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No Casualties

Board Investigates Cause of Crash

A board of Army officers continued the investigation this week of the crash of twin engine U-21 utility transport aircraft on the Redstone Airfield March 30.

Fire broke out almost immediately after

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it impacted about 100 yards west of the main runway. Its five occupants — all soldiers assigned to commands at Ft. Rucker — scrambled clear of the wreckage with only apparent minor injuries. Two were detained overnight at the Army Hospital for observation and released the following morning. The other three were examined and released within hours after the crash. The five men had flown to Redstone

earlier the same day for a meeting and discussions with personnel at the Missile R&D Command.

They boarded the aircraft for the return to Rucker about 3:30 p.m.

While taking off on a northerly heading, the airplane was observed to swerve sharply west and go into the ground. The five men were clear of the plane by the time airfield personnel reached the wreckage.

A fixed wing aircraft that normally carries two pilots and four passengers or light cargo, the U-21 is widely used throughout the Army. The one that crashed here was based at Ft. Rucker, assigned to the U.S. Army Aircraft Development Test Activity, a DARCOM element.

Chief Warrant Officer Jerry Flowers, the pilot, is assigned to the Development Test Activity. The other four occupants of the plane, all assigned to the U.S. Army Aviation Board at Rucker, included: Sergeant Jose L. Agosto, Major Jesse W. Gance, Major Mike Hannan and Major Kenneth Landon.

Sgt. Agosto and CWO Flowers were the men hospitalized overnight.

Despite efforts of airfield personnel and arsenal firemen the aircraft was destroyed in the fire.

The crash was believed to be the first serious accident on the Redstone Airfield in at least two decades.

Clean-up Season Starting Soon

The spring cleaning season will begin at Redstone April 16 with the opening of Spring Clean-up Week.

The purpose of this clean-up week is to increase awareness of Redstone as a working and living environment.

The clean-up campaign seeks to make the environs of Redstone Arsenal a source of pride for the soldiers and civilians working here all year long. Not just during Spring Clean-up Week.

Office managers will encourage workers to take a few minutes at lunch to clean up their work areas.

Additional garbage pick-ups will be made in the on-post housing areas during Spring Clean-up Week.

Housing area co-ordinators have attended instructional sessions on Clean-up Week and on the Civic Week campaign run by the city of Huntsville. Any questions on Spring Clean-up Week in the housing areas should be brought to the co-ordinators.

The city of Huntsville will also celebrate Civic Week April 16-22. Civic Week and Clean-up Week share similar purposes, and their activities complement each other.

Participation in Civic Week activities in Huntsville by soldiers and civilians working at Redstone will be on a voluntary basis.



SPRING SPRUCE UP — Charles Sparkman and Gladys Binkly use some of their lunch time to plant flowers behind the Comm Center, as workers there do every spring.

Workers Favor Flexitime In Survey

Judging from an informal survey of Redstone employees, Flexitime will pass its one year test at Redstone Arsenal.

Workers reporting at 7:30 and 8 a.m. said traffic was lighter for them. Traffic was slightly heavier than before from 6:15 to 6:45 a.m., but no congestion was reported.

Workers said it was easier to get into gate 3. The lines in the Redstone Road turn lanes on Memorial Parkway were halved the first day of Flexitime.

Most workers also said traffic on the Arsenal was lighter. On Monday one em-

ployee in Personnel reported 30 minutes earlier than expected due to the lack of traffic on post.

Workers entering the post through gates 8, 9 and 10 reported lighter traffic on the main city roads leading to their gates.

Many workers said they did not change their schedules for Flexitime, but are happy with the choice it gives them. Some who have not changed their hours are considering requesting a change during the summer months the survey indicated.

Most supervisors seemed pleased with what they have seen of Flexitime.

\$4.8 Million Study Eyes New Role for Pershing

The Army Missile Research and Development Command has awarded approximately \$4.8 million to Martin Marietta Aerospace for a feasibility study on using Pershing as a Conventional Airfield Attack Missile.

Under the two-year contract, Martin will demonstrate that the non-nuclear warhead can be packaged, delivered and dispersed

by the Army's Pershing battlefield missile. Work will be performed at the Martin facility in Orlando, Fla.

Colonel Larry H. Hunt is Pershing Project Manager.

Pershing, operational for 15 years with battalions in the United States and Europe, including the Federal Republic of Germany Air Force, is a major part of the NATO nuclear shield.

Courts-Martial Decline; Article 15s Steady

(ARNEWS) — The Army's Article 15 rate has remained relatively constant since 1969 while the courts-martial rate has declined from one in five to one in 100 since the height of the Vietnam war.

Article 15s were administered at a rate of one for every five soldiers and the courts-martial rate was one for every 100 soldiers during 1977, according to figures released last week.

Armywide, there were 7,842 courts-martial and 166,798 Article 15s during 1977.

The Rocket

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Oil Spill

A quantity of waste oil was found dumped in a ditch here last week, despite recent expenditure of more than \$40,000 for environmentally safe oil disposal facilities.

The black viscous liquid was being carried by drainage water toward McDonald Creek when discovered by Bill Schroder of the Facilities Engineer environmental staff. Reacting swiftly, he blanketed the oil slug with absorbent materials and was able to contain most of it at the spill site until a cleanup crew arrived.

Had the oil reached McDonald Creek, it would have been a violation of federal and state pollution laws. Schroder estimated there were 20 or more gallons of oil floating in the ditch.

He said there was an approved oil disposal tank with a few feet of the site of the spill, the automotive craft shop. There have been other instances of improper oil disposal there, he added.

There are several oil collection sites on the arsenal. Some of them are new while the others recently have been modified to meet environmental standards. Dumping oil elsewhere not only is contributing to pollution, but is also wasting money and a resource, since the oil is sold and recycled.



MESSY — Bill Schroder of the Facilities Engineer environmental staff spreads absorbent pads to contain oil spill.

Slide Projectors May Be Defective

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has been advised by the Eastman Kodak Company that certain of that firm's slide projectors manufactured since March 1, 1977, and sold by AAFES present a potential shorting and shock hazard.

According to the manufacturer, a 1977 production change may have resulted in a pinched wire and the possibility of shorting and a potential shock hazard in a small number of those projectors produced.

Affected units bear model numbers 764-K

and 654-K and have silver and black Kodak emblems on the top of the projectors. In addition, a four-letter code imprinted on the bottom of the possibly defective units near the lamp housing begins with either the letter "C" or the letter "Y".

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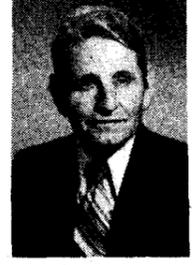


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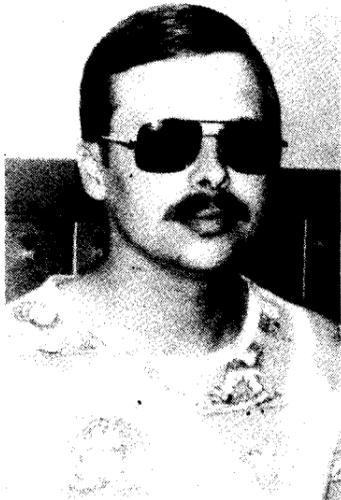
What do you think of the Soldier of the Month program?



Spec. 4 Marian Malki, Mircom—
 "I think it gives people incentive to be a good soldier. It provides a way to receive extra promotion points, and it could help a soldier get started in the savings bond program. Soldier of the Month should be stressed more in the units."



SSG Larry Thomas, 4th SC—
 "There's no such thing as a Soldier of the Month, being a soldier is a full time thing. If you want to find a true soldier, just walk up to him on the streets and ask him questions, don't give him time to prepare for a board. If a soldier wears his fatigues correctly, you already know he'll look sharp in dress greens."



SSG Arnold Campbell, Co. B—
 "I haven't been involved with the program that much because I just got back from Europe, but I think it's a good program for junior enlisted personnel. It gives them incentive for improvement."



SSG Jerry Mathes, Co. A—
 "Soldier of the Month is a good program. It enables the young troops to work for something better. It puts them in line to be promoted. It's something a soldier should work for full time, not just once. To be selected Soldier of the Month is a great honor."



Pvt. Ernest Everett, 8th SC—
 "The Soldier of the Month program gives a soldier a chance to show he's ready to assume some kind of leadership. It helps to promote troops to improve themselves. People who have won it would probably make the best NCOs."



Spec. 5 Morgan Sutton, Co. A—
 "I think that the Soldier of the Month Program orientates young soldiers for promotion boards they will face later in their careers, because of the questions they're asked. It gives a soldier a better idea of what military life is all about. It helps a soldier to learn a lot of things, like his chain of command."

Spec. 4 Darlene Tripp, Meddac—
 "I really don't like the program. The boards don't ask you anything about your job, they ask you about things that really don't matter. Soldiers competing for Soldier of the Month should be asked questions primarily about their jobs. To me it's a waste of time."



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MMCS Indianhead Unit Trains Bomb Squads

(This is the last of a series of articles on MMCS detachments away from Redstone)

The Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Detachment is a part of the EOD School at the Naval Ordnance Station, Indian Head, Md. Commanded by Major Don L. Brewer, the detachment represents the Army in the joint service training of officers and enlisted men from all the services including foreign countries.

Joining the MMCS family in Feb. 1976, the detachment is made up of four officers, one warrant officer and 42 enlisted men, who work as administrative and instructor personnel at the school. The school is run by the Navy with a Navy commander in charge.

The EOD School teaches the best methods and procedures for the recovery, evaluation, and disposal of surface and underwater explosive ordnance.

The list of weapons covered includes explosive ordnance dating from the cannon ball and Wooden Key Mine of the Civil War to the present day guided missiles with thermonuclear warheads.

Instructors from the EOD detachment train not only Army personnel but students from all the services. Army students attend the Surface Basic EOD Course (3 weeks) and the Phase 3 Nuclear Weapons Disposal Basic (6 weeks), that only senior E-5s that have a background investigation completed

and officers are allowed to attend.

The EOD Refresher Course is given to career EOD people who have completed the basic course and who have been in the field from 48-72 months. A two-day orientation course is given to senior officers whose duties bring them into contact with the EOD mission, such as people who work in operation sections of different commands.

In order to attend the EOD School,

students must be interviewed and selected by an EOD-qualified officer. Graduates are sent to all points of the world for duty where as qualified EOD technicians, they remain on call 24 hours per day. U.S. Navy technicians have the additional responsibility of disposing of all underwater ordnance; therefore, they receive additional training in SCUBA and Deep Sea Diving gear to qualify as EOD divers.



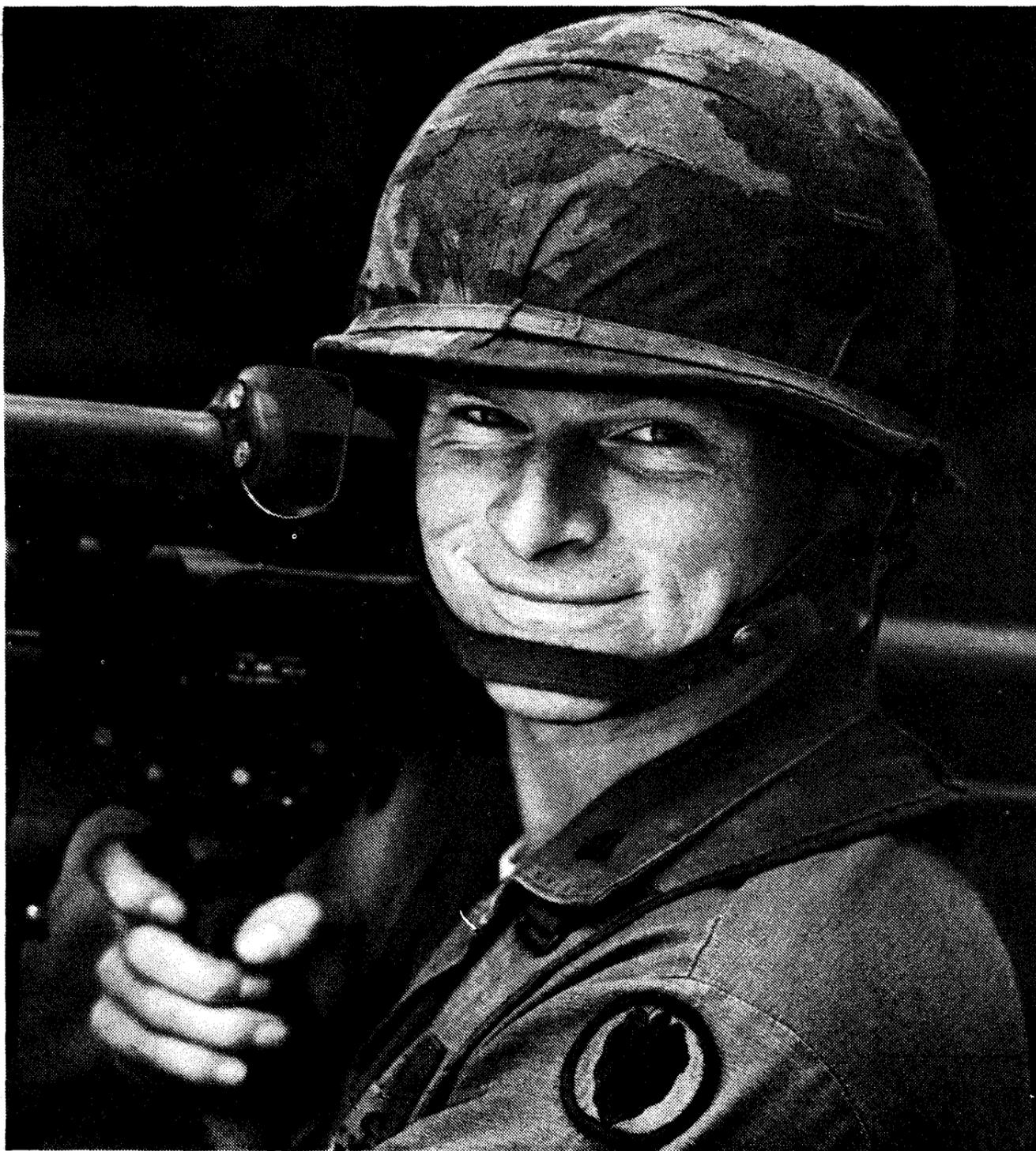
ABOVE — Air Force Staff Sergeant Sandberg (right) observes students as they render a bomb safe.



LEFT — Army Captain Tompkins and Marine Gunnery Sergeant Way watch students prepare for remote destruction in the core practical area.

"Uncle Sam needs me."

Craig Butler



SP5 Craig Butler is a member of a Red-Eye section. "I like my work. Always into it. Even getting books out of the library. I like the people I work with. It's almost a family affair. Wherever you are in the Army, you've got good people around. The Army has taken pretty darn good care of me and you know, it's really great to get paid to do your thing."

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Legion of Merit

JOB WELL DONE — Command Sergeant Major William P. Simmons receives the Legion of Merit from Colonel Edwin A. Rudd, Commandant of the Missile and Munitions Center and School during a ceremony last Thursday. The award commended Simmons for his dedication "to the proper utilization, career development and personal welfare of the School's enlisted personnel." The former top enlisted soldier of the school retires after nearly 29 years of military service.



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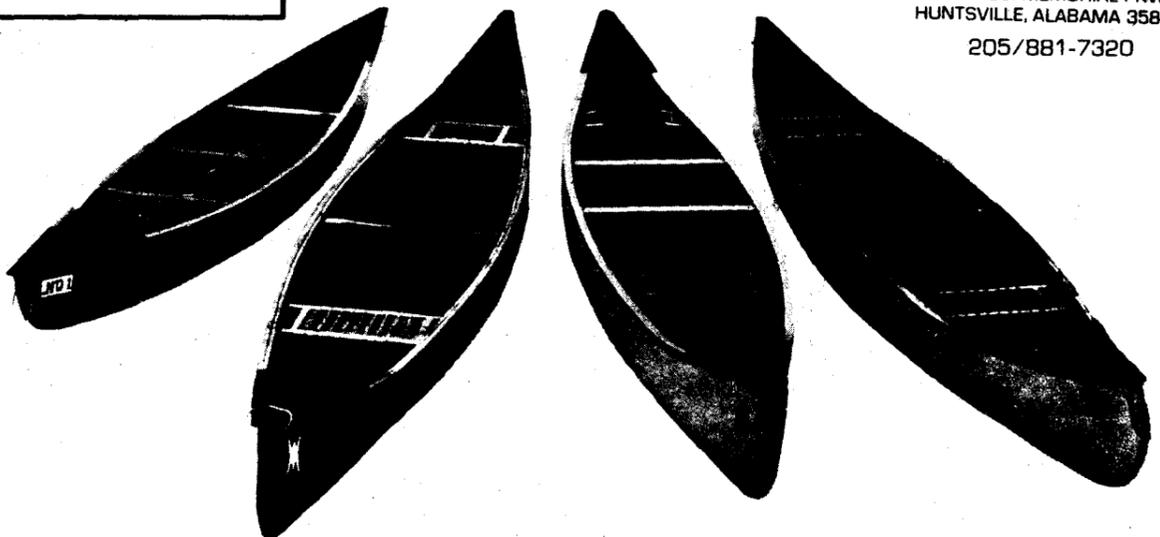
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OWC Skit

A skit "The Basic Black Dress", written by Alice H. Rice, will be presented at the Officers Wives Club luncheon April 11 at the Officers Club.

The stars of the skit include Dianna Haddock, Judy Hodder, Diane Lai, and Billy Collier. The skit will be narrated by Jeanne Keller and directed by Kitty Caldwell assisted by Jane Jones and Pris Kimel.

"The Basic Black Dress" is about the military wife and gives her a chance to laugh at her life style.

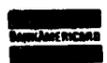


Rehearsal — (L to R) Judy Hodder, Dianna Haddock, and Billy Collier.

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This elegant home in the newer part of Jones Valley is just broken in and ready for real use by a family. Dad will enjoy the den with its own wet bar and built-in bookshelves and door to a covered patio. The youngsters will enjoy the lovely carpeted rec room with space for a pool table and great storage. Mom and the whole family will enjoy the guest bedroom and bath downstairs, the large living room, separate dining room, kitchen with utility breakfast area. Some of the extras include a big utility room with sink and exit to the yard, custom drapes throughout, three additional bedrooms with extra large study off the master, laundry chute to the utility room from the master bedroom, closets galore and an oversized yard on a quiet cul-de-sac. Oh yes, for Dad and the boys there is a two-car garage with custom-built workbench. \$139,900. MC6006. 883-1200.

ONE OF A KIND - A truly unique contemporary, two level home with an open informal living arrangement. Custom kitchen on each level. Three fireplaces, 3 cedar decks, in-ground heated pool, lighted tennis court, all on twelve beautiful wooded acres. Exclusive listing. Shown by appointment only. \$325,000. 883-1200.

EXCLUSIVE TONEY DRIVE - This elegant contemporary with its rustic beauty is stained cedar and stone. It has 4 bedrooms, one downstairs with a study and bath, plus two other baths. Some of the many extras are wood peg floors, a microwave, trash compactor, ceramic stove top and 40 yds. of pool. It is a very spacious two-story with approximately 3400 square feet. \$89,900. (T1010). 883-1200.

MINI HORSE RANCH - with beautiful contemporary 2 story home in Madison. This nearly new 4 bedroom home has a great great room with a rock fireplace. Large equipped kitchen, 2 1/2 baths, inside laundry and loads of decks. There's a 3 stall horse barn with a track room, 4 acres with fenced pasture. (ML Madison) 533-1490

MEDICAL DISTRICT - Beautiful 2 story, 4 bedroom home near the Medical District. You will love the convenience of living in this home which features formal LR and DR, very large eat-in kitchen w/bay window. Large den w/raised hearth fireplace. Lots of closet space. Double car garage and it is situated on wooded lot. \$19,500 Equity. (G-1605) 533-1490.

BRICK RANCHER DEN & REC ROOM - Close in - huge lot - 2400 sq. ft. built of comfortable living at a comfortable price. Home features living & dining rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, den with fireplace, rec room, double garage. Offered at only \$67,500 with equity of \$11,000. (4000M) 883-1200.

THIS CADILLAC - of all Southeast brick rancher is situated on a picture perfect lot in Sunset Valley. Home offers 4 large bedrooms, 2 baths, den w/fireplace and central ceiling. Spacious sunny breakfast room. Beautifully decorated living and formal dining. Extra large deck to overlooking yard completely fenced with stockade fencing. Every energy saving feature imaginable. \$69,900 (A-2413)

CHANGE WITH THE SEASON - get into spring in this tri-level Tudor home. On a beautiful wooded lot in one of the most desirable Southern locations. This lovely home features 4 bedrooms, big den kitchen combination w/fireplace, two car garage, auto door openers, wallpaper used very tastefully and carpet throughout over 2000 sq. ft. of living area. \$68,900 (10309AC) 533-1490.

APPROXIMATELY 2 ACRES and a beautiful new home in the country. Only 15-20 minutes from University Dr., this lovely home has a foyer, formal living room, dining room, sparkling built-in kitchen, three large bedrooms, three baths, a huge comfortable den, inside laundry and a garage with extra space for storage. Plenty of closets and cabinets! Enjoy the peaceful beauty of the surrounding countryside from the large deck. Low \$60s. (HGMR). 533-1490.

TRIBE SIZED... Regardless of the size of your tribe, they'll have plenty of room to romp at 2520 Excalibur Dr., SE. Features include 850 square foot rec room, 4 large bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large living and dining room, eat-in kitchen, oak paneled den with bookcases and a fireplace, double garage, and its only 6 years old. Priced below the market for this area at \$69,900. Available now. 883-1200.

WALKING DISTANCE TO GRISSOM - Almost new 1 1/2 story Cape Cod with 1960 sq. ft. of finished living area plus 550 sq. ft. unfinished upstairs. Den with easy flow for entertaining, features full wall of stone, fireplace and exposed beams. Kitchen with breakfast area, formal living room and separate dining room. Large king-sized master bedroom on rear of house with excellent wall space. Two large vanity baths. Inside laundry. Not yet 2 years old. Double carport with extra storage room. 140x140 lot. A good buy now and great investment in your future. \$69,856, equity \$18,601. (1016SR)

MADISON - Big (approx. 2800 sq. ft.) brick rancher on almost 2 acre lot. Large octagonal - sunken living room the hub of this beautiful home. 3 big bedrooms, 2 baths, den inside laundry, extra large kitchen with lots of closets. (G-Madison) 533-1490

ROCKMONT-ON-CARDESSA High above lake Huntsville rests a home of unique dimensions and character. A modified A-Frame, its three levels feature 4 bedrooms, 3 baths 28x24 Great Room with A massive full masonry fireplace, luxurious, fully equipped eat-in kitchen, and loads of storage. A full width deck perfectly complements its setting. 2.1 acres of meticulously kept grounds featuring 600' of road frontage and intensively natural landscaping. It is pleasantly close (but not too close) to schools, shopping, Turner's Marina, Public docks, Gunterville and Huntsville. Asking \$66,900. We'll throw in its "Million Dollar View" of the lake below for absolutely nothing. (CL) 883-1200

QUARRY TILE... everywhere in this lovely custom built brick rancher situated on a very private lot high on Russell Hill. Large living room w/fireplace. The most inviting kitchen/family room offers a wall of brick. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Lovely patios. A home to enjoy. \$59,900. (C3922).

HAYSLAND ESTATES - Tri-level featuring 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, foyer living room, separate dining room, huge den w/wet bar PLUS POOL, BATHS, REMAINS, fully carpeted, central heat/air, double garage, large deck and patio, lovely yard, children can walk to Chaffee School. (C8002). 533-1490.

\$60's

BASEMENT RANCHER CLOSE IN - Here is a neat, sharp basement rancher on huge lot with trees close in. Home features lovely deck with comfortable outdoor living, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen den combo, living room/dining room combo, full basement. Offered at only \$50,500. (104RL)

COMPARE! - Compare quality, price and planning in these two new homes! This 3 BR home is situated on Cul-de-sac with formal Living Room and dining room. Den with fireplace, crown molding, eat-in kitchen, and Master Bedroom suite with spacious bath and many other features. Priced at only \$51,900. If you do not have the need for a Living Room and den, then we have the GREAT ROOM home! This home also features 3 BR, 2 baths, and large kitchen. Decorated to perfection. Offered at only \$47,800. Compare these two homes and you will discover that buying a new home can be fun. 1204/1207 A 883-1200.

"DOLL" OF A HOUSE - on a beautiful acre plus lot. This charming rancher features a large living room, separate formal dining room, large breakfast room with cushion tile floor, self-cleaning ovens, den with fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, triple car carport and fenced backyard. Mint condition. \$53,900. (C7600) 883-1200.

BRICK RANCHER IN THE TREES - First offering of immaculate 3 bedroom home with foyer, separate dining room, built-in kitchen with large cheerful breakfast bay, family sized den with impressive stone fireplace, inside laundry, large storage area in double finished garage. Beautifully decorated. Many extras. Priced mid \$50's with good equity and easy payment. (12036 PQ) 883-1200.

SMOKY COLORS IN FOX RUN - From the smoky-pearl carpet to the smoky-beige vinyl in this three-bedroom brick rancher the decoration is exceptional. You need to see the large den with a fireplace and the cheerful kitchen with its bay-window eating area. There is a nice dining room and the utility room boasts extra cabinets of a much larger house. Call today and be the first to see it. \$56,900, any type financing. (M14001). 883-1200.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION - 3 bedrooms tri-level in fast growing Fox Run. Functional floor plan offering foyer, living room, dining room, den with fireplace, kitchen with fireplace. Beautifully decorated with color-coordinated carpet, wallpaper, kitchen appliances & counter tops. Priced low \$50's. (12055) 883-1200.

BEAUTIFUL HOME - Beautiful view - this super nice English Tudor is located on the Lake Araba Pine Lake Village subdivision. Home features 3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large den with fireplace, living room, dining room, and eat-in kitchen. Fully carpeted, tastefully decorated. Choice location - low equity - swimming, fishing, tennis, or boating. \$51,900. Call 1-753-2295. (Z0MG).

\$40's

SOUTHWEST - 7702 CARLTON DR. - Brick Rancher shaded lot quite street in good neighborhood (walk to Chaffee School) Over 2100 BR's ft. Four BR's (Master BR Large & secluded) Den and Rec. room. Beautifully painted new carpet and wallpaper. Vacant-Will Trade. Price \$47,500. (7702C) 533-1490.

GREENBRIAR ESTATES - Two story 5 bedroom home with 2 full baths, large workshop, central heat & air. \$43,900 (R6015) 533-1490.

4 BR RANCHER - LOW EQUITY - SE... Our new listing features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, den, living-dining, fenced yard, sharp landscaping and much more \$9,950 equity. Call for details. (11023C) 883-1200.

LOW EQUITY - JUST LISTED... Extra nice 3 bedroom rancher with great floor plan on a quiet cul-de-sac. Features include, large living room/dining room combination, 2 baths, isolated master bedroom suite, den with contemporary fireplace, track lighting, inside utility room, double garage with elec door opener, two patios with privacy fence, huge lot. Equity is only \$8,808 with total monthly payments of \$305.43. (MD10100) 883-1200.

11004 LOUIS DR. - Newly listed - split foyer, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, separate dining, large den/rec room, storm windows, copper plumbing, carpet over hardwood, extra insulation. Real quiet \$49,900. 883-1200.

MOMMA CAN QUIT CARPOOLING - The kids to school when she moves into this very well kept 3 bedroom split level home. Just one block to Chapman school. The whole family will enjoy the big fireplace in the den. And dad in particular will like the oversized double garage. (1803N) 533-1490.

STOP THROWING MONEY AWAY - Rent receipts are only good for Landlords. Let us show you this smartly designed NEW HOME featuring Great Room, dining room, fireplace, 2 baths, 3 BRs with extra large master suite with plenty of closet space. This home is ready for your personal touch in decorating. Priced at only \$43,900. 1004 S. 883-1200.

GARDEN SPOT ready for planting in this beautifully landscaped back yard with utility bldg. Attractive 4 BR home included, featuring large den, carpets throughout, large patio, and garage. Walking distance to Johnson High School, in the \$40's. (PP6032). 533-1490.

BEHIND THIS GREAT HOME there's a super terrific yard. A brick-tri-level with a front porch, double car garage, central heat and air, hardwood floors that have carpets over them. Living room-dining room combination - kitchen/dining room combination, three bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of storage space and a "Teen-Room". Only \$48,950. Better hurry. Call (5307V)

CONDONMIINIUM... Sumptuous decoration and exciting floor plan are prime features in this unit. Home offers living room w/fireplace, separate dining, separate breakfast area, masterful kitchen, 2 1/2 decorator baths, private master suite, balcony or study overlooking fireplace and too many more to mention here. \$41,900; \$7,900 equity. (142S). 883-1200.

WHY NOT change your life for something better? Never again will you have to house hunt as this one has everything. Three bedrooms (master has walk in closet); 2 full baths; large eat-in kitchen with island stove and all built-ins; living/dining room; big den w/fireplace, storm shelter; burglar system; custom paneling; fully carpeted. Central heat/air. Payments only \$226.66. Equity \$23,000. \$40's. (1813N). 533-1490.

MONTE SANO - Well built brick ranch on lovely wooded lot offers huge living room w/bookcases and fireplace. Formal dining, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. All enhanced with a generous amount of long-n-groove pine paneling. Storm windows, central heat and air. \$42,900. (H-3403). 883-1200

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NORTHWEST TRI-LEVEL - 3213 W. Helena - Roomy brick home nice lot walking distance to Davis Hills School, 4 good size BR's * (2 up, 2 down) den w/fireplace, central heat & air - carpet thru-out. Large kitchen/dining area. Good storage space. Price right - \$41,500. 533-1490.

TENDER LOVING CARE - always shows! This mint condition Calif Team has 1960 sq. ft. of living area featuring 4 bedrooms (2 King Size); 2 baths, living/dining room combo, end, kitchen with built-ins. Double garage and fenced yard PLUS walking distance to school. \$40,500. (K6004). 533-1490.

ROOMY AND READY FOR OCCUPANCY - This 5 bedroom, 2 bath home offers lots of useful living area for only \$46,900. There's central heat & air, carpets, dishwasher, disposal, self cleaning oven. (R601S) 533-1490.

\$30's

COUNTRY LIVING - 10 acres (all in cultivation) - 3 BR/Bungalow (hardwood floors) Large LR (carpeted), Country kitchen w/built ins, 1-Bath (Large closet in hall could convert into bath), Central air/EI-Wall heat, City water & well, Custom Drapes, Mobile Home Hook-up on property, 2-Out Building. (10-A MMH) 533-1490.

LOW EQUITY - only \$6,900 Equity will move you into this beautiful 3 bedroom home. Study (or 4th Bedroom), 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, den. Large fenced in backyard with fruit trees (bearing) & room for garden. Carport & utility bldg. (2114N). 533-1490.

"TRIBE SIZE" - This spacious tri-level features 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, eat-in kitchen, den w/fireplace, study w/bookshelves, laundry room, fully carpeted, separate workshop, covered patio, and 0-0-0-h so much space for the children to play in the huge fenced yard with many fruit & shade trees. Other extra's too! \$39,900. (4307L). 533-1490.

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CONVENIENCE AND COMFORT - in this 3 BR rancher centrally located, immaculate condition. Eat-in kitchen plus den. \$25,950. (1903C) 533-1490.

STATE LINE ROAD... 1 bedroom country home with living room, kitchen, bath/laundry on 1/2 acre. \$12,000. Additional acreage is available up to 40 acres of prime cleared tillable farm land. Call Russ Boom at 881-6591 for the details. 883-1200.

THE PICK OF TODAY'S YOUNG HOME SHOPPER... An older home in the Northeast Section of Huntsville that has received TLC from its present owners. New aluminum siding, new roof, new plumbing, carpeted thru-out. Separate dining room, living room has beamed ceiling & brick decorator fireplace. Large master bedroom. Can be used as a two or three bedroom home. The kitchen is large & has 3 year old appliances. You will be pleasantly surprised. Only \$21,000. Call now - (1320 M) 883-1200.

MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT - This little home is plush with its wall-to-wall carpet, custom living room drapes, two bedrooms, large eat-in kitchen, and lots of storage space. Pretty as picture! (9th) 533-1490.

FEEL THE PINCH? Does income tax time depress you? Take this older home on Pratt Ave. and spruce it up for renting. Ideal for duplex and only \$26,000. (1020P) 533-1490.

SUPER SHARP - 3 bedroom brick home, 1 1/2 baths, extra large den/kitchen combo, single a/c, storm windows, central heat, central electric air. (C3309). \$29,900. 533-1490.

SOUTHEAST - \$15,900. Frame home on Stonegate Rd. .6 acre lot. 2 bedrooms, living room, large kitchen, utility room, new wood stove, wall heaters, water heater, and storm windows. (12103S) 883-1200.

BLUE HAVEN - Low Payments - only \$97.37 - on this 3 bedroom rancher. New carpets throughout JUST INSTALLED. Fenced in back yard, garage. Only \$24,500. 533-1490.

4114 BLUE SPRINGS RD. + Excellent 3 BR. Brick Rancher. Good area, carport. Partially fenced yard. Freshly painted new carpet & vinyl. 2 Baths, central heat & air. Price to sell at \$25,500. 533-1490.

MOUNTAIN LAKE RESORT - LAKE - Cottage very clean and neat beautiful lake front lot and great view of mountain. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, tile floors. All tile goes with house. Over 1000 ft. Priced very reasonable at \$18,900. 533-1490.

LARGE LOT - Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of country living in this solidly built frame home featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large kitchen, living room and single garage. Large lot provides ample space for outdoor activity. Just outside city on Miller Lane. \$29,500. (R110CR). 533-1490.

COUNTRY LIVING in South Huntsville's nicest mobile home community. A Modula double wide on extra nice corner lot. More than 1300-square ft. with 4 bedrooms. (#4R) 883-1200.

GARDEN SPOT - Wake up to the song of a cardinal in your own garden this spring. This neat little bedroom home is just perfect for a first home; first garden. Quietly wallpapered and lovingly cared for, it is on a prettier dead-end street away from the hurried city. (HG). 533-1490.

VERY ATTRACTIVE - Brick home that shows TLC. King sized master bedroom w/private bath. Den, eat-in kitchen and garage. Priced in \$20's. (4304 B). 533-1490.

EXCELLENT LOCATION to A&M, shopping centers. Brick/frame 3 bedroom home with carport is ready for occupancy. Priced right - \$22,500. (613RA). 533-1490.

NEW PAINT - NEW CARPET - Spacious brick rancher featuring living room, dining room, kitchen, 3 large bedrooms, bath, rec room, large fenced yard. \$29,900. (3804C). 533-1490.

VIEW LOTS WITH TREES... the view lots you've been waiting for. These heavily wooded lots with views toward the Tennessee River and Huntsville contain the prettiest huge hardwood trees and building sites to be found anywhere. Just walk around one lot and you will be sold on the views! Scenery and the close proximity to the city. City water available. Lot sizes range from 7 to 17 acres. Lots offered at \$950 an acre. 883-1200.

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE... We have excellent office space for lease on Lily Flagg Rd. and other areas. Call for detailed information. 883-1200 or 533-1490.

INVESTMENT INVESTMENT... Large tract with 485' feet on Highway 231. Good commercial property. \$53,225.

STORE FOR LEASE - Hamilton Square finished store 20'x80'. First 50' carpeted. Storage and bath, 3 1/2 years on lease \$720/mo. (HS). 883-1200.

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War Gamers Meet Their Waterloo, Regularly

It is an ordinary Tuesday or Saturday in Huntsville: Martians are fighting Assyrians, and Napoleon will revise Waterloo as soon as someone does the Dalton boys in.

It is an ordinary Tuesday or Saturday for the people who meet at Roundhouse Hobbies twice a week. They play war games.

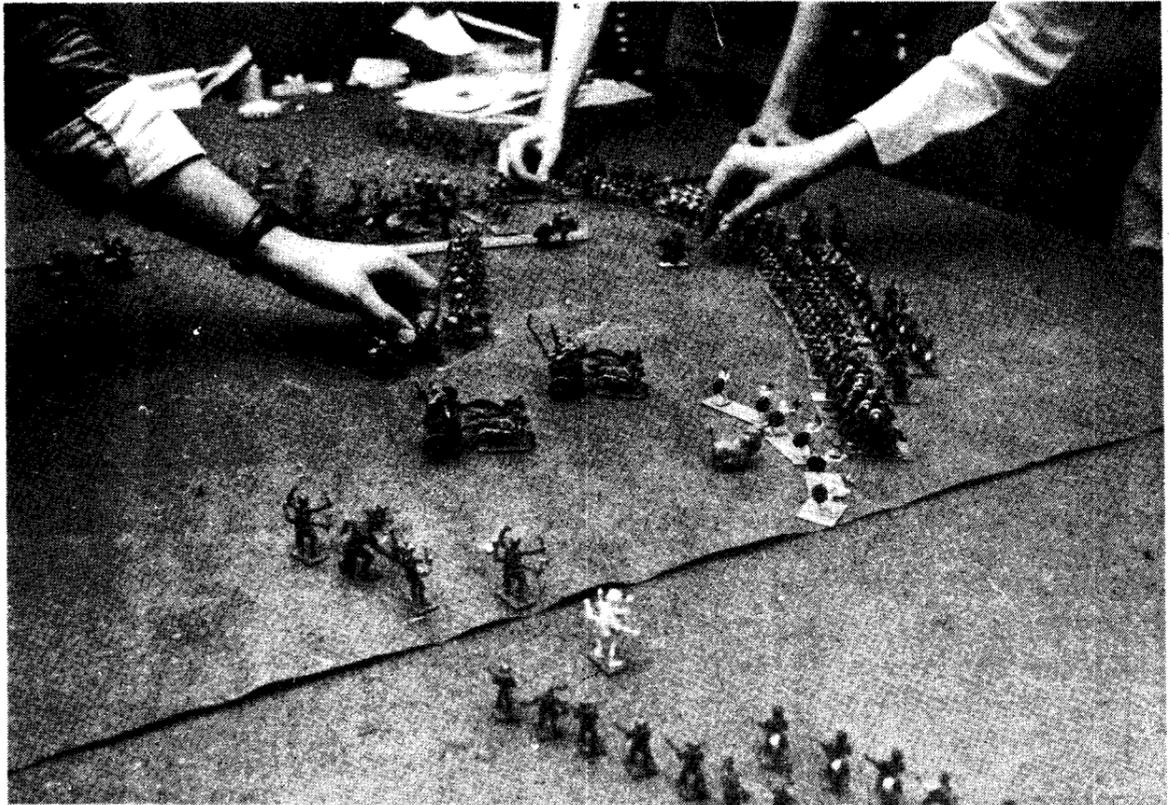
Wargamers re-enact historical battles and fight a fair number of imaginary ones using miniatures on tabletops, or counters and specially designed playing boards. The period and scale of the combat is limited only by the wishes of the players.

War games at Roundhouse are informal. There are no dues or mandatory meetings. War games are usually played from 6 - 10 p.m. Tuesdays and from 2 - 6 Saturdays. But these times are flexible, according to dedicated war gamer - SSG Craig Harrison, and instructor in special ammunition at MMCS.

"On Tuesday or Saturday wargames' umpires, usually me or Bruce Fowler of MIRADCOM's Advanced Systems Concept Office, set up the terrain," Harrison said.

"The setting will shift each time. We can do anything from a board game, where each counter represents a corps, to a gunfight with miniatures, where it's one on one."

Some of the war games are complicated. One game boasts rule books two inches



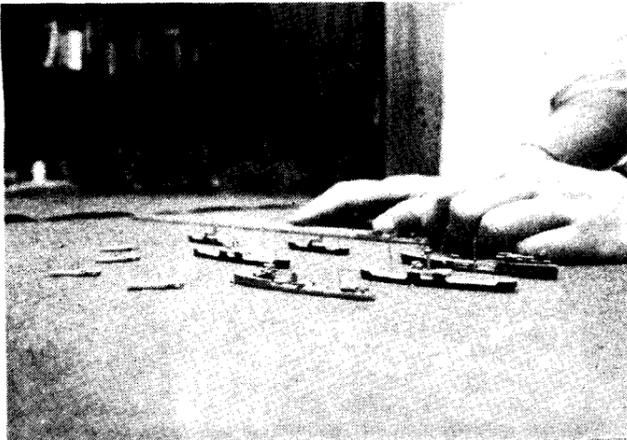
Assyrians, Martians and the Legion of the Dead confront each other across the table top battlefield.

thick. But at Roundhouse war games remain games — pasttimes open to anyone who wishes to join in.

"If a person wants to play, even if they've never played before, we'll show them how," Harrison said.

But not all war games are played for fun. Many countries, including the U.S., use war games to prepare their commanders for battle.

The Japanese used war games to plot many of their naval battles in World War II. One game correctly plotted the scenario of the Battle of the Midway. But the Japanese commanders disregarded the results as too implausible.



A wargamer checks the placement of ships in a naval maneuver.



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Civil Service Reform

Changes necessary to put President Carter's proposed federal service reforms into effect are contained in the "Civil Service Reform Act of 1978."

In this and following issues, the Rocket will present the major portions of the Act in the belief that its provisions will directly impact every federal civilian employee.

The portion which follows deal with Title II of the Act dealing with Civil Service Functions.

Title II Civil Service Functions; Performance Appraisals; Adverse Actions

The Act would make clear that the President may delegate authority for personnel management functions to the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and that such functions may, in turn, be delegated wholly or in part to the heads of agencies. Specific provision is made for authority for competitive examinations to be delegated to agencies. This would permit greater involvement by agency managers in the staffing process.

Title II would go beyond the reorganization plan creating the Merit Systems Protection Board to increase the independence of the Board members and the Special Counsel by appointing them to non-renewable 7-year terms. Members could be removed only for inefficiency, neglect of duty, misconduct or wrongdoing, and then only after notice and hearing. At present, Civil Service Commissioners may be removed at the will of the President.

Unlike the present Civil Service Commission, the Board would have the power to subpoena witnesses and evidence it needs to conduct investigations and decide appeals.

The Special Counsel in the Board would . . . investigate complaints concerning prohibited personnel practices and would be given specific legal authority to initiate disciplinary action against Federal employees who engage in prohibited personnel practices. The MSPB could discipline non-Presidential appointees by requiring removal, demotion, suspension, a fine up to \$1,000, or by issuing a reprimand or barring the individual from Federal employment for up to five years.

The Special Counsel would . . . investigate Federal employees' and citizens' complaints that employees have been or are about to be subjected to reprisal because they lawfully disclosed information about agency violations of laws and regulations

(whistle-blowing). The Special Counsel could also stop geographic reassignments or other actions which could be deemed to be reprisal while an investigation or hearing is pending, and could cancel personnel actions.

This Title of the bill . . . would give non-veterans in the competitive service the same appeal rights now accorded to veterans by law. The appeal rights of non-veterans are currently based on Executive order. In addition, Title II would give the Office of Personnel Management the authority to extend appeal rights to some categories of positions in the excepted service.

Changes in the procedures for processing employee appeals proposed include the following:

—The Board and its appeals officers would have the authority to combine appeals and complaints when such pooling would not prejudice the individual appellants.

—The Board would have the authority to require agencies whose decisions are reversed to reimburse employees for costs incurred, including reasonable attorney fees if the circumstances warrant.

—Discrimination issues raised in an appeal to the Board would be decided as part of the appellate decision.

As at present, the proposed legislation would not require a hearing prior to a decision, but the head of an agency would have discretion to provide such a pre-decision hearing.

Reduction in rank would no longer be considered an appealable adverse action. Thus, a change in title or duties not involving a reduction in grade or pay would no longer be subject to appeal on grounds that the change is a reduction in rank. Actions resulting in pay reductions would not be appealable unless the reduction exceeds one step of the employees grade or three percent of basic pay.

The decision of the agency would be sustained by the Merit Systems Protection Board unless the employee shows that procedural defects substantially impaired his or her rights, the decision was not supported by substantial evidence, or there was discrimination. An evidentiary hearing may be conducted by the Board if there are disputes concerning material issues of fact requiring the presentation of evidence.

If an agency proposes to demote or remove an employee because of unacceptable performance, the employee would be entitled to:

—A written notice, at least 30 days before the proposed action, which identifies areas of unacceptable performance and the level of performance that is expected;

—An opportunity during the notice period to demonstrate acceptable performance;

—Reply orally and in writing;

—Be represented;

—A written decision, reflecting the concurrence of a higher level official than the one who proposed the action, that the employee has not demonstrated acceptable performance.

Employees demoted or separated for unacceptable performance would be able to appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board under the same standard of review applicable to other appealable actions.

If no action is taken during the warning period, and if performance continues to be satisfactory for one year following the warning, the record of unacceptable performance would be removed from the employee's record.

The legislative proposal would eliminate the present performance appraisal system which requires summary adjective ratings of "outstanding," "satisfactory," and "unsatisfactory." Agencies would be required to develop one or more performance evaluation systems to encourage quality performance and enhance productivity in such a way as to meet their particular needs, and their systems would be subject to OPM standards.

The proposal would require that performance appraisals be used as a basis for developing, rewarding, assigning, demoting, promoting, and retaining or separating employees (other than for misconduct).

Employees wishing to challenge Board decisions or orders would generally file their claim with the U. S. Court of Appeals, or in matters of pay, the Court of Claims — rather than a U. S. District Court. The Court of Claims or U. S. Court of Appeals would limit their action to review of the record to determine whether the decisions were arbitrary, capricious, or not in accordance with law, and whether the procedures required by law and regulations were followed. The Board's decision would be upheld when supported by reasonable evidence.

If the Court determines that additional evidence is necessary, it would send the case back to the Board for further processing.

Disputes between the Office of Personnel Management and the Board on the interpretation of personnel laws would be reviewed at OPM's request by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, at the Court's discretion.

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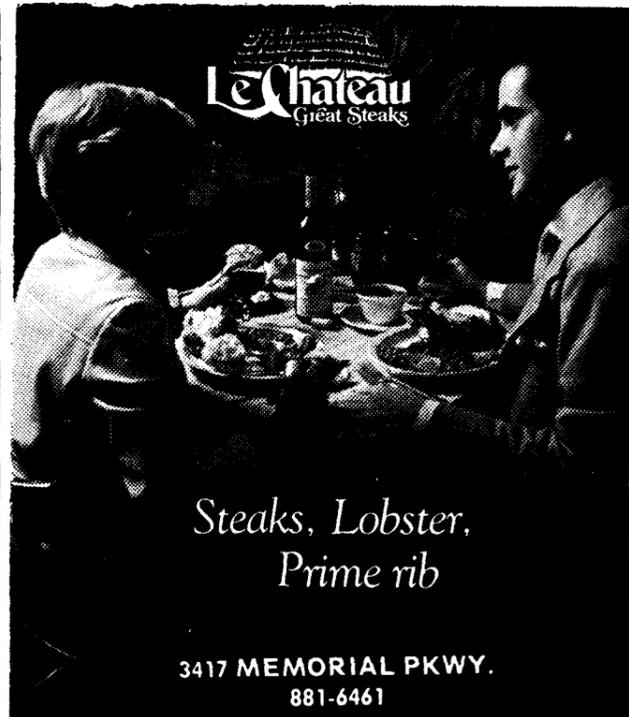
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Firefighters at Station I had just returned from a stubborn blaze on Bradford Mountain when the alarm came in Thursday afternoon at 3:37.

Assistant Chief Clifford E. Dudley grabbed a helmet and protective suit and sped off, using the radio enroute to determine how many passengers were on board, how much fuel, and wind direction and speed.

He could see black smoke billowing in the distance, saw flame leaping skyward as he came up the hill on Hale Road. "I knew it was probably gone as soon as I saw the flames. I just hoped everyone had gotten out", Dudley recounts.

Topping the hill, he saw that fire had engulfed the aircraft. "The first thing I did was find out if there were passengers inside who would have to be rescued. A major who was in the crash said everyone was out safely. But there appeared to be no chance of saving the plane," said Dudley.

Moments later two large pumper trucks from Station I arrived to fight the fire. A small airfield crash truck that responded first was ineffective against the blaze. Back-up units were dispatched from Stations 2 and 3. While the Station I units were on the scene in less than five minutes, the fire was beyond control by them, Dudley said.

It took nearly two hours to extinguish the fire, which was fueled by aviation fuel and white-hot magnesium, using 1400 gallons of

a mixture of water and light water, a foaming agent. It is virtually impossible to extinguish burning magnesium.

While the aircraft fire is believed to be the first ever to occur here as the result of a

crash, post firefighters train regularly for such an eventuality by practicing aircraft rescue and firefighting techniques in simulated situations that involve actual fire.



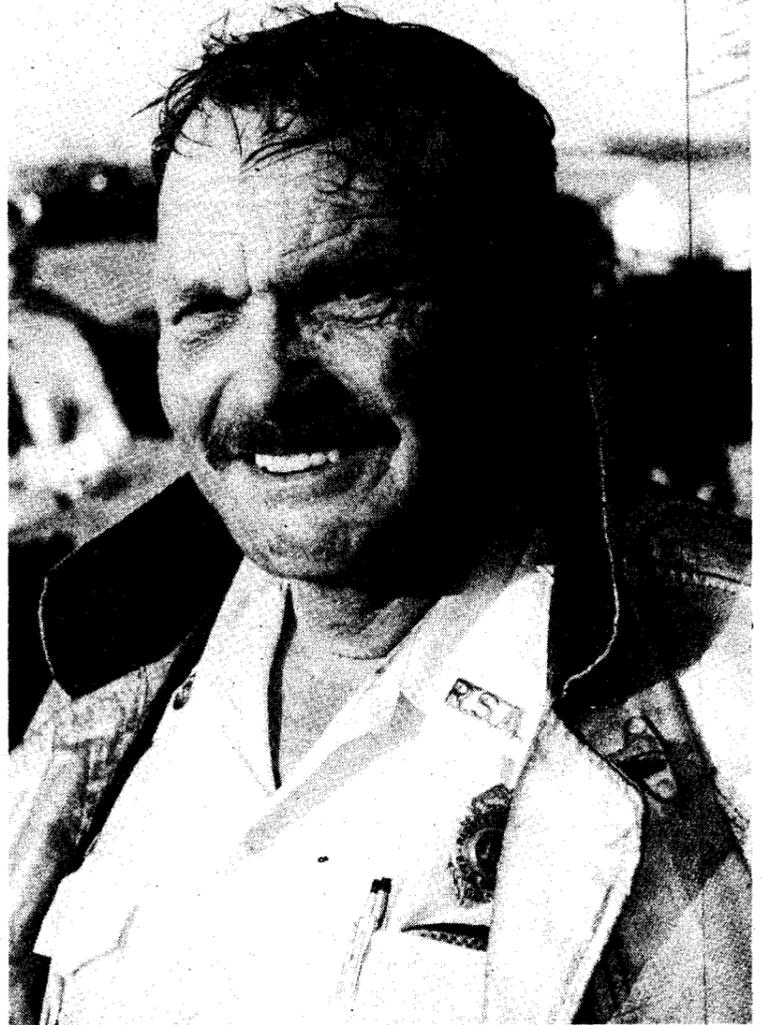
It took two hours to extinguish the blaze.



Nozzleman Tom Duggan, of Station I, moves in close to spray a foamy substance on the fire, which burned at an estimated 1,000 degree temperature.



Weariness shows on the face of Tom Duggan while Jim Krause of Station 2 manages a smile.



Clockwise: Charred landing wheel and seat; engine with bent prop lies apart from wreckage; Facilities Engineer crew cordon off the area for investigations.



TILO Office Aids Contractors

Since the first week in October, Bob Luttrell has occupied a position in MIRADCOM that makes it easier for contractors to find out what the Army plans in the research and development area and gives them a central point for submitting unsolicited R&D proposals.

He is the MIRADCOM TILO - Technical Industrial Liaison Officer. His educational and professional experience covers general engineering with a background in industrial engineering, his major at the University of Tennessee. During the last few years, he recognized a need for business and management training. Since moving into his present job, he has completed a master's program in engineering management. "I think knowledge in these areas should help me in this work and in other future positions," he said.

Luttrell says it takes someone who has a basic knowledge of the technical areas in MIRADCOM, and someone "willing to be helpful," to qualify as a TILO. His previous experience includes work in the Free Flight Rocket Office of the MIRADCOM Technology Laboratory and in the Program Management Office of the Army Missile RD&E Laboratory as well as

work with Safeguard and the Air Force in Tennessee and Georgia.

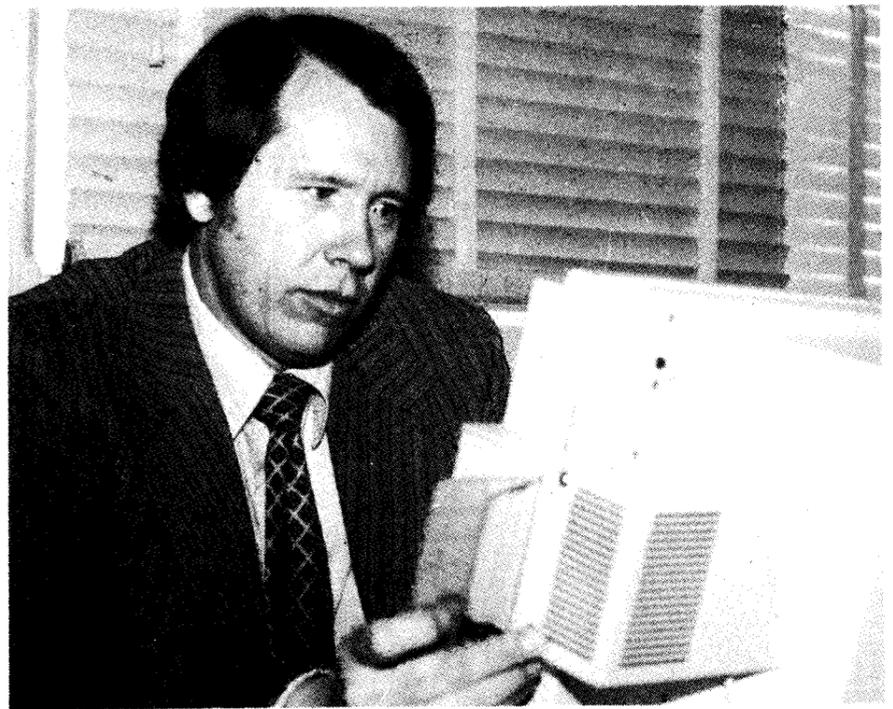
Contractors call or write in asking to be briefed on development plans and programs, and appointments are made for them to come to Luttrell's office. He has information they need on file as well as a microfilm reader they may use to review R&D documents.

"Then too," he says, "there are contractors who want to talk to someone with technical knowledge in a specific field, and I can help them get together."

"Of course such visitors need the proper security clearance and a valid "need-to-know" about special areas of interest to them."

Much of a TILO's time goes toward processing unsolicited proposals, from 200 to 250 a year, that come to MIRADCOM and MIRCOM. Luttrell reviews the proposal and determines which technical area should perform the technical evaluation. He then follows up to see what decision is made, and that the person or company who submitted the proposal receives a timely reply.

"I can usually tell which organization should evaluate the proposal, but if I'm in doubt, there are plenty of capable people



Bob Luttrell, R&D Command TILO

here to advise me," he pointed out.

Some people write letters describing an idea they have in the R&D area. When that happens, Luttrell sends them instructions on how to properly submit a proposal. He also receives proposals that do not pertain to the MIRADCOM mission — proposals for weapons managed by another DARCOM element or other Armed Service. He forwards these proposals to the appropriate agency and informs the proposer of the action taken.

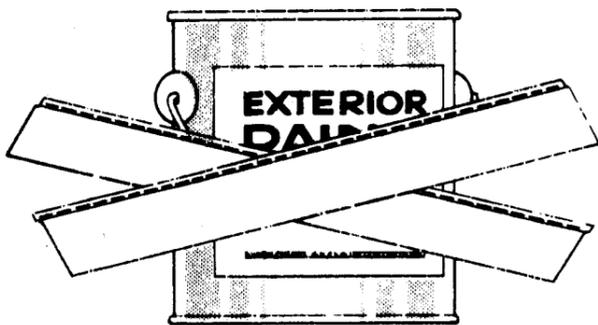
Later this year he expects to be heavily involved in planning an Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry. MIRADCOM

conducts an APBI once each three years. The APBI is of primary interest to industrial executives, advanced systems planners, and directors of engineering, development, and production. These briefings inform industry of the Army requirements and encourage more meaningful R&D support.

Luttrell has available a DARCOM booklet entitled "Information for Industry" which describes the entire life cycle of weapon system acquisition for interested contractors. He is preparing a supplemental pamphlet covering the local TILO activities.



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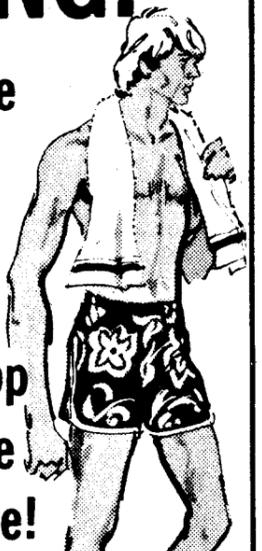


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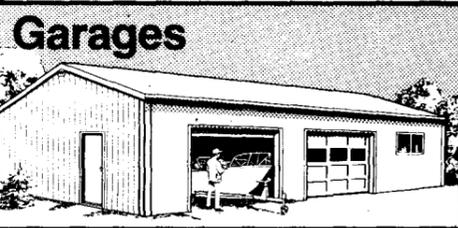
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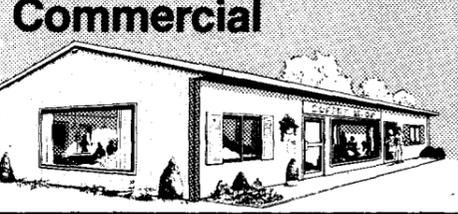
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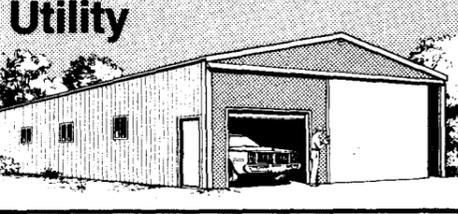
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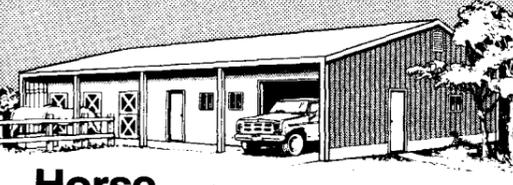
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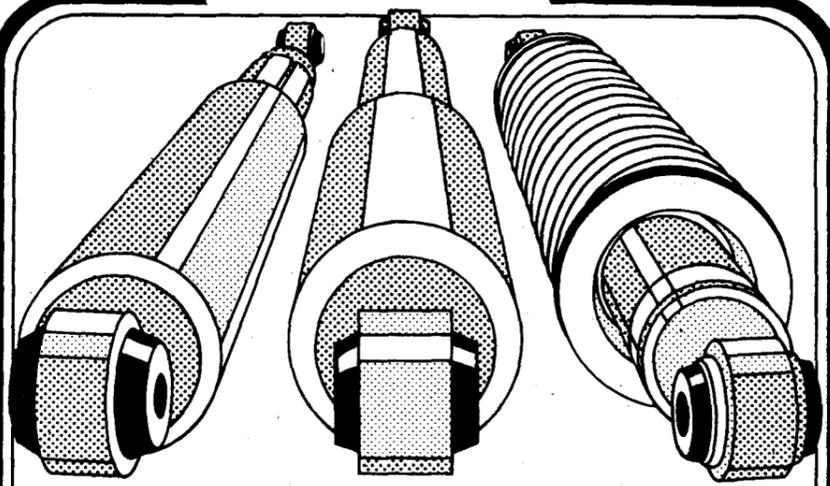
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CLIMB is designed to give high potential, lower level employees in dead-end non-career-field jobs, a chance to enter new positions in established DA career programs.

Trainees will be selected under the MIRCOM merit promotion system.

Participants will receive intensive training as a substitute for normal qualification standards.

Spaces allocated will be used only for the training and development phase of CLIMB. Each space will be temporarily assigned to the organization that will provide the training. Once an employee has completed the training, he or she must be reassigned to a valid space within the organization or

command. The trainee space is then free for

allocation and training of another high potential employee.

To be eligible to apply for the program, an employee must be career or career-conditional, and have served three years of continuous federal civilian service. A bachelors degree may be substituted for two years of this experience. The applicant must be in a non-career field position, GS-4 through GS-9 including wage grade equivalents, and must meet any other special eligibility criteria stated in the announcement.

Candidates must also demonstrate that they have intelligence, initiative, and potential ability to perform successfully in the target position, and the ability to profit from training.

This is the way it works. Candidates will enter the program at their current grade level - GS-4 through GS-9 - and will be trained for a position at the next higher grade level except those entering as GS-9. GS-9 then represents both the trainee and target positions. Most positions in the

program have promotion potential to GS-9.

Those at GS-5, 7 and 9 will enter the program laterally and move directly into the career program at the same level. For instance, someone in a GS-5 clerical job might be reassigned as a GS-5 budget analyst. Then what training is completed, the employee is eligible for promotion to the target position of budget analyst, GS-7.

Candidates at GS-4, 6 and 8 levels will enter the program laterally and move into a bridge position at their same grade level. As an example, a GS-6 secretary might be reassigned as a GS-6 supply technician and receive training to become a general supply specialist. When that training is satisfactorily completed, the trainee is eligible for promotion to a general supply specialist GS-7 position.

Training plans will be developed for each trainee to include formal and on-the-job training and self-development.

The length of time spent in training will vary according to the entry level and the training designed to qualify the trainee for the immediate target position. All trainees will be required to spend at least one year at each grade level before being promoted to the next. However, emphasis will not otherwise be on time but on how well the individual progresses in successfully performing major elements of the target position.

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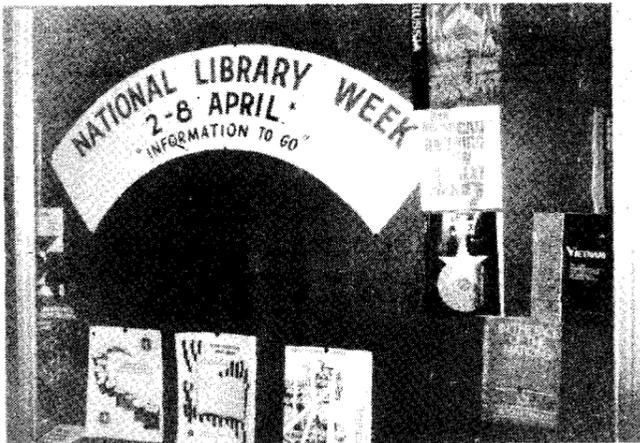
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The book "Your Erroneous Zones," by Dr. Wayne Dyer, will be reviewed by Dr. William May, Chief of the MMCS Staff and Faculty Development Office, at the Tech Library tonight at 6:30. Snacks and refreshments will be served, and everyone is invited.

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The Veterans Administration's enlarged booklet covering "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" is now available from the Superintendent of Documents in Washington, D.C. 20402 for \$1.

In addition to reflecting the changes resulting from the GI Bill Improvement Act and the new compensation and pension rates, the 71-page booklet provides an updated summary of other VA and non-VA benefits available to veterans and dependents.

One major improvement in the 1978 edition is the listing of toll-free as well as local VA phone numbers. These numbers enable everyone in the 50 states and Puerto Rico to call VA, without charge, to consult a veterans benefits counselor.

Ask the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office for the IS-1 Fact Sheet.

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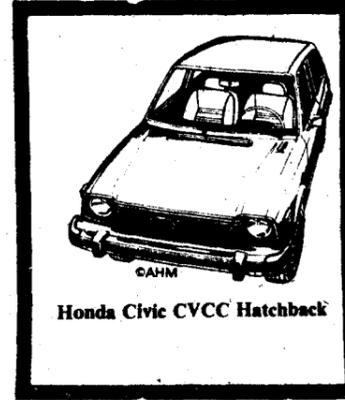
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Many young trees have been felled. A number of big hardwoods along the shaded riverfront are stripped at the base of protective bark and inner cambium and may die.

There are several colonies of beavers living in the area. They frequently build dams beneath the bridge at the entrance, and water comes over the road in heavy rains.

There is an overabundance of beavers on the arsenal, especially on the southern portion. Their impoundments create large marshes and timber suffers greatly from flood damage. The beaver dams are blasted away periodically, but are usually rebuilt.



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RSA Golf Schedule

Dates	Events
April 16-22	RSA Men's Match Play (1st Round)
April 21	Qualifying, OWC Spring Handicap
April 23-29	RSA Men's Match (2nd Round)
April 25, 26, 28	OWC Spring Handicap (Rain dates, April 27, May 2)
April 30-May 6	RSA Men's Match Play (3rd Round)
May 7	RSA Mixed Foursome (FLA Best Ball)
May 16, 17, 19	Redstone Ladies Golf Association Spring Tournament (Rain Date May 18)
June 4	Arnold Engineering Development Center (at Tullahoma)
June 4-9	RSA Ladies' Match Play (1st Round)
June 11	RSA Mixed Foursome (Alternate drives, shots; Men odd, women even holes.)
June 11-16	RSA Ladies' Match Play (2nd Round)
June 18-23	RSA Ladies' Match Play (3rd Round)
June 24-25	Commanding General's Handicap (Rain dates July 22-23)
July 2	RSA Mixed Foursome (Combine Ladies' and Men's Low Ball)
July 12	RLGA Invitational (Member-Guest)
July 18, 19, 21	OWC Ginna Medaris (Rain Dates July 25, 26)
August 6	Arnold Engineering Development Center (at RSA)
August 13	RSA Mixed Four-Ball Foursome
September 2, 3, 4	RSA Men's Championship
September 6, 7	RSA Ladies' Championship
September 12, 13, 15	RLGA Championship
September 20	OWC Invitational
September 21	Scheduled Airlines Ticket Office Invitational
October 8	OWC Couples Mixed Foursome (Rain date October 15)
November 19	RSA Turkey Shoot (Mixed Foursome—FLA Best Ball)

Club Hosts AAU Judo

Over 100 judo competitors from Alabama, Tennessee and Florida will be at Redstone on Saturday, April 8, to participate in district eliminations leading up to the Junior Olympics later this year.

The competition will be staged at the Post Gym starting at 10 a.m. It is sponsored by the Southeastern District of the Amateur Athletic Union and hosted by the Redstone Judo Club. Sgt. Mike Brown, instructor for the RJC, is the tournament director.

Brown indicated that 30 members of the local club will enter the eliminations seeking advancement to regional competition and an eventual invitation to participate in the Junior Olympics.

The director said that adult competition will be conducted on an invitational basis at the conclusion of the eliminations.

Volleyball

Standings

	W	L
Co. B - Mircom	4	0
German AF - Co. C	4	0
MP-Meddac	3	1
Marines - 95th SVC	2	2
Co. A - 7th SC	2	2
902 MI - SSO	1	3
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Standings

Spares	77
T-Birds	72
Lily Flagg	64
Bombers	60
Cadillacs	54
Rolling Rocks	52½
Hi-Rollers	49½
The Gallery	45½
The Hawks	45
Hughes TOW	40½

Last Wednesday

Cadillacs - 4 — Gallery - 0
 Bombers - 4 — Hughes - 0
 T-Birds - 4 — Hawks - 0
 Lily Flagg - 2 — Hi-Rollers - 2
 Spares - 3 — R. Rocks - 2

Individual Highs

Bob Brand, 564; Chuck Sloan, 557; Jim Watts, 550; Joe Bodner, 532; Bill Walker, 532.

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Standings

Kuwait Keglers	68
School Brigade	56
Lucky Strikes	54
Strikeouts	52
Black Jacks	52
Meddacs	50
Exasperators	48
Bushwackers	45
Swingers	29
Leathernecks	26

Results

Lucky Strikes 8 — Strikeouts 0
 Kuwait 8 — Leathernecks 0
 School Brigade 6 — Swingers 2
 Black Jacks 6 — Meddacs 2
 Bushwackers 6 — Exasperators 2

High Rollers

DiPierro 590 (217, 200); Fukushima 554; Ogozalek 541; Wilkerson 538; Washburn 526; Chesser 521; Neal 519; Baasen 519; Lange 513; Baer 512 (224); Smith 511; Stewart 509 (210)

Breakfast at Snack Bar

The Snack Bar in the Post Exchange Mall, Bldg. 3220, will open with a limited breakfast menu at 6:30 starting April 11.

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Red Cross Program

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