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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings OMISS!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone enjoying their summer and the beautiful weather that goes along with it. And I hope that everyone is able to find some time and fair propagation to enjoy the Nets from time to time. It's harder finding radio time this time of year, but we'd sure like to hear from as many members as possible now and then. I'm as guilty as the rest, hi.

With summer at the peak, or even a little beyond, it's time to start looking ahead for fall (and Winter) preparation. How is your antenna looking? And that deep-cycle Marine battery? The feed-point connection still looking water (and ice) worthy? Now is a far easier time to get all of those things squared away than it will be just a few short months from now when the propagation usually starts picking back up – so don't miss out! Get that antenna project going, and tell us all about it when you're done.

This will be the last newsletter before the Fall OMISS Elections. Our nominating committee has done a super job of gathering volunteers to be included on the ballot. Please consider voting this year if you haven't done so in the past. It only takes a few minutes, and a stamp, to let your voice be heard. As a reminder, the QSL Bureau will use one of your SASE to send out a ballot when the time comes, so please have an SASE on hand in the Bureau to receive your ballot. More information will be passed on the Nets, as the time gets closer.

Please join me in thanking the Officers who have volunteered their time for this term and for their efforts to keep OMISS alive and well. They have been doing a great job, and I for one appreciate their devotion to the group.

Thanks also to YOU, the Membership, for telling them what's been on your mind. It is the

voice of the membership that the Officers represent – and believe me, you have been well represented.

So, have a great remainder of summer, and I hope to hear all of you on the air before we enter into the Fall Season! CQ OMISS CQ OMISS... any OMISS Members out there?

73, *Greg Stilwell* AE9W

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17M – KC2ATK, JOHN, 3920

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40M – WA0VZH, Dorothy, 3649

75M – W4TOJ, Bill, 3762

160M – N7VU, Tim, 3916

OMISS QSL BUREAU

ALL QSL cards should be addressed to:

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Lonsdale, MN 55046

Remember:

1. **The Bureau Manager accepts only #10 business size envelopes for returning QSL cards to members.**
2. **Include the call sign and the OMISS # of the station that the QSL card is being sent.** The use of the OMISS # is VERY helpful to in determining if the station is new or if the sender wrote the call sign incorrectly.
3. U.S. postal rates increased to 37 cents per ounce effective July 1. Please be sure your envelopes in the bureau have sufficient postage. Some members still need to send in SASEs with the new

rates and some have sent in extra stamps to help out. Thanks!

BOARD MEETINGS

Due to poor propagation board meetings have not been practical since April 13 until the August meeting that was held after the 40m net rather on August 10.

Club Membership was the primary topic. There was a good discussion and a motion was made to allow club calls to join OMISS. Five board members were present and the vote was 3:1 in favor of admitting clubs as OMISS members (the president does not vote except in the case of ties). It was decided that if clubs were going to be allowed to become members - there should be no additional burden placed on the Net Controls to police how many turns they get, i.e., If we let clubs in, we would let them in all the way (This was not a unanimous topic). This action supports the report and recommendation of the Advisory Committee submitted a couple of months ago after they polled the membership. Unfortunately the committee had to base their report on a straw poll that only 18 OMISS members responded to. The Board will take the 2nd vote on this issue in September.

The Nominating Committee for officers for the 2003-2004 term are: Chairman: WA0LAB, Members: W5PVE and KA9GLX. The Nominated members will be announced at the September Board Meeting.

The Board also discussed a NATO Endorsement for the Esprit de Military Award. Action on this endorsement was delayed until the September meeting.

There was a suggestion from one or more members to have an OMISS 'eyeball meeting', QSO party. Such a meeting would not require Board approval but the Board should provide full support and help in getting the word out if members decide to go forward with it.

TREASURERS REPORT

As of August 1, 2002, the OMISS balance was \$2,528.18, including \$67.27 in the O'MISSILE account. Income for the month was \$83.57 and expenses were \$63.95.

AWARDS MANAGERS REPORT

TWO 'B' COMPANY ENDORSEMENTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED. THE FIRST WAS ISSUED TO W8ZCK, BILL, 4336, AND THE SECOND TO WA0VZH, DOROTHY, 3649 CONGRATULATIONS TO BILL AND DOROTHY ON ACHEIVING THIS ENDORSEMENT. AT THE PRESENT TIME WE HAVE ISSUED 55 MILITARY AWARDS, WITH 15 "A" COMPANY ENDORSEMENTS ISSUED. TO RECEIVE THE "A" COMPANY ENDORSEMENT YOU HAVE TO MAKE 108 DIFFERENT CONTACTS WITH OM MEMBERS THAT ARE LISTED ON THE "MILITARY LIST" ON NET TIMES AND FREQUENCIES. THE "B" ENDORSEMENT IS FOR 216 DIFFERENT CONTACTS WITH OM MEMBERS ON THE "MILITARY LIST". AT THE PRESENT TIME WE HAVE 276 OM MEMBERS THAT ARE LISTED ON THE "MILITARY LIST", SO WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MEMBERS LISTED TO MAKE AN ENDORSEMENT FOR A "C" COMPANY ENDORSEMENT, WHICH WOULD BE A "BATTALION" ENDORSEMENT. IT IS THROUGH THE HARD WORK OF MANY OF THE OM MEMBERS THAT HAVE WORKED FOR THE MILITARY AWARD THAT IT HAS BECOME AS SUCCESSFUL AS IT HAS BECOME SINCE IT WAS FIRST INAUGERATED NOVEMBER 11, 2001. NO OTHER AWARD IN THE HISTORY OF OMISS HAS HAD AS MANY ISSUED IN SO SHORT A TIME SPAN.THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR DOING THIS.

OMISS WEB PAGES UPDATE

Thanks to AE9W, N7DLS, AND WA2PQE your OMISS web site is now an even more useful tool! Following is a summary of the new features implemented at the end of June.

There is now a separate roster of SK's; however, their numbers will continue to be show as voids in the retular roster.

The Military Roster page has a search feature where you can search to see if a member is good for the Military Award without having to go through the entire list of over 265 call signs. This is real-time and will be current within an hour of the members submitting the information. You may search by call or OM number, but must use the "search" key instead of "Enter."

A search feature has been added so you can look up a members eligibility the kings and Queens Award. It is hoped that this feature will help spark renewed interest in this once popular (now all but dormant) award.

The e-mail section has been retruned to the web site. You can update your jown e-mail address if it changes. This way the web master does not have to repeatedly check e-mail addresses. Members are now responsible to keep their own data current. This will make it a 'live' roster – i.e. members input will be viewable within 1 hour of the input time.. Remember it is still necessary to change the # to @ to send mail, but that's a security feature to keep spammers from getting your e-mail address from the web page.

Next time you hear them, please be sure to thank Greg, AE9W, Dan, N7DLS, and Stu, WA2PQE for their exceptional skills and volunteerism to improve the site to the level it enjoys today.

NET TIMES AND FREQUENCIES

Just a reminder that all OMISS nets now operate on UTC time and net times will not change with daylight savings time as it has in the past on some nets. Remember the change in the 40 m late net frequency and the change in the starting time of the 20M net. The Approved net times and frequencies effective February, 18, 2002. All times are UTC.

160 meters, 1.880, Fri & Sat 0400
75 meters 3.940.5, 0200 daily
40 meters, 7.263.5, 0100 daily
40 meters late net, 7.263.5 0300 Fri & Sat
20 meters, 14.29, 1830 Mon through Sat
17 meters, 18.165, 1900 Sat and Sun
15 Meters, 21.360, 1700 Sat & Sun, and Holiday Mondays.
10 Meters, 28.665, 1800 Sat and Sun

OM OF THE YEAR

Following is a list of "OM of The Year" beginning with 1986.

1986	WL7LTB	0876	
1987	N9FPW	1939	
1988	KC9NN	0324	
1989	W0PXE	1711	
1990	N7FUD	1914	
1991	WA2QEC	1563	
1992	W0MWU	2603	
1993	KA0MGM	0675	(TIE)
1993	WA4ICK	2031	(TIE)
1994	WB2ERQ	2271	(SK)
1995	WB6QVI	2215	(TIE)
1995	WA2QOM	3013	(TIE)
1996	N/A (Insufficient votes)		
1997	WG1Q	2781	(SK)
1998	W3YJM	2904	
1999	KB8NTG	3376	
2000	KL7IHK	185	
2001	WA0VZH	3649	

Net contacts with any OM of The Year and members of the Board of Directors may be applied toward the VIP Award. Past Presidents, holders of the Meritorious Service Award and, Band Net Controllers are also VIPs. The quarterly Net Controller is a VIP for the three months immediately following their election and the Top OP announced for the previous month is a VIP until the 5th of the following month when the new Top OP is announced.

TOPS OPS

Members receiving the monthly top op award were:

Jan. 02	KC2ATK, John, 3920
Feb. 02	
Mar. 02	(TIE) WA3EOP, PAGE, 3031 W1SQM, GEORGE, 4382
Apr. 02	
May 02	KB9RPL, RANDY, 4376
Jun. 02	AG4PP, DALE, 4452
Jul. 02	WA2PQE, STU, 3203

Net Controllers:

1 ST Qtr	W4TOJ, BILL, 3762
2 nd Qtr	KK6AW, KELSEY, 3830

JIM, WD8AYN, 165

Jim, who is 72, says he has been absent from OMISS for quite a while. He recently 'rejoined' us and has been busy filling out QSL cards. He says although he didn't get his number until later, he was part of OMISS from the beginning and he helped get us started on 15 and 20 M and he was the first OMISS member to get his WAS on 20. Not only can you pick up a real low number when you work him but you also have a military contact so listen up for him. Jim operates a FT757GX and has a dipole antenna.

DON, KH6MQ, 0064

Don sent a note after receiving the last O'MISSILE saying he has been off the air for a long, long time!! He just got very frustrated with attempting contacts with his mobile rig and the poor conditions he experienced so he put all his gear in storage! Says he understands conditions are better now (sorry Don, summer) and he's thinking of getting the rig out of the warehouse and trying again! Editors note: Don lives in Maui, HI and we sure hope he follows through with the idea and gets back on the air this fall as lots of OMISS members would like to make contact with him.

PERRY, KG4KTB, 4298

As a new General with an old radio, (TS 520), I was a little nervous about checking in to the OMISS net the first time in August, 201. I didn't even want to check in the first time I heard the net because I thought the person was taking check ins for the "the Ole Miss Net!" I'm not a sports fan and had no interest in talking football! When I realized my error and finally checked in, Dorothy, WA0VZH, really made me feel welcome. Since the fall of 2000, I've been checking in regularly on 40 meters and have recently taken the Tuesday night Net Control spot. I just want to say that I feel like I have so many new friends. I haven't talked to most of the regulars on the net since I worked them the first time, but since I hear everyone so often, I feel like I know them. Being Net Control has really been fun and it gives me an opportunity to have more interaction without having to wait my turn on the list. I've been able to work a lot of states in a short time. I've worked QRP station, mobile stations (some like John, KC2ATK, from

multiple locations), and even a tractor mobile! I just want to say thanks to the OMISS members for making a new ham feel welcome.

FRED, KC9NN, 324

Among my many hobbies I play guitar and love to play cards, metal detecting and of course amateur radio and especially the OMISS net. I have been the Friday Net Controller on 20 since 1981. I really enjoy all the people on the net. I am to net co-coordinator for 20 and if there is anyone that would like to try being a Net Controller let me know by email at: kc9nn@charter.net.

I thank all the people that are doing Net Control work now as it is what keeps the nets going.

Hope to meet you on the nets.

MIKE K8MVD, 1037

Mike has been missing for a while and thought he would let us know what he's been up to.

"In October of 2000 my kidneys finally failed they have going bad for some 30 years. I am on Kidney dialysis now on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 5 hours each day, they want me to go for 6 hours but I'm having trouble sitting 5 hours so we'll have to see what happens. I need a new kidney but am too heavy for a transplant. I weigh in at 460 and they would like me to be around 250 for the transplant. So you can see it's a long way off.

I go in at 6 in the morning and it's around noon when I get home. I was able to check in to the OM net for about 3 weeks back then, but a windstorm got my antennas and put me off the air. I finally found some one to shinny up my tower and get my rotor down. I now have it fixed and maybe next week I will finally get the rotor back up and can get back on the air.

I have been keeping in touch via the emails that are sent to the OMISS.

Take Care and hope to be back on soon.
<mailto:mvandyke@woh.rr.com>

WALT, W8UCM, 3376

Walt rejoined us on the nets recently and asked the editor to pass along his appreciation for all the cards, letters and good wishes he received during his absence. He is feeling fine and rehabilitation is on schedule. The moved his rig downstairs so he could get back on the 'air', but Walt says it isn't the same as he is operating 100% barefoot until he can move back upstairs to his 'shack'

JOHN, N9MYC, 4385

OMISS and Me

Most of you have been OMISS members much longer than I have. I probably don't have to tell you what a fine group of hams hang out on the OMISS nets, but I will anyway. I have been a ham since 1992, being first licensed as a Tech plus. As a member of the Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club (SARC), the HF bug bit me during Field Day 2001. The following week I picked up the General class study book and passed the test at the August VE session. By November I had purchased an ICOM 718. A fellow club member gave me a G5RV dipole which I mounted on a 10ft mast my roof in an inverted "V" configuration. I started playing on the HF bands in late November and into December and fell in love. While on vacation over the holidays, I was dialing the bands and stumbled across the check in's for the 20 meter OMISS net. I checked in with Kelsey-KK6AW in California (OMISS 3830). Kelsey along with Bill-W4TOJ in Tennessee (OMISS 3762) kindly told me about how OMISS works and welcomed me to the net by being my first two official contacts to obtain membership. In early January I was issued OMISS number 4385.

Although I joined several nets every week during the winter, the busy summer has forced me to curtail some HF time. I have very much enjoyed the OMISS nets, which helped me complete my ARRL WAS award in less than 6 months on the HF bands. (I have also worked 60 DXCC entities having confirmed 44 with QSL cards and I worked the South Pole – KC4AAA three times since last November). I am now working toward my OMISS WAS awards on 20

and 40 meters. I just wanted to take a moment to thank all the OMISS members for their kindness and friendship on the airways even though we have never had an eyeball. What a great hobby we all have chosen.

I am married and have three children. My son Jim-KB9VJK has been licensed 3 years and my other son Patrick-KC9BMU has been licensed for 6 months while my daughter Kelsey is studying for her ticket. My wife does not wish to become licensed but joins our family team twice a month for our local (SARC) foxhunt (T-Hunting). I built my own closed space beam and active attenuator for use on the hunts. I am also the Emergency Communications chairman for SARC. Schaumburg is located about 20 miles northwest of downtown Chicago. I could go on, and on regarding our E-Comm efforts but I don't want to waste any room here in the newsletter. I can simply suggest that if your interested in what our club is doing regarding emergency communications, feel free to contact me or you can read our monthly club newsletter on line at WWW.N9RJV.ORG. I write a monthly column entitled The Emergency Communications Beacon.

Once again, I want to thank OMISS for adding something to my enjoyment of ham radio. If any of you find yourself passing through Chicago, feel free to give me a shout. I would be happy to buy you a cup of coffee and say hello.

CHARLIE, WOMWU, 2603

Charlie writes that he doesn't check into the nets very often and he isn't on the internet. He noticed a new award for contact with military personnel and wants to be added to the list. (Editors note: we're getting his information and will add him to the military contact list) Charlie enlisted in the 110th combat engineers in 1938 (depression years) and was in Camp Robinson, Arkansas, when Pearl Harbor was hit. A few days later he was sent to California and detached to the 102nd combat engineers. After a short stay we were sent to the Hawaiian Island. His first job there was radio school where he increased his cw speed to 40 wpm. He was also an instructor at the school, both cw and field servicing radios.

Later he was active as an operator on board ship and the Marshall Islands and Saipan and on

detached service to the 295 Joint Assault Signal Company during the invasion of Lingayen Gulf. He received his discharge at Jefferson barracks in St. Louis in 1946, and shays he had enough sense to stay out of the army after than.

Charlie began his radio experience when he was about 7 years old and it has dominated his entire life.

PETE, K5BM, 0021

Pete writes that with all the military members we have he thought we might be interested in parts of a radio message from Corregidor the day it fell in 1942! Sgt. Pete Kors received the message which follows:

“MY NAME IS IRVING STROBING GOT IT TO MY MOTHER MINNIE STROBING SIX ZERO FIVE BARBEY ST BROOKLYN NY TELL HER NOT TO WORRY I BE BACK SUM DAY...THEY TO GER ALONG OK...GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM SOON AS POSSIBLE MY LOVE TO PA JOE SUE MAC CARRIE JOY AND PAUL.. ALSO TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS GOD BLESS EM ALL AND HOPE THEY ALL BE THERE WHEN I COME HOME...TELL JOE WHEREVER HE IS TO GIVE EM HELL FOR US.. FOR MY LOVE TO YOU ALL GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND KEEP YOUR LOVE SIGN MY NAME AND TELL MY MOTHER HW YOU HEARD FM ME.

URGENT
TO CINC
SWPA GHQ MELBOURNE
IN VIEW OF PRESENT SITUATION PLEASE
STOP ALL AMERICAN VESSELS WHICH
MAY BE BOUND FOR CORREDIGOR
WAINWRIGHT
541 P?5 MAY 1942”

NO FM HERE FIRING HAS CEASED BOTH
SIDES THE MEN HERE ARE ALL BAD
BECAUSE OF TREMENDOUS NERVOUS
STRAIN OF THE SIEGE WE...
CORREDIDOR U NEED BE VERY NICE
PLACE BUT IT HAUNTED NW IT HAS
WITHSTOOD TERRIFIC POUNDINGXXXXZ

THEY JUST MADE BROADCAST TO
MANILA TO ARRANGE MEETING FOR

SURRENDER...TALK MADE BY BEN
BEEBE...OK (425P) I CANT SAY
MUCH...CANT THINK AT ALL...IF U ZZA U
SEE SAY I CAN HARDLY THINK
THAN I EVER SAY I \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
SAY I HAVE SIXTY PESOS U CAN HAVE
THIS WEEK END... MIN THE WHITE FLAG
IS UP...BAWLING LIKE A BABY MIN..

SURRENDER WVDM TIME 428P
THEY P8LING SOLDIERS...MIN IM
VOMITING
ARMS I AM VERY TIRED 549P”

RON, N7FUD, 1914

Ron received a letter from one of the official observers complimenting him on his good operating procedures. There aren't many who can say they've ever gotten anything at all from an ARRL Official Observer for their good work and this was the pay off for all the years serving the amateurs around the world. This is an honor that Ron is very proud of and says he shares it with his best friend and teacher, Roy, KA7X, who taught him the right things to say and do on the air.

Ron has been NET COORDINATOR on 15m since 1985 plus running "all the other bands" from time to time. It's been a real fun experience meeting so many good operators all over the world and a pleasure to serve the OMISS SOCIETY for all this time.

In addition to amateur radio he has several other hobbies. One of those is trying to help the "older folks" get by with a smile or two, just something to brighten their day. A bit of humor goes a long way. I also spin "CD" Music here in the park (Tri-Par Estates) every Saturday evening. I've been DJing now for 3years. This is another service I do for "FREE". It's only from 6:30-9:30 P.M. once a week, but I really enjoy watching the older group get up and dance. The range of music I play is 1940's up to date. Yep even the line dances. What a kick. I've got around 500 CD's. Like many others, it's a pretty expensive hobby. The pay off is just watching people have fun. Life is too short to sit around and mope. My outlook on life is to enjoy every waking hour. Coz when it's Over, it's over and there ain't any more. Enjoy your life and do something worthwhile today.

The ARRL sponsors an Official Observer program to help amateurs help each other. For over 50 years, this program has aided thousands of amateurs to maintain their transmitting equipment and operating procedures in compliance with the regulations. The OO program is a function of the Amateur Auxiliary of the FCC's Field Operations Bureau in accordance with Public Law 97-259.

OMISS AWARDS INFO & HISTORY

Since it is virtually impossible to achieve them, two OMISS awards have been discontinued. Those awards and the first and last member to achieve them are listed below.

Early Bird Award

(working 100 of first 1000 members)

No. 1- NT9V, OM 1939, achieved 12/15/81

No. 8- K7TUG, OM 1823, achieved 4/17/90

Charter Member Award

(working 60 of first 110 members)

No. 1 WA4RRR, OM 131, achieved 5/4/82

No. 19 KJ8F, OM 347, achieved 10/15/82

Information on active awards issued by OMISS as of June 26, 2002, are listed below.. The information includes the award number, members' identification and date the award was achieved .

MEMBERSHIP

No. 25 WB4NOE (now KF4HW) OM 422, 2/20/82

No. 176 KG4KTB, OM 4298 6/11/02

VIP

No. 1 AA4ZD, OM 2257, 12/15/81

No. 256 WA2PQE, OM 3203, 5/28/02

WPX

No. 1 W4WXJ, OM 406 10/17/82

No. 53 W5RL, OM 3851, 10/31/01

COUNTIES

No. 1 N2AWM, OM 168, 3/9/82

No. 78 W4DOA, OM 4324, 3/16/02

KING & QUEEN

No. 1 N8DUP, OM 692, 11/19/82

No. 162 WA2PQE, OM 3203, 5/28/02

WAS

No. 1 WD4DNB, OM 15, 2/24/82

No. 183 KQ9KX, OM 4328, 5/01/02

WAS MOBILE TO BASE

No. 1 KF7UX, OM 2167, 2/03/01

WAS BASE TO MOBILE
No. 1 KA0GAJ, OM 1112, 2/8/89
WAS IX3
No. 1 W8WT, OM 953, 2/16/87
No. 4 AI5F, OM 3808, 4/16/01
WAS QRP
No. 1 NC8F, OM 1037, 3/5/84
NO. 5 W4TIJ, OM 3762, 4/11/02
WAS 5 BANDS
No. KC4IF, OM 0002, 4/1/89
No. 12, W8FZN, OM 3104, 1/11/02
WAS 2X3
No. 1 KA0GAJ, OM 1112, 12/27/88
5X25
No. 1 NC8F, OM 1037, 4/13/92
No. 17, N0KI, OM 4023, 12/21/01
5x50
No. 1 KF7UX, OM 2167, 3/22/01
No. 2 AI5F, OM 3808, 5/5/01
6X25
No. 1 AI5F, OM 3808, 5/5/01
6X50
No. 1 KF7UX, OM 2167, 4/11/02
7x25
No. 1 KF7UX, OM 2167, 2/22/01
GRID SQUARES
No. 1 NT9V, OM 1939, 12/15/81
No. 24 N0KI, OM 4023, 12/21/01
1000 PT AWARD
No. 1 KA0GAJ, OM 1112, 12/27/88
No. 6 KF7UX, OM 2167, 3/29/01
SPELLING BEE
No. 1 KA0GAJ, OM 1112, 3/20/85
No. 53 KQ9KX, OM 4328, 6/7/02
TWIN COUNTIES
No. 1 WB2ERQ, OM 2271, 8/30/94
No. 8 AI5F, OM 3808, 4/26/02
POSTAL
No. 1 W0MWU, OM 2603, 1/28/00
No. 2 KF7UX, OM 2167, 10/24/00
Y2K
No. 1 KL7IHK, OM 185, 1/1/01
No. 22 WA0VZH, OM 3649, 1/29/02
MILITARY
No. 1 AE9W, OM 3331, 11/11/01
NO. 54 N5VTP, OM 2869, 6/7/02
TOP OP
No. 1 KC4IF, OM 0002, 8/81
No. 225 KB9RPL, OM 4376, 5/02

EDITORIAL, N5VTP, 2869

Many of you may not be aware the OMISS by laws require the Society to publish an annual newsletter in August. In reviewing the by-laws,

the Board determined that it is also the Societys' responsibility to support this issue financely. Since this is a new responsibility, the Board agreed we would first expend the available O'MISSILE funds and the Society would 'pick up' costs in excess of the funds presently in hand. . Full financial support will be provided for the August, 2003 issue. After publishing this issue, the balance in the O'MISSILE fund will be zero. Therefore any additional issues of the newsletter will continue to be supported by membership donations of both articles and money.

A big **THANK YOU** to all of the members who contributed funds and material to make this and past issues of the **O'MISSILE** possible! **And remember if you want to read another issue before August, 2003, your continued financial support as well as articles for inclusion will be necessary.**

Harry