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## DESERT STORM VET TAKES COMMAND

Colonel Robert L. VanAntwerp assumed command of the Corps' Los Angeles District at 10 a.m., July 1.

Several hundred district employees, military officials and community leaders watched VanAntwerp receive the district's colors during change of command ceremonies on Roybal Plaza.

VanAntwerp, a Desert Storm veteran, was promoted to colonel after completing his studies at the Army War College earlier this month. The new district engineer is a West Point graduate and holds master's degrees in mechanical engineering and business administration.

Colonel Charles S. Thomas, a Van Nuys native who has commanded the district since 1989, has been reassigned to the Army's Engineer Center in Missouri, where he will serve as chief of staff.

In his new position here, VanAntwerp is responsible for developing and managing federal water projects for flood control, navigation or other purposes across parts of four southwestern states. He is also responsible for major military construction activities in the area.

VanAntwerp is the district's forty-fifth commander since it was established by Capt. J.J. Meyler in 1898. Among the district's early achievements was the construction of the Los Angeles Harbor, which remains the largest manmade harbor in the world.

The new commander began his military career in 1972. He's held a number of command and staff assignments with combat engineer units, including the 326th Engineer Battalion, which he commanded in the Persian Gulf. He's also served as the executive to the commander in the office of the chief of engineers in Washington. VanAntwerp and his wife Paula have five children, and he serves as the national president of the Officer's Christian Fellowship.



**New Era.** A large audience was on hand to witness history in the making as Col. Thomas (r.) looks on while Gen. Yankoupe presents L.A. District Colors to Col. VanAntwerp. (photo by Doug Hawthorne) more coverage on page 3 and back page

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## Commander's Corner

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## Speaking of Eagles

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To join you in the Los Angeles District is a dream come true for me and my family. I thank all of you for the extremely warm welcome and for the many hours of hard work that went into the change of command ceremony. To everyone who had a part in it -- well done!

When I spoke of the characteristics of the eagle during my speech, it was no mistake that I mentioned family first. Serving the Lord, my immediate family and my district family are at the top of my priority list. I look forward to having you meet my wife, Paula, and our five

children, and they look forward to meeting you. The eagle mates for life and takes care of its own. I pray that caring for each other will be the action that describes our time together.

In my first weeks I have seen many eagles: Exemplary in flight and profession, acute and forward-looking in vision, persevering and diligent in action. I have seen and know how you fly in the storm -- straight, true, and seemingly effortless. You are truly an "Eagle District."

I look forward to getting to know each of you. I love this work because of the people. My daily prayer

for you and this district is that we care for one another, encourage each other, and serve God and country with our whole heart. The rest will take care of itself.

To you I promise the best I have to give. I know you will give the same in return. I am committed to your success.

## a word from the editor..

Being fairly new to this particular area of government service, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all of you who have made me to feel welcome and comfortable as I settle into my task of creating for you folks a world class publication (well, at least one that you'll read before setting your coffee cup down on it). Additionally, allow me extend an invitation to anyone who'd like to contribute an article or cartoon or, at least until I get tuned in, a "411" type column. Ring me at extension 5320 or drop by the Public Affairs Office (room 6120) and let's talk about it. Just for the record, there are some of you out there who've already promised me some material and I just want you to know that I haven't forgotten, and if I don't get something by next issue I might name names! Finally, I'll use this space to thank some very special people who have made the PAO mission a lot



easier than it might have been otherwise, particularly our former editor Jim (Joe Smith) Wittmeyer, who in the short time I was privileged to work with him, imparted to me so much valuable guidance and wisdom, all the folks in LMO, Supply, Graphics, Reproduction and Customer Service, by whose grace the production of this publication has been seriously upgraded ('yo, Andrew!). Thanks to one and all.

PAO welcomes Jim Myrtetus of Public Information to our fold where he'll be lending his invaluable knowledge and expertise. Hope you enjoy!  
Doug

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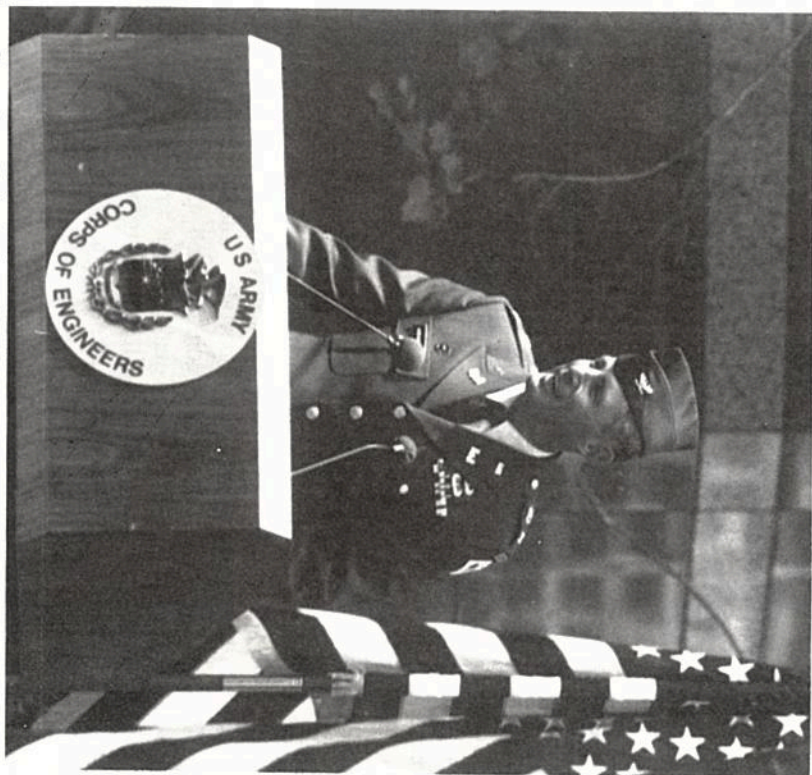
## District Contractor Wins Safety Performance Award

Before his recent retirement, Lieutenant General Hatch announced that the C&W Diving Services Inc. has been selected to receive the Chief of Engineers contractor Award for Safe Performance during fiscal year 1991. The firm, which is located in National City, CA., completed repair and rehabilitation of the Alamo Dam outlet gate located at Alamo Dam, Arizona with no lost-time accidents. In his commendation to the contractor, LTG Hatch stated that their "excellent safety record on this project is a direct result of your aggressive administrative approach to safety, your effective utilization of the project accident prevention plan, activity hazard analysis, and the efforts of your safety-oriented team members".

This spectacular achievement was also acknowledged in letters of commendation from USACE South Pacific Division Commander BG Yankoupe as well as James A. Gibson, Chief, Safety and Occupational Health Office in Washington, D.C.

We'd like to add our congratulations to C&W Diving Services, Inc. and hope that their example of excellence will inspire a heightened sense of safety conscientiousness throughout the L.A. District.

## L.A. District Is Saddened By Loss



**Maiden Speech.** Col. Robert L. VanAntwerp Jr. addresses his troops and civilians immediately after receiving his command, which is better known as: USACE photo

## Southern California Indian Center, Inc. Posts Calendar Of Events

September 4, 5, 6

Orange International State Fair at the  
Circle Chapman and Glassell  
Orange, CA.  
Arts & Crafts and international  
foods. For more info: SCIC/Carson  
(310) 329-9595

September 11, 12, 13

3rd Annual Sycuan Pow Wow  
Sycuan Reservation, CA  
For more info: (619) 445-2613

September 12 & 13

San Jose Summer Festival  
Pow Wow,

September 4, 5, 6

Pacific Coast Indian Club's  
92nd Annual Pow Wow

For info: (408) 971-9622

## Around the Corner

### Searls Celebrate 50th Anniversary, Some are Shaken in Quake

by Jessica E. Jacobs

Here it is July! Let's bring ourselves up to date.

The name of our 50th wedding anniversary couple is Ron and Dorothy Searls. Ron was chief of navigation before Chuck. Congratulations and we all wish you many more happy ones. How was the trip down the rapids?

Desert Hot Springs has had its shaking up since April.

At the time of the June 28 quake we were visiting Lillian K.J. Ramsey in Las Vegas, and we rolled with the waves. Spent a lovely week with Lillian...it's been a long time. She looks great and loves Vegas. She always did. Trying to get her to visit the desert...but you know she hates to drive the freeways.

#### Remember NARFE Convention

While I was in Vegas I spoke to Emma Smith-Scott of F & A Branch. She was just home from the hospital. Here's hoping everyone will be well when we come down in September for the National NARFE Convention at the Sahara, Sep. 13-17.

#### Gray's back from Malta

Larry and Catherine Gray returned from their trip to Malta and that area just in time for the waves and shakes. They are now back in Laguna. They also called to see if we were still going. Bob Land called after both quakes to see how we were. Thanks. All retirees try to join us for a cup of java at the hotel.

Before closing, it is with sadness that

we convey our sympathy to the Tharalson family on the passing of Earl. We'll miss him. Also, Gertrude Barela writes to inform us that her husband David A. Barela passed away on April 29th of this year. David came to the Corps in 1952 from the Bureau of Reclamation in Fresno and retired on 7-7-77. Our most heartfelt regards to his family, friends and as he was an avid golfer, his golfing buddies as well. This just in, Lillian Ramsey wrote to say that Emma Smith-Scott, whom I mentioned earlier in this column has passed also. Our most sincere regrets and sympathy to Jack. Retirees please send your news in! I'm running out of items. The address is 11400 Verbena Road, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240. You can also reach me at (619) 329-0096.

### L.A. District: Making It Happen

by joe smith

Some folks make things happen. Some have things happen to them. And some are left standing around asking "what happened?"

Looking back over the past three years, I'd say that L.A. District folks are in that first group. People here make things happen.

For example: our district has put together the largest flood control project in the Corps, along the Santa Ana River. We've built more than 500 new homes for our soldiers at Fort Irwin. And we've responded to earthquakes, floods and civil disturbances quickly and professionally. The list, of course, could be a lot longer.

These big accomplishments of the district are built from the personal accomplishments of its people. The hard-won little successes each of us achieve are the brick and mortar, the bits and pieces, of the bigger picture. That's the reason I'm so proud of our progress in providing opportunities to

young people, especially those who are members of minority groups. We've created thirty new intern or co-op positions over the past three years, with 26 of them filled by minority group Americans. I look at this as laying the foundation for the big accomplishments of the future.

For the present, more of us than ever before are making our contribution through professional conferences, meetings and advanced schooling. Our technical expertise in coastal engineering, environmental planning, hydraulics, geotechnical engineering, and construction contracting is sought out by professional groups at both the regional and national levels. Membership in the Society of American Military Engineers is up.

Since it's hard to make almost anything happen these days without computers, it's also good news to reflect that we've tripled the number of computer work stations in the district. At the same time, as our use of information technology has become more sophisticated, we've established new communications networks, found new ways to control costs, and

uncovered and eliminated much of our administrative backlog.

These are the products of individual effort and personal commitment, the bits and pieces that build the big, much-heralded accomplishment.

I've said before that our district, more than others, finds itself leading the way in so many areas that are of interest at Corps headquarters and in the community. I can't tell you how many times, during a briefing in Washington or elsewhere, I've smiled and said to myself that "we're right in the middle of this issue" or "we're already on top of that problem." The L.A. District really is a great place to work.

Great, because you've each made it happen. And great to leave, knowing that you will continue to make it happen.

From me and from my family -- Sally, Rob, Jeff -- our thanks. And for one last time in this space: ESSAYONS!



**CORPS' AIR FERRY WAS LINK TO VICTORY**

by Dr. Anthony Turhollow  
L.A. District Historian

In the August 1991 issue of Engineer Update, OCE historian Charles Hendricks relates that "the Corps of Engineers little-heralded Atlantic air base construction work during World War II helped to secure the Western Hemisphere from attack and to carry air power to the enemy."

Just as this "Atlantic Air-Bridge" contributed to countering the threat of Germany to the security of the United States, similarly an air ferry for the Pacific was necessary to meet the challenge of Japan, whose government, dominated by the military, aimed at Japanese domination of all East Asia and the islands of the Pacific, including the Philippines, to whose defense the United States was committed.

In the fall of 1941 a new route in the Pacific was required to ferry heavy bombers from the United States to the Philippines. The existing ferry route to the Philippines utilized Midway, Wake, and Guam and was exposed to possible attack from Japanese mandate islands. Therefore, the United States decided to construct a more secure route through the islands of the South Pacific and Australia. On Oct. 4, 1941 the War Department ordered Lt.Gen. Walter C. Short, commander of the Hawaiian Department, to begin work on airfields in the South Pacific and to complete them as soon as possible: "In terms of weeks and not years."

**New island-hopping route**

After conferences with his staff and Rear Admiral Claude C. Block, commandant of the 14th Naval District in Hawaii, General Short determined the path of the route through Christmas and Canton Islands, Fiji, New Caledonia, and in Australia at Townsville or Rockhampton and Darwin, as well as Fort Stotsenburg (Clark Field) in the Philippines.

**DO YOU KNOW?**  
.....about the Corps' work  
in American history

by Bill Fleming Los Angeles District



General Short and his chief engineer, Major General Eugene Reybold, delegated the construction of the necessary airfields, the supply of the island bases with equipment and personnel, and subsistence for working forces to the Honolulu District of the Corps' South Pacific Division.

This ferry route project exposed the Army Engineers to more new tasks than they had ever envisioned previously: the Engineers dealt with both de jure and de facto governments, chartered vessels, and labored on foreign soil with prospects of attack by enemy bombers. In the 1930s the Engineers had constructed a seaplane harbor at Midway for clipper craft, but in 1941 they

built coral runways for land-based aircraft. Technological advances in aircraft called for new engineering skills on the part of the Engineers.

On October 15 the Honolulu district engineer, Lt.Col. Theodore Wyman, Jr., began the enormous task of developing the new air ferry route to Australia and the Philippines across thousands of miles of ocean. However, before the end of October the War Department reassigned development of air bases west

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of the Solomon Islands to U.S. Armed Forces in the Far East, while leaving to the Hawaiian Department the responsibility for construction of the rest of the route. For the Honolulu District the immediate task then called for constructing airfields at Christmas Island in the Line group, Canton in the Phoenix Islands, Viti Levu in the Fiji's, and Noumea in New Caledonia. To obtain architect engineering services in connection with the route, the Honolulu District signed a cost-plus contract with Sverdrup and Parcel of St. Louis. Leif J. Sverdrup served as the personal representative of the Honolulu District engineer on the South Pacific islands for the project.

After Pearl Harbor Sverdrup -- a talented structural engineer blessed with management skills -- was commissioned a colonel and served under Major General Hugh J. Casey, General Douglas MacArthur's chief engineer in the Southwest Pacific Theater. By the end of the war, in recognition of his service as an outstanding engineer, Sverdrup would rise to the rank of major general himself. In the meantime, in November, he concentrated on the air ferry route.

On Canton the Hawaiian Constructors

under contract began work aided by a few troops, while four officers and 145 men of the 804th Engineer Aviation Battalion and 70 civilians commenced

work on an airfield on Christmas Island. However, the Japanese air raid on Pearl Harbor thoroughly scrambled the plans for airfield construction. Japanese advances threatened the South Pacific line of communication.

Tongatabu in the Tonga Islands, then a protectorate of Great Britain.

**Canton evacuated**

Japanese success in the Pacific caused General Short to evacuate the civilians from Canton and to transfer them to New Caledonia, where they arrived on New Year's Eve after undergoing severe hardships. Nevertheless, on Dec. 23, 1941 a landing strip 5,000 feet long and 200 feet wide was completed and three B-17s landed on the strip on Jan. 5, 1942. Eventually, Canton became a major air base with three coral runways, one 9000 feet long. Similar progress occurred on Christmas Island where a B-17 landed the day before the air strip was completed, Jan. 22, 1942.

Caledonia.

Less than three months after construction began, the first flight of B-17 bombers flew the route from Hawaii to Australia, reaching Townsville on Jan. 12, 1942, three days before the deadline set by General Short.

In his farewell letter at the time of concluding his tour in March 1942, Colonel Wyman, in referring to airport construction, stated, "this is the greatest construction achievement of the Hawaiian Department either before or since the enemy attack on Pearl Harbor." For meritorious service in directing emergency construction at isolated islands in the South Pacific "under extremely difficult conditions of supply and construction," Wyman received the Distinguished Service Medal.

However, fearing similar Japanese attacks as at Pearl Harbor and the possible capture of Fiji, New Caledonia, and other islands in the new air ferry route Washington ordered the establishment of a route further south. After reconnaissance by Leif Sverdrup, representing the Honolulu District, the Army Engineers constructed air bases at Penrhyn, Aitutaki, and Tongatabu which joined the airfields at Christmas and Norfolk Islands with one near Sydney, Australia. This new route became operational by the end of 1942.

#### Sverdrup in Fiji

For Fiji, Sverdrup negotiated an

informal agreement with the New Zealand Prime Minister. Though Fiji was a crown colony of the British Empire, the islands were controlled by military forces of New Zealand. Army Engineers constructed the necessary

runways on coral islands.

Among the valuable experiences learned by Army Engineers was how to build runways on coral islands.

#### Lesson learned

### District Linksters Swing Into August

July winners at Woodley were:

Flight	A	B	C
1st	D. Sulzer	B. Moore	R. Conner
2nd	S. Davis	R. Kobashigawa	D. Bulick
Lst Pt (?)	H. Watson	W. Packer	S. Vaughn
3rd	P. Berger	L. Jauman	F. Hubel
4th	G. Beams	C. Workman	
5th		P. Snipes	

Low Gross - G. Beams (78)

Match Play Results:

- D. Sulzer - B. Moore - EVEN (replay)
- S. Davis - C. Workman - EVEN (replay)
- D. Bulick over A. Shak - Plus 2

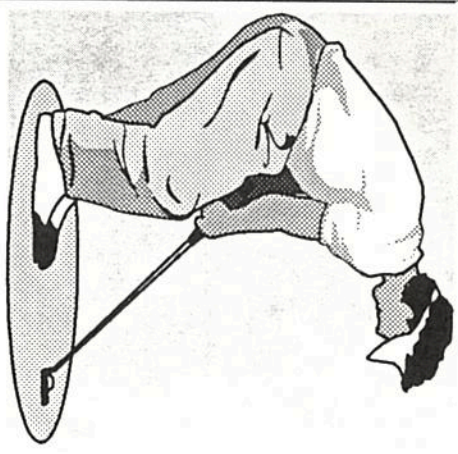
Players staying on # 12: (we have 11 caps & 3 towels)

B. Rathbun	D. Bulick	R. Conner
B. Moore	A. Shak	L. Thompson
D. Sulzer	C. Holt	P. Berger
C. Workman	G. Beams	P. Snipes
S. Davis	M. Chang	M. Cunningham

Secretary /Treasurer Jack H Hughes reports that it wasn't a bad day, a little overcast but all in all, good golfing weather which inspired most to shoot pretty well . Scores ranged from the 70's (one player), 80's (7 players), 90's (12 players) and everyone else played too.

The next tournament will be held at the Monebello Country Club on Saturday , August 8th with a Tee-off time of 11:00a.m (hope we're published by then) . Early arrival is suggested.

Hank Watson surveyed the situation up in Fresno regarding the Division-Wide Tournament Course and Motels. He says it's 22 miles from Fresno between the beet fields. Keep NEWSCASTLE posted on the results and if someone shoots photos, get us some - OK?



### Cross-Trainers Announces Upcoming Events

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	FEE

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"Do You Know?"

Engineers played a key role. In both the South Pacific and Southwest Pacific Theaters, service engineers did not come in behind combat forces but accompanied them to begin the building of airfields and bases. One agrees with the observation in the historical work, The Corps of Engineers: The War Against Japan, which states "It was becoming increasingly clear that the rapidity of the advance in the two theaters in large measure depended on the speed with which the engineers could build bases and airfields." The air ferry route also contributed significantly to the buildup of military strength for the successful offensives in those theaters.

### Corps Helps To Prevent Stoning From Hell

In a cooperative effort, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were recently involved in securing a 12-ton boulder that had been shaken loose the recent earthquakes and perched precariously over a Riverside County home.

USACE officials were at first reluctant to give it a shot for fear that it would come crashing down and demolish the Morongo Valley dwelling. However, "we went on out there and secured the boulder in place and prevented it from tumbling onto the property," said Tom Mitchell, USACE Natural Disasters Manager.



### LMO Update: New Control Form Now Available

We have received the new ENG Form 4900-R "Property Control Receipt. The ENG Form dated Jun 87 is now obsolete and may no longer be used. To obtain new forms, contact Forms Management personnel in IMO, X1245.

No accountable property may be removed or transferred between Hand Receipt holders without first completing this form and forwarding it to the Property Section. If any property is lost or discovered missing, notify Security and Property



**Picnic '92 Was A Real Blast**

by GERALYNN NOAH

Did everyone have fun at this year's Employee Picnic? YES!!! Did you enjoy the Magic, the Wild & Crazy Bingo Show, Music Trivia & Stunts, the Super Simon Says and Bucket Brigade, Picnic Olympic Relay Races, Water Balloon Toss, Moon Bounces, Tot Lot and Hula Hoop Contest? Whewww. YES!!! We... all the fun and entertainment would not have been possible if not for the efforts of some very special people.

Ladies luncheon . Ms. Racuel Cristina-Maria Flennough enjoys a luncheon engagement with her good friend Ms. Erin Breanne Noah. Marta Flennough of Environmental Support Section, is Racuel's dotting grandmother. Breanne is the daughter of GERALYNN NOAH of the Public Involvement Office, and Mike Noah, who recently deserted the Corps.

huge success!; Chris Shepard who M.C.'d ; Judges Mark Harvey, Charlotte Morris and Danny Carrasco (one of you needs to return the Gong to Terry); Dan Sulzer, Softball chairman, it was a great idea to have professional umpires this time, everyone seemed pleased; Misty Espinoza and Norma Luzano, Raffle Chair, there were some great prizes this year and the best part was that they were all donated; Bob Stuart (and again) Dave Compas, Tennis Chairmen, I heard the competition was fierce; Rick Garrison, 5K Chairman, many thanks for setting up the race course, since you were unable to compete this year, that cleared the field for COL. Thomas to take 2nd

many people who helped out on picnic day, watching the kids in the Moon Bounces, working the First Aid Table (no accidents to report), Beverage, Ticket and Souvenir Sales Booths. And finally, my own personal thanks to Lety Zarate and Jim Myrtetus for assisting all the above with their tasks while keeping the Public Involvement Office functioning day to day.

To those Businesses and Persons who donated goods to our Raffle, a special Thanks For Caring! -- Lonnie Smith at Alamitos Sporting Goods, Ron Lockmann (Environmental Planning), Disneyland's Magic Kingdom, Six Flags Magic Mountain, Universal Studios Hollywood,



On behalf of Bob Joe, Chief, Planning Division and myself, we

place overall; Ed Louie, Bowling Chairman, (Ed, is it Ok to chair

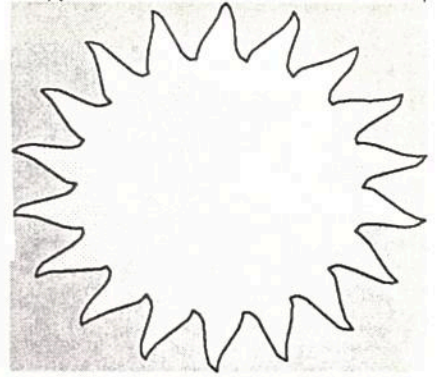
Sharon Clarke and Associates, The Cross Trainers Club & Doflower

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# PICNIC '92

Done To A Turn. Chef Jacob Young, of Drafting Section, makes everything taste better.





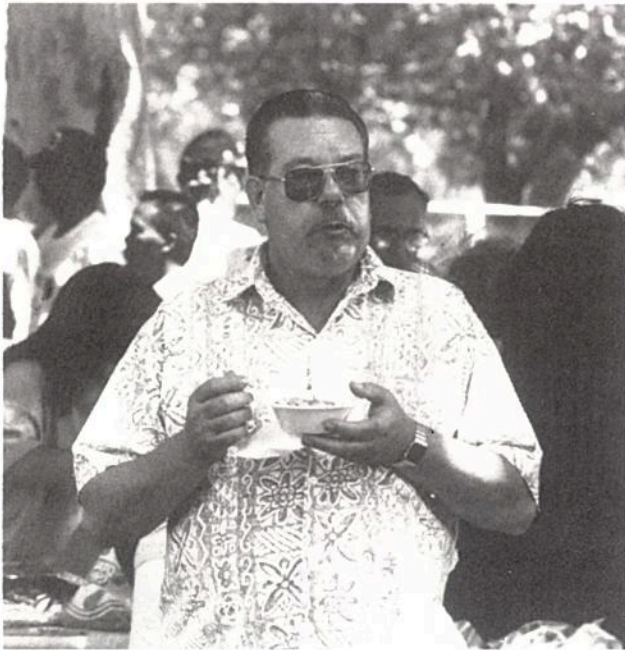
**Uneasy lies the head...** Maryann Keever wears a crown that might burst. Her husband, John (right, in a wet shirt), is Resident Engineer at March AFB. He and sons John (left) and Sean support Mom from afar.

**Ever watchful.** Kim Eashoo, friend of computer genius Andrew Mouser, (r) joins Andrew and Ron Cates, Chief of Customer Assistance Branch, in watching picnic fun.





**First Prize.** The sack race provides the hands-down winner of the dumbest photo contest. If you can name all six racers, you might not want to tell anyone.



**Connoisseur.** Bob Eastman, of Application Section, knows that picnics are not just for games; eating is important, too!

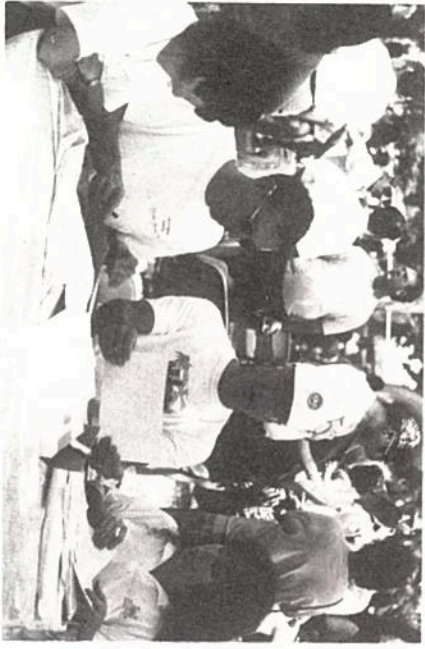


**Shades & Shades.** Shelah Moore, of Programs and Project Management Division and son Richard (l.) are caught by the camera while "cold chillin'" and digging the festivities.

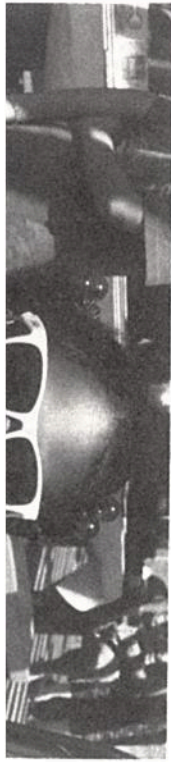
Keep your eye on the balloon. Lety Zarate, of Public Involvement, and Dan Young, assistant chief of Planning Division, keep water "balls in the air".



**Autograph session.** COL. Charles S. Thomas signs award certificates for employees during his last picnic appearance with the LA District. Helping him are Picnic Chairman Chuck Workman, chief of Water Resources Branch, and Gerilyn Noah, of Public Involvement, who did (almost) all the work of putting on the picnic. The gentleman holding a cup between Thomas and Workman is Harvey Sherman, of Survey Section.

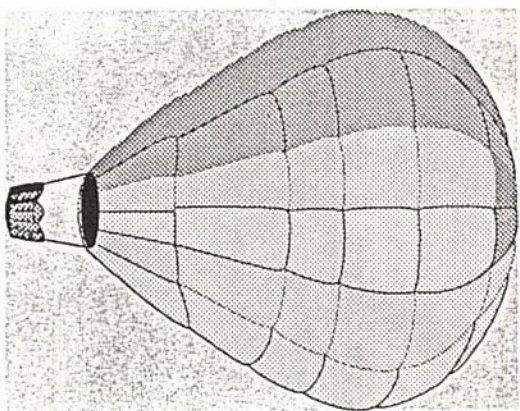


Shining through. Even





Keeping cool.  
Jackie Russell, of  
Emergency  
Management Branch  
and Hank Watson, of  
Transport and  
Facilities Branch,  
find some shade,  
unnoticed by Bob  
Koplin (l.), chief of  
Engineering  
Division.





**Corps Family.** Mike Sanchez, Human Resources whiz, smiles for the camera, while wife, Martha, of Operations Branch, leans over their son, Michael.

**Merry Minnie.** A big smile crosses the face of Human Resources' Minerva Bolivar, seen with Mike Lopez, of Santa Ana River Branch.



## Picnic Winners Roundup

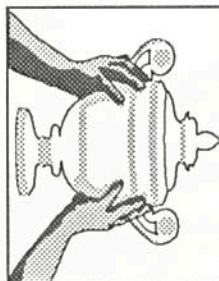
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### Raffle Grandprize Winners:

Mary Moore  
Mary Ann Powers  
Lawrence Guzman

Con-ops Div.  
Contract Compliance  
General Public

Weekend in San Francisco  
Theatre Weekend in L.A.  
Weekend in San Diego



### Early Bird Drawing:

John Redfern

Policy & Planning

Weekend in Big Bear

### Top Raffle Ticket Sellers:

1st Place \$293.00  
2nd Place \$245.00  
3rd Place \$130.00

Misty Espinoza  
Geraldyn Noah  
Ley Zarate

Environmental Support  
Public Involvement  
Public Involvement

### Bake-off Cookies:

1st Place  
2nd Place  
3rd Place

Olivia Mangini  
Michele Padilla  
Ley Zarate

Planning Division  
Baseyard  
Public Involvement

### Bake-off Pies:

1st Place  
2nd Place  
3rd Place (tie)

Larry Gustafson  
Jill Zoiss  
Debbie Lamb  
Roman Caturegli

LMO Supply  
Water Resources B  
Environmental Design  
LMO Supply

### Bake-off Cakes:

1st Place  
2nd Place  
3rd Place

Carla Pablos  
Olivia Mangini  
Sandra Estrada

Baseyard  
Planning Division  
Economics

### Gong Show:

1st Place  
2nd Place  
3rd Place

Cheryl Murphy  
Larry Thorne  
Keith Miller

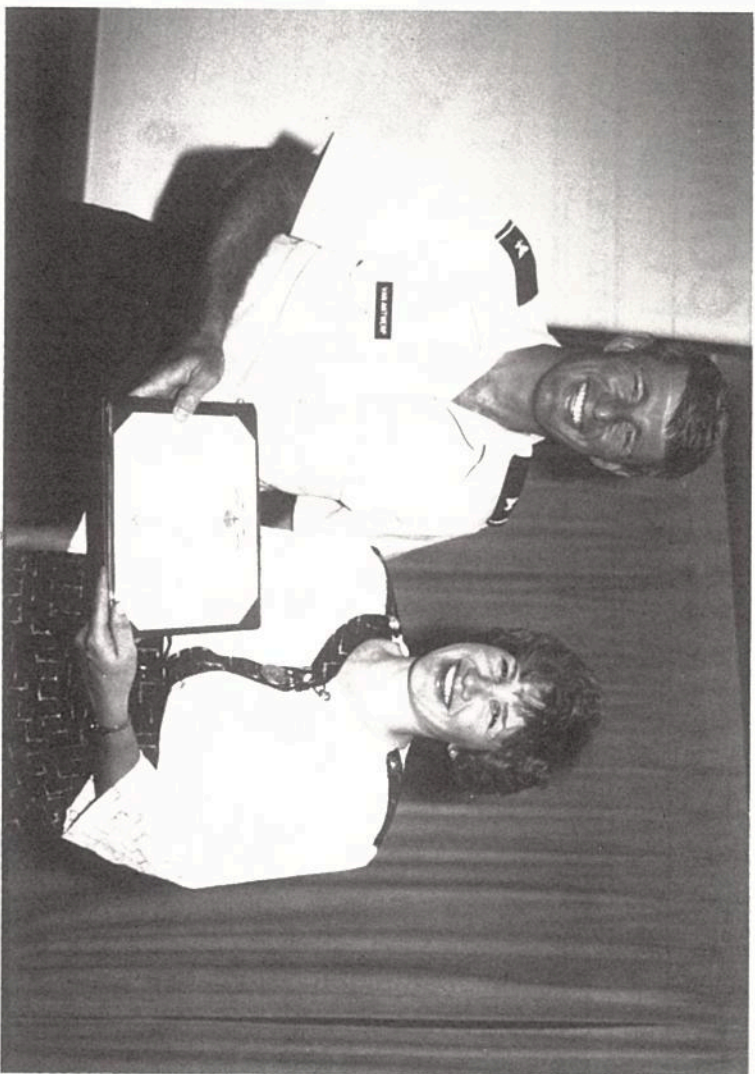
GSA  
IRS  
Mail Distribution

### Bowling:

1st Place

Ed Louie

Environmental Support



**Major Mom.** COL. Robert L. VanAntwerp Jr. enjoys one of his first duties, awarding the Meritorious Service Medal to MAJ. Susan R. Meyers, who, all-at-once got promoted, had a baby (the lovely Amelia), then abandoned us. She joined "Major Dad" Meyers for their new assignment at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. The L.A. District will miss her and wishes the best to the Meyers family. (photo by Doug Hawthorne)

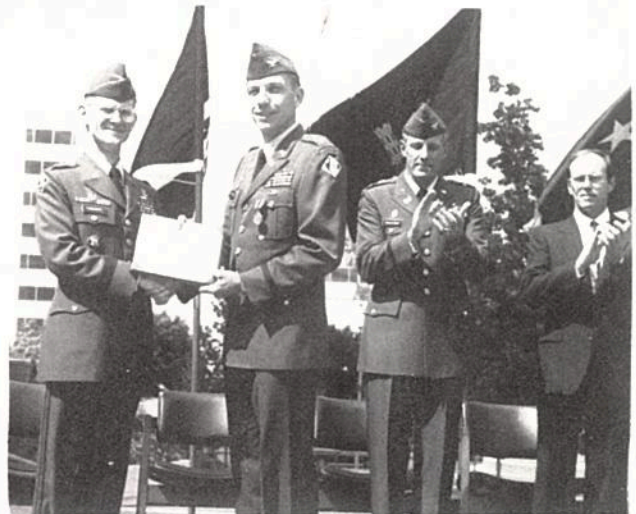
### Two At Baseyard Make Strong Gains, Innovation----Graduation



# DISTRICT WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER



**Welcome to L.A.** COL. Robert L. VanAntwerp Jr. is greeted warmly by Liz Miller of Programs Execution Section as Karen Warren, of Installation Support Section, Jim Hutchinson, of South Section, and engineering intern Darrell Buxton wait to warm up the welcome some more.



**Pinned.** BG Roger F. Yankoupe congratulates outgoing COL. Charles S. Thomas and presents him with the Legion of Merit Medal and Certificate, drawing applause from COL. Robert L. VanAntwerp Jr. and Programs and Project Management Chief Brian M. Moore. COL. Thomas has gone on to bigger and better things at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO where the Corps molds engineers into soldiers and soldiers into engineers.

photos by Doug Hawthorne



**The band played on.** The day's musical duties were capably handled by the L.A. Police Department Band, which served up a crisp and stirring repertoire of tunes that proved worthy of such a momentous occasion.

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