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A F Technician Honored

Controller Register Opens

Cover Story

William "Nick" Heineck, radar technician at the Long Beach Airway Facilities Field Office (AFSFO) has been recognized by the California Highway Patrol for his courage in assisting a police officer in trouble. Nick was also recently responsible for extinguishing a building fire which, within minutes, would have destroyed the million dollar VORTAC near San Diego at Julian.

Nick was awarded the California Highway Patrol Certificate of Commendation for aiding Police Officer Skip Conway on the night of March 24, 1982. Presentation was made by Captain H. S. "Bud" Reeves, Commander of the California Highway Patrol, Westminster Area.

The CHP citation reads as follows:

"This award is presented in recognition of your actions on March 24, 1982. While traveling southbound on I-405 near Beach Boulevard, you observed an officer struggling with a suspect in the center divider on the northbound side. You used your citizen's band radio to call for help, then returned to the scene where the suspect was then on top of the officer choking him. Without hesitation, you pulled the suspect off the officer, demonstrating a great deal of courage. You are commended for your outstanding heroic act."

Needless to say, the FAA is extremely proud of Nick Heineck, Technician-in-Depth at Long Beach AF Sector Field Office!

Cover photo: From left-- Capt. H. S. "Bud" Reeves; California Highway Patrol Officer Skip Conway; Susan Heineck (Nick's wife); Nick Heineck; and Hank Robeson, Technical Support Unit Manager, San Diego AF Sector.

The register for air traffic control specialists will reopen Nov. 8, with applications for positions at GS-7 and GS-9 in towers and centers being accepted through Nov. 30. Moreover, as a result of the recent OPM concurrence on an FAA request, applications from individuals between ages 31 and 35 with prior experience in certain air traffic control or air traffic control related functions will be accepted.

Applicants without this experience must be under 31 at the time of appointment. All applicants must meet experience and/or education requirements and pass a written test as well as a rigid physical examination before appointment. Job announcements, application forms, and a list of test locations are available from the nearest Office of Personnel Management Federal Job Information Center after Nov. 7. Information will also be available on a toll free number: 800-368-5884. In the Western-Pacific Region, interested persons may contact the following designated FAA offices:

Regional Personnel Office -
213/536-6307.

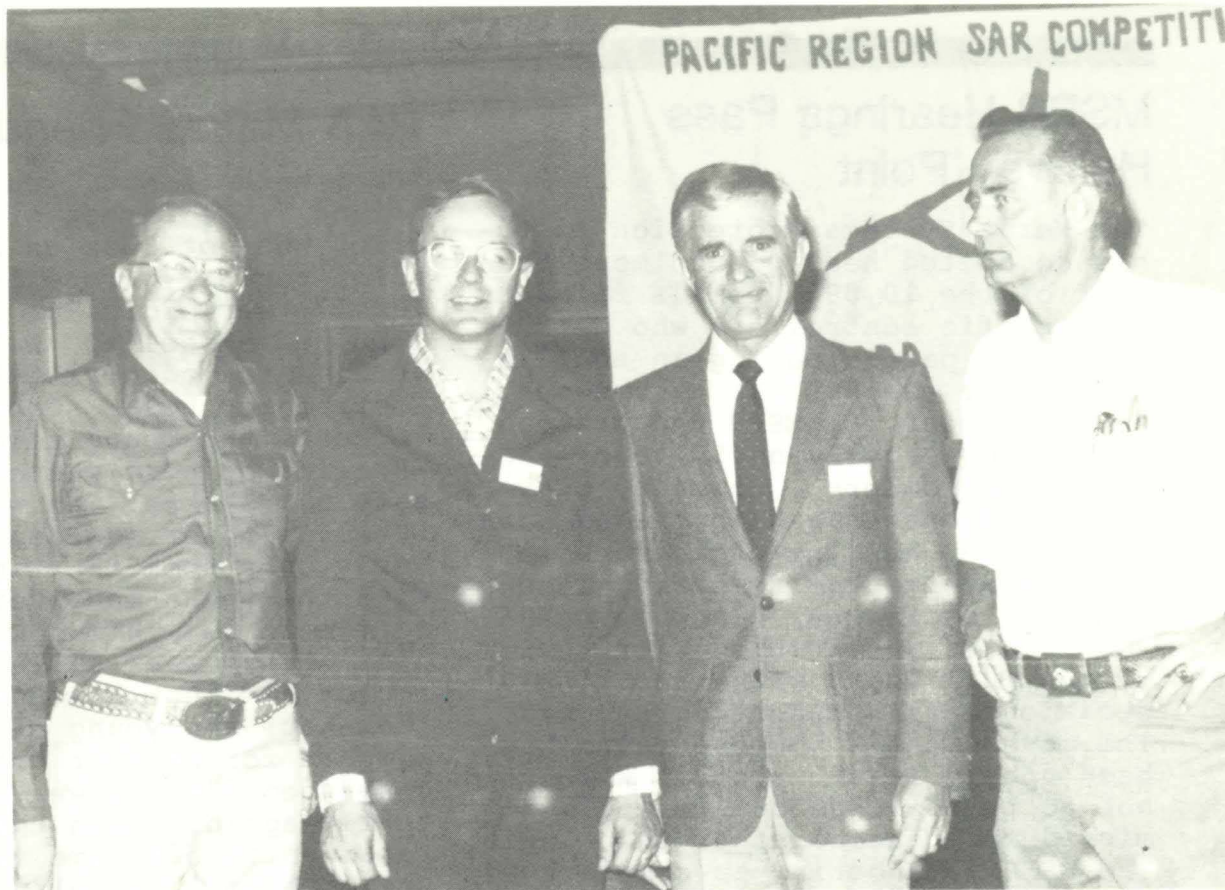
Oakland - Evelyn Crawford,
425/797-3200, ext. 313.

Palmdale - Judy Barden,
805/947-4101, ext. 215.

Honolulu - Rose Song, 808/734-6642.

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FAA'ER
WINS TOP
HONORS IN
CIVIL AIR
PATROL
COMPETITION



Stu Meriwether, Air Traffic Representative at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, recently won three top awards at the Civil Air Patrol Pacific Region Search and Rescue (SAR) competition held at Truckee-Tahoe Airport. (The CAP is the volunteer, civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.)

Flying an O-2 Birdog (L-19), Stu and his crewmember, Capt. Cecil Jones of Nellis AFB won Best Overall SAR crew with a total of 1201 points. They also won Best Visual Search Crew category. Total combined points of the two Nevada crews garnered them Best Overall Wing (state) performance.

The competition, SIERRA HAWK 82, was the first held in the Civil Air Patrol Pacific Region, which includes California, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Hawaii and Alaska. Two crews participated from each state flying various aircraft such as the Cessna O-1 Birdog, Cessna 182 or Cessna T-41 (C-172). Each crew flew the same series of problems which tested their abilities and skill in accurate flight planning, pinpoint navigation, visual and electronic search, crash site location and rescue, aircrew appearance and professionalism.

In the competition, the California Wing (San Gabriel Squadron) won the Best Electronic Search Aircrew Award, the Most Professional Appearing Aircrew Award and the Best Competing Aircraft Award.

In his spare time, Stu serves as the deputy commander of the Clark County Composite Squadron in Las Vegas, where he lives with his wife Barbara and their two sons. In the past three years, Barbara was credited with nine actual Finds (aircraft or Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELT) and two Saves (survivors).

Naturally the FAA family is extremely proud of the Meriwethers.

Above photo: From left--Col. Bobbie Girard, CAP Pacific Region Commander; Capt. Cecil Jones, Clark County Composite Squadron; Stuart Meriwether; and Col. Brad Sharp, CAP Nevada Wing Commander.

MSPB Hearings Pass Halfway Point

The Merit Systems Protection Board has completed hearings on more than half of the 10,898 appeals filed by air traffic controllers who were fired for participating in an illegal strike against the government. As of October 18, MSPB had wrapped up hearings involving 5,796 of the fired controllers. However, only 315 decisions have been handed down by the MSPB hearing officers with 290 sustaining the removal. These "initial decisions," in turn, have resulted in 48 petitions for review by the full Board with nine final decisions, all supporting removal. The government's position also has been upheld in 456 appeals which did not go to hearings but were dismissed for reasons other than merit. The MSPB is shooting to complete all hearings by the end of January 1983.

Airport Task Force Named

The agency's Chief Counsel, J.E. (Sandy) Murdock III, and the director of the Metropolitan Washington Airports, James A. Wilding, have been named to the special task force appointed by DOT Secretary Drew Lewis to study the problems of allocating use of airport facilities. The 24-person task force, which was recently authorized by Congress, is headed by Dan McKinnon, Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB), and includes airport operator and airline operator representatives as well as state and federal officials and consumers. Specifically, the task force will study such problems as allocating airport gates and ticketing and terminal space. A report of its findings is due to be submitted in about five months. This task force should not be confused with the Airport Operators Council International (AOCI) task force which recently briefed the FAA Administrator on its findings on airport capacity improvement and delay reduction.

FAA Makes Friends

"From here on out, you have a friend," the father of a student pilot who got lost on his first solo, recently wrote to the agency. The 17-year old pilot had gotten lost near Wheeling, W.Va., and decided to radio Pittsburgh Approach Control for help. Controllers there vectored the young pilot to the Wheeling airport where he landed, safe but shaken. He was met by Wheeling tower manager, Howard Neely, who took the time to sit down with the young man over a cup of coffee to calm him down and reassure him. Neely also called the father to let him know his son was okay, then kept the young pilot at the airport for an hour until he was convinced that he was settled enough to fly again. When the young man returned to his home airport without any problems, he told his father he had met a "fine gentleman." We agree.

HUMAN RELATIONS WEEK TO BE OBSERVED DEC. 12 - 18

From the Regional Director...

"The Western-Pacific Region has begun to implement what I believe to be an effective Human Relations Program. We are setting aside the week of December 12 through 18, 1982, as Human Relations Week throughout the Western-Pacific Region. During this week there will be special observances in the Regional Office and field offices/facilities.

"Your Human Relations Committee is being encouraged to work with each of you in highlighting the importance of this vital program.

"I wholeheartedly support the observance of 'Human Relations Week' and invite you to participate in planned activities in your area."

HC McClure

BORON LONG RANGE RADAR A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT FOR AF TECHNICIANS

Every aeronautical instructor who chooses to return to "the field" must go through a "culture shock." However, from the hygienic classroom to a prison camp environment is highly unusual.

Recently, Airway Facilities Technician Ron Bloom exercised return rights and found himself at Boron, Calif. Long Range Radar (LRR). This LRR is situated within a Federal prison camp, but continues to provide Edwards RAPCON and Los Angeles Center with "escaped" radar and communications data.

Ron's main concern in recertifying on the radar equipment was the "lock out" items -- a bad word among Boron personnel.

People at Boron LRR include "Warden" Pete Harrington and "Inmates" Jim Reed, Charlie Olexa and Don Holton.

Incidentally, the strictly-disciplined prison camp environment has evidently helped the FAA mission, since the site has only experienced one unscheduled interruption in the last year. This kind of performance contributed to Lancaster winning Outstanding Sector of the Year in Western-Pacific Region.

As AF Sector Manager Don Issac's appropriately said, "Congratulations, guys, and don't let anybody give you a 'hard time'."



Top photo: Ron Bloom points to the Boron radar bubble.

Bottom: From left, the Boron LRR crew--Charlie Olexa, Ron Bloom, Jim Reed, Don Holton and Pete Harrington.

AWARDS

Outstanding With Quality Within-Grade Increase:

Gene Hutchison and Ted Campbell, Logistics Division
Robert E. Dealing, David A. Lyons and Charles E. Schenk, Phoenix AFS,
Davis Monthan/Tucson AFSFO
Thomas C. Shelok, San Francisco ACDO
Roy H. Billings, San Diego GADO
William G. Spooner, Reno GADO
Barbara Gillespie, Document Control Section, Accounting Division

Outstanding With Special Achievement Award:

John E. Knoebber, Airworthiness Inspector, Van Nuys GADO

Quality Within-Grade Increase:

Royal Mink, Manager, Public Affairs, Planning and Int'l Aviation Staff
Jean K. Ganiko, Frank H. Walley, and James A. Forsyth, Honolulu FSDO

Special Achievement Award:

Riley Clark, Computer Operator, Fremont AFS
Clyde DeHart, Jr., Acting Manager, Flight Standards Division
Dennis H. McDonald, San Francisco ACDO
William M. Molesworth, San Francisco ACDO
Laura J. Penzes and Thomas A. Sheridan, Riverside GADO
Clifford A. Elbl and John E. Knoebber, Van Nuys GADO
Tom Anthony, Los Angeles FSS

Letters of Commendation:

Bill Henshaw, Supv. Electronics Engineer, Airway Facilities Division
Harold DeAtley, Arno Kruger, Richard Mullens and Chester Edge, Guam CERAP
Tom Kutsugeris, Bob Pease, Ruben Salazar, Grant Rothhammer and Jack
Swanson, Area B Supervisors, Los Angeles ARTCC
Jerry Haun, Tom McGuire, J.D. Starling, Lyle Streeter and Dan Teschler,
Area E controllers, Los Angeles ARTCC
David Dunlap, Jack Feather, Roy Hiner, Edward Johnson, Donald Powers,
Robert Reed, Richard Rodgers, Arthur Rodriguez, Rudolf Rugenstein and
Lawrence St. Germain, Crescent City AFSFO (ARSR) in Klamath, Ca.
George Daniels, Renette Gallo, John Mueller, John Pelafigue and Anna
Rucker, Santa Rosa Tower controllers
Fred Rosenow, Los Angeles FSS
Christine Herrmann, San Diego FSS
Donald O. Eggen, ATCS, Bakersfield FSS
Stoddard Baird, Bill Armagost, James Beard, Tex Hutsell, Art Kalantar,
Vince Slaiter, Gene Dunham, Dave Berger, John Elliott, Yosh Fukumoto,
Chet Slawinski, Willie Wallace, James Webb, Frank Murphy, Don Fletcher,
Gene Haldas, Agatha Devine, Thelma Finley, Betty Hampton and Roz Ralston,
Los Angeles ACDO

Letters of Appreciation:

Richard Takahashi, Henry Pila, Daniel Meyers and Dale Knee, Airway
Facilities Division, AWP-465
Harry Burke, Tom Lynde, Harold Stull and Ray Whitehill, Los Angeles Center
Deloris Anderson and Edward Harris, Oakland AFS
Leo J. Paquette, former TSO, and James S. Cambier, Electronics Technician,
Technical Support Unit, Phoenix AFS
Billie J. Chrestman, Administrative Officer, and Barbara Schwitters,
Administrative Services Clerk, Administrative Services Clerk, Phoenix AFS
Darwin Aldous, Mike Lewis, Mike Black, Rick Radford, Ron Webb and Darval
Lund, Sacramento AFS, Stockton Radar/ARTS crew

A NOTE FROM ELAINE CARTER

Elaine Carter, International Liaison Specialist, recently broke her leg and is recuperating at home. She has sent the following note to share with her FAA friends; "Dear FAA Friends and Co-workers. Just a note of thanks and appreciation to all of you caring and beautiful people who did so much to help pull me through another very traumatic and trying ordeal. Never in all of my wildest dreams did I ever imagine a broken leg could be so excruciatingly painful or so expensive. Thanks to all of your cheerful calls, visits, cards, flowers, plants, perfumes, books, candy, magazines, fruit, etc., I somehow managed to at least pretend to 'grin and bear it', and especially to the many of you who kept in almost daily contact right after the surgery and long after. I was truly overwhelmed to learn how many true, loyal and genuinely concerned friends I really have in our great FAA family. It was especially nice to hear from many retired friends I hadn't seen for a long time. I'll never forget it. God bless each and everyone of you for your thoughtfulness, friendship and concern. You're a great bunch to know and to work with."

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

The 1982 F&E Contract Obligation and Commissioning Goals Party will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 23, at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant, 2780 Skypark Dr., Torrance, from 4:45p.m. until ?. The F&E Section of the Establishment Engineering Branch has reached the Obligation goals and Commissioning goals for the 1982 fiscal year. Drinks are pay-as-you-go and all the free hors d'oeuvres you can eat. It is also going to be a red Baron night, and at 9 p.m. the fun begins with door prizes and drinks for only 75 cents. Folders are going around to all divisions; please sign up.



IT'S NOT
TOO EARLY
TO THINK
CHRISTMAS

AF CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Airway Facilities Division annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 17, at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge, 13212 Inglewood Ave. in Hawthorne. No-Host cocktails at 11:15; buffet luncheon at noon. There will also be door prizes. Cost is \$5.50 per person. All reservations should be in by Dec. 1, and all monies paid by Dec. 10. Please contact Mary Andrews, ext. 6152, or Gayle Hodges, ext. 6153, if you would like to attend.

LOGISTICS DIVISION CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 17, mark this date on your calendar and don't miss out on a fun-filled afternoon at the Alondra Club, 16411 South Prairie Ave., Lawndale (between Manhattan Beach Blvd. and Redondo Beach Blvd.). Logistics is hosting this late afternoon party (cocktails start at 1:30, lunch at 2 p.m.). EVERYONE IS INVITED! Menu: Beef Bourguignonne, Chicken Kieve or Shrimp Louie Salad for \$6.75, including tax and tip. Drinks: Well drinks from \$1.50. The Christmas auction was so successful last year that there will be a repeat performance; auditions for entertainment are currently being held. Purchase meal tickets from Nita Koyama, AWP-52C, Room 1N10, ext. 6047, by Dec. 10. Children are welcome. Retirees contact us as we would like to have you join us.

Administrator Speaks Up For the ATC System

The news media should exercise greater discretion and better judgment in reporting alleged morale and other problems in the air traffic control system, the Administrator told a Washington audience last week. "I am clearly not saying we don't have problems in some facilities," he said. "This is a vast organization and there are undoubtedly some cases, just as there are cases of controllers working more than 48 hour weeks despite my orders to the contrary." However, he added, "reports are grossly exaggerated that our controllers are unable to get leave, or that most are working six-day weeks. Equally, the stories written to reflect an air of mostly discontent just don't represent the facts." He pointed out that these stories quoted the negative comments and ignored the positive statements of other controllers who had been interviewed. Speaking before the National Aviation Club, the Administrator cited specific examples of controllers who were proven to have misrepresented the amount of overtime they had worked and their inability to take

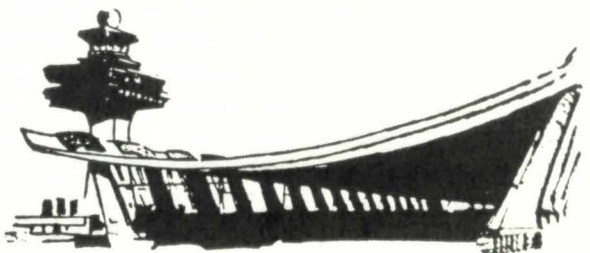
leave. "But despite the facts that show without question these people did not tell the truth, the media still seeks them out for quotes and interviews," he said. "It seems to me that when allegations are proven to be flat out misrepresentations, it's not enough for the media just to give the FAA's version of the facts, as verified by payroll records, but it's time for reporters finally to decide not to print the obvious falsehoods. It's time to stand up and say 'no more. I've been bamboozled once too often and I'm not going to have it happen again.' It's time to report facts, not claims." At the same time, the Administrator acknowledged that the media can play a useful role in the rebuilding of the ATC system. "I welcome the media to continue to look at us hard, and to point out our deficiencies where they are found," he said. "I expect to be held accountable for my actions and decisions to restore this system to what it was before the strike and good, accurate and balanced reporting is one tool that I can use to alert me to problems."

Open Season Coming

An open season, during which eligible Federal employees may enroll or change enrollment to a new Federal Employees Health Benefits plan, will be held from Nov. 22 to Dec. 10. Under open-season regulations, any eligible employee who is not currently registered may enroll, and an enrolled employee may change from one plan or option to another, or from self only to self and family, or any combination of these. However, employees who do not wish to make a change, need not take any action during this open season.

September Saves

A total of 77 flight assists were reported during the month of September. Flight service stations were responsible for 39 of these while terminal facilities accounted for 25 and centers handled 13. There were 144 persons on board the aircraft involved.



CAPSULE GLIMPSES...

MEET CHESTER CHANG, GUAM IFO

Chester Chang has been an Aviation Safety Inspector at the Flight Standards Division's Guam International Field Office since February 1980. Chet, as he prefers to be called, obtained his basic pilot certificate in 1958 while he was attending the University of Southern California ROTC program. Since then, his flying experience has totaled over 8,000 hours with rating ranging from airline transport, B-727, to helicopter, glider and balloon. He also holds certificates as flight instructor, airplane-single, multi-engine and instrument; ground instructor, advanced and instrument; flight engineer - turbojet; aircraft dispatcher; and CTO W/O facility rating.

Prior to joining the FAA, Chet's aviation career ranged from FBO flight instructor, international ferry pilot, charter pilot, domestic/international aircraft sales/consultant, test pilot of foreign manufactured aircraft, foreign government pilot flight instructor, FAA designated pilot examiner, airline pilot/flight instructor, to U.S. Department of Defense Aviation Advisor/Plans Officer.

In the early 1970s, whenever he was not in the air flying, Chet's hobby was writing lyrics/songs and producing documentary films. The proceeds from the sales of the finished products go directly to the mentally retarded children's orphanages in Korea. Phonograph records have been released under the RCA and EMI production, and films have been released under BKF productions.

Chet's philosophy is to serve the system wherever the agency needs his services. Presently, he is the temporary manager of IFO-51 in Guam and lives there with his wife, Wanda, and two sons, Chester, 3½, and Cameron, 1½, and Pung Yoon, his mother.



CAREER MILESTONE FOR ARNOLD BUTLER

Arnold Butler (right), Evaluation and Proficiency Development Specialist at Tucson Tower/TRACON, accepts his 35-year pin from Pat O'Sullivan, Facility Manager. Arnold has also served as controller and team supervisor with other facilities in the FAA. He has been in the Tucson area for the past 13 years.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MEETINGS AT R.O.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are being held at the Regional Headquarters. Both old and new members are welcome. For information, please call Anne Clayton, Aviation Medical Division, Ext. 6300.

Safety Offices Automate

Aviation Standards has entered the automation age with the award of a \$3.3 million contract to provide its safety offices in the field with new automated data and word-processing capabilities. The contract is the first step towards establishing a coordinated agency-wide system to provide more accurate and timely analysis of safety data and earlier identification of safety problems and trends. The public will be the ultimate beneficiary. ASAS will enhance the agency's ability to identify potential safety problems, to take immediate corrective action, and to ensure a safer flying environment for all who fly. Under the contract, the Burroughs Corp. of McLean, Va., will equip FAA's 162 district safety offices in the U.S. and Puerto Rico with computerized information processing systems. This equipment, when used with the dictation equipment purchased last year, will substantially reduce the paperwork burden which now consumes a large portion of the inspectors' time. Eventually, when the entire Aviation Safety Analysis System (ASAS) is complete, these field office systems will be tied into the computerized data bases at regional, and national headquarters and the Aeronautical Center. The agency's system will also be linked with safety data systems maintained by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), and others. The new system will allow simultaneous and rapid search of various data bases to provide previously unavailable safety-related data for more complete analysis of safety problems.

FDP Position Permanent

Air Traffic Service has announced that the flight data processor position in center and terminal air traffic control facilities has been made into a permanent position. Since a number of FDPs who are between the ages of 31 and 35 are now expected to apply for controller positions, the agency is anticipating the need for additional FDPs and is opening the FDP announcement, at GS-7. The temporary positions, which were largely filled by furloughed pilots, was originally established shortly after the air traffic controller strike drastically cut the number of ATCSs on the rolls. For these permanent positions, no written examination is required. Applicants should submit a current Standard Form 171, Personal Qualifications Statement as well as an OPM Form 1170/62, Supplemental Qualifications Statement for Flight Data Processor, available at OPM Job Information Centers. When this form is completed, it should be sent to the FAA Special Examining Division, AAC-80, P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73125.

New Law Says Pay Up

The Federal government now has to pay a penalty charge if it doesn't take care of its bills on time. That's a practice most of us are familiar with as individuals, but the government didn't have to worry about it until Oct. 1, when a new law, the Prompt Payment Act, went into effect. Until then, the most a vendor could expect for late payments was an apology. The new interest penalty, currently running about 15 percent annually, the new interest penalty is charged to the organizational unit which ordered the supplies or services. So, in the interest of saving face as well as money, the Office of Accounting urges employees to submit receiving reports and certificates of acceptance to their servicing accounting office promptly.