



(TOP) U.S. Navy P2V Neptune
Distance record: 11,236 miles
October 1, 1946

(RIGHT) U.S. Air Force F-104 Starfighter
Altitude record: 91,249 feet
May 7, 1958

(BOTTOM) U.S. Air Force F-104 Starfighter
Speed record: 1,404 miles per hour
May 16, 1958

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DEAR GUARDSMEN: As the man says, "Public relations is everybody's business"—every commander's, and every Guardsman's. But for effective guidance and pick-and-shovel work, its importance requires someone's full attention at various levels—certainly at the National level.

Now, the National Guard Assn of the US has filled a gap in its "TOE" by bringing Lt Col James C Derrin into the PIO slot. For the past four years Jim has gained invaluable background through a hitch of AD as Chief of the National Guard Bureau's Information Office.

Jim joined NJ's 102 Cav in 1939, went into Federal service with it, helped organize the PIO office at Ft Jackson, SC; was sent to QM OCS and subsequently commanded a Truck Co on Guadalcanal, Bougainville, New Guinea and the Philippines. He returned to the NJNG as CO of the 50 Armd QM Bn, 1949-54.

Civilian-wise, he was a reporter on New Jersey papers for 16 years, most of that time with the *Newark News*, specializing in the later years in political reporting which led into a two-year investigation of corruption in municipal and county government. Later, he was public relations consultant to the NJ Power & Light Co. His wife, Lucy, a former newswoman, still churns-out an occasional Washington "piece" between looking after five offspring.

THE STAFF

OUR COVER: Typical of the endless hours of unspectacular ground work that precede every hour of flying time is our cover photo of T/Sgt Richard A Beissel of Penna's 140 Aeromedical Transport Sq adjusting the rudder trim tab of a C119J "Flying Boxcar" during his outfit's annual field training. (PaAFNG Photo.)

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