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EARN TITLE
According to a release from the U. S. Navy, 1-c Chester E. Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester H. Hanson, Lovelock, has been named a battalion commander in the 1960 class at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis Md. The title, which is held through the first quarter of the year, is awarded for excellence in leadership, conduct and scholastic ability.

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VanVoorhis, Predicted Pugilist, Desired Life as Agriculturist, Life Story Reveals

By PAUL A. GIRARDIN
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When the U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Fallon, dedicates its airfield to the memory of the late Lieutenant Commander Bruce Avery Van Voorhis, USN Nov. 1 it marks the third time he has been so honored by the U. S. Navy since he posthumously received the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1946.

Other occasions have been the dedication of a room at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis from which he was graduated in 1929 and when the Navy honored him by naming one of their new Destroyer Escorts, the USS Van Voorhis, after him, a few years ago.

Bruce Van Voorhis was born January 29, 1908 in Aberdeen, Wash. He moved with his family to Fallon, and there attended Churchill County High School where he was known as "Clint" by his classmates, among whom was Sen. Alan Bible of Nevada. His class, of 1924, predicted him to be a pugilist, although his own ambition was to be an agriculturist. His appointment to the Naval Academy brought on an entirely different life from that which he had planned. He entered the Academy in 1924 and was graduated and commissioned an ensign in 1929.

He served aboard the USS Mississippi until 1930 from which he reported to the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. for flight training. He earned his wings in September of 1931.

By November, 1942, Van Voorhis had attained the rank of lieutenant commander and the following month was assigned duty as Commander of Bombing Squadron 102. While serving in this capacity he was killed in action July 6, 1943 during the Battle of the Solomon Islands which resulted in his being awarded, posthumously, the nation's highest decoration, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

This citation reads: "... fully aware of the limited chance of surviving an urgent mission, voluntarily undertaken to prevent a surprise Japanese attack against our forces. Lieutenant Commander Van Voorhis took off in total darkness on a perilous 700-mile flight without escort or support. Successful in reaching his objective despite treacherous and varying winds, low visibility and difficulty terrain, he fought a lone but relentless battle under fierce anti-aircraft fire and overwhelming aerial opposition. Forced



Lt. Cmdr. Bruce Avery VanVoorhis

lower and lower by pursuing the mission of destruction. He executed six bold ground level attacks to demolish the enemy's vital radio station, installations, anti-aircraft guns and crews with bombs and machine gun fire, and to destroy one fighter plane in the air and three on the water. Caught in his own bomb blast, Lieutenant Commander Van Voorhis crashed, sacrificing himself in a single-handed fight against insuperable odds. ... He gallantly aye his life for his country."

12 Judo Experts Join Stead Staff in Survival Training

STead AFB — The survival training program at Stead Air Force Base has recently been increased from 17 to 21 days due to an interesting addition to the survival curriculum.

Judo, the Japanese-evolved hand-to-hand combat method, will form the basis of the new course incorporated by air training curriculum.

Trained at Japan's Kodokan Institute, the team consists of S. Sgt. Harry T. Jones, head of the team; S. Sgt. Robey Reed, national judo champ in 1957-58; T. Sgt. Shelton Mann, assistant in charge; S. Sgt. James Lord, secretary of the air force Yudanshakai, governing force of all air force judoists; S. Sgt. Ray Armenta, out-

Stead Club Stands Third

STead AFB — The Stead Desert Glow Service club is \$300 richer this week because of its outstanding programs, his club was third place winner in the contest judged at air training command recently.

Evaluation of the programs and activities of all the Service clubs in the Command was based on scrapbooks reflecting the success of the programs undertaken during the last year.

The Stead club is headed by Miss Rose erlian, and program director Miss Rose Lawrence.

\$2,290,000 Set For Fallon NAAS

The U. S. Air Force has released \$2,290,000 under its military construction program for improvements at the Fallon Naval Auxiliary Air station, it was announced yesterday in Washington by the office of Sen. Howard W. Cannon.

Plans call for construction of a radar tower, an electric power plant and electric distribution system and utilities. Sen. Cannon said further details will be released by the Air Force regional civil engineer for the South Pacific Region in San Francisco.

Clark Air Base Command Shifts

Special to Gazette-Journal
LAS VEGAS — Col. Joseph Laughlin, commander of Nellis Air Force base for the last three months, has been assigned as chief of staff for the Twelfth Air Force and will go to Waco, Tex., Oct. 26 to assume his duties. It was disclosed here today.

Announcement of the transfer was made by Maj. Gen. Jacob E. Smart, commander of the Tactical Command Twelfth Air Force.

Brig. Gen. John N. Ewbank, Jr., is scheduled to take over as Nellis commanding officer but he will not arrive here until next month. In the meantime Col. Frank E. Sullivan, air base group commander, will serve as interim commander.

Colonel Laughlin succeeded Brig. Gen. James McGehee who was transferred to Saudi Arabia last June.

Seabees Due

HAWTHORNE NAD — Sportsmen young and old stand to benefit from a seabee reserve unit due to pull into the Naval Ammunition Depot Oct. 11.

The San Francisco Bay area group is expected for a two-week active duty training period.



OFF HE GOES into the wild blue yonder. Airman first class Abel Arceo, a combative measures instructor in Stead Air Force Base's survival school, is being subjected to a high-flying counter Judo throw by fellow instructor, T Sgt. Shelton Mann. These men, and 10 other outstanding combative measures instructors, have appeared before civic, school, and church groups for exciting demonstrations. (Official Photo from Stead)

Eight Men Near Completion Of Combat Training Course

Seven Reno marines and one son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bradford Las Vegas will complete their four weeks of individual combat training Oct. 17 at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Brook 3535 Neil Rd., Pvt. Michael Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice C. Mann, 220 Casazza Dr.; Pvt. Thomas L. Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Bush, 1023 Adams St., Las Vegas.

They are Pfc. James A. Grows, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Grows, 368 Wheeler Ave.; Pvt. Fred E. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Morris, 1309 Airport Rd.; Pvt. Rodney V. Carpenter, son of Mrs. Fentella Carpenter, 733 Tahoe St.; Pfc. John M. Horgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Horgan, 3300 Hilltop Rd. Also, Pfc. Michael A. Northcutt.

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