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## Activity reviews Army agencies and their work

BY SKIP VAUGHN

An activity for reviewing Army organizations is based in Huntsville's Research Park.

It is not a part of the Missile Command nor the Ballistic Missile Defense Command. This Army Materiel Command Management Engineering Activity reports directly to AMC headquarters in Alexandria, Va.

The goal is to make sure the taxpayers' money is spent as it should be spent. This is done by checking for efficiency throughout the Army Materiel Command.

"Our job is to go all over the command doing efficiency reviews in conjunction with the people in those commands and to do staffing standards to enable those commands to be staffed with the right number of people to do the job," said Bob Minton, director of the AMC Management Engineering Activity. "We are heavily involved with the functional people throughout the command in assessing all the major processes that the command is involved in in the accomplishment of its mission."

Besides the staff in Huntsville, the activity has people at each of the nine major commands under AMC. The Huntsville staff does efficiency reviews and coordinates reviews that are going on at the various locations.

"Our objective in conducting these reviews, sometimes referred to as assessments, is to ensure that every organization within the command, every process, every function, is conducted and performed in the most efficient and effective manner possible," Minton said.

These reviews or assessments involve a detailed check into an agency and its method of doing business. This means looking at alternatives and documenting and recommending improvements.

The Huntsville staff has recently finished two reviews that were AMC-wide. These were checks into spares budget management and cataloging. It has been working on six other reviews. These include checks on developmental contracts, war plans, spare parts requirements determination, new equipment training, war reserves, and special field support programs.

In addition there are many efficiency reviews going on at the nine major subordinate commands. This is all part of the Army's efforts to conduct business as efficiently as it can, according to Minton. "All of it is trying to ensure that we're spending the taxpayers' money as wisely as we can," he added.

Activity staff consists of Army civilians. There are about 300 members throughout the continental U.S. The Huntsville staff numbers about 90 but will grow to



**DIRECTOR** — Bob Minton directs the Army Materiel Command Management Engineering Activity.

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## Contracting action affects people on an individual basis

The reduction in force and job placement for RASA workers has become the sole function of a number of people in the civilian personnel office.

For the next six months, 10 members of the recruitment and placement division will be tracking individual cases, says Dave Fisher, chief of that division.

"They have to track every individual case based upon what job they hold now, how long they've held it, whether they're career, career conditional or temporary employees, whether they're a veteran or not, and what their performance rating is," Fisher said.

"In addition there's training which is being designed for these (displaced) workers when they go to their new jobs and a number of employees have been arranging for that training over in (personnel's) training and development division," he said.

The reduction in force, resulting from a decision to contract out certain jobs, involves about 1300 people in Redstone Arsenal Support Activity and the commissary. The personnel office expects there will be about 2000 personnel actions. About 600 jobs will be moving to the contractor, Holmes & Narver/Morrison-Knudsen which is based in Orange, Calif.

How an individual worker is affected depends on his or her particular case. Permanent workers will be offered another government job, Fisher said. What that job will be won't be known until July because of the

number of people and personnel actions involved, he added.

These workers, along with temporary employees, have rights of first refusal for jobs with the contractor.

"That means as the contractor fills his jobs these jobs have to be screened against our employees who can be placed in them and this goes on for a year after the contract is initiated," Fisher said.

The contract is to start Oct. 1 with a phase-in period beginning Aug. 1.

In a reduction in force, individuals can be affected by what happens to their co-workers. Fisher likens to this a "domino effect." Also as one person retires or finds a new job, another person may not have to be displaced. Some 221 of the people involved in the contracting action are eligible to retire. The only layoffs expected to result involve about 200 temporary workers who are entitled to the preferential consideration for jobs with the contractor. Permanent workers in RASA will be offered new jobs with the government.

"Right now we're not hiring into the commissary or RASA on other than a temporary basis in any job where an affected employee could possibly be placed," Fisher said, "so no additional permanent employees will be adversely affected." For example some engineers are still being hired into RASA because no workers affected by the contract decision would be able to qualify for those permanent jobs, he added.

RASA and the commissary "have been in a freeze status on and off for the last two and a half years as we waited for a final (contract) decision," Fisher said.

In some cases hiring into permanent slots could be affected in other organizations. "On permanent vacancies that we think could be used to place a RASA or commissary permanent employee, we're holding out recruitment on those actions to see if they could be used to place a permanent employee," Fisher said.

Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard has assured permanent workers that they will be offered another government job elsewhere in RASA, in MICOM or in another Army command and agency at Redstone or in Huntsville. The contract requires the contractor to give first refusal to jobs to both full-time and temporary government workers affected by the action.

"The only thing I can tell the employees is that the general has identified that the number one priority right now is to make sure that these (permanently employed) individuals are offered the best position we can provide them, assure that their rights are protected under reduction in force procedures, and that they are provided the training to accomplish the requirements of their new job when they report," Fisher said.

(See related story on frequently asked questions by workers affected by the reduction in force.)

## Many RIF questions posed; here are some answers

The upcoming reduction in force in RASA has understandably resulted in a lot of questions from the workers.

The following list of questions and answers was provided by Dave Fisher, chief of the recruitment and placement division of the civilian personnel office:

**Q.** What will happen to government employees who are displaced due to contracting out?

**A.** Displaced government employees in competitive area 02 (RASA/Commissary) are entitled to placement consideration under RIF regulations. They are also entitled to right of first refusal for employment with the contractor. This essentially means that Holmes & Narver/Morrison-Knudsen must consider displaced government employees, who are qualified for vacan-

cies as determined by the contractor, prior to employing from any other source. This right does not affect employee entitlements under RIF regulations.

**Q.** What is meant by displaced government employees?

**A.** Displaced government employees are those individuals whose jobs have been eliminated, or who have suffered a grade or pay reduction, or who have been displaced as a result of bumping or retreating due to contracting out.

**Q.** Regarding wage comparability: If employees are hired by the contractor, will wages be comparable to present salaries?

**A.** The Department of Labor determines wage standards by state and county which serve as a minimum

wage that the contractor must pay. Therefore, the contractor must pay the rate determined for Madison County. Usually, the Department of Labor standards are lower than federal government pay scales.

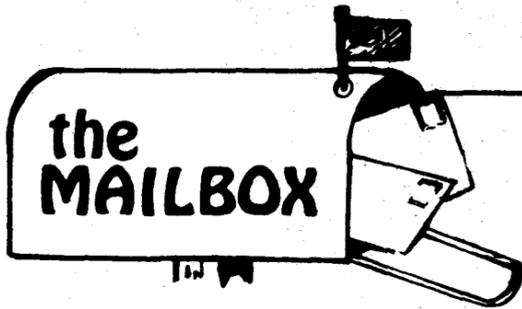
**Q.** Do we have to accept the contractor's initial offer? If we do, does this eliminate us from CPO RIF action?

**A.** Whether you accept a position with the contractor has no bearing on your rights and entitlements under the RIF regulations with the federal government.

**Q.** Will temporary employees be offered jobs with the contractor?

**A.** Temporary employees whose appointments will

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## Note of thanks

**Editor:**

A note of thanks to the civilian and military personnel of Redstone Arsenal, and other related areas that I photographed during the past 4 1/2 years.

Your courtesy and friendship during that period was deeply appreciated.

To those who presented honors and awards during my last three days before retirement, I thank you. Those events will be added to my professional photographic memories of 49-plus years.

Fred D. Kroelinger

## Simple, right?

**Editor:**

I am not from around here so I think I will take this time to convey a couple of driving lessons I have learned in other places.

One, in most places in the USA it is a convention for slow traffic to keep right. That way I do not have to weave in and out of traffic to get around you. Also note that if the person beside you remains beside you on a stretch of road, then you are going slow and you should move into the right lane. This rule will help increase both our life spans.

Two, if several cars are lined up behind you and no one is in front of you, you are going too slow.

Simple right? We will see.

Name withheld by request

## Metric calendar?

**Editor:**

...A new "One Year Metric Calendar" is long overdue, considering we operate under a chronologic system of unequitable distributions of measurement units. Specifically, not all months start or end on the same day, nor are the same length in days or weeks, and weeks overlap months.

Granted, it takes an uneven 365 day-night axial rotation cycles to bring this planet through one complete orbital revolution. We must accept this or risk radically new sunrise-sunset times. But, with many other measurements of volume, mass, and space becoming increasingly metric, why not "metricate" our largest chronologic measurement?

This "metric year" could be implemented on Jan. 1, 2000, giving the world almost 15 years to accept, learn, and prepare for it. Its primary features...are fewer but equal yet longer months, more off days, and fewer but more productive work days (many businesses are already using/experimenting with four-day at 10-hour work weeks). The disadvantages would be the relabeling of the days, i.e. A through L, the elimination of two months, i.e. February and August, and the translating of fixed and variable holidays by Julian date numbers to their respectively closest off days.

Think about it. Think metric. We can make it work.

Capt. William F. Knoll Jr.  
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## Will help police

**Editor:**

This morning I finally got fed up with the security and law enforcement on this arsenal.

First point: We, as responsible employees, are expected to be on time for any meeting, appointment or arrival at place of duty. Most of us take great pains in leaving home in sufficient time to arrive early at the assigned place of duty.

This (Feb. 28) is the fifth morning in the last nine days that the police/guard force has arrived at gate 3, Redstone Road, between 5-10 minutes late to open the gate.

This ineptitude of the police/guard force has caused me to be late in preparing the office for operation at the assigned time and inconveniences many others I have conversed with.

The responsible person in the police/guard force should take this matter in hand.

Point two: While proceeding to my assigned duty place, from gate 3, at the posted installation speed limit, I was passed by a car exceeding the speed limit by 15-20 mph and was not surprised to see the same car proceed out of sight at the excess speed.

There may be persons that will argue that a car traveling at the speed limit is obstructing traffic. Hogwash! The speed limit is a law the same as "don't murder". Will you murder someone else because someone else does? I hope that the speeders realize that if they have an accident, they can be charged with manslaughter if the person dies.

What happened to all the good speed control, speed traps and other speed prevention measures from the early part of February? Did someone responsible for those good efforts get "chewed out" for giving the "wrong person" a ticket?

How about having those good controls all the time. No one that obeys the law should have any objection to this; only the speeders have the problem of looking over their shoulder to see if the police (or someone like me) are looking.

Watch out speeders. I am advising you of my actions and intent prior to implementation. If the police need assistance in controlling speed on this post I am more than willing to do my part by recording license plate numbers of speeders that I see and turning them over to the authorities or sending the list to this paper to be published for everyone to see.

Since my speedometer may not be accurate, the list of license plates will be limited to speeders proceeding at excessive speeds that can't be mistaken as speedometer error.

Final point: The crosswalks on this arsenal are legal right of way. Pedestrians have the right of way when crossing within the marked areas. I know everyone looks before crossing but everyone makes mistakes, too.

This is not a stupid regulation. It envelopes the safety of every person on this arsenal and is not to be taken lightly.

Do you want to be the one to think of the person you ran over every time you get in a car?

This should be taken in hand before an accident does take place.

Name withheld by request

**Editor's note:** The *Rocket* politely declines your offer to provide license numbers of people you think are speeding for publication in the newspaper.

## Cannot believe

**Editor:**

I cannot believe what I have just read. Your letter from "On and on and on" was one of the only boring letters you have ever printed. It was not even good sarcasm.

By the way, I am sorry I forced the "tens of thousands of Redstone Arsenal workers" to read this "long, meaningless, God's gift" letter. Now that you are through I will remove my gun from your head.

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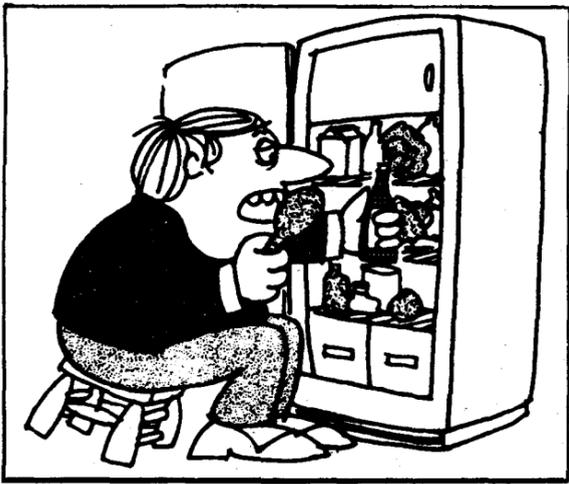
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# Eating the right foods can lead to better health



BY SKIP VAUGHN

**I**t might be wise to think twice before pigging out on a midnight or between meal snack.

It's better to eat three balanced meals a day with variety and keeping in mind the basic four food groups, according to Idola Knickerbocker, chief of nutrition care at Fox Army Community Hospital.

She also recommends avoiding too much salt, sugar, animal fat and cholesterol.

"Nutrition is one of the most important parts of a total fitness program," Knickerbocker says.

**F**ew snack foods are part of the four basic food groups, according to the registered dietician. These groups are of course the meat group, dairy or milk group, fruits and vegetables, and bread and cereal. Snack foods that could be listed under the basic food groups include nuts, fruit, crackers and cheese or crackers and peanut butter.

"I'm not advocating snacking. If you have a weight problem, you don't need to be snacking. You need to decrease your caloric intake," Knickerbocker says. "The best way to lose weight if you have a weight problem is to cut down on the amount of calories that you're eating and increase your exercise. It takes the two of them working together in order to have a good weight-loss program."

Eating too much salt can make the body retain too much fluid. Knickerbocker believes it is unnecessary to add extra salt at the table. "You actually get enough sodium or salt in your diet if you eat a variety of foods. You don't have to add any salt to your foods at the table," she says. "I haven't done that for years. To me a hot dog tastes salty."

Too much sugar can cause cavities. Also it means "you're getting a lot of calories but very little nutritional value from the calories," Knickerbocker says.

**E**xcessive cholesterol and animal fat can cause heart problems and clogged veins and arteries. A result can be heart attack or stroke. Foods with animal fat

include fat meats, bacon, sausage, hot dogs and cold cuts. Egg yolks are high in cholesterol.

Knickerbocker recommends eating foods with adequate starch and fiber. High fiber foods include whole grain breads and cereals, raw fruits and vegetables, nuts and bran.

"American people have a tendency to eat meat, potatoes, bread. You need a high fiber diet for proper elimination. Studies have proven that the American diet has been too low in fiber," Knickerbocker says.

Calcium is also important to the diet. Without enough calcium a person's bones can deteriorate more quickly, according to Knickerbocker. Milk is high in calcium and vitamin D. Knickerbocker recommends that a woman over 50 drink three cups of milk per day and that other adults drink two cups. The only excep-

tion is that a pregnant woman should drink four cups of milk per day, she adds.

**"I**f you drink alcohol do so in moderation," says Knickerbocker, who has been a hospital dietician at Redstone for more than 23 years.

"You know what too much alcohol can do. It can cause nutritional deficiencies as well as health problems such as cirrhosis of the liver and neurological disorders."

March is National Nutrition Month, as proclaimed by the American Dietetic Association. "We really make an effort during the month to let people know how important good nutrition is to good health," Knickerbocker says.



DIETICIAN — Idola Knickerbocker shows a poster listing the basic four food groups.



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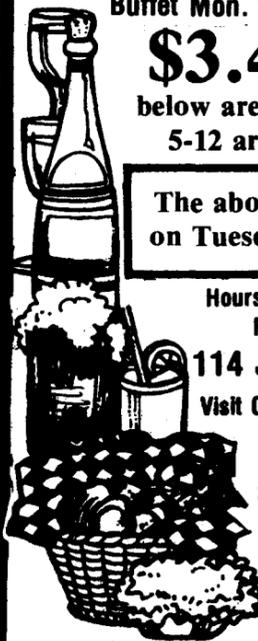
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# Corporate fitness center opens for Army staff

WASHINGTON — Army emphasis on physical fitness and health took another institutional step forward recently at the Pentagon with the grand opening of the Army staff's corporate fitness center.

Billed as "a comprehensive new concept in health promotion," the program aims to help Army headquarters staffers improve the quality of their health through a fitness program based on health-risk assessment, individual health and exercise prescriptions, and health education classes. The new program is being viewed by the Army's top leaders as a landmark in how the Army is meeting the challenge of its fitness motto, "Fit to win."

As he reviewed that landmark status and its potential for success, Director of the Army Staff Lt. Gen. A.E. Brown noted that the program's functions and facilities are targeted right now to all the staff's interested soldiers and civilians alike.

From a computerized data base of test results and assessments over the next few years, the program eventually will offer standard guidelines and procedures suitable for government-wide application.

In the meantime, the program's developers expect their work to sell itself as word gets out. Col. Jules Bedynek, who directs the Army surgeon general's task force on fitness, notes that "people who have gone through this type of program have become more productive, more physically fit and less stressed — all on duty time." (Such was the case in the forerunner test program conducted by and for staffers in the office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel.) Participants, he explains, "will receive individualized prescriptions for improving their health and fitness, along with op-

portunities for lifestyle improvement through structured classes at the work site."

Program entrants undergo a series of assessments — a three-part screening process. For each person, that phase requires about four hours over a four-week period.

The assessment phase proceeds in the following order:

—Health-risk appraisal, a computerized means for scoring one's risk of dying from the 12 leading causes of death over the next 10 years.

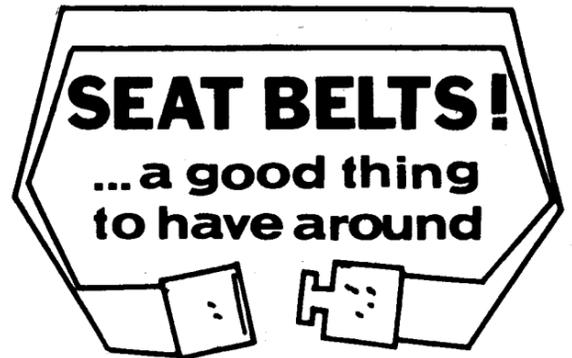
—The primary screen is designed for all men over the age of 35 and all women over the age of 40. If one fails the screen, he must proceed to secondary screening, which tests exercise tolerance as a prerequisite for attending physical conditioning classes. If the person is so unfit that a third screening is necessary, he'll be referred to an appropriate health-care facility. In the case of civilians, this means they'll have to incur the cost for such a screening.

—Physiological assessment, which determines one's fitness level via certain technical measurements using treadmills or special bicycles, along with strength and flexibility testing and body composition analysis.

Once assessed, participants enter the intervention phase, a series of lifestyle-change classes based on their needs as determined by the assessment phase. These sessions take place sequentially in two-week instruc-

tional blocks. This arrangement should avoid spending more than three hours weekly outside the work environment. By "intervention," officials mean such actions as body-fat reduction, smoking cessation, cholesterol reduction, developing skills in coping and communication, learning about "Type 'A' behavior and your heart," improving relaxation techniques, and reducing anger and hostility.

To put it all together, participants may join physical-conditioning classes emphasizing principles of aerobic conditioning and strength development. Here, they may spend as long as eight weeks, three hours per week. (Arnews)



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be terminated due to contracting out are also entitled to the right of first refusal for employment with Holmes & Narver/Morrison-Knudsen.

**Q.** If an employee gets a job at another installation, will RASA/Commissary pay travel?

**A.** If an employee is scheduled to be demoted under RIF conditions, the losing activity will bear the cost of relocation within DoD. The losing activity will endeavor to have the gaining activity outside DoD pay the necessary cost incident to transfer to a department or agency outside DoD. If a gaining agency outside DoD will not assume the expense, the cost will be borne by the losing activity.

**Q.** What is considered commuting area?

**A.** Local commuting area means the geographic area that usually constitutes one area for employment purposes. It includes any population center (or two or more neighboring ones) and the surrounding localities in which people live and can reasonably be expected to travel back and forth daily to their usual employment, i.e., Guntersville, Decatur, Athens, Arab, Boaz, Scottsboro, and Fayetteville. Nashville or Birmingham would not be considered as being within the local commuting area.

**Q.** Will RASA/Commissary RIF affect permanent employees in other organizations at Redstone?

**A.** No. The RIF will affect only employees in Competitive Area 02 (RASA/Commissary).

**Q.** When will affected permanent employees be registered in the DoD Stopper Program?

**A.** In August and September 1985 (under present schedule).

**Q.** Will qualification requirements be waived for RASA employees applying under Merit Promotion procedures?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Can RASA employees be selected in other MCOM organizations prior to RIF notices?

**A.** Yes, if you are on an appropriate list such as lateral, change to lower grade, or merit promotion.

**Q.** What records are used for determining qualifications under RIF procedures?

**A.** Official Personnel Folder (OPF).

**Q.** How does an employee request change to a lower grade?

**A.** In accordance with procedures outlined in Civilian Personnel Bulletin 189, dated July 1, 1980.

**Q.** How does a Wage Grade employee lateral to a Class Act position?

**A.** The Employee must request change to lower grade under the lateral program due to the pay-fixing policy. Employees changed from one pay schedule to another are changed to lower grade or promoted (competitive procedures are required for promotion).

**Q.** How does an employee determine what would be a change to lower grade when going from Wage Grade to Class Act?

**A.** If the representative rate for the Class Act position (Step 4) is less than the representative rate for the Wage Grade position (Step 2), then the employee may request a change to lower grade.

**Q.** Will temporary employees in RASA be extended?

**A.** We have blanket approval to extend temporary appointments to Sept. 27; however, an organization must submit an SF-52 the requesting extension.

**Q.** Will temporary promotions that expire prior to Sept. 27 be extended?

**A.** Extensions may be requested and approved on a case-by-case basis.

**Q.** Does prior government service on career appointment give an employee currently on temporary appointment any rights under RIF procedures?

**A.** No. Temporary employees do not compete in a RIF.

**Q.** When can RASA employees begin training?

**A.** The training needs cannot be determined until after determination is made as to what position the employee will be assigned.

**Q.** Will there be any early outs?

**A.** No. Office of Personnel Management regulations require separation of a substantial portion of the workforce to even attempt to gain this authority. Large numbers of separations are not predicted as a result of the contracting out decision.

**Q.** Regarding retirement under "Discontinued Service" procedures: How is "two grade" offer determined when going from Wage Grade to Class Act?

**A.** By first determining the equivalent grade. Equivalent grade is determined by using the representative rate (Step 2 of Wage Grade, Step 4 of Class Act).

**Q.** What are the eligibility requirements for retirement under Discontinued Service procedures?

**A.** Employees who have at least 25 years of federal service (regardless of age) or employees with 20 years' service and are at least age 50 who are not offered federal employment within two grades of their permanent position, can elect to retire under "Discontinued Service" retirement procedures.

**Q.** How do I find out about my retirement benefits?

**A.** Employees' CPO contact regarding retirement benefits is Doris Gable, 876-3902.

**Q.** How can a temporary employee be considered for other Civil Service positions?

**A.** Through OPM and special programs such as VRA, Schedule B, and Wage Grade delegated authority. The receptionist in building 7442 has information on all these hiring authorities and programs.

**Q.** How long does an employee get credit for an Exceptional or Highly Successful GPAS rating?

**A.** Until the next rating is received (normally 1 year).

**Q.** Is there a waiting period for a retired government employee to go to work for the contractor?

**A.** No.

**Q.** When will the contractor start interviewing? Where will they be located? Who is the contractor and how can they be contacted?

**A.** Contractor Holmes & Narver/Morrison-Knudsen is scheduled to be here (Redstone) the first of August. Other information will be available at a later date.

**Q.** When will permanent employees know how they are affected by RIF?

**A.** Letters are scheduled to go out the latter part of July. Each permanent employee will be told in the letter what their job offer is.

**Q.** When will the contractor take over?

**A.** Oct. 1

**Q.** When can employees make appointments for counseling?

**A.** Counseling will be provided after letters have been delivered. Employees will be advised in RIF notices of procedures for making appointments.

**Q.** If I am on a temporary promotion, will it count for saved grade or pay purposes?

**A.** No. Employees compete in a RIF from their permanent job of record.

## President gives trophy to West Point team

WASHINGTON — "There I was, a 175-pound end facing my first opponent — a 225-pounder," quipped President Ronald Reagan during a White House ceremony held recently to present the commander in chief's trophy to the senior members of the U.S. Military Academy football team.

The commander in chief's trophy, signifying service academy football supremacy, was established in 1972 and is awarded annually to the winner of the round-robin service academy football tournament. West Point won the initial contest in 1972, and last won in 1977.



Reagan spent 15 minutes talking football with the cadets in the cabinet room. "I know you've waited a long time to get this (trophy) back," he told the cadets.

First Classman John Loper, president of the senior class and 2nd team place kicker, gave the president an Army black cardigan sweater adorned with the academy's letter "A" to which five stars were pinned.

The academy brought down the Air Force, sunk the Navy and defeated Michigan State University in the Cherry Bowl to end their season at 8-3-1. (Arnews)

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# Spring months bring tornado season

Tornadoes have taken at least 957 lives in Alabama since 1916. Redstone has been hit three times, and in what is known as the "super outbreak" on April 3 and 4, 1974, tornadoes caused millions of dollars worth of property damage.

Although tornadoes have hit the state during every month of the year, they are more frequent during March, April and May.

Everyone should have a tornado preparedness plan at home, and it is especially important that schools and offices have a plan, since tornadoes usually develop during the warmest hours of the day.

The National Weather Service issues tornado and severe thunderstorm watches and warnings to alert the public to possible danger. A watch means that conditions are favorable for the development of a tornado or severe thunderstorm. A warning means that a tornado or thunderstorm has been sighted, either visually or on radar.

If your area is under a tornado watch, make preparations to protect yourself and your property. If a warning is issued, take cover immediately.

Here are some precautions the National Weather Service recommends if there is a tornado warning:

— At home, go to a small room, like a closet or bathroom, in the basement or lowest floor. Stay away from doors and windows. Do not open any windows. Take a battery operated radio, and listen for weather reports.

— At work or school, follow the established emergency plan, or go to an interior hallway or stairwell on the lowest floor.

— At a shopping center, go to a designated shelter area.

— If you are driving in your car, travel at right angles with the path of the tornado. If there is no time to escape, leave your car and lie flat in a ditch with your hands over your head.

— People who live in mobile homes should have a prearranged shelter site away from the mobile home.

The Weather Service can't detect every tornado, and they sometimes strike with little or no warning. The sound of a tornado has been compared to trains and airplanes. If you hear a noise like a freight train during a thunderstorm, take cover.

## Soldiers can recruit

Soldiers who present a good military appearance and who can communicate well with young people are encouraged to apply for the Total Army Involvement in Recruiting program.

Teams consisting of two people with the same MOS will travel to high schools, vocational schools and junior colleges around the state during April, May and September. Their presentations will center around a day in the life of a soldier.

TAIR is an Army-wide program sponsored by the US Army Recruiting Command. One objective of TAIR is to increase awareness of Army opportunities by using soldiers instead of recruiters.

Capt. Joel D. Becton, MICOM training officer, said the program has been in existence for a long time, but Redstone has not always been active. He believes many qualified people simply aren't aware of the program.

"I would like to make an appeal to any soldiers who meet the qualifications, and who desire to participate, to obtain approval through their chain of command, and call me," said Becton.

He expects the program to gain popularity in the coming months, and hopes to have a year-round schedule in the future.

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127, Minton said. Most of the workers are management analysts and industrial engineers.

"The work that the people do, in my judgment, is very very challenging," Minton said. "It requires the latest state of the art in management techniques and constant research on the part of our analysts to understand the work the command is involved in.

"We're only successful to the degree that we can involve, rely on and get the very best ideas from the functional people in the command," he added. "Our role is to facilitate and to assist and to involve our entire work force in achieving efficiencies."

Until fiscal 1984 the staff consisted only of what he calls a small nucleus of people. It grew as the Army put more emphasis on economy, efficiency and management improvement. The Huntsville office was formerly located in two buildings on Redstone until it moved to Research Park last November.

Minton, 52, came here as director last October from the Army Information Systems Command at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. The Snyder, Texas, native spent most of his early adult life in New Jersey where he worked at Fort Monmouth. He attended Rutgers University and received a master's degree in public administration at the University of Northern Colorado.

"I took this position because I believe in what this activity's all about. I believe that our activity, working with the managers and commanders throughout the command, can have a real positive impact on the optimum utilization of all the Army's resources assigned to AMC," he said.

Other activity officials include Richard Johnson, chief of the plans and programs division; Harriett Tribble, chief of the management engineering division; and Dr. Frank Rouse, who is in charge of the resources and management office. Dave Henderson, of the Army Manpower Requirements Documentation Agency

in Alexandria, Va., is to arrive in April as chief of the installation management engineering division.

"The bottom line of the whole thing is efficiency," Minton said, "the biggest bang for the buck for the taxpayers."

## Lee surrendered 120 years ago

WASHINGTON — The bloodiest war in American history ended 120 years ago April 9 with the surrender of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Va.

Lee's surrender, almost four years to the day after war began on April 12, 1861, brought an end to the war that split the nation and spilled the blood of more than a million Union and Confederate soldiers — and countless civilians on both sides.

Before it was over, the civil war claimed 359,000 Union soldiers and about 258,000 Confederate soldiers. An additional 275,000 Union and 225,000 Confederate soldiers were wounded.

President Abraham Lincoln, the great emancipator, was one of the last casualties of the Civil War. Five days after Lee's surrender, Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth, a staunch supporter of the south. (Arnews)

## Weinberger proclaims 'month of military child'

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger has proclaimed the month of April as the "Month of the Military Child."

In his proclamation to the secretaries of the military services, he emphasized the importance of providing quality services and activities which contribute to the

physical, social, emotional and intellectual aspects of children's development.

"We owe it to our children," he said, "(to) develop initiatives that will last not just for the month, but impact favorably for years to come, and to take actions (to) enhance existing programs." (Arnews)



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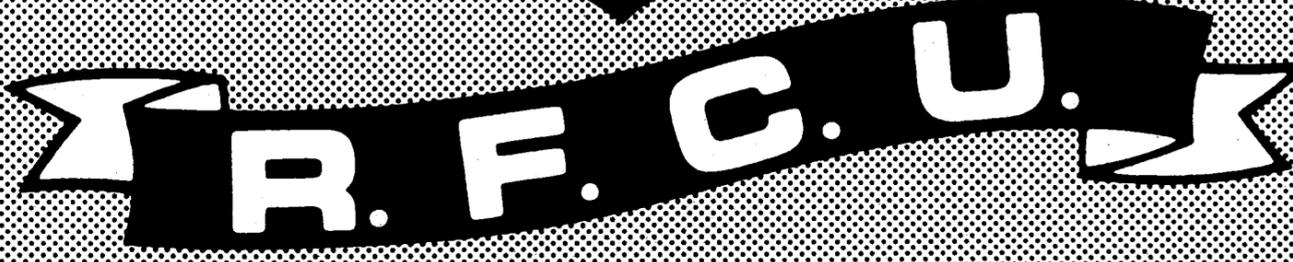
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## Course offers way to get commission

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BIOCC (formerly OCS) trains candidates in leadership and professional skills. Graduates of the course are commissioned as second lieutenants.

The course is taught five times a year at Fort Benning, Ga. Each class has 222 candidates. About 60 percent of those who apply are accepted.

Regular and reserve warrant officers and enlisted personnel, civilians under the OCS enlistment option, and warrant officers and enlisted members of the Army National Guard can apply for the course. There are several personal and educational requirements for acceptance.

Janeen Phillips, a guidance counselor at the education center here, said interest in the program has increased in the last few years.

"We don't really get involved in the commissioning process here, but if someone comes in, and their GT score is 110 or more, and they've had some college

courses, I ask them if they would be interested in commissioning opportunities," she said.

Candidates are required to have 60 semester hours of college credit to enter the program, but Phillips said it doesn't always come from classroom instruction. Credit can be obtained by taking a college-level examination pertaining to selected subjects. There are more than 100 of the tests, and they're free to military personnel. There's no penalty for failing a test, and it can be retaken in six months. Credit is also given for military training.

"I sat here and and saw a person test through an entire bachelor's degree once. If I were in the military, I would come in and take a look at these tests, and challenge as many as I could. There's nothing to lose," said Phillips.

For more information about requirements for BIOCC or other career programs, call the education center at 876-9141. Application packets for BIOCC can be obtained at the military personnel office in building 3710.

## Stahl commands allied students

BY JEFF WATSON

The Allied Student Training Detachment here has a new commander.

Capt. Eddie Stahl has taken charge of the 96-member detachment of students from 19 countries training at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

In a ceremony attended by military personnel, local government officials and foreign servicemembers, Capt. Michael McChesney relinquished command to Stahl, a Winchester, Tenn. native.

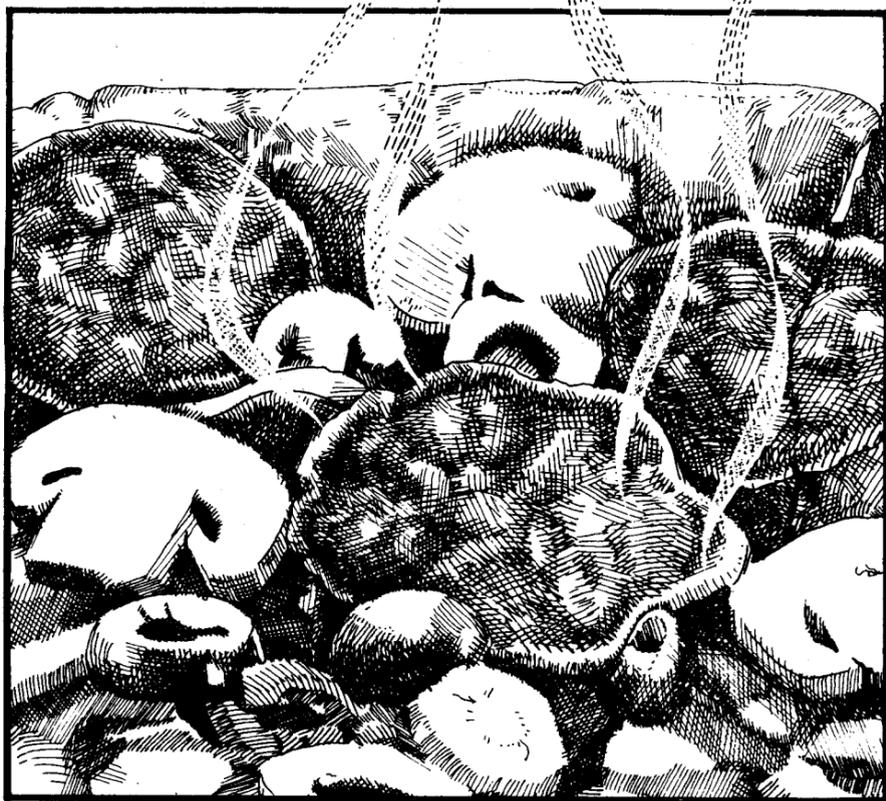
McChesney was thanked and commended at the ceremony for his work as detachment commander during the past 18 months. He assumed the command in September 1983 after serving as munitions branch chief in the Professional Development Training Department at OMMCS.

An "Army brat", McChesney will attend the combined armed services school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. and then plans to enroll in the Army's materiel acquisition course at Babson College in Boston where he will reside with his wife, Sheri, and sons Kevin, 5, and Christopher, 2.

Stahl comes to the Allied Student Training Detachment after serving as the school's assistant operations officer. Before that he logged more than 100 missions in the demilitarized zone separating North Korea and South Korea while a member of the 2nd Aviation Battalion.

Stahl and his wife, Glinda, live in Fayetteville with their daughters Devon, 6, and twins Candice and Amanda, 4.

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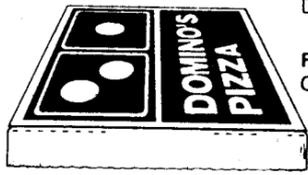
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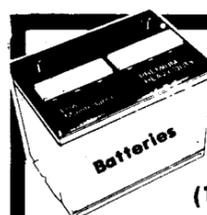
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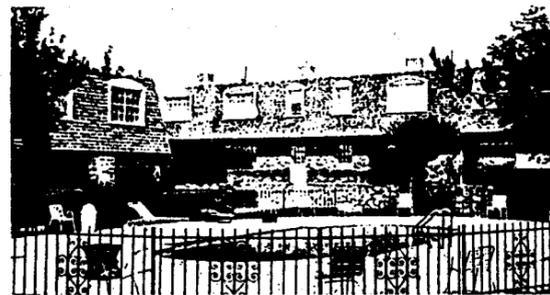
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King-size generic cigarettes will continue to sell for \$4.60 per carton and 100 mm generics will be \$4.80. Generic cigarettes in individual packs will stay at 55 cents.

Major tobacco companies are responsible for the price hikes, according to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. The increases do not apply to tax-free cigarettes sold in exchanges overseas.

## B Company 1 team wins tournament

Just because a team finishes second during the regular season doesn't mean it can't get revenge in a postseason tournament.

Ask B Company 1.

The B Company 1 team won the company-level basketball tournament by beating its regular season rival, the 515th Ordnance Company.

B Company 1 finished with five wins and one loss in the tournament held March 4-8 at the post gym. Coming from the losers' bracket, it had to beat the 515th twice to win the championship. It did just that.

The 515th completed the tournament with three wins and two losses.

B Company 1 had finished second to the 515th in the Western Conference during the regular season. In the

Eastern Conference regular season, A Company finished first followed by Meddac. The tournament final, however, turned out to be a Western Conference shoot-out.

In the first game B Company 1 nipped 515th 45-44. Jerry Miller led B Company 1 with 11 points followed by Cornelius Corouthers and Cornelius Williams, each with 10. The 515th was led by Jimmy Givens with 12, Terry Turner 11, and Marvin Whitted 8.

Corouthers scored 15 to lead B Company 1 to a 54-45 win in the second and deciding game. Miller contributed 14 while Williams and Kenneth Jones each chipped in 7 points. For the 515th Turner scored 16 and Ralph James and Dwayne Green each had 6.

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# Work of item manager covers variety of subjects

BY SKIP VAUGHN

An item manager has to know something about a variety of subjects in order to do his or her job.

That's how Lynn Pennifill sees the work of managing repair parts which includes such things as initiating procurement actions and correcting data bases. She's an inventory management specialist in the Missile Logistics Center.

"It's involved, there's a lot to know. You don't ever know it all," Pennifill says. "There's always something new, there's always something to learn."

She manages repair parts for the Hawk missile system. There are eight other item managers and a supervisor in the Hawk-Redeye section.

Item managers work along with other organizations—such as Procurement and Production, transportation and project offices—in accomplishing their mission. This is to support the people who use the equipment whether it's the Army, Marine Corps or other service branch, or a foreign country.

"I think it's a very challenging job, in that the item manager has a lot of responsibility," Pennifill says. "It gives you a sense of accomplishment when you can get it all together and make it all work."

The Annandale, Va., native began her government career out of high school as a secretary in supply at

Marine Corps headquarters in Washington, D.C. She worked there from 1967-72. After various other jobs she came to Redstone in 1976 as a secretary.

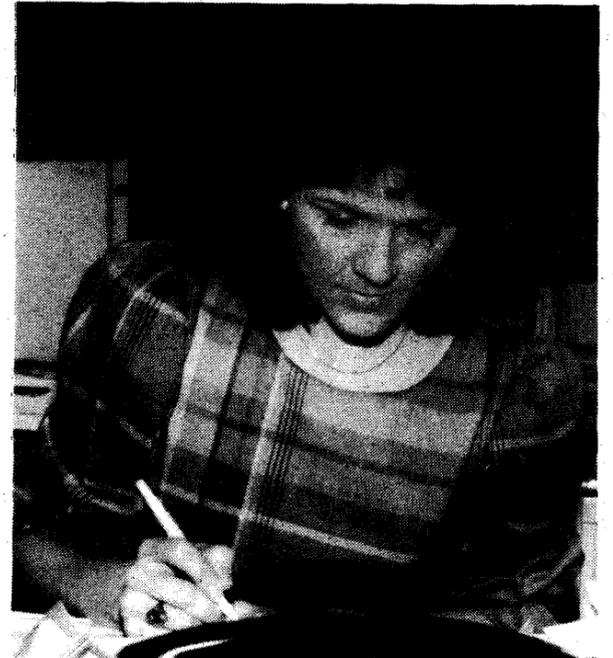
Pennifill applied and was accepted in 1981 for the Army Materiel Command intern program in supply management. "I wanted to advance. In order to advance you'd have to get out of the secretarial field and into a career field where the grades are higher or where you'd have more potential to advance," she says.

She had classroom training for nine months at Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, Texas. The remainder of the three-year internship was spent in on-the-job training at Redstone. She worked in the MLRS section of the land combat systems division in the Missile Logistics Center. In July 1984 she joined her present section and was promoted to GS-11.

"I feel very fortunate that I was able to be selected for the intern program," Pennifill says. Last June, the same month she finished the program, she received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Athens State College.

The 35-year-old item manager has three sisters and two brothers. She enjoys sports and yardwork.

Her main goal is "to do the most effective job that I can," she says.



ITEM MANAGER — Lynn Pennifill is an inventory management specialist in the Missile Logistics Center.

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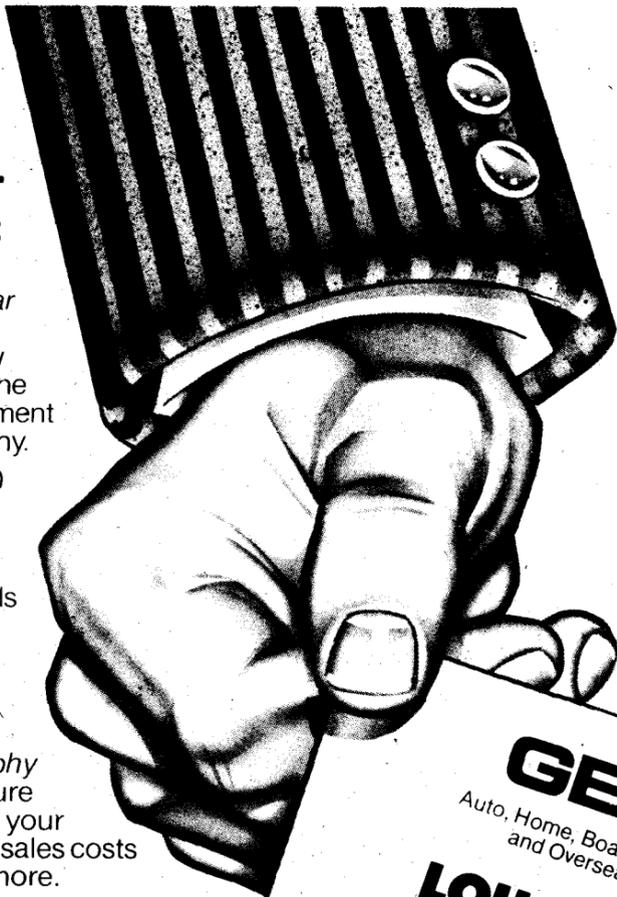
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# Auditors question contractor billings to Pentagon

The business practices of another major defense contractor were called into question last week as Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger accused General Dynamics Corp. of charging the government for unauthorized expenses.

Weinberger suspended \$40 million in monthly payments to the giant defense contractor following allegations that it had charged the government for expenses that did not benefit national security, including a kennel bill for the company's pet dog.

General Dynamics, the nation's largest defense industry and a major contractor to the Missile Command, builds many weapons, including Trident submarines for the Navy, F-16 fighters for the Air Force and Stinger missiles for the Army.

According to the Associated Press, Weinberger announced that in the future, all defense contractors will be required "under penalty of perjury" to certify that their billings include no expenses "not made directly for the benefit of the government."

General Dynamics officials' explanation of the questionable billings in recent congressional hearings was termed "nauseating" by Pentagon spokesman Michael Burch. "Some of the claims made were preposterous and completely out of line and did in no way benefit national security," Burch is quoted as saying.

Congressional representatives praised Weinberger's action and called for a thorough investigation of defense contractors' billing practices.

According to the Pentagon, the suspension of monthly \$40 million payments to General Dynamics for administrative expenses will be in effect at least 30 days while investigators determine if the company wrongly billed the government for unauthorized expenses.

A General Dynamics spokesman denied any intentional wrongdoing and said the company will repay any money derived from improper billings.

The Associated Press reported that the Defense Contract Audit Agency is also looking at billings for tie tacks, necklaces, pocket knives, models and other promotional items that General Dynamics allegedly charged to the government as public relations expenses.

Also last week, it was reported that another big defense contractor, the Boeing Co., had billed taxpayers for company donations to political candidates. Pentagon auditors called the charges "questionable"

and "unallowable". The auditors also questioned Boeing's billing of the cost of displays, exhibits, entertainment, awards and the like to the government as public relations expenses. Boeing reportedly withdrew part of the claims as soon as they were made public, saying that some were filed inadvertently or fell into "gray areas" in the rules of allowable expenses.

The General Dynamics and Boeing examples are the latest in a series of incidents where the billing or pricing practices of major defense contractors have been questioned. Recently, it was disclosed that the Lockheed Corp. sold toilet seats to the Navy for \$600 each.

## Payment change affects do-it-yourself movers

WASHINGTON — A recent change to the Defense Department's joint travel regulations allow incentive payments without certified weight certificates for servicemembers choosing the do-it-yourself method of moving household goods under certain circumstances.

The do-it-yourself method of moving permits servicemembers to move their own household goods and to receive an incentive payment equal to the difference between the actual do-it-yourself cost and 80 percent of the cost to move the same weight via a commercial carrier.

Army logistics officials explain that in the past the incentive could be paid only on the basis of certified weight tickets. But this practice has been found to limit the use of do-it-yourself moves because certified scales are not always available.

The joint travel regulations change, which took ef-

fect March 1, allows the do-it-yourself mover to use constructive weight (seven pounds per cubic foot) as the basis for payment when certified public or government scales are unavailable or when payment to a commercial carrier would be based on a measure other than weight. Army officials caution that advance approval to use constructive weight rather than certified weight tickets is required.

Officials view the change as especially beneficial to Army members stationed in Germany — where local moves are frequent and scales often inaccessible, and where payment to commercial carriers is based on cubic meters.

Described by officials as "proven cost-effective to both the servicemember and the government," the do-it-yourself program will now be available to more servicemembers as a result of the change. (Arnews)

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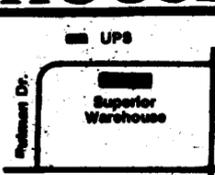
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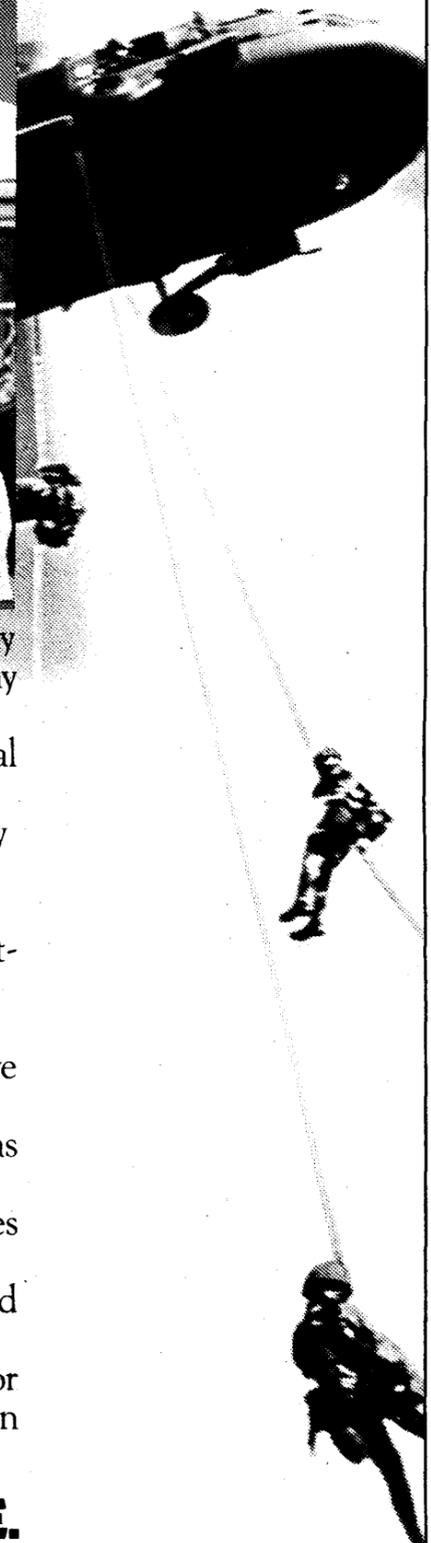
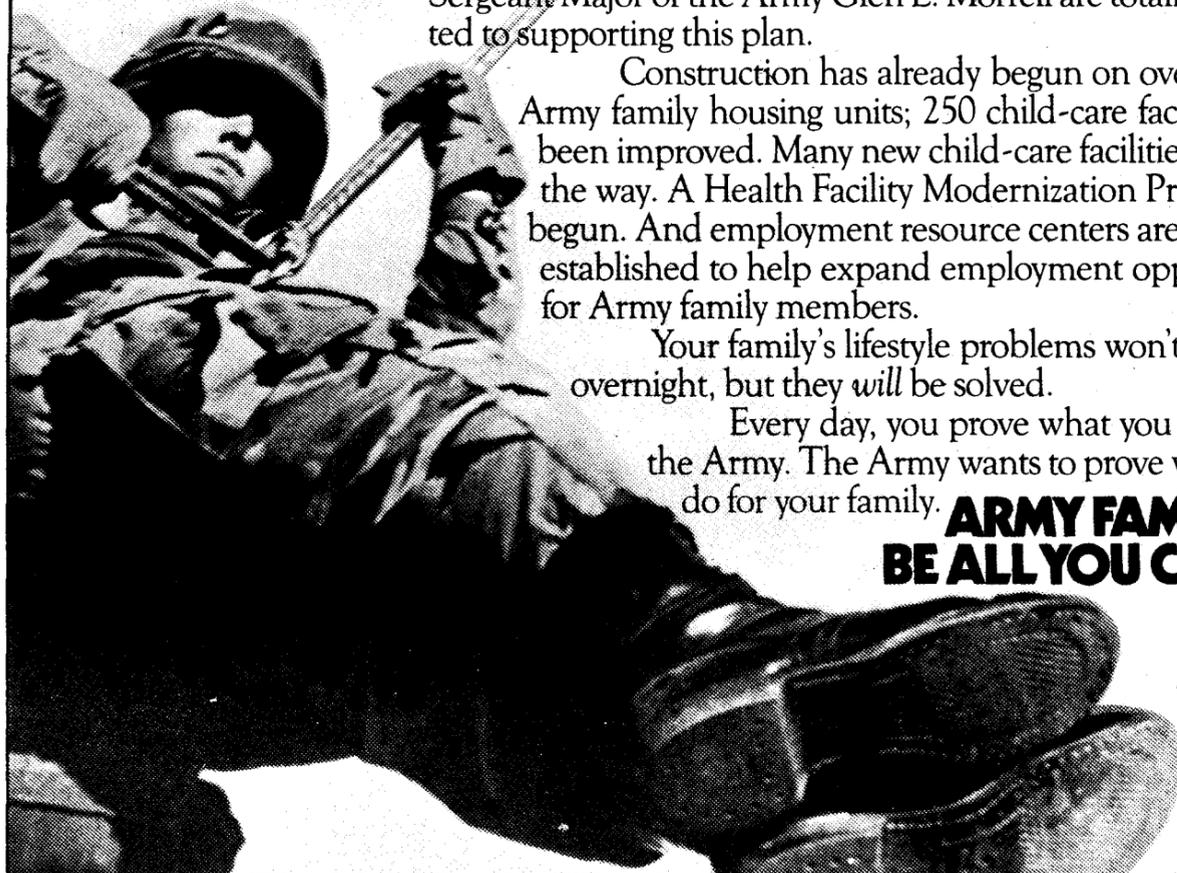
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# Longtime director expects to miss center children

BY PAM ROGERS

For Blanche Moore, retirement means she won't be seeing "her" children on a daily basis.

"I won't miss working, but I'll miss the children," said Moore, who retired last Wednesday after almost 22 years as director of Redstone's child development center.

"I opened the first preschool on Redstone in 1962, in the old splinter village. Things were different back then," she said. Six employees cared for 25 to 30 children. The present center is housed in two buildings on Goss Road, employs 23 people and serves 87 children, ranging in age from 3 months to 12 years.

"When I was coming up, I always wanted to be a teacher. In college I majored in languages and minored in business. Circumstances prevented me from finishing, and when I got this job it was like a dream come true— just being with kids," said Moore.

Parents have given her some happy memories, she said. "Most of the parents have been so kind. One parent who had a choice of two duty stations, and had been here before, called to make sure I was still here. I'll never forget that," Moore said. Some parents are her former charges.

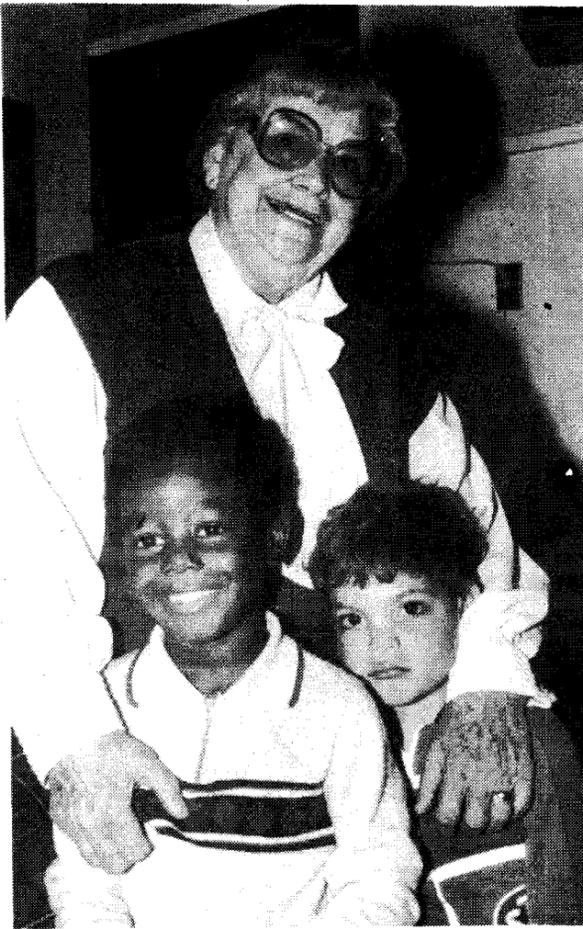
Little incidents stand out in her memory. "It's the times kids come in and tell you you're beautiful, when they make something in the afternoon, and come and put them on your desk. It's those little things," she said.

"I've always had a motto, that if parents have to work, the children should be kept by someone who cares about them. My primary concern is that these children are happy," said Moore.

This summer she plans to catch up on things she likes to do, like swimming, bowling, playing bridge and doing church work. In the fall, she plans to volunteer with the Red Cross.

Her husband, J.R., is employed by Sperry at NASA, "and he's elated I'm retiring," she said. Moore has three children. Her two daughters, Beverly

Smith and Barbara Wynn, live in Huntsville. Beverly works at Redstone, and Barbara is a medical technologist. Her son, Frederick Blake, is a master



RETIRING — Blanche Moore gives a farewell hug to friends Julian Harris (left) and Christopher Galloway.

chief petty officer in the Navy and is stationed in Meridian, Miss. She has seven grandchildren who she plans to spend a lot of time with.

## Bowling standings

### Tuesday's Conference

Team	W	L
C Company 1	380	145
HHC	377.5	147.5
HH, USATSG	368.5	156.5
Marines 1	335	190
A Company	329.5	195.5
515th 1	247.5	277.5
6th Students 1	236	289
*B Company 2	227.5	272.5
B Company 3	226	299
7th Students 1	185	340
*7th Students 2	113.5	386.5
**515th 2	78.5	446.5

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J. Gerych	224
G. Crowell	211
B. Sterling	210
R. Allen	204
M. Ripp	201
A. Vazquez	223

### Thursday's Conference

Team	W	L
Meddacc 1	384.5	140.5
B Company 1	382.5	142.5
B Company 4	376	149
Marines 2	332.5	192.5
7th Students 3	300.5	224.5
95th	293	232
Meddacc 2	219	306
C Company 2	178.5	346.5
291st MPs	178	347
7th Students 4	168.5	356.5
Meddacc 3	143	382
6th Students 2	142.5	382.5

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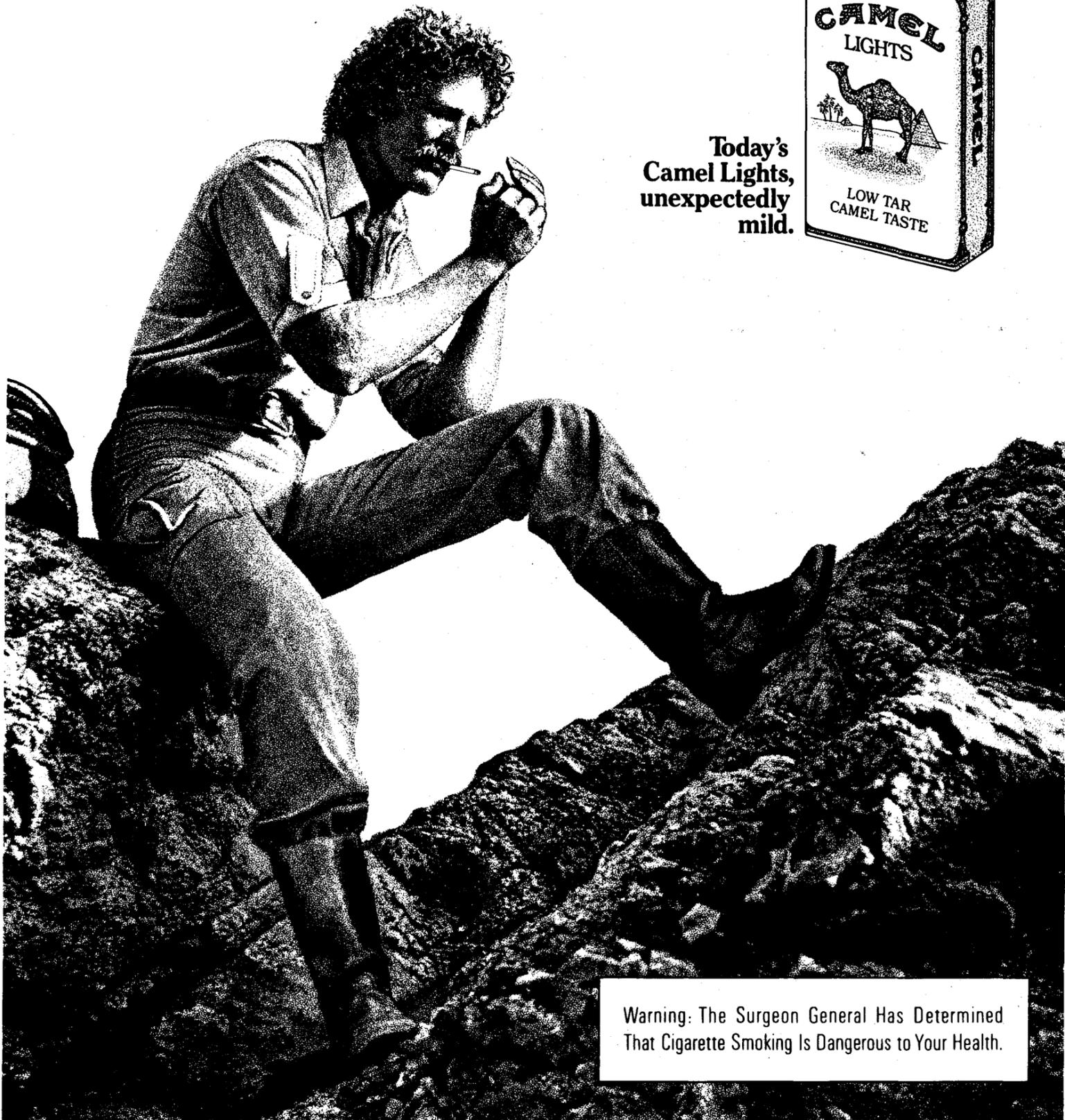
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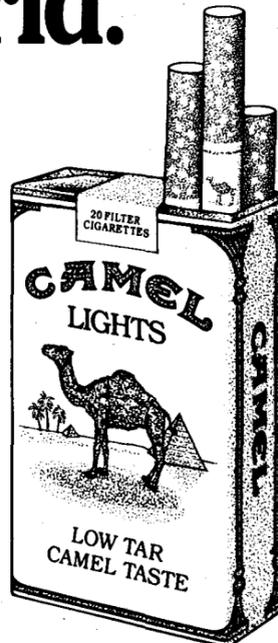
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# Breaking sit-up record proves worth the effort

BY CARMEN FINSTAD

WASHINGTON — Up, down... up, down. The ritual goes on and on. Hours pass — 25 of them. Up, down... up, down.

When he finally couldn't make it up even one more time, Army Capt. Michael Lee Fields, a deputy morale support officer stationed at Fort Polk, La., had pumped out 30,052 sit-ups without-legs-bent, that's 1,000 more than he needed to capture a spot in the "Guinness Book of World Records."

Fields hit the floor at 4 a.m. Nov. 16, 1984, ready to give his all to the marathon. "I don't plan to have to do this again, so I'm going to give it all the gusto I have this time," Fields reportedly said before his second attempt to shatter the record.

Two months earlier, Fields banged out 29,004 sit-ups to overtake the record set by Marine Lance Cpl. Michael Tyne in 1982. The Guinness staff had told him that Tyne was the man to beat.

The staff later discovered its error when they found documentation verifying that a new record had been set by John Hoffman Jr. on May 7, 1983. The staff passed along the news to Fields by letter.

Fields returned to the floor in November so that he could beat the record. "If I didn't go back and try again, I'd be giving up on everybody who believed in me," he said.

Although breaking the Guinness record was the standard Fields had set for himself, winning a place in the book was not his sole motivation. The 26-year-old infantry officer wanted to show his troops that anything is possible. "I'm a captain, a leader. I'm looked upon to show the way. My troops were there supporting me, encouraging me."

As a coach in little league soccer and a teacher of aerobics and break-dancing classes for children, Fields said he also had to beat the record for them. "That really gave the kids something to look up to. You should see the reaction around here. Kids all over are doing sit-ups."

A physical education major in college, Fields had established a still unbroken record of 4,444 sit-ups at North Georgia College in Dahlonega. Ever since that day, Fields said, he had dreamed of breaking the Guinness record. "One day I got up, looked in the mirror and said, 'the time is now.' That dream has finally come true."

But the dream's fulfillment didn't come easy. The 5-foot-7-inch Fields said it required physical and mental discipline, hard work and sacrifice.

In preparation for the feat, Fields added 7,600 sit-ups per day to his regular fitness routine — which includes aerobic workouts, karate, biking and jogging. He also ate a carefully regulated diet, including vitamins C, B12, and B complex, plus iron and zinc. He followed the same training routine used by marathon runners.

Once into the event itself, Fields fell back on the Airborne and Ranger training he had received earlier in his military career. "They teach you to do what you didn't think you could. They tell you to keep going and bear it. I had to fall back on that training a couple of times."

Fields gained further encouragement from moments he had arranged within eyesight. He had a picture of a deceased uncle who had encouraged him to join the Army, a picture of his family, his airborne ranger cap and a Bible. But even these were not enough. He also credits his character-building experience with childhood poverty, as well as mental concentration, with pulling him through those grueling hours.

"Meditation probably carried me through more sit-ups than anything else," he said. "I played a lot of mental games on that mat. Several times I had to be physically shaken — knocked around — to get me out of a trance. I was doing too many sit-ups too fast. They had to prevent me from burning my body up."

Although Fields has yet to receive word from the Guinness staff confirming that his latest effort did indeed eclipse the current record, the prospect looks encouraging. After the administrative error by its staff the first time around, Guinness apparently checked and doubled checked their records to confirm Hoffman's record as the most current.

Even without the acknowledgement, Fort Polk honored Fields with an engraved trophy and a certificate. The management of "Sports Illustrated" magazine presented him with a "Faces in the Crowd" silver cup and wrote him up in a December 1984 edition of the magazine.

Although not aiming for fame and glory with his feat, Fields nevertheless revels in the knowledge of its positive effect on his community. "I'm on the top of the world right now," he said. "I've accomplished what I set out to do. I've instilled a sense of worth in the kids to go out and do their best. And motivate soldiers — boy — I've had soldiers ask me to write out exercise programs and diets for them. I've seen a whole new outlook on physical fitness. I like it."

(Carmen M. Finstad is an associate editor of Arnews.)



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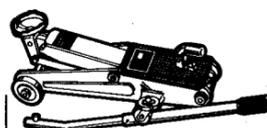
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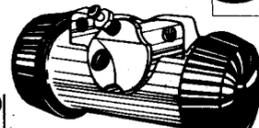
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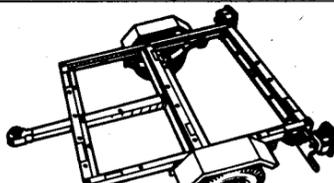


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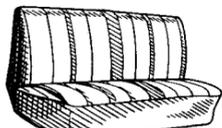


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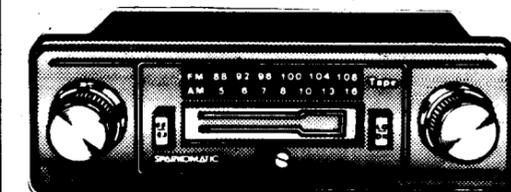
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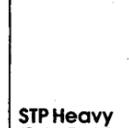
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## Announcements

### Art exhibit

An art exhibit through March 16 at Madison Square Mall will feature works of art by Boys Club members from 10 southeastern states. Hosted by the Huntsville Boys Club, the exhibit is sponsored annually for Boys Clubs of America by the Epstein Fine Arts Fund which has given many awards and scholarships to boys and young men. For information call 536-1596.

### Change of command

C Company will have a change of command ceremony on March 27 at 4 p.m. on the quadrangle of building 3440. Capt. Dorothy Johnson will assume command of the company from Capt. John Rickling.

### Recreation Center

Tonight - *Stratego* at 7 p.m. Thursday - *Bingo* at 7 p.m. Friday - *Checkers* at 7 p.m. Saturday - *Dominoes* at 3 p.m. Sunday - *Uno* at 3 p.m. Monday - *Trivia quiz and refreshments* at 7 p.m. The Recreation Center in building 3711 is open daily from 1:30 - 10 p.m. For information call 876-5492.

### Belly dancers

Belly dancers from the Beledi Club will present a family show March 23 at 7 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Mid-eastern refreshments will be served. The program is free. For information call 876-5492.

### Government accountants

The North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will meet Thursday, March 21, at Michael's Restaurant, Ramada Inn. Social hour will be at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and the program to follow. Dr. Rudolph S. Lindbeck, professor of accounting at the University of Alabama in Huntsville will speak on "Taxation for Married Couples". Reservations may be made by contacting Sharal Huegele, 876-8147, or Theresa Scholz, 895-3192.

### Protestant women

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will meet at 9:30 a.m. on March 21 at Bicentennial Chapel. Chaplain Guy L. Lindsay will give a program entitled "Rejoice in the Lord Even in Death." Child care reservations should be made with the post child development center.

### Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federally Employed Women will hold a luncheon meeting at the Officers Club on March 21 at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Officer Ben Jennings of the Huntsville Police Department. His topic is "Defense for Women." For reservations call Laura Lockhard at 876-4864. Only 40 reservations are available.

### Boy Scout exposition tickets

Scouts will be selling tickets in the housing area for their exposition on March 30. The annual event demonstrates scouting skills, and will be held at Madison Square Mall this year. Proceeds from ticket sales will help support the Redstone Arsenal Scouting Program.

### Potluck supper

A Protestant potluck supper is scheduled for March 17 at the Bicentennial Chapel, beginning at 6 p.m. All are invited to bring a dish to share and join the fellowship. Note the time change.

### MICOM wives

The MICOM Wives will have a brunch on Tuesday, March 19, at the Officers Club. A social begins at 9:30 a.m. with the speaker at 10:00 and brunch at 10:30. The speaker will be Mike Kaylor, author of the "The Best of Huntsville." The cost is \$5. For reservation send check made out to RASAOC and mail it by March 17 to Martha Laslo, 42 Ripley Drive, Redstone Arsenal 35808. For more information call 830-9208.

### Reserve officers

The Huntsville chapter of the Reserve Officers Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. March 20 in room 2 of the Officers Club. Howard Race, a colonel in the reserve who works in the Army Missile Laboratory, will speak on "Peace through strength." For more information call Frank Caprio 882-4900.

### Tax withholding

Civilian employees who claim total exemption from withholding of federal income tax must file a new IRS Form W-4 by Feb. 15 of each year. Employees who have not filed a new Form W-4 must do so as soon as possible in order to prevent the Payroll Office from withholding taxes, according to the Finance & Accounting Division.

### HERO

HERO of Huntsville, an interdenominational, spiritual support group of the handicapped, holds fellowship meetings on the third Saturday of each month. Its next meeting will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 16 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Whitesburg Drive. For more information and/or transportation assistance, call Lois Render 882-0909 evenings or 876-1606 days.

### Sci-fi group

The North Alabama Science Fiction Association will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at First American Federal Savings and Loan, 4008 University Drive. For more information call Jack Lundy 876-9414.

### Merit awards

The Officers Wives Club will present one or more merit awards of up to \$500 each to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited two or four year college. Applicants must be children of active, retired or deceased commissioned or warrant officers whose mothers have been OWC members since October or who joined within 30 days of arrival at Redstone. Deadline for applications is March 26. For more information, write to Mrs. John Rickling, OWC Merit Awards, 272B Wesson Circle, Redstone Arsenal 35808.

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### Income tax assistance

Army Community Service provides representatives to assist military personnel with income tax preparation on an appointment-only basis. For more information call Ms. Adams at 876-2859/5468.

### Catholic women

The Catholic Women of the Chapel are having a St. Patrick's Day potluck supper on March 17 and they especially want single soldiers to feel welcome. The event takes place at Post Chapel at 4 p.m. Families are asked to bring a main dish and salad and dessert to feed themselves and two more. Singles do not need to bring food.

### Classical ballet

"Swan Lake," a classical ballet, will be presented by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 17, at the Von Braun Civic Center concert hall. This single performance of the four-act ballet is sponsored by the Community Ballet Association. Tickets are on sale at the civic center ticket office. A few Silver Circle seats, which are in the center section (rows E through L), were still available at \$12.50. Tickets for other seats cost \$8 and \$7. For more information call 534-2183 after 6 p.m.

### Civilian softball

The CWF softball league will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 19, in the upstairs conference room of Rocket Auditorium, building 7120. Anyone interested in participating should attend. For more information call Ron Walton 876-2707, Sam Alexander 876-4552 or Chris Plitt 876-1005.

### Computer course

The Learning Resource Center is offering the course, Programming in BASIC. Students are shown how to write simple programs with an emphasis on business applications. Topics include coding input and output statements, performing arithmetic operations, establishing and manipulating arrays and strings, effective use of subroutines and functions and the importance of program documentation. For further information call the LRC 876-1061/1416.

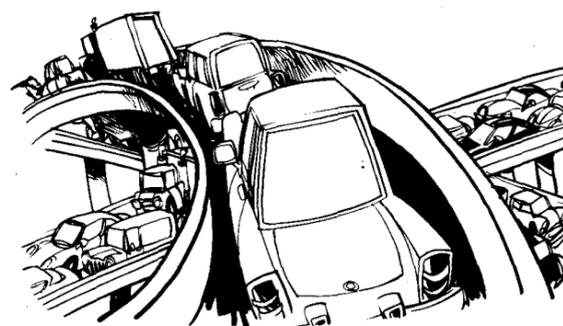
### Art exhibit

Huntsville Museum of Art's 12th annual juried exhibition will be on display through April 14. Entries by artists throughout the southeast were judged by New York artist Dorothy Gillespie. For more information call the museum 534-4566.

### PX inspects

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### Army in Europe

A team of recruiters from US Army, Europe (USAREUR) Civilian Recruitment Center will visit Redstone on March 20 to find candidates for some hard-to-fill positions. The team will not recruit for wage grade or clerical positions. Applicants must have personal civil service status, but the team will accept applications from non-status engineers and nurses. No job offers will be made at the time of the recruiting session. Those who are interested should be at the Rocket Auditorium, building 7120, at 9 a.m. Bring a completed SF-171. For more information call Phyllis Conner 876-1556/8656.

### Civilian counseling

The Human Resources Development Office provides regularly scheduled monthly briefings on the Civilian Counseling Service, an employee assistance program. Briefings are held on the third Tuesday of each month from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in room A-115, building 5250. These briefings may also be scheduled, by organization administrators, for other times and places that are convenient to the attendees. The next session is scheduled for March 19. For more information call Anthony Capowski, civilian program coordinator, at 876-5705/3082.

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