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Flags wave for America

In Honor America activities today, 50 Redstone soldiers will carry their state flags along a 1.8 mile parade route through downtown Huntsville. The soldiers, along with commanders of other local Army activities, will participate in a program at the Von Braun Civic Center following the 9 a.m. parade.

President Carter's son Chip, Governor Fob James, University of Alabama football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, and Astronaut Thomas Mattingly II will be among the speakers at the program. Other state and local officials will be at the ceremonies, and students of all ages will participate in the parade and program.

The flag-bearing soldiers marching unit was organized by Lt. Col Errol Frazier and Capt. W. B. Nance of Special Troops, MICOM. Also marching in the parade will be the U.S. Army Band, which will present a concert at the program.

Honor America Day began as a Grissom High School history class' bicentennial celebration and has grown to its present status as an Alabama state holiday.



Parade practice

Special Troops soldiers are silhouetted by the setting sun while practicing for Honor

America Day festivities. A parade was scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

FEORP: New federal hiring program calls for 'monumental change'

BY DEBBIE GEHLBACH

Civilian Personnel officials are getting ready to go to work on a whole new system of hiring people, a program designed to substantially alter the male-female-minority ratio not only of Army agencies here, but all federal activities.

"The bottom line is, this is going to happen," Luther Adams, Civilian Personnel Officer said. "We're still working on the details. The mechanics are only now being worked out, but what we are talking about is federal law. It will happen."

"Our first cut at a plan on how to do what the law requires is due in DARCOM by Dec. 1. We are beginning to get into operation, identifying our problem areas and the changes that must be made. The steps to accomplish a representative workforce — the methods, the contacts, the time frames — we've just started."

The new program has a long name — the Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program — and an unforgettable acronym,

FEORP. It is targeted primarily at changing the federal work force through recruiting — the process of selecting who fills vacancies whether caused by retirement, promotion, or transfer of employees or new jobs created for new mission.

"FEORP calls for a monumental change in our approach to hiring," said Pat Gallagher, CPO Recruitment and Placement Chief. "It says that we must hire minorities and women for each occupation, grade and organization in the same ratio that they exist in the national workforce."

"What we face is a whole new approach to personnel management, and EEO. It's the law of the land and that makes a difference in the response management must give," Gallagher said.

The law Gallagher refers to is the Civil Service Reform Act of January 1978. Orders to implement the plan were sent to personnel officials in May.

The plan boils down to this — if census bureau figures state that 38 percent of the

national workforce is women, then 38 percent of the MICOM workforce must be women. FEORP goes one step further. It specifies that there must be 38 percent women represented in all pay systems, including Senior Executive Service (SES), within broad occupational groupings — professional, administrative, technical, clerical, and other jobs, and within specific occupations and grades. Data compiled by the Civilian Personnel Office shows that MICOM now employs women in 27 percent of its administrative occupations and in five percent of its professional occupations. Women comprise 88 percent of the clerical occupations.

That same process will be applied to males and females in five racial and ethnic categories: American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, Black, Hispanic and White.

MICOM and DARCOM aren't alone in this recruitment task. All federal agencies are going to have to come into compliance with FEORP. Each agency will be monitored by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to see that goals are being met.

"The Army's always been very responsive to this sort of thing. I think we'll be a step ahead because that tradition will continue in making FEORP work," Gallagher said.

Personnel officials are developing ways to meet the changes the new plan will bring.

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Opinion

Lives aren't 'political currency' in America

Hopefully, by the time this issue of the **Rocket** hits the street there will be no American hostages in Iran or anywhere else. But at press time, there have been for 15 days.

As a nation and as individuals, Americans have felt outrage and frustration. Most of the world considers the taking of hostages a despicable act of terrorism. And any government's refusal to protect a foreign embassy is outrageous.

The frustration entered the picture when America could not safely free those hostages. Citizens and soldiers alike wondered why a

military attempt didn't take place. There are reasons.

First, the "students" who hold the hostages have vowed to kill in the event of military attempts to free them. And they would apparently have their government's support in detecting a strike before it happened.

Second, the State Department explained at the onset of this crisis that the protection of an embassy and its people is the responsibility of the host nation. They said this is true of all embassies in all countries.

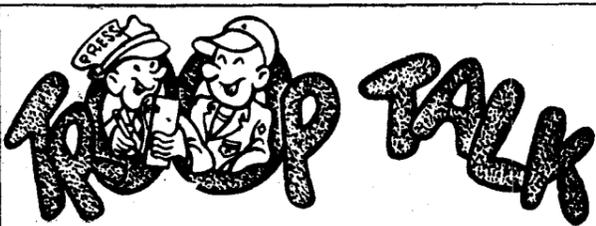
Although the State Department didn't say so, surely American military resources were

and are prepared to assist the defense or liberation of our embassy if that assistance was requested.

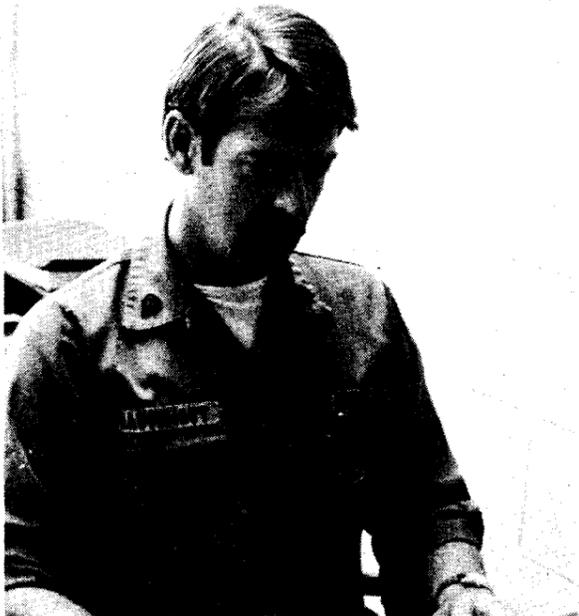
But that request hasn't come and seems to be an unlikely possibility. Which leaves us depending on a negotiated solution.

The last 15 days have demonstrated one strength that America can carry to any bargaining session. As a nation we will not desecrate the sanctity of human life by using it as a political currency. That would be as despicable as making hostages of the Iranian students and ambassadors here.

Ray Rowden



What is your opinion of the Department of Defense's new policy allowing admitted pot users into the service?



Sp5 Bud Haughwout, Co. B — "If they're going to allow them into the service knowing that they are pot users, then when they get caught with such drugs, they should not receive much more than a verbal reprimand, if that."



PFC Ray Welge, 291st MPs — "I think they should be allowed due to the fact that it's very similar to alcohol. And, a person in the Army should be able to choose what they want to do on their own time."



2nd Lt. Bryon Powlus, Co. B — "I would question the reliability of any soldier who frequently uses pot. Under stressful situations, I don't know if I could count on someone who uses drugs."



Pvt. 1 Cynthia Mersereau, 8th S.C. — "I don't think there's anything wrong with the policy. If a person uses drugs on their time and does his or her job while on duty and presents themselves in a military way, there's nothing wrong with it."



SFC Ronald Applegate, School Brigade — "They should not allow them in. The argument of pot and liquor being equal does not bear out. The alcohol user does not create the problems that a drug user does."

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By Dec. 1, notices entitled "Emergency Building Temperature Restrictions Certificate of Building Compliance" will be posted in central locations of every Redstone building. It's a move to make the energy-conserving measures ordered by President Carter "everyone's responsibility," said Billy Brooks, general engineer in the master planning, construction and environmental office of Facilities Engineering.

The temperature restrictions call for thermostat limits of 65 degree maximum in winter, 78 degree minimum in summer, and maximum water temperature of 105 degrees in public buildings.

Responsibility for making the program work lies with Facilities Engineering (FE), building custodians, and ultimately with all Redstone workers.

Brooks said last week FE completed inspecting all thermostats in 1300 Redstone buildings that will be complying with the temperature restrictions. Building custodians are now responsible for seeing that thermostats are set correctly.

But the newly posted certificates state that anyone noting temperatures in a building that exceed the posted limited should first contact the building custodian, whose name and phone number will be on the certificate. If the temperature is not adjusted promptly, individuals should then call FE at 876-2801. All complaints filed with FE will be reported to DARCOM.

"It can't work unless we're all conscientious," Brooks said.

Some buildings, or areas within buildings that will be exempted from the temperature restrictions include areas with equipment that

requires a specific temperature such as computers, hospital rooms, nurseries, day care centers and elementary schools. Full compliance with the program

nationwide is expected to save 400,000 barrels of oil per day. The program will remain in effect until next April 16 and most likely will be extended beyond that time, Brooks said.

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Officials ask hunters to watch for ailing waterfowl

Wheeler refuge officials have asked arsenal hunters to watch for dead waterfowl or others that appear sick.

There had been an outbreak of avian cholera — a highly contagious disease among waterfowl — on the Horicon refuge in Wisconsin. Many of the geese and some of the

ducks wintering on Wheeler pass through Horicon on migration.

Thomas Z. Atkeson, manager of Wheeler Refuge, said there had been no indication of sick birds on Wheeler but refuge staff people are watching carefully.

Sick ducks and geese normally become

disoriented and have difficulty flying, Atkeson said. Hunters or others who see any unusual or uncharacteristic behavior by waterfowl should advise arsenal game wardens.

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DoD asks veterans to evaluate educational assistance program

WASHINGTON — About 17,000 servicemembers will have a chance to tell DoD what they think about the Veteran's Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) in December.

DoD has contracted with the Human Resources Research Organization to find out if VEAP is meeting the needs of DoD and the individual servicemember.

Questionnaires will be mailed to 12,000 servicemembers enrolled in the program and to 5,000 who are no longer participating.

There are two questionnaires. One will be sent to VEAP participants to get information about their attitudes or the program. The other will go to people who have suspended participation but haven't asked for their money back and to those who have completely dropped out of the program.

The questionnaires are relatively short, taking only about 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

VEAP has been in operation for nearly two years and each year a report is submitted to Congress on the status of the program. Last year, while preparing the annual report it was discovered there were large numbers of servicemembers who had discontinued their VEAP allotments.

From Jan. 1977 through Dec. 1978, nearly 112,000 enlisted servicemembers enrolled in

VEAP. During that period, about 9,000 of those separated from service thereby discontinuing VEAP and over 16,000 dropped out of the program voluntarily.

There appear to be three reasons for servicemembers to voluntarily stop participating:

- They have temporarily suspended participation for money reasons but plan to begin again at a later date.

- They have set aside enough money to cover the cost of their planned education and no longer feel a need to participate.

- They are dissatisfied with the program and have decided not to participate any longer.

The survey results will help DoD answer such questions as: Why do servicemembers stop participating? Do servicemembers fully understand the program's features and requirements? Does VEAP place an "unreasonable" financial burden on participants?

According to a DoD spokesman, answering the questionnaire as soon as possible is important to the servicemember as well as to DoD. Information provided by the survey will help DoD determine how effective the program is and if necessary, how it can be improved to better meet servicemembers' needs. (ARNEWS).

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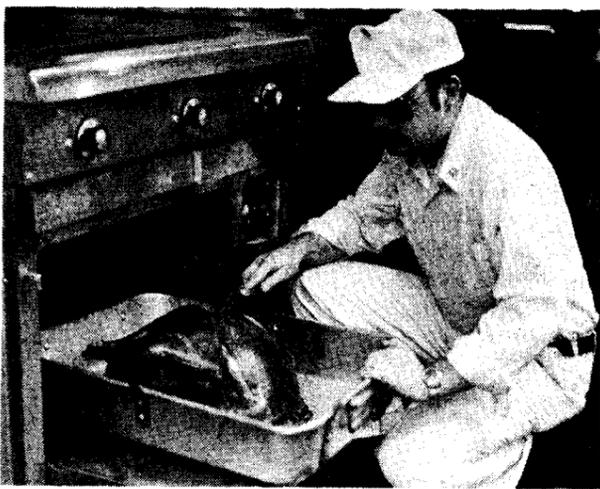
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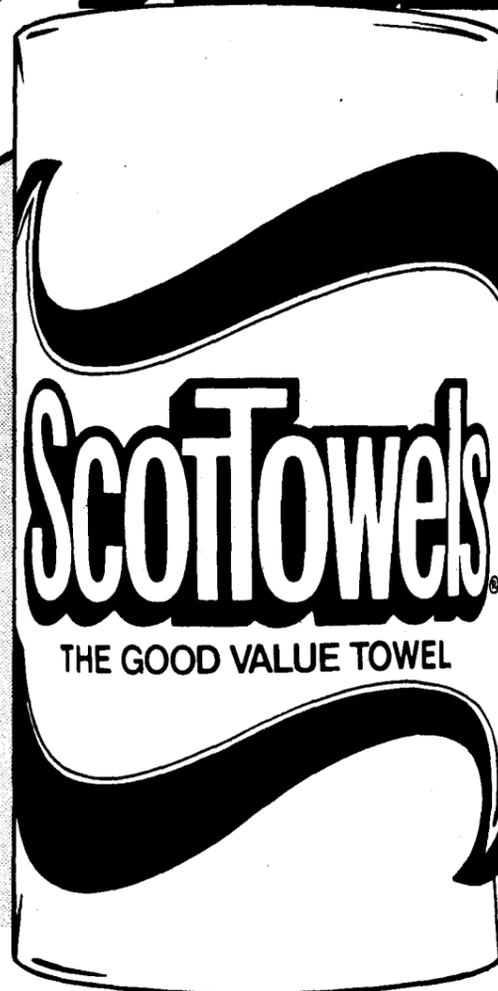
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VA choses cemetery sites in Georgia, Michigan

WASHINGTON — Two new national cemetery sites have been chosen by the Veterans Administration (VA).

The new cemetery sites are Fort Gillem, GA., and Fort Custer, Mich. Officials expect to open them in late 1983.

Several years ago the national cemetery act was passed guaranteeing continued burial space for veterans who requested it. Since the act was passed, VA has started seven new cemeteries.

The Fort Gillem cemetery will be in Forest Park, 10 miles south of Atlanta. It will serve as

the regional national cemetery for the states for Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South and North Carolina. Approximately 4.5 million veterans live in these states.

The Fort Custer site is an unused portion of an Army Reserve training center located near Battle Creek, Mich., mid-way between Detroit and Chicago.

This site will also serve as a regional national cemetery. It includes the Great Lakes area — Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin, and contains a veteran population of over six million.

Both new cemeteries will be built on federally owned land.

Other new VA cemeteries include Riverside, Calif.; Bourne, Mass.; Calverton, Long Island, N.Y.; Indiantown Gap, PA.; and Quantico, Va.

Together the seven new cemeteries contain a total of 4,831 acres and provide approximately two million grave sites.

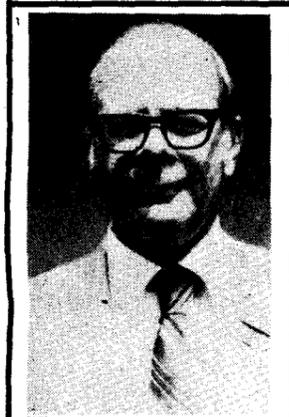
Both the Fort Gillem and Fort Custer locations were chosen based on environment, access and present land use. Also considered in the decision was the large veteran population in the two areas. (ARNEWS).



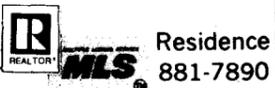
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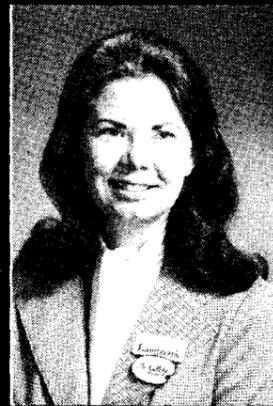
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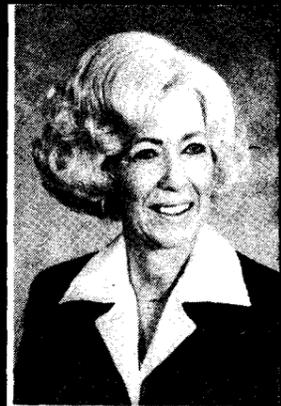
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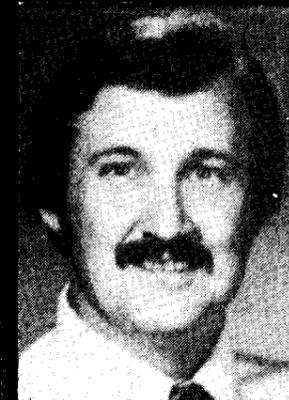
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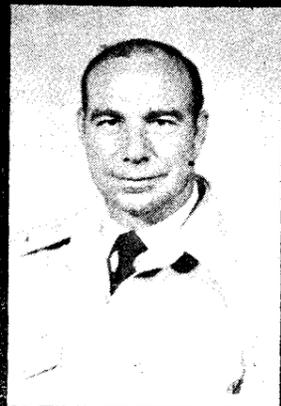
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(from front page)

They have compiled statistics to determine what minorities are underrepresented in the MICOM workforce and where inequities exist.

"Once that report is sent to DARCOM, and our plan for making the necessary changes in the Recruiting process is approved, we'll be in full operation. In the meantime, we'll try to do what we can," Gallagher said.

"In the past, our traditional approach was to make a job announcement available to the black community," said Ted Acklin, EEO Action Officer for civilian personnel. "With FEORP, not only will you make it available, you'll locate potential candidates, encourage their applying, and help them to meet the requirements and to get considered and hired."

Gallagher said the adjustments FEORP calls for will be "huge in scope."

"If we can't recruit and find people for specific positions, we'll recruit from an applicant pool of people who may become what we're looking for. That will call for lots of position adjustments, counseling, training and encouragement. It's not going to be a case of saying 'we don't have any. . .'"

Regional offices of OPM now do the majority of federal recruiting. The new program could mean Redstone's CPO — and many others — will be back in the outside recruiting business, too.

Recruitment officials expect to play a more aggressive role in recruiting. Gallagher said. They are locating groups that could yield minority and women job applicants, such as colleges, technical schools, community organizations, and special interest groups. That effort will also call for some adjustments.

"Our personnel workforce has not emphasized the type of recruitment where you leave here and go to campuses or other sources of applicants" Gallagher said. In the past, they have relied on OPM, the DA Career Management System, and DARCOM Field Placement Offices to handle most recruitment needs.

Gallagher said supervisors will be counted on to make the program work. She acknowledges that may take some extra effort on their part.

"It will take imagination, foresight, and commitment by supervisors. It isn't going to do us any good to recruit if they don't select these people," she said. Supervisors and managers at GS-13 and higher have a special stake in making FEORP work. Their merit pay rests, among other things, on their active, successful support of FEORP and good personnel management. By direction of the CG, DARCOM, evidence of their positive efforts and accomplishments are a key factor in receiving merit pay or SES bonus pay.

FEORP isn't only a hiring program. It also lays heavy emphasis on individual development plans, providing training and use of the incentive awards program. In some cases, the program may call for restructuring jobs to bring them within reach of applicants.

FEORP recruiting efforts are beginning in earnest. There is no end date for having achieved all the program's goals. But Gallagher can assure you of one thing.

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Company A dominates flag football season

Company B's team 1 managed to score 14 points against Company A's Mad Dog Defense Thursday night, but failed to wrest away the Redstone Flag Football Crown. Alpha's gridiron heroes will wear it for the second consecutive year.

As runners-up, the Bravo team deserves a lot of credit. They were the only team to score against Co. A in the double elimination tournament and did that on the same night they put the 515th Ord. Co. out of contention with a 12-6 drubbing.

And they battled Alpha to a 6-6 tie at the half. But the score at the end of the game is the one that counts. It was 22-14 in Co. A's favor.

In Alpha's three prior games in the tourney, they shut out the Marines (32-0), the 7th Student Company (26-0) and a tenacious Co. B team 1 (8-0). That averages out to scoring 22 points per game while allowing only 3.5.

But this is a team that averaged almost 12 points per game while holding their opponents to 2.6 points during the regular season. Without counting their two games won by forfeit, they held opposing teams scoreless in seven of 14 regular season games. Their offense never failed to score.

It was no easy task to take real estate from the Mad Dog Defense. They put two men on the line of scrimmage with the sole responsibility of "dogging" the quarterback. With

Michael Seigler providing bench strength, Richard Hunt and Kenneth Morrison handled that.

Four linebackers are a couple of strides behind then. Led by defensive captain Perry Hatch, they were Thomas Kuropas, Roger Bailey and Johnnie "Headhunter" Colvin.

That leaves two deep safeties, Gary Finney and Dennis Lambert looking for the bomb on either sideline and the "Monster Man," Dewayne "Hollywood" Hollins.

Others team stars included quarterback Leon Jones, leading scorer Deraryll Biggs, Lineman Gary Kuykendall, Willie Dancy and Arichie Carter.

In regular season and tournament play, Alpha compiled a win-loss record of 19-1, or a 95 percent winning average. The team scored 277 points for an average of 13.85 per game. Fifty-six points were scored against them for a 2.2 points per game average.



Team gives coach credit for winning season

BY RAY ROWDEN

Coach Freddie Smith would rather not have a story written about him. "Talk about the team. They're the ones who won the games," he said.

But the team demanded that the *Rocket* talk about Smith. And they outnumber him by a considerable margin, so here it is.

During the working day, the Company A coach is Maj. Smith, MMCS Inspector General. His work in that position has gained him the confidence of the command as well and the soldiers and civilians that serve there.

But during this football season, he was also a coach. And although his record may speak volumes in his favor, it doesn't tell the whole story. The team can do that.

Leon Jones, quarterback and offensive team captain, remembers, "When he came to our practice the first time, he told us to forget that he was a major and, the IG. All we had to remember was that he was the coach and what he says goes."

The coach said, "At practice and on the sideline during the games, I talked and they listened. That's the way it has to be if you want a winning team."

But that first practice was late in preseason. And Gary Kuykendall, offensive lineman and Co. A Athletic and Recreation NCO wasn't sure Smith could pull the team together.

"We had a lot of problems early in the season. We weren't getting along very well together. I didn't think we even had a chance to be as good as last year's team, even though we were a lot better."

Smith said, "Sure, we had friction. That's to be expected whenever you bring that many people together. But after you convince them that they are all working for the same goal, they will work together. All it takes is a drop of oil here and a little grease there and you have a smooth-running machine.

"It's just like running an Army company or any other organization. The people have to function as a unit or the organization won't

begin to reflect the abilities of the individuals."

But Smith's philosophy isn't the reason the team members think Smith is the best coach any of them has played under. There is another reason.

Jones put it in words to a chorus of agreement at a celebration after the championship win Thursday night. "He did more than coach football. He gave us something we can use for the rest of our lives. Maj. Smith taught us to rely on each other, to have confidence and respect in ourselves and our team. And most of all, he taught us to see how we fit in with any group we might associate with — Company A, MMCS, the Army or some civilian job."

Smith made a statement before the tournament began that he's reiterated since. "Every practice and every game is an opportunity for these guys to learn and to grow. When you can take that opportunity and use it — and see the results with your own eyes — well, that's when you're proud to be a coach."

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Arsenal workers offered vanpooling service

BY KATHY HOUSE

A Huntsville business is interested in setting up a vanpool service for arsenal workers.

Linda Simmons, the arsenal's newly appointed Parking Project Officer who is in charge of assigning priority parking and coordinating ride-sharing at Redstone, said the firm had contacted her office for help in gauging worker interest in vanpooling.

Simmons encouraged workers interested in the possibility of vanpooling to fill out the survey form on this page and return it to her office.

Vanpooling is a form of ride-sharing where eight to 15 people ride back and forth to work together in a van. Sometimes the group owns the van together, sometimes one person, usually the driver, owns the van, and sometimes it is owned by an outside company. In all cases the riders pay fees that cover the expenses of operating the van, but which are less than what it would cost each individual to drive alone.

At other military installation where vanpooling has started, the riders have formed a corporate group and bought the vans, usually through their credit union.

Through there hasn't been a worker survey about vanpooling before, Simmons doesn't think there's enough interest at Redstone to support a worker-owned vanpool program.

"It would be difficult to find a loan source," Simmons said.

The Huntsville firm's offer to supply vanpooling service for workers was "like the answer to a prayer," according to Simmons.

The company will provide vans, drivers, and even refreshments such as coffee for the riders. It will be responsible for all the business details — getting insurance, maintaining the vans, and obtaining proper state permits for the operation of the pools.

Initially, it would take 45 days to get a vanpool rolling after getting commitments from enough riders, Simmons said. Rates would be set individually for each pool, depending on the distance travelled and the number of riders. Riders would have to give 15 days notice before leaving the pool.

Each vanpool would set up its own rules about smoking, playing the radio, waiting

times, etc. They could even vote to make a half-hour stop at a shopping center once a week to take care of afternoon errands.

The firm will have no official connection with the arsenal.

The survey card next to this article is designed to let the firm know who potential vanpoolers are and where they live. There's

no obligation to join a vanpool in filling out this form — it's just to show if there's enough worker interest for the firm to pursue the project.

And how much worker interest is enough? "If we could get 10 people from one area who wanted to pool, well, we'd form that one pool," a representative of the firm said.

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Negotiations on for parking spots

BY KATHY HOUSE

Negotiations between the labor-management relations board and AFGE are underway to allow priority parking for carpools and vanpools on the arsenal.

A recent DA directive ordered all installations to assign priority parking spaces for ride-sharers.

Such a parking plan has been studied at Redstone for several years, according to Linda Simmons, Parking Project Officer for the arsenal. However, according to Army regulations, the union must agree to the installations parking plan before it can be put into effect.

Simmons said the plan at Redstone called for adding priority parking for carpools and vanpools to the priority parking already available on post. In other words, parking set

aside for handicapped people, official vehicles, and high-level government workers would remain as assigned now. The carpool and vanpool spots would be the next closest available spots.

Robert Fletcher, president of AFGE local no. 1858, said the union agrees with giving handicapped people and official vehicles first priority in parking spaces. However, the union would like to see fewer spaces reserved for individual workers.

"It's fine to give reserved parking to a few high-level government officials, but there are too many reserved places now," Fletcher said. "The union is totally for priority parking for carpools, but it's not going to mean anything if it's just the first row of the lower forty somewhere."

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Soldiers in Germany get utilities tax break

WASHINGTON — A discount on utility bills? — Unheard of. But, Germany is giving soldiers stationed there just that in the form of a tax break.

Soldiers may now pay their utility bills through their Community Morale Support Fund (MSF) office to avoid paying the German 13 percent "value added" tax, USAREUR officials say.

Before, soldiers had to buy a minimum of 200 deutsche mark (DM) in German goods and services to avoid paying the tax. Families living on the economy had to pay the 13 percent tax since their utility bills were normally less than 200 DM.

The minimum has now been dropped on utility bills and has been lowered to 50 DM for other goods and services. This will particularly help junior enlisted families living on the economy. Families living in government quarters only pay for their telephones. Officials said.

Also, soldiers buying foreign-made vehicles may now save the 13 percent by paying through the community MSF office for a fee of about one dollar.

Before, the only way to avoid the tax was to pay through the Candian Forces Office at Lahr, Germany. A fee of about \$70 was charged for this service. Paying at local of-

fices will also speed up the handling of these purchases, officials say, since the community MSF office can handle the paperwork in about a day.

Despite the changes, the buyer of any German item or service must still check with the merchant to be sure he agrees to this form of payment. Most German firms, however, readily go along with the tax-saving procedure for Americans.

The paperwork involved in paying through the community MSF office is minimal. It calls for a trip to the bank, the fund custodian and then to the German merchant.

Soldiers should check with their local MSF office for details. (ARNEWS).

Hunters bag 27 deer on opening weekend

Hunters killed 27 buck deer in the first weekend of the arsenal gun hunting season, one more than on opening weekend last year.

Quail season opened this week leaving waterfowl hunters the only ones still waiting. The state duck season opens Dec. 1.

Hunters can sign up at the Outdoor Recreation Center beginning at 4:30 a.m. Friday for the Military-Civilian gun hunt for deer coming up this weekend.

About 250 hunters were out each day on the

opening weekend. All who wanted to hunt got to Saturday even though the arsenal range areas were closed. Most of the hunters got the areas of their first choice.

Fifteen bucks were taken Sunday when the range areas were open to hunters.

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Patriot ready for final operational flight tests

BY BOB HUBBARD

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Maj. Gen. Oliver D. Street, III, Patriot Project Manager in Huntsville Research Park, said Patriot is now ready for government testing, the final phase of Army missile development that precedes production.

"This tactical flight test was a major milestone for Patriot," the Army's senior air defense officer said, "and I am pleased that we accomplished all our program objectives."

For the battalion demonstration, the Army and Raytheon place three complete Patriot fire units, a command and coordination station, and a launcher in tactical positions on the range. From those positions, the fire units

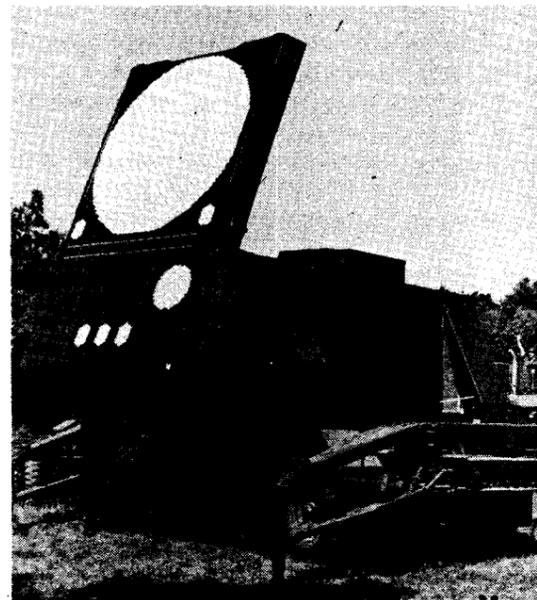
acquired and "located" the target, and fed information to the command and coordination station which then assigned the firing unit in the best location to engage the aircraft.

Seconds later, the Patriot missile, armed with a live warhead, struck and destroyed the high-speed jet flying at low altitude and long range.

The plane was flying in a countermeasures environment.

Patriot, being developed to replace both the Hawk and Nike Hercules missiles, will be so sophisticated and smart that it can diagnose its own problems and tell how to solve them. The highly-mobile, all-weather system is expected to go into production early next year.

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Traveling troops need more time for Travis transfer

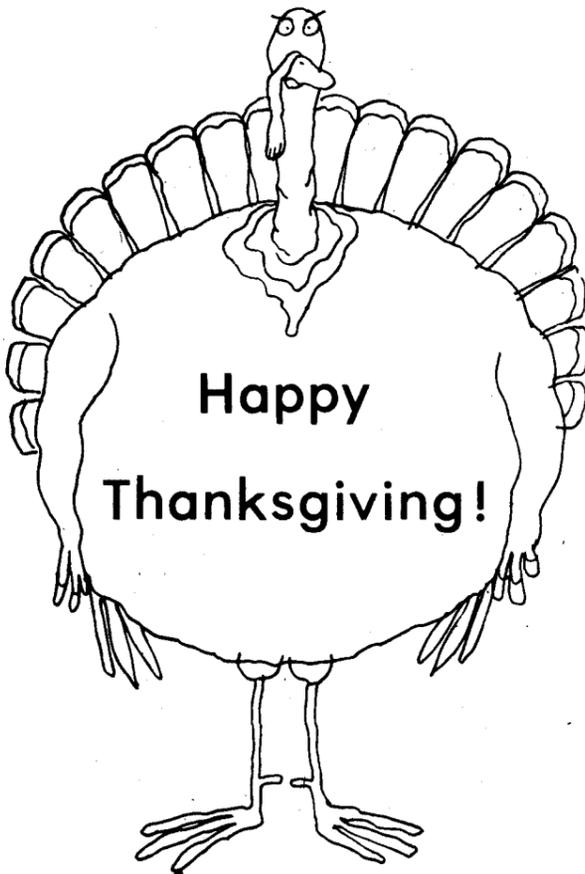
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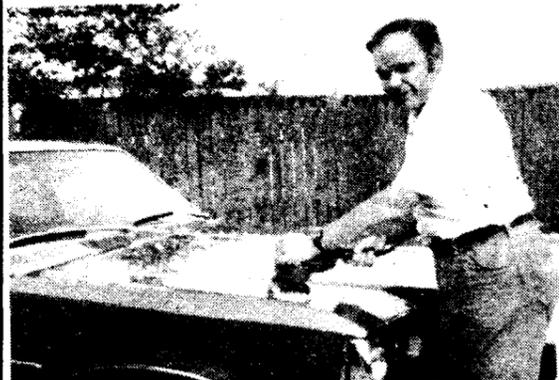
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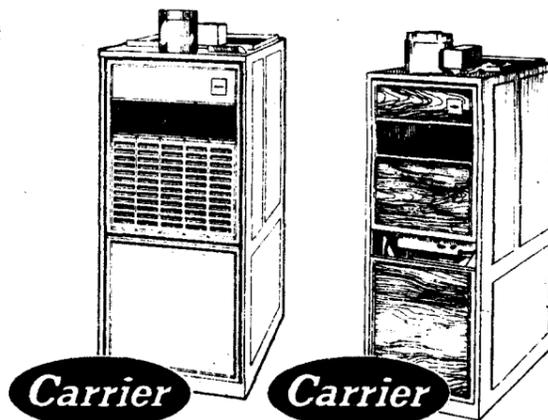
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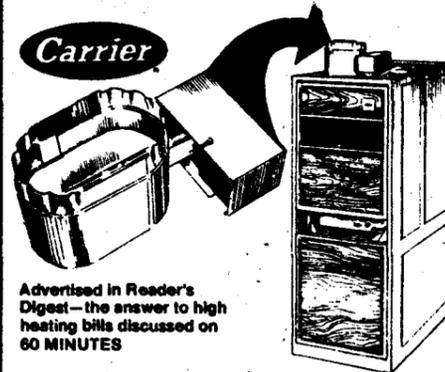
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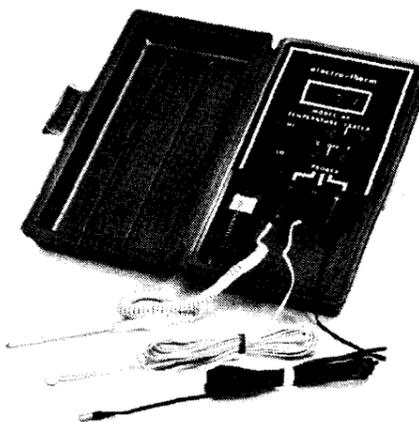
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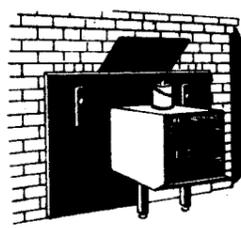
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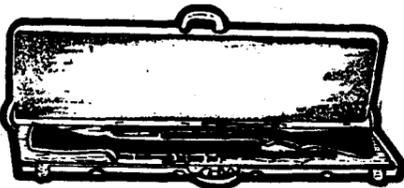
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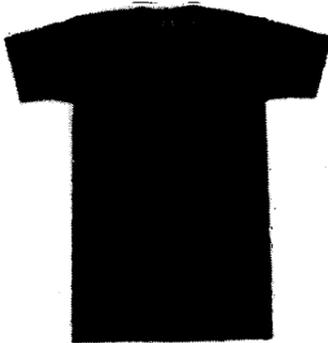
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