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Child abuse

Classes instruct parents in nonviolent discipline

BY PAM ROGERS

Child abuse does occur on Redstone, just as it probably does in any other community, but people who work with families speculate the Army has a higher success rate than the public sector in reducing and even preventing family violence.

Jean Capowski, Fox Army Community Hospital social worker, said the Army will make every effort to keep the family together, rather than remove the child from the household, or arrest a parent. There were 48 cases of child abuse here in the 1984 fiscal year, and a similar number of cases are expected this year.

Capowski defines abuse as intentional injury inflicted upon a child. She believes most parents try to be good at parenting, but many don't know how to discipline their children.

"In three quarters of these cases, the parents have over punished the child. A typical case would be the pediatric clinic reporting bruises on a child's back from being whipped with a belt. The best way to stop it is not to take the child away from the parents, but to teach the parents how to discipline," she said.

Although Capowski is the arsenal point of contact for families involved in child abuse, every case is turned over to the Alabama Department of Pensions and Security for investigation.

"People who work with children in this state are mandated to report child abuse," she said. She added that those covered under the law include day care workers, teachers, and health care professionals.

Child neglect

Capowski said neglect is another problem with which she is frequently confronted. Cases of this type usually involve young children who are left alone. Although she believes the age at which a child can be left alone varies with individuals, she said the DPS guideline states that children under 12 should not be left unattended.

"Even a 12-year-old shouldn't be left with six younger children. It's a matter of maturity and the degree of responsibility placed on the child," she said.

Redstone's military police respond to reports of family violence, but once they make the initial contact, they notify Capowski at the hospital if abuse is suspected. They do not remain involved unless the case results in criminal charges.

"If a child is beaten or burnt, we would take the child to the hospital for medical attention," said SFC Steven Shaver, operations sergeant for the military police. He has not encountered any situations that involve need for immediate medical attention in the nine months he has been here.

City plans celebration of nation's armed forces in May

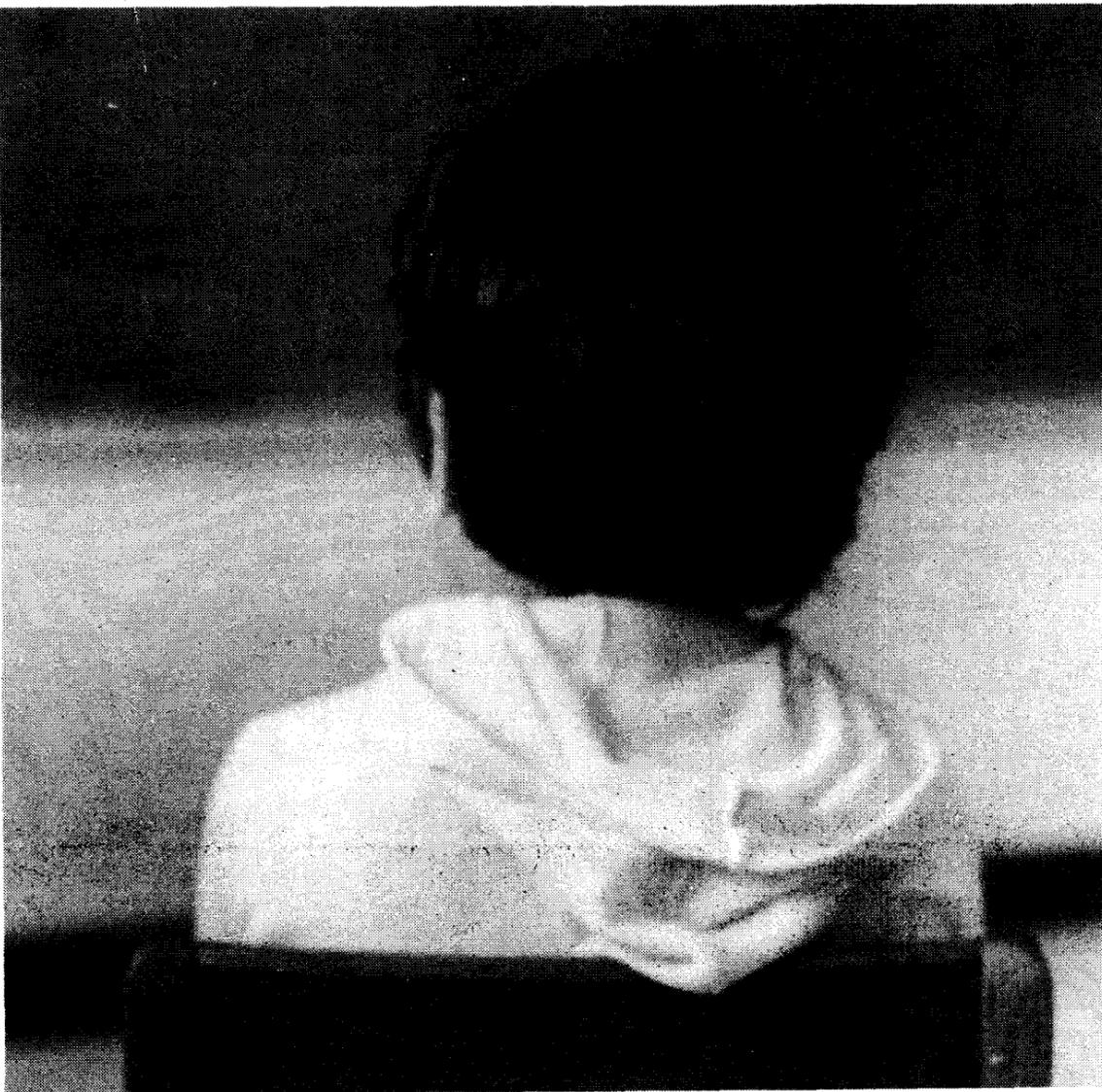
Parachute jumps, stunt flying, missiles in the Von Braun Civic Center, a ball and a parade highlight a tribute to the nation's uniformed services during Huntsville's first annual armed forces celebration in May.

The four-day event has been developed by the Armed Forces Celebration Council, chaired by E.W. (Rusty) Stevenson. The council is sponsored by the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce.

The celebration will begin on May 22 with exhibits of missiles and other weapons and industry displays at the Von Braun Civic Center. Military exhibits will be in the civic center arena, and the industry displays, portraying support of the armed forces, will occupy the exhibit hall. They will be open through the morning of May 24.

Many area industries have shown enthusiasm about the displays, said committee chairman John Chase.

"This is an opportunity for organizations who sup-



ABUSE — Nearly 50 cases of child abuse are expected here this fiscal year.

Parenting classes

Some parents who have abused their children are required to attend parenting classes offered by the Army Family Advocacy Program here. Dr. William Resha, coordinator of the program, stressed that any parents can benefit from the classes, and many who are enrolled now just want to improve their parenting skills.

"Most people are basically good parents, but they

discipline their children the way they, themselves, were disciplined. We encourage parents to find different ways to express unhappiness or displeasure," he said.

Redstone's child care workers are trained by Resha and Capowski to recognize signs of child abuse, such as recurring marks or bruises, and certain behavioral patterns, such as fearfulness or aggressiveness.

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port the armed services to show pride in, and appreciation for, them," he said.

A downtown parade will be held on the afternoon of May 24, beginning with a retreat ceremony at Big Spring Park. Active military troops, National Guard and Reserve units, high school bands and ROTC groups will participate. A group of about 30 World War I veterans from the Huntsville area will be honored guests. Carroll D. Hudson, a retired Army colonel, first commander of Redstone Arsenal (1941-46), will be the grand marshal.

The parade will mark the first appearance in this area of the Army's new M-1 tank. Other military hardware on review will include the Chaparral ground-to-air missile system, the Multiple Launch Rocket System, Lance surface-to-surface ballistic missile, Hawk missiles, and armored personnel carriers.

Jerry Breedlove, chairman of the parade committee, said although there have been parades in honor of armed forces day in the past, this parade will represent

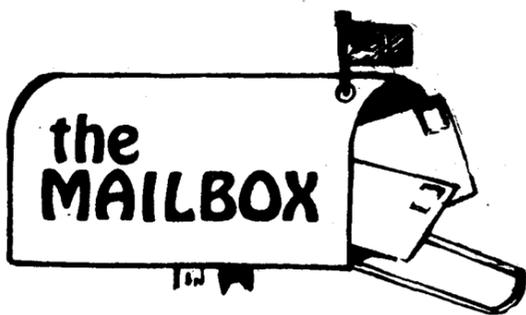
the first combined effort of all branches of the military.

"We hope this parade will receive national recognition," he said.

Both the industry exhibits and the parade are free of charge.

There will be an air show at the Huntsville-Madison County Jetport on May 25. The Golden Knights, the Army's parachute team, will give a demonstration, and there will be aerobatic routines by professional stunt pilots. Military aircraft will be on display. There will be a parking fee for the air show.

The final event in the celebration will be a ball at the Von Braun Civic Center on Saturday night, with music by the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra. There will be a demonstration by the Old Guard, the Army's ceremonial unit from Washington, D.C. Tickets for the ball are \$25 each, and are available at the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce. For more information about the armed forces celebration, call 533-4141.



Claims harassment

Editor:

I feel it is necessary to explain that I do respect all of your security policies and the duties of your civilian gate guards. However, when a guard uses his position strictly for the purpose of harassment I feel there is a need for action.

On the morning of Jan. 5, at or about 1:15 a.m., I was driving two friends onto the Arsenal to the home of a third friend. I was driving my friend's car because I felt he had a bit too much to drink. We were stopped at the Arsenal Gate -8. We had a pass because we were on earlier, yet we were stopped. The officer asked us where we were going and I stated that we were going to the same street we had been on. I had carelessly forgotten my license so the officer had to call it in. We were sitting in the car waiting for approximately 20 to 25 minutes and were growing impatient. I tooted the horn to ask the officer if I could return home to get my license; he refused. Another 10 minutes passed; I blew the horn again to ask what the holdup was and if I could just leave; another refusal. Finally he returned and said, "Ahh... your license checked OK, but now I detect an odor of alcohol which wasn't there before." He also told us we had to wait for the Staff Duty Officer.

While waiting for his arrival we decided to stand outside of the car; at which time he came over to the car and said, "get back in the car." His hand was resting on his holster. The other guard said a couple of "choice words", to which my friend rebutted, "Don't curse me and don't raise your voice at me either." So in fear of being "shot" for nothing at all the three of us got back in the car and waited.

At the arrival of the Military Staff Duty Officer, I informed him that the guard's sole intent was harassment. I explained that I was driving my friend because of his condition. After the proper procedure had been followed, I took the balance and breathalyzer test and left in disgust and anger.

How many more innocent people will be harassed by this officer? I feel the need for amendments to your reasonable and prudent policies and disciplinary action to the officer involved.

Joseph S. Green
3615-D Patton Road

Only thing lacking

Editor:

I am writing in regard to a previous article in the *Rocket* concerning the outstanding ambulance section of Fox Army Community Hospital. I think it is great that Redstone has modern lifesaving equipment; the only thing lacking is trained personnel to use such equipment.

I am a member of MEDDAC and in my opinion, I would say that I could only put my life in the hands of about one-third of the staff. EMT (emergency medical technician) training takes more than just a certificate. It takes hands-on training also. A possible suggestion would be for the medics to go on rotation with EMT paramedics of the downtown ambulances to test their skills in actual emergencies.

I would also like to add, why give gratitude to someone who is doing their job? That's what they get paid for. Others who do their jobs get little or no credit at all.

Name withheld by request

Stopped at gate

Editor:

Security guards at the gates should confine their duties to ensuring that vehicles have proper base identification, personnel are properly badged and government equipment remains on base.

Recently upon entering Gate 3 I was waved down for an out-of-date license plate. I assured the guard that I had purchased a new registration but had forgotten to put the sticker on my car. He checked through the base computer which indicated I had purchased no new license. To make a long story short I was given a ticket. I returned home and picked up my registration, drove to MP headquarters where the ticket was torn up.

This cost the government two hours of my time, raised my blood pressure several points and proved exactly nothing. It should be the concern of the state of Alabama as to whether I have an up-to-date license plate and not the security guard at Redstone Arsenal.

The least that should have been done was to allow me to return home and apply my sticker since I live only a short distance from Gate 3.

Name withheld by request

Problem with smoke

Editor:

I am a non-smoker at OMMCS forced to work in a room with three avid chain smokers. Asking these "gentlemen" to please smoke in the hall would be most unwise for me since I am so far down on the totem pole, rank-wise. They know of my problem with smoke — and could care less.

If these "chimneys" insist on smoking in the office, why can't it be made mandatory for them to place electronic air filters on their desk. Why should I jeopardize my life because of their disgusting and deadly habit?

I think it's time that a regulation exist (one already exists to cover conference rooms) for the average office worker. It will take an SOP or such a regulation to be able to back up a "smoking" rule.

For such a thing... it must come from the commandant... and I am appealing to you, sir.

Name withheld by request

Goofing off?

Editor:

I work in the Missile Logistics Center. The Army regulations say that employees get a 15 minute break morning and afternoon. Some of the branches have specific times for breaks for everyone in the office. The particular branch that I'm in frowns on employees who take breaks. When promotion time comes, these people are overlooked because they were considered "goofing off" when they took a break after working hard.

Some of the ones who get promotions are the same ones that sit at their desk all day talking to everyone who walks by for about 30 minutes each time, or who sit there and smoke a cigarette for about five minutes doing nothing else but smoke and they usually smoke about 10 cigarettes a day which is 50 minutes of "breaking". Then these people have the nerve to say that they've been so busy they don't have time for a "break"!

Taking a short, 15 minute break twice a day perks me up and helps me to do my work much better and faster after I've gotten a second wind, but I do not like being looked down on and made to feel bad because I took a short break which the regulation says that we're entitled to.

Name withheld by request

Service refused

Editor:

On a recent rainy day I walked to the O-Club for lunch. I usually lunch at the hospital or drive my Harley to the burger joint. I entered walking tall being proud. I was American, a veteran. Smilin', noddin' and dippin' to all the haughty secretaries in their finery. Wow, a truly American melting pot where pretty GS-3s can mix with graying fat-cat GS-16s. All this without a hammer and sickle in sight. You get the picture — I had on my happy shoes.

In line, I asked the server what the green and white selection was called. Being a batchelor, sometimes vittles dressed in cheese and little green leaves throw me off. This woman was aghast. Without answering, she whispered something to her cohort. Unsatisfied with his advice she sought advice from yet another. She's frowning. Heck, I'm still happy — in line with a general, a black civil servant and a guy with curly hair and a tie. We're here together 'cause of sufferings of Kings and Kennedys and Lincolns.

I had asked the impossible. No one had named this gastronomical delight. My question was going down in history along with what is life, and does Ali wear boxer shorts. I was pleased; back to noddin and dippin. The

glory ended. She was wide-eyed and apprehensive. Surprisingly, she didn't hold up a crucifix and garlic to ward off my evilness. Service refused — be gone. No service, but why? This isn't the '20s and I'm not Italian. It isn't the '50s and I'm not black. Not the '70s and I'm not Hispanic. Then it struck me. This is the '80s and I'm not a Yuppie. Good Lord, I had on blue jeans and a flannel shirt. My working duds. Clean but disgustingly cotton.

I left embarrassed, shamed. My happy shoes turned into cruel instruments, like shoes made by the comrades. Walking upright was made impossible. The crowd parted as I crawled to the safety of an exit. Rustling rayon, spandex and polyester was like a freight train going through my head. Once again in the fresh air I was revitalized. I could stand, hold my head high — be American. Wear cotton.

The '60s were good, I'm liberal so what the hey. But it seems to me if the O-Club management hates cotton they must hate Alabama and if they hate Alabama they must hate the good ole US of A and their moms. Can membership in the politburo be far from their grasp? Today it's the blue jeans jerks; tomorrow it may be the spandex spiffies. Never! Outlaw spandex and men's socks with garters and who could eat at the joint.

Gary Skaggs
MEDDAC

Obstacle course

Editor:

For the past several months, large groups of soldiers have been gathering in the parking area parallel to Little John Street awaiting Army bus transportation. As a result, employees assigned to the buildings adjacent to the lot must drive beside, between, around and among the groups of soldiers in order to find a parking space.

Not only is this an irritant to the employees who must try to find a parking space, but it is also extremely dangerous to the soldiers forming in the parking lot. Although employees are traveling at low speeds in the parking area, the possibility always exists that an unpredictable move on the part of one of the soldiers could result in an accident.

If possible, an alternate gathering space should be provided for these soldiers before an accident occurs.

Nine Concerned OMMCS Employees
(Names withheld by request)

Johnny-come-lately

Editor:

"Name withheld by request" (*Letters*, March 27) is a Johnny-come-lately to the question, is life real? It echoes through the ages. A Chinese philosopher-poet of the third century B.C. wrote:

"Once upon a time, I Chuang-tze, dreamt I was a butterfly, fluttering higher and thither, to all intents and purposes a butterfly. I was conscious only of following my fancies as a butterfly, and was unconscious of my individuality as a man. Suddenly I awoke, and there I lay, myself again. Now I do not know whether I was then a man dreaming that I was a butterfly, or whether I am now a butterfly dreaming that I am a man."

J.R. Hopkins

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Army clubs system to adopt state drinking ages

Redstone's installation clubs manager plans to survey to find the impact of a new rule in which Army posts will have to adhere to their state drinking age.

Beginning June 1, the minimum age for purchasing, drinking or possessing alcoholic beverages will be the age established by the state in which the installation is located, Army officials announced.

A survey will be done soon to determine the age of people using the clubs here, according to J.R. (Bob) Brown, installation clubs manager. Some 18-year-old soldiers are using the Enlisted Club. The drinking age in Alabama is 19.

"There's a very low percentage (of 18 year olds here)," Brown said. "When you take an area that has basic training, it'll impact an area like that much more than it'll impact an area like this."

The Army policy follows Department of Defense guidance recently published to complement the national initiative to raise the drinking age in all states to 21. This policy does not affect soldiers stationed outside the United States.

"Basically, our installations will follow the minimum age laws in the states they are located. This new guidance," said Capt. Tony Stamilio of the drug and alcohol policy office in the Pentagon, "reinforces our concern for the safety of our soldiers and the citizens of the community."

Army officials have included two exceptions to the policy whereby installation commanders may request their post be deferred from state law. These are:

—When privately owned vehicles are not available to soldiers at remote installations. Without motor vehicles available to soldiers, driving while intoxicated would not be a major concern; and

—When an installation is located within approximately 50 miles or one hour driving time of a state or international border that has a lower drinking age. The commander may consider that the proximity of the installation may pose a substantial risk of increased intoxicated driving to or from the neighboring state.

One exception that may be approved by the first general officer in the unit's chain of command is when, on a case-by-case basis, infrequent events (such as unit organization day, exercise stand-downs) are held on the installation to foster camaraderie and friendship.

"Statistics show that motor vehicle accidents kill more military personnel than any other peacetime cause," Stamilio said, "and that the highest fatality rate is the male teen-ager driving at night."

Citing statistics compiled by the National Safety Council, he said, "Teen-age fatalities have dramatically declined in states that have raised the minimum drinking age to 21. Knowing that 24 percent of all Army motor vehicle accidents involved people under 21, we hope to see a similar decline in accidents and deaths."

The minimum drinking age laws are changing quickly throughout the nation. The following chart lists the states and their drinking ages as of this date:

Florida	19
Georgia	21
Hawaii	18
Idaho	19
Illinois	21
Indiana	21
Iowa	19
Kansas	18 for 3.2 beer; 21 for all else
Kentucky	21
Louisiana	18
Maine	20
Maryland	21
Massachusetts	20
Michigan	21
Minnesota	19
Mississippi	18 for 4.0 beer and light wine; 21 for all else
Missouri	21
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North Dakota	21
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Oregon	21
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South Dakota	19 for 3.2 beer; 21 for all else
Tennessee	21 (Military exemption)
Texas	19
Utah	21
Vermont	18
Virginia	19 for beer; 21 for all else
Washington	21
West Virginia	19 for residents; 21 for non-residents
Wisconsin	19
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Mailbox

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Tried to hold back

Editor:

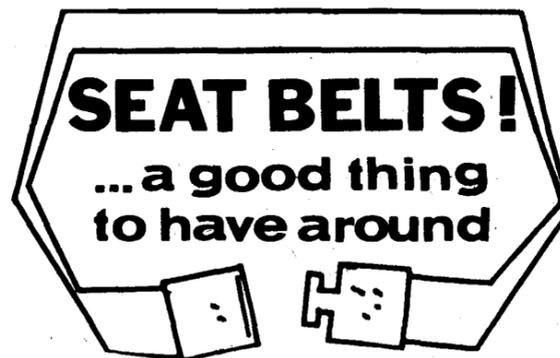
I've tried to hold back from answering the myriad letters on driving but couldn't resist adding my \$7 worth (inflation).

It really all boils down to obeying the law. Most people do, especially if the police are in view. The problem that exists for those who do obey driving regulations are the drivers who don't. For instance: while driving from the vicinity of the commissary to Buxton Road, following a car through 25 mph, 35 mph, 25 mph, 40 mph and 50 mph zones, the car kept a steady 35 mph while ignoring everything but his wife. Every morning a white van keeps a steady 35 mph in the Patton Road 50 mph zone regardless of how many cars pile up behind him.

If any of these slow drivers care to ask how they could possibly be "driving to endanger", send them to defensive driving school (I'm a registered instructor). The above examples are not isolated instances. Each day a red car with an elderly driver takes two miles to get up to speed after going through the gate and then starts slowing up one mile from his turn. These are actions that cause frustration, and frustration causes accidents. I agree that a certain percentage of drivers speed, but perhaps if more people drove the speed limit, there would be no need to speed to get to work.

Graydon K. Parker
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Base support contractor takes "good citizen" approach; will begin accepting employment applications soon

The companies that will take over support services here Oct. 1 both have reputations for fair dealing and dependability that span more than a half-century, according to an official with Holmes & Narver, the managing partner in the joint venture.

For the Redstone contract, Holmes & Narver Services Inc. of Orange, Calif. is joined with Morrison-Knudsen Co. Inc. of Boise, Idaho under the designation Holmes & Narver/Morrison-Knudsen, or H&N/M-K for short.

The managing partner, according to a Holmes & Narver spokesman, has provided quality services to all three U.S. military services, other government agencies and civilian groups all over the world for many years and will do no less at Redstone Arsenal.

The spokesman described Holmes & Narver as a "community-oriented organization" that will establish an "autonomous" operation at Redstone Arsenal staffed and equipped to function independent of company headquarters.

"Our intent is to be good citizens of the community. That's the way we approach these jobs," said the spokesman, adding that the contractor stands behind its contractual commitment to give displaced, qualified federal workers the right of first refusal for employment openings and that gaining the experience of trained individuals is an essential part of the contractor's game plan at Redstone Arsenal.

Company officials say they are currently evaluating their personnel requirements for Redstone. Changes in the arsenal's support requirements over the past two years have required a revision of the company's employment projections. Officials say at this point they are busy trying to redetermine how many people they will need and in what skills.

In the meantime, the company is "very interested" in receiving applications from all interested current Redstone workers. Applications will be available here soon. Once the revised scope of work is agreed to by the government and the contractor, local interviews

will be held at Redstone for all qualified applicants.

Both Holmes & Narver and Morrison-Knudsen are internationally known in the engineering and construction fields.

Holmes & Narver, headquartered in Orange, Calif. near Los Angeles, was founded in 1933 as a consulting engineering firm that built its reputation on civil projects and became an international engineering organization during the World War II construction boom. Its role gradually expanded into a provider of operations and maintenance services as its work took the company to remote sites where such services were needed.

The company's recent projects have included design of the Air Force's Space Operations Center in Colorado Springs and design and installation of the security system that protected athletes in Olympic villages during the summer games in Los Angeles last year.

Its operations and maintenance contracts include total base support for the Department of Energy on Johnston Atoll in the Pacific, where the company has supported the U.S. atomic test program since the early 1950s and has some employees there with 20-30 years continuous service.

Holmes & Narver Services is also the U.S. government's base maintenance contractor in Turkey, performing for all U.S. Army and Air Force bases in that country the same type services it will provide here at Redstone beginning Oct. 1. In Turkey, the company employs over 3,400 people at six major bases and many remote sites.

Under another current contract, company employees provide maintenance services for the ARCO oil concern at Prudhoe Bay on Alaska's North Slope. The company also has several projects in the Middle East, providing support for U.S. and allied military forces and operating a major city-wide power plant complex, a warehouse and supply system and a water project.

For 12 years, Holmes & Narver provided operation and maintenance support services to the National Science Foundation's Antarctic research program including operation of the year-round station at the South Pole.

The second partner, Morrison-Knudsen, is a large construction and engineering concern that completed such major projects as Hoover Dam and, more recently, the Tennessee-Tombigbee waterway for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They also built the new Aeropropulsion Space Test Facility for the Air Force at Tullahoma, Tenn.

The company, founded in 1912, is a major builder of industrial facilities around the world. In 1972 it completed a \$1.9 billion construction project for air bases, housing and harbors for the U.S. Navy in South Vietnam and has handled many other big military construction projects.

As a result of its worldwide construction mission, Morrison-Knudsen has wide experience in providing operation and maintenance support services on a large scale. "Support is part and parcel of everything we do," said a company spokesman. "Especially in remote locations, we have people working at the end of the supply line" whom the company must support with services of all kinds, he added.

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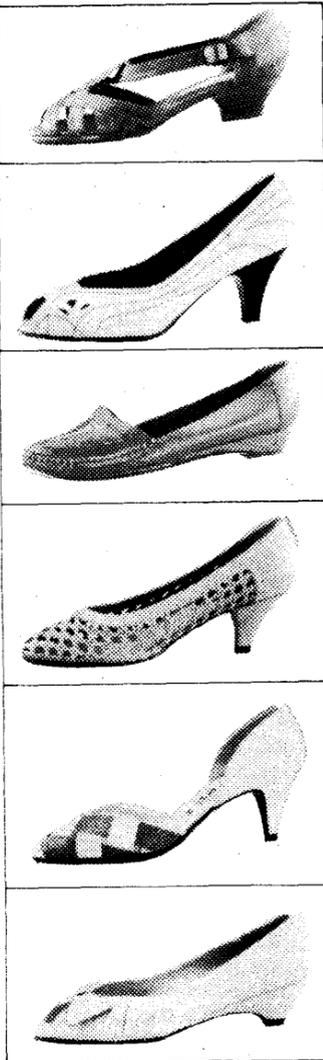
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School band highly rated

The band at Westlawn Middle School, which has students from Redstone Arsenal, has earned a trip to statewide competition.

"Redstone Arsenal residents are very proud of their middle school band at Westlawn," said Lola Haas, vice president of the Westlawn Band Parents and a Redstone resident.

The band, under the direction of Tom Mitchell, received a superior rating at the Alabama Bandmasters Association District 1 Competition Festival. This rating entitles the group to participate in the ABA state competition to be held in Florence, April 22-26.

Along with bands from all over the nation, these 60 seventh and eighth graders will also take part in the Six Flags Over Georgia open band festival in Atlanta, April 11-12.

"The Westlawn Band Parents organization would like to thank all of the arsenal personnel for your support this year. Without it, our group of enthusiastic young musicians would not be able to participate in these competitions," Haas said.

Soldier court-martialed for robbery

A Redstone soldier was convicted by general court-martial on robbery and desertion charges March 27.

Pvt. Steven Barnhart of 7th Student Company was given a dishonorable discharge, five years in jail, and forfeiture of \$400 per month for 60 months. A jury of four officers and three NCOs sentenced him in the case heard by Col. Gustave Jacob, an area military judge from Fort Campbell, Ky.

The robbery charge was in connection with a case in which three soldiers were accused of robbing another soldier on Oct. 16, 1984.

"It involved a case where the three soldiers picked up the victim off post, carried him on the post, took him to the rock quarry off of Neal Road and robbed him," said Capt. Rankin Clinton, prosecutor in the staff judge advocate office.

All three of the accused soldiers were members of 7th Student Company. Phillip Lyle was discharged from the service in lieu of a court-martial. Pvt. Rocky

Gullion was reduced from specialist 4 and is serving a one year sentence at Fort Riley, Kan., Clinton said.

Barnhart's desertion charge was in connection with his being absent without leave the day he was to have first appeared in court on the robbery charge. He was apprehended in Wyoming about 32 days later, according to Clinton.

For his sentence Barnhart was to be transferred to Fort Campbell and then to Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

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Here's advice on choosing and using an attorney

BY LONNIE GROOT

Military and other eligible personnel receive free legal services that can save them lots of money.

For example, a will and trust would cost \$125 or more if done at a private lawyer's office downtown. It costs only gas money for a person eligible for legal assistance at the MICOM Legal Assistance Office.

Other legal advice and services relating to domestic relations, personal finances, powers of attorney, taxation, bills of sale, consumer problems and diverse other legal matters are all handled at the legal assistance office. All of these services are provided without the costs associated with using civilian attorneys.

Civilian attorneys

Ofentimes, however, a civilian attorney will have to be retained to handle a legal matter. The legal assistance office cannot go to court for clients or assist eligible clients in profit or income generating activities. In order to sue the bread truck driver and his company for crashing into your car or to incorporate your business (a smart thing to do no matter how small), a civilian attorney must be retained.

In divorce actions, civilian attorneys must be retained. Contrary to what some people believe, the military cannot grant a divorce to a married couple. Written legal separations, particularly in states such as Alabama, are of limited value since they are difficult to enforce. If a written legal separation is desired, but not an absolute divorce, a divorce *mensa et thoro* (from bed and board) can be obtained which will continue the marriage, under enforceable conditions, but requires the use of a downtown attorney. As you can see, many legal actions require the services of an attorney who is a member of the local bar authorized to appear in the local courts.

Choosing an attorney

Choosing a lawyer should be premised upon the same factors that any other consumer choice is made.

First, have you had any good or bad reports about an attorney? You wouldn't go to a restaurant if you heard horrible things about the food and you wouldn't buy a car from a car salesman who you've heard is dishonest. So, ask your friends and co-workers who have hired an attorney if they were happy with the services provided. Ask them if the attorney seemed to really care about their problem, returned phone calls, was responsive to questions, considered the client's input, and charged a fair fee.

People don't like court experiences, as a general rule, and in every court case there is at least one loser. People often leave court dissatisfied and it may be that the attorney did an outstanding job, but just had a bad case. Consider the person's character who is talking about their attorney. If you've heard four good comments about an attorney and one bad, don't let the one bad thing rule out that attorney.

Fees

When you hire an attorney, you pay his salary. The attorney works for you. Legal services can be expensive, however, and before you start legal action; you should count the cost. A good place to establish costs is during your first consultation with the attorney. Normally, your initial consultation with an attorney will be free or for a nominal charge. Some attorneys do charge their regular hourly rate for first consultations. If this concerns you, ask what the consultation will cost when you make the appointment.

Attorneys can work for a fixed fee, an hourly rate, or a contingency fee. A fixed fee means that, for example, an uncontested divorce, with no complications, or an adoption, with all necessary parties giving consent, will cost a certain fee. If the legal action is a routine and relatively simple one, then a fixed fee can be established. Remember, the uncontested divorce that suddenly becomes controversial, will cause legal fees to increase due to no fault of the attorney. Different attorneys charge different fees.

The hourly rate of compensation will be charged in cases where the amount of time necessary to complete

the action is undetermined or open ended. The messy divorce case, the litigation against a contractor for shoddy workmanship in building your house, or the suit involving a contractual dispute will usually result in an hourly charge. What is a normal hourly charge? Attorneys fees vary from attorney to attorney, but range from \$50 to \$125 an hour. The more experienced and skilled your lawyer, the higher the fee. It is not uncommon in governmental centers or cities which are business hubs to see fees of \$200 per hour. That may seem high, but when you pay a lawyer's fee you're paying for all of his overhead (secretaries, phone, office, etc.), too. And, if you retain a "big time" lawyer, you're paying for his expertise, the respect he or she has earned in the legal community, and the governmental or political contacts that have been accumulated over the years. Cut rate fees don't always pan out well for a client. I once had a client who went to an attorney who advertised low prices for divorces. She got a divorce all right, but it did not provide for any child support for her children.

Contingent fees are based upon a legal victory. If the client wins, so does the attorney. If the client loses, so does the attorney. Normally, this type of fee arrangement occurs in a personal injury or tort claim. A tort is a private or civil wrong giving rise to damages. The arrangement will be that the attorney gets a certain percentage of any damage award. A typical arrangement between attorney and client is that the attorney will get a certain percentage if a settlement is reached, more if the case goes to trial, and more if an appeal is necessary. So, if Uncle Charlie is run over by a Greyhound bus and the jury awards Aunt Sue \$1,000,000 in a wrongful death action; the attorney would get a percentage of that. It may seem like a lot for a fee, but a major case like that can cause a law firm to devote several attorneys to it full-time for a year or so and run the risk of being paid nothing at all after accumulating a lot of expenses. It is up to you and your attorney to negotiate the contingency fee that will be earned.

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(Capt. Lonnie Groot is an assistant staff judge advocate and legal assistance officer.)



This month in history

43 years ago The manufacture of chemical munitions began at the Huntsville Arsenal (April 1942). Among the products manufactured were mustard gas, chlorine, lewisite, phosgene, white phosphorus, carbonyl iron, thionyl chloride, arsenic trichloride, tear gas, incendiary bombs and grenades, and white and colored smoke pots, shells, grenades, and canisters.

40 years ago: The Huntsville Arsenal reservoir, located on the west slope of Madkin Mountain, was named Valim Reservoir in honor of Sergeant Antone Valim (April 20, 1945). Sergeant Valim was one of the first enlisted men to test incendiary bombs at the Huntsville Arsenal Airport and gave his life in the performance of this duty on June 27, 1944.

35 years ago: The "For Sale" sign was removed from the Huntsville Arsenal, the chief, Chemical Corps relinquished

jurisdiction over it to the chief of ordnance, and the installation was consolidated with the Redstone Arsenal, forming a combined area of some 40,000 acres (April 1, 1950). With the arrival of a complement of soldiers and German scientists from Fort Bliss in April 1950, Redstone Arsenal entered the guided missile era.

29 years ago: The first Redstone missile battalion was officially activated at Redstone Arsenal and attached to the Army Ballistic Missile Agency (April 15, 1956).

11 years ago: A tornado struck the northern end of the installation causing more than \$13 million damage to MMCS facilities and other government property (April 3, 1974). This was the worst natural disaster in Redstone's history.

Compiled by Mary T. Cagle, command historian

Soldiers' idea saves Air Force money

WASHINGTON — An Army warrant officer not only won almost \$16,000 from a suggestion award submitted to the U.S. Air Force, but was also one of four winners of the Air Force's high value award.

CWO 4 Ronald G. Howell, now assigned to the Army's Logistics Management Division at Detroit Arsenal, Mich., accepted an engraved plaque from Gen. Charles A. Gabriel, U.S. Air Force chief of staff, at a recent Pentagon ceremony for a suggestion that resulted in a first-year savings of over \$2.5 million in airlift and manpower costs for the Air Force.

This was the first time a member of another service has won an Air Force top suggestion award.

While assigned to the U.S. Readiness Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., Howell proposed modifying 33 M-101 cargo trailers so that each could tow

two generators for airlift and cross-country movement, eliminating the need for additional trucks and trailers.

"I didn't think my idea would result in that kind of savings," Howell said. "As a matter of fact, I originally started not to even put in a suggestion form. It was just something we were doing to meet a mission requirement."

Howell said the Army could also save money by adopting his idea. "We (the Army) have far more communications and far more need for that trailer than does the Air Force," he said.

He added that representatives of the Army's signal community have expressed interest in adapting his idea for Army use. (Arnews)

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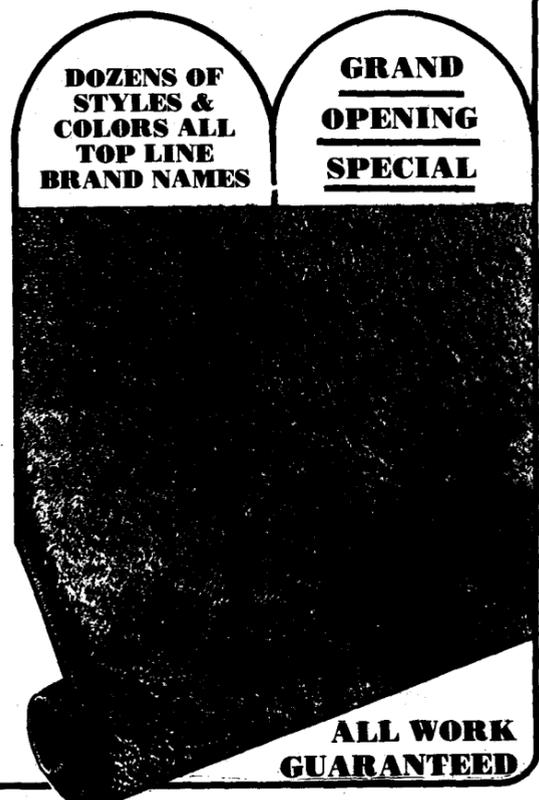
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Motor pool mechanic on racing team

BY SKIP VAUGHN

By his own admission, James D. Smith wasn't born with a silver spoon in his mouth but perhaps there was a wrench in his hand.

Smith has been an automotive mechanic here since 1956. Add two years of military time, and that comes to 31 years of service. He enjoys his work so much he even volunteers many of his weekends as a pit crew member for a professional stock car driver.

"It's all I know really. All I've ever done is mechanical work," says Smith. "But I am ready to go home." He plans to stay on for five months after the new contractor takes over Redstone Arsenal Support Activity and then retire.

As one of the workers in RASA's mechanical section, Smith helps repair Army vehicles. They work on everything from tactical vehicles to trucks, cars and forklifts. Smith says he's the only one who repairs radiators and heater cores.

The 54-year-old Madison County native was the second of three children. His mother died when he was 3 years old. His father, now deceased, was a retired steel worker. Smith traces his interest in automotive mechanics back to his teen-age years.

"I had to do my own work on my cars and it just stuck with me. I picked it up pretty good, I'm self-trained I guess you'd call it," he says. He was around 16 when he bought his first car.

"I bought my first car from my dad and it was a junker," Smith says with a laugh. "So I had to do a lot of work on it."

Smith picked black berries and cotton to pay for that car. His dad wouldn't give him a car so he had to buy it. The family was poor, he says.

"I wasn't born with a silver spoon in my mouth so that's one reason I guess this job was so important to



WINNER — Smith, second from right, was in the pit crew for driver Jimmy Means, second from left, when Means won a feature race at Huntsville Speedway around 1970.



MECHANIC — James D. Smith works on brakes of an Army van.

me," says Smith. He acknowledges that it still is important to him.

Besides fishing and hunting, his biggest hobby is car racing. He has been working with Jimmy Means, a professional race car driver, since Means first started racing. Means formerly lived in Huntsville but now resides in Forest City, N.C. "I make about 12 races a year with him," Smith says.

Smith is the only original member of Means' crew that consists of about eight people. Their racing season began in February at the Daytona 500 in Daytona Beach, Fla., where Means finished 14th in a field of 42. Smith doesn't receive pay for his weekend hobby.

"It's just a hobby that I love, and he (Means) is also one of my best friends," he says.

The Gurley resident and his wife Frances have a son and a daughter. James Jr., 27, is an auto mechanic, too. Debroh Smith Esbille, 30, is a homemaker in Gurley.

His advice for car care is to have frequent oil changes, filters, just general lubrication. That way "your car will last a lot longer and it won't cost that much to keep it serviced," Smith says. "Really you don't have to be a mechanic to keep your oil changed and your filters."

Asked for the secret of fixing a car, he says the best thing is to remember where problems were found while fixing cars in the past.

"I guess knowledge of what you've picked up over the years, you know, would be the best secret," Smith says.

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Holy Week services set

Holy Week services at Bicentennial Chapel for both Catholics and Protestants at Redstone Arsenal begin with the Catholic Holy Thursday Mass on April 4 at 5 p.m. The Good Friday Mass is at 3 p.m. on April 5 and the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil is at 7:30 p.m. on April 6.

Protestants are invited to attend the Maundy Thursday service on April 4 at 7 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. The combined choirs of Post and Bicentennial Chapels directed by Greta Champlin will present "The Seven Sayings of The Cross" by Ellen Jane Lorenz. Maurice Ottinger, Larry Pique, Nancy Johnson and Patricia Neely are soloists for this unique service combining music, scripture, and congregational participation. The Protestant Women of the Chapel are making the costumes, and the Protestant Youth of the Chapel are constructing the scenery. The Lord's Supper is part of the service.

The Protestant Good Friday Service on April 5 is at 4 p.m. at Post Chapel.

The annual ecumenical Easter Sunday Sunrise Service on April 7 will be held outside behind Post Chapel at 6:30 a.m., weather permitting. Staff Chaplain Col. Delbert W. Gremmels is the speaker. Music will be provided by the Whitesburg Baptist Church Brass Ensemble and the Oakwood College International Cathedral Choir.

The public is welcome to attend all Holy Week services.



EASTER SPEAKER — Chaplain Delbert W. Gremmels will speak at the annual Sunrise Service here April 7.

Youth soccer

Here are the AYSO Region 388, Redstone Arsenal, team standings as of March 30:

Eisenhower League (under 10)				
	Won	Loss	Tie	Points
Eagles	2	0	0	4
Cobras	1	1	0	2
Scorpions	1	1	0	2
Sharks	0	2	0	0
Bradley League (under 12)				
	Won	Loss	Tie	Points
Panthers	2	0	0	4
Strikers	2	1	0	4
Rowdies	1	1	0	2
Cougars	1	1	0	2
Dozier	0	3	0	0
MacArthur League (under 14)				
	Won	Loss	Tie	Points
Quakes	2	0	0	4
Bandits	0	1	1	1
Pershing League (under 16)				
	Won	Loss	Tie	Points
Rockets	1	0	0	2

Vitamins recalled

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is recalling one lot of AAFES Brant vitamin A capsules. The vitamin A content of the capsules was found to exceed the amount listed on the label. The AAFES Brand vitamin A capsules involved in the recall are sold in 100-count bottles. Also, the label will carry the lot number 131838, which is the only lot being recalled. The vitamins should contain 10,000 USP units per capsule, which is the maximum allowable for over-the-counter purchase, but routine quality assurance sampling disclosed that some of the capsules contained up to 20,000 USP units of vitamin A. Exchanges are removing the lot number 131838 vitamin A capsules from their shelves. At the same time, customers who may have the recalled vitamin are urged to return it to their local exchange for full refund. (Arnews)

Child abuse

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Shirley Sterbenk, child development program coordinator here, said the training is quite useful. "I don't have qualified staff to train people in this area, and the support is very much needed," she said.

Reporting abuse

The workers have done an excellent job in spotting and reporting child abuse, Resha said, adding that every case they referred was legitimate.

"The Army wants to keep good soldiers and their

families in the military. They recognize the fact that there is a direct relationship between retention and readiness, and what's going on in the family," he said.

Anyone who suspects child abuse can report it. Capowski encourages people to call her when they aren't sure what to do.

"I always ask people if they want to carry the responsibility. If a child is hurt or killed, you don't want that on your conscience," she said.

The Family Advocacy Hotline, for reporting child and spouse abuse, is 876-8000.

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Medical badge hopefuls practice air evacuation

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Medics in combat gear lifted a patient's stretcher and rushed to a waiting helicopter as smoke swirled behind them.

It was all part of an exercise to help them prepare to try for an expert field medical badge. A helicopter from the Army airfield landed on the helipad at Fox Army Community Hospital for the exercise the afternoon of March 26.

"Usually less than 18 percent actually receive the badge who test for it," said Capt. Linda Kirk, chief of nursing education and training. "That's why we're helping each other to prepare."

She and 11 other medics at the hospital are to go to Fort Benning, Ga., for a five-day test April 15-19. "We've been training for that test for several weeks now and this is part of the training today," Kirk said, before the helicopter landed.

Testing for the badge is open to interested members of the Army medical department. Besides air evacuation, tasks covered include a litter obstacle course, the Army physical training test, a 12-mile road march with full gear that must be completed in three hours, and triaging (sorting of patients based on injury severity).

SSgt. Arthur Bailey, NCO in charge of nursing education and training, was not training for the test but helped a group of nine of the medics in the helicopter exercise.

"We're going to do evacuation and 'dustoff' training. That's where you get casualties in a combat environment and have to call in a helicopter for evacuation of casualties," Bailey said. When the aircraft landed, CWO 4 Ralph Weber got out to give instructions to the medics on helicopter safety and evacuation of patients. Weber, the aviation safety officer for the Missile Command, was assisted by Sgt. Timothy Kirk, crew chief on the mission.

"Be very aware of where the rotor is and keep an eye on it," Weber said at one point.

The medics practiced loading and unloading stretchers. Weber advised them they would have to use signals since they would not be able to hear themselves talk above the noise of the aircraft. He also warned them about the helicopter's sharp edges.

A stretcher carrying Bailey shook slightly as nurse Kirk lifted it with three male medics. "Come on, fellas," she said. "You're stronger than I am."



BRIEFING — Aviation Safety Officer CWO 4 Ralph Weber, at left



PATIENTS — Medics get ready to carry patient stretchers as smoke canister spews smoke behind them.



EVACUATION — Medics approach helicopter waiting to evacuate patient during training exercise.



o medics about air evacuation safety.



PRACTICE — Medics practice loading stretcher onto helicopter.



LIFT-OFF — Helicopter prepares to leave hospital helipad.

Soldier adds to his winnings from weight lifting

BY JEFF WATSON

An Army sergeant added to his list of weight lifting titles when he won the masters division of the American Southern Drug-Free Powerlifting Championship, March 30 at Enterprise, Ala.

SFC Leonard Lawson, who will be leaving for Fort Bliss on Thursday to serve as a missile and radar technician for the Patriot missile system, won the age 40 and over division. He lifted 518 pounds in the squat, 330 pounds in the benchpress and 485 pounds in the deadlift.

"I thought I had a good chance of winning since the meet was drug-free, and I took second in the Nationals in October. From that situation I felt I had a good chance," he said.

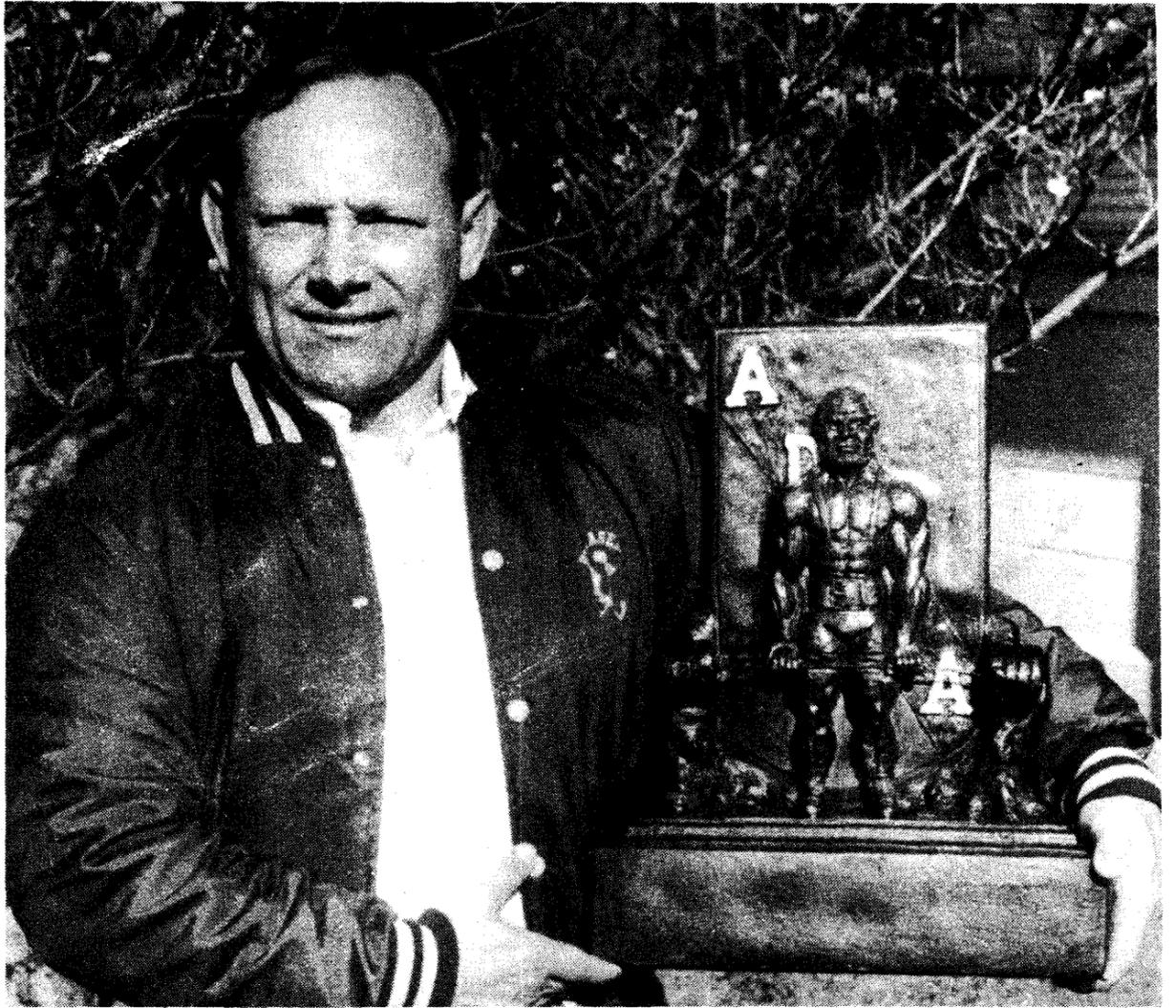
While the actual lifting may be the hardest, Lawson believes that waiting between each lift may be the most demanding.

"Before my final lift I had to wait about 15 minutes, you get butterflies, but I knew if I could deadlift the 485 pounds I could clinch the title. The whole time all I thought of was all the training I had done and how strong I felt. When I lifted the weight and saw the judge signal to put it down, I really felt happy and relieved," Lawson said with a smile.

He indicated he would like to thank the people and organizations at Redstone Arsenal who supported him in the lifting competitions.

"I hate to leave here," Lawson said. "I met so many good people at Redstone that gave me such good backing concerning powerlifting, they really helped my morale. The instructors at Toftoy donated money for me to go to the Nationals back in October, and without the AUSA I could have never gone down to the Southern Drug-Free Championships."

Lawson's next meet is the Texas State Masters Championship set for May 18 at Corpus Christi.



LIFTER — SFC Leonard Lawson holds trophy he won in a recent weight lifting meet.

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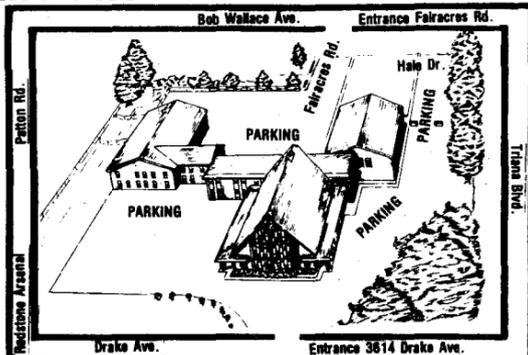
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BY JEFF WATSON

For a lance corporal with the Marine Detachment at OMMCS, being a Marine is a brotherly tradition.

William "Chuck" Kuzy, 19, a native of Huntsville, enlisted in the Marine Corps eight months ago, making him the fifth of six brothers to do so.

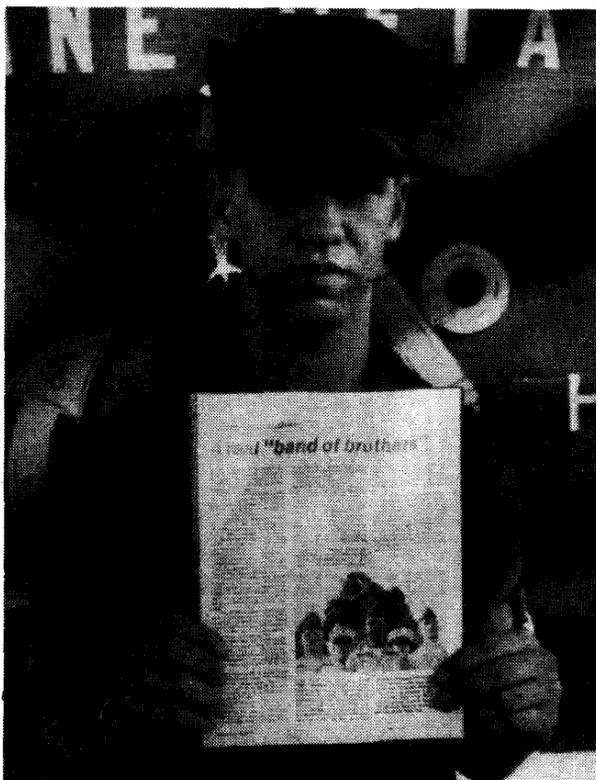
In addition to Chuck, who is studying to be a Hawk launcher Repairer, the brothers, all lance corporals, include Nick Kuzy, a communications specialist stationed at Camp Le Jeune, N.C.; Jeff Kuzy, an electronics countermeasures specialist stationed at Marine Corps Air Station, New River, N.C., Russell McCoy, a military policeman at Parris Island, S.C., and Matt McCoy, who is an aviation maintenance specialist at MCAS Beaufort, S.C.

The five brothers all joined the Corps within the past three years, all graduated from boot camp within a two year period, and each has been fortunate enough to see the others graduate from boot camp.

Their little brother Michael, 17, is planning on making it six for six.

"Michael says that he is going to join as soon as he graduates from high school," Chuck said. "We told him, however, to join only if that's really what he wants to do, not because we joined."

If Michael's plans go as scheduled, it looks like the five Marine brothers will be making another trip to Parris Island, welcoming one more brother into the Corps.



MARINE BROTHERS — LCpl. Chuck Kuzy shows an article that appeared in a Marine publication when he graduated from boot camp. The illustration shows the five brothers in front of the Iwo Jima monument at Parris Island at the time of Chuck's graduation.

Redstone volleyball team wins area tournament

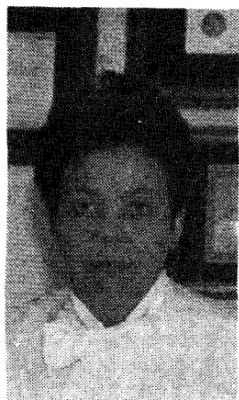
The post volleyball team won the Huntsville "Cheap Shots" Volleyball Tournament held recently at Huntsville High School.

The team finished with a 7-1 pool play record and top seed in the single elimination championship. It beat teams from Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee in pool play and its only loss was to Air University of Maxwell Air Force Base. The Huntsville Cheap Shots "B" team finished fourth.

A team from Rome, Ga., faced a team from McMinnville, Tenn., with the winner to take on Redstone for the championship. Rome beat McMinnville in two out of three matches. In the Redstone-Rome final, the post team won by scores of 18-16 and 15-13.

Members of the Redstone team include coach Felix Milar, Capt. Rick Goodale, Gunnery Sgt. Ernesto Kurotobi, SFC Dennis Schlegel, SSgt. William Stover, Sp5 Jerry Miller, Sp5 Kenny Smith, Lawrence Chargualaf and Angel Perez.

The Redstone team was in first place in the Huntsville Volleyball Club league with a 20-4 record. The Huntsville Cheap Shots "A" team was in second with a 15-9 record.



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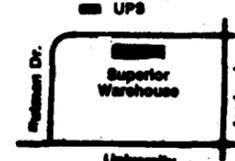
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Family members told to keep copy of DEERS sign-up

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Signing up or re-enrolling in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System doesn't have to be a big hassle.

Sure, going to the military personnel office to have a form filled out is not the most convenient thing in the world. But it doesn't have to be that much of a hassle as long as a copy of the form is kept until the computer files can be updated in California.

And besides, the eligibility reporting system saves money, according to military personnel officials.

"It's to prevent abuse of the military medical system and cut down costs and expenses involved in providing care," says Kitty Gerych, chief of customer services section at Redstone's military personnel office.

A family member who goes to Fox Army Community Hospital for care, for example, must show a valid ID card. The people in the hospital's records section would punch into a computer the Social Security number of that person's military sponsor. The computer would list all the servicemember's relatives who are eligible for care. If the person at the hospital is not on that computer list, he or she would be denied routine (non-emergency) care.

Enrollment forms for the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System are submitted through the identification section at military personnel. That section in turn mails all the applications to the DEERS enrollment processing center at Santa Barbara, Calif. This step is where the hassle comes in if someone does not keep a copy of the enrollment form.

"Because that one site collects applications from all of the armed forces, any initial enrollment or update of information can take anywhere from 60 to 90 days depending on the number of applications that the processing center already has on hand," Gerych says. "In the interim, to make sure that eligible dependents are covered, each person applying for an ID card or DEERS enrollment is provided a copy of a verified DD form 1172."

In other words, family members should keep a copy of their enrollment form until their names are placed on the computer rolls. And this can take anywhere from two to three months.

The defense eligibility reporting system is for family

members and survivors of active or retired military people. "Even children too young to have ID cards have to be enrolled on the system," Gerych adds.

This automated, defense-wide system provides a way of confirming who is eligible for military medical benefits. The spouse of a servicemember would no longer be eligible upon divorce. If there were children involved and they were stepchildren of the servicemember, the children would no longer be eligible for benefits, either. This wouldn't apply if they were the servicemember's own children since their eligibility wouldn't be based on the marriage.

"When you compound that (number of ineligibles) by active duty, retirees and the whole nine yards, that saves a lot of money," Gerych says.

The Defense Department began DEERS test sites in

1979. The system has been in effect here since 1981. The military personnel office on post estimates it issues about 10,000 dependent cards a year.

That office hopes to end the 60-90 day lag time for the enrollment system by the end of this year. "Redstone is projected to get their own DEERS system which will knock out the DEERS processing center (step) altogether; then it will take 24 hours to update this thing," Gerych says.

Until then, family members should be sure to take a copy of their new enrollment form when they go to the hospital before their names are placed on the computer rolls. "That's the difference between their getting treated and not getting treated (for routine care)," says Gerych.

Officer preference statements have new look

WASHINGTON — Officers are seeing a new computerized preference statement.

"The new DA form 483 will help career managers respond to the officer's desires more quickly than was possible with the old form," said Lt. Col. William Chantelau, information resources management officer for the Officer Personnel Management Directorate, Milpercen. "Managers will be able to use the automated information when assigning the officer to a school or new position."

The form lets officers select preferences which will be read by a Milpercen computer. Information entered on the form, which becomes part of the official master file, includes: preferred functional area, a preference for overseas or continental United States duty, a duty or location priority, three duty preferences and several tour location choices.

There is also a comment sheet so officers can express career desires not included in the automated part of the form.

Milpercen officials indicate that a new preference statement should be submitted:

—About 12 months before completing an overseas tour;

—About 12 months after reporting to a stateside duty station;

—Within 60 days after starting a class in a stateside service school, a civilian institution or training with an industry;

—Whenever the officer's personal desires change. They also caution officers to carefully follow the directions on the computerized form, and to return the form unfolded in a 9 by 12-inch envelope. Folded forms cannot be processed by the computer, thus delaying an update to the officer's preference information.

The forms should be sent directly to Milpercen using one of the addresses listed on the form.

Information from the form becomes part of the new automated officer distribution and assignment system. (Arnews)



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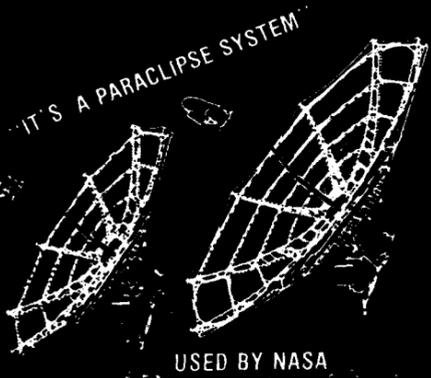


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Dates of the elections, and regulations pertaining to them can be obtained by writing to the city clerk in your hometown.

Company voting assistance officers can help with obtaining absentee registration forms and ballots.

"I can tell people who to contact for an absentee ballot, and we also have a voting assistance guide that has a summary of the states, and information on regulations and voting absentee," said 2nd Lt. Jacqueline Peterson, voting assistance officer of the School Brigade's 1st Battalion.

Questions that cannot be answered on the local level can be referred to the Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Department of Defense, Pentagon, RM1B457, Washington, D.C. 20301.

Driver's assault case going to grand jury

The case of a Huntsville man accused of driving a car into a group of marching soldiers was expected to be presented to a federal grand jury this week.

Howard J. Townson, 35, of 1416 Sandhurst Drive, faces charges in connection with an incident the night of March 18 in which a car plowed into a troop formation on Hercules Road on Redstone Arsenal. He was

charged by military authorities with first degree assault, driving under the influence, and reckless driving.

A preliminary hearing set for April 2 was postponed and the case was expected to go before a grand jury instead, according to Capt. Rankin Clinton, special assistant U.S. attorney and an assistant staff judge advocate.

Marsh honored

WASHINGTON — Army Secretary John O. Marsh, Jr. accepted an honorary doctor of laws degree March 20 from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

University officials presented the award for "demonstrated leadership quality of the highest order (and for providing) his fellow citizens with the wisdom and insight needed in a successful society."

A native of Harrisonburg, Marsh went through school in Virginia and earned his bachelor of laws degree from Washington and Lee University in Lexington in 1951. He went on to practice law in Strasburg, Va.

Marsh served in the 29th Infantry Division of the Virginia National Guard from 1951 to 1976. He also served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1963 to 1971 as congressman from Virginia's 7th district. (Arnews)

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Easter egg hunt

An Easter egg hunt for military dependent children age 3 through third grade is set for April 6 at 10 a.m. Each child should bring a basket and three colored eggs to the assembly room at Bicentennial Chapel. Parents should accompany children five and under. For information call 876-2409.

Broadway play

Neil Simon's comedy "Brighton Beach Memoirs" will be presented April 22 and 23 by the Broadway Theater League of Huntsville. For information call 534-6884.

Defaulted loans

Soldiers who have defaulted on government educational loans will have loan payments involuntarily withheld from their pay beginning in March or April. The Army Finance and Accounting Center is required by law to collect defaulted loans on behalf of the Department of Education, which has given the Army names of 1800 servicemembers who are in default. Military personnel whose pay is affected by this collection and feel it is in error should contact the Department of Education, ROB-3, Room 3661, 400 Maryland SW, Washington, D.C. 20202, telephone (202) 755-1467. The MICOM Finance and Accounting Office has no control over this collection, which appears as an FED allotment on the leave and earnings statement, and once started it can be stopped only by Department of Education.

Road race

The annual "Making Tracks" road race at Anniston Army Depot is scheduled April 27 at 8 a.m. Entrants in the 6.2-mile race receive T-shirts and winners are awarded trophies. Entrants in a 2-mile "fun run" at 9:30 a.m. receive T-shirts also and winners get a prize. For the road race there are 10 age categories and separate divisions for men and women. For early registration send a \$5 check, payable to "Morale Support Fund", to Making Tracks '85, Anniston Army Depot, Anniston, Ala. 36201. For information call (205) 235-6281.

Pilot safety meeting

An FAA pilot safety meeting is scheduled April 9 from 7-9:30 a.m. at the Space and Rocket Center auditorium. For information call Renee West, 876-7105.

Officer retirement

Officers considering retirement should ensure the timely processing of their retirement paperwork through their chain of command. A retirement request should be submitted sufficiently in advance to insure that it is received in HQDA no later than four months prior to the requested retirement date. Request for exception to this four month advance period will include justification for the delay in submission of the request. In addition, each request must include a statement that the officer is aware that the delay in submission of the request shortens the processing time, and may preclude retirement on the date requested. Each request for exception will be considered on an individual basis.

Commissary

Effective immediately, the Commissary will no longer accept personal or traveler's checks signed by someone other than the person whose name appears on the face of the check.

UNCF banquet

The seventh annual banquet to benefit the United Negro College Fund will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at the Von Braun Civic Center. The guest speaker will be Jayne Kennedy, an actress and sports announcer. A tax-deductible donation of \$30 is requested. The event will include a dinner and entertainment. The mistress of ceremonies is to be J.C. Hayward, news anchor for Channel 9 Eyewitness News in Washington. In the past celebrities such as Muhammad Ali have often appeared as surprise guests. For tickets call Emmett Florence 876-7222/7223 or Ola Dawson 876-2664.

Singles group

A Civitan Singles Group is being organized for single persons of all ages. It meets Monday nights at 6:30 at BIBs Restaurant on Old Airport Road in Huntsville. For more information call 539-5908.

Reserve officers

The Huntsville Chapter of the Reserve Officers' Association has a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On April 17, Tom Weaver will discuss the R&D efforts in laser and other directed energy weapons programs. That meeting will be at the BDM building in Brahan Spring's Professional Village. For more information call Frank Caprio 882-4900, Bud Shield 881-5460 or Tony Zimmermann 876-7525.

Time management

A new self-study course entitled Time Management is offered by the National Independent Study Center, a government correspondence school. For more information contact your training office or the National Independent Study Center, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, P.O. Box 25167, Denver, Colo. 80225; or call FTS 776-4100 or commercial (303) 236-4100. Government workers must be nominated by their agencies.

Scholarship award

The NCO Wives Club will award a scholarship to a graduating high school senior. An applicant must be a military family member whose sponsor is an active or retired NCO who is a member of the NCO Club for at least one year. Applicants must show evidence of acceptance by an accredited school, and submit a 500 word essay on one of three recommended topics. An overall "B" average is required and an official transcript of high school grades must be submitted with the application. Deadline for applications is 7 p.m. April 30. For more information call Stephana Williams 837-6857 or Juanita Rocha 830-2283.

Bake sale

NCO Wives Club will have a bake sale at 10 a.m. April 6 in the lobby of the Main Post Exchange. An assortment of cakes, cookies, cupcakes and other baked goods will be available for purchase.

Officers wives club

The Officers Wives Club will sponsor a crystal bingo day at the Officers Club April 9 as a way of thanking its members for their support over the past year. Current members of the OWC are invited. Social hour with juice bar begins at 10 a.m., with brunch at 10:45. For more information call Sherry Ritchey 830-2739.

Thrift shop

The thrift shop will be open the first Saturday of each month, beginning April 6, on a three-month trial basis. Saturday hours will be 9 a.m. to noon. Consignments will not be accepted on Saturdays. Consignments are accepted only from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Normal hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays.

Wine tasting

The Huntsville Chapter of Les Amis du Vin (Friends of Wine) will meet in the Old Town Room at the Huntsville Hilton on April 8 at 7:30 p.m. Chapter participants will compare a number of highly-rated California wines made from pinot noir grapes with their price range counterparts from the Burgundy region of France. For reservations and information call 837-0886, 882-0644 or 883-2572 after 5 p.m. and weekends.

Golf group

The Huntsville Travellers Golf Association opens the season April 13. The HTGA is a handicap league that plays at area golf courses on Saturday mornings. Individual and team prizes are awarded on a handicap basis and for the season. Membership is limited to 60 golfers. For information call Max Massengil, 852-8985, Loyd Chapman, 536-4162, or Don Booth, 881-4756.

Childbirth classes

The next six-week series of childbirth classes at Occupational Health Clinic will begin on Tuesday evening, April 16, at 5:30 p.m. in building 116. For information and registration call Maj. Forsythe at 876-8831 or Maj. Trent at 876-5863.

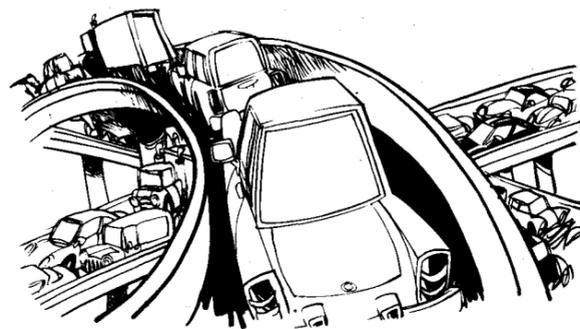
Supply management interns

The AMC career intern program announcement (PSA 1-74) is open during April for internal candidates for the supply management intern program. For information call Willena Richardson or Kim Dowdy, 876-1531.

Jazzercise

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Alcoholics Anonymous

The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Friday afternoons at 5:15 in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel. This is an open discussion meeting. Anyone interested in the subject of alcoholism is invited to attend.

Single parents

Parents Without Partners is a support group for single parents who are coping with a new lifestyle. The next meeting is Thursday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 3601 Gesman Place. For further information, call 536-6681.

Government accountants

The Association of Government Accountants announces its 10th annual financial management seminar on "Innovations in Organizations," featuring Dr. Jerry B. Harvey. The seminar is to be held May 1 and 2 at the Von Braun Civic Center. For more information, call James McCrary 453-1484.

Recreation center

Tonight— *Stratego* tourney at 7:00. Thursday— *Bingo* at 7 p.m. Friday— *Go* tourney at 7 p.m. Saturday— *Children's play: The Jumping Off Place* at 2 p.m. Sunday— *Refreshments* at 4:30 p.m. Monday— *Trivia quiz* at 7 p.m. Tuesday— *Pool tourney* at 7 p.m.

Military service credit

The Civilian Personnel Office will conduct a post-1956 military service credit deposit presentation on April 10th and 16th at 2 p.m. in the Rocket Auditorium. The presentation will be made by Doris Gable of the Retirement Office. Attendance is voluntary.

Flea market

A flea market sponsored by ACS will be held April 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot of the Redstone branch of First Alabama Bank. Registration is \$5 per space and is open to all military ID card holders, active or retired. Go to ACS, building 3491, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for registration. Call 876-2859 for more information.

Gulf Coast Triathlon

The 1985 Gulf Coast Triathlon will be held May 11 at Panama City Beach, Fla. The three-part, continuous race involves swimming 1.5 miles, cycling 62 miles and running 13.1 miles. Applications and more information can be obtained by calling 800-874-4440 or by writing the Gulf Coast Triathlon, 7205 Thomas Drive, Panama City Beach, Fla. 32407.

Mythology lecture

Dr. David Neff, professor of English at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, will discuss the ancient Greek myth of Orpheus and Euridice on Sunday, April 7, at the art museum auditorium at the Von Braun Civic Center. The program will start at 1:30 p.m. with a playing of a digital recording of the second act of Gluck's opera "Orfeo ed Euridice", followed by the discussion at 2:00. The free lecture is open to the public. For more information call 536-0583.

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Army uses on-the-spot preliminary drug testing

WASHINGTON — As part of the Army's ongoing battle against drug abuse, approximately 200,000 urine specimens underwent "prescreening" in 1984.

The prescreening program, in effect since 1982, is a systematic use of on-the-spot urinalysis to detect drug abuse among soldiers. It uses one of two screening devices — the single-test device and the "autolab" instrument.

Commanders who choose to use the portable devices, which are intended solely for prescreening purposes, are finding them particularly effective in situations requiring immediate feedback. This would apply, for example, to soldiers in sensitive duty positions, drug rehabilitation program enrollees and soldiers awaiting deployment.

Depending on the commander's needs and on the availability of resources, either device can be called upon to give the unit commander a quick read-out on the extent of drug usage in a given unit.

Lt. Col. Frank Gilliam of the U.S. Army Drug and

Alcohol Technical Activity says that the Army is currently using about 85 of the single-test devices and 15 of the "autolabs." "That usage probably will increase in 1985, mainly in the continental United States," he said. "We also have devices operating in Europe, and some are on their way to Korea."

What happens if the screening results show positive? They're considered "preliminary" — with all the legal safeguards that term implies — until they're confirmed as positive by a Defense Department-certified laboratory.

While awaiting the certified lab's determination, commanders are authorized to take remedial action like:

- Temporarily referring the soldier to a treatment and rehabilitation program;

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What happens if the certified lab cannot confirm the positive screening results? In that case, explains Gilliam, the results may not be used to take adverse action against the soldier in disciplinary or administrative proceedings. What's more, such a case would require rescinding any temporary action taken.

Gilliam notes that the purchase authority and the decision to use the prescreening devices rest with installation commanders. His agency's records show that the single-test device costs the government about \$3,000 apiece. The larger, multiple-tester "autolab" costs about \$18,500.

Both devices are capable of detecting such commonly abused drugs as marijuana and cocaine, said Gilliam. They're also able to produce "real-time" read-outs — meaning, in the case of the single-test device, a time of about one-and-a-half minutes and, for the "autolab," less than an hour to test up to 40 specimens.

Turnaround time on confirmation from the laboratories amounts to a matter of several weeks, Gilliam said. (Arnews)

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Field exercise helps company evaluate training

The 95th Maintenance Company held a field exercise last week that should have an impact on future training in the company.

Two sides, a red and a blue army, took turns ambushing each other in a training area on post March 25-28. The idea was "to evaluate the company's training we've had in the last six months," said MSgt. Seturnino Canales, who coordinated the exercise.

"This is the first (field training exercise) of this kind that the 95th has done," he said. "There have been actual training exercises where you go out in the field and do training out in the field. There was no training in this exercise, it was evaluation of training that we'd had in the past."

The blue army and the red army each convoyed into the wooded area from different directions. Situations were set up where one army would patrol and the other would ambush and then the roles were reversed, said CWO 2 Fred L. Taylor, chief evaluator for the exercise.

"When one army was attacking the other, the Redstone airfield provided aviation support with a simulation of air attack with a Cobra helicopter," Taylor said.

About 75 soldiers participated, using blank ammunition in their M-16 rifles. 1st Lt. James Gutierrez commanded the blue army while 1st Lt. Mark-Thomas Bray led the red army. Both platoons were in radio contact with a main control post where company commander Capt. Harry Hamilton or a designee coordinated the effort.

To conclude the continuous exercise, which lasted about 85 hours, both armies moved against each other and had to use chemical protective gear.

Senior NCO's in the unit, many with Vietnam experience, were designated as neutral evaluators of each army. "As a result weak areas of training have been identified and there will be plans to provide additional training in the company's training shortcomings," Taylor said.

Land navigation was described as one of the main weak areas.

"Maps in the classroom do not reflect actual terrain. So therefore, training in the future will be in a hands-on environment," said Taylor.

Exercise planners included Canales, CWO 2 Richard Lopez and SFC Herbert Hughes. Evaluators included Taylor, SFC Paul Foley, SFC Arthur Gordon, SFC George Williams, SFC Samuel Slade, SFC Gerald Spatz, SFC Johnny Redford, Sp6 Deric Galloway and SFC Herbert Hughes. Logistics support was provided by 1st Sgt. Jose Quitugua, MSgt. Jose Munoz-Valentin and SFC Sandra Richardson. CWO 4 Warren Harmon was the acting field commander.

"It was highly successful," said Canales, the exercise coordinator. "We know in which direction to aim our training now."

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