

Open House Saturday At Naval Center

The Naval Reserve—what is it all about?

Saturday, Armed Forces Day, the public is invited to an open house at the DeLaveaga Park Naval Reserve Training Center from noon to 4 p.m.

There will be exhibits and demonstrations and Navy people to answer all questions.

LCDR Barry R. Fahlstedt, commanding officer of the center, there has been some misinformation going around about the Reserve in regards to it being a draft-dodging opportunity.

He pointed out that a young man signs up for the Reserves for six years.

The first year is devoted to training, four training sessions a month are held at the center.

Then the reservist spends two years on active duty with the regular forces.

Fahlstedt said he fights and dies right along with the others in Vietnam.

"We can put a well-trained man on active duty from the year's training he receives here," he said.

Harold A. Bird of Santa Cruz, killed in Vietnam in 1966 as a hospitalman, was a reservist.

James Green and Dennis Neu, both hospitalmen, were wounded last year in Vietnam. They were reservists.

Two years following active duty, reservists are placed "on call."

If they wish they may continue their training here and work for advancement and some pay. Fahlstedt said there are now more than 100,000 naval reservists on active duty, constituting more than 13 per cent of our active Navy.

They are hospital corpsmen with the Marines, Seabees, members of river assault groups and on ships.

They undergo the same hardships and dangers as anyone else.

Winston Churchill described them when he said: "To be a reservist is indeed to be twice a citizen."

Commander Fahlstedt said his station is strict in attendance in seeing that the reservists attend their regular three-hour sessions while in training.

He told of one who started slacking off.

"When this happens I send a little note to the draft board, man's name at the head of the head of the list.

"And they do it, too."

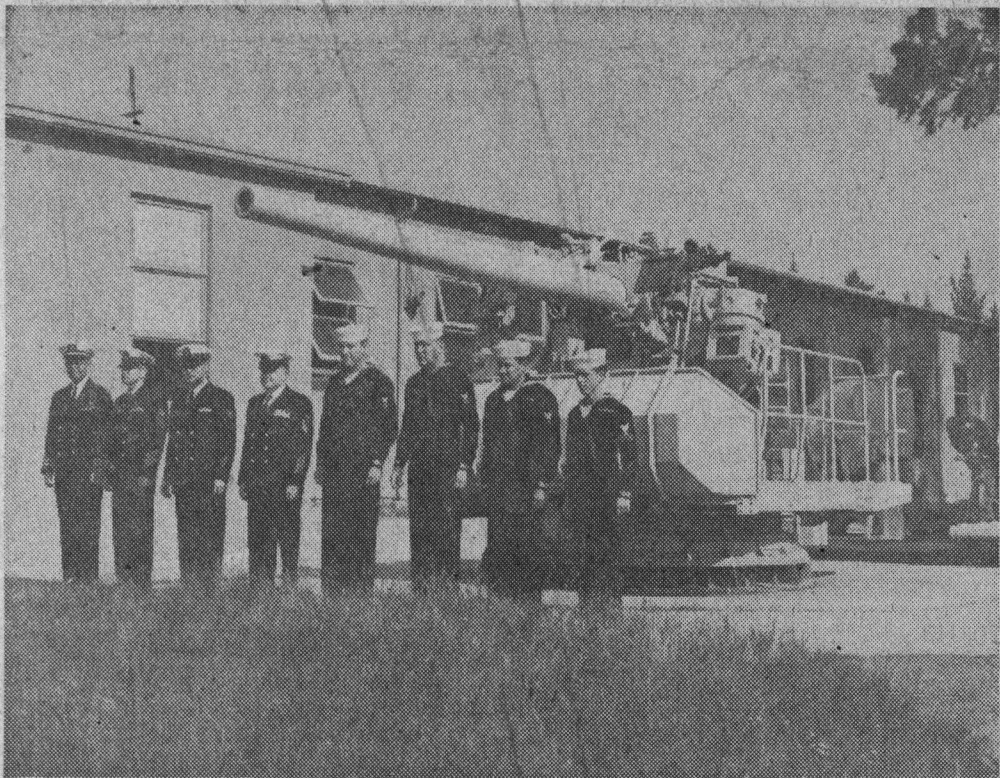
At present there are 120 officers and men in training at the DeLaveaga park center.

There are about 90 men presently on active duty at other requesting that they put the stations and overseas.

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These men are the station keepers at the DeLaveaga Park Naval Reserve Training Center in Santa Cruz. They maintain the station and train the reservists. From left, are:

LCDR Barry Fahlstedt, Chief Petty officers Thomas Krobusek, Jack Reynolds and Lester Minnick; Machinist Mate 1/C Dennis Bowles; Gunners Mate 1/C Gordon

Olson; Yeoman 2/C John Silva; and Radarman 2/C Carl McCrillis. Not shown are Electrician Mate 1/C William Schnippert; Storekeeper 2/C Michael Fisher.

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