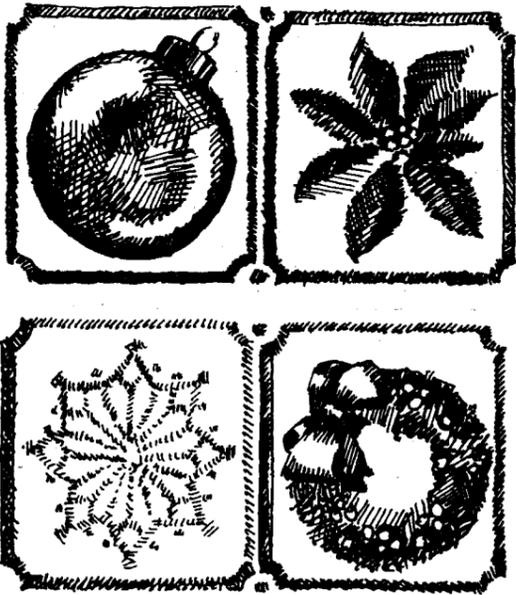


# The Redstone Rocket

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## Holiday notices

### Special issue

A special Christmas issue of the **Redstone Rocket** will be published on Dec. 17 highlighting charitable giving and other holiday activities of individuals and organizations at Redstone. Holiday items cannot be used after the Dec. 17 issue as the **Rocket** will not be published on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. To report holiday news stories call the **Rocket** at 876-1500. A "Holiday Notices" section has been set aside for social announcements and related items.

### Retired officers

The Redstone chapter of the Retired Officers Association will have their annual Christmas Party at the Officers Club from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4. All members and retired officers or warrant officers who are not members are cordially invited to an evening of Hors D'Oeuvre, music, and friendship. For reservations call Mrs. Ernest McClure, 852-2677, or Mrs. Charles Pace, 883-9962.

### NCO wives

The NCO Wives Club will have a Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 19 at the NCO Club for NCO Wives' members and their guests.

Also, the wives' club is sponsoring a gift wrapping at the Post Exchange until Dec. 22 during PX hours. All proceeds will go to charity, according to Judy Budzynski, club president. "People can bring in their gift to be wrapped and pay us for it," she said.

### Officers club

Tickets will be on sale soon in major organizational elements for the MICOM Officers' Club Christmas party.

The Metrology and Calibration Center is arranging and planning the event, the first of what is planned as annual holiday parties.

This year's party will be in the Officers'

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## 1,036 slots reviewed here in contract conversion study

WASHINGTON — The Army said today it will begin during this fiscal year and complete during FY 82 review of various commercial and industrial type functions now done by government civilian workers and soldiers at 81 installations for possible conversion to commercial contract.

At Redstone Arsenal functions to be studied for possible conversion to contract now employ 880 Army civilian workers and 176 soldiers.

They include: Installation support and physical security functions of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity now done by 658 civilians and 42 military; Fox Army Hospital operated by the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Redstone, now employing 191 civilians and 124 military; certain telephone services of the U.S. Army Communications Command, Redstone, employing 18 civilians and three military and administrative services at the U.S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School employing 13 civilians and seven military.

The Army said the decision to review these functions for possible conversion to contract follows government policy to rely on private enterprise for products and services to the maximum extent, consistent with effective and efficient accomplishment of department and agency programs.

Conversion to commercial contract will only be considered after a detailed cost comparison analysis is completed and only if firm bids indicate that contracting is more cost effective and efficient than doing the work with federal employees.

In any instance where the final decision is to contract work now being done by Army civilian employees they will be given the right of first refusal for job openings with the contractor in positions for which they are qualified. Those not hired by the contractor will be given help to find other jobs including preferential consideration for placement in federal jobs elsewhere for which they are qualified and available and retraining to qualify them for other government jobs, the Army said.

At Redstone, once the agencies involved get formal direction to begin the studies, it will take several months to prepare data that will be used to solicit bids on the functions to be contracted.

Contractor bids would be compared with the government's sealed estimate of the cost to perform the function and a decision made whether to contract or continue to perform the function with government employees.

## Decal checks slated by MPs

Military police here will be checking arsenal parking lots for unregistered or unsecured vehicles.

The parking lot checks were planned to begin in early December to ensure proper registration of privately-owned vehicles. Another aim was to ensure that vehicles are secured from Christmas holiday thefts.

Capt. John Long, chief of police operations for the Security Directorate, said registration checks began at arsenal gates last July and August. However, MP's checking for decals and stickers caused a problem in traffic flow.

"We had traffic backed up checking decals. It caused a severe backup in traffic," Long said. "To alleviate that, we're going to the parking lots."

Affected are the contractors and Army workers but not Marshall Space Flight Center workers because "they have their own (registration) system there," Long said.

Police will be checking for vehicle registration decals and expiration stickers. A warning citation will be left on unregistered vehicles, telling the owner to report for registration at Bldg. 3708 at Patton and Aerobee Roads.

Checks were to begin "right after the first of December" and be periodic from then on, Long said.

There are 75,000 vehicles registered here, he added.

## Patriot contracts total \$101 million

The Army has awarded contracts totaling more than \$101 million for engineering services and critical materials supporting production of the Army's new Patriot air defense missile system.

Raytheon Company at Bedford, Mass., received approximately \$71.2 million for engineering services, including drawings and documentation, engineering change proposals and other software. Raytheon also got approximately \$27.2 million for long lead time materials supporting the second production buy of Patriot.

Brown Engineering of Huntsville received

approximately \$3 million for software verification and validation programs.

Patriot, the Army's newest and most advanced air defense missile system, went into production in October 1980.

Being developed to replace both Hawk and Nike Hercules missiles, Patriot will be the cornerstone of field Army air defense against medium to high altitude aircraft in the 1980s and beyond.

Brig. Gen. Jerry M. Bunyard is Project Manager for the highly mobile, all-weather Patriot which is headquartered in Huntsville Research Park.

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# Letters

## Disturbing sign

Editor:

Today I saw something that disturbed me. One of the ladies in Bldg. 4505 had signs on her door referring to the hostages. One stated, "Remember the hostages and say a silent prayer." The other one referred to how many days that the hostages have been captive. One of the GS-14s in the agency came and tore the signs down and said that Gen. Moore was coming over and did not want the general to see signs on the doors. Also the head colonel in the agency had told the GS-14 to take down the signs. To me it must be getting pretty bad that something like remembering our hostages in Iran should be torn down and thrown away in order to try to keep on the good side of the General.

Gen. Moore would have probably thought a lot of someone caring enough that they would display signs like these. What if you were the hostage? Wouldn't you want someone to care.

Name withheld  
by request

P.S. The signs have been up since day one of the taking of the hostages. Why take the signs down now?

**Editor's note:** Maj. Gen. Moore has no problem with MICOM people who wish to show their concern for the American hostages in Iran in their own way and specifically, no problem with signs in the workplace such as you describe as long as they are in good taste. We have all seen signs that — while undoubtedly expressing the feelings of many Americans — have the kind of direct message and language that offend some people.

Letters to the editor should be signed (name withheld on request) and sent to: The Redstone Rocket, DRSMI-G.

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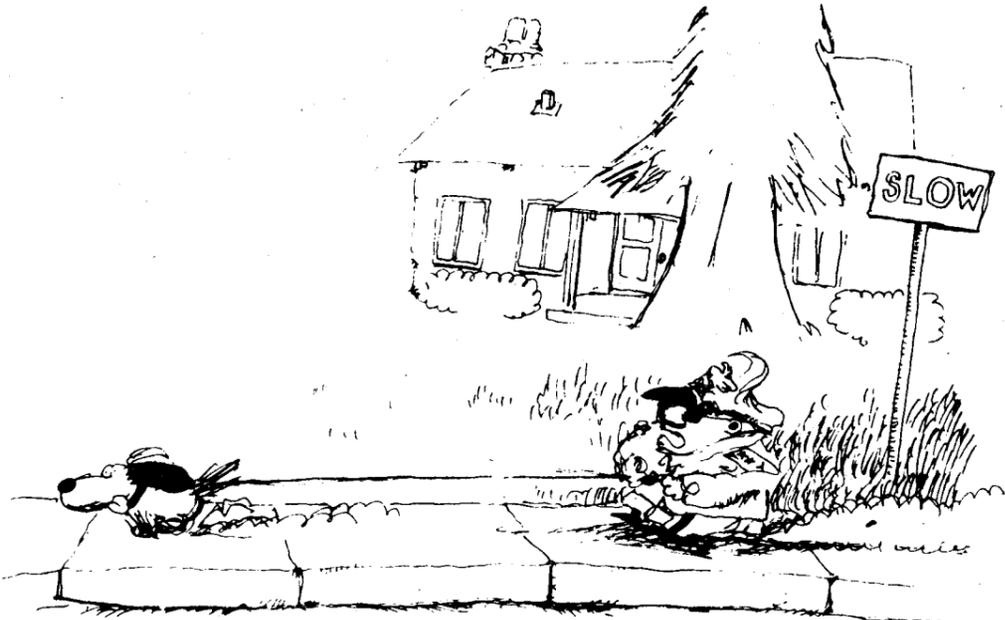
If you want an answer to a question, call or write the "People" information service in Public Affairs Office, 876-4161.

## Christmas lights

**Question:** What is the policy on Christmas lights at Redstone this year?

**Answer:** Ron Hagler of Facilities Engineering said the energy conservation

policy of the past several years will be followed in which offices and work areas are asked to not use lighted decorations. Outdoor lighting in the housing areas will be permitted this holiday season from Dec. 17 through Jan. 3 between the hours of 6-10 p.m. The chapel will have its traditional lighted tree outdoors.



By Stan Schneider

"I said halt boy! I said halt! Halt! Halt, and that's an order"

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# Army moves against 'No. 1 crime'

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Anti-shoplifting posters will be displayed at Redstone Arsenal and other Army bases this month in a campaign against "America's No. 1 crime."

The Army and Air Force joined a campaign under the National Coalition to Prevent Shoplifting to be conducted from Dec. 1-20.

Anti-shoplifting programs on military posts worldwide will include posters and signs, displays, pamphlets and other publicity packets.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is also involved in the effort guided by the Atlanta-based National Coalition to Prevent Shoplifting.

The coalition estimates that shoplifting losses in the U.S. amount to \$16 billion a year.

"It's quite a problem, depending on the month," said the store detective for the Post Exchange here. "Towards Christmas, it gets pretty hectic."

There is an average of three or four shoplifting cases a month at the PX — sometimes only two and sometimes as many as six or seven, the detective said.



The PX detective for three years, who asked to remain anonymous, said there were four cases in November. Accused were one dependent and three active duty soldiers.

In one case, a female enlisted soldier allegedly shoplifted an \$85 jacket. In another case, an E-3 or E-4 soldier allegedly shoplifted a \$46 jacket, he said.

The detective depends on "eye-observation only." There is a TV camera in the Home and Sports Center but not in the main store.

Most shoplifters on military bases are active duty soldiers, he said, followed by young dependents.

Maj. Gen. Duane Stubbs, commander of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, said that for the year ending Jan. 25, 1980, a total of 10,724 shoplifting incidents resulting in the apprehension and detention of offenders were reported worldwide.

"Of these incidents," Stubbs continued "39 percent involved Army or Air Force active duty personnel, 53 percent involved military dependents and civilians, and the remaining eight percent were equally divided between personnel and dependents of other services and retired military personnel."

Stubbs said the incidents involved merchandise valued at about \$147,000, of which all but \$7,000 was recovered.

He pointed out that these shoplifting statistics must be viewed in light of National Coalition research indicating that about 75 percent of all shoplifting in the civilian community goes undetected.

A "very wide variety" of items are shoplifted here, according to the PX detective. Incidents include young dependents taking sunglasses in the summer, and retirees taking items near Christmas.

"It can go from a candy bar to a \$100 leather jacket," he said.

Col. Burt Dall, deputy post commander, normally suspends offenders from going to any AAFES facility for six months, the detective said. If military, the offender's commanding officer can administer additional punishment ranging from non-judicial punishment (Article 15) to court-martial.

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Pvt. Darryl Aviles, 4th S.C. — "If they know what they're doing women should be able to play whatever role they choose."



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**Notices**

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Club on Dec. 20 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 per person and cover dancing and "hot and heavy hors d'oeuvres".

**Senior citizens**

The Redstone Officers' Wives Club is sponsoring a senior citizens' Christmas coffee at the Officers' Club on Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. The Senior Citizens Center is extending invitations on a first come basis until the quota is filled. There will be a Santa Claus visit, and music by the Randolph School ensemble. Reservations should be made by noon Dec. 5 to A-E Karen McCullough 883-2190, F-L Linda Terry 883-8750, M-R Rose Garbardi 837-7089, S-Z Julie Goodridge 837-4548. For cancellations call Marge Kunhart 883-2546 by noon Dec. 8.

**Redstone Riders**

The Redstone Riders Motorcycle Club will hold their annual Christmas and awards party on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. For more information call Ken Blackmer 876-2331 or 837-8414 or Dave Bill 876-4760 or 830-0451.

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The party will be held Dec. 13 in the main ballroom of the Officers Club. It will begin with a social hour at 7 p.m. and a buffet dinner will follow at 8 p.m. The party will also include a brief Christmas program and dancing to the sounds of the Charlie Lyle Band. Dress for the occasion will be cocktail dresses and business suits.

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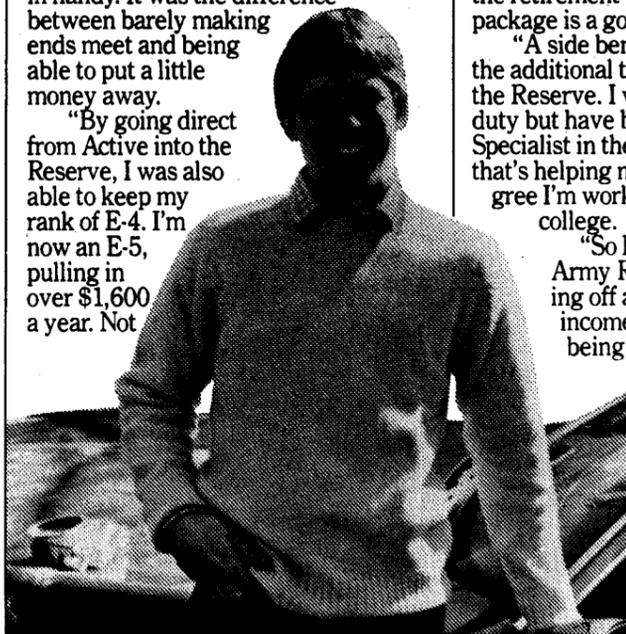
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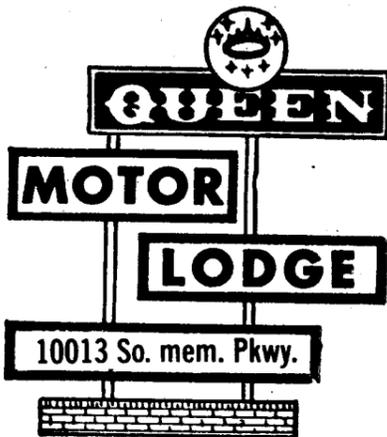
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Citing MICOM regulation 210-2 which governs hunting on the installation, security officials said individuals not otherwise authorized to enter the arsenal will not be allowed to pass the gate unless the sponsor meets them and verifies to the military policeman on duty that he is the sponsor.

Only active duty and retired military personnel are eligible to invite civilian guests to join them in hunting on post.

Security officials also said entry would be denied to any person attempting to enter the arsenal with a weapon other than those authorized for hunters in the regulation. Authorized hunting weapons on post include shotguns, certain types of muzzle loading weapons and bows and arrows.

Persons found hunting with other than authorized weapons will have their hunting privileges revoked.

# 'Turkey Trot' run draws 36 entries

In spite of cold, overcast weather, Redstone Arsenal's first "Turkey Trot" was a success, according to Joe Hopkins, Morale Support Officer.

A total of 36 runners entered the seven age classes. Their ages ranged from 13 to older than 50. Fifteen entered the men's division's 17-29 age grouping.

Winners in the women's division were Phyllis Weston in the 13-6 group, Karla Dean in the 17-34 group, and Carole Vicuna in the

over 35 age group. Winning times ranged from 17:40 minutes to 26:30 minutes for the three mile course.

In the men's division, Steve Hunford ran the fastest time in the 17-29 group, Dwight Bass won in the 30-39 group, with Byron Powers taking the 40-49 group. Hector Ramirez won in the over 50 age group. Winning times in the men's division ranged from 17:00 minutes to 23:45 minutes.

# Irish, Seminoles picked to win

BY SKIP VAUGHN

There are only two games left to predict before bowl time begins next week.

Both involve bowl-bound teams and should be close contests. Major college football, which has seen several surprises this year, may have one or two more up its sleeve before the season ends.

On Saturday, Notre Dame's Fightin' Irish visit Southern California's Trojans; and Florida State's Seminoles entertain Florida's Gators.

This picker believes Notre Dame will win if the Fightin' Irish avoid looking ahead to their showdown with Georgia and aren't intimidated by the U.S.C. atmosphere.

Florida State meanwhile has the ability to overwhelm Florida like Miami (Fla.) did last weekend.

The Seminoles (9-1) have victories over powerhouses Pittsburgh and Nebraska this year. They lost by one point to Miami (Fla.).

Florida's Gators (7-3), on the other hand, have been up and down all year. They beat tough Mississippi State, almost beat Georgia but were blasted 31-7 by Miami (Fla.).

An 8-4 record last week brought this picker's slate to 108-36 (plus two ties) for his weekly major college football picks. That's 75 percent.

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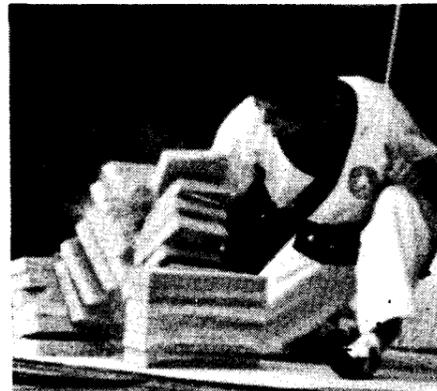
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# Army schedules sports trials for 1981

WASHINGTON — Trial camps for soldiers wanting to compete on next year's interservice sports teams are set to begin in late Jan., according to DA sports program officials.

Top athletes who distinguish themselves during interservice games may be chosen as team members or coaches to represent the United States in the 1981 game competitions with military teams of other countries. The annual international games are played around the world to promote military sports and friendship among armed forces of different nations. More than 75 nations now participate yearly.

Trial camps in racquetball, basketball, boxing, wrestling, marathon, volleyball, track and field, soccer, triathlon, bowling, softball, golf and tennis are slated at different posts in the U.S. Sports officials say local authorities should begin planning now for the events based on the following schedule:

- Racquetball (men and women) — Jan. 27 - Feb. 7, Fort Hood, Tex.
- Basketball (men) — Jan. 27 - Mar. 7, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.
- Basketball (women) — Jan. 25 - Mar. 7, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.
- Boxing — Feb. 15 - May 30, Fort Bragg, N.C.
- Wrestling — Feb. 8 - May 15, Fort Bliss, Tex.
- Marathon (men and women) — April 1-15, site to be determined.
- Volleyball (men) — April 1-25, Fort Shafter, Hawaii
- Volleyball (women) — April 1-25, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.
- Track and Field (men and women) — April 22 - May 30, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.
- Soccer — April 19 - May 22, Fort Gordon, Ga.

- Triathlon (men and women) — May 8-16, site to be determined.
- Bowling (men and women) — May 8-16, Fort Meade, Md.
- Softball (men) — July 16 - Aug. 8, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.
- Softball (women) — July 16 - Aug. 8, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.
- Golf (men and women) — Aug. 20-38, Fort Gordon, Ga.
- Tennis (men and women) — Aug. 9-22, site to be determined.

The army selects individuals for the camps based on their applications, demonstrated skills and recommendations of local officials.

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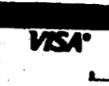
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# Warrant officer chapter active again here

BY SKIP VAUGHN

When John Frank arrived here from Ft. Bragg last May, the Army warrant officer was surprised to find there was no warrant officers' association chapter.

CWO 2 Frank had been vice president of a 100-member chapter at Ft. Bragg in North Carolina. The chapter at Redstone Arsenal was discontinued about four years ago.

"I was just going to transfer my membership to this chapter and I was surprised to find out the chapter didn't exist anymore," Frank said. So he started a new chapter here last summer.

Last June he put a notice in the Redstone Rocket asking if other warrant officers wanted to help reactivate the group. They met July 30 with the necessary 10 dues-paying members and the group voted to reactivate their chapter.

The Redstone Arsenal chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association has met monthly since then.

The association was incorporated in Virginia as an organization for Army warrant officers. Members include active, retired, National Guard or reserve warrant officers. "You join the association and become a part of the association's voice," Frank said.

A warrant officer is a technician — an officer trained to perform technical duties and supervise enlisted technicians and repair persons. With a rank above sergeant major and below second lieutenant, he or she is a specialist in one of a variety of fields.

"One of the things this chapter's trying to bring up and national (association) headquarters too is that warrant officers are officers," Frank said. They're trying to stop the distinction by some people between warrant officers and officers. The difference is between commissioned officers and warrant officers.

"The only difference is the other officers were commissioned by act of U.S. Congress, and we were appointed by the Secretary of the Army," Frank said.

There are an estimated 13,500 warrant officers in the Army and about 84,000 commissioned officers. Total military personnel in the Army is about 750,000. Most of the pilots in the Army are warrant officers and they were heralded for airship heroics in Vietnam.

"You can see that with just 13,500 we need some kind of representation or a means to channel our thoughts up through DA (Department of Army) and to Congress," said Frank, a 12-year soldier and a warrant officer since November 1977.

A warrant officer association chapter was formed at Redstone Arsenal in 1972 and deactivated in 1976 because active duty warrant officers weren't coming to the meetings.



Frank: 'Warrant officers are officers'

"The meetings were being conducted just by retired warrant officers who lived in the area," Frank said. "They voted to deactivate the chapter because they felt it was becoming more of a social meeting every month rather than doing anything beneficial for the warrant officer."

The new group, which meets the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Officers Club, consists of 30 active duty warrant officers and five retired. There are about 90 active duty warrant officers onpost.

Technical warrant officers are usually appointed from the enlisted ranks with from eight to 14 years of active service. They usually serve another 10 years or so, according to Frank, 31, of Elyria, Ohio.

He received a direct appointment in Germany a little over three years ago and is a land combat maintenance technician.

Why is a group for warrant officers necessary? "We're concerned about education, pay, benefits," Frank said. "And just the opportunity to get together socially. It's a good point of contact."

Chapter officers, elected Nov. 4, include CWO 3 Howard Carmichael, president, CWO 3 (promotable) Chuck Stoll, vice president, CWO 3 John Pierson Jr., secretary, and CWO 2 Donald Dunlap, treasurer.

Frank, an instructor at the career development department under the Directorate of Training at MMCS, said members

are available to help enlisted officers interested in becoming warrant officers.

Guest speakers at the chapter meetings have included CWO 3 Aleck Fletcher, assignment officer for the Army's Warrant Officer Division in Washington, D.C., and Col. George Morgan, the division's chief.

Maj. Gen. Robert L. Moore, commanding general of the Missile Command, will address Army warrant officers at 11 a.m. Dec. 10 at the Officers Club.

Frank said Morgan, guest speaker at November's meeting, discussed proposed incentives for warrant officers and installed chapter officers. "He had good words for warrant officers and talked about incentives — career incentives they're studying because they're losing a lot of warrant officers."

Some proposed incentives include "pin point" or more specific overseas assignment orders; higher level jobs as warrant officers progress through the ranks WO 1 to CWO 4; and upgrading some educational requirements. Most warrant officer positions recommend a two-year college degree, but the Army is studying the possibility of a four-year degree. That would permit fulltime college attendance at Army expense for some warrant officer positions, Frank said.

"What all this boils down to is the warrant officer is starting to be recognized by the Department of the Army," he added.

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# Prayer breakfast 'most successful in Army'

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Every Wednesday morning the fellowship hall at Redstone Arsenal's Post Chapel is crowded with mostly active duty soldiers and some civilians workers.

They gather for prayer breakfast which includes a religious program and continental breakfast — danish pastry, donuts, coffee, etc. It lasts from 6 to 6:50 a.m. in the Post chapel off Patton Road.

"It's the most successful weekly prayer breakfast in the U.S. Army," said Col. Delbert Gremmels, the Staff Chaplain for Redstone Arsenal.

"This has got to be the best. The Lord has just blessed it so much. We can only thank God for it," he added.

Over 200 have attended each session since October. The Wednesday breakfast before Thanksgiving Day drew 237.

Gremmels came here last July from an Army base at Munich, Germany. Prayer breakfast was held there about six times a year with about 150 in attendance each time. Most bases have them but "generally on a quarterly basis or in some places once a year," he said.

Everyone is welcome to prayer breakfast here which is free of charge. A 25-minute continental breakfast is followed by a 20-minute religious program, according to Maj. William Bateman, the School Brigade Chaplain.

The program includes such things as Bible Reading, prayers, songs, and a speaker, Bateman said. The speakers range from privates to four-star generals and are different each time.

Over 300 people attended the breakfast several months ago when the speaker was

Ralph Haines, a retired four-star general who formerly commanded the Continental Army Command.

Attendance is voluntary. There won't be a prayer breakfast Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 — during the two weeks that soldiers at the Missile and Munitions Center and School are gone for Christmas.

Capt. Robert Countess, Assistant Staff Chaplain, said "We've had a problem lately with handling the crowds of people." Countess is in charge of the programs which he said are planned about two weeks in advance.

Prayer breakfast began here about 1973. Mostly soldiers, E-1s and E-2s, attend. Some bring their families.

The purpose is to provide fellowship for the soldiers and contact between the soldiers and their commanders. "It's an opportunity for people to come and talk to soldiers in a very informal, casual way. And it is a religious gathering," Countess said.

Food is prepared by Chapel Activity Specialists, normally Sp6 Henry Phillips and Sp4 Arnold Marshall, aided by volunteers. An excerpt from a religious movie is planned as part of a program in December.

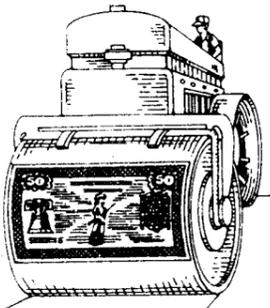
"People never know what to expect. That's good, too," Countess said. "It keeps them looking for what's going to happen."

Fifteen people volunteered to say what they were thankful for at the session held the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

"The age group that we are being able to minister to — from 18 to 24 — is the group that most clergy persons say is the hardest group to reach whether in the military or outside the military," Gremmels said. "And that to me is why it is such a delight to be a part of (prayer breakfast)."

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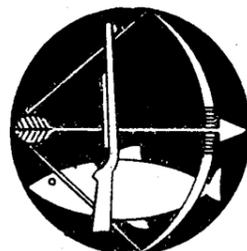
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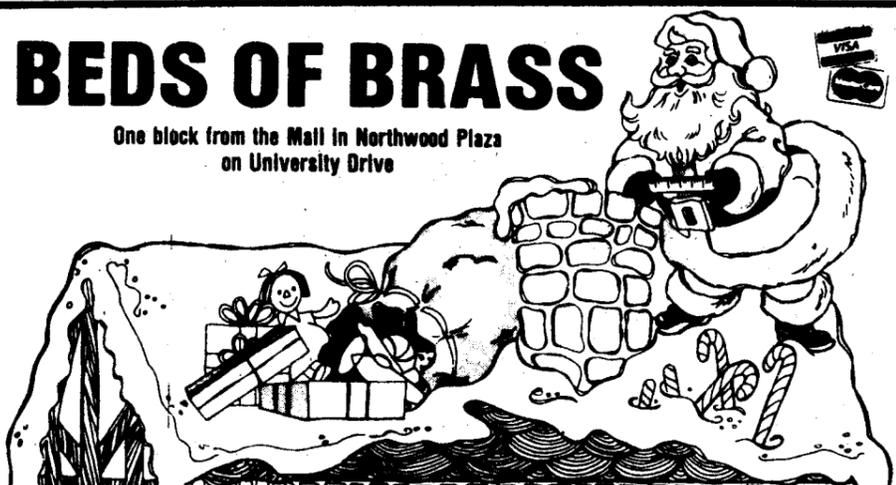
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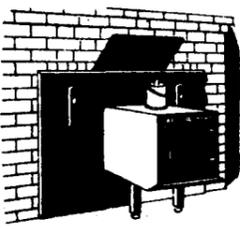
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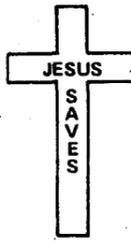
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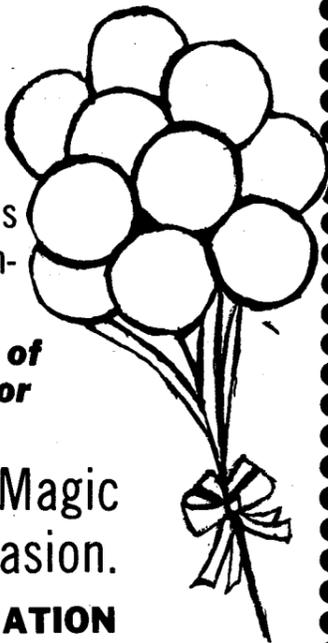
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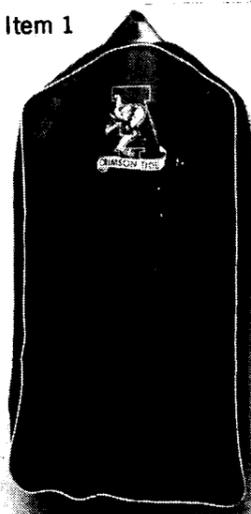
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# Careful soldering insures accurate missiles

BY LORI KING

There could be several reasons why a missile would not hit a target but one reason, could be a single, improperly soldered wire, according to Training Instructor Clyde A. Guiou.

Soldering is an important factor in building missiles, noted Guiou. With the complicated maze of wires within the missile, every wire must be in its place and properly soldered or the missile will not function correctly.

Guiou said that even a little extra solder on the wire connections could cause a malfunction. He explained, "The more solder that is applied, the more resistance the circuit will have. It can also weigh down the missile."

Most Redstone Arsenal students, depending on their military occupational specialty are taught the skill of soldering in one of three courses: Basic, Certified, or Pace.

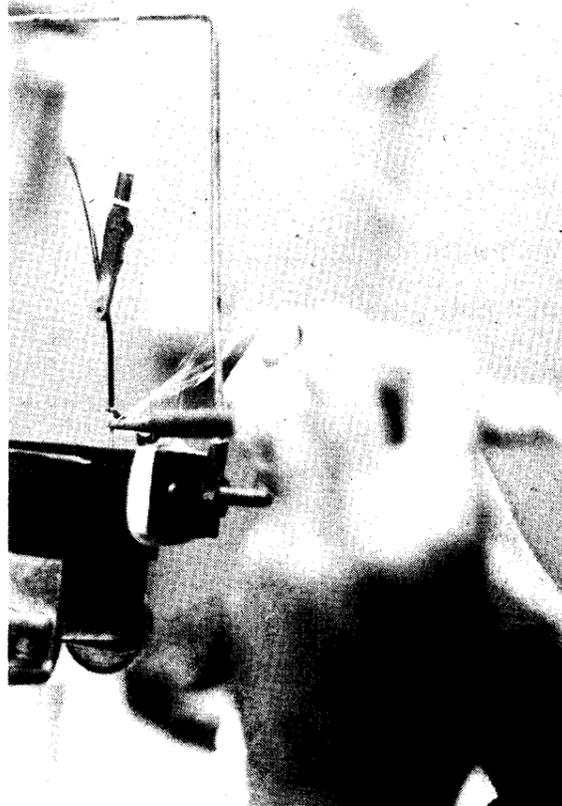
Basic Soldering is considered by Guiou to be just "touching the surface" in soldering. All the students, including those who will be advancing to Certified or Pace, begin with the Basic Soldering Course which is approximately 40 hours long.

There, the students are taught the fundamentals. They learn the basic terms, tools, and temperatures that are needed for each connection.

Most Special Ammo and Land Combat students are only required to complete the Basic Course, but students in Nike, Hawk, and Pershing, advance to the Certified Soldering Course which is more difficult and requires more patience and time.

The course, which is 40 more hours, is a lot more detailed and each soldering job that a student does for credit can not be less than perfect, Guiou said.

Every wire connection that a student completes is magnified by a 15 power glass and checked for flaws by several of the instructors.



**Soldier soldering a connection**

"Too much, too little, or something marring the solder will send the student back to try again," said Guiou, "and by this time, they can get frustrated."

Guiou pointed out that attitude and patience become very important during the course. "The students know that their MOS depends on getting through the soldering course but sometimes it looks harder than it really is. So what I do is take any student that is having trouble and talk to him, reassure him and he'll usually end up passing the course."

The course is easier for a woman than it is for a man, he believes.

"Sometimes the students have to solder a wire to a circuit board that is very small and it takes patience," he said. "Women have that patience because they put on make-up daily and both require fine line drawings."

According to Guiou, only three students were dropped from the course since 1976. "Two were dropped because of allergies relating to solder and the other one just couldn't do it and gave up. All three were civilians."

After the Certified soldering course is over, the students receive certificates stating that they are operators unless they will continue with 40 hours of course work on instructing or inspecting. Those students will become trial instructors or inspectors until they have completed the requirements and then they will receive a certificate stating that they are certified instructors or inspectors.

The Pace Soldering Course, which takes an additional 20 hours, is taught to MOS 27F, Land Combat.

The students are taught how to operate a Pace Soldering machine to repair a broken connection in a circuit board that is covered with a hard rubber coating. The coating above the bad connection must be removed and the solder must be lifted off the wire, replaced, then recoated.

Guiou said that the three programs at Redstone have been successful because of the 16 "well qualified and well trained military and civilian instructors."

Karl Goebeler, who certified and is now training as an instructor, agreed that the "instructors are good and the training is good. I'm really enjoying myself."

Guiou believes that 75 percent of missile failures are caused from improper soldering, but as far as he's concerned, the students coming out of the Redstone can fix that.

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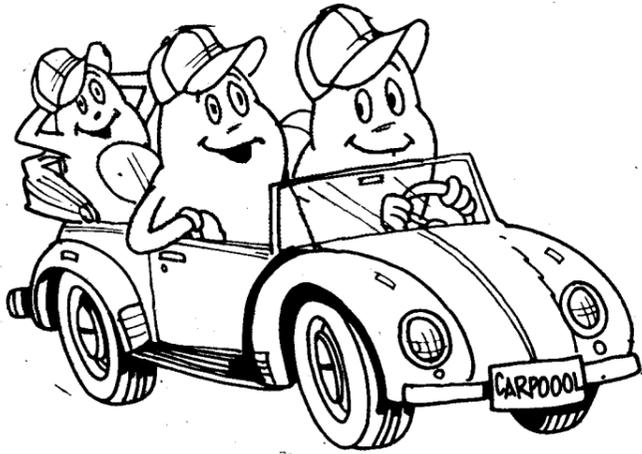
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### Radar report

Military police will be using radar in the housing area Dec. 3-9 in an attempt to curb speeding violations there. Other times and places of radar use this week are listed below. MPs provide the list as a service to encourage drivers to voluntarily obey speed limits.

#### Wednesday, Dec. 3

Housing area: 6-8:15 a.m. & 12:30-2 p.m. Neal Road: 7:15-8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.-noon.

#### Thursday, Dec. 4

Buxton Road: 6-8:15 a.m. & 10 a.m.-noon. Housing area: 7:15-8:30 a.m. & 12:30-2 p.m. Rideout Road: 8:30-9:30 a.m. & 1-2:30 p.m.

#### Friday, Dec. 5

Goss Road: 6-8:15 a.m. & 10 a.m.-noon. Housing area: 7:15-8:30 a.m. & 12:30-2 p.m. Rideout Road: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Redstone Road: 1-2:30 p.m.

#### Monday, Dec. 8

Housing area: 6-8:15 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. Vincent Drive: 7:15-8:30 a.m. & 12:30-2 p.m. Rideout Road: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Patton Road: 1-2:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 9

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### Electronics exhibition

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers will sponsor Southcon-81, a high-technology exhibition and convention, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta Jan. 13-15. Electronically related products and services will be on display from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 13-14 and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 15. Professional program sessions will be presented three times each day. For complementary passes call Jim McClean 876-2797.

### Surplus sale Dec. 10

There will be a local spot bid sale of government surplus property Dec. 10 in the Rocket Auditorium, building 7120. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. and the sale begins at 9:00. Some of the items for sale are: tables, chairs, desk, cabinets, grocery carts, bar stools, electrical and electronic parts, air conditioning units and tires. The property is located in building 7426 and the vehicle yard on Warehouse Road. The property may be inspected weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone can buy.

### 'Lunch and learn'

The Women In Action, AUSA, will hold a "Lunch and Learn" meeting at the NCO Club on Dec. 5 at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Bill-May will speak on "Emotional Control". The luncheon cost is \$4.25 per person. For reservations contact Carolyn B. Goodwyn 876-1333 or Myra Bice 876-2145 or 3060.

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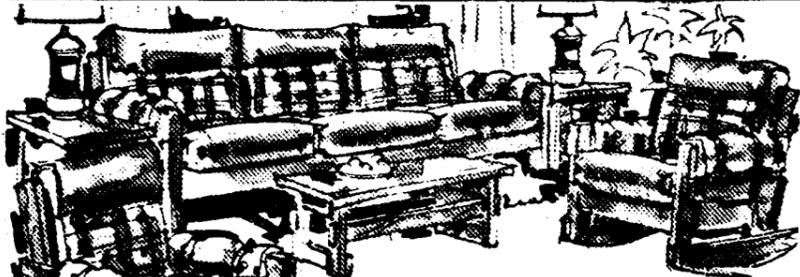


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