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Testing ends

Pressure was on with Pershing II

BY DAVE HARRIS

The Pershing II flight test program can be summed up succinctly: 18 shots; nine at the Eastern Test Range to evaluate missile performance in long range flight, nine at White Sands Missile Range, most to evaluate missile accuracy; 14 achieved primary test objectives, four did not. Began July 22, 1982. Ended September 18, 1983.

The statistics say nothing about pressure.

Pressure? Every PII test flight has been covered by the press. Never before has the test program of an Army weapon system been the subject of such continuing, intense national and international interest.

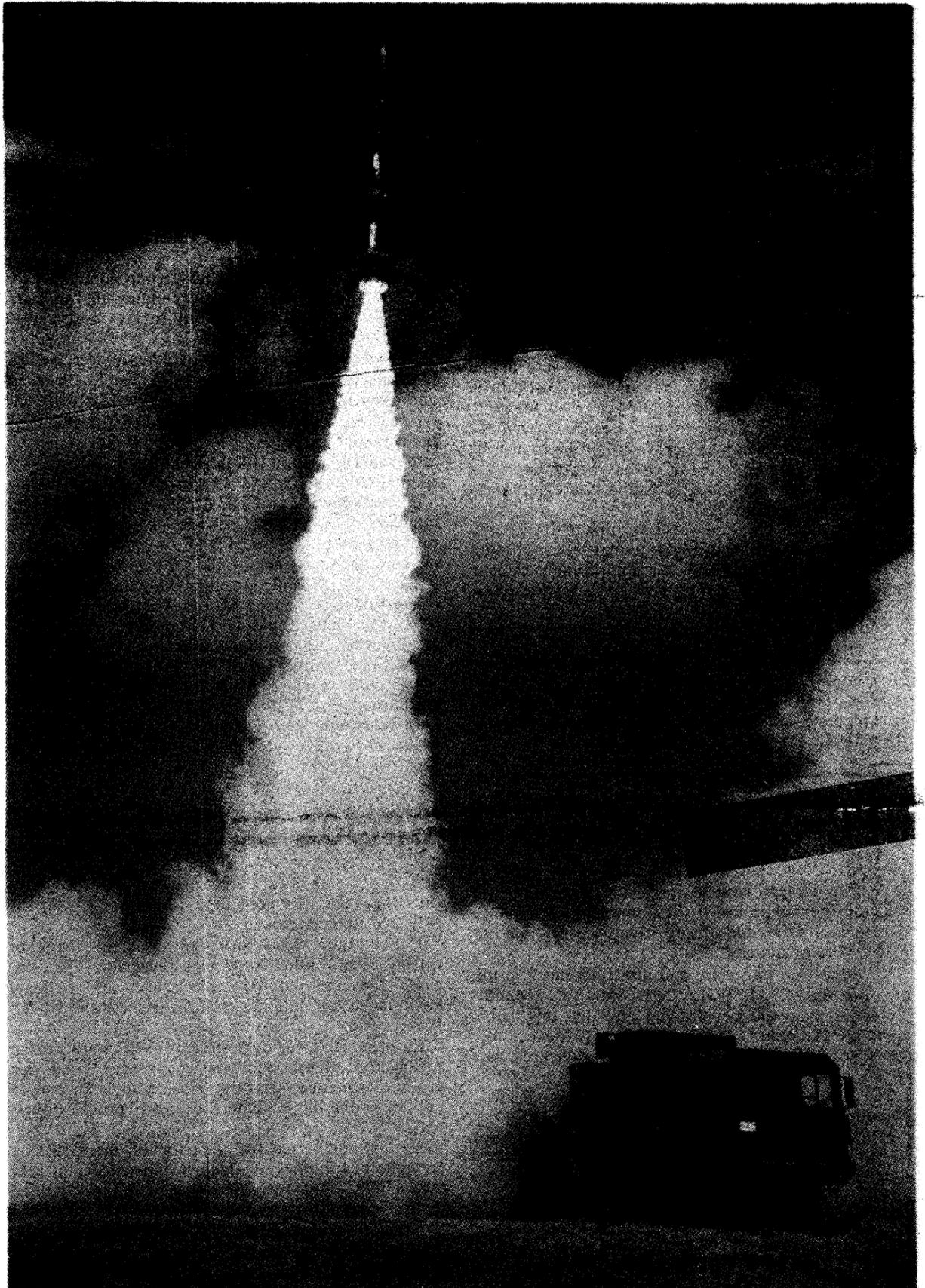
Pressure? The locomotive that drives the PII program is IOC, the date of initial operational capability. The United States publicly promised its NATO allies years ago that PII would be ready for deployment in December 1983. Whether or not that commitment will be met has been the first question asked after every flight test. The answer is yes.

Pressure? PII and its pending deployment with American forces in West Germany has been a key issue, perhaps the key issue, in arms negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union that have gone on during the flight tests. There is little incentive to bargain over a missile that does not work. The verdict of the flight test program is that PII works.

Pressure? In December 1982, Congress withheld \$498 million in PII fiscal year 84 production funds pending the outcome of PII flight tests. Two missiles had been flown then. The first exploded after 17 seconds. The second did not achieve all test objectives. Beginning in January 1983, PII recorded 10 good shots in a row. Most of the funds were eventually restored.

Pressure? Malfunctions late in the flight test program raised doubts about the missile. The causes were identified and fixed. There was no recurrence. The last two flights were good ones.

Pressure? The men and women of the PII team, those in the project office and elsewhere in MICOM who support them, those at Martin Marietta, the prime contractor, and their subcontractors and suppliers know what it means to perform under pressure. They have every reason to be proud of what they have done for the Army and the United States. They know too that although the challenge of the flight test program is behind them, the bottom line is still IOC in December.



PERSHING II missile soars skyward in a long range test at Cape Canaveral.

Top enlisted soldier supports soldiers and civilians

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The new command sergeant major for the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal has found some things he needs to get used to since arriving from Germany.

CSM Harvey Kahl mentions the weather; the fact that he's accustomed to field duty; and the large number of civilian workers here.

"As I told the commanding general the other day, I went through the headquarters looking for soldiers and ended up back in the command section. I have to get used to that," says Kahl. "But I'm here to support the civilians and soldiers together.

"We have a mission to accomplish. My door's always open to anyone, not only soldiers but to civilians that are supporting our Army and Redstone."

Kahl came here from Grafenwohrn, Germany where he served as command sergeant major of 7th Army Training Command. On Sept. 16 he assumed the position left by his predecessor Ed Polite. Polite is on leave prior to retirement Oct. 27.

"It's a great community," says Kahl. "Everybody seems to want to lend a helping hand, to include the civilian population and the soldiers at Redstone."

The 48-year-old soldier hails from Silver City, Iowa, in the southwestern part of the state. He was drafted into the Army off his father's farm in February 1957.

"After spending two years I decided that I wanted to be a first sergeant. My goals were to be a first sergeant and to help soldiers," he says.

After becoming a first sergeant, Kahl set his sights on becoming a command sergeant major. He credits soldiers he has known with helping him attain that goal.

Kahl has served in air defense weapons units as a squad leader, platoon sergeant, first sergeant and sergeant major. He has been stationed in Okinawa, in Korea and spent two tours in Germany (1968-71 and 1979-83). He was a drill sergeant for about six years, half the time at Fort Knox, Ky. and the other half at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

(See CSM, cont'd on page 12)



Kahl

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Letters

Go with style

Editor:

Please publish this letter, so that our military wives can get back into being proud of themselves. A few years back I too was an active Army wife, and had a great deal of pride in being one.

This is in no way a put down of the military wives, nor does it apply to the majority of them, however, there is enough of them in this category to warrant a need to yell "Shape Up Military Wives."

For an obvious reason I will withhold my name, but I am a military retired wife, who can no longer stand by and watch the active military wives "let themselves go".

You have a vital part to play and being part of a military family is an honor in itself. You are representatives of the U.S. Army as well. The Army is insisting that your man remain slim and trim, do the same for yourselves. It saddens me to see very young women looking double their ages. The point is not just fat and flab but sloppy, unkempt, and in many cases dirty. You can see a downgrade in self pride when you go to the commissary, PX, recreation center, and even in the clubs. Some women have jeans on that had not been washed in possibly a year. Even the children are brought away from home dirty, and I dare not take a look inside the quarters.

Wives, take care of yourself, the military community has everything available to make you as beautiful as you deserve to be. You are important. Remember ladies you are women of class, go for it with style.

Name Withheld by Request

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This month in history

42 years ago: The Redstone Ordnance Plant was officially activated (Oct. 6, 1941). Maj. Carroll D. Hudson was assigned as its first commander and broke ground for construction of the ordnance manufacturing facility on a 4,000-acre tract adjacent to the Huntsville Arsenal.

34 years ago: The Secretary of the Army approved the transfer of the Ordnance R&D Division, Sub-Office, Rocket, from Fort Bliss, Texas, to Redstone Arsenal (Oct. 29, 1949). The Fort Bliss group included some 120 German scientists who had come to the United States in "Operation Paperclip" during 1945-46.

33 years ago: The Fort Bliss group completed the move to Redstone Arsenal, expanding the arsenal's R&D mission to include both rockets and guided missiles (Oct. 31, 1950).

26 years ago: The Secretary of Defense elect, Neil H. McElroy, Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker, and other top defense officials were visiting Redstone Arsenal when the Russians put up their first Sputnik the night of Oct. 4, 1957.

24 years ago: Juno II Vehicle AM-19A placed a 91.5-pound satellite (Explorer VII) in orbit (Oct. 13, 1959).

23 years ago: Maj. Gen. August Schomburg, commander of the Army Ordnance Missile Command, pressed a button, a model Nike Zeus missile intercepted a model Jupiter missile, and the explosion severed a red ribbon, officially opening building 5250 as the Army Rocket & Guided Missile Agency headquarters (Oct. 15, 1960). Building 5250 became the AOMC Headquarters following inactivation of ARGMA and ABMA in December 1961.)

19 years ago: The Tow Project Office was established (Oct. 1, 1964).

18 years ago: Two CONUS Strategic Army Corps Basic Hawk units were deployed to Vietnam (October 1965).



"Now, all you people joined up to see the world, right?"

11 years ago: The Improved Hawk weapon system began replacing the Basic Hawk which had been in the field since August 1960 (October 1972).

6 years ago: The General Support Rocket System (now Multiple Launch Rocket System) Project Office was established (Oct. 1, 1977).

3 years ago: The Air Defense Command and Control Systems (ADCCS) Project Office transferred from the U.S. Army Communications Research and Development Command to the U.S. Army Missile Command (Oct. 1, 1980).

Compiled by Mary T. Cagle, command historian.

CFC contributions, agencies called 'very important'

As the largest agency in this area's Combined Federal Campaign, the Missile Command has to do its part to ensure the fund-raising drive's success, said the MICOM commander.

"We must do our share and hopefully much more than our share," Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard told the more than 400 people who attended this command's CFC kickoff last Wednesday. A kickoff for the 30 government agencies in the Huntsville area was set for the following day.

The campaign is scheduled for Sept. 28 through Oct. 28 with a goal of \$625,000.

Bunyard, campaign chairman, stressed leadership for the campaign, participation in the campaign and designation by employees of where they want their tributions to very important agency," he said of the some 109 recipient groups.

"We're very proud that we live in America. We're very proud of the Huntsville and Madison County community. We should also be very proud to support

those agencies that need to be supported," said the MICOM commander.

Presentations were given on each of the four categories of participating CFC agencies. These include the international service agencies, national health agencies, national service agencies, and United Way.

Kathleen Hall, regional director of the southeastern region for international service agencies, said this group of American charities provides assistance to 45 million people in 35 underdeveloped countries overseas.

Jean Daniel, executive director of the Alabama committee for the national health agencies, said "Your CFC dollars can help those agencies continue their research efforts that may save lives."

The national service agencies were listed by Peggy Burns, chairperson for the local CFC coordinating committee. She said they include the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse, United Negro College Fund, and Vietnam Veterans of America Foundations.

"United Way is simply a forum, a catalyst, a mechanism by which you help others," said Louis Rachmeler, United Way campaign chairperson and former commanding general of MICOM.

"All we're asking you to do is continue what you've been doing. Nothing more—just give," said the retired major general. "And you know, it works. Why? Because you care."

A CFC campaign film entitled "What I did for love" was shown. The movie featured actual cases of how people in need were helped and the main speaker was Joe Theismann, quarterback of the defending NFL champion Washington Redskins.

Energy Awareness Week

WASHINGTON—The Army's third annual Energy Awareness Week, with the theme "Energy—for a Powerful America," is scheduled for Oct. 24-29.

The event coincides with the annual Defense Energy Awareness Week.

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Business better at cafeterias since Army takeover

BY SKIP VAUGHN

More has changed in the six civilian cafeterias besides the brown baseball caps that many of the cafeteria workers wear.

Since the Army assumed operation of the cafeterias after a food service contract expired, business has increased about \$800 a day, according to Al Sessler, post restaurant officer. Total sales have risen from about \$3,200 to around \$4,000 a day.

"And considering our menu prices (which have stayed about the same), that's a tremendous increase in volume," Sessler said. "We've probably increased anywhere from I'd say 350 to 500 customers per day."

A reason may be, as Sessler suspects, that the cafeterias are giving the customers more for their money. Administrative operations have been centralized in building 7427 where officials watch for volume discounts. Food can also be stored there.

"The thing we're trying to consider utmost is the customer," Sessler said. "Of course profits have to be made in order to renovate, put in new equipment and start new projects." There are also the costs of maintaining present equipment, paying utilities, and giving a portion to the civilian welfare fund.

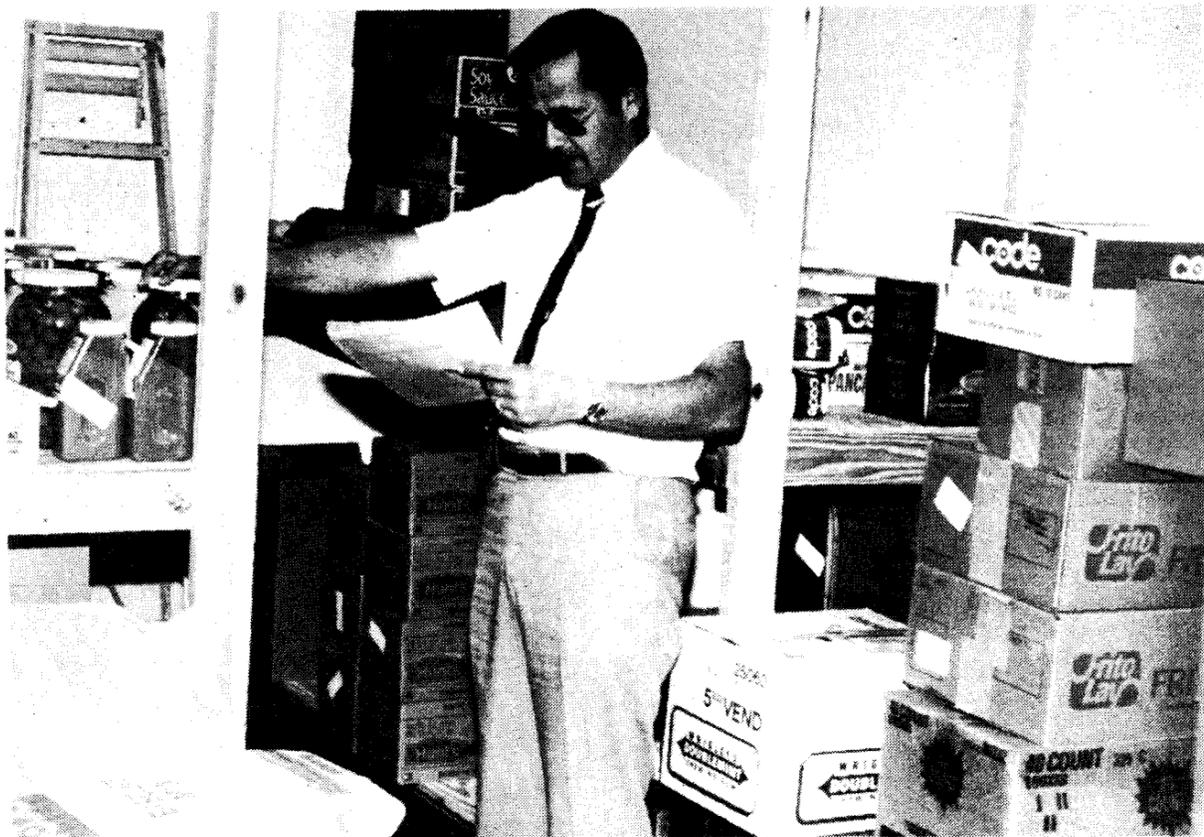
The cafeteria employees have made a big difference in the operation, according to Sessler. "We've got super sharp employees who have good attitudes," he said. "The employees are one of the major keys and being able to provide the customer with what he wants for a price that he'll be able to afford."

About 12 service type employees have been added and some six more are awaiting processing in. This will bring the total number of cafeteria workers from 51 to 57. The staff has been increased "to better serve the customer," according to the post restaurant officer.

Of the cafeteria improvements, sanitation is "probably the biggest one," Sessler said. "And we're maintaining a cleaning crew after hours to keep the cafeterias clean."

Food portions are said to have been increased with an eye toward better quality. Wholesale costs are rising so there have been some price increases "but nowhere in the foreseeable future do we see a major increase," Sessler said. He added that the efforts are to hold the prices to the cost of the raw product.

"And if there's any price increase at all it'll be very small. We'll also try to reduce the prices where we can," said the official.



RESTAURANT OFFICER Al Sessler checks on food for arsenal's civilian cafeterias.

Efforts are also under way to change the vending refund program to make it easier for the customers and at the same time comply with Army internal control regulations.

Besides the six cafeterias, the Army has assumed operation of the some 119 vending machines south of Neal Road. Tom Petty, vending manager, said new coin changers are being installed to cut down on past problems of incorrect change for customers.

"We're giving a little more variety than we did have and a better selection of candy and snacks," Petty added.

Plans of cafeteria officials include starting a snack bar in the building 7100 area that will also provide an on post delivery pizza service. This area includes the

civilian personnel offices, a number of warehouses, and the Rocket Auditorium. Officials are working on getting a building for the snack bar, Sessler said.

The general manager for the cafeterias in Charles Westmoreland. Sally Schubert handles catering and general administration while Cindy Powell is responsible for internal controls and general administration.

Cafeteria managers include Debbie Bearden, building 4488; Irene Smith, 5250; Margaret Jung, 5400; Ruby Edge, 5681; Vanesa Booker, 5678; and Debbie Sharp, 8027.

The main office can be reached by phoning 883-7383. "If they (the customers) think they have something we ought to know about, please don't hesitate to call," Sessler said.

Soldiers flown from Germany for Pershing I a tests

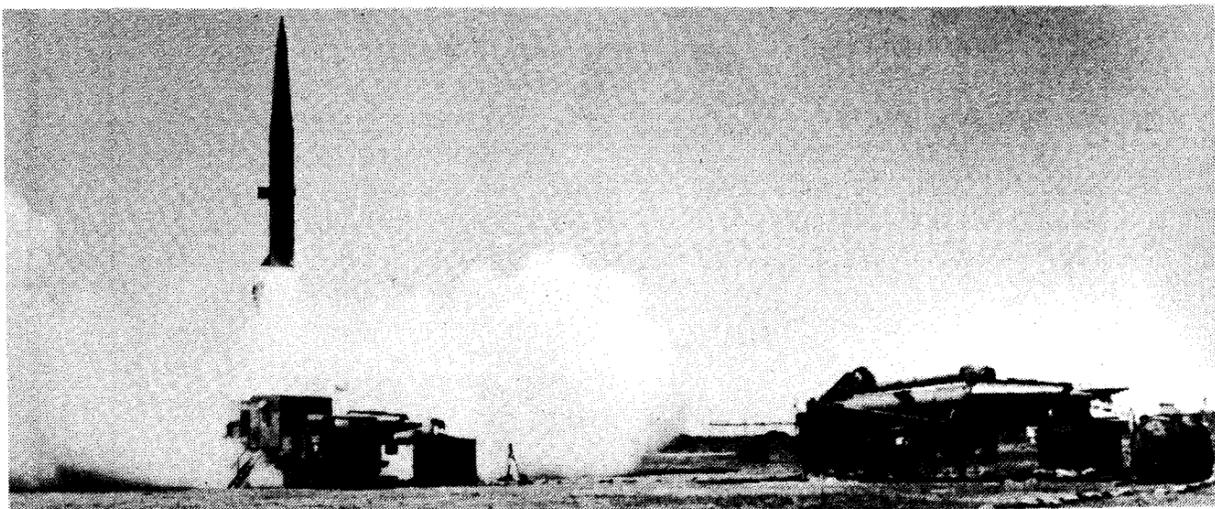
CAPE CANAVERAL—Soldiers fired five Pershing la missiles Sept. 28 under simulated combat conditions in an annual exercise to evaluate the operational readiness of the missile system and the units armed with it.

The first missile was fired at 8:05 a.m. EDT and the last at 12:17 p.m. The firings were conducted by soldiers from Delta Battery, 1st Battalion, 81st Field Artillery.

Soldiers, missiles and ground equipment were flown to the United States for the exercise and returned to their duty stations in the Federal Republic of Germany afterward.

Launch and powered flight of all five shots went as planned. Aircraft operating in the impact area at sea collected data for post firing analysis which will determine accuracy achieved by the inertially guided ballistic missiles.

The test shots marked the 11th successive year that the Pershing la operational test series has been done at the Cape.



400-MILE Pershing 1a in test firing is shown in file photo.

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Military Police do positive things for community

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Not only do military police at Redstone try to serve, assist, and protect, they also try to prevent crimes from happening.

Many times the only contact people have with MPs is when they get a traffic ticket but MPs do a lot of positive things for the community, according to Capt. Rodney Johnson, commander of 291st Military Police Company.

"MPs provide a vital service to the community in terms of protecting it against crimes," he said.

Recently military police here observed the 42nd anniversary of the Army Military Police Corps with a cake-cutting ceremony. The corps was founded Sept. 26, 1941. Representatives from area law enforcement agencies joined with officials here in the traditional ceremony.

Col. Robert Amick, security director and provost marshal, gave a brief presentation on the history of the MP corps and its future.

At Redstone the military police organization includes its headquarters and two line-platoons. The 291st Military Police Company provides personnel for the MP operations division which is responsible for the mission functions.



TRAFFIC COP—Sp4 Howard Wilson directs traffic in barracks area.



OFFICER FRIENDLY—Sp4 Prince Cummings gives coloring book to Ricky Holtz, 6, son of SSgt. Ricky and Diana Holtz.

"We perform all law enforcement related functions on this installation," said Capt. Dale McNeely, chief of police operations division. These include such things as crime prevention activities, drug suppression, traffic control and game warden functions.

"I think we perform a valuable service to the military community by normally being the first person on any type of scene that can assist and provide emergency treatment or apprehend anyone who has violated the law," McNeely said. "But I think our most important function here is providing assistance and maintaining a safe and secure installation for our families and the military and civilian community that works here."

The MP crime prevention activities include a crime prevention inspector who informs children about safety matters.

Sp4 Prince Cummings adopts the title "Officer Friendly" when he tells youngsters such things as the importance of watching for traffic. He also passes out crime prevention coloring books entitled "The Careful

Gang Safety Book."

"We like to touch on law enforcement but in a way where the children can understand and where it will be effective," said Cummings, one of three members of the crime prevention section. "We want them to know that the police (officer) is a friend."

Officer Friendly is among the functions that the 28-year-old Cincinnati native performs. Crime prevention is "a very important tool used to combat crime," Cummings said. "Officer Friendly is very effective because of the fact that the children need to know that someone cares about them outside of their family. We're cognizant of the fact that there is a lot of deviant behavior out there in society and Officer Friendly is there to combat that behavior."

1st Lt. Richard Olsen, the executive officer for 291st MP Company, said military police provide a necessary function.

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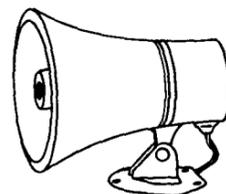
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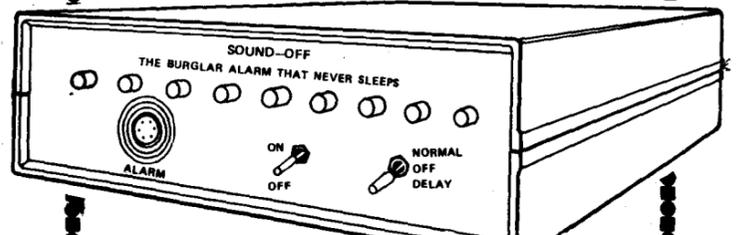
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Personnel on non-employed status help out at MMCS

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

Non-employed personnel help out in many offices at the Missile and Munitions Center and School and complete the details often needed in company areas.

They are called NEPs and may be students awaiting orders, waiting for the next class to start, or awaiting security clearances. They may be on NEP status for academic reasons.

"Their jobs include everything from cleaning up the company area to typing disposition forms," says SFC Michael Wells, 8th Student Company operations sergeant. "We try to assign them with direct contact to their MOS as much as possible so that they can be more familiar with their job requirements. For the most part, they are loaned out on a first call, first serve basis unless they have a commitment directly to school."

Pvt. Carmen Connor has been on non-employed personnel status for about two weeks while awaiting the start of the next Explosive Ordnance Disposal class. "I am the NEP 8th Student Company clerk and typist," she says. "I help type disposition forms, letters of appreciation and various other military forms."

Another soldier on NEP status says he is unhappy with the routine. "I would rather be doing something beneficial to my MOS," says Pvt. 1 Chad Herring. "I feel that I am wasting a lot of time when I could be doing something more constructive."

There are six students from the 8th Student Company waiting for class to start, according to SSgt. Jay Reed.

"They can be a NEP anywhere from three days to two months. It depends on why they are in the NEP

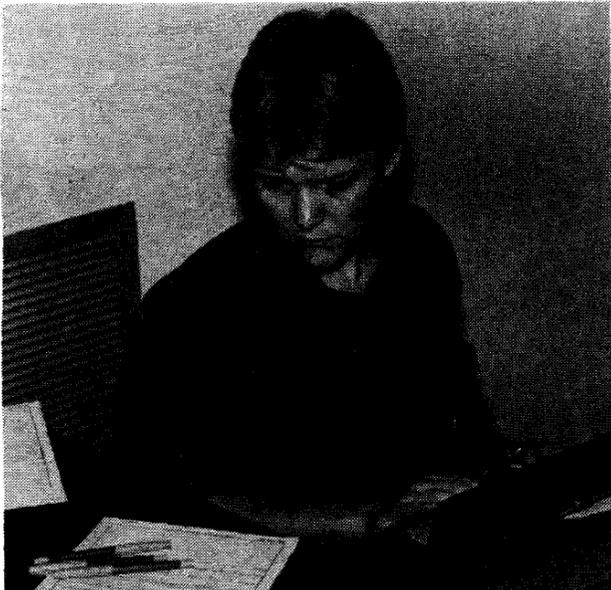


CLEANING SUPPLIES are carried to the platoon sergeant's supply closet by Sp4 Mark Dinning and Pvt. Chad Herring.

status," Reed says. "The longest NEP (termer) we've had was for one year. He was waiting for an Officers Candidate School starting date."

A meeting is held every Wednesday at 1 p.m. to decide the status of the non-employed personnel, ac-

ording to Wells, 8th Student Company operations sergeant. Personnel from each company, the 2nd Battalion commander, personnel from the Education Center, and the student assignment and scheduling personnel meet at 2nd Battalion headquarters.



PVT. CARMEN CONNOR types out military forms at 8th Student Company.

Accelerated promotion for warrant officers

The Army has announced procedures for accelerated promotion to CWO 2 for warrant officers currently serving as WO 1 who were appointed from grades E-7, E-8 and E-9.

Warrant officers in grade WO 1 as of Sept. 30 and who were appointed from the top three senior enlisted grades are eligible for promotion as follows:

- Warrant officers with Temporary Date of Rank Oct. 31, 1981 through May 31, 1982, Promotion Eligibility Date is Oct. 1, 1983.

- Warrant officers with TDOR June 1, 1982 through Jan. 31, 1983, PED is Nov. 1, 1983.

- Warrant officers with TDOR Feb. 1, 1983 through Sept. 30, 1983, PED is Dec. 1, 1983.

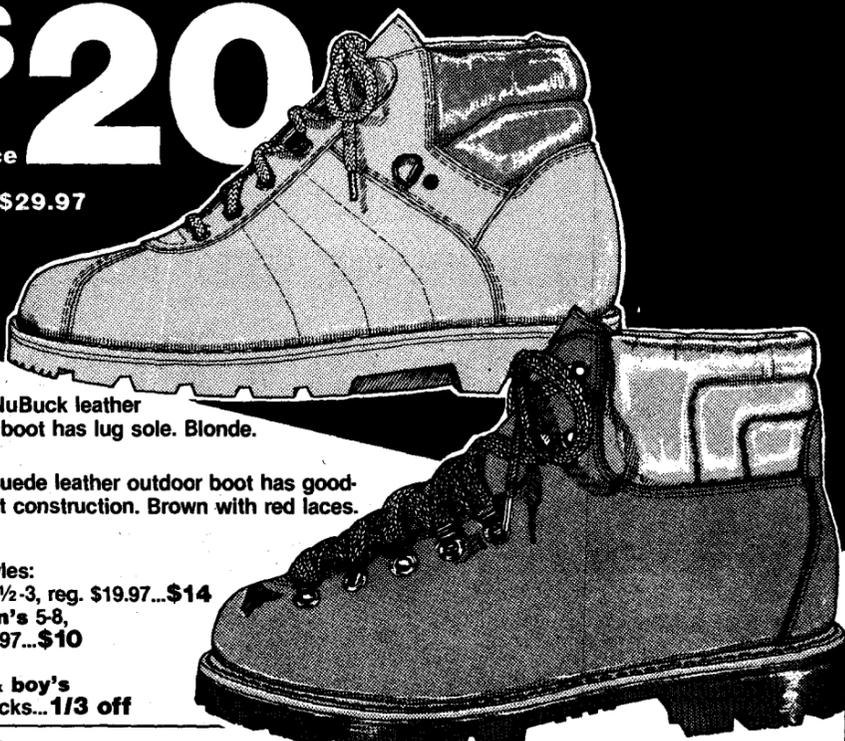
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New 4th SC commander sees dedication, initiative

A ceremony held here Sept. 26, marked the end of Capt. Warren P. Chappee's first command and a challenging beginning for Capt. Michael L. Lindsey.

"The 4th Student Company has an outstanding professional cadre," says Lindsey. "I'm impressed with their dedication and initiative."

Lindsey takes command of the 4th Student Company after working on the Army training 1990 plan in the program managers office in the Directorate and Training Developments Branch.

He says that the important thing to remember as a commander is to, "Accept each individual for what their capabilities are and acknowledge the persons' strengths and help them with their weaknesses."

Lindsey resides on post with his wife, Rhonda and two daughters, Mica (8) and Angie (7).

Chappee and his wife, Christiane, also reside on post. His wife will leave for Germany to visit her family who she has not seen in three years while he attends the Combined Armed Services Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. After school, Chappee will join his wife in Germany.

Chappee says, "Being commander of an Advanced Individual Training unit you must realize that the soldiers being produced now will possibly be your subordinates later. The American soldier is the most precious commodity the Army has and I've honestly enjoyed being a part of MMCS."



TROOPS line up in parking lot for change of command ceremony.

Uniform-while-traveling requirements changed

WASHINGTON—Soldiers no longer are required to wear the complete dress uniform when traveling in the public sector.

Army personnel officials say feedback from the field indicated the uniform policy—which went into effect in July—has "not been well received and is unenforceable."

The Army policy on uniform wear when traveling will revert to that currently prescribed in AR670-1 as effective prior to the July 1 change.

While soldiers in uniform may travel without having

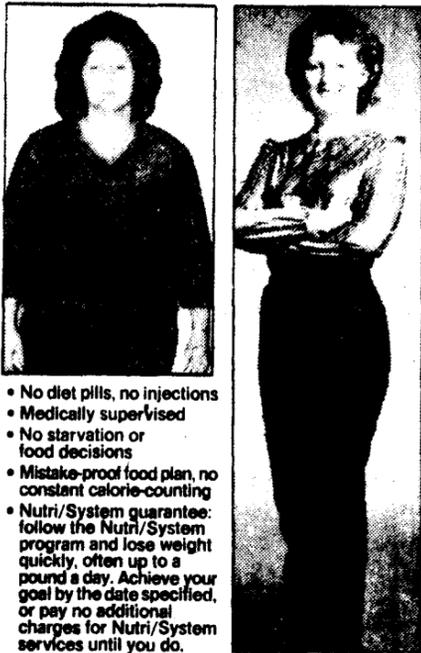
to wear their coats and ribbons, there is still emphasis on looking military. "The Army's image in large measure depends on how our soldiers look to Americans," an official said. "This is the reason we need to develop greater pride in how our soldiers look and to enforce high standards of appearance everywhere."

In another uniform-wear decision, officials have rescinded plans for the wear of pocket patches on the battle dress uniform. That decision is based on a cost analysis and on concerns voiced by field commanders in a recent review. (Arnew)

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Company training NCO believes in working hard

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

Sgt. Steven Knierim has his own formula for finding success in the Army.

"Putting out that 110 percent and trying to improve your unit with your own initiative will get you noticed," he says.

"You can make your life a story of success by applying yourself and doing the best job you can."

Knierim is the training NCO at the 8th Student Company at the Missile and Munitions Center and School. He works as long as it takes to get the job done and is not afraid of the long hours that are sometimes required.

"At first mention of being the training NCO of this company I must admit that I really didn't want to," says Knierim with a smile. "But then I thought about what the CO and first sergeant were saying and of how challenging the job would be and took it on."

"He's the best training NCO at MMCS, no doubt about it," says 1st Sgt. John Marion. "Because of the job that he has done with soldierization training for the soldiers of the 8th student company, I have no doubt in my mind that our soldiers are well trained."

The training portion of the company lacked organization before Knierim took over the first of May. At that time he was responsible for organizing, scheduling and conducting training of student and permanent party personnel.

Knierim's job now also includes keeping time sheets, duty rosters, and feeder reports up to date and maintaining the company's recall program, updating the bulletin board and publications. He is also the drug and alcohol NCO as well as the weight control NCO.

"There are two main reasons I really like my job," says Knierim. "I like to know that my work is appreciated and to receive recognition for the work I do. The second motivating factor is that I receive support from my superiors. The 1st. Sgt. and CO back me up for my efforts and that makes it all worthwhile."

Capt. Phillip Pallone, 8th student company commander, says that Knierim does a fine job and should be proud of his accomplishments.

On one of his planned soldierization training days, Knierim's work was noticed by 2nd Battalion Commander Lt. Col. William Greer who said the training program was very well done.

One of the platoon sergeants, Sgt. Gary Kruse, says

that Knierim always has the soldierization training well organized.

"He gives you all the help you need on collecting training aids for the class you instruct," says Kruse.

"Being in a training unit like this will have a direct impact on the initial training of these soldiers," says Knierim. "I'm partially responsible for putting good soldiers in TOE units. What we expect and what we want depends on the soldier's output."

The first sergeant is also impressed with the training results of the students.

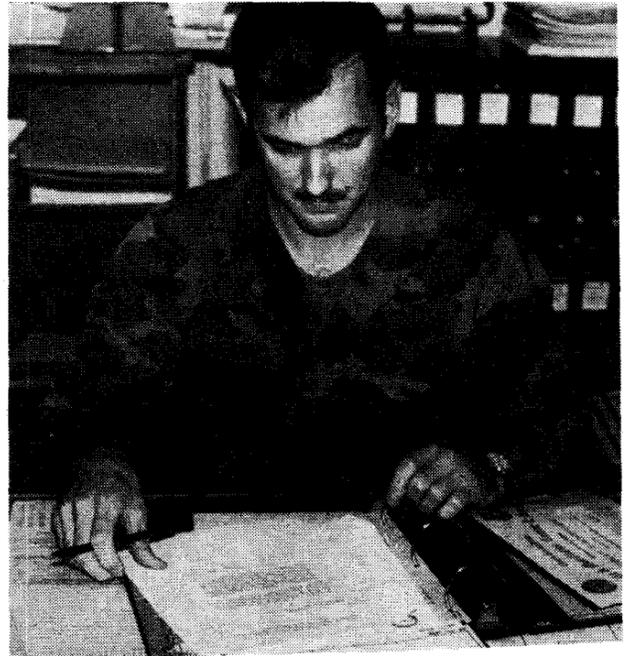
"Common tasks found in the FM 21-2 series are basic soldiering skills that every individual needs to know in order to survive in combat and is included in Sgt. Knierim's training schedules," says 1st Sgt. Marion.

To give students a chance to see themselves in an actual training atmosphere, Knierim takes pictures during the training and places them in a notebook. He charges 25 cents for reprint of any pictures requested by the students.

Another project Knierim is working on is a notebook full of various military forms and letters for examples others may use when filling out necessary paperwork. He says by looking at the examples, people can get a better idea of how to properly prepare the right form for the right function. He has tried to complete the forms according to regulations found in Army references.

Knierim says that as long as he is in the Army there is always room for improvement. He likes to think of himself as being able to help that improvement along by putting out as much work as he is able.

"At the time I joined the service I was unemployed and wanted to go to school, so the military offered me educational opportunities coupled with a stable in-



TRAINING NCO Sgt. Steven Knierim

come and an institution that I could progress in," says Knierim. "I feel that I have done just that and that it's the best thing that I ever did, (joining the Army), there's no doubt about that."

"I earn a decent income and feel that there is a lot of potential in my future in the Army," he says.

Knierim is taking college courses at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, majoring in electrical engineering. He says early next year he'd like to put in the paperwork for Officers Candidate School.

Exchanges schedule \$12 million price cuts

DALLAS—Soldiers and airmen will receive a \$12 million "bonus" for shopping in Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores. The AAFES board of directors has authorized \$12 million in price reductions at Army and Air Force exchanges worldwide between Oct. 24 and Christmas Eve.

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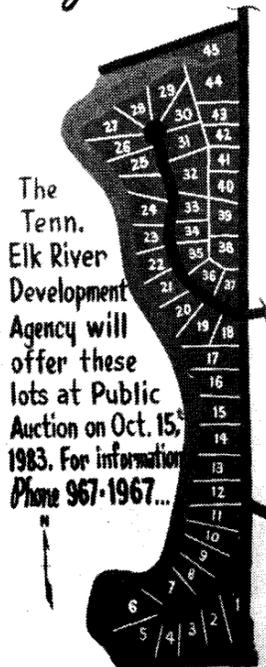
said Lt. Gen. George M. Browning, Jr., USAF, chairman of the AAFES board of directors.

"In addition to the price reduction, we anticipate AAFES will increase its annual contribution to Army and Air Force morale and welfare funds," Browning added. Last year AAFES gave \$103 million to the two services for activities such as gyms, libraries, hobby shops and child-care centers. (Arnews)

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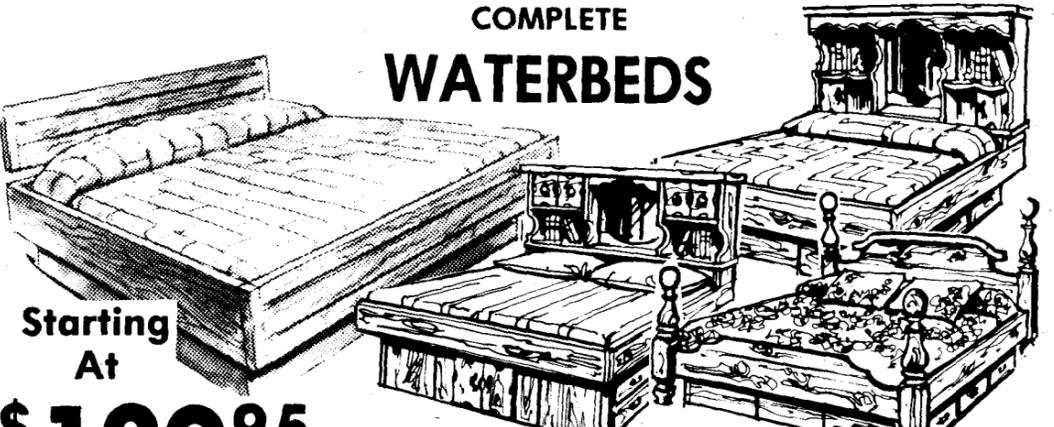


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Group assists single parents

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

An international organization, Parents Without Partners, offers single parents an opportunity for personal growth and strengthened family relationships.

The local chapter in Huntsville (Chapter 113), provides activities for adults and family youth participation. Activities are based on support, fellowship and opportunities for adult social activities.

Eligibility for membership is to be the parent of one or more living children and be single by reason of death, divorce, separation, or to have never been married. Custody of children is not a factor. Before joining the organization, prospective members are required to attend an orientation meeting. A courtesy card may be issued at the meeting and will be valid for 45 days after which the decision to join or not must be made.

Annual dues of \$17 entitles individuals to all member privileges, subscription to the Single Parent Magazine, and the chapter newsletter as well as associate membership in other chapters throughout the world.

"We are looking for new faces and hope to see an increase in membership this fall," says James Cooper, vice president of the Huntsville chapter. "We are a non-profit organization and are devoted to the welfare and interest of single parents and their children."

The chapter's board of directors meet at least once a month to plan the monthly calendar of activities. At these meetings consideration for all age groups and for the most beneficial activities for all concerned are discussed and scheduled.

The adult activities include parties in members' homes, coffee and conversation groups, special events, bridge groups, dancing lessons, sports, cultural activities, hobbies and special interests. Youth and family activities include educational meetings, movies, skating parties, cultural events and various other beneficial activities involving the family as a unit.

The chapter's educational programs include guest speakers on topics of special interest to family members, such a mental health, coping with loss, newly-single parents and other special requested topics chosen by members.

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Young gunners learn from a master

A Wisconsin National Guard group here for training in firing the Tow missile got to take their lessons from the master.

George Sumner, a MICOM test engineer who has shot more Tow missiles than anyone in the world, was on hand to teach the Wisconsin guardsmen, most of whom had never fired a missile even though they were the gunners for the Tow Light Anti-Tank unit of Wisconsin National Guard's Company D, 2nd Battalion, 128th infantry.

The Wisconsin guardsmen here Saturday, Sept. 24, are the latest group to take part in a MICOM program that lets soldiers do the shooting during missile tests on

arsenal ranges. Saturday's tests were conducted at range 6 under test conductor Harold Yeager.

The program, originated by MICOM's New Equipment Training Division just over a year ago, adds an important dimension to the training of missile gunners by letting them fire live missiles, an opportunity they seldom get because missiles are so expensive.

At the same time, a dimension is added to MICOM's test program in that besides the usual test data it also gives arsenal test engineers an opportunity to work directly with the soldiers who use their weapons on the battlefield.

"It's a super program," said Brig. Gen. Charles Murray who observed Saturday's firings and talked with the gunners about their first missile firing experience. "Most of them have never fired a live missile, so they get that experience, and we get the test data we need."

The MICOM deputy commanding general for procurement and readiness said too that national guard involvement in the MICOM tests helps boost the "one Army" concept.

The Wisconsin group, one of four Tow battalions in the United States, is affiliated with the First Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas and would deploy with them in a war situation.

The guardsmen were flown in to Redstone on Friday night by an Air National Guard unit on a training flight and were flown out Saturday afternoon.

In learning to fire the anti-tank killer for the first time, the gunners were guided by Sumner, 50, a veteran of 1,000 Tow firings since 1970.

"I know how you feel," he told the gunners, admitting that the tenseness or "pucker factor" was with him for his first 300 shots. "A guy trying to do a good job is going to be nervous at first," Sumner reassured.

"Are you comfortable? Are you ready to fire?", he would ask a gunner about to shoot for the first time.

"You can relax now," he would say to the gunner

still gripping the launcher sometime after the missile had impacted.

One young gunner was counseled to change his position at the launcher: "When they get that tube in there your butt's going to be in the back blast area and I'm sure you don't want to lose that."

The national guard unit's five gunners each got to fire a missile Saturday and all five hit the target. "That's very good from the standpoint of the experience of the gunners," said Sumner. "You expect experienced gunners to hit the target but, you see, four of them had never fired before and one had fired one missile. It was a very good performance from the standpoint of their experience."

With missiles costing several thousand dollars apiece, few are made available to train gunners. Instead the gunners learn on a training device that simulates a missile firing. But, "the trainer is nothing like the real thing," said Pvt. Charles Becker after firing Tow for the first time. He said the "excitement and intensity" of a live firing is not captured by the trainer and the nervousness factor isn't present.

"We need more missiles so we could practice more, and more of this training," he said.

"It's quite the experience," the gunner said of his first live firing.

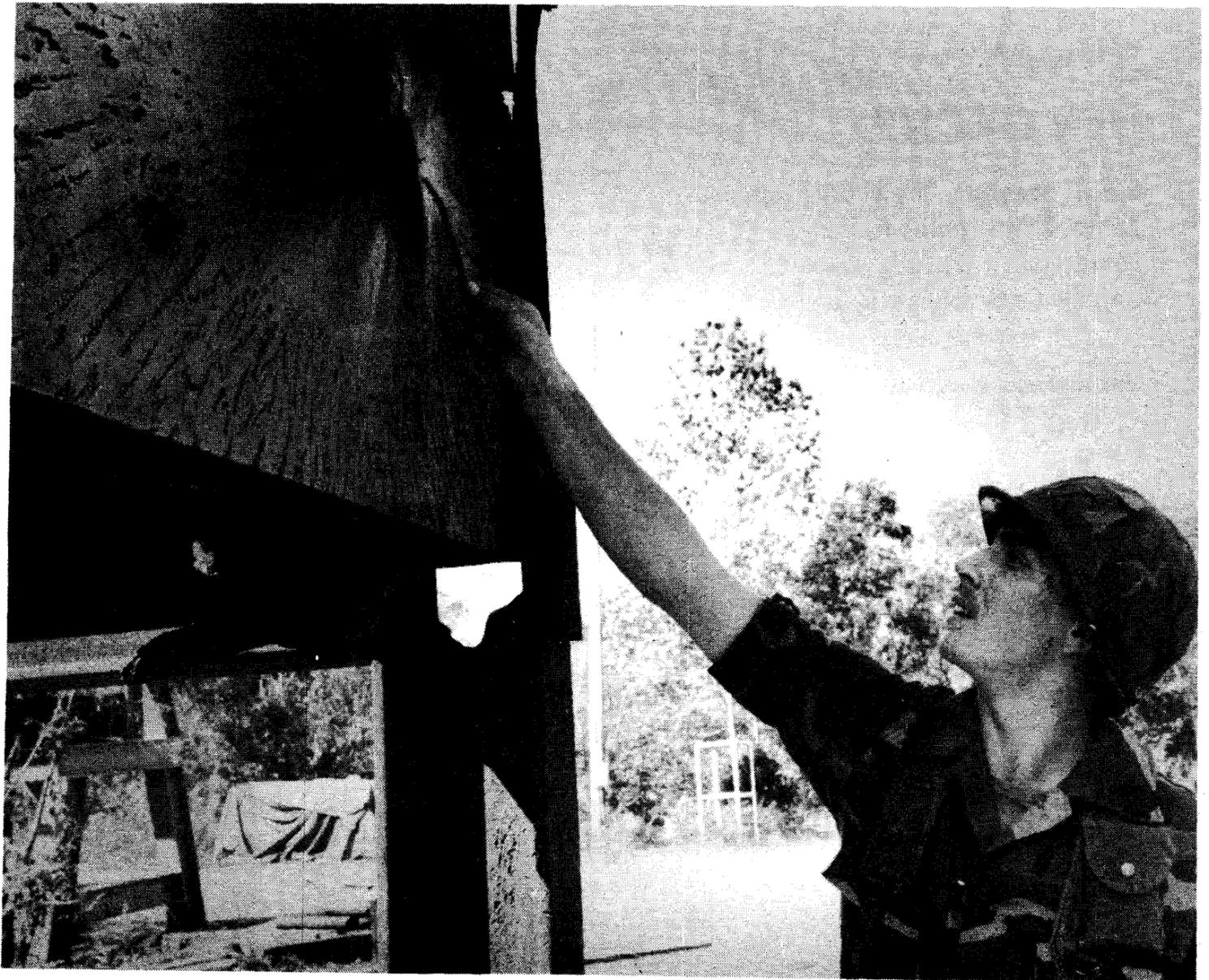
Saturday's firings were conducted on Tow II launchers using missiles that had been in storage for some time. The test aspects involved a modification being made to older Tow missiles by Anniston Army Depot.

Having involved soldier gunners in MICOM tests on several occasions, flight test operations supervisor Phil Carmack is of the opinion that the concept "works fine."

"Without exception the troops that have been in here have been good gunners, good fellows and interested in what they are doing. It is gratifying to work with them," Carmack said.



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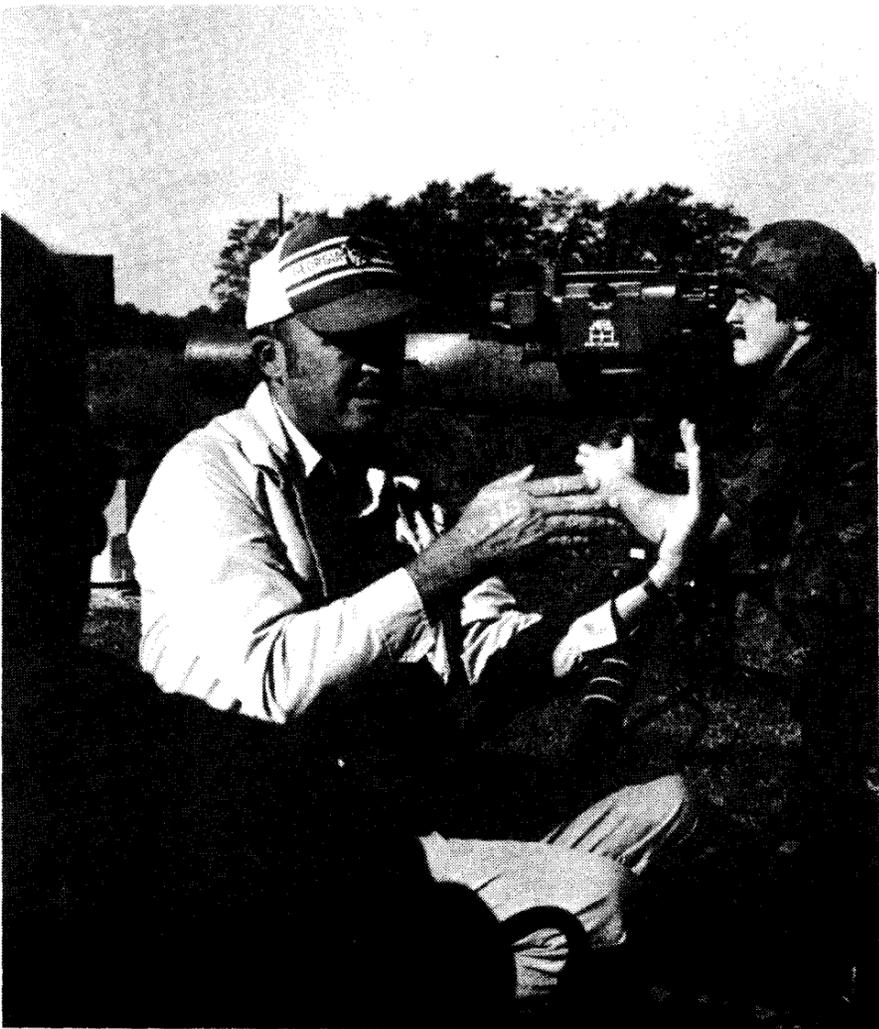


ON TARGET—Tow Gunner Charles Becker shows where his Tow round impacted.

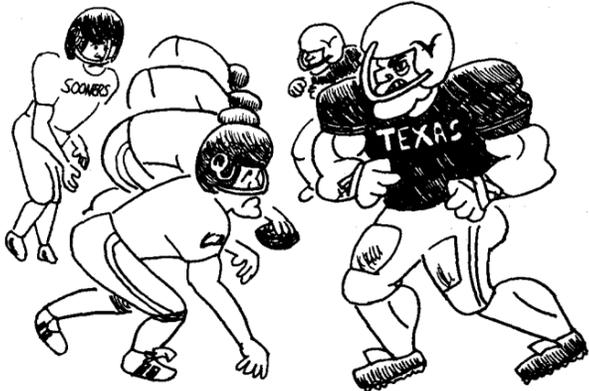


TEACHING TOW GUNNERS—MICOM test engineer George Sumner, who has shot more Tow missiles than anyone in

the world, shares his experience with Wisconsin National Guardsmen who did the shooting during tests at Range 6.



Sooners seen in loss to Texas



BY SKIP VAUGHN

One of the biggest rivalries in major college football takes place this weekend when Oklahoma faces Texas. The Oklahoma Sooners are 3-1 after a loss to Ohio State in their second game. They beat Kansas State 29-10 last week.

Undefeated Texas has wins over Auburn, North Texas and Rice. Last year they lost to Oklahoma 28-22. This time the site will be Cotton Bowl in Dallas and the Longhorns don't forget easily. It's time for a little revenge. The pick here is... Texas.

Last week's 25-4-2 record (including picking the Illinois upset over Iowa) brought the season totals to 93-39-5 for 70 percent. Here are Skip's Picks for this weekend in major college football:

- Air Force at Navy - Navy by 3
- Alabama at Penn State - Bama by 14
- Colorado State at Arizona - Arizona by 21
- Rutgers at Army - Rutgers by 10
- Auburn at Kentucky - Auburn by 7
- Baylor at Southern Methodist - SMU by 13
- Boston College at Yale - BC by 30
- Brigham Young at Wyoming - BYU by 17
- Virginia at Clemson - Clemson by 24
- Missouri at Colorado - Mizzou by 21
- Duke at Virginia Tech - VPI by 28
- Vanderbilt at Florida - Fla. by 7
- Florida State at Pittsburgh - FSU by 14
- Georgia at Ole Miss - Georgia by 13
- Ga. Tech at No. Carolina State - State by 10
- Houston at Texas A&M - A&M by 4
- Illinois at Wisconsin - Wisc. by 2
- Northwestern at Iowa - Iowa by 40
- Louisiana State at Tenn. - LSU by 21
- Louisville at Miami (Fla.) - Miami by 30
- Syracuse at Maryland - Maryland by 17
- Tulane at Memphis State - Tulane by 10
- Michigan at Michigan State - Mich. by 21
- Southern Miss vs. Miss State - Southern by 7
- Nebraska at Oklahoma State - Neb. by 14
- Wake Forest at No. Carolina - NC by 24
- Purdue at Ohio State - Ohio State by 30
- Oklahoma at Texas - Texas by 10
- California at Oregon - Cal by 14
- Washington State at USC - USC by 21
- UCLA at Stanford - UCLA by 3
- Notre Dame at So. Carolina - ND by 13

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He attended the sergeant major academy at Fort Bliss, Texas, in 1975 and was selected to be an instructor there. He served as an instructor before his second tour in Germany.

"Everything I've heard about Redstone has been great," says Kahl. "I was looking forward to being here and, after being on board for two weeks and looking around, I'm looking forward to my assignment and to working with everyone."

He and his wife Ellen have a 15-year-old son, Harvey Jr., who is attending Butler High School in Huntsville. "And is now participating in Air Force (Junior) ROTC which I'm happy to see," he says.

Kahl enjoys sports. He has officiated in football, basketball and softball for the past 10 years and has run a number of marathons.

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He found a future in the Army and computers

BY SHEILA WALKER

An unpleasant tour in Vietnam caused SSgt. Mingo Ponder to get out of the Army but since coming back in he has been able to fulfill a long-time dream of getting computer training.

"I got drafted for Vietnam. I have a lot of bad memories. I did my time and got out of the Army. I'm glad I came back in because I got a chance to do something in here that I probably wouldn't have on the outside," said Ponder, an instructor in the ammunition stock record accounting course in the Conventional Ammunition Division at Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Despite his early disillusionment he now credits the Army with giving him a future in computers. "Getting that training was a dream come true for me," said Ponder. "It was something that I have always wanted to do."

Ponder had left his hometown Valdosta, Ga. and was "bumming around" and attending community college with no specific purpose when he got a military draft notice. "I wasn't too thrilled about that," he recalls. "I had several friends to go and they got killed."

Ponder smiles slightly as he recalls that his main concern after he got to Vietnam was getting a rifle issued to him. "I could hear bombs going off and see wounded men coming back on stretchers. I was very scared.

"My unit was out in the field and that's where I got my rifle. My job there was rearming Cobra helicopters. I don't have any war stories, no decorations, but I still have nightmares."

Ponder said he refused a promotion to E-5 he could have had for reenlisting because "I was afraid of staying longer in Vietnam."

Things changed for Ponder when he returned home. "When I got back, I started looking for work in carpentry, but I didn't feel complete. Doing those two years in the Army definitely had had an effect on me. It seemed as if the street life hadn't really changed. The same things the guys were doing when I left, they were doing when I got back. I expected changes, but I didn't see them. That's when I realized I had grown, and I headed back to the Army.

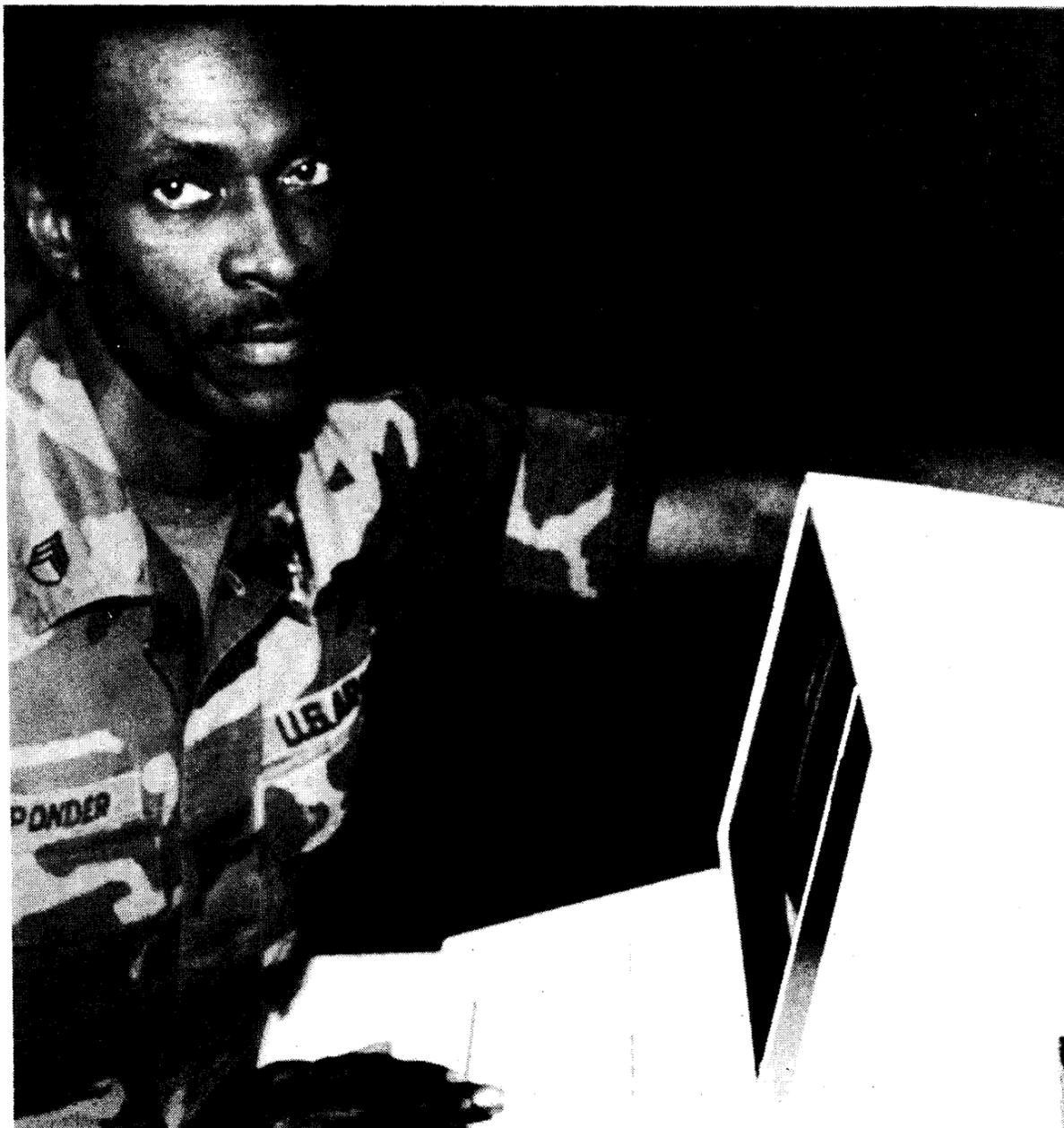
"Later, I had the opportunity to get involved with computers. I had always been totally amazed by computers. I was under the impression that they were for scientists and geniuses."

His introduction to computers came in 1980 when he was writing lesson plans for the ammunition course taught here. He also rewrote the lesson plan for the L-4 ASI, (ammo record specialist), self-pace course.

"As I was finishing the writing, they were changing the system to an automated program," he explained. "I was asked to stabilize here and attend the computer school at Honeywell out in Phoenix, Arizona. That's where I got the computer background to write the 55R course in an automated program. It was challenging."

The course wasn't as difficult as he envisioned. "It's pretty easy once you get a working knowledge of it," he said.

"I got another big surprise while I was taking that



'DREAM COME TRUE' is what SSgt. Mingo Ponder calls the computer training he received in the Army.

course," he continued. "I went blind for a while and was later diagnosed as having glaucoma. I finished that course anyway. Nothing would have prevented me from doing that.

"I'm coping with the glaucoma. I have a strong belief in God which really helps. I have a supportive family which also helps."

Ponder's wife, Molly and their four children, Vonda, 17; Brian, 14; Mitra, 4 and 1 year-old Yves provide lots of encouragement.

"I don't intend to let my condition interfere with

future work on the computer. Computers are the future. If you don't know how to operate them, you are going to be on the outside looking in.

"I'll always be enthused with computers. I learn something new everyday. I want to get my degree in computer science eventually.

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Holiday early-out dates announced

WASHINGTON—Soldiers scheduled to leave the Army during the holiday period may be released from their current active duty commitment sooner under this year's Army-wide early separation program.

All officer and enlisted personnel with an ETS between Dec. 5, 1983, and Jan. 3, 1984, will separate from the Army between Dec. 5 and Dec. 16. Officials add, however, that soldiers may stay on active duty until their normal separation date if they desire.

Here are the early-out dates (one day leeway is authorized as an exception):

Current ETS Date	Target Separation Date
Dec. 5 - Dec. 20	Dec. 5
Dec. 21 - Dec. 23	Dec. 6
Dec. 24-Dec. 25	Dec. 7
Dec. 26	Dec. 8
Dec. 27	Dec. 9
Dec. 28	Dec. 12
Dec. 29	Dec. 13
Dec. 30 - Dec. 31	Dec. 14
Jan. 1	Dec. 15
Jan. 2-Jan. 3	Dec. 16

Officials say all personnel should arrive at their separation transfer point not later than Dec. 15.

Under the policy, officers may be retained on active duty by their command until their normal ETS date when operational needs dictate.

Personnel not eligible for the early-out program include:

- Reserve component personnel undergoing active duty for training in special programs or fixed active duty tours in support of reserve components;

- Officers who have DA approved release from active duty or resignation dates;

- Officers being involuntarily relieved from active duty on a specific date as directed by DA other than early release;

- Personnel scheduled for retirement;

- Personnel to whom provisions of AR600-31 apply;

- Personnel whose normal ETS or release date does not fall within the Dec. 5-Jan. 3 time frame.

Terminal and ordinary leave is authorized in conjunction with the program if the commander approves it, although leave may not be used to place a soldier in the early release program. (Arnews)

Youth soccer

Patton League (Under 8)	Won	Loss	Tie	Points
Cowboys	4	-	-	8
Falcons	3	1	-	6
Sharks	3	1	-	6
Bobcats	1	2	1	3
Firebirds	-	3	1	1
Regenades	-	4	-	0

Eisenhower League (Under 10)	Won	Loss	Tie	Points
Knight Raiders	5	-	-	10
Tigers	2	1	1	5
Jets	1	1	2	4
Redstone Raiders	1	3	1	3
Firebirds	-	4	-	0

Bradley League (Under 12)	Won	Loss	Tie	Points
Panthers	5	-	-	10
Warriors	3	1	-	6
Cosmos	1	3	-	2
Mustangs	1	3	-	2
A Team	1	4	-	2

MacArthur League (Under 14)	Won	Loss	Tie	Points
Cosmos	3	-	1	7
Kool Kickers	1	3	1	3
Night Hawks	-	3	-	0

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TRACT 9—5 acres — 1130 feet on Pulaski Pike, 470 feet on Frank Church Road and 925 feet on Grimwood Road.



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Military personnel, retirees, family members and guests can enjoy the first annual Fall Festival here Saturday, Oct. 8.

The activities on the parade field behind the Recreation Center are sponsored by morale support activities branch. They include a Volksmarch, outdoor concert and displays. Refreshments will be sold.

"I think it's going to be a great day, a lot of fun, a lot of excitement, a chance to meet your neighbors.

Maybe the whole activity will help contribute to a sense of community here on the arsenal," says Mike Chemsak, rec center director. "We're just looking for an enjoyable time, a good time for everybody.

At 8 a.m. each military company on post can have two five-member teams race on the 6.2 mile Volksmarch trail. The first three complete teams across the finish line will get awards for first, second and third place.

After the race, military personnel can walk or run the Volksmarch trail with their company. The trail, which starts and ends at the parade field, will open to all other Volksmarch participants at 9 a.m.

This individually paced event is to last from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a \$2 Volksmarch entry fee for those who sign up ahead of time at either the rec center or the outdoor recreational center. It will cost \$3 to sign up at the parade field the day of the Volksmarch. A Volksmarch T-shirt will cost \$4.

"Then starting at 10 o'clock we're going to have the bands start playing. That will be on the parade field, too," says Chemsak. "Prime Time, which is primarily a female band that plays rock and top 40, is going to play till about 2 o'clock. Then at 2 we're going to have the Space City Band and that's also rock and top 40.

"That's a change from the two groups that were supposed to be here. We've had a change in two groups (Jada' and 'Kathy's Mills') because they were unavailable," he adds.

The official starting time for the festival is 10 a.m. because everything will be set up by then, according to Chemsak.

Boy scouts at Redstone are to put up a rope bridge,



a tower and a simulated scout camp including tents.

There will be a clogging demonstration at 1 p.m. inside the rec center. "Clogging is similar to tap dancing," Chemsak explains. "Contemporary tap dancing."

People from the multi-craft shop on post will have a crafts display. They are to paint small pictures, such as birds and flowers, on children's faces.

"The post fire department is going to have a fire engine out here and they're also going to have information on the fire prevention week which starts Oct. 9 (and continues through Oct. 15)," Chemsak says.

Festival plans include a grand opening of the miniature golf course located next to the rec center. This course will be an 18-hole family entertainment activity that will charge \$1 to play 18 rounds. Hours are to be from 2-9 p.m. every day of the year, weather permitting.

The fall festival will end at 3:30 p.m. "Overall purpose is just to provide an enjoyable recreational experience for the people on the arsenal," Chemsak says. "We hope to have it twice a year—maybe a spring festival and a fall festival."

Montgomery Veterans Administration Regional Office officials expect approximately 11,000 veterans and eligible family members to enroll in Alabama schools this fall under the GI Bill. Regional Office director, James W. Conway, said those students can keep their monthly VA checks coming regularly by following these suggestions:

- * Double check your choice of courses to be certain they will count toward your educational objective.
 - * Register early. VA and your school need time to process your registration so that GI Bill checks can be started your way promptly.
 - * File for your GI Bill benefits as early as possible.
 - * Avoid dropping classes after registration.
 - * If you have to interrupt your education, notify VA promptly and advise the date you expect to return to classes.
 - * If you reduce your course load, also notify the VA promptly to avoid overpayment of your benefits.
 - * If you change addresses, notify VA promptly. Of course, you'll want to notify the school and the post office, also.
 - * Submit transcripts to the college admissions and records office immediately after application is made. This will speed up the school's certification to the Veterans Administration.
- Conway reminded eligible veterans that they have ten years from their date of last discharge (but not later than Dec. 31, 1989) to take advantage of the many programs available in the GI Bill. Among these are apprenticeship or on-the-job training, tutorial assistance, and work-study program, under which veterans enrolled as full-time students may perform services and receive an additional allowance.
- He said students with no dependents enrolled in school full-time receive \$342 per month; veterans with one dependent receive \$407 monthly; and veterans with two dependents receive \$464. An additional monthly amount is provided for each dependent in excess of two.

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Professional engineers

The Alabama Society of Professional Engineers will meet Oct. 10 at the Texas Cattle Company restaurant on University Drive. Col. William E. Lee, deputy division engineer with Huntsville Division, Army Corps of Engineers, will speak on "The Construction of Facilities for the Peace Keeping Forces in the Sinai Desert." The meeting begins with a social at 6:30 p.m. For reservations or more information call Bill McCallum, 533-3311 or Pete Redding, 536-1376.

Learning Resource Center

The Learning Resource Center is scheduling employees for a Problem Analysis and Decision Making course. It presents a systematic approach to problem analysis which can eliminate chance and guesswork from the decision-making process. The decision-making process as a whole is studied including its relationship to problem analysis and examines the problem analysis phase with emphasis on the Alph-Omega method. Factors involved in making a choice and follow-up on that choice are also introduced in this course. For more information call the LRC at 876-1061/1416.

Wood heat workshop

A wood heat workshop will be held Thursday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in parlor A, Von Braun Civic Center. Everyone interested in wood heat is invited to attend. Admission is free.

Alcoholic Anonymous

The Post Chapel Group of Alcoholics Anonymous holds an open discussion meeting each Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Post Chapel, Bldg. 3714. These meetings are open to the public, and anyone who is interested in the A.A. program is welcome to attend. For more information call the A.A. Answering Service at 534-8524.

Civilian basketball

The Civilian Welfare Basketball League is making plans for the 1983-84 season. Coaches who wish to enter a team this year should call Dewitt Palmore at 876-1261, or Abdullah Muhammed at 837-8855. Any person who wants to play but is not associated with a team should call Sam Meadows at 876-1261.

Ballet performance

A dual performance of the ballet "La Sylphide" will be presented by the Scottish American Ballet Company and Huntsville Civic Ballet on Oct. 8-9 at the civic center. Performances are at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets start at \$6 and can be bought at the civic center ticket office. A reduced rate for military personnel will apply to tickets for the Sunday performance.

Christmas stockings

There are 1450 Christmas stockings to be filled for needy children in Huntsville and Madison County. Those interested in filling a stocking for a needy child can pick one up from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Christmas Charities toy building at 903 Cook Ave.

Post library preschooler program

"Story time" for 3½ to 6 year olds begins Thursday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. at the post library in building 3323 on Redeye Road. Stories and activities designed to acquaint young children with the library will be followed by refreshments at 10:30. For more information call 876-4741.

Preretirement orientation

The semi-annual preretirement orientation for military personnel with 19 years or more active federal service will be held at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 12 in the post theater. The orientation will affect military personnel planning to retire in the near future. Representatives from Veterans Administration, Employment Services, Finance and Transportation offices will be present. Spouses of active duty personnel are encouraged to attend. For more information call the Retired Service Office 876-2022.

AFGE meeting

Local 1858 American Federation of Government Employees will hold its regular membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 in room A-115 of building 5250. This is due to Columbus Day falling on Oct. 10. Beginning with the meeting in November, the meetings will again be held the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in room A-115, building 5250.

Huntsville history booklet

A free 24-page booklet, "A Walking Tour of Huntsville," is being distributed locally by the county commission. The booklet contains a brief history of Huntsville and descriptions of historic buildings and homes, including 42 photographs. The booklet is available from the Madison County Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, 950 Central Bank Building downtown and from information booths at the airport, Space and Rocket Center and court house.

Screening panel

Employees eligible for promotion to GS/GM -14 level positions will be evaluated by Headquarters, DA PACM screening panel on Nov. 1-4, 1983. Completed appraisals should be forwarded through TRADOC Headquarters, ATTN: ATPA-M in time to reach CIV-PERCEN by October 14. GS/GM -14 employees interested in lateral reassignment should submit the appropriate paperwork. Point of contact for Redstone is the Civilian Personnel Office.

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Protestant women

Chaplain Guy Lindsey will speak on "How to Deal with Death and Dying" at a meeting of the Protestant Women of the Chapel on Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the assembly room at Bicentennial Chapel. Husbands are welcome and free child care is available by making a reservation at the Child Care Center.

Prayer breakfast

Lt. Col. Rose Weddell, chief of nursing at Fox Army Community Hospital, will speak at the weekly prayer breakfast on Oct. 12. Lasting about 45 minutes, the prayer breakfast begins at 6 a.m. and is open to everyone.

PX holiday hours

PX facilities will be closed on Monday, Oct. 10, for Columbus Day except the shopette which will be open 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and the post theater which will open at 7 p.m.

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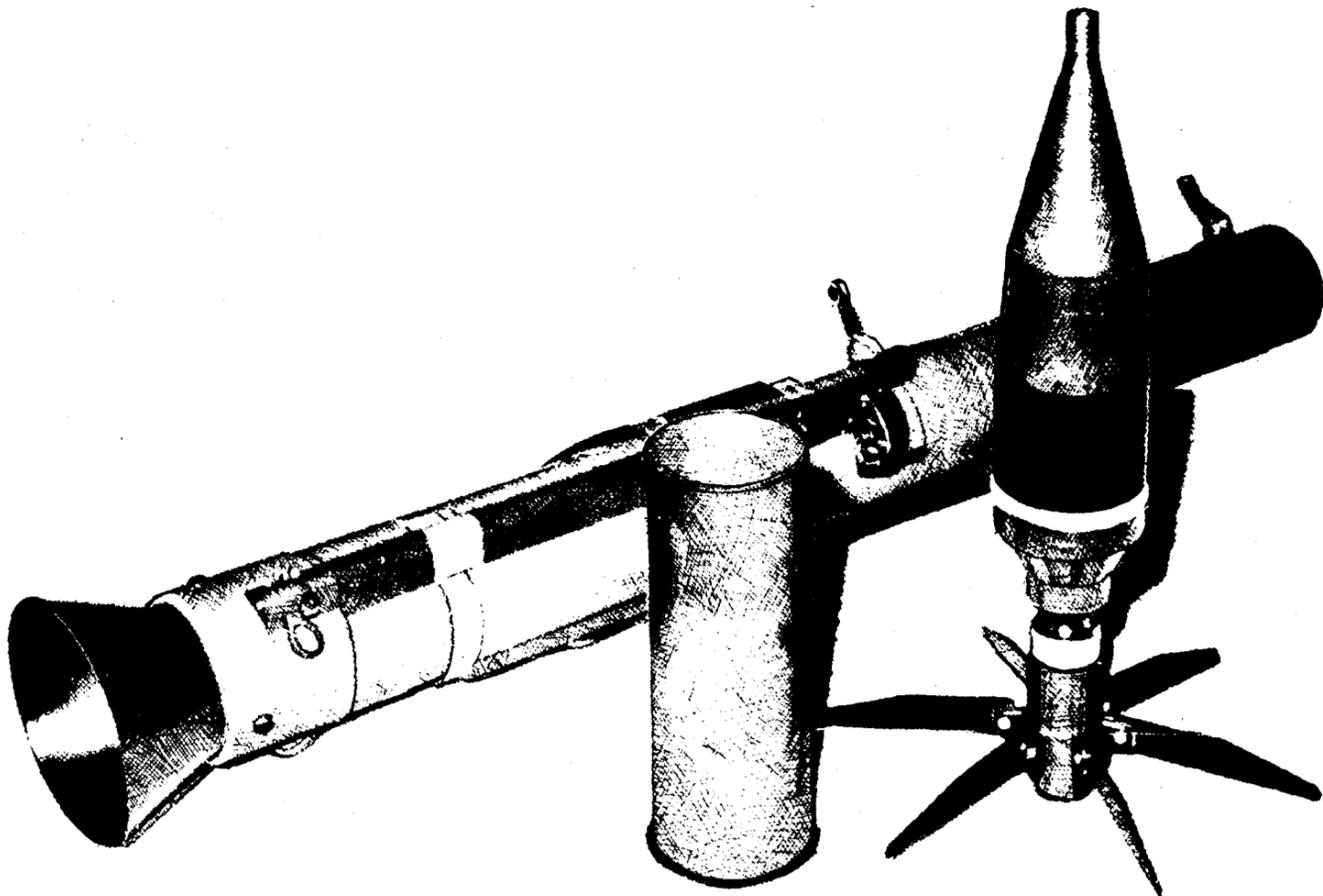
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Swedish weapon wins anti-armor rocket competition

WASHINGTON—The Army said Sept. 28 that the AT-4, a light anti-armor weapon system from FFV of Sweden, was judged the overall best in a competitive test and evaluation of light weight individual anti-armor weapons, including the Army's Viper and M72A3 weapons systems.

Negotiations will be conducted with FFV for procurement of the AT-4 rounds required for additional Army and Marine Corps testing. There is no commitment at this time for any purchase of the AT-4 beyond those tests.

The Army and Marine Corps evaluated these systems to validate manufacturers' claims of perfor-

mance and to determine the most cost effective weapon system. The AT-4 was judged the best, the Army said.

As expected, none of the tested weapons systems demonstrated sufficient armor penetration to defeat threat tanks frontally. As a result, the Army will continue with medium and heavy antiarmor systems and their improvements to provide the soldier with weapons systems fully capable of defeating threat tanks. The M72A3 will be retained as a multi-purpose defense weapon.

The Army will terminate contracts with General Dynamics and Gallery Corporations for maintenance

of the Viper production capabilities and will place the Viper assembly lines in layaway.

The six systems evaluated in the competition included the M72A3, the current Army system; the Viper, an improved weapon developed by the Army; the Viper Variant, a General Dynamics competitor; the LAW

80, a Hunting Engineering competitor from the United Kingdom; the M72-750, a Raufoss improved LAW from Norway and the AT-4.

The AT-4 is a shoulder fired weapon with an 84mm caliber, shaped charge warhead. The fiberglass launch tubes is intended to be discarded after use.

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Army wants young people interested in college

WASHINGTON—The chance to grow in your experience with the Army is limited only by your capability and ambition. So reminds Brig. Gen. Gerald Monteith, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

The general's comment was addressed to several hundred school administrators convened in Washington, D.C., recently. The occasion was the fifth annual legislative conference sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators and the American Association of Educational Service Agencies.

"We're interested in training them (young people) in a vocation," Monteith added. For such persons, he pointed out that the Army offers a chance to mature, to accept responsibility and to continue formal education. "Congress has been generous with us, giving us (funding for) the Army college fund for just that purpose—so they can continue their education," he said.

Now entering its fourth year, the Army college fund

has steadily enhanced the Army's recruiting opportunities in the "quality youth market," notes an Army personnel official. The fund applies to the high-school graduate with no prior service who agrees to serve in a designated Army skill. The soldier must score 50 or higher on the armed forces qualification test and contribute up to \$2,700 to VEAP, the Basic Veterans Educational Assistance Program.

"Because the Army is small," Monteith stressed, "we place a great deal of emphasis on its being competent, and we believe that education and aptitudes are the key to having a successful and professional Army." Today's soldiers must be bright and capable, he stressed. Educators who encourage marginal high-schoolers or drop-outs to join the Army are doing the students a disservice, because the prospects for their being accepted are "relatively small," Monteith added. "The Army wants young people interested in going to college."

Most of the Army's programs are geared to the

high-school graduate, the general noted. "We feel that this person (the graduate) offers us the most potential not only to give us a good Army today, but also to provide us leadership for tomorrow." Being a high-school graduate, he reminds potential recruits, is a step toward success in any vocation.

The Army is reporting its best recruiting year ever in fiscal 1983. Out of the 132,000 non-prior-service accessions, 88 percent, or 117,000, were high-school graduates. Some 84 percent were in the "average" or "above average" categories. Compared to fiscal year 1964 (the last year in which the draft was not inflated by Vietnam statistics), there were 67 percent high-school graduates, and 80 percent ranked as "average" or "above-average" that year.

The Army wants to sharpen and build on the skills of the bright and capable young people entering the service today, the general concluded. "We want them to continue their educational pursuits...and to return to society better citizens." (Arnews)



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ACADEMIC CALENDAR - SESSION V OCTOBER-DECEMBER 10, 1983

Registration Begins September 16
 Classes Begin October 17
 Late Registration October 26
 Tuition Assistance Form Deadline October 17
 Last Day to Drop without Penalty October 28
 Classes End December 10

Classes are open to ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, THEIR DEPENDENTS AND CIVILIANS employed on Redstone Arsenal. The Columbia College office is located in BLDG. 3650 on Roland Drive. Office hours are 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday. Tuition Assistance students should see an Education Counselor at the Army Education Center for TA forms.

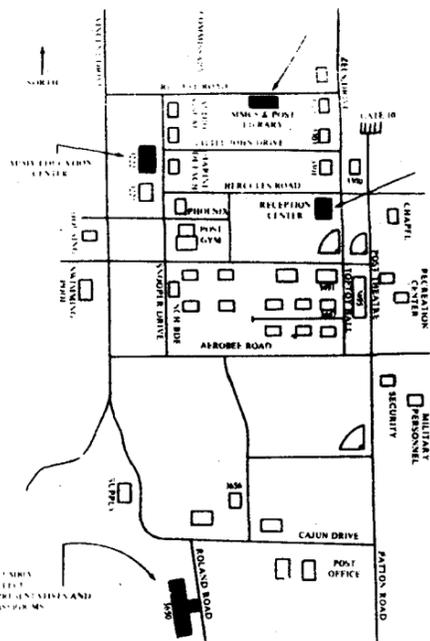
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you have any questions, comments or suggestions. Our telephone No. is 881-7430. Let us hear from you TODAY!

A Bill Introduced to Insure Pay Pay Comparability...

On September 13th, of this year, Representative William D. Ford (D-Mich.) Chairman, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, introduced a bill that would delay the effective date of section 310(b) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act to 1982 until the effective date of the next federal employee pay increase.

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1982 requires that the more mathematically accurate division of 2,087 hours should be used to compute hourly pay rates for 1984 and 1985 instead of the present divisor of 2,080 hours. Use of the new divisor will mean paycuts of \$3.20—\$8.80 per pay period for federal employees. This obviously unfair act will cost federal employees a whop-

ping \$120 million in 1984 alone.

The President has proposed delaying pay adjustments until January and capping it at 3.5 percent. This is another act this administration is taking to further demoralize the federal employee.

It is inconceivable that so many federal workers cannot see that they are being used as scapegoats to appease the rich and affluent. Don't sit back any longer and wait for miracles to happen. They just don't happen; they need people such as you to help make them happen. With support of your membership and voice in A.F.G.E. Local 1858, miracles can happen.

A Study of Fringe Benefits in the Private Sector...

As you know the government has been under pressure for sometime now to bring federal workers' benefits in-line with those of workers in the private sector. A study was conducted last year by the Labor Department for The Office of Personnel Management. For some reason they have withheld the results from the public until now. Maybe pressure on them has become too strong for them to resist any longer.

A.F.G.E. has been very instrumental in putting the pressure on for equality for the federal employee.

Key findings of the study are listed here so you may compare your fringe benefits with those in the private sector.

The study examined benefits received by 21 million (21,000,000) fulltime employees in large and medium private companies. They found 84 percent of fulltime employees are covered by private pension plans in addition to Social Security. In all but a handful of cases the entire cost of the pension is paid for by the employer.

Most workers were found to have group health in-

surance, life insurance and reasonably generous vacation and sick pay benefits usually financed by the employer. Sixty-eight percent of workers, covered under group health insurance plans, had dental care; sixty-two percent had post hospital extended care and twenty-two percent had vision care. Most had life insurance coverage paid for by the employer.

On an average, employees received ten paid holidays per year. Most had income protection for short-term disability, either through sick leave or insurance. We are hopeful you as federal workers have seen the inconsiderate injustice the government places on its employees.

If you are not yet a member of A.F.G.E., we urge you to join NOW!. Help send the strong message to Washington that we are fed up with injustice and inconsideration to the federal employees.

For further information on the above subject and how you can support our effort to wipe out all injustices, call 881-7430 TODAY!

Cost of Health Insurance Is Up 18 - 25%

In the preceding two years premiums for health insurance, paid by federal workers, increased by 56 percent. The Office of Management and Budget is expected to announce soon that there will be another 18 percent to 25 percent increase in January. Some insiders predict some plans in the program will nearly double.

The government, unlike private sector employers who pay the entire premium for their employees, contributes only 60 percent of the average premium of the Big Six health plans.

In 1981 premiums skyrocketed substantially despite a decision by OPM to arbitrarily reduce benefits by over 12 percent. OPM also delayed the open season enroll-

ment period, thus preventing hundreds of thousands of enrollees from changing health plans.

In 1982, the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, commissioned an independent consulting firm to evaluate FEHBP and make specific recommendations for reform. As a result of the firm's evaluation, a bill (H.R. 656) was introduced by Congresswoman Mary Rose Oaker (D.-Ohio).

Please write your Congressman and ask him to support the passage of H.R. 656. Taxpayers and federal employees will benefit from its passage.

A.F.G.E. Local 1858 is supporting this bill and urges you to join with us today.



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