Planning, FE-EM, co-paisano of Sophia Loren in an indirect sort of way as Tony is an Italo-American. You see Antonio will be going to Aztec Land (Mexico City) sometime next April. Among the phrases that Antonio has learned are: Belisima senorita (beautiful lady), Que le esta haciendo which is supposed to mean (what are you doing?) and Muchas Gracias (Thank you very much). Tony, with that type of phraseology the Mexicans will welcome you with open arms!

**A MOST THOUGHTFUL LADY,** Mrs. Helen King, wife of our very good friend and co-worker John E. King, Master Planning Branch, FE-EM, who after their recent return from Shakespeare land (England), gifted us with a magnificent aqua blue brooch centered with a round turquoise and incrusting on the sides with aquamarines and turquoises. Helen we congratulate you on your fine taste in jewelry and thank you ever so much for your thoughtfulness!

**A PERSONAL NOTE TO MY COLLEAGUE, TRUDIE HAHN** ... Thank you so much for the congratulatory note to one yours truly in your column of the past issue of this newspaper. A.A.

**MR. WORK SIMPLIFICATION** - None other than dynamic, energetic and also our very good friend Jean Van Sant, CP-W, Work Measurement Division, who came down to our office last week and introduced us to her right hand man, Harry Watson, Management Analyst, who is CP-W's most recent acquisition from Tooele, Utah. To Harry we say "Welcome to our beautiful desert" and to Jean "Keep up with the Jean Van Sant's standards of simplifying what the rest of us consider complicated!"

**REFINED & FRIENDLY** - Barbara Lovas, FE-A's Supply Section summer hire, graduate from the University of Texas in Austin. Majored in Government and history. Barbara is quite an attractive young lady and an excellent worker. Proud daddy is J.K. Lovas, Recruitment & Placement, PT-C.

**HEAVYWEIGHT PEACHES** the ones that inspector of Custodial Section, Rudy Romero, FE-B raises. These peaches weigh about a pound a peach (we can justify to that as he brought us two samples that looked like extra large baseballs). Rudy claims that he has some heavier peaches hanging from the very top of his trees at home and will be bringing some out as soon as he can pick them. Rudy you don't only have a green thumb but you certainly have what it takes to grow champion peaches!

**ADAM'S RIB?** ... No we are talking about one of the twelve pairs of such bones that males are supposed to have and that Eddie Steve Pate, FE's Administration Services messenger, cracked a couple of weeks ago while diligently working. Eddie, aside from being a real good mail man, is quite a talented artist. He can draw anything from a Viking to his own personal impressions of love, birds, bees, etc. Eddie we really admire your artistic talent and hope we have not ribbed you too much. Ouch!

**THE SOUTHWEST SUN** can be dangerous in this neck of the desert, especially during the summer months and if you happen to get over exposed to it. Such is the message that attractive, green eyed, blonde Jo Ann Thompson, Production Control, FE-C, would like to pass on to all of you. You see Jo Ann and "hubby" got overly exposed to the sunshine rays and were out of circulation for about a week sometime last month. Do take care and don't try to overbrown yourselves.

**FE'S KEY MAN** - Mr. Fernando Reta, Buildings & Grounds Division, FE-B, locksmith who takes care of all FE's locks and keys, is doing a fine job as an American Legionnaire by selling floral bowls and candle holders for a scholarship fund. If you want to contribute to a worthy cause, just see Mr. Reta!

**DID YOU KNOW?** ... That if you are an E-5 or above and meet the qualifications you may be eligible to reenlist for assignment to Recruiting or Career Counseling duty in the area of your choice. For full details on the Recruiting and Career Counseling Reenlistment Options see your Unit Career Counselor or call SGT ANSELMO at 678-2769 TODAY!

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**Graduate**

**SUCCESS!** - Alex Villalobos (left), of ASL's Administrative branch, receives a certificate of high school equivalency from Alvin T. Johnson, the former's branch chief. The graduate studied at home for several weeks and then followed his initial effort with 13 weeks of formal study at the local Education center.

## Sizing up the meat

**By the Associated Press**  
Beef, lamb and mutton, broiler and turkey production is above that of a year ago, but pork and veal production is down.

Feeders report that they will send nine per cent more cattle to packers in July-September than were sold in the same period of 1971. This would be a record number slaughtered.

Broiler supplies have totaled six per cent more to date than in 1971; July-September supplies are expected to be four per cent larger than last summer.

Though turkey meat production has been 12 per cent larger than a year ago, consumption has outpaced production.

Summertime is steak time. When demand is strong and prices up, retailers sometimes try for acceptable steaks from cuts that are marketed generally as roasts. This involves the beef forequarter, the chuck. If you do not recognize the cut of meat or the name, ask the meat department personnel.

The chuck of heavy beef can

be boned and cut to a better advantage than standard blade bone and arm bone steaks permit. Some muscles of the chuck from high U.S. choice beef are very acceptable for dry heat cooking when properly cut.

Pretendered beef producers have worked for several years to develop a trade in cuts with special names. Papain from unripe papaya fruit is used as the tenderizing agent.

Papain was used by Indians of tropical America long before Columbus came. They wrapped their chicken and wild game in bruised papaya leaves overnight before cooking and added papaya fruit to their stews.

Marinate two-inch thick arm bone and blade bone, U.S. choice grade steaks several hours in your favorite marinade containing vinegar, tomato juice, or a dry wine. Grill slowly until the meat is tender, then finish off quickly at a high heat. The steak will be delicious and the money spent will be reasonable.

## 'Dope Stop' begins

A "Dope Stop - Teen Involvement Program" has been implemented by the Department of Defense to provide drug information and guidance to military dependent children in secondary schools.

The program is aimed solely at prevention and makes use of youth to educate youth.

"Dope Stop" was developed in Phoenix, Arizona, two years ago and was introduced into military dependent schools in Europe and the Far East. The success of the program prompted the Quantico Marine Corps Base, Virginia, Drug Council to send four Quantico

High School students to a two-week training symposium at Phoenix in 1971.

The teenagers - all 18 years old - were formed into two teams upon return from Phoenix and visited one of three grade school classes assigned them each week. Acceptance of the program by the grade school students of Quantico has been extremely high.

The four teen counselors have been hired by the Department of Defense and will be available from July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973.

During July and August the primary function of the group will be to describe the "Dope Stop" program to officials concerned with drug abuse in the military departments. With the beginning of the school year in September the emphasis will shift to assisting young dependent school students and military installations in establishing teen involvement programs, selecting teen counselors and training selectees.

## Complete course

Nineteen White Sands swimmers have been certified in three grades of swimming by the American Red Cross.

The group received instructions from William Barrett, volunteer water safety instructor at Holland Pool.

Those certified as advanced swimmers are Jackie Saunders, Mark Ferba, Jeff Watlington, James Spooner, Shelly Beagley and Lottie Francis. Also Sybille Wilson, Patricia Wilson, Lori Deen, John Acosta, Harry Acosta and Kurt Jones.

Receiving intermediate swimmer certification were Bonnisue Francis, James Pyland and Mike Ferba.

Beginning swimmers certified were Randy Coldjion, Karen Kay Clark, Rebecca Beagley and John Armas.



**ACHIEVEMENT** - Ralph L. Klenik, of Safeguard Systems Evaluation Agency's Data base division, recently received a certificate of achievement from Colonel Bobbie A. Griffin, SAFSEA's commander here.

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## Performance awards given

Twelve civilian employees of U.S. Army organizations at White Sands Missile Range, all residents of El Paso, have been presented performance awards through the installation's Incentive Awards Program.

Eleven of the honorees received Sustained Superior Performance awards. One received a step increase in pay awarded for quality of work performed.

Four employees of elements of National Range Operations Directorate receiving Sustained Superior Performance awards were Raymundo A. Villescias, Candido Diaz, Patricia A. Barber and Mary Helen Prosapio.

Five employed in Instrumentation Directorate who received Sustained Superior Performance awards were Arturo Borrego, Johnnie L. Dwyier, Marvin A. Brotherton, Amory D. Hale and James W. Elkins.

Ball Chin of the Instrumentation Directorate was awarded the Quality Step Increase pay award.

Also awarded Sustained Superior Performance awards were Dorothy B. Smith of Logistics Directorate and Victor M. Calderon Jr. of the Security Office.

## Dale wins

White Sands Toastmasters Club 3422 declared Dick Dale speaker of the day at its weekly Wednesday meeting at the Officers' Open Mess.

Bob Norris was Toastmaster for the meeting, at which Joe Fuller and Zeke Montes were named best evaluator and best table topics, respectively. Roger Odqm received a trophy for winning 10 speaker of the day awards.

Henry Leinbach, District 23, administrative lieutenant governor, spoke to the group about the recently-held Toastmasters International Meeting.

Scheduled speakers at the next meeting are Bill Deboy, Art Hope, Jerry Fleharty and Ted Johnson.



**FATHER AND BRIDE** - GMM1 Michael J. Younger, USN, of 310 Viking St., WSMR, escorts daughter Miceola at her recent wedding in Sierra Chapel to Thaddeus A. Bayes. The bridegroom (not shown) is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bayes, now of Germany and formerly of WSMR where Mr. Bayes was manager of the WSMR Commissary Sales Store. Officiating at the ceremony was the Rev. E. Paul Betowski, S.J., of WSMR. A reception was held at the 7-8-9 Club following the ceremony. After a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Bayes are at home in Las Cruces, where he is a student at New Mexico State University. Mrs. Bayes is employed at the WSMR Post Exchange. (Photo courtesy M.J. Younger family)

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COMMENDATION — ETR2 B.J. Acton, (right) targets division of the Naval Ordnance Missile Test Facility, here, receives a letter of commendation for meritorious service from CPT H.E. Davies, Jr., commander of NOMTF. (U.S. Navy photo)



PERFORMANCE HONORS — Mrs. Elynor Welton, Las Cruces, closed-microphone court reporter with the Staff Judge Advocate Office at White Sands Missile Range, receives Outstanding Performance and Quality Step Pay Increase awards presented by Colonel Anthony A. Movsesian, staff judge advocate. The honors for the Oklahoma native, formerly a school teacher in Oklahoma, were received through the U.S. Army Incentive Awards Program. They covered her outstanding accomplishments and job performance from July 1, 1971, through June 30, 1972. Before coming to WSMR nearly 10 years ago, Mrs. Welton was employed as a legal secretary in Roswell.

## Wives plan coffee

An informal membership coffee at 9:30 a.m., Aug. 29 will open the fall calendar for the Officers' Wives Club at White Sands Missile Range. Special guests at the event, to be held at the Officers' Open Mess, will be wives of officers recently assigned to the missile range, and new members. In keeping with the coffee's "Land of Enchantment" theme, literature about the White Sands area will be distributed.

Mrs. William D. Long, financial secretary, is chairwoman and coordinator for the coffee. Assisting her is Mrs. James N. Brantner and Mrs. Joseph Meyer, club president.

Under the direction of Mrs. John Wilson, special activities chairwoman, registrars in the main ballroom will assist those attending in signing up for activity groups being organized for this fall. These include bridge lessons, oil painting, golf, bowling, gardening, book club, yoga, gourmet cooking and a class in cake decorating.

Members also may sign a permanent reservations list for future monthly luncheons.

Mrs. John Watkins, second vice president and chairwoman of the hospitality

committee, is in charge of name tags and will be using her committee to greet guests at the coffee.

The invitations committee includes Mrs. H.K. Smith, Mrs. D.W. Dolan, Mrs. Thomas Hodgdon, Mrs. James Dillard, Mrs. James N. Brantner and Mrs. Michael Yeksavich.

The post nursery will be open for the convenience of women attending the coffee, including those living in El Paso or Las Cruces.

## Engine reaches endurance test

A 10 HP air-cooled compression ignition engine has reached the endurance test phase of development at the U.S. Army Mobility Equipment R&D Center, Ft. Belvoir, Va.

The test model is the first of a two-member family designed to have better life and reliability characteristics than comparable spark ignition engines. Before the initiation of extensive endurance testing, it had successfully demonstrated in design and experimental model phases that performance goals can be achieved.



FOR SPECIAL SERVICE — Frederick K. Walters Jr., of El Paso, an electronics technician with Instrumentation Directorate at White Sands Missile Range, receives a Special Act or Service award, accompanied by a check for \$605, from Major General Arthur H. Sweeney, commanding general of WSMR. Walters was cited for his accomplishments as project leader for installation of a two-way radio network for the White Sands Air Space Surveillance System.



READY SOON — This is how the Villa del Sol mobile home park will look when it is completed. Located in the southwest section of Las Cruces, phase one of the park is scheduled for completion Sept. 15, 1972. The entire project is to be completed by the end of 1974. The development will consist of approximately 360 mobile home sites with additional modular units. Phase one will boast

a recreational building, community section with a private kitchen available for parties, laundry facilities, swimming pool, shuffle board, volleyball court and an astro turf putting green. (Western Equities photo)

## New system for officer records announced by DA

by the Ranger's Own Service

The Department of the Army has announced changes in the officer personnel records system correcting an imbalance between the rights of the individual and the interests of the Army in the filing of adverse information.

DA Message 102141Z April, 1972 gives the following changes:

All general officers will have the prerogative to authorize an administrative reprimand to be permanently filed in the officer's efficiency files maintained at Headquarters, DA.

Article 15 proceedings will become a permanent part of the efficiency files.

The regulation on officer efficiency reporting, AR 623-105, will be changed to allow delayed information, such as

the results of investigations and surveys, not available at the time the report is written, but started during the rating period, to be added to the file.

These changes are the first of a series of actions designed to improve professionalism in the Army by promoting and selecting for favorable personnel actions only those individuals who have demonstrated sustained professional performance, DA said.

The goal is to achieve the highest standards of professionalism by giving the dedicated, selfless majority of officers and enlisted men and women a fairer chance for advancement and professional development. DA is now studying a similar system for enlisted personnel.

Guidance issued to commanders and promotion

selection boards will emphasize that the weight to be given to derogatory information will be progressively greater over an officer's career. Junior officers will be given challenging opportunities to learn and develop. This means they will be given the broadest possible latitude in their actions and not be "washed out" for minor misbehavior or honest mistakes chargeable to sincere but misguided efforts.

The changes will become effective during the 1st Qtr FY 73.

Our present officer personnel records system too often discourages or prohibits filing information concerning deficiencies and shortcomings in an officer's character or professional performance. This results in some instances

of officers of questionable suitability being considered for sensitive positions of authority and responsibility because of a lack of information.

Here's some background on the officer military personnel filing system that may help in understanding it:

There are three basic files on every officer:

1. TAG file at DA. This consists of two parts: the Personnel Folder and the Efficiency File.

2. Military Personnel Records Jacket, commonly known as the field 201 file.

3. Investigative File maintained at Fort Holabird, Maryland containing dossiers of security, military police, criminal, and other investigations made on an individual.

Administrative reprimands are placed in the 201 file and retained until the officer is reassigned. Now it is destroyed when the individual leaves the unit. Under the new system, a general officer may decide the case is serious enough to send to Efficiency File at DA.

## Save PX privilege

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has reminded patrons that abuse of exchange privileges could well mean the end of such benefits.

An AAFES spokesman pointed out such unauthorized

practices as buying exchange merchandise for friends, relatives or neighbors not associated with the military — other than as gifts — could swiftly result in termination of an individual privilege.

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