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Guidon Bearer PFC Kenneth J. Imlej displays the 201 AWOL Free Days streamer recently awarded to his company. (Photo by Harry Sarles)

6th SC AWOL-free

Sixth student company received a special streamer June 15 for 201 AWOL-free days from Lt. Col. William Greer, 2nd Battalion commander.

"Actually we're a fair amount past 201 days now," said company 1st Sgt. Thomas Young. "As of today (June 15) we've hit day 242. This is the fourth streamer we've received during this period. We received the others for 31, 61, and 101 AWOL-free days."

"Our next goal is to receive a streamer for 301 days," he added. "And ultimately we would like to break the company record of 355 AWOL-free days which we achieved during 1980 and 81."

Test program

More jobs filled locally

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Under a test program, the local merit promotion system is being used to fill positions here that were formerly filled by referral from higher headquarters.

The Missile Command and others under the Materiel Development and Readiness Command (DARCOM) are conducting this test for selected career programs and positions.

"Referrals that were once issued by headquarters DARCOM have been given to MICOM to be filled by merit promotion," said Janet Dinges, a career program coordinator in civilian personnel's training and career management division.

Career programs included in the 18-month test are Civilian Personnel Administration (GS-12 positions); Safety Management (GS-11 positions); Supply Management (GS-12 positions); Education Services (GS-11 positions);

Materiel Maintenance Management (GS-12 posi-

tions); Automatic Data Processing (GS-12 positions); Manpower and Force Management (GS-12 positions); Training (GS-12 positions); and Transportation Management (GS-12 positions).

The Department of Army approved the "referral disestablishment test" for DARCOM. Career programs excluded from the test are Comptroller, Information and Editorial, Security, Procurement, Quality and Reliability Assurance, and Quality Assurance Specialists (Ammunition Surveillance).

Bob Fletcher, president of American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858, favors the idea of bringing more people under the local merit promotion procedure. Merit promotion falls under the AFGE agreement.

"I think it gives the employees here at the arsenal a greater opportunity to compete and a better opportunity of being selected since they're already working here," Fletcher said. "We favor having

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Sites readied for Pershing II

Construction firms are preparing sites in southwest Idaho for the upcoming Pershing II missile firings.

The missiles will be fired from a launch area 40 miles south of Boise and travel 800 miles to impact on the two million acre White Sands Missile Range in southern New Mexico.

Work is already underway on a two million dollar project for construction of a launch site and outlying instrumentation sites. The launch site will be

located 12 miles southwest of Grandview, Idaho. It will have two launch pads, a personnel bunker and several instrumentation sites.

A second \$575,000 project covers refurbishment of the Job Corps Center located just outside of Mountain Home, Idaho. The center will be used to house project personnel during the firings. All of the center's 18 buildings will require some restoration to include sealing roofs, painting and repairing heating, plumbing and electrical systems.

German war prisoner revisits Redstone

BY ED PETERS

Unless you knew his past, you'd think the little man stuffing rocks in his pockets was behaving strangely.

But these rocks, he so eagerly picked up were very special, since they were from the old quarry on Neal Road where he and other German war prisoners spent hard days with 12 pound hammers making little rocks out of big rocks.

The man was Karl Spitzenpseil, 60, a German paratrooper captured by U.S. forces in World War II and imprisoned at Camp Huntsville on Redstone Arsenal.

After nearly 40 years, on Tuesday of last week the retired salesman from northern Bavaria revisited the arsenal because of, in his words, "very good feelings about the time and place."

He was the guest of the German Air Force Detachment here. The commander, Lt. Col. Helmut Maneth, and Sgt. Maj. Klaus Lange served as his escorts and interpreters.

They showed him the old prison camp site, the rock quarry where he worked and the arsenal industrial water reservoir where their guard sometimes let them swim. On Wednesday he was taken to meet the mayor and went on a tour of the Space and Rocket Center before leaving shortly after noon for Fort Lauderdale where he is visiting relatives.

URGENT WISH

"For more than 30 years I have had an urgent wish to come back to Huntsville," explained Spitzenpseil. He wrote a letter in German to the arsenal commander asking permission to visit in 1981. The German Air Force Detachment translated the letter and offered to act as his sponsor.

He got the permission, but lost his job and had to delay the visit a year.

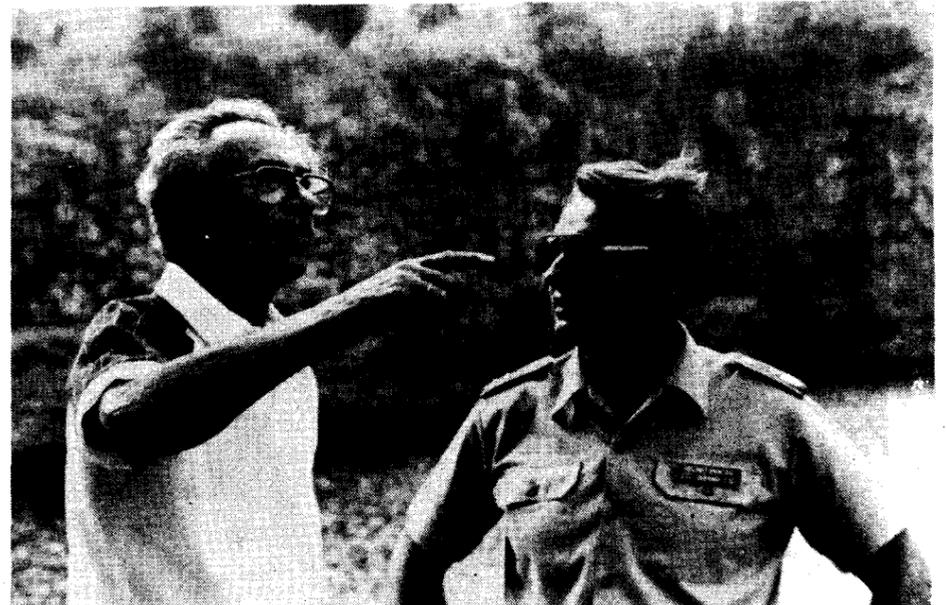
When he arrived here June 25, he brought with him a packet of pictures of his home and family in Michelau, Bavaria, along with prisoner of war souvenirs like registration forms, old

chits from the camp canteen, a Christmas Card that had been printed by a prisoner with a stamp carved on a piece of old rubber tire, and a sketch

Spitzenpseil had made of his barracks.

Spitzenpseil was a prisoner here in

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Spitzenpseil shows Lt. Col. Maneth the quarry where he broke rocks with a sledgehammer.

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-Opinion-

Can we control costs?

Our reputation, future on the line

When they think about their Army, many American taxpayers today think in dollars, specifically the cost of what it takes to raise and maintain this Army.

A few years ago, in the aftermath of an unpopular war, serious people asked: "Do we need an Army?" The question heard most often today is this: "Do we need an Army that costs as much as this one does?"

The question is being asked because America collectively made up its mind two years ago to strengthen its defense. That has proven to be an enormously expensive task. The bills are coming due now in a time when a great many Americans are looking for work and a great many more are having a hard time paying their bills. Hard times provoke hard questions . . . from the public and from its elected representatives.

Put simply, many Americans perceive the services pay too much for new weapons and get too little in return. That perception is reinforced by a lot of what they read, hear and see. It is possible to conclude that the military is a machine running out of control with no regard to cost.

Whether or not that is true, rising costs call into question the competence of the organizations and the people in them who manage public funds to acquire and support weapons . . . organizations such as the U.S. Army Missile Command . . . people such as you and me.

It is true that some of MICOM's missile systems have had significant cost growth.

It is true, too, that much of it can be traced to decisions made years ago, directed actions beyond

MICOM's control and defects within the system the services use to acquire weapons.

It is also true that the past cannot be changed. We are where we are.

Where MICOM is now is under the gun.

MICOM's Commander called his military and civilian managers together the other day and told them just that.

His blunt message in essence: Our single largest problem is getting and keeping our programs within cost. MICOM and its people must do all within their considerable collective capabilities to make that happen quickly. Our reputations and future are on the line.

Believe it.

—Dave Harris

-Letters-

Old news

Editor:

I think the interarsenal news (Dial 112) is a handy neat thing to have available to arsenal employees.

I wonder about the people who tend to it and update the tape when I have picked up the phone and received the same June 4 news tape all week long.

June 4 news is really not that great on June 11.

Who can one complain to to get improvement in the service?

Bruce E. Sparling

Answer: You've complained to the right place. It's now being updated daily.

Poetic justice

Editor:

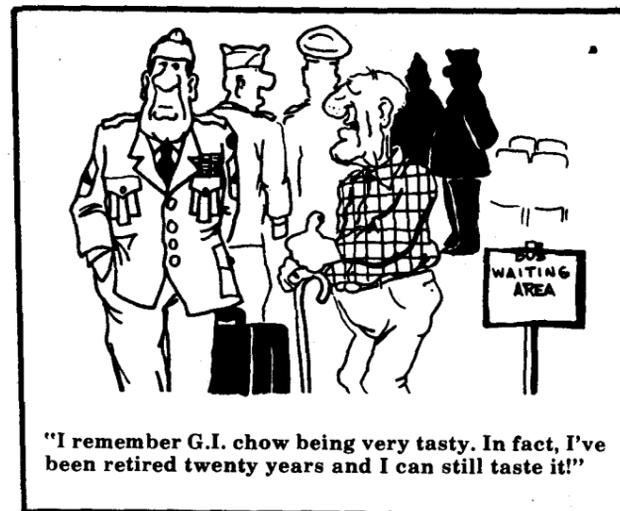
I read with interest the "NOT FAIR" letter to the editor in the 16 June 82 issue of the Rocket. As a retired military and current Civil Service Employee, I have had to deal, for many years, with items/services purchased through the "Lowest Bidder". Right now I and a great many other office workers at Redstone Arsenal are working with the lowest quality of materials and services I have seen in 28 years of federal service.

Have any of you tried to correct a typed error with the presently stocked liquid correction fluid? Instead of covering the error, it highlights it. Even after seven or eight coats, the typed image still

shines through. This was purchased through the "Lowest Bidder". How about the quality of toner, dry imager, paper and other materials used in our reproducing machines. They are so bad they frequently jam brand new machines. Purchased through the lowest bidder system, of course.

And how about the maintenance of our office equipment? The contracts were taken away from the people that manufactured the machines and given to the all important "low Bidder." The result is that the same piece of equipment may have to return to the shop three or four times with the same problems. And each time in the shop, it could be there for several days to several months. I have documented proof of this, by the way.

The people in 4488 are the ones awarding these contracts to "THE LOWEST BIDDER." I feel it is really poetic justice that now they are complaining,



publicly, about the quality/quantity of service they get from the lowest bidder. It is about time they had to pay for some of the actions they have so freely doled out to others. An ideal solution to the entire Arsenal problem would be to give up this "Low Bidder" concept, and find out who would service/supply us the best for the least amount of money. We really aren't saving a cent if we buy the cheapest and have to use three times as much to get the mission accomplished. Since I don't want my services to get any worse, please sign me:

Name withheld by request

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Still employed

Editor:

What has been or is going to be the disposition of the U.S. Army Missile Command's case of dismissing the two Command employees who were indicted/convicted of fraud?

The February 24, 1982 Rocket stated they were given notices of separation on 16 February, but no

later statement concerning the case has appeared in the Rocket.

Name withheld by request

Answer:

Both men are still MICOM employees. All charges against Roddy Hoyt Moody were dismissed. A decision has not been made on John Chambers.

No, but . . .

Editor:

Is there currently an unwritten, unofficial policy at MICOM preventing lateral and promotion reassignments between major organizational elements within MICOM, and, if so, when will it be rescinded?

Name withheld by request

Answer: There is no such policy however there is

a selective hiring mode in effect for the remainder of this fiscal year to assist the command in meeting strength allocations. "On the 21st of April, the (MICOM) chief of staff issued to all primary organizational elements instructions for a selective hiring mode which identified promotions, temporary promotions, details and laterals within the primary organizational elements to avoid misassignment of employees or exceptions to the selective hiring mode," says Dave Fisher, chief of

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Government can collect for medical care

BY SKIP VAUGHN

If a soldier is injured in a mishap and another driver is at fault, the government can collect from that other driver for the medical care furnished.

Many people are unfamiliar with the government's right to recover for medical expenses or property damage, according to SFC Larry Welch, recovery clerk in Redstone's office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

"Most people do not know that the government is authorized to recover and also they're not aware that they're supposed to cooperate to the fullest extent to make sure the government does recover," he said.

Three means of recovery include report of survey, the system of accountability for lost, damaged or destroyed government property; the federal claims collection act; and the federal medical care recovery act.

The medical care recovery act authorizes the government to collect compensation for medical care. "It means if an individual is authorized to use government facilities, like Fox Army Hospital, as a result of an accident where a third party caused

that accident, the United States government is authorized by federal statute to collect those damages or to compensate that bill," Welch said.

Soldiers get free medical care but if one soldier, for example, hits another soldier with his auto and he's at fault then he or his insurance company will pay the hospital bill.

"They have means of taking it (the medical care) and putting it down in a dollar figure and that dollar figure is what the individual would pay or his insurance company would pay," Welch said. That individual would still be liable if the care was provided at a civilian hospital through CHAMPUS (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services).

In an actual case, a vehicle driven by a ser-

vicemember pulled in front of a vehicle driven by another servicemember. The driver who was not at fault received over \$12,000 in medical treatment at Fox Army Community Hospital.

"Vehicle number 2, by being at fault, is the third party," Welch said. "After we were notified, we investigated and came to find out yes vehicle number 2 was at fault and therefore vehicle number 2 is the one that's supposed to pay."

Property expenses were handled much the same way except they are normally recovered through the report of survey system. "If an individual under the report of survey system is found liable, that's how the government collects its money," Welch said.

For more information on the government's right to recover, call the recovery clerk at 876-3166.

Unlocked cars make stealing easy

Military police found several unsecured and unattended items — ranging from jewelry to radios — in a recent survey of Redstone recreational facilities.

The crime prevention section observed the "pilferable" private property in a crime prevention evaluation June 9 of the post gym, swimming pools and military recreational area-Tennessee River.

"We just want to advise people to be cognizant of their personal property," says SFC Robert Langford, NCOIC of the crime prevention section.

A "tremendous amount" of private property — purses, wallets, residential keys, ID cards, jewelry, clothing and other items was discovered unsecured and unattended.

Many private vehicles were spotted unsecured with pilferable items in plain view, according to MPs.

They have this advice for users of the post recreational facilities:

- Use facilities provided for securing private property.
- When using facilities that don't provide for securing private property, only take what property is needed and have it watched at all times.
- Make sure items in vehicles are locked away in the glove compartment or in the trunk area.
- Never leave items susceptible to theft in plain view in vehicles.

90 day limit on VA dental care

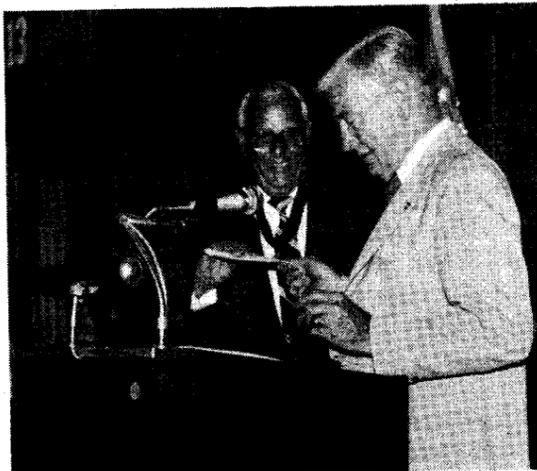
People leaving the Army now only have 90 days to apply to the Veterans Administration for outpatient dental treatment.

"They changed the law so a person getting out of the Army no longer has one year to get dental treatment," explained Sp5 Murl Tackett, NCOIC of Redstone's Dental Activity. "He now only has 90 days."

The 90 day period to get the dental work complete is from the time the person leaves the Army. The only authorized treatment is for dental work that is necessary, Tackett said.

The new eligibility criteria states, "Veterans whose dental conditions or disabilities are service-connected but not compensable in degree, and which are shown to have been in existence at time of discharge or release from active service must apply to VA for outpatient dental care for the service-connected dental conditions within 90 days of separation for those discharged or released after Sept. 30, 1981, or 1 year of separation for those discharged or released prior to Oct. 1, 1981."

Muller gets bronze medal



Muller, left, receives award from Miley.

MICOM procurement and production director John A. Muller has received the bronze medal award of the American Defense Preparedness Association.

The national organization cited Muller for developing new contracting techniques to support all of the Army's missile systems.

An Army career employee, Muller has been involved in missile procurement at Redstone since 1951.

Gen. Henry A. Miley (Ret.) ADPA president made the presentation June 15, during the annual meeting of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of ADPA at the Alabama Space and Rocket Center.

Miley said the award recognized Muller for "extraordinary innovation in weapon systems acquisition that frequently resulted in large cost savings in major weapon systems; for his many efforts to help small and disadvantaged businesses and for great personal support of equal employment opportunity."

A message from Rep. Ronnie G. Flippo to Muller read at the meeting said in part:

"The special recognition by the American Defense Preparedness Association is a fitting accolade for your years of dedicated service to the U.S. Army Missile Command."

Muller retired last year but continued his federal service at the request of Maj. Gen. Robert L. Moore, and now plans to leave federal service at the end of the summer.

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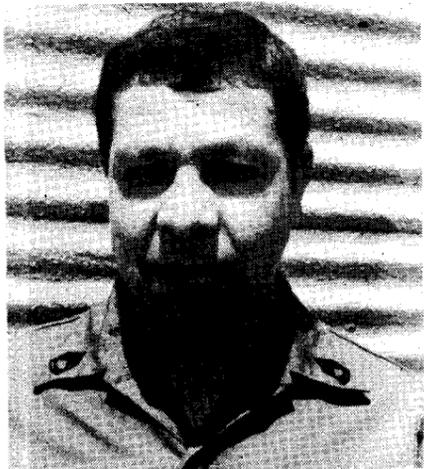
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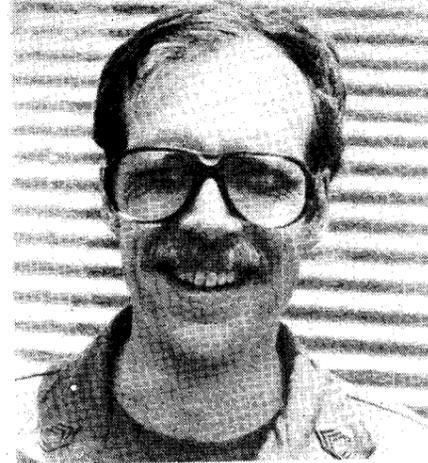
SFC Rafael Ruiz, 691st Ord. Co., Brownsville, Texas — "I'm a civilian assistant supply technician and as a soldier I'm an ammunition controller. I belong to the reserves because I believe I should share my experience with active-duty soldiers as well as other reservists."



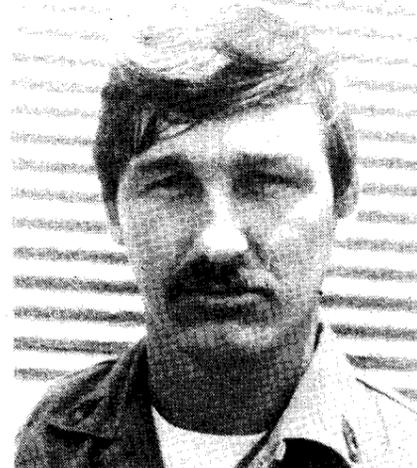
Sgt. Federico Garcia, 691st Ord. Co., Brownsville, Texas — "As a civilian I'm a mechanic. I'm in the reserves because I take pride in my country and it gives me a feeling of doing something worthwhile. As a soldier I'm an ammunition storage specialist."



Sgt. Justino Martinez, 691st Ord. Co., Brownsville, Texas — "As a civilian I'm a paramedic. I'm in the reserves because I like it and because I get a chance to travel. My MOS is ammunition storage specialist."



SFC Robert Childress, 346th Ord. Co., Jonesboro, Ark. — "I'm a dining facility manager in the Army. I'm in the reserves for the extra money. As a civilian I'm an insurance claims adjuster."



SFC Steve French, 346th Ord. Co., Jonesboro, Ark. — "I'm in the reserve for extra money, because I like the summer camps, and because I like my MOS. I'm an Army heavy equipment supervisor and as a civilian I'm an electrician."



Sp4 Paul Evans, 346th Ord. Co., Jonesboro, Ark. — "I'm in because I want to continue my military career and to occasionally get away from civilian life. I'm an Army truck driver and as a civilian I'm a pour-off man for a pipe-fitting factory."

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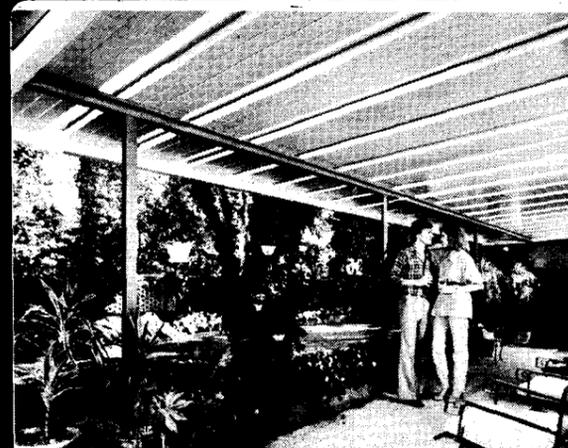


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Gasoline explodes with TNT force

BY SKIP VAUGHN

An explosion and fire that killed three people at a high school in Jackson County, Ala. June 15 tragically illustrated the hazards of gasoline.

The mishap occurred as they used gasoline and an electric buffer to remove from a classroom floor adhesive left from old carpet.

"It (gasoline) is strictly a fuel and that's all it was intended to be used for," said Bill Cross, fire inspector for Redstone Fire Department.

Gasoline should not be used for cleaning purposes, period, he said. "Gasoline fumes are heavier than air. That's what makes it so unstable. For instance, if you pour gasoline from one container to another, you can actually see the gas fumes."

The fire inspector points out that gasoline is a highly flammable liquid with a very low flash point. Small amounts of gasoline can explode with "the force of TNT" under the right conditions.

"You could either have a serious flash fire or, under the right conditions like inside a house, you could reach the explosive range and you would get an explosion rather than a fire," Cross said. "And that's what happened with those guys with that buffer."

Storing gasoline is another concern. The fire in-

spector, in his briefings to military and civilian personnel, gets asked where gasoline can be stored in family quarters.

"Only thing I can do is tell them just use common sense and never store it in the house . . . or in a car," he said. "It should be in a well-ventilated area. If they absolutely have to have it stored in a confined area, it's possible to have it stored in a utility room.

"What I would recommend to family quarters occupants is not store more than a gallon and it should be in an approved safety can, and that can shouldn't be completely full. You should leave room for expansion."

This season of lawnmowers and motorcycles means more possibilities for gasoline mishaps, according to the fire inspector. "And people have a bad habit of trying to light charcoal with gasoline and burning trash with gasoline."

If someone's clothing caught fire from such a source, and he or she is alone, that person should "drop and roll," Cross said. "Don't try to run."

He recommends having a dry chemical fire extinguisher handy when adding gasoline to a lawnmower or by can to a car.

"The worst thing would be, you have the potential for severely maiming yourself or losing your life altogether from an explosion," Cross said.

Blood program sets record

Redstone's blood program had a record setting month in May when 808 pints were donated.

This exceeded previous monthly totals since Redstone Arsenal Support Activity assumed responsibility for the blood program in May 1981.

"Since January, it has gradually increased and the month of May was the largest we've ever had in the amount of donations," said Doris Wobrock, Redstone's blood program coordinator.

Previous monthly totals were 745 pints in April, 734 in March, 715 in February and 657 in January. "Just increased interest, I suppose," Wobrock said.

The bloodmobile program at Bldg. 5250 in May did "super," according to Jo B. Barnette, that building's blood coordinator. Forty-four people donated blood in four hours on May 7.

"As a matter of fact, we had more people wanting to give than we had time," Barnette said.

"As a result, they're going to be here an extra 30 minutes July 2nd (from 7:30 a.m. to noon) because we did have such a big turnout in May," she said. "We're hopeful we'll have a good turnout in July."

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Government paid move cost him money

BY ED PETERS

When Stuart Soffer transferred to Redstone Arsenal, he didn't expect to pay for his government-sponsored move.

But as a result of a quirk in government travel rules, he had to absorb, by his calculation, \$600 in legitimate moving expenses.

And Redstone Arsenal's Transportation Division, while computing Soffer's loss at more like \$300, nevertheless seems to agree that he's been struck with charges he ought not have to pay.

"The command went to bat for me, but unfortunately we've got these hidden tariff situations where the civilians come up short," said Soffer, who came up short in a government job transfer from West Point, N.Y. to become arsenal assistant clubs manager.

"I just want to wave a flag to other civilians so they don't get caught like I did," he said.

"I came here on commuted rate, did everything I was supposed to and my reimbursement was \$600 less than I was paid," he said.

The culprit is Soffer's case is the commuted rate method of moving government civilian employees.

The government has two methods for moving civilians. One is called bill of lading, where the government contracts the move and pays for it. The other is the commuted rate method, in which the employee pays for the move and the government reimburses.

Estimators consult government-approved rate tables to determine which is cheapest before directing an employee to move by one method or the other.

The commuted rate is based on a "tariff", a stan-

ding rate in a published table that the government agrees to pay and carriers agree to accept.

Something called an "exception to tariff," that the government doesn't consider in computing the commuted rate, cost Soffer part of the \$600 he claims to have lost in the move. In this case it was a charge for holding his goods in Huntsville nine days. The published tariff rate the government pays for the type of storage service was \$1.36 per hundred pounds. But the carrier had been granted an exception to tariff by the Interstate Commerce Commission permitting it to charge \$2.15 per 100 pounds. Soffer had to make up the difference on his 9,600 pound household goods shipment.

He also paid \$76.18 for insurance the government won't reimburse him for.

He said after the move he received an additional bill for \$340 — he believes this accounts for the discrepancy in what he says he lost and what the government acknowledges he lost — which he paid because "the ICC said I was legally bound to." He says he received yet another bill from the carrier for an additional \$60 which he didn't pay because "I've got a stamp in my drawer that say B.S."

Before contracting for the move with a North American Van Lines affiliate in New York, Soffer said he was told by a company representative that the cost of the move would not exceed his commuted rate. "I said, I'm on a government move and I want assurances that what you're charging me is what the government will reimburse," said Soffer, who concedes the local mover may not have been aware of the exception to tariff.

"Nobody said anything about any exception to tariff", Soffer said.

Carol Hunt, supervisor of household goods shipping for the arsenal, said "we weren't aware of the exception but even if we were there is nothing we could do.

"This is our bible," she said, pointing to a copy of the GSA Joint Travel Regulation Vol. 2, "for moving civilians, and civilian entitlements. Based on what's in this book is the amount civilians are reimbursed" on a computed rate move. The JTR lists only tariffs and not exceptions to tariffs, and the tariffs by law are the only amounts civilians on commuted rate moves may receive, she said.

She said her group responds to Civilian Personnel Division in computing the costs of employee moves. She said in each case the cost is compared of moving the employee by bill of lading (government pays carrier for move) or by commuted rate (government reimburses employee for move). CPO cuts orders for a commuted rate move if the savings to the government is \$100 or more.

Cases like Soffer's where the employee loses money "happen, but not that often," said Hunt. "But again, we have no control, nothing to do with it. It's strictly a GSA matter.

"I'm hoping the entitlement for civilians will change someday so that all moves will be on government bill of lading. It's so much easier and convenient," she said.

According to arsenal transportation officer Ralph Jordan, "There's a DARCOM proposal in the mill to try to get the JTR changed so all PCS civilians would be moved on government bill of lading."

In a letter to Army transportation authorities at Tobyhanna, Pa., Jordan sought unsuccessfully to

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get consideration for Soffer's case since he lost money "Through no fault of his own and due to disparity between the JTR rate scale and the carrier's current rates at the time the PCS move was effected."

"I don't know of anything I as transportation of-

ficer can do to help him get his money," Jordan said.

As for Soffer, he's seeking congressional help. "I'm one of those hard headed Yankees you've heard about," he said.

Pack, and get estimates

There are some things civilians can do that may help keep them from getting stuck with part of the costs of a commuted rate move.

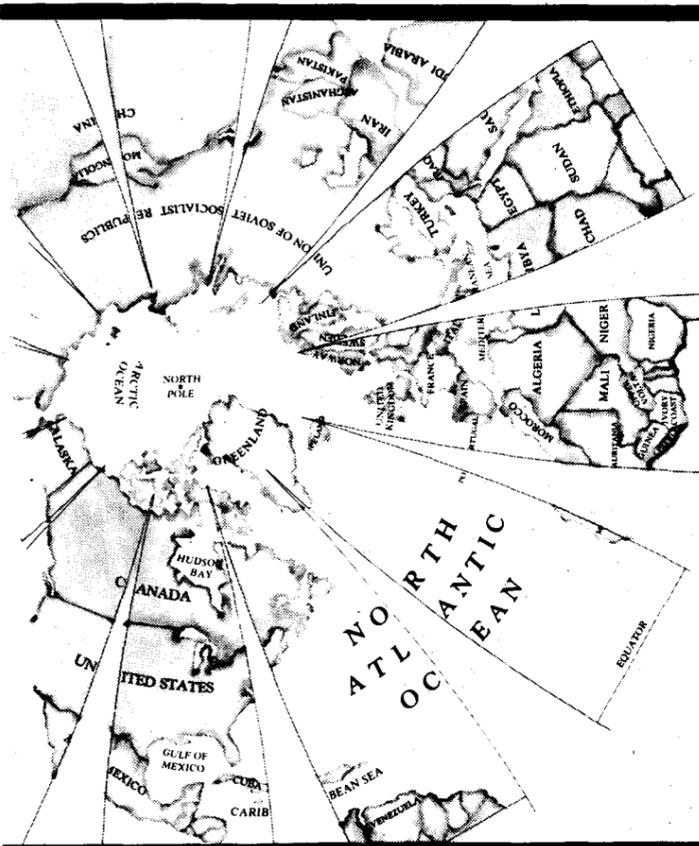
"Start packing — I'm serious," advised Carol Hunt, Redstone's supervisor of household goods shipments. She showed a reporter where packing charges accounted for more than 25 percent of the cost of one civilian's move.

"Most of the time, when civilians are on a commuted rate move and they don't pack some of their goods themselves, it's going to cost them out of pocket. Do some of the packing. Save there, and let that take care of some of the other charges," said Hunt.

She also recommends written estimates. "My advice is get two or three estimates from different companies. Check on storage too. Even if you don't count on storage at the other end find out what it will cost.

"Estimates are free. Get them in writing, and get storage charges in writing. Don't take it verbally," she said.

Hunt said she has also asked Civilian Personnel to advise employees on commuted rate orders of possible pitfalls.



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P&P pulls upsets in CWF softball action

BY DOUG MCKEE

Last week's action in the CWF slo-pitch softball league saw P&P pull two major upsets to move solidly into the title picture.

On Monday, P&P nipped R&D 8-7 and came back on Thursday to rout Rachels 10-7.

The Cougars stayed in the title chase by slipping pass R&D 4-2 on Tuesday, then blasting SIO 23-5 on Thursday. In games before the upset loss to P&P, Rachels creamed Tech Pub 20-3 and slapped SIO 25-10.

In other games, Logistics (formerly IL) finished its first half of the season by ripping T&E 20-3. T&E got up from the lickin' to win its first of the year, 13-4 over Tech Pub. USATSG had a winning week as it slipped pass F&A 7-6 and TMDE 5-3, displaying a tough defense.

TMDE defeated Tech Pub 9-5; and F&A slaughtered SIO 22-8 to end the week's activity.

In P&P's win over R&D, big Dennis Evans rapped two homers to lead the way. P&P won the game in the 7th as R&D walked Evans to pitch to Rick Hedrick who promptly rapped a hit bringing in the

tying run. The winning run scored on a R&D miscue in the field.

Against Rachels, P&P gave up a couple of four baggers to John Pitcher, then played tenacious defense to hold on for the win. Dennis Evans got a homer for the winners.

This week's action consists of make-up games which will complete the first round of play.

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SIO	2	6	.250	5½
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Veteran missileman named to SES

BY BOB HUBBARD

John Robins, a veteran Army missileman, says taking on the management of a new job at the Missile Command gives him the feeling of being hung upside down under Whitesburg Bridge and told to drink all the water in the Tennessee River.

"You can watch and become familiar with the river, ski on it and even drink some, but you never can drink it all or drink enough to change its course much."

"It's been my pleasure to watch MICOM grow and mature," said Robins, who came to Redstone in 1951 shortly after the Von Braun team arrived, and who since has logged about 20 years as deputy project manager for Lance and Hawk.

"I've worked closely with about sixteen project managers, fine officers and talented men, and found that each program is unique, with different problems and objectives."

But some things don't change, he emphasized, and a manager who would be successful must know what is important. "People are the key, the men and women, soldiers and civilians of MICOM. They make it happen and get the job done, not the project manager or deputy. One man does not a project make, but one man can a program shake."

Robins, Hawk deputy for the past six years, has been promoted to the ranks of senior executive service and named last week MICOM's new U.S. Roland Deputy Project Manager. He was explaining the transition from Lance to Hawk and now Roland, with some of his management philosophy.

His first priority is to become familiar with Roland.

"I must meet the people, find out who the rowers are and how many paddlers we have," he said. "The ship is steady but I have to stabilize myself with respect to the ship. Once I know who the people are, what they do, and how they do it, I will contribute to the navigation and program direction."

"I know one thing already. MICOM has plenty of jobs to do at Redstone and plenty of outstanding talent to do those jobs. I also know the jobs must be well defined and the manager must pull it together."

He continued:

"We likely will step on enough toes when we begin running, but first we must find where those toes are — the thresholds, the cliffs and the sensitivities."

Roland is important to the United States and the country's international interests, and it's vital that the program be successful, he said.

For Army programs to be successful, in Robins' opinion, developers must understand the technical design of the hardware and schedule margins. Cost control comes from solid technical foundation. Cost growth stems from absence of technical margins and lack of government control of the logic of the programs.

"There's tendency sometimes to release a design that doesn't have adequate margins," he said, meaning by margins that equipment will do what it's supposed to do plus a known reserve. "That leaves no room for error and a lot of funds can be committed before you know the risk levels."

Robins said it doesn't take much management to react to problems but requires super management to avoid problems and act instead of reacting.

Looking to the future, Robins said there's a lot of work to be done.

"Here in Roland, I realize there has been a dramatic cutback in the number of Rolands to be deployed . . . but there are Rolands to be deployed. We must do the best with what we have so that the troops who get Roland can use it and like it. The soldier could care less what our problems are during the acquisition, only whether the final product is good."

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Soldiers get in the swim with water survival training

BY JOHN WAGNER

Fatigues and combat boots aren't the best gear for swimming, but that's what soldiers from the 7th Student Company were wearing when they jumped, fell, and were pushed into the pool at the Vincent Drive Recreation Area.



SSgt. Michael Hudson plunges into water to demonstrate to students how to swim with field gear and weapon. (Photo by John Wagner).

"We call this combat water survival training," explained Capt. Hugh Cook, the company commander. "I got the idea from the Ranger handbook and from the type of activities I was involved in with ROTC.

"This is training for situations that may actually come up while on patrol or if you're on a troopship and have to jump in the water or hit the beach like the British did in the Falklands."

The troops proceeded through four different stations, each of which duplicated a different situation. The first was called "entry with equipment." A soldier would jump in the water with TA-50 gear on and carrying a rubber M-16 rifle. He would then remove the equipment in the water after requesting permission to do so, and swim back to exit the pool.

"The permission is included to encourage discipline," said 1st Sgt. John Carr.

"It really was awkward removing that equipment underwater," commented Pvt. 2 Joel Abston. "It took me a full 15 to 20 seconds."

The next station was "unexpected entry." Each soldier donned a blindfold and, prodded by SSgt. Walter Meckley, stumbled along a diving board and fell in. In the water, the soldier could then remove his blindfold. "This is a duplication of the type of accident that can actually happen on night-patrol," Carr said.

"It's a strange feeling," said Pvt. 1 Tim Ammons. "Being blindfolded you don't know where you are. I just took little steps and finally fell, with some 'persuasion' from the sergeant."

The soldiers were once again required to jump in the water with field gear and M-16 when they came to station No. 3. But this time there was more required. "They enter the water at port-arms position and then we required them to swim 20 meters," Carr said. "But the soldier will swim on his back while continuing to hold the weapon out of the water at port-arms with one hand."

"Swimming and maneuvering with all that weight was hard," observed Pvt. 1 Steven Bowers. "That's especially true for people like me who this is new to."

On each of the first three events, safety was maintained by tying a rope to each troop as he went into the water.

The purpose of the next station was "drown-proofing." "Your lungs are your floatation device," said Sgt. Joe Doubleday to the trainees as part of instructing them in the "dead man's float" for surviving in open water. They all stood in chest-deep water and learned the float in two steps. First there is the resting position where the person holds his breath, floats on his belly, and lets his body go limp. He holds his breath as long as possible and then for

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"Move them feet, soldier!" SSgt. Walter Meckly pushes blindfolded student to edge of divingboard for "unexpected drop" training. (Photo by John Wagner).

the second step raises his head to exhale and inhale and returns to the first position.

There was an extra station at the pool that was set aside strictly to teach the basics of swimming to troops who didn't know how. Cook estimated the number of non-swimmers in the company at about 18. If any of them wanted to go to the other stations, life jackets were available.

"The non-swimming station helped a number of troops," Carr observed. "Some had a real phobia about getting into the water at all. But today they're in the water, dogpaddling around, and making progress toward learning to swim."

"I think all of this has been good stuff to learn," said Pvt. Abston. "During time of war you never know what might happen. And you don't know when you may be around a large body of water."

The training day ended on a brisk note for the trainees and their first sergeant. About a half-dozen troops walked up to Carr. "Top, the C.O. says you look awfully dry!" exclaimed one. And Carr then went flying into the water to join most of the company. Carr took it with a smile.

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The AGA has a membership of approximately 11,000 accountants and financial managers from federal, state and local governments throughout the

United States. Nominees for the achievement award need not be AGA members, however, making the field eligible persons much larger than the group's membership list.

Shelton, a Decatur (Ala.) resident, was nominated for the honor on the basis of his analytical work in two areas — ballistic missile defense systems which would involve highly complex electro-optical components and operate above the atmosphere, and ground-based radars for the low-altitude Sentry system program. These systems are under consideration as options for increasing the low-term survivability of U.S. intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Parametric estimates developed by Shelton involve sums which, in the event of decisions to proceed with full-scale development of these systems,

could run to several billion dollars over a number of years. The effort involved the development of cost-estimating relationships (a statistical method of relating cost to some physical and performance characteristic) and processing these equations with the aid of a computer, for which Shelton developed a large portion of the program.

Parametric estimating requires multiskilled analysts, usually in the fields of operations research and engineering, and a working knowledge of the system under study.

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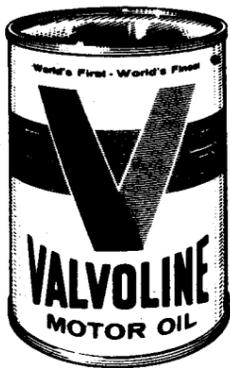


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Prisoner

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1944-45 with a company of 250 German airmen captured at Carentan near Normandy, France in August 1944 after being driven by American tanks and artillery from the foxholes they had been in for three weeks.

Camp Huntsville was situated just east of Dodd Road. The site is today grown up in pines and is behind the NASA fence. Ed Schorsten of NASA public affairs took Spitzenpseil to the top of the big test tower where, looking north, he could look almost directly down on where the old camp was. While there is no trace left of the camp, he could see the dirt road that led to it. He recalled that the arsenal carpenter shop had been just outside the compound.

SIX-MAN BARRACKS

Spitzenpseil said the camp had four rows of six-man barracks that were screened in and had canvas roofs. The only inmates were the men from his company who were captured and kept together. The camp "had 250 capacity and that is exactly the number they put in," he noted.

He said the prisoners did odd jobs all over the arsenal and worked in the

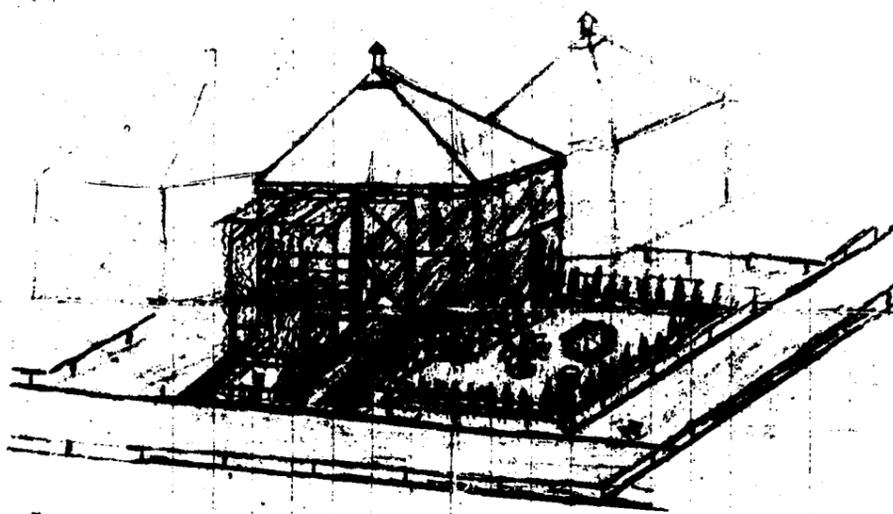
quarry. In their free time they played volleyball, did gymnastics and were given English and French lessons.

The prisoners were given nothing to read but Spitzenpseil had an aunt in New York who had immigrated in 1927, and she sent a big box of German books. He passed them all out to the prisoners and they were all worn out when he got them back, he said. The aunt also sent flower and grass seeds that he planted around their barracks.

Treatment of the prisoners was "very, very correct — no harassment at all" from American soldiers or civilian workers on the arsenal, he said.

The prisoners got good meals. They were paid 80 cents per day. "But we could live on this. A carton of cigarettes cost only one dollar," he said. He bought Lucky Strikes, which he still smokes. He started on them when, hours after being captured, German prisoners were sent out on the battlefield to retrieve American wounded and he was rewarded with a cigarette by a GI.

In Huntsville each prisoner got two cases of beer on his birthday which



Sketch shows P.O.W. barracks prisoner when he drew it. He planted a flower garden to the right of the building.

the six barracks mates always shared.

Work parties of 40 prisoners labored in the quarry in two week shifts. He said they worked with four local black men who placed the dynamite charges that blasted limestone boulders out of Madkin Mountain's face.

The Germans used sledgehammers to break the boulders into rocks which they had to load on trucks by hand. They called the mountain "Blue Mountain" and joked that Indians roamed it, since Blue Mountain was where Vinnetow, a fictional Indian character popular in Germany, fought.

Spitzenpseil said once the prisoners were pounding a boulder when they noticed two unexploded dynamite charges in it. They rolled it into the deep water in the quarry pit.

Before coming to Huntsville the prisoners had been held in England. "I was very happy to learn I was going to the United States for two reasons: the good reputation, I expected good treatment; and the Germans were shooting the V2 at Britain and they were making primarily the German Air Force do the clean up."

He was sent on a ship to New York, then put on a train to Camp Forrest in Tullahoma, Tenn., where he stayed awhile before coming to Redstone.

He was here 14 months, then in fall 1945 was taken to Nebraska to harvest sugar beets and potatoes. "Jan. 17,



Spitzenpseil atop the NASA tower.

1946 I was put on a train to San Francisco, then on a ship to Liverpool with 4,000 prisoners and a few sailor guards."

He then spent 18 hard months — till October 1947 — in a British camp. "The treatment was very, very bad compared to the states. There was not one day when I had enough food," he remembers.

On return to Germany he got married, and has a daughter, 27, and a nine year old grandson.

He said he has met Germans who were captured by Russians and held in Siberia as long as eight years, sometimes barefoot in sub-zero weather.

In contrast, Spitzenpseil says he "really enjoyed" Redstone Arsenal. "Other than the quarry work," he quickly added.

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Jobs

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merit promotion action be done at the local level in all series, categories and grades."

Merit promotion does not deny any Army employee from competing for a vacancy elsewhere by submitting a voluntary application, he said.

"I consider it a savings to the government to have it done locally," Fletcher said of filling positions. "It's just less expensive in my judgement to do it at the local level."

Vacancies in career programs included in the test will be announced for filling by merit promotion. Previously, a personnel staffing specialist would request a list of qualified candidates from DARCOM.

Careerists and employees not already in a career field can now apply for positions they feel they qualify for. "This in effect gives more people a chance to apply within the local area of consideration," said Dinges of civilian personnel. "Anybody who feels they meet the criteria can apply."

In order to be considered for one of these positions, the careerist must apply in accordance with instructions on the merit promotion announcement. Careerists interested in positions at other DARCOM installations or activities should file appropriate forms directly with the recruiting personnel office.

When the test period ends in September 1983, "either DARCOM will go back to issuing referrals again or we'll continue using merit promotion," Dinges said.

For specific information on how to apply, call her at 876-5814.

Here is a list of the career programs, levels and series included in the test:

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There will be a local spot bid sale of government surplus property June 30, in the Rocket Auditorium, building 7120. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the sale begins at 9:00. Some of the items for sale are: typewriters, calculators, oscilloscopes, books, photographic equipment, electrical and electronic parts, tables, chairs, desk, dressers, paint, partitions, carpet, military clothing and automobiles. The property is located in building 7431 and property disposal yard on Warehouse Road. The property may be inspected work days from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Speech contest

Local people who attended a speech contest of the Dixie Region Conference of International Toastmistresses included Leola B. Agee of F&A, Betty Elliott of Equipment Management, Mary Virginia Roan of Propulsion Laboratory and Sarah Jamar of Product Assurance, who was also installed from council V as a member of the Dixie Region nominating committee.

Medical education

The third annual Parent Medical Education Course will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the post theater. Discussion topics will be "Children Summertime Calamities" and "Breast Exams." The course is open to active duty, retired and their family members. "Due to the large amount of interruptions by infants and smaller children at the previous PMEC class, we are requesting that no children under the age of 12 years attend," said Capt. Oliver Cuff. Sign-up at the family practice clinic, pediatric clinic or emergency room or call patient assistance 876-6530.

Gate hours

Operating hours of Redstone Arsenal Gates 1, 3, 9 and 10 will be reduced temporarily beginning July 1 for a period of approximately two months. The gates are expected to resume regular hours about Sept. 1.

Army band in show

The 101st Airborne Division's "Screaming Eagle Band" from Fort Campbell, Ky. will be a featured attraction at the Drums Across Alabama music show. The show, which is a drum and bugle corps competition, will be in Milton Frank stadium on Tuesday, July 6, at 7:30 p.m. The Screaming Eagle Band will open the evening with their "Presentation of the Colors." Six drum and bugle corps from five states will compete in the show. Advance tickets are \$6 and \$6.50 and are on sale at local music stores and the civic center box office will accept phone orders.

AUSA luncheon

Sgt. Maj. of the Army William A. Connelly will be guest speaker at the Association of the United States Army general membership luncheon meeting June 29 at the NCO Club. Social hour (cash bar) begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. Cost is \$4.25 per person. For tickets/reservations, call Joyce Gardner 876-4542 or Betty Whitman 876-4504.

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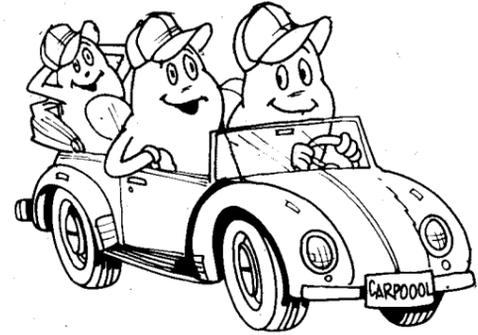
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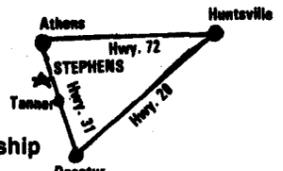
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civilian personnel's recruitment and placement division.

"Actions between primary organizational elements would be viewed based upon their

key/critical nature to MICOM's overall mission accomplishment or whether they directly involved the health or safety of human life or the protection of property," he adds.

'Ringers'

Editor:

Each Directorate, Activity, and Office of MICOM was requested to enter a team for a softball tournament to be held during the recent picnic. Each team was anticipated to be made up of one's coworkers, both male and female.

Our team, and several others, encountered a team entered in the tournament consisting mostly of students and recent graduates of Grissom High School.

This team's involvement detracted from the spirit and intent of a "family style" picnic. The friendly competitiveness expected between organizations during such a tournament was totally lost.

By contrast, the volleyball tournament had no such "ringers."

How can the sponsor(s) of this picnic tournament justify seven out of the ten players on a team not being employed at MICOM? If this team had won the tournament where would their trophy be displayed — Grissom High School?

Darwin L. Moss

Can't answer

Editor:

How many engineers downgraded in the Safeguard RIF and involved in civic action 75-G-0652-NE have been repromoted? Please state total number involved and total number repromoted.

Name withheld by request

Answer: Final notifications on the Ballistic Missile Defense System Command (Safeguard) RIF were issued on 18 Aug. 1976 after the preliminary injunction of 18 June 1975 issued in civil action 75-G-0652-NE was dismissed. The effective date of the RIF actions was 5 September 1976. Department of the Army regulations on records management procedures only allow for the retention of RIF records for a period of five years. Since these records have been destroyed, we cannot answer your question. (Don Dixon, chief of special recruitment branch, Recruitment and Placement Division, CPO).

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