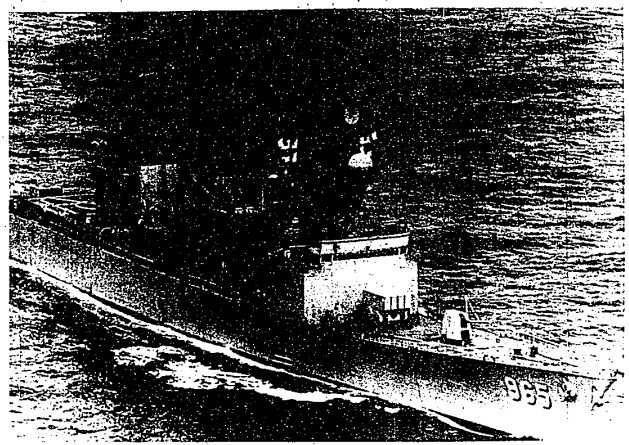


Farmington grad turns eye to searching for subs



This Spruance class destroyer, the USS Kinkaid, is a far cry from the home of Brian Poertner's in the Farmington area.

By Leah M. Nelson
special writer

If you think life has become complicated these days, consider the case of Brian Poertner, a Navy electronics technician from Farmington.

A petty officer third class aboard the San Diego-based Spruance class destroyer USS Kinkaid, Poertner operates a myriad of equipment involving the latest technology in a mission of anti-submarine warfare against an unseen enemy.

To the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Poertner of 22638 Glenmoor, his job is as important as any on the ship.

"I'm responsible for repairing, adjusting and calibrating the electronic components used on the Kinkaid's communication gear and navigation systems," he said.

A 1979 graduate of Farmington High School, Poertner joined the Navy to receive electronics training.

Poertner reported aboard the Kinkaid in July 1980.

The Kinkaid is one of 30 new Spruance-class destroyers the Navy is building as the backbone of its future fleet.

The multipurpose destroyer has a fully automated gas turbine propulsion engineering system and integrated combat system to help the crew of 18 officers and 252 enlisted men fulfill the primary mission of anti-submarine warfare.

At sea, Poertner is on call 24 hours a day. If anything goes wrong with the equipment it's his responsibility to fix it — anytime of the day or night.

Poertner said he enjoys the challenges of his job.

"My biggest challenge is becoming familiar with the Kinkaid's communications equipment," he said. "We have over 300 pieces of equipment, and it's impossible to learn each piece overnight. It takes time to learn how to do the job well."

Although monitoring the Kinkaid's electronic equipment is not an easy task, Poertner finds it rewarding.

"I enjoy my job because I feel like I'm doing something worthwhile," he said. "Also, my job plays an important role in the ship's ability to carry out her mission."

Poertner, a one-and-a-half year Navy veteran, recently returned from a western Pacific cruise.



Brian Poertner now spends his time as a technician aboard a Navy destroyer.

YMCA spring classes open for registration

Registration begins today for spring classes offered by the YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road.

Classes start the week of April 27 and run for seven weeks. A variety of new classes are being offered. They include:

- T-Ball for boys and girls grades one thru three. Registration is April 27.
- Advanced first aid — Monday and Wednesday, 7-10 p.m. Fee is \$12.
- Camera class — Classes will cover camera uses, films, lighting and composition. 35 mm camera is required. Tuesday, 7-30 p.m. Fee: Y-member \$14, non-member \$21.

• CPR — Participants who complete the course will become certified. April 30-May 7 and 14, 7-10 p.m. Fee is \$5.

• I've always wanted to learn to draw but — Designed for the beginner. Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fee, \$17 for member, \$24 for non-member.

• Communication workshop — Participants will become aware of how they communicate and learn alternatives to become more effective in their interpersonal communication. Wednesday, May 20, 7-9:30 p.m. Fee \$2.

• Effective job hunting — This class will be taught by Kirby Smith, a personnel manager for a local large

corporation. Wednesday, 7:30-9:30 p.m. May 27, June 3 and 10. Fee is \$8 for members and \$12 for non-member.

• Fun-craft workshop — Special emphasis on projects from clothespins. Saturday, May 9, 1-4 p.m. Fee is \$6 for member and \$9 for non-member.

• Golf — Group lessons at the Top of Tee. This six-week program begins April 29. Bucket of balls \$2.50 per time. Fee is \$25 for member and \$30 for non-member.

For more information, call 553-4020.

Simanek presents a flute recital

Music major Ann Simanek, an Alma College senior from Farmington Hills, presented a senior flute recital on April 10 in Alma's Dunning Memorial Chapel. The recital fulfills a graduation requirement for music majors at Alma.

A flute performance major, Ann has played flute since the fifth grade and has taught flute lessons for five years. For three years, she has held first chair in the Alma Symphony Orchestra and the Alma Kiltie Band. She has been named to the Michigan Interscholastic Honors Band for four years and during the current year she has served as vice president for Alma's Kiltie Band.

As a junior, Simanek received the George and Hilda Thomas Scholarship which is awarded periodically to a music student whose achievement and talent are outstanding.

Her recital performance will include Mozart's "2nd Concerto in Dm," J.S. Bach's "B Minor Sonata," "Cantabile and Presto" by Georges Enesco and a contemporary piece for flute, saxo-

phone and piano entitled "Epitaph for Miss Jean Harlow" by Charles Koechlin.

"I am excited about the recital," said Ann. "It will be my first chance to give an extensive formal performance for my friends and family as well as for the Alma College community."

"The program is quite varied. The Bach and the Mozart are, of course, somewhat relaxing and I feel I can float with them, while the Enesco gives me the opportunity to release the powerful energy I so often feel when I play."

"I'm looking forward to performing with Aaron Smith, saxophonist, on the Koechlin, which is a beautiful piece. I'd also like to thank my accompanist, Tom Manion, for his patience through the years."

Ann, a 1977 graduate of Farmington Harrison High School, is the daughter of Robert and Nancy Simanek, 29194 Westmoreland, Farmington Hills. She is a candidate for a Bachelor of Music Degree from Alma in May.

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OAKLAND COUNTY SURPLUS PROPERTY

Sealed Bids Accepted Until May 1, 1981 at 11 o'clock a.m.

In pursuance of resolution 61092 adopted by the Board of Commissioners the following described surplus property will be offered for sale on the basis of sealed bids. Description of property: Land in the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, Michigan, to-wit:

Lots 113 and 114, Old Homestead Subdivision of part of the South half of Section 17, T1N, R9E, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan (approximately 1.24 A).

Such property is offered for sale subject to all governmental regulations, statutes and ordinances; and also subject to building and use restrictions and easements, if any, affecting the premises and the said Board of Commissioners makes no warranties or representation as to the property. The minimum acceptable for the sale of the property is \$48,500.00, with no less than 10% down (certified check) at the time of the bid; maximum term of land contract is five years; interest on unpaid balance of 10% per annum; no deed will be transferred until the parcel is paid for.

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Oakland reserves the right to withdraw the above described property from the sale prior to the time and date scheduled for opening the bids, or reject any and all bids, to waive defects in the bidding and there will be no sale unless a bid is accepted by said Board.

Offer to Purchase forms are available at the Office of Property Management, phone 858-0197.

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REGISTRATION NOTICE

FOR SPECIAL STATEWIDE ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1981

To the Qualified Electors of All Precincts CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, COUNTY OF OAKLAND STATE OF MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law", I, the undersigned Clerk, will upon any day, except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election or primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said Township, City or Village not already registered who may APPLY TO ME PERSONALLY for such registration.

TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITION:

PROPOSITION A

PROPOSAL TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES, REDUCE CITY INCOME TAXES, LIMIT GROWTH OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES, RETURN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOLS AND GIVE STATE LOTTERY PROFITS TO SCHOOL AID FUND.

The proposed amendment would:

1. Reduce by 50% homesteaded property taxes used for operating schools and local governments. Reduction limited to \$1,400.00 in 1981 and changed yearly as home values change.
2. Reduce by 50% local individual income taxes on first \$40,000 of taxable income.
3. Make state return to local governments all funds lost by above reductions.
4. Limit yearly property tax revenue growth to 6% by property type unless raised by local voters.
5. Raise sales tax from 4% to 5.5%. Raise must be returned to local governments and schools.
6. Let forms and forests be created at use value.
7. Give state lottery profits to school aid fund.

SHOULD THIS AMENDMENT BE ADOPTED?

ALSO ANY ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS OR PROPOSITIONS THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE April 20, 1981 - - Last Day From 8 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

The 30th day preceding said Election As provided by Section 479, Act No. 116, Public Acts of 1934 As Amended.

For the purposes of REVIEWING the REGISTRATION and REGISTERING such of the qualified electors in said TOWNSHIP, CITY or VILLAGE as SHALL PROPERLY apply therefor. The name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the precinct at the time of registration and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election, shall be entered in the registration book.

FLOYD A. CAIRNS, Clerk

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