

Weinberger issues statement on impact aid

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger has issued a vigorous statement to reassure servicemembers who are concerned that they may be billed for tuition for children attending public schools.

"I am determined that no soldier, sailor, airman or marine will be forced to pay tuition for the public school education of his or her dependents," he said in a memorandum to the various service secretaries.

The memorandum is in

response to plans by some states to impose tuition fees on military dependents if the federal government drops its impact aid funds to the states. The impact aid program provides federal funds to public school districts to help defray the costs to the states for educating federal dependents.

A proposal now before Congress would end impact aid payments to school districts where less than 20 percent of the total district enrollment is made up of children of military members who live on-

post. It would also eliminate federal funds to school districts where the military sponsor of the student lives off-post.

Although proposed reductions in impact aid have been lessened by Congress in the past, a number of states believe Congress will approve these reductions this year. As a result, some states are preparing to enact legislation permitting school districts to charge tuition fees to military dependents.

"I want to make clear my view

that such action by the states, counties or school districts is completely unwarranted and that the Department of Defense will take every possible measure to prevent it," Weinberger said.

"The administration will use all available legal steps to prevent the imposition of tuition charges on military members for the public school education of their dependents. We are confident of the strength of our position," he asserted. (ARNEWS).

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'Quality circle' concept eyed here

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The Missile Command is considering adopting a popular form of participative management in which workers get together weekly to discuss how to solve on-the-job problems.

Quality circles have been used effectively in Japan and in American businesses and federal agencies. The term "quality circles" originated from the quality control aspects of business.

MICOM's chief of staff heads an 11-person steering committee formed in April to consider the quality circle concept. "The bottom line is MICOM is in the process of determining whether to have quality circles, and if so how we should implement it in the command," said Dave Stanbrough, a plans and evaluation specialist in the Plans and Concepts Office.

"As soon as a decision is made and the program is refined, we'll be announcing the results," he said. "We expect it to happen. The direction looks pretty favorable right now and we're defining the things we have to do."

Quality circles are small groups of co-workers who meet together regularly to discuss better ways of doing their job or to solve problems they share. It is a voluntary concept.

Places which have implemented this have realized an average of from four-to-one up to eight-to-one return on "investment," according to Stanbrough. He defined investment as the hour to an hour and a half spent each week in discussion groups instead of working.

"The ideas they come up with and the problems they've solved have these ratios," Stanbrough said.

The quality circle concept originated in American factories during the 1940s. After World War II, the Japanese picked up on it and used it successfully.

Quality circles became a trend in America in the mid-1970s and have spread to 150 American companies and 13 federal agencies. The U.S. Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command considered the concept for its subordinate commands in early 1980.

DARCOM subordinates which have implemented quality circles include Armament Materiel Readiness Command at Rock Island, Ill., Troop Support and Aviation Readiness Command at St. Louis, and Automated Logistics Management Systems Activity at St. Louis.

"Normally the first-line supervisor is a member of the group. The group selects its own leader," Stanbrough said. An outside "facilitator" or moderator is made available to make sure the meetings run smoothly and that each worker has input.

This concept differs from previous programs in which management was in the "driver's seat," said Lynda Locke, a program analyst for Plans and Concepts. "In this you've got employees actually running the show."

Management agrees to accept the group's solutions unless there is an overwhelming reason not to, according to Stanbrough. He



listed the program's advantages as the worker's input into decision-making; voluntary participation; and beneficial solutions to problems.

Bob Fletcher, president of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858, is a member of the quality circles steering committee here. "I think it certainly has its merit — that it's something that could give employees the chance to participate in some of the decision-making process for better ways of doing things," he said.

Quality circles have worked well in Japanese industries free of "turbulence" caused by reorganizations and reductions in force, Fletcher said.

"It's certainly worth a try. Being voluntary, we certainly endorse participation in it," the union president said.

Army birthday

The Army's 206th birthday is Sunday, June 14. An Armywide anniversary observance keyed to the theme "The Army at Yorktown: Spirit of Victory" will continue through Oct. 19. That's the day in 1781 independence for America was finally won — by an Army of volunteers fighting for the same principles today's volunteer Army is prepared to defend 200 years later. The story of the Army's victory at Yorktown is told beginning on page 8.



WG pay hiked

About 750 federal wage grade employees at Redstone Arsenal received a pay raise effective Sunday, June 7.

The raise for "blue collar" workers resulted from a Wage Change Survey conducted in the Huntsville, Ala. Wage Area last April.

Increases average approximately 30 cents an hour for non-supervisors and 67 cents for supervisors.

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MICOM people do the work

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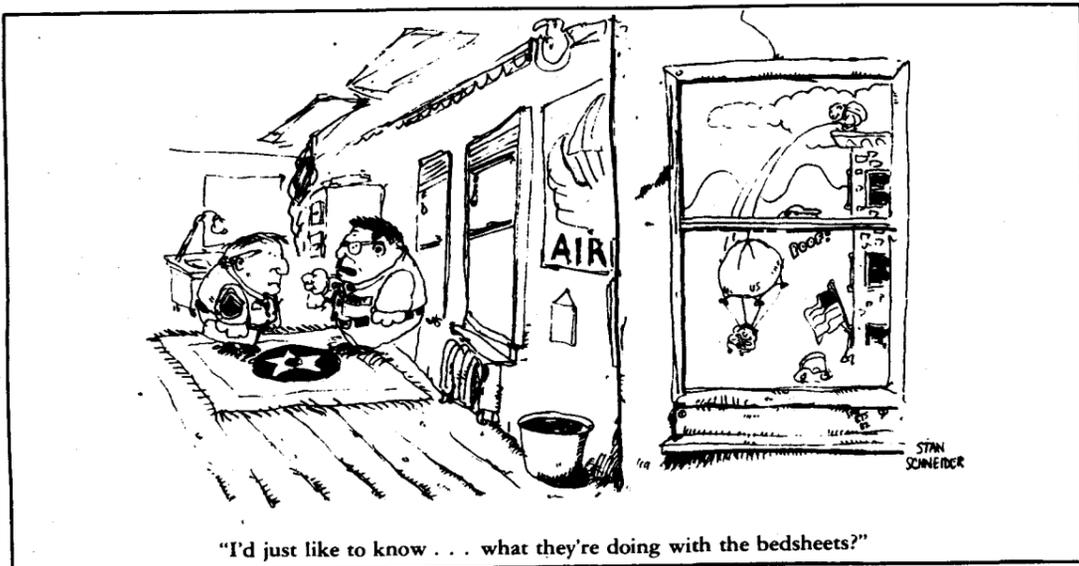
The May 20 edition of the *Redstone Rocket* contained an interesting front page article on radiation exposure. The film badges mentioned in the article are, in fact, processed at "an Army depot in Lexington, Ky.," but the facility that processes the badges is a MICOM organization.

On 1 October 1980, the Army Ionizing Radiation Dosimetry Center (AIRDC) at Lexington and the dosimetry mission transferred from DESCOM to MICOM as a part of the Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment support mission consolidation under the U. S. Army Metrology and Calibration Center here at MICOM. The AIRDC processes badges for and keeps radiation exposure records on every U. S.

Army employee who works in an environment where they may be exposed to radiation. The records go back to 1954 and any individual who has ever participated in the dosimetry program can obtain, upon request, a record of his cumulative radiation exposure.

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Anniversary message

As we celebrate the Army's 206th anniversary on 14 June, it is a pleasure to extend greetings to all of its members.

The mission of providing for the security of our country is basically the same for today's Army as it was for the ten companies of Infantry established by the Second Continental Congress more than two centuries ago. Within six years, a young but seasoned Continental Army, with French assistance, would achieve an important victory at Yorktown. That victory would make the Declaration of Independence a meaningful political manifesto, and bridge the way to development of our Constitution. This year, as we mark that event with the Bicentennial celebration of Yorktown, we should be mindful of our heritage.

Throughout the years, each decade brought its own unique challenges. As our country grew and prospered, the Army played a vital role in its development, and our Nation's position of strength and influence stems, to a large extent, from the achievements of its loyal and vigorous Army.

The challenges of this decade of the eighties may be more complex than any that we have ever faced in that past. Today's Army is bred in that same spirit that kindled the hearts and minds of the soldiers of the Continental Army more than 200 years ago. Therefore, with steadfast resolve, we can be confident that our Army's traditionally faithful service will continue to be a major factor in ensuring that our national values are preserved through the critical years ahead.

John O. Marsh, Jr.
Secretary of the Army

E. C. Meyer
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

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Federal sick leave benefits best, local survey shows

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Federal workers who use up their sick leave without good reason may find themselves all wet when that rainy day comes.

When they really need the leave time, they may find themselves wishing they had it.

"It's guaranteed insurance against future unanticipated illnesses," said Norm Foster, chief of Civilian Personnel's management-employee relations division.

His division conducted a survey of sick leave policy in private firms in Huntsville and Madison County during February and March. Questionnaires were mailed to 121 companies and 48 responded.

The 20 questions included whether there is a formal plan of action to control sick leave, the sick leave rate for 1980, and whether supervisors are trained in sick leave control. The survey of manufacturing, electronics, farming, retail, and research & development companies produced "very interesting findings," Foster said.

"In all the companies that responded, no company had a liberal sick leave program that's comparable to the Army," he said.

Federal workers are allowed to accumulate 104 hours — 13 days — of sick leave each year. They can save an unlimited amount. A worker who uses sick leave may be required to bring in a doctor's certification of illness.

Also, under normal circumstances a worker must call in to request leave due to illness.

Two reasons for saving sick leave are that it serves as "money in the bank" in case of unforeseen illness, and it can be used to compute retirement annuity, Foster said.

People age 55 with 30 years of federal service can retire optionally. The total number of sick leave hours saved is added to that 30 years and the annuity is computed based on that figure. For example, someone with 2,080 hours sick leave saved (equal to one year of work), would have his or her annuity based on 31 years.

"People who abuse sick leave and use it up, have zero balance," said John Hollenbeck, employee-relations specialist. "If they do have an illness, the alternative is to request an advance.

"There is a maximum grant (of 30 days advance). If the illness exceeds the maximum grant, they're forced to use annual leave or go without pay," Hollenbeck said.

Workers who accumulate sick leave while in the low grades can be paid off at a higher rate if they maintain it. Sick leave is just based on hours so workers who retire in the upper grades are paid for sick leave at the rate of their grade, Foster said.

If a worker leaves federal service before optional retirement, the accumulated sick leave is held in an account for three years. "In the absence of the employee returning within that three-year period, the unused sick leave is forfeited," Foster said.

The survey revealed that some companies have no pay policy for sick leave. Others had a yearly bonus award for perfect attendance, six days sick leave per year, one day off for each month of perfect attendance, before-Christmas bonus of \$1 per week for perfect year's attendance, and other such policies.

Federal workers nearing retirement age who have already used up their sick leave find themselves "in deep trouble" if they get sick, Hollenbeck said. "People don't look down the road if they get sick, Hollenbeck said. "People don't look down the road and envision that."

Trial set on alleged rape, threat

A Redstone Arsenal soldier will face charges of rape and communicating a threat in a trial by General Court-Martial here soon, according to MICOM's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

The charges against Sp4 Marvin B. Bedford of Company A stem from alleged events in an arsenal barracks April 10.

Although the trial date is not yet set, SJA officials said Col. John A. Mooneyham will preside in the case; Capt. Joe N. Lampley will act as trial counsel; and Capt. David J. Sneed will present arguments for the defense.

Ten soldiers have been selected as jurors although the defendant has not yet stated his choice of trial by jury or by the judge along.

Local police train in hostage course

A simulated terrorist incident was part of a hostage negotiations course conducted at Redstone June 3-4.

About 30 law enforcement people participated in the training put on by the Huntsville FBI office. Participants included the FBI, Huntsville police SWAT team, Redstone's CID, military police investigators and MPs.

The purpose was "for training for hostage negotiations and terrorist-type situations," said Randy Campbell, special agent in charge of Redstone's CID. A film of the lectures and exercise is to be made for training use here.

Lectures on the morning of June 3 were followed by an exercise in hostage negotiations by telephone. The next morning, the exercise continued with certain members of the class designated as hostage-takers, hostages, negotiators and SWAT team members.

"The 'hostage-takers' had already made up their minds they were not going to give in, Campbell said. "Just prior to the end of the exercise, the SWAT team made an assault on the building."

Lectures were held in a CID classroom on post, and the exercise was conducted at Bldg. 3531. This was the first time the course was held here, Campbell said.

Memorial service

A memorial service was held yesterday afternoon in the Arsenal's Post Chapel for PFC Ernest D. Mathis of Company A.

Mathis died May 31 when flood waters swept him over Short Creek Falls near Guntersville. High waters prevented recovering his body until June 5.

The remains of the 19-year-old Redeye-Chaparral repairman were escorted to his Tulare, Calif., home Monday.

Dining hall closes for repairs

Chow lines at the arsenal's dining facilities lengthened noticeably Monday when facility number one closed for renovation.

According to SFC David Craig of the Special Troops Food Service Office, the facility will be closed for about 45 days while the dining area is remodeled.

He said scheduled changes include new lights, partitions and carpeting. The goal is to combine more room and a more efficient

operation with a more pleasing atmosphere.

During the renovation, patrons of dining facility number one will move to either dining facility number two or number three. Notice of which facility to go to was to be posted on company bulletin boards.

Craig said two serving lines will be open at facility two for every meal. New hours are: breakfast, 5 to 7 a.m. lunch 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and dinner, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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Sp4 Robert Buelow, 95th SVC — "I'd like to see them get the manpower they need and better equipment for the line units. All the fancy equipment that's coming in — you don't see that in Korea or Alaska."



SSgt. David Chilbert, Co. A — "A whole crew of good privates. The Army could definitely use more good privates. I think the quality of incoming privates is lacking."



Pvt. 1 Johnathan Ortiz, 7th S. C. — "Money. The Army needs a pay hike."



SFC Clifton A. Canady, Co. B — "Right now, the most important thing is the whole package of enlistment incentives, including the new G. I. Bill. They could also use enough doctors to do away with this Champus stuff."



Pvt. 2 Sheldon Sharp, 4th S. C. — "I'd like the Army to get an honorable discharge for its 206th birthday. Its ETS must have been a long time ago. Think of all the service stripes it has."



Pvt. 2 Anthony Fakir, 6th S. C. — "What can you give, other than more of your time and service? They need a draft."

All-Army photo contest planned

WASHINGTON — Army arts and crafts centers worldwide are planning local competitions to select entries for the all-army photography contest this summer. Final entries will be judged Sept. 28 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD., army officials say.

Any active Army soldier may submit entries for the contest. Reserve component soldiers may also submit non-official photos taken while on active duty.

Contestants may submit up to three entries in each of three groups: Monochrome prints, color prints and color transparencies. Categories in each group are general, scenic, people and experimental. Each contestant may also submit up to three entries in each category. Entries must be submitted to arts and crafts centers by local deadlines. Photographs must have been taken during off-duty time since July 31, 1980.

Beginning this year, the photo contest will be an annual event. In the past, the contest was held every two years. Winning photos will be held over to enter in next year's interservice photography contest.

Soldiers interested in entering their work should contact their local arts and crafts center for more details. (ARNEWS)

Average annuity

As of Sept. 30 the number of federal retirees totaled 12,247,886.

The average monthly annuity was \$918, according to the U. S. Office of Personnel Management.

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Use Ear Plugs

The ear plugs are used to cut off the patter that the used care salesperson will be giving you as you wander around the lot. He's there for one purpose—to make a few bucks for himself and his boss.

So, the first thing is to tune out the sales pitch.

Then, follow some of the hints the experts give below and make up your own mind.

Before even going into a used car lot you should have the general price range and type of car in mind.

You may find the price of a 1974 Caddy absolutely unbelievable, but the gas tank could hold up to 25 gallons and the repairs could keep you broke until you can unload it.

So, if all you need are wheels, a couple of seats for friends, and good gas mileage, keep those facts in mind when you start.

Car Enemy I

With all the salt used in this country and elsewhere to melt ice and snow, rust from the inside and underneath of most cars is Public Enemy I. Certain models have the problem built in ... others have been driven in areas where salt is used to extreme.

So a little bending is in order. Get down and look at the panels behind the front wheels. Feel along the open door bottoms. Poke and prod around the rear wheels. If necessary, give any suspected area a couple of good, hard raps with your knuckles.

If the area feels weak, there's rust behind it. If it sounds off with a dull, solid "thunk," could be the seller has used a lot of body putty to hide the rusted areas.

It's your money you're spending, so take the time to check all around the car.

Wavy Lines

Next, stand back and get a good sight down each side of the car.

Wavy lines in a body

panel—or a door or fender that is slight off-color—usually means that the vehicle has met up with an immovable object at sometime in its life.

Check the tires. Irregular wear patterns could mean the vehicle is out of alignment or the wheels out of balance.

Take hold of the bumper and try bounce each of the four corners. Good shocks should stop any movement in one bounce. Worn shocks will let the car bounce freely and will mean money out the window if you buy it.

Those Ugly Stains

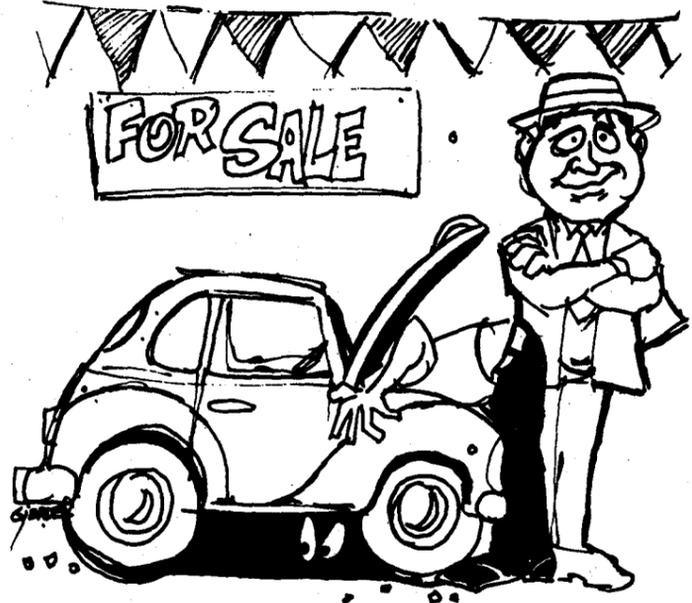
Next, get down on your knees again the look all around the any type of water, grease, or oil stain underneath.

Check the areas under the gas tank, radiator, transmission, and engine block.

Now, take the car for a test drive.

After checking carefully to see no one is behind you, hit the brakes hard a couple of times to check pedal pressure and stopping distance.

Get on a level road, let loose of the steering wheel—but keep your hands ready to grab—and see if the car wanders around the road when underway.



If you're still interested, get the salesperson to let you take the car to the nearest hobby shop garage and have some of the guys and gals working on their own cars there go over it with you.

One last bit of advice—make certain that the seller guarantees in writing that

the car will pass the State inspection, if the States has such a requirement.

The folks at the legal assistance office can help you with the wording on a statement that should cover that subject.

If it all checks out, put up the cash and drive away with the wheels.

NCO museum opens soon

FORT BLISS, Texas — the Army's only museum dedicated to the history of the NCO corps is scheduled to open at the U. S. Army Sergeants Major Academy on June 24.

According to museum curator Dr. Daniel Zimmerman, the museum will honor the NCO's accomplishments and service to the nation. "There are other museums that have exhibits covering the same periods of history," he said, "but this is the first museum dedicated solely to the history of the NCO corps."

The exhibits depict the history of the NCO corps by historical periods from the Revolutionary War to present.

"Originally artifacts," Zimmerman said, "make up about 95 percent of the exhibited items, some of which (like a wooden canteen) date back to the Revolutionary War." From the Civil War period the museum has three original uniforms (two Union Army and one Confederate) as well as original documents, military equipment and hpotos. Additionally the museum has several Regular Army knap sacks from the Civil War Era, which Dr. Zimmerman states are "exceedingly rare."

Other original items on exhibit at the museum include: several weapons such as a NCO Light Artillery Sabre from the War of 1812 and a model 1842 percussion pistol from the Mexican War period; personal items from various periods of history like a Bible, musical instruments, letters, books and post cards; and tools and living essentials such as an oil lamp, wood burning stove and kitchen utensils from the Indian War period.

Once in operation, visiting hours at the museum will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Maybe it's not a lemon; maybe it's . . .

CAR NEGLECT

Ever wonder why the family car seems to break down when you take the wife and offspring on a weekend outing? The neighbor across the street never seems to have any problems with his car and it's the same year as yours.

You may say you have a "lemon"—or just bad luck with cars. The same problems came up with the last one you had.

Regardless of the make of automobile, these following items, if kept in mind prior to extensive driving, could mean a safe and less expensive trip:

TIRES—Air pressure should be checked every two weeks. Too little air will cause excessive wear and make tire hydroplane when roads are wet. Too much air causes rapid wear on the center rib, and reduces handling and braking capabilities. Check your tires according to the tire manufacturer's recommendation.

IGNITION—If the car is hard to start, a worn ignition system is usually at fault. Regular tuneups between 12,000 and 15,000 miles can eliminate the problems and increase the gas mileage. To make your battery last longer, check the fluid level frequently.

COOLING SYSTEM—Hoses and belts wear out, and usually at the most inconvenient time. Hoses usually last about two

years or 24,000 miles. Some last longer, but don't count on it. Check the thermostat once a year, and insure that the radiator pressure cap seals properly and the valve is sound.

FILTERS—Cleaning and replacing various filters is a must. Abide by the manufacturer's time change and check schedule.

LUBRICATION—When the manufacturer's lubrication schedule is neglected, a fitting can freeze up mechanically and cause much more damage than the cost of a lube job.

BRAKES—Trying to get too many stops out of

old linings may score the brakedrum and cost you extra on your next brake job. At the regular service intervals, check the master cylinder for adequate fluid level and leaks.

SHOCK ABSORBERS—Worn shocks cause cars to sway dangerously on curves and during lane changes. They usually wear out at about 30,000 miles.

EXHAUST SYSTEM—Check when car is on the rack. Replace mufflers and tail pipes when holes are discovered. Prevent carbon monoxide from causing you problems.



Local Army school has C&GS course

The 3392d U.S. Army Reserve School headquartered in Huntsville is "a ready and convenient source" for Army officers in North Alabama to complete their military education, says the school's commandant, Col. Charles R. Perry.

The school, for Army officers in active, Reserve or National Guard status, "provides a progressive system of military education that duplicates the resident course of the U. S. Army Command and General Staff Officer Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.," said Perry.

Each year beginning in October the school tries to have C&GSOC classes in Huntsville and Decatur, and in the Florence-Decatur area and Fort McClellan-Anniston area, according to the commandant.

Classes are conducted during off-duty hours. Twenty-four classes of four hours duration are held during the eight month period October-May. The three year course consists of six phases — three 96 hour home station phases and three 70 hour phases at designated First Army training sites.

Satisfactory completion of the first three phases academically qualifies an officer for promotion to lieutenant colonel. A graduate of the complete course is academically qualified for promotion to colonel and for enrollment in the Army War College course of National Security Management course.

"The USAR school system is an excellent means for officers who may not be able to attend the resident course to complete their academic qualifications," said Perry.

For more information call or write the 3392d USAR School, 1218 Meridian Street N. E., Huntsville, Ala. 35801, telephone 536-5631.



Pay change aids GI Bill students

A recent change in GI Bill payment procedures should alleviate potential problems for certain veterans enrolled in summer school, according to Montgomery VA Regional Office Acting Director Jim Conway.

Originally, students enrolled in summer classes were prohibited from receiving GI Bill benefit payments when the period between school terms exceeded thirty days, said Conway.

The modified regulation now allows payment where the interval between terms does not exceed one full calendar month. For example, Conway noted, if a school's summer term ends on August 15 and the fall term begins on Sept. 28th, this interval would exceed the old thirty day limit. Under the new provisions, it would not exceed the full calendar month criteria, and education payments would be made.

The only requirement is that the veteran must be enrolled for a total of at least eight weeks of summer school.

Further information about this change is available at the Montgomery Veterans Administration Regional Office, call toll-free 1-800-392-8054.

'People have been so wonderful'

BY RAY ROWDEN

Sherman Hazel was nearly overwhelmed with gratitude. His eyes were misty and his voice trembled as he told his coworkers, "I must have the best friends in whole world. People have been so wonderful — it's unbelievable."

Hazel had just received more than \$475 that was donated by his coworkers at MMCS. The show of friendship was sparked by a May 18 thunderstorm.

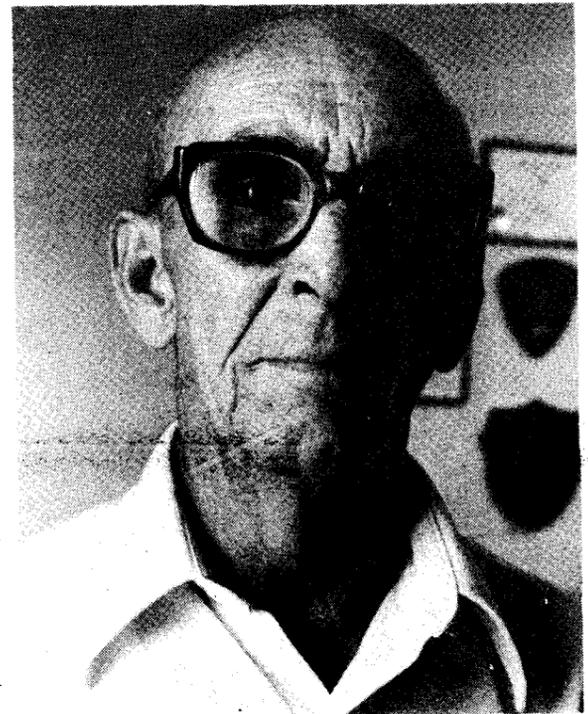
About 20 minutes after Hazel and his wife left their home that night, lightning struck it and fire destroyed most of their possessions. They could no longer live in the house on Highway 69 between Arab and Guntersville.

He said, "Oh, we had insurance, but nobody has enough."

Since the fire, Hazel rented a house and has been amazed at the assistance given by his friends and neighbors.

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Many of his coworkers have offered to help



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Resurgence seen in support for strategic defense

BY MARSHA TAYLOR

Army officials reported an encouraging resurgence of support for strategic defense at the Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology Center's annual industry briefing, held June 2-3 at Redstone Arsenal Rocket Auditorium.

"Members of the new administration, Congress, and the Department of Defense are becoming increasingly convinced that the combination of a strategic defense and offense can provide greater national security than an offensive ICBM force along," Maj. Gen. Grayson D. Tate, Jr., BMD program manager, told a near-capacity audience of industry, university, and government representatives in his welcoming remarks.

More than 300 are estimated to have attended the day-and-a-half of classified briefings designed to apprise government contractors of the status and future outlook of the Army's advanced ballistic missile defense research and development effort.

"Increasing support for the BMD program is evident in the jump in our budget over a two-to-three year period from roughly \$200 million a year to around \$½ billion a year," Tate said. "This represents a significant increase — even taking inflation into consideration."

The BMD Advanced Technology Center has

traditionally provided the leading edge for the BMD program in its effort to provide the United States with viable options for defense against enemy ballistic missile attack. As the Center's exploratory research sufficiently matures, new technologies are transferred to the Center's companion organization, the BMD Systems Command, for incorporation into a BMD system.

"Our advanced technology effort speaks well for the BMD program," Tate said. "The Advanced Technology Center has been doing some exciting work in nuclear hardening, data processing, and advanced sensors. Because the Center's been doing its 'homework' in these areas, we've been able to resolve many of the problems inherent in our Low Altitude Defense and Overlay system concepts that are now receiving such favorable support."

James D. Carlson, director of the BMD Advanced Technology Center, also stressed the importance of the Center's contributions to the development of BMD systems. "For the next two or three years we expect to be concentrating on the transfer of advanced

technology to the system's realm. And this is as it should be," he said. "Technology isn't any good unless it can be applied."

Both Carlson and Tate pointed out that while current emphasis is on improving near-term technology, a portion of the advanced technology resources will continue to be devoted to the exploration of new technologies for the future.

"It's of some concern to us," Tate remarked, "that at this time only 10-15 percent of our advanced technology dollars can be earmarked for research on new technologies. We need to always be looking further out down the road."

Both officials cautioned that in spite of budget increases, inflation has made the contracting dollar tight. Tate called on both government and industry to exercise greater cost control in research and development work.

"If we don't police our own shop," he warned, "we stand to lose the support of the administration, Congress, and the American people."

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The Army at Yorktown Spirit of Victory

Setting the stage

by Faith Faircloth

Yorktown, a small tobacco port on the York River in Virginia, was the scene for what has become known as the "final act" of the American Revolution.

The stage was set in May of 1781 when British General Cornwallis moved his army into Virginia from the Carolinas where they had left a path of destruction.

Although under the constant watch of a force of Continentals (America's regular army), Cornwallis' army of seasoned veterans posed too great a force in numbers to meet head on. Aside from minor skirmishes with the Americans, his force vented their hostilities in Virginia without major interruption.

Upon receiving orders from his superiors to establish a base on the coast of Virginia, Cornwallis and his army proceeded through the Tidewater region in search of a suitable site.

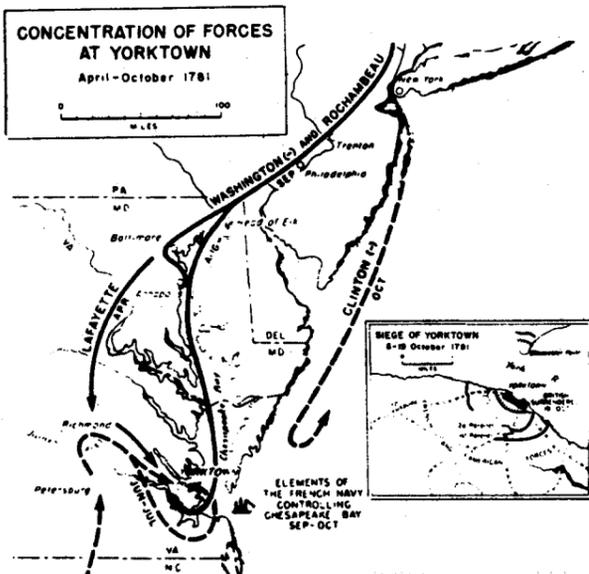
He decided on Yorktown because of the deep water York River and easy access to the Chesapeake Bay. He secured this site along with Gloucester Point on the opposite bank.

While Cornwallis' army was fortifying itself at Yorktown and Gloucester, General George Washington was in New York discussing strategies with the commander of the French allied land forces, Lieutenant General Comte de Rochambeau.

The two generals were discussing a possible attack against the British occupation in New York when word was received that the French Admiral de Grasse and his fleet would be in the Chesapeake Bay in late August.

For the first time in many months, a victory against the British looked possible. Washington and his subordinate, Rochambeau, quickly planned to move their combined American-French army to Yorktown.

With movements designed to make the British think they were preparing to attack New York, the American and French troops began making their way down the continent towards Virginia. A sufficient American force was left in New York to deceive the British.



HEAD OF ELK, September 1781

When the leading columns of the American-French army reached Head of Elk (Elkton), Maryland, there were not enough vessels to ferry all of the troops. Some of the troops were forced to continue on foot to Baltimore and Annapolis, where they obtained transport.

Boatload by boatload, they worked their way down the Chesapeake Bay and up the James River to join forces with the troops in Virginia at Williamsburg.

Admiral de Grasse and the French fleet arrived in the Chesapeake Bay on schedule, but left for the ocean to confront the British fleet sent from New York when Washington's plans were discovered. After five days of maneuvering at sea and a naval battle with the British, de Grasse returned to the Bay to find that the French fleet from Newport had arrived. The British followed de Grasse back to the Bay, but upon sighting the combined French fleet blocking its entrance, decided to return to New York. Cornwallis was virtually cut off from any support from the sea.

At Williamsburg, the combined armies were preparing for their march to Yorktown where Cornwallis was withdrawing his troops from their outer line of redoubts (protective earth barriers).

On arrival at Yorktown, the American and French troops quickly took up positions (some recently evacuated by the British) and immediately began work on the first parallel or line of siege positions. Under heavy British fire, the men completed the first series of trenches. The American bombardment began and four days later British deserters brought word that many of their troops were ill and crowded together in close and uncomfortable quarters.

The completion of the second parallel was blocked by two key British redoubts. It was decided they would be taken by direct assault.

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The surrender

The British General Cornwallis had moved his army to the coast of Virginia and set up camp at Yorktown. General George Washington and his subordinate, French General Comte de Rochambeau, having received word of the French fleet's planned arrival in the Chesapeake Bay, had moved their combined army to Virginia and began the siege of Yorktown.

After four days of heavy bombardment, a direct assault was planned against two key British redoubts blocking the American advancement.

On the night of October 14, a select group of Continental soldiers, under the command of Alexander Hamilton, made a surprise attack on the first of the two redoubts. With bayonets fixed on unloaded muskets* and savage hand-to-hand combat, they secured redoubt #10. A simultaneous

"Almost two hundred years ago—in October 1781—our Army was neither fully manned nor equipped. But strong, positive leaders and determined, courageous soldiers won final victory at Yorktown ensuring freedom for the Nation." The Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr., Secretary of the Army

**(Author's note: In the night assaults of redoubts #9 and #10, the element of surprise was essential. The flintlock muskets in use at that time fired easily when dropped and were difficult to load with the bayonets affixed. The men*

attack was made on redoubt #9 by a French column and, although heavily defended, it too was secured. Both redoubts became part of the second parallel by morning.

British morale declined rapidly after this attack. In desperation, Cornwallis ordered his army to cross the York River to Gloucester under the cover of darkness and try to escape overland to the north. But, a sudden storm prevented the small boats from ferrying his men. His fate was sealed.

On the morning of October 17, a drummer appeared on a parapet of the British fortifications followed by an officer waving a white handkerchief. All firing ceased while the British officer was blindfolded and led by an American officer to the allied camp.

He presented a note from Cornwallis proposing a cessation of hostilities for 24 hours and requesting two officers be appointed by each side to meet at Moore House, a private home in the American sector, to settle terms for the surrender of the posts of York and Gloucester.

Washington replied that in "an ardent desire to spare the further effusion of blood" he would consider Cornwallis' terms, but he would only grant a suspension of hostilities for two hours from the delivery of the terms.

Commissioners were appointed by each side and terms of surrender were agreed upon by nine o'clock on the evening of October 18.

"...we intend to emphasize the spirit of Yorktown in this its bicentennial year to imbue all members of the Total Army with pride, dedication, and a sense of purpose. We are resolved to succeed in the tasks ahead." The Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr., Secretary of the Army

Preparations were made for the surrender ceremony.

Cornwallis ordered his military stores opened and each British soldier was provided with a new uniform.

On the afternoon of October 19, 1781, the British troops marched out of their fortifications. With shouldered arms and colors cased, they marched solemnly to the sound of drums beating a British march.

They proceeded down a dirt road between the American and French armies to the appointed field of surrender and lay down their arms.

The victory at Yorktown formed the bridge between the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Together with the victories at Valley Forge, Saratoga, Brandywine, Kings Mountain and Cowpens, the defeat of the British at Yorktown redeemed the pledge made by the signers of the Declaration.

The suffering of the Continental Line, and the victory at Yorktown, made the Declaration of Independence a meaningful statement of American political freedom.

were ordered to attack with unloaded muskets in order to prevent alerting the British of the impending attack.)

Faith Faircloth is an associate editor with Army News Service. OCPA. HQDA.



"Cornwallis's Surrender," by C. Bromidi, Architect of the Capitol.

Yorktown facts

- Victory at Yorktown was a bridge between the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

- Army, then as now, made up of volunteers.

- Creative tactics and exemplary intelligence contributed to the victory.

- Victory was possible due to extraordinary cooperation between the Army and Navy, our allies and the diverse sections and groups of our fledgling nation.

- Revolutionary War period is the beginning of our military traditions and customs.

- Four modern Army units trace their lineage to the battle of Yorktown: 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, Fort Riley, Kan.; 198th Signal Battalion, Delaware Army National Guard; 116th Infantry, Virginia Army National Guard; 175th Infantry, Maryland Army National Guard.

Army engineer picked for Sloan fellowship

BY MARSHA TAYLOR

Dr. Larry C. Atha, a civilian engineer at the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology Center in Research Park, has been awarded a fellowship to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Alfred P. Sloan School of Management. Atha is the only person from the entire Army selected for this prestigious program this year.

Sloan Fellows are selected annually from among the most promising mid-career executives nominated from the public and private sectors, both in the United States and abroad. The highly selective fellowship is designed to help develop skilled managers for government and industry. Atha will be one of 57 men and women to participate in the 12-month master's degree program, which will begin in June.

During his 12-year tenure at the Huntsville Army agency, Atha has been involved in a number of exploratory research projects, including development of missile guidance and control systems and the collection of infrared and radar target signature data. For the past two years, he has served as project manager for the BMD Ballistic Range, a \$4.5 million a year flight test simulation program

used to collect and verify a wide variety of ballistic missile reentry data.

Atha, who holds advanced degrees in mechanical engineering says he looks forward to this executive training program. "My education to date has been highly technical," he explains. "The Sloan Fellows program will give me a chance for some formal education in overall corporate management to broaden my experience."

A native of West Plains, Mo., Atha earned his degrees from the University of Missouri. He completed his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering in 1969.

He originally came to Huntsville in 1963 as an Army first lieutenant assigned to the U. S. Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal. After leaving the service, he stayed on in Huntsville as a civilian aerospace engineer in the Missile Command's Guidance and Control Laboratory, transferring to the BMD Advanced Technology Center in 1969.

He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

His family — wife, Patricia Callihan Atha, and their two children, Sabrina (16) and Larry (14) — will accompany Atha on his year-long assignment at M.I.T. in Cambridge, Mass.



Atha

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Thieves move to parking lots

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Larcenies in barracks here have dropped but thieves have apparently moved to the parking lots, according to Redstone Arsenal military police.

Meanwhile, police say they have plans for a neighborhood watch program to head off summertime burglaries and thefts in the housing area. June is National Burglary Prevention Month.

By early June, there had only been one larceny from barracks here in the past two months. The May 30 incident was the first theft from barracks case reported since March 24.

"Give the company commanders a pat on the back as far as their efforts on barracks larcenies," said Sgt. Randy D. McClure, NCOIC of the property loss prevention team, MP crime prevention section.

The crime prevention section has conducted crime prevention inspections since early March. Company commanders have used information from the inspections to develop their unit's crime prevention plan.

"Had it not been for the unit commanders and first sergeants and unit personnel, the larceny problem could not have been cut down as much as it has," McClure said. Barracks thefts went from an average of four per month down to one in two months.

On May 30, someone broke into a wall locker and stole a wallet containing \$235, an identification card and miscellaneous papers, military police said.

Two \$100 bills in the wallet may have been traced if serial numbers had been recorded, McClure said. He added that the monetary theft could have been avoided if the individual had locked up the money in a safe or used a checkbook instead of so much cash.

There has been an increase in thefts from vehicles in parking lots despite the drop in barracks thefts, according to military police. There were four parking lot thefts reported in April and nine reported in May.

Thefts have not been much of a problem in office parking lots where nighttime parking is rare, McClure said. MPs are concerned about the 24-hour parking lots in the troop area, and the lots at the hospital and clubs.

In one case, \$2,100 worth of personal property was taken from a vehicle on post. In another, \$1,050 worth of camera equipment was reported stolen.

"The problem there is people are leaving it in plain view, offering it to be taken," McClure said. The "best" place to secure property in a private vehicle is in the trunk.

The MP investigative section will conduct surveillance in parking lots with theft problems until the problem is reduced, according to McClure. MPs are to increase their patrols in the parking lots and will leave three-by-five card reminders on unsecured vehicles.

They hope to deter thefts in the housing area with a neighborhood watch program and property identification effort. "The whole idea behind the neighborhood watch program is to be a nosey neighbor," McClure said, adding that neighbors should watch their neighbors unoccupied house.



"Also we want to try to get people to lock up their lawnmowers, bicycles — things that are normally left outside in the summer," he said. Last summer, there were several bicycle larcenies.

Members of the five-person crime prevention section plan to make door-to-door visits in the housing area. They will provide information on how to secure the home, neighborhood watch pamphlets, and will offer their services to mark valuable property.

The crime prevention section has an ongoing bicycle registration program for recording the bicycle's description and serial number, and issuing decals.

"We haven't experienced any problems in the last four months in housing areas as far as larcenies," McClure said. "We're trying to head it off."

Youth activities, such as bicycle rodeos for stressing bicycle safety, are planned for the summer. Other activities are aimed at educating them about crime prevention, according to McClure. "The best way to get to the parents is through the kids," he said.



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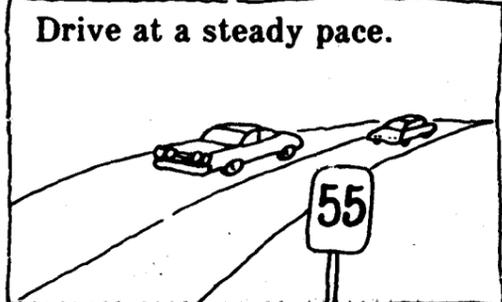
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26 anglers in bass event

Tom Stokes of Huntsville won the second of the monthly fishing tournaments sponsored by the local chapter of the Military Bass Angles Assn.

Twenty six anglers completed in the May 30 event on the Elk River. Stokes weighed in 14 pounds and nine ounces of fish. Gil Dinger of Scottsboro finished second. Bill Cobb of Huntsville edged Bob Ballard of Redstone for third place honors by four ounces.

Burch Gray of Huntsville caught the largest fish, a five pound 12 ounce bass.

MBAA's final warmup tournament prior to the state-wide event will be June 20 from 5:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at Brown's Creek on Guntersville Lake. Drawing for partners will be held at 7 p.m. June 17 on the patio of the NCO Club.

The top five anglers in point standing following the monthly tournaments will have their entry fees paid for the state tournaments in August on Guntersville Lake.



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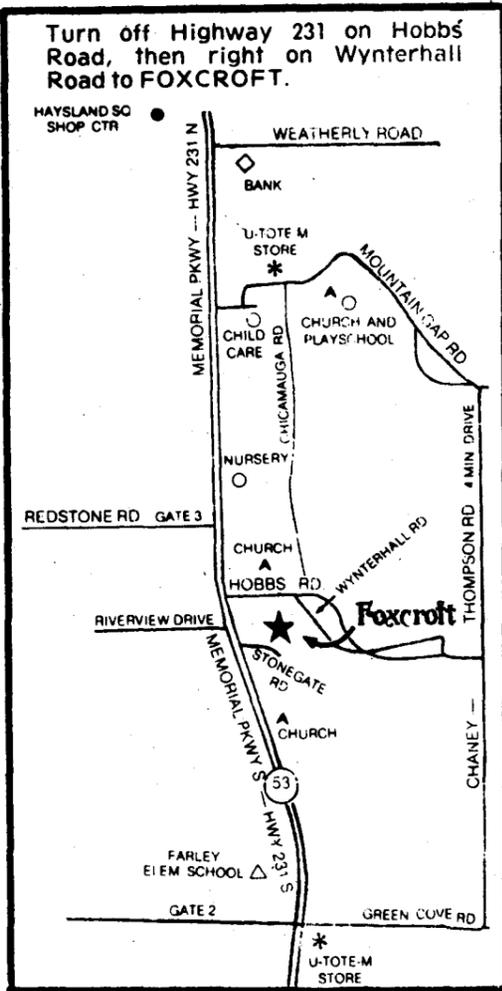
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Top golfers

Top golfers in the OWC spring handicap tournament held here in May were, Championship Flight, Pat Jelenik, winner; Mary Parker, runner-up; Jane Young, consolation First Flight, Maggie Bennett, winner; Pat Jackson, runner-up; Earlene Dials, consolation. Second Flight, Shirley Winter, winner; Jane Robinson, runner-up; Nancy Reilly, consolation. Billie Shuput was medalist with an 80 low gross qualifying round.



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Brother-sister golfers return to teach future champs

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Two former champions of Dependent Youth Activities golf at Redstone Arsenal returned this summer to teach future champions.

Mike Young and his sister Karen volunteered to help teach golfing fundamentals to young boys and girls during DYA's two-week clinics June 2-12.

"They're both very skilled golfers and very knowledgeable golfers as far as fundamentals are concerned from the years they've spent in the program," said William (Chip) Enlow, the golf pro who has four assistant instructors.

Mike, 23, and Karen, 21, participated in DYA golf from 1972-76 while in high school. Mike was Redstone's junior boys champion all five years while Karen was junior girls champion every year except 1975 when she did not compete.

Both went on to earn golf scholarships to college. Mike got a scholarship to Snead State Junior College at Boaz followed by a scholarship to the University of North Alabama at Florence. His sister got a scholarship to Memphis State University.

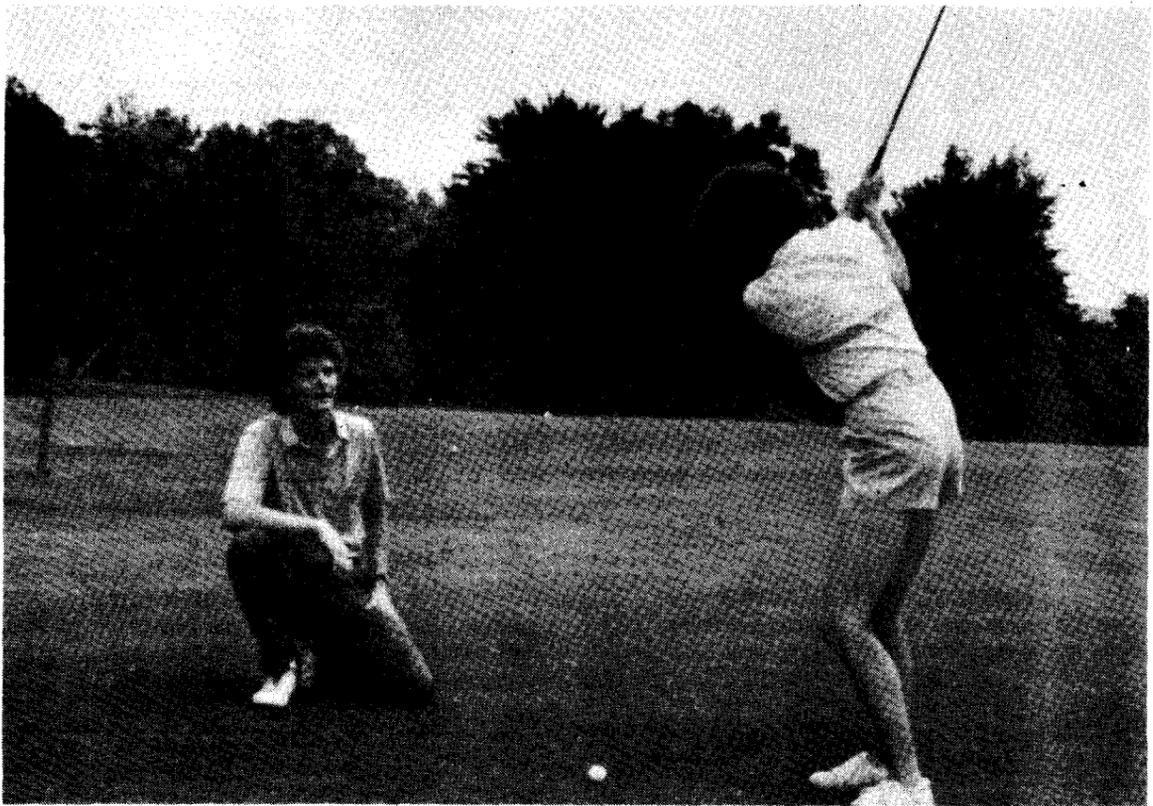
"I love to see kids who want to learn the game," Karen said. "It's really, really great to see someone improve. When Chip asked me if I wanted to help this year, I really wanted to do it."

Last summer, Karen worked as a counselor at a boys and girls golf camp in North Carolina under Peggy Kirk Bell, a well-known former womens professional. Karen will return to Memphis State as a senior in September.

"I'd like just to be a top amateur," she said of her golf plans. She intends to earn a degree in management information systems and get a job in the computer field.

"Then again, I might just go to law school," she added. "I have a minor in pre-law."

Mike, on the other hand, is to turn professional and will undergo the 28-month apprenticeship required to get a Professional Golfers Association (PGA) card. "I want to be



Karen takes a swing as Mark watches

a good teaching professional," he said. "I want to someday be the head pro at a golf course and have a reputation of being real knowledgeable about the golf game and being able to teach it."

He was graduated last December from UNA with a degree in finance and said he would rather not spend all his time practicing for major golf tournaments. "I'd like to take on a head professional job at a nice golf course, is what it boils down to," he said.

Mike, like his sister, said he gets "a lot out of seeing improvement in junior golfers." They both shoot consistently in the 70s.

"When we got into DYA golf, it brought us closer together as far as golf is concerned," Mike said. "We've always been close."

They aren't the only golfers in the family. Their mother, June, was director of DYA golf in 1973 and '74; their father, C.A. Young, is a retired Army lieutenant colonel who works for Teledyne Brown Engineering here. "Both of our parents are very avid golfers," Karen said.

She was more interested in softball and basketball before trying to play golf like her brother. "We enjoy doing the same things and we get along pretty well doing them," she said.

Summer sun brings danger of heat stress

BY LORI KING

Warm weather not only brings fun in the sun, but also the danger of heat stress.

The first step to a safe summer is getting used to the heat, according to the Missile Command's Safety Office. Heavy work or play should be limited until after the week or two the body needs to adjust.

Physical condition is another limiting factor. Obesity, dehydration, lack of sleep, fatigue, poor health, and alcohol intake all increase the chance of suffering heat injury.

Medical treatment, medication or immunization may also weaken the body's defenses.

Without taking precautions, injuries such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke can result.

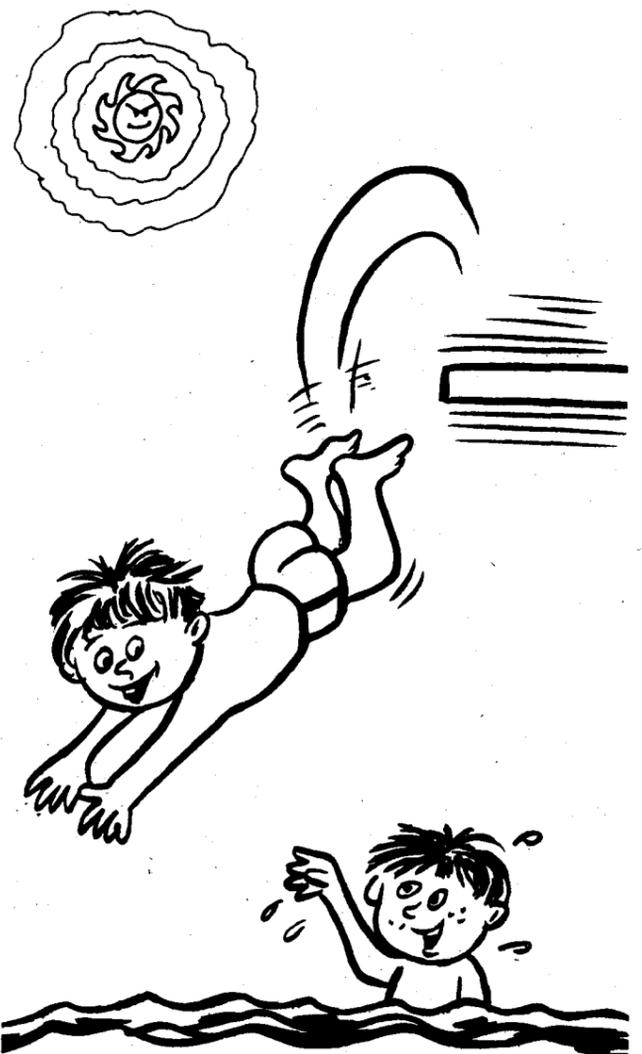
Cramps are easily recognized. They usually affect the large muscles in the arms, legs and abdomen. Victims need salt, but never plain salt tablets. A half teaspoon of salt in a quart of water or fruit juices or soda is recommended.

Heat exhaustion has many symptoms, including loss of appetite, nausea, visual disturbances and profuse sweating. The best remedy is to get the victim into a cool resting place, loosen his or her clothing, elevate the feet and give liquids. A half gallon of salted water in the first hour and half gallon in the next two hours is recommended.

Heat stroke is the most severe heat injury and required immediate medical attention. Some one with heat stroke may suddenly collapse and lose consciousness. Reddened skin, high temperatures, decreased perspiration and a strong and rapid pulse are also signs.

The most effective treatment is to cool the body by removing the clothes and placing the victim in cool water. Body temperature can also be lowered by sprinkling water and fanning.

By knowing the basic precautions, symptoms and treatments for heat stress, people can avoid becoming victims of the sun.

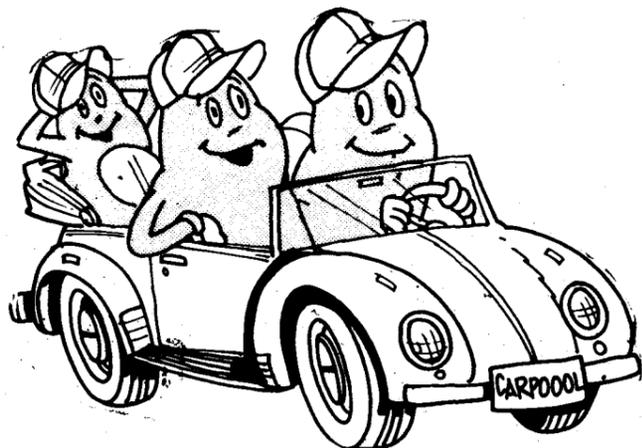


Tooth-to-tail ratio

The Army's tooth-to-tail ratio of combat to support troops is approximately 1 to 1, for FY82, according to DA.

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Announcements

Radar report

Military police will use radar on the arsenal at the following locations during June 11-17. MPs make the list available as a service to encourage drivers to voluntarily obey speed limits.

Thursday, June 11

7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — Goss-Vincent. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. — Troop Area. 3 p.m.-5 p.m. — Martin Rd.

Friday, June 12

7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — North Housing. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. — Rideout Rd. 3 p.m.-5 p.m. — Patton Rd.

Monday, June 15

7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — Goss-Rideout. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. — South Housing Area. 3 p.m.-5 p.m. — Martin Rd.

Tuesday, June 16

7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — Neal-Toftoy. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. — Housing Area. 3 p.m.-5 p.m. — Troop Area.

Wednesday, June 17

7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — Goss Rd. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. — North Housing. 3 p.m.-5 p.m. — Snooper Drive.

Separation orientation

All officer and enlisted personnel due for ETS-REFRAD within the next 90 days are scheduled for a separation orientation at 1 p.m. June 15 in Bldg. 3495 (Toftoy Hall) auditorium. Items for discussion are veterans benefits, employment opportunities, out-processing and final pay, and a film will be shown. For more information call Transfer Point 876-1671.

Bloodmobile

The Bloodmobile schedule for the rest of June is as follows: June 10 - Bldg 3203 (8th SC), 3 p.m. June 12 - Bldg 4488, 7:30-12:30. June 16 - Bldg 4752 (NASA), 8:30-12:30. June 17 - Bldg. 3711 (Rec Center), 9-12. June 19 - Bldg 7442, 8:30-11:45. June 22 - Bldg. 7120, 8-12. June 26 - BMDSCOM 7:30-1:30. June 29 - Bldg 3338, 8-11:30.

Supply management career day

A Supply Management "career day" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon June 12 at the Rocket Auditorium, Bldg. 7120. Noncareer-field employees will have the opportunity to hear qualifications for entering this career field and the nature of its jobs. Job series include general supply specialist, supply systems analyst and supply management representative, inventory management specialist, packaging specialist, supply cataloger, and logistics management specialist (international logistics). For more information, call Terry Bracey 876-5489.

Energy symposium

A public North Alabama Energy Seminar will be held June 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Decatur at Oak Park Middle School. The seminar will feature expert speakers and group discussions on energy. It is being sponsored cooperatively by the Alabama Wildlife Federation and National Wildlife Federation. Interested persons are invited to the seminar.

Sailing, seamanship course

A sailing and seamanship course will be offered for the first time in Huntsville July 14-Sept. 8, meeting Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Huntsville Naval Reserve Training Center, 209 Pollard Street. Instruction is free; there is a \$7 charge for text and workbook. Interested Persons are requested to register before June 17 by contacting U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary members Dick Coffee, 883-8993, or Ann Morton, 837-1225, or the Coast Guard office, 11305 memorial Parkway SW, telephone 883-4586.

Red Cross volunteers needed

Red Cross volunteers are needed to work in the dental clinics. Interested volunteers will be trained individually at the dental clinic and are needed to begin assisting immediately after a brief orientation and training period. Free babysitting is provided while volunteers train and work. Additional information can be obtained by calling Sue Hablett, dental clinic chairman, at 882-2847.

Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for May are Maj. Paul C. Smith, 434 Simpson Drive, and Sp5 Benjamin A. Newton Jr., 1128-A Buffington Road, best single units; 1st Lt. Johannes H. M. Benink, 256-B Wesson Circle, and SSgt. Ronald Turner, 231-A Niblo Drive, best multi-units; Capt. Russell L. Frutiger, 464 Tripp Drive, and SFC Thomas M. Avery, 1378-B Lance Drive, honorable mention. Winners receive a certificate of appreciation, two free dinners, a color photograph of the awards ceremony, and the display of the Yard of the Month sign for one month by their quarters.

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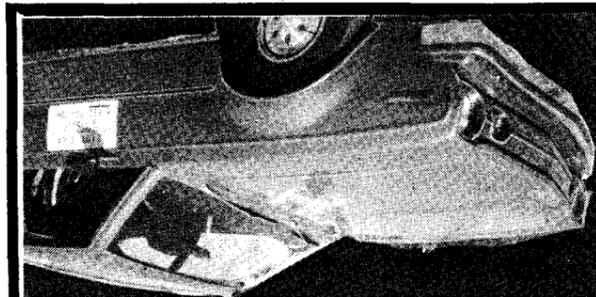


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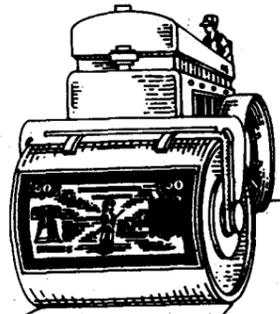
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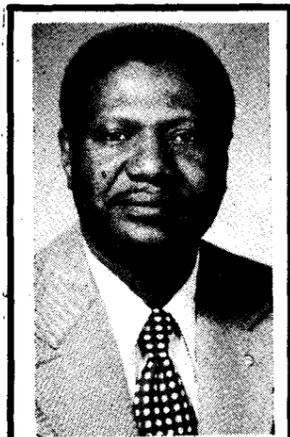
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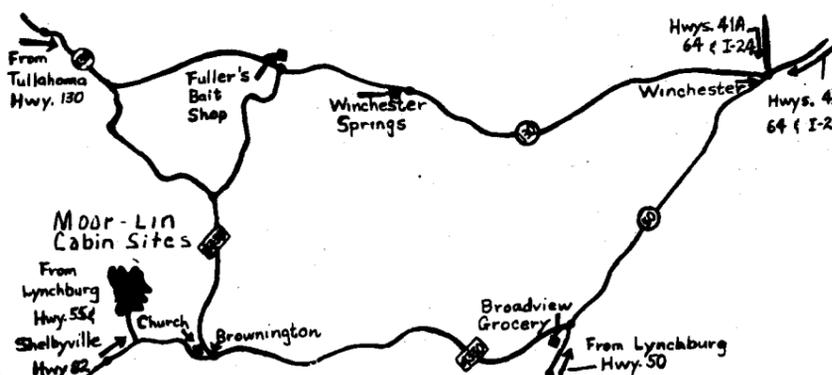
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Old soldier visits

BY RAY ROWDEN

It was not a routine tour and briefing. The itinerary was much the same as for other visiting dignitaries, but it was hard to say who had enjoyed the visit the most — the visitor or the host. And it was just as difficult to decide which party had learned more.

When Brig. Gen. Elton F. Hammond (Ret.) left MMCS Thursday afternoon, he had gained a clear perspective of how the school accomplished its training mission. However, he left his hosts with a much clearer picture of the military history of this century.

MMCS briefers explained self paced training and the support requirements of today's military hardware.

Hammond recounted his experiences with Gen. George S. Patton, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Gen. Maxwell Taylor.

Hammond began his military service with the Massachusetts National Guard when they were recruiting volunteers for the expeditionary force that pursued Pancho Villa into Mexico.

But instead of Mexico, Hammond went to West Point. And he was graduated twice. His class was graduated early so they could participate in World War I.

However, Hammond explained, "The Kaiser heard we'd graduated and surrendered 11 days later."

Hammond's class was recalled and was graduated again June 11, 1919.

Mules — the four legged variety with long ears — were an integral part of the Field Artillery Hammond served with. And while he was destined for flag rank, no one noticed back then. He served as a lieutenant for 17 years.

With a chuckle he admitted, "I made second lieutenant three times."

In 1934 Hammond transferred to the Signal Corps. And another chuckle punctuated his explanation. "Well, I couldn't play polo."

When World War II came, Hammond sailed for North Africa aboard the USS Augusta, and shared passage with Generals Eisenhower and Patton.

It was Patton who nicknamed Hammond "The Demon" ("I guess that was because I was always busy.") and kept him as his signal officer in all his campaigns. In the North African and European theaters Hammond was awarded two Bronze Star Medals, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.

Hammond was visibly moved, and very moving when he spoke of Patton's death. "He was always at the front when we were fighting, but he never got hit. He was killed by a GI truck while he and his chief of staff were going hunting.

" 'What a Hell of a way to die,' is what he said."

During the Korean War, Hammond served as the chief Signal Officer for the Armed Forces of the Far East and the United Nations Command and earned Oak Leaf Clusters for his Distinguished Service Medal and Legion of Merit before retiring in 1954.

Now 85, he is in Huntsville to visit his daughter, Diane Wick.

After his visit to MMCS Thursday, Hammond said he was impressed with the soldiers and the instruction here.

But MMCS was also impressed. Col. Cyrus Brocato, the school's assistant commandant noted, "He's a remarkable man — a living page of history."



LTC Paul Mullek and Brig. Gen. Elton F. Hammond (Ret.) watch a Pershing Missile being raised on its launcher. After a briefing on the 8 ton missile, Hammond said, "Well, you couldn't strap that on the back of a mule."

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