

Squeeze Hits Officer, NCO Ranks

Army Taking Long, Hard Look

The squeeze on top field grade positions was intensified last week as the Army announced plans to encourage voluntary retirement of selected colonels and lieutenant colonels.

At the same time DA announced that a field review of officer grade structure in Tables of Distribution and Allowances begun in February had recommended the elimination of 627 O-5 and O-6 slots in an examination of 173 TDA's.

A "significant number" of colonel positions, and fewer lieutenant colonel positions, could be eliminated when the field review is completed in August, DA said last week.

The field review is being carried out by four-man TDA analysis teams, each headed by a general officer, and ultimately will involve 90 major installations in the U. S. and overseas.

Meanwhile, in preparation for a 10-day working visit tomorrow by one of the teams, Redstone decision makers have been focusing on senior enlisted, warrant officer and officer slots across post with an eye toward eliminating some and filling others with men of lesser rank.

The long hard look at who's doing what has been going on since February as activities have been compiling their own assessments of changeable jobs for review by the high-level team.

"They'll be looking at slots where a colonel works for a colonel, where a lieutenant colonel works for a lieutenant colonel", said Dewey Lusk, MICOM management analyst in charge of coordinating the visit. "They'll be looking at vacancies very closely.

In conferences here revised TDA's will be presented to the analysis team by officials of the Ballistic Missile Defense System Command, SAM-D Project Office, the Medical Department Activity, Army Communications Agency, Missile and Munitions Center and School, Missile Intelligence Agency, Missile Command Headquarters, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, Metrology and Calibration Center, Missile RDE Laboratory and Missile



Command Project Offices.

The analysts may accept TDA's presented them or may revise them further.

At most activities, no report on the number of military positions to be affected will be available until the close of the team's visit, Lusk said. He said DA did not require that a certain number of positions be downgraded or eliminated here.

About 3,000 officer slots Army-wide have already been recommended for elimination and 1,300 others for reduction in grade in a series of moves to save money and to increase ready combat power within the limits of authorized manpower.

The goal is to reduce officer corps strength by some 4400 by July 1, 1976. Along with normal attrition, other actions to attain the goal include reduced officer acquisition, a RIF of 2,100 captains, fewer approvals of voluntary indefinite status for reserve officers and limiting the number of warrant officers extended beyond 20 years.

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The latest move, voluntary retirement of selected colonels and lieutenant colonels, will reduce officer corps strength by an undetermined number since no quota has been set of officers encouraged to retire.

Those to be asked to retire are selected colonels and lieutenant colonels eligible to retire with 20 or more years active service by June 30, 1976 and who fall into a zone made up of the following categories:

—Colonels passed over once or more for RA colonel

Lieutenant Colonels passed over twice or more for O-6 AUS

—Reserve O-5's and O-6's on active duty over 20 years.

Officers in the zone will be notified that a board is reviewing their files to identify those "whose performance and potential indicate they can no longer make a meaningful contribution in their serving grade", DA said last week.

Names of those selected to be encouraged to retire will be placed on an order of merit list. An officer may request his standing, by thirds, on the list by contacting MilPerCen after July 1.

Early notification (by July 1) by DCSPER letter will permit those to be encouraged to retire the option of retiring by August 31 to avoid retirement pay loss from Retired Pay Inversion, DA said.

Loyalty Day—1975

By The President of the United States of America
a Proclamation

It is now nearly two hundred years since America's Independence was sought and won. Then, as today, the achievement of our Nation's goals was met through the devoted efforts of Americans who gave loyal service.

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The thousands who become citizens each year through naturalization take an oath to support the United States. One can sense the meaning and the spirit of loyalty in those proceedings. For most of us who were born to the freedoms we enjoy, a declaration of loyalty has not been such a conspicuous event in our lives. It is, nonetheless, reflected in our patriotic efforts.

In recognition of the need for "a special day for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States of America and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom," the Congress, by a joint resolution of July 18, 1958 . . . designated May 1 of each year as Loyalty Day, inviting the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies.

Now, Therefore, I, Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America, do call upon the people of the United States and upon patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe Thursday, May 1, 1975, as Loyalty Day, with appropriate ceremonies.

I call upon appropriate officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day in testimony of our loyalty to this Nation.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

I would like to add a few remarks.

In another 45 days, we will celebrate the Army's 200th birthday; and on July 4, 1976, America will celebrate its 200th birthday.

The two celebrations—plus Loyalty Day—give all of us special opportunities, first, to reaffirm our loyalty to the Nation and, second, to recognize once more our great American heritage.

Our military heritage is a proud record of 200 years of service to our country. During this period, the Army has upheld the principles contained in three great documents: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights—keystones in the structure of our government.

During the Revolutionary War, soldiers loyal to the cause stood by General George Washington at Valley Forge in the terrible winter days and nights of 1777. Washington and his ragged soldiers waged a decisive battle—not against the British, but against cold, hunger, despair, and disease, lacking everything except courage and fortitude, qualities which enabled them to rally and finally force the British to surrender at

Yorktown in 1781.

General Douglas MacArthur, in a reference to the American soldier's loyalty, said:

"His name and fame are the birthright of every American citizen. In his youth and strength, his love and loyalty, he gave all that mortality can give. He needs no eulogy from me, or from any other man. He has written his own history and written it in red on his enemy's breast."

From Valley Forge to Vietnam, the American soldier has demonstrated his loyalty to his country. And, never in its 200-year history, has the country found reason to fear its military.

The role of the Army has not changed since the early days of the Nation. Our primary mission is to fight—but only when our civilian leaders tell us to, when it is the will of the American people, and when all other remedies are exhausted. The Army exists to serve the Nation. And we should be proud of our record—A record supported by a tradition of loyal men and women in uniform.

On this special day, let us pledge our loyalty for the future as we continue to work for peace and freedom in the years ahead.

Gerald R. Ford



CIVILIAN BRIEFS

The following is a list of new hires, retirements and promotions for the week April 18-24.

NEW HIRES

Taylor, Rebecca E., GS-322-3, RASA

RETIREMENTS

Brown, Marvin W., GS-345-11, Missile Intelligence.
Ridgway, Verlin, GS-301-4, RASA
Webb, Clinton S., GS-085-4, RASA
Forrester, David L., GS-1670-11, Maintenance
Epperly, Harold S., GS-801-14, RDE Lab
Garner, William H., GS-544-5, Comptroller
Graves, Cora S., GS-1101-9, Proc. & Prod.
Burroughs, Oliver O., GS-085-4, RASA
Evans, Aline B., GS-1105-5, Proc. & Prod.
McCrary, Mildred R., GS-301-5, RDE Lab
Clark, Claud B., GS-085-4, RASA
Guard, Roland L., GS-802-13, RDE Lab.

PROMOTIONS

Fugitt, James M., WG-2602-12, RASA
Perryman, Bobby J., GS-301-5, Maintenance
Maddox, Marion H., WG-3306-8, RASA
Low, Bobbie M., GS-312-4, Dragon
Johnson, John M., WG-3306-8, RASA
Seay, Stanley D., GS-332-10, Mgmt Info Sys
Dismuke, Ronald E., GS-1101-7, RASA.
Gillespie, Brenda W., GS-203-5, Pers. Trng. & Force Dev.
Plain, William D., WL-3502-3, RASA
Walker, Buster D., GS-081-4, RASA

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John M. Ball, 27, a physicist, received emergency treatment at the Army Hospital and was later moved to Medical Center Hospital and admitted for further treatment. The hospital reported him in satisfactory condition later in the day.

Ball and other personnel of the Army Standards Laboratory of the Metrology and Calibration Center

were performing maintenance on a flow calibrating device when the mishap happened.

The device operates with a pressurized cylinder. While Ball and others were disassembling the cylinder, a restraining clamp was loosened. The metal end of the cylinder blew off, striking Ball.

Colonel James J. Walsh, Director of the Metrology and Calibration Center, directed an immediate investigation to determine the cause of the accident.



Misleading Report RPI Issue Clarified

Some soldiers think Retired Pay Inversion was instigated to cut Army strength by encouraging early voluntary retirements, according to feedback DA is getting.

Not so, says DA in a message aimed at clarifying the RPI issue. The message says RPI results from two things, the first, inflation-fueled adjustments in the Consumer Price Index which increase retired pay. "Active duty pay has received only modest increases", DA notes.

The second thing is that "the Comptroller General has ruled that retired pay can be based only on the current pay scale or the old pay scale plus cumulative CPI increases occurring since the one prior scale became effective".

Feedback indicates some soldiers feel the Army is doing nothing about the RPI problem. DA counters: "Legal and procedural restraints prohibit the Army from commenting on actions before the Congress. Within the rules, the Army and other services are providing factual and detailed responses to questions raised by those in authority."

Combat Arms Recruiting Up

WASHINGTON—Army recruiting objectives in the combat arms for the month of March were surpassed by 425 enlistments, according to figures released recently by Department of the Army.

In a monthly enlisted recruiting progress report, DA officials show that enlistments by blacks without prior military service were down to 17.3 per cent in March, compared to 23.9 per cent in March of last year.

Enlistees in Category IV, the lowest performance group acceptable in the Army, was down to 4.2 per cent, against a 15.1 per cent enlistment rate a year ago.

Enlistments into categories I through III amounted to 63.8 per cent for March, compared to 54.5 per cent in March 1974.

The proportion of March enlistees who had graduated from high schools was 71 per cent last month, compared to 57.8 per cent one year ago. In the first three months of this year, 62.3 per cent had completed high school. During the same period in 1974, 54.5 per cent of enlistees were high school graduates.

At the end of last month, 27,221 men and women were in the Army's Delayed Entry Program (DEP), a new high for DEP enlistments.

Simulation Center

Sarah Clements, center, assistant chief in the AMC Office of Project Management, hears about the Electro Optical Simulation Center as she is escorted by Lee Kilbourn and Virginia Kobler through the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory facility last week. They are looking at the three-axis flight table in the Center.

Spot Bid Sale

Another in the series of local spot bid sales of surplus government property is scheduled for Tuesday, May, 6, at the Rocket Auditorium.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the sale begins an hour later.

The items being sold include: desks, chairs, tables, furnaces, calculators, typewriters, sedans and trucks.

The property is located in building 7432 and at the Property Disposal vehicle yard on Warehouse Road. It may be inspected daily between the hours of 8 and 3. The sale is open to all

E-9 Selections Due In August

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A selection board will meet in mid-August to consider soldiers for promotion to sergeant major, DA said last week.

The primary zone of consideration is E-8's with date of rank April 30, 1971 or before. E-8's with a date of rank between May 1, 1971 and July 31, 1972 are in the secondary zone.

DA said the following are not eligible for promotion consideration: Soldiers with a basic

enlisted service date later than Dec. 31, 1965, those without a high school or GED diploma or those who've been barred from reenlistment.

Soldiers may call the selection board's attention to matters they consider important in the review of their records by writing:

Commander, U.S. Army Enlisted Records Center, ATTN: President DA Selection Board (E-9), Ft. Benjamine Harrison, Ind. 46216.

Set Deadlines For ROTC Grants

High school seniors have until August 31 to apply for one of up to 300 four-year Army ROTC scholarships to be awarded October 15 in an early selection cycle.

Applicants not selected in the early cycle will be reconsidered for scholarships during the regular selection cycle, which has a December 1 application cut off date. Regular cycle scholarships will be awarded in April 1976.

The four-year scholarships may be used at 287 colleges and universities that will have Army ROTC programs in the 1975-76 school year.

For applications write Army ROTC, P.O. Box 12703, Philadelphia, Pa. 19134.

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The dance is planned to be the largest social event in the arsenal's history. Two thousand tickets go on sale this week for the dance which is being sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Association of the United States Army.

Avery Roan, chapter president, said: "We hope that everyone will come to the dance, military personnel, Army civilian employees and all the Army's many friends in the community."

Other official 200th birthday events will be announced soon. Planning for the dance has been underway for almost two months. It will be held in the NCO Club with two bands providing music for dancing continuously from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The interior dance floor of the club will be greatly expanded and loudspeakers will carry music outside to the patio area where addi-

tional tables will be set up.

Special parking and transportation plans are being made to accommodate the anticipated large crowd including shuttle buses to transport guests to and from central parking areas on the arsenal to minimize vehicle congestion near the club.

"We hope to bring together as many soldiers and civilians as possible to share in the birthday celebration," Roan added "It's going to be an evening filled with music and dancing with something for everyone."

A highlight of the evening will be a brief commemorative ceremony with a group from the 55th Army Band playing a selection of Army music through the years.

"The Southern Comforts," featuring Dixieland and the big band sound, and "The Charades," a rock and popular music band, will alternate every 45 minutes throughout the evening providing music for every musical taste.

Civilian dress will be coats and ties for men and cocktail dresses for women. Military personnel have the option of wearing uniform or

civilian dress. Uniform for officers and enlisted men will be dress blues or whites with four-n-hand tie.

Tickets are being sold at various locations on the Arsenal as well as in the community. The cost is \$2.50 per person which includes light hors d'oeuvres. Cash bars will be set up at the club.

Tickets are available at the following locations:

MICOM Information Office — 5250, room 4-134 (Donna Burgess)

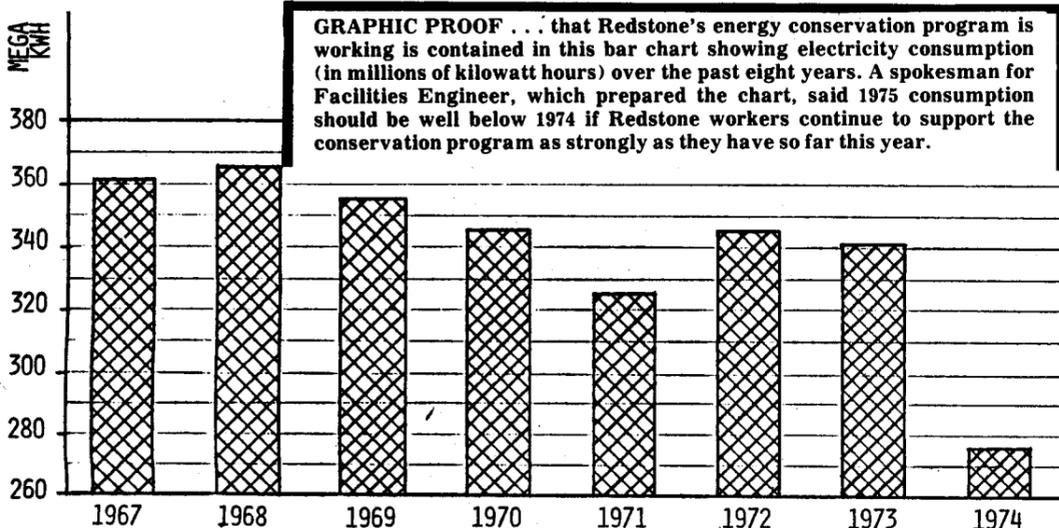
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Campbell Competes For Governor's Award



SGT. CAMPBELL

First Sergeant Minos J. Campbell has been selected as a candidate to receive the Governor's Award to outstanding representatives of the military service. He is First Sergeant of the Missile Command's Hq and Hq Detachment.

Alabama Governor George Wallace will present the honorary awards in Birmingham on Armed Forces Day, May 17. The event is being conducted in conjunction with the Convention of the Reserve Officers Association of Alabama, and the recipients are invited to the convention's banquet which follows the awards.

The awards are presented by the Governor to honor soldiers who have made outstanding contributions in their careers. The

National Guard, Reserves and ROTC are eligible to send candidates for the Governor's Award.

Among the activities which won Campbell the selection was his recommendation for the centralization of all maintenance

facilities for the Hawk missile system while he was in the Army of the Pacific. The result was a shortened time loss for repairs in addition to the requirement for fewer technicians and main-

tenance facilities.

He has won recognition, including the Army Commendation Medal, for his activities in training, both at the Missile and Munitions Center and School and in his organization of a Mobile Training Team while in Europe.

In addition to his duties Campbell has been active in boy scouts and religious activities. He organized rifle teams which won military championships as well as the state championships in North

Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. He assisted Alabama A & M College in organization of Marksmanship Program. He has conducted shooters and coaches clinics at the Arsenal.

Through his career Campbell has completed more than 1000 hours of military extension courses. Presently, he is enrolled in Athens college where he hopes to obtain a BS degree in Business Administration.

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McKenzie responded by saying that when beneficiaries do pay more than the share specified by CHAMPUS it is because they used a non-participating provider.

"Beneficiaries do not pay more than the share set forth in the law if they use participating providers of services", he explained and then pointed out the need for CHAMPUS beneficiaries to be aware of what is meant by "participating providers" and what might happen when beneficiaries use them.

The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) shares the cost of medical services from civilian sources for the spouses and children of active duty, retired and deceased members of the Uniformed Services and retired members.

To use the program the beneficiary goes to a civilian physician or other authorized provider of care and identifies himself as a CHAMPUS beneficiary with his ID card. Before obtaining the care he needs, it is important that the beneficiary determine that the provider of care he chooses will participate in CHAMPUS. If he does not, and a non-participating provider of care is used, the patient's share of the charges may be higher.

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Huntsville City Schools' pre-registration for first graders entering school next fall is being conducted today at all city elementary schools.

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VOTING info-'75

Soldiers from Mississippi and two other states soon will have a chance to exercise their right to vote. Mississippi will hold primary elections on Aug. 5 and general elections for major state offices on Nov. 4.

To vote as an absentee, a soldier must first fill out a Federal Post Card Application and mail it to the city or county registrar at his place of residence. The applications are available at the Missile and Munitions Center and School Information Office.

Ballots for primary and general elections will be mailed to applicants not earlier than 60 days before the primary and 30 days before the general election. One application will assure a soldier will be sent ballots for both primary and general elections.

In California's 37th Congressional district, a special election to fill a vacant House seat is scheduled for May 27. On the same date, voters in Illinois' 5th Congressional district will choose a representative.

Soldiers who reside in these states also are eligible to file Federal Post Card Applications. However, they must act quickly to assure the application is mailed in time for county clerks or board of elections commissioners to send absentee ballots early.

A marked absentee ballot must reach the election official in all three states on or before the day of the election in order to be counted.

Questions about absentee voting can be referred to Lieutenant Paul Hornak at 6-3959.



MILESTONE—R. D. Franklin, Manager Production Plant of Thiokol-Huntsville Division, cuts a cake to celebrate delivery to Hughes Aircraft Company of the 10,000th MAVERICK rocket motor. T. J. Hagler (r), Thiokol's Maverick Program Manager, and Hughes' J. G. Rosser look on. The Maverick production program began in late 1972 and is expected to continue with a stable employment level over the next two years. Hughes is the prime contractor for the Air Force program.

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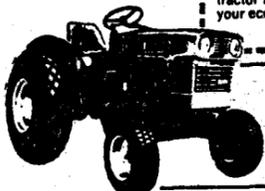
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Hard Work Brings Permanent Positions

During the past year 45 individuals were recruited for employment as worker trainees in Army agencies serviced by the MICOM Civilian Personnel Division. Starting in July, it is expected that 38 more will come to work by the same route over the next year.

The worker trainee program is designed to provide persons who haven't had the opportunity to enter government service, employment and training so they can reach target positions.

Among the occupations included are clerk, clerk typist, card punch operator, supply and procurement clerks, office draftsmen and engineering aid.

Worker trainees file applications with the Civil Service Commission and then are referred to organizations for placement on career conditional appointments at the GS-1 or comparable wage

grade level, for one year of work and training.

Three actions can take worker trainees out of the program: placement in a permanent position by the end of the year's training; three promotions by the year's end; or termination of the appointment if no vacancies have occurred by then.

Since coming into the program 21 participants have succeeded in being placed in permanent positions. The others are actively working toward that goal.

Training opportunities related to the work they are doing are provided the trainees, and many are pursuing self-development activities through the Army's correspondence program along with night school courses in business and vocational schools.

For example, Anita Jefferson in the Missile Research Development and Engineering Laboratory has

completed six courses since coming to work in December, has more scheduled, and on her own has taken three correspondence courses.

She is quick to praise the program and views it this way: "It gives you a start toward a career. The opportunity was thoroughly explained to me, and I think it is great. I intend to stick with my intent to improve my skills."

She previously attended Alabama A&M University, and is seriously considering enrolling in night school there to work toward her long range goal of a degree in business administration.

Shirley Moore, a clerk typist in the Procurement and Production, also came to work in December. "I like the work in this office, and I'm learning every day on the job," she said. "Next month I'll take a course, and I expect to look into

taking some by correspondence too."

Working as a clerk typist in the Maintenance Directorate is a rewarding experience for Mattie Hall. I've learned a lot on this job, I've had formal classroom training, and have successfully completed several correspondence courses. The entire task experience has made my job easier, and as a worker trainee I'm looking forward to learning a lot more within the following months," she said.

Walter Jones is presently a messenger in Maintenance with hopes he is to become an electronic aid in the future. "I've been taking some correspondence courses in electronics, and am scheduled for a refresher course next month. This program is a pretty good thing, it's an opportunity," he said.

Young, Murray Cop Golf Group Events

June Young had low gross for 18-holes in last week's playday event, the nine-hole group winners were Trudie Murray in first Group. Sonja Skemp had low place, Elaine Tingle, second; and putts and the low net winner Peg Horne, third. was Carol Saccuzzo.



AWARD—Col. Theodore A. Baker is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, First Oak Leaf Cluster in recognition of his service as chief of the MICOM Field Office in Japan. Baker is now at Redstone as Director of Personnel, Training and Force Development.

Joins Local Runoff

Officials of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858 have announced that, due to conflict in rules governing elections as outlined in the union's national and local constitutions, Glyn Rosenblum's name is being added to the list of candidates for president to be chosen by the runoff election now in progress. Rosenblum was originally one of four candidates nominated for the office.

Other candidates for president are Peter Lazar and Raymond

Swain. Also in the runoff are two candidates for secretary, Eugenia Faulkner and Robert James.

The runoff became necessary when no candidates for president or secretary received a majority of votes during the election completed April 14.

Ballots were mailed last week to members' last known addresses, and will be counted May 12 with results announced at the regular membership meeting that evening.

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(ANF)—Two new enlisted evaluation report forms—one for soldiers in grades E-5 and below, the other for E-6 and above—are scheduled to replace the current EER form in October.

The senior report form requires additional evaluation on such qualities as leadership while both reports cover a wider range of characteristics.

There's room in the report for both the rater and endorser to comment on the soldier's work. After the rater and endorser have counseled, rated and endorsed the soldier, a third person will review and sign the EER.

A pamphlet instructing raters and endorsers on the use of the new forms will be distributed to the field soon.



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PXs Salute Army

(ANF)—The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will salute the Army's bicentennial with special offerings, exhibits and store-wide sales giving patrons a chance for real savings.

The four-day salute will take place May 14th through 17th at exchange activities around the world.

In addition to the storewide specials, the exchanges will offer Army bicentennial souvenirs such as lighters, ash trays and mugs stamped with the Army bicentennial emblem.

Stripes For Skills

FT. MONROE, Va.—Did you ever see someone in your outfit who was a private first class at reveille and an E-5 by taps? Probably he or she was one of those enlisted in the Army under the accelerated promotion program called Stripes for Skills.

Although a similar program exists for the reserve components, guardsmen and reservists are required to remain on active duty for at least four months so those who enlisted under Stripes for Skills spend the remainder of their minimum four-month obligation with an active Army unit practicing their specialty.

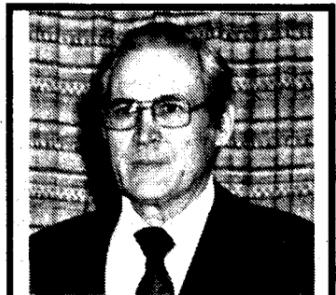
In order to reduce training costs and to eliminate unnecessary individual training, the Army Reserve began experimenting in 1973 with a two-week active duty program for women. Labeled the Civilian Acquired Skill (CAS) program, women enlistees were required to spend only two weeks on active duty if they enlisted in USAR unit which had a current MOS vacancy in their CAS.

After the active duty period, the soldiers receive all additional basic training at their unit of assignment during weekend drills

and at annual training. After that period, they perform their civilian-acquired specialty.

In the President's 1975 budget, the Army National Guard was also included in this recruiting program.

Has this program been successful? So far so good, according to training officials. And the numbers back up their statement. The 1974 reserve component budget for CAS was 1,200; this year's budget calls for 6,625.



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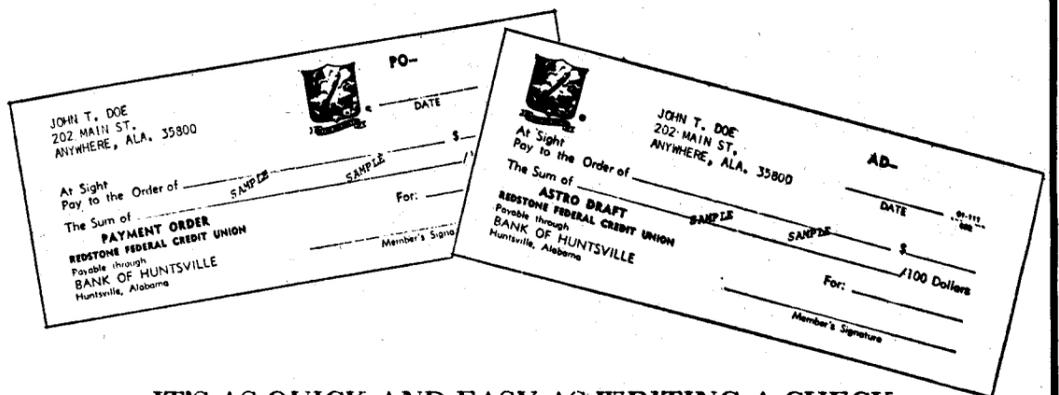
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Each soldier should take the time to double-check AR 640-10 to

ensure the items listed there appear in his personnel file.

Summer Class Registrations

Summer classes under the adult education program at the Huntsville Area Vocational Training Center will begin the week of June 5 with four courses offered in the business and office area and nine others in the trade and industrial fields.

Registration for the classes begins May 5 at the Center on Drake Ave. Hours for registering are from 2 to 9 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. until 4 on Friday.

Cathedral Caverns

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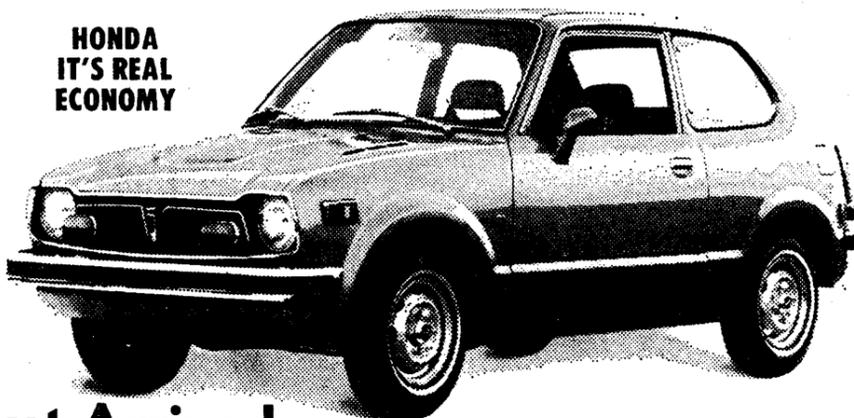
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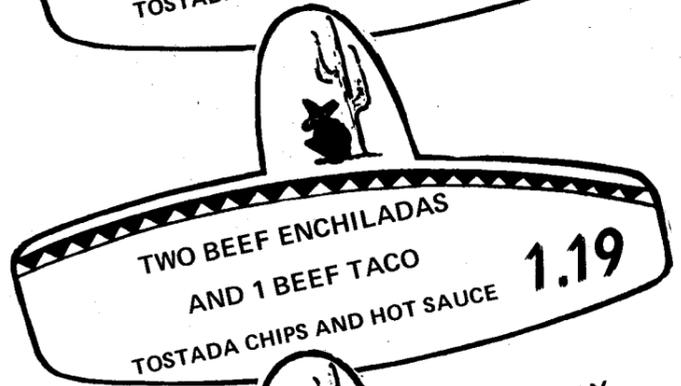
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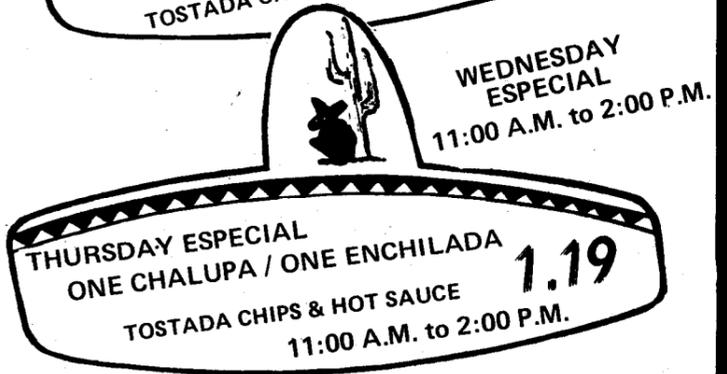
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"I've set the example, now they can follow it," said Staff Sergeant Donald R. Dunlap of the Nike Division, Missile and Electronics Department, after defeating seven other nominees for the honor of MMCS Instructor of the Quarter.

Dunlap teaches Nike radar and computer repair. The award is for his teaching during the first three months of this year.

The Dallas, Tex., native was an infantryman during his first enlistment. He reenlisted for Nike missile training.

When asked why he left the footsoldiers, he stated, "I was tired of eating dirt and I wanted the

electronics training and opportunities that go along with the Nike missile MOS."

OUTSTANDING

Dunlap's outstanding instructional methods and techniques were cited in a certificate of achievement accompanying the award.

Along with the recognition of being an outstanding instructor, the Texan won a three-day pass and is exempt from company duties for a month.

The Tennessee Valley chapter of the Association of the United States Army was awarded Dunlap a three-year gratuitous mem-

bership, a \$25 savings bond and an engraved plaque as mementoes of the event.

In competition for the school-wide honor, the nominees present a 20-minute block of instruction on subjects of their choice to a selection panel of faculty personnel.

STIFF COMPETITION

"It was very difficult," said Dunlap, "and the competition was really stiff."

"I like programs like this, I think it's good for the individual as well as the Army. It motivates people to put out their very best," he added.

To be eligible for competition a nominee must have presented 120 or more hours of platform instruction during the three-month period and not less than 40 hours during the past 30 days. Instructors are selected by their division and recommended by their departments.

After winning the initial competition at division level, the confident youth staff sergeant informed information personnel that they would be seeing him again after he captured school-wide honors. He made good his prediction.

4-H Horse Club

The Madison County 4-H Horse Club is offering horse back riding to the public Saturday.

The event occurs at Paradise Spring Stables near Laceys Spring. Horses for riding will be available from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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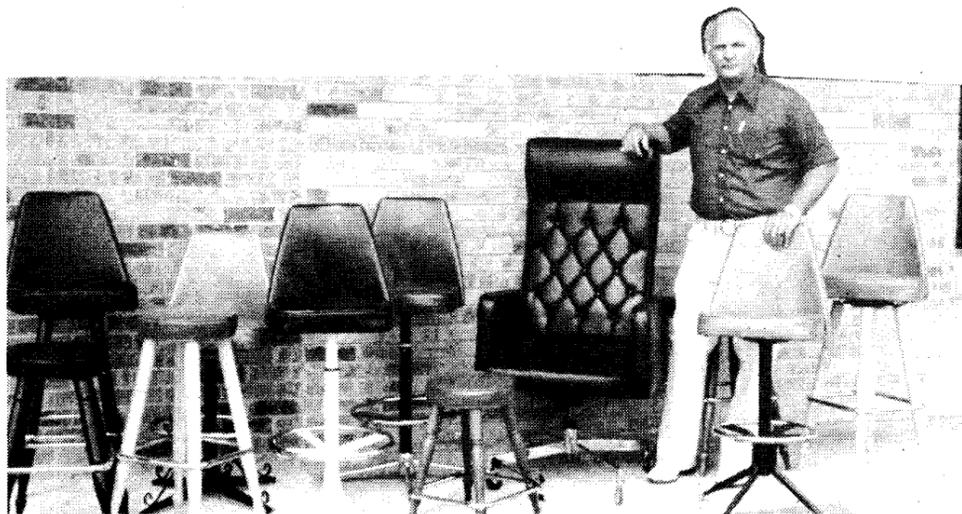
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Roots Of Professionalism Run Deep

The emphasis on professionalism, trademark of the American army of today, first began to shape the thinking of its career soldiers more than 150 years ago.

Partly because of the lessons of the Napoleonic Wars and the first use of mass armies, partly out of necessity, during the three decades following the end of the War of 1812 the Army molded itself into a small group of professionals capable of expanding rapidly in time of war.

It became in the process almost a monastic order, isolated in thought from the main stream of America, cut off physically from civilian society by the need to garrison, patrol, explore and fight along the expanding frontier.

It is possible to say with hindsight that the ripples of professionalism that began to spread from the newly founded Military Academy at West Point profoundly changed the Army. It is also evident that the reality of soldiering in that long ago time changed very little. It remained a hard, dirty, boring life, sparked with moments of danger and violent death.

Their determination to create an army that made up in quality what it lacked in quantity led American career officers to the study of war as an art and science, a preoccupation that left them suspect by some of their civilian contemporaries who viewed the possible emergence of a military elite with considerable misgivings.

FUNDING ROUGH

One result of those misgivings was a series of unsuccessful attempts to shut down West Point. Another was a continuing Congressional reluctance to provide funds for the soldiers.

Congress, for example, viewed the horse as an expensive luxury. Not until 1833, long after the soldiers had moved west from the lands of forest Indians to campaigns against mounted warriors on the plains did Congress authorize the Army's first regiment of dragoons. By then the Indians who literally rode rings around the plodding soldiers, had scornfully begun to call the infantrymen who pursued them "walk-a-heapes."



There were few assignments in that army that could be classified "good" even by the standards of the day. Lucky artillerymen might draw a tour in one of the first guarding the entrance to a harbor near a major eastern city. Engineer officers, occupied even then with building canals, railways, roads and bridges might serve where a man could take his family.

PROMOTIONS SELDOM

Duty at a frontier post, on the other hand, could be a shattering experience for a lieutenant fresh from West Point. His chances for promotion were nil in a tiny army where advancement depended on seniority. His pay in 1842 was 25 dollars a month.

Weighed against the attractions of a well paying civilian job and the chance for marriage and a family, the Army had very little to offer all but the most dedicated young officer. The not surprising result was that they resigned in droves.

A private's pay in the 1820's was five dollars a month. It soared to six in 1833 and stayed there until the Mexican War. Off duty the soldier might, if his post boasted

the amenities of frontier army life, spend his pay for a twist of tobacco or a shot of rot gut at the sutler's store. Many did particularly after 1830 when the free whiskey ration was cut off. An Army alarmed by drunkenness and pushed by a rising temperance movement shut off free booze and substituted coffee instead.

The term of enlistment was three years, too long for many of the soldiers. In 1823, desertions totalled about one fourth of all enlistments for the year, in 1826 more than half. Congress abolished the death penalty for desertion in peacetime in 1830, but no substitute could keep some men in the ranks. A sentence to the guard house of a frontier post was not all that worse from life in the adjoining barracks.

In desperation, Congress voted in 1838 to withhold two dollars each month from a soldier's pay until his enlistment expired, without much effect on the desertion rate. There was even some consideration given to a proposal to enlist boys of 12 for 12 year hitches in the forelorn hope that they might become in time more willing to endure the soldier's life.

THE SURPRISE

The surprising thing in retrospect is not that so many left the Army but that so many stayed. Those that did stay became in time, tough, professional fighting men that would have felt at home in a Roman legion.

Those soldiers explored the American continent and helped build a growing nation with vast civil works. Their country prospered in those decades recalled by historians as 30 years of peace, but soldiers fought three wars during the same period: two against the Seminoles in steaming Florida swamps, another in the Mid-West of today against the Sauk and Fox tribes.

On the frontier, the Army not only enforced federal authority on the Indian tribes, it had the thankless job of attempting to keep the tribes and encroaching white settlers apart.

It became an Indian fighting Army by necessity, not by any particular desire. Events that set troops in motion against the native Americans had a depressing similarity. Indians had the land. White men wanted it. Almost inevitably the sequence went: treaty, broken promises, fights and a plaintive call for Army help.

When the government of the United States could not or would not keep the promises made by its agents to the tribes, and few Indians ever accused the United States of keeping its word, the soldiers got equally unpleasant chores. In 1838, two regiments of regulars and some Georgia volunteers escorted 15,000 Cherokees on the tragic march from their ancestral homeland in the southeast to Oklahoma.

The thing was done without a fight, but almost a fourth of the Cherokees died on the infamous Trail of Tears.

Sometimes it could not be done without a fight and the soldiers who survived leaned that Indian War was war with the gloves off.

THREE SURVIVE

Three of 102 soldiers under Major Frances L. Dade survived an ambush by a Seminole war party while on a march in Florida in December 1835 only to eventually die of wounds.

They were among the first of 1,500 soldiers who died of wounds or disease in the Second Seminole War. There was no glory for any of the men who slogged back and forth across Florida for almost six years after an elusive and fierce foe. When the government finally called it off in 1842, a few hundred Seminoles still held out in the

hammocks and swamps. Their descendents remain in Florida today, fiercely proud of their ancestors.

War in the Florida swamps was Vietnam without helicopters, a walking campaign from beginning to end and marching beside the

infantry were the "red-legged infantry," artillerymen pressed into service as foot soldiers.

From the grunt's viewpoint, the Army by 1842 had not changed all that much, but it had. Emphasis on professionalism had done more than create career soldiers who could fight.

Witness the dashing Major Samuel Ringgold and his battery of light, horse drawn artillery. It had taken almost 20 years for what they represented to move from idea to reality but by 1839, Ringgold's outfit was a model of the American adoption of Napoleon's idea of mobile artillery, horse drawn light pieces and mounted men to serve them able to move quickly and fight in open combat with infantry.

That summer, Ringgold's battery took part in maneuvers with infantry and dragoons. Apparently it was done with spirit, flair and more than a little showmanship. It impressed a VIP audience including influential members of Congress and the Army finally got the money it needed to outfit three more light batteries of horse artillery.

They would be needed soon, together with the tough cadre of trained soldiers and officers of the regular army. Their government was about to order them to the Mexican border and into combat.

(Prepared by the MICOM Information Office.)

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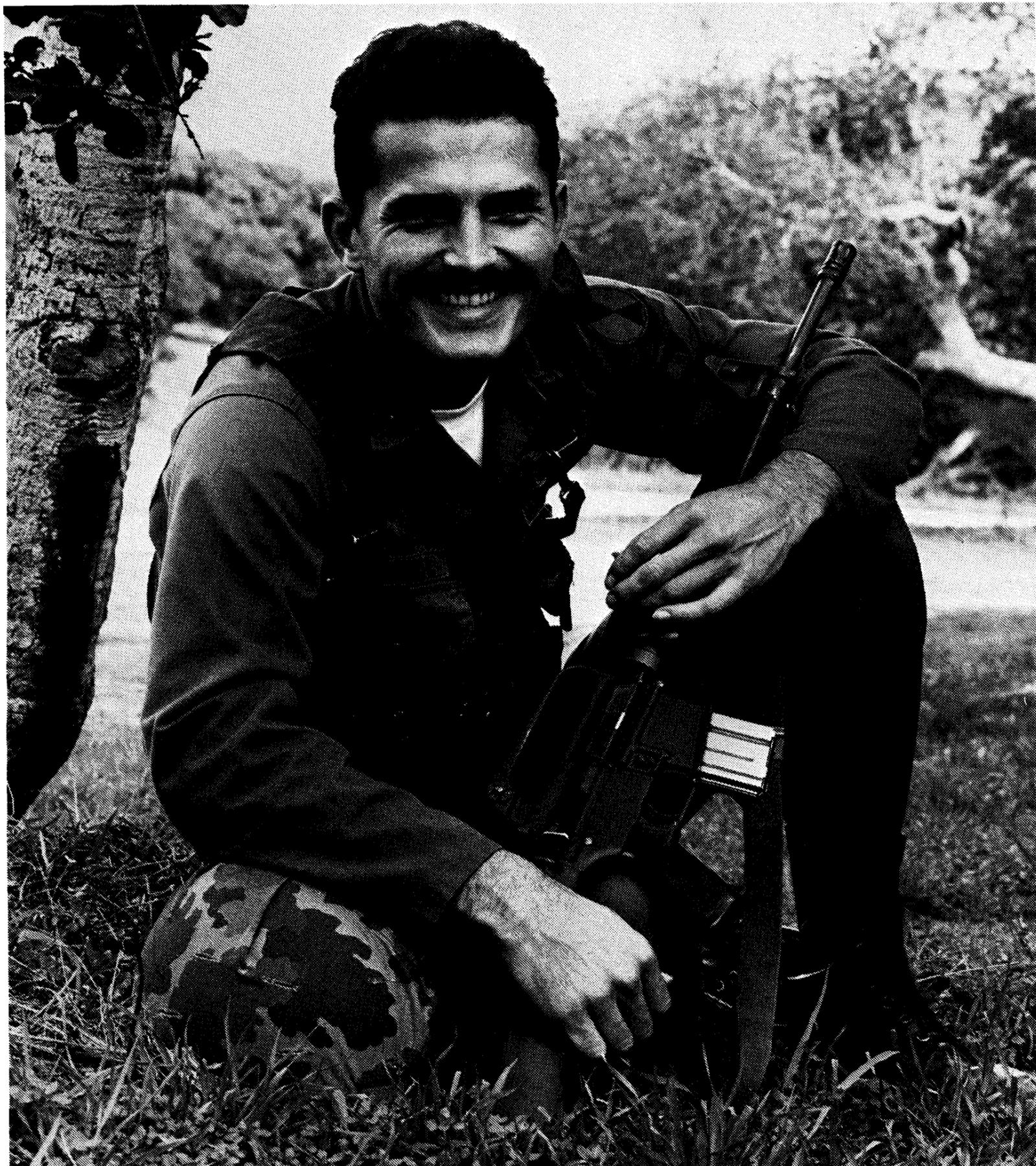
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"I hate for somebody to say, 'You can't do it, Montoya.' Because I like to do the kind of jobs in the Army that most people think they can't do. I guess that's why I liked Pathfinder training. I like jumping, both static line and free fall. I like to be the first to get there, too.

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Options Cut As Reups Soar

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Standards for reenlistment are being tightened and some options are being cut or modified as the Army reenlistment program, faced with a projected shortage of funds, rides out the last quarter of FY 75.

An unforeseen rise in reenlistments threatens to deplete funds used to pay reup bonuses and accrued leave payments. This, coupled with a desire to upgrade the quality of the enlisted force, has prompted DA to make these changes in the reenlistment program:

—All persons with 15 or more days AWOL or lost time occurring within one year of their ETS date will be prohibited from reenlistment.

—No enlisted persons can reenlist until they are within three months of their ETS date. In the past, first-termers were allowed to reup after 21 months in service. Persons on three year tours must now wait until the thirty-third month of their enlistment.

—Enlisted persons who do not have a Primary MOS evaluation score will be prohibited from reenlistment, although extensions may be granted to permit them to receive P-MOS evaluation scores.

—Persons with non-qualifying P-MOS scores (69 and below) will not be allowed to reenlist.

—Extensions for 36 months or more will not be authorized except during the fourth quarter of Fiscal 1975, except for persons who must take action to meet time remaining requirements.

—The following reenlistment options have been terminated: Army Career Group, WAC Training Sergeant-Instructor Duty, In-Service Drill Sergeant, Career Counseling Duty, Airborne Training-Duty, Special Forces, Army Air Defense Command and Practical Nurse.

All of the above actions became effective April 1, 1975. Soldiers who received approval of their requests for reenlistment prior to April 1st, will have their reenlistments processed without regard to these changes.

These changes in the Army Reenlistment program follow closely in the wake of a March 1st modification of the CONUS station or area of choice reenlistment

Since the modification, only soldiers in two categories can reenlist under that option: qualified soldiers serving overseas who wish to reenlist for a par-

ticular CONUS station and soldiers who reenlist to remain at their present duty station.

This halts all option-related intra-CONUS moves with one exception. Enlisted members who reenlist for an MOS producing service school will be reassigned upon graduation in accordance with the needs of the Army.

Get the facts about staying in.

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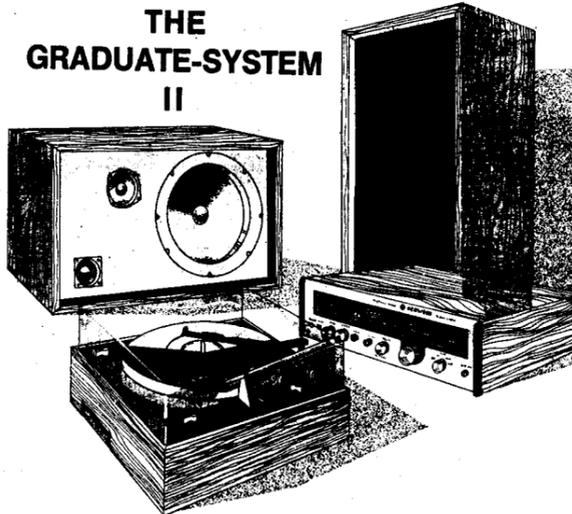
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Budget Contains New Financing Rules for Service Commissaries

With the President's submission of the FY 76 budget request, the future financing of commissary operations is now up to Congress.

If passed as submitted, this FY 76 budget request will require an increase in prices or surcharges to pay commissary employee salaries and commissary utilities overseas. With these funding restrictions, CONUS commissaries will be basically self-supporting, and overseas commissaries will be similarly self-supporting except that appropriated funds will pay for the transportation of commissary goods from a CONUS port of embarkation to the overseas commissary.

For several years, DOD Appropriations Acts have barred the use of appropriated funds to pay transportation costs within the US for commissary items and for the purchase and maintenance of operating equipment and supplies for worldwide use. It also precluded paying utilities within the US except for Alaska, and appropriated funds will not pay the cost of shrinkage, spoilage, or pilferage of commissary items worldwide. Commissary patrons are now paying a three per cent surcharge in CONUS (except Alaska) and two and a half per cent in Alaska and overseas areas to pay these costs.

And by another action, the last Congress eliminated the use of appropriated funds for commissary

According to present plans, the transition to self-supporting commissaries will start showing up in

tive duty, retired and other authorized patrons and their families.

Committee to Study Commissary Operations

A committee to study ways of improving the efficiency, organization and operating structure of military commissaries has been appointed by Assistant Secretary of Defense William K. Brehm.

Chaired by Army Brigadier General E.W. Bowers, the objective of the study is to determine what changes, if any, should be made to the military commissary store system. Considerations include:

- Creation of Service-wide commissary management organization to operate Service commissary stores.
 - Establishment of common management organizations for exchange and commissary operations for the respective military service.
 - Development of one agency to operate all commissary stores within DoD.
 - No change to current structure.
- The study is scheduled for completion this summer.

construction within CONUS. To replace this loss of construction money, Congress authorized an adjustment in the selling price of individual items or an increase in the surcharge on the total sale at the cash register checkout.

DOD is currently studying commissary operations to develop the most efficient method of operations under the new rules and is studying methods that will pay these operating costs and retain the maximum attainable price advantages for customers.

commissary prices during the second half of 1975 and be fully implemented within one year.

While there has been speculation that a 12 per cent surcharge would be necessary, no fixed per cent has been determined.

Commissaries have been a part of military life since 1867 and originated when military installations were located in underdeveloped portions of the United States. When originally established, they sold only a few basic staple-type items. Today they have developed to the extent that their stockage closely parallels that of commercial supermarkets. Since commissaries will still provide significant savings, they will remain a valuable benefit for ac-

Officer's Family Featured In Sky

Major and Mrs. Robert Ervin and their children are the subject of a feature story in the April issue of "Sky", a Delta Air Lines magazine. The major is assigned to the Redstone Readiness Group.

The story, entitled "Living with Changes, Anticipation and Excitement", describes the family's travels during the major's Army career, and their experiences while living in various parts of the U. S. and in Germany.



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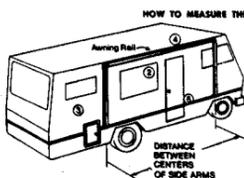
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Helmer, Bofenkamp Cop TRADOC Doubles Title

By DAVE COWAN

Ft. Knox, Ky.—They came from relatively small military installations, but Fort McClellan and Redstone Arsenal keglers captured most of the awards in the central division of the annual Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) bowling tournament at the Houston Bowling Center here last week.

In actuality, the tournament boiled down to two men bowlers from Redstone and two women bowlers from McClellan who outshined 48 keglers in a 21-game roll off in four days of mixed team, doubles and singles events.

The tournament attracted teams from Forts Benning, Gordon, Benjamin Harrison, Jackson, Knox, Rucker and McClellan and Redstone Arsenal.

Fred Helmer and Brent Bofenkamp led Redstone to a first-

place finish in the men's double event, defeating Knox's Bobby Booth and Jim Stawniak in a sudden death roll-off. Both teams ended the six-game event with 2,293 pins.

In the women's doubles, McClellan's Josephine Soboleski and Mae Sims toppled the maples for a 1,997 total, while Vicki Byers and Wanda Stepp took second with 1,927 pins for Ft. Knox.

In the singles event, Redstone's Helmer grabbed top honors with a 1,252 pin count that included series of 659 and 593 over Kenneth Hendrickson of Rucker. Hendrickson bowled series of 634 and 597 for a 1,231 total.

Helmer also captured high series with his 659, which included the tournament's highest game—a 286. He rolled 10 consecutive strikes in that game.

Two Ft. McClellan women took first and second in their singles. Sims outdueled her double's partner, Soboleski, 1,171 to 1,168. Sims took high series with a 635, while Soboleski nabbed high game with a 237.

The two women continued to dominate in the all-events category, but this time it was Soboleski over Sims. Soboleski compiled a 3,735, while Sims pounded out 3,601 over the 21-game

route.

Carl Austin and Kenneth Staggs nailed down first and second in the men's all-events. Austin rolled a 4,014 against Staggs 3,982.

In the mixed team event, which included four men and two women on each squad, Ft. Gordon took first with 6,861 pins, while runnerup Ft. McClellan had 6,664.

Wednesday Officers STANDINGS

	WON
Strikeouts	73
Bee M's	70
Gimlets	70
Swingers	64
Black Jacks	64
Lucky Strikes	63
Widgets	55
ExASPRators	52
Readiness Group	46
Redrock Engineers	42
Sch. Bde. B's	38

Halo's	RESULTS
Gimlets 6, Lucky Strikes 2	
Strikeouts 6, Redrock 2	
Swingers 6, Bee M's 2	
Black Jacks 6, Readiness 2	
Widgets 6, Halo's 2	
Sch. Bde. B's 4, ExASPRators 4	
IND. HONORS	
High Series: Fuller, 588; Aldrup, 565; Townley, 536; Shuput, 535; Ogozalek, 523; Baer, 522.	
High Games: Fuller, 219; Aldrup, 215-205; Tavano, 202; Townley, 201.	
High average: Aldrup, 177.	

Prizes Purloined

Ft. Knox, Ky.—It wasn't a case for Sherlock Holmes, not was it the greatest jewel theft in the world, but the bizarre incident did leave officials baffled as the annual Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Bowling Tournament came to a close at the Houston Bowling Center.

What took place was an ironic heist of seven first and second place awards from the Ft. Knox Recreation Services office that were to be given to winning members of eight teams entered in the central division of the tournament.

According to Ft. Knox's deputy Recreation Services officer Jess Sullins, the thieves competed as hard as tourney bowlers to capture the valuable merchandise.

After disposing of an outer wire mesh using bolt cutters and then breaking a window, the intruders escaped undetected with the prizes. The incident occurred one day prior to the close of the prestigious event.

The weird happening was not disclosed to participating bowlers until the awards ceremony was concluded.

"We managed to replace four awards with similar items from the greater Louisville area, but three will have to be replaced by TRADOC," said Sullins.

"These prizes will be shipped by TRADOC to winning individuals at a later date," he added.



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Handball Race Tightens After German Loss

The German Air Force and the 4th SC students were knocked from the pinnacles of their respective divisions of the RSA Intramural Team Handball League in action last week, and the results put both divisions up for grabs as the league moved into its final week.

The Germans were upset by the 6th SC, who registered their first win of the season, while the 7th SC nipped the 4th and moved into a two-way tie with the foreign students in the Eastern conference. Both the Germans and the 4th had until now gone unbeaten.

Western division leaders, 4th SC, remained one game ahead of the 8th, who took two wins last week.

Monday

In Monday night's action, the Marines eked out a 9-8 win over the 291st MPs and the 7th edged the 4th SC, 8-7.

After leading 4-2 at halftime, the 7th SC had to hold off a surging 4th student squad in the final half for their narrow victory. The unbeaten 4th outscored the 7th in the final period, 5-3.

Gene Quaterbaum paced the 7th with three goals, while Gary Finney and Jim Johnson added two each. Alphonso Williamson chalked up three, and Lewis Marshall got two for the 4th.

The Marines picked up their second win with a second half comeback over the MPs. The cops led at halftime, 6-5, but the Leathernecks outscored them 4-2 in the final half for the win.

The Marines were led by L. Seaman, L. Robinson and D. Pieperi with three, three and two goals respectively, while Charles Pickerson and Brady Pitts nabbed three each for the MPs.

Tuesday
The 8th SC subdued the 6th students, 19-12, while the Marines bombed MICOM, 9-4, Tuesday night.

The 8th SC defeated the 6th in the first of two games Tuesday night with brilliant individual performances on both teams highlighting the game.

Clarence White and Calvin Harris led the chargin' 8th with five goals each, followed by Tony Morrison, Mike Vancanti and Mike Hudson with 4, 3 and 2 respec-

HANDBALL Standings

EASTERN		W	L
German Air Force		4	1
7th SC		4	1
Marines		2	4
6th SC		1	2

WESTERN

	W	L
4th SC	3	1
8th SC	4	2
MICOM	2	4
291st MPs	0	5

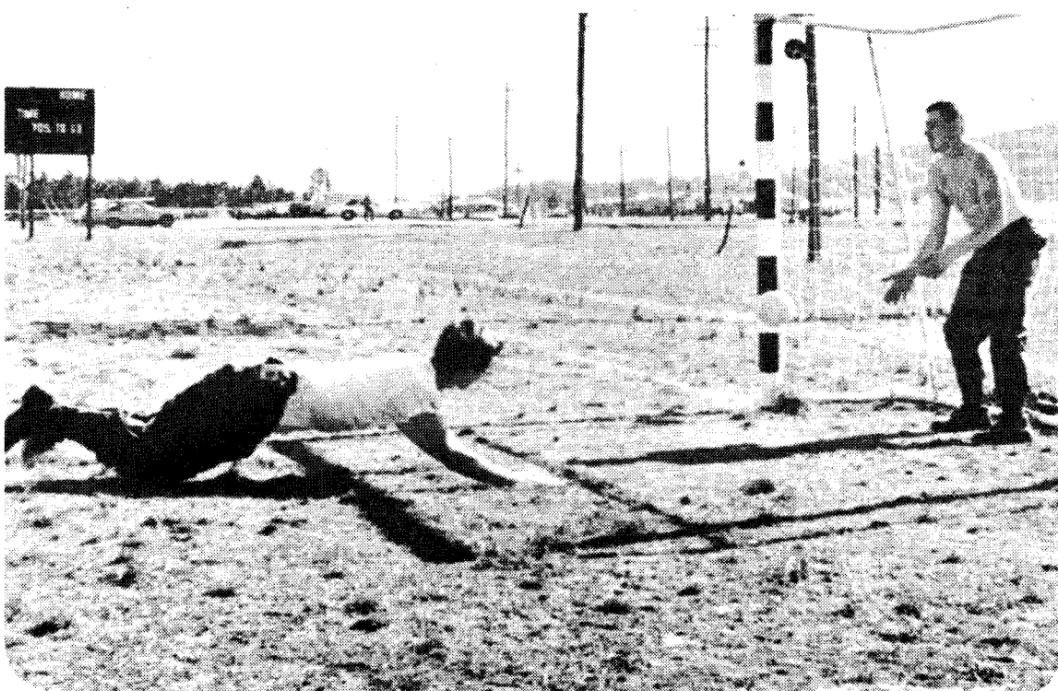
SCORING LEADERS

Name	Unit	Goals
White, 8th SC		23
Barmore, 4th SC		21
Harris, 8th SC		21
Dickerson, 291st MPs		14
Hudson, 8th SC		12
Speiss, German AF		12
Petelo, 6th SC		12
Robinson, Marines		11
Lewis, 4th SC		10
Dorsey, MICOM		10
Johnson, 7th SC		10

tively. For the losers, Nikolas Patelo netted seven biggies, followed by Jonathan Clopton's two-goal performance.

Leading 3-2 at halftime, the Marines widened their margin by five goals in the final period in defeating MICOM, 9-4.

The Marines strong throwing arms were L. Seaman, D. Dion and D. Pieperi with three, two and two goals respectively, while Denny



FLUSTER THE GOALIE? Not in this European team handball bout.

netted two for the missilemen.

Wednesday

On Wednesday night, the 6th SC dethroned the German Air Force, 9-6, and the 7th SC whitewashed the MPs, 14-4.

Albert Oden and John Farmer scored three goals each as the 6th students made a 3-1 halftime lead stand in dethroning the Germans. Taking a 3-1 edge, the 6th outscored the Germans, 6-5, in the second half for the win.

Juergen Spiess and Hans Kalus led the foreign students with three and two goals respectively.

The 7th students jumped off to a 10-2 halftime lead and were never challenged the rest of the game as they defeated the MPs, 14-4.

Jim Johnson and Gary Finney had four and three goals, while Gene Quaterbaum, Jim Jackson and Jim Armfield netted two each for the 7th. Brady Pitts scored three in a losing effort for the MPs.

Thursday

In Thursday's action, the 8th SC exploded for a 24-4 victory over the Marines, while the 7th SC demolished MICOM, 11-6.

The 8th Students used three

sharpshooters in rolling up 24 goals against the Marines in their win Thursday evening.

Clarence White headed the three-man scoring with six goals, while Calvin Harris and Mike Hudson followed closely with five each. For the Marines, D.D. Pieperi had two goals.

Missileman Howard Dorsey sank four goals, but it wasn't enough as the 7th SC downed MICOM, 11-6. Ruben Rosales and Gary Finney scored three goals, while Bob Picard and Jim Johnson netted two each for the 7th.

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By Dave Cowan

A picture perfect finish climaxed a brilliant football season for the Redstone Saints (11-to 13-year-olds) when they were named the 1974-75 Pop Warner National Midget champions. The good news came in an announcement from Pop Warner National Headquarters in Philadelphia.

The Arsenal youth team was selected from 2,000 teams across the United States and overseas that competed in the midget division last season.

The Pop Warner association made the selection based upon two criteria—the team's league and playoff record and the team's combined scholastic average during the 1974-75 school year.

In the final tabulation, Redstone finished first, while teams from Atlanta, Ga.; Orange, N.J.; San Diego, Calif., and Ft. Myers, Fla., completed the top five positions.

"I was astonished when Redstone was named national champions," said Saints coach Terry Chance. "It was our first year in Pop Warner competition. Some teams have been competing since 1929 and haven't won a national title, but we did it in one year."

PERFECT SLATE

The happy ending for the Saints started early last fall when they nabbed the midget division championship in the North Central Alabama Pop Warner football conference with a 10-0 record.

Representing North Central Alabama in the 120-pound midget division, the Saints traveled to Gastonia, N.C., in December to compete in the 21st Annual Lil' Punkin' Bowl at Ashley Stadium.

The Arsenal youths played the Gastonia SABC Chiefs and defeated the 1971-72 national champions, 18-12.

The affair could have aptly been described as a

"soup bowl." A cold rain mixed with snow drenched spectators and players but didn't dampen the vigor and enthusiasm of the competing teams.

"One reason for our success was my coaches," said Chance. "With their knowledgeable experience and dedication, they worked long hours with the boys to make them what they are today—champions."

Congratulations were received by letter from Jim C. Taft, national field director of the Pop Warner franchise.

"Your team's selection is a tribute to your players, their coaches, their parents, and those of your organization who help to develop the youth of our nation," wrote Taft.

McEVoy RATES HIGH

No individual has yet been named Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the 1974-75 season but, according to Taft, a Redstone player is in the thick of the race after four rounds of voting by the Pop Warner awards committee.

From more than 800 boys nominated by their respective teams, the committee has narrowed the field to 80 youths. Redstone's Robert McEvoy is currently the No. 2 choice of the selection board.

McEvoy scrambled for 171 yards in the midget. The halfback has also established several North Central and state records in the Pop Warner league.

The deciding point for the Saints came at Gastonia, said coach Chance.

"Any game that goes right down to the final gun is exciting and bound to leave you with memories, but when that game also wins a championship I'd have to say that then it is really unforgettable," he said.



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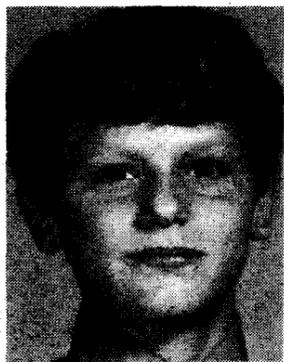
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Judo A "Young Man's Field"

By WILLIAM HAYES

Why do few judo coaches participate frequently in tournament competition?

Mike Brown, coach of the Redstone Arsenal Judo Club, says it's for the same reason only young pilots fly supersonic fighters.

"It's a young man's field. It takes the quickest of reflexes. The more experienced, older man may have as much or more skill, but his reflexes are slower," Brown explains.

So the second degree black belt holder contents himself with occasional appearances before judges as he works his way up the hierarchy of judo.

But most of the 34-year-old soldier's off-duty time is spent teaching judo to other soldiers and soldiers' children.

Brown finds that recent movies, television series and popular music have fostered new interest in oriental martial arts. There is, however, a key difference between judo and other martial arts such as kung fu, Brown notes.

"In competition judo, a sport situation, blows are absolutely forbidden," he said. Only the more experienced judo student may be exposed to "striking techniques" as a major division of the art.

"The study of judo is a long-term thing. Most students show progress after just a couple of lessons. There's almost always improvement in coordination, reflexes and agility," Brown says.

Later, progress may seem to come slower.

"The student may learn a movement, such as a party, then spend a long time learning to perform the basic movements smoothly and quickly. After a matter of years, the movements become almost automatic, therefore useful as a method of self-defense," he explains.

But there's more involved in the study of judo than the movements.

"There's a certain amount of philosophy involved," Brown explains. "One of the main things is trying to impart to the student a sense of responsibility. This is an individual sport, not a team effort. If a student is defeated in competition, he cannot try to shift blame to a pitcher or second baseman," he says.

On the other hand, if the student succeeds, he gets a little practice in gracious winning.

A number of Brown's students—and some from the Huntsville YMCA, coached by Terry Poole—have been getting a lot of practice at winning lately.

At the recent District Junior

Olympics competition at Memphis Naval Air station, 13 Redstone youths finished first in the six to 18 year age bracket. Six took second place honors, while three more finished third. At the same meet, none of 13 Huntsville "Y" entrants took honors.

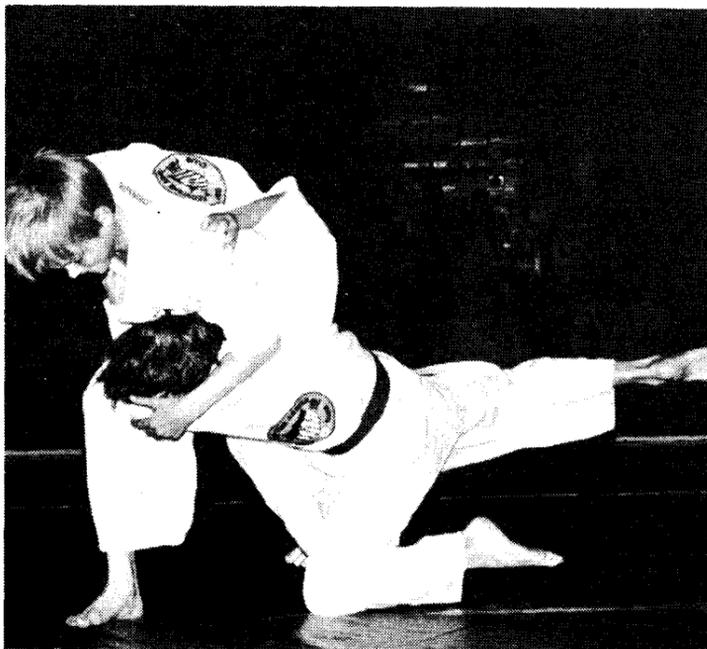
The students from both clubs really did well," said Brown. "Some of their movements could have been used for photos in textbooks. Their techniques were really good."

The next major tournament on

the schedule is the third region Amateur Athletic Union tournament to be held in Hendersonville, N. C., next month.

Brown's busy getting his students ready for that one. Those who took first, second or third in Memphis will be eligible to compete at Hendersonville.

Military students practice Monday and Wednesday evenings, while youngsters meet in two shifts on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Youth Sports Program building just outside Gate 8.



GOTCHA—Toby Atkinson (top) attacks Scott Thornton with a koshi guruma, or hip wheel throw, during a recent Junior Olympics judo match in Memphis. Both are members of the Redstone Arsenal Judo Club. (Photo by Major William Benson)

YSP Signup Begins

The 1975 swimming season at Redstone has its unofficial opening tomorrow when the registration for participants commences at the Teen Club in Building 114.

All girls and boys between the ages of 5 and 17 who are dependents of active duty or retired military, and their house guests, are eligible to participate. Dependent children of foreign students and staff are also encouraged to register.

"This is a competitive swimming team, not a learn-to-swim class," Major Peter Dwyer emphasized. "However," the Youth Swimming Director added, "if a child up to eight who can swim 25 yards, and those from 9 through 17 can swim 50 yards, they will make the team."

The coaching staff will teach and refine each swimmer's technique in the basic competitive strokes (butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle) and improve their swimming ability, endurance and speed.

Dwyer said the swimming season is conducted during the months of June and July, consisting of practice sessions each weekday morning from eight to ten. Swimming meets against neighborhood pools around the city are scheduled for Wednesday evenings.

The season culminates with the City Championship meet, to be held for the first time this year in the new Brahan Springs Natatorium.

The coach said that boys and girls who will be participating in the Arsenal's baseball and softball programs can also join the swim team as there will be a minimum of conflict in scheduling the activities.

Dwyer indicated that a need is still evident for additional volunteer coaches. "Previous competitive swimming experience is helpful, but not necessary," he said.

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Anyone interested in being included in the ladder must submit his or her name to the workout facility manager at Bldg. 3474. The competition will be open to active military only.

The tennis ladder was initiated to seed top players, instead of drawing names from a hat at tournament time, according to sports director Ralph Santaliz.

Simply defined, a player may challenge up to three players above him on the standings ladder. If the challenger wins, only the players involved switch places.

However, if the defender wins, the position remains the same and the challenger may not compete against that same opponent for one week.

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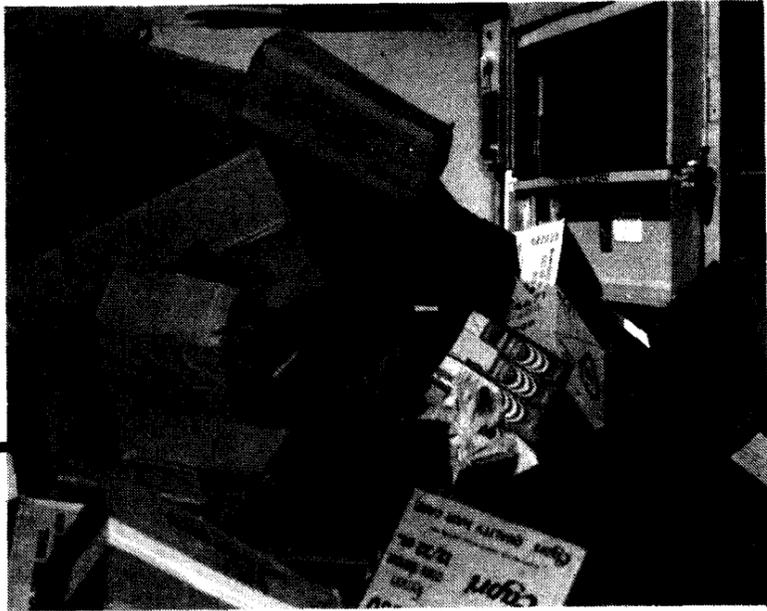
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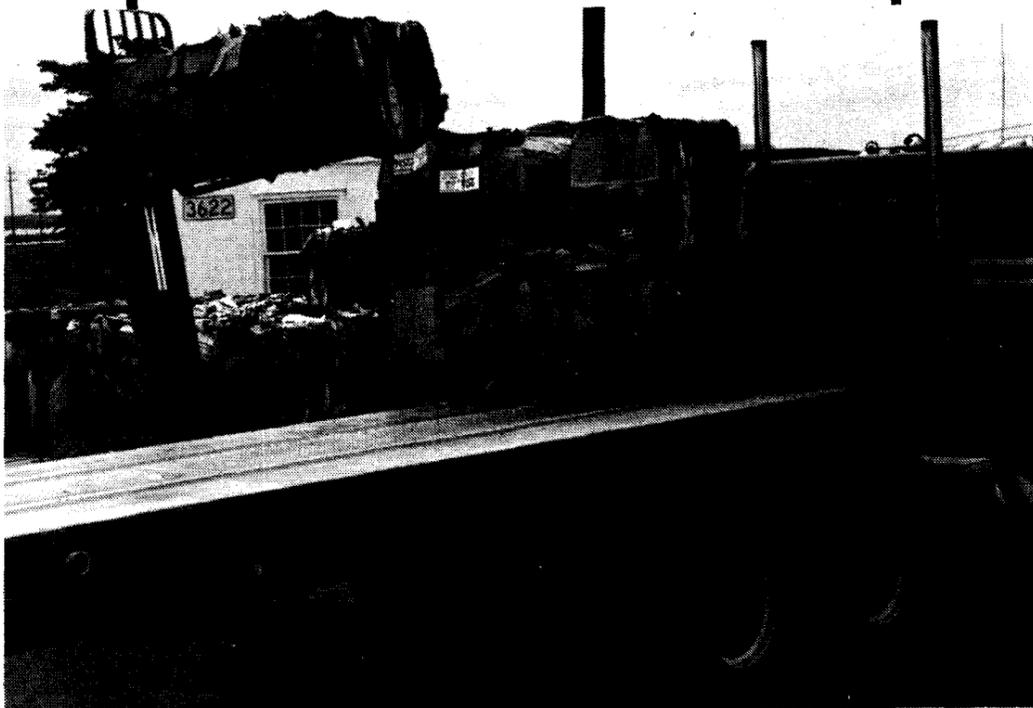
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That cardboard also will have fattened the U.S. Treasury by about \$6,000, while paying Redstone perhaps three times that much in indirect benefits.

Even though the bottom has fallen out of the waste paper market—the selling price for cardboard has plummeted from \$50 to \$20 over the past year—the cardboard recycling program here is paying dividends both economic and environmental, according to Ed Sebastian, chief of engineering at Facilities Engineer.

Cardboard is compacted into 700 pound bales by Commissary personnel using a big machine furnished by a contractor, Sebastian explained. The contractor hauls the bales away and sells them for recycling, rebating a percentage of the profits to the U.S. Treasury.

While Redstone receives no money from the program, the payoff comes in intangibles, among them greatly reduced costs for handling and hauling the cardboard and bulldozing it into a landfill.

In other recycling news, a baler was installed recently at the main exchange here by the Army-Air Force Exchange Service as part of their system-wide recycling effort. PX Manager Don Emmons said about a ton of cardboard per week is being recycled.

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MP Selected For Army Handball Tryouts

Over the past few years, the Army's efforts to keep European team handball alive have had about the success you'd expect from a scheme by automobile tycoons to save the Studebaker or by zoologists to preserve the dodo bird.

In another attempt to keep team handball alive, a Washington Army official announced recently that the military organization will submit a team for the upcoming National Team Handball Championships in May at Columbus, Ohio.

According to Army sports director Billy Dove, the military team will compete against squads throughout the country—mostly college teams—in the important event.

In preparation for the championship games, approximately 30 soldiers throughout the Army have been invited to the All-Army handball camp at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Anville, Pa.

Among the prospects attending the tryout camp is Charles Dickerson, a native of Talladega and a member of the 291st MP Company.

STRATEGY

The 23-year-old military policeman will go through three weeks of vigorous training in team handball, which will include conditioning, plays, fundamentals, drills and strategy plays.

The Army will be the only branch of the military represented, said Dove.

Dickerson, who plays for the MP handball team in the western conference of the post intramural team handball league, had his doubts about handball when he began playing earlier.

"At first, I thought the game wouldn't be interesting," he said. "But after a few games under my belt, I really dug it."

The black soldier credits his invitation to the Army handball camp to determination.

"Some athletes have the ability to play handball, but they lack the initiative. Being selected to attend the All-Army handball camp is quite a privilege," said Dickerson.

"I don't give up easily," said the athlete, who packs plenty of power in his 170-pound, 6 foot 2 inch frame.

ALL-AROUND ATHLETE

A proven example was during his Advanced Infantry Training from March to May 1971 at Fort Gordon, Ga. The soldier scored 499 points out of a possible 500 in a required physical training (PT) test given. Not satisfied, he repeated the PT test and registered a perfect score.

But team competition is his bag. He lettered all four years in basketball, football and track at Talladega High School.

While in the Army, he's played

Rec Center Plans Visit To Opryland

The Recreation Center will sponsor a tour of Opryland, USA, Saturday, May 17.

Military personnel and dependents planning on making the trip are required to pay admittance fee when signing up for the trip. Group admission fee is \$5.85 for adults, \$4.50 for children 5 to 11 years with children under 5 admitted free.

There is a Saturday matinee at the Grand Ole Opry from 3 to 5. Those wishing to attend may purchase tickets upon entering the park.

The tour bus departs the Rec Center at 8:30 A.M. and returns at approximately 7:30 that evening.

A picnic lunch will be furnished.

inter-service football in Okinawa from 1971 to 1972. In intramural competition in Okinawa, his team—Site 6—nabbed league and post championships in softball and football.

For the past six years, he has participated in the Northeast Alabama Baseball League as a member of the Talladega Tigers and has been selected for the league's all-star team three times.

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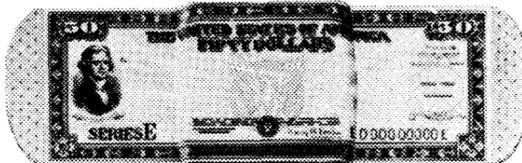
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