Announcement

The U.S. Government is seeking replacements where appropriate for all standards and specifications that can be referred to industry and Mil-S-13165 is on the list for possible cancellation. The custodian, U.S. Army, has indicated that cancellation of Mil-S-13165 will not be immediate and that they will wait for results of industry comments.

In an effort to avert disruption in the use of this document the Aerospace Materials Engineering Committee (AMEC) of SAE has assigned a task force to investigate use of AMS 2430 as the replacement specification. Point of contact for this project is Jack Champaigne, Electronics Inc. phone 1-219-256-5001 fax 1-219-256-5222 and e-mail at jchampaigne@skyenet.net.

There is an urgent need to find all users of Mil-13165 and gain their input on this conversion. If you are a user or know of someone who is, please contact Jack Champaigne.

For additional information see internet web site http://www.shotpeener.com/calendar/mil-13165 where you can leave comments and request drafts of proposed changes.

Also of interest: Mil-851D has been reinstated. This was due to lack of appropriate industry specification on grit as abrasive blasting media. The cancellation had referred users to AMS 2431 which only covered shot, not grit. For additional information the point of contact is (Major) Pam Summers at WR-ALC/LKJE telephone 912-926-6630.

She needs to hear from any user that has an interest in this document, especially for the users of cast iron shot which is likely to be abandoned.

A tribute to a friend, a mentor, and a man I owe much gratitude....

One of the formative events in my life was serving as a residence hall counselor at Purdue University. Jim Burwell, pictured here, was the manager of Harrison Hall in 1967 and during my senior year he invited me to join the group of students known as residence hall counselors. My fondest memories included the trials and tribulations I experienced that year.

After graduation in June of 1968 I stayed on for graduate school and continued as a counselor at Harrison, which had been converted to a co-ed residence. And that's where I met my bride, Carol Thie. Carol was a counselor on the girl's side and after our first date (flying a kite), my fate was sealed.

Carol's father, Larry Thie (Purdue Agricultural Economics, 1938) was serving with the State Department Aid Program in Viet Nam as an agricultural advisor at the time. He detected something unusual in Carol's letters before we were even aware of the "significance" of our relationship. He had it figured right, we were married the following July 5, 1969, in Columbus, Indiana in the same church he and mother were married in.

Thank you, Jim Burwell, for choosing me to work with you. It was truly the best part of my Purdue education.

Thank you for your confidence in me. I shall be forever grateful.

1997 Shot Peening Workshop

Get ready for the 7th annual workshop, to be held in Scottsdale, AZ November 4, 5, 6.

The agenda will be posted on the internet web site at http://www.shotpeener.com/calendar/workshop97.htm. Split sessions will be used again this year so you can choose topics of interest. (Be sure to bring your golf clubs, class adjourns at 3:00 each day). We have room this year for commercial display tables or booths. Call Pam for more information.