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Coming attraction

Husband pilots, wife rides outside on the wing

When Bob Wagner gives his wife, Pat, an airplane ride, she's not in the plane— she's on it.

Standing on the wing of an airplane that's flying upside down might make some women wonder just how much trust is necessary in a marriage, but for the Wagners, the feat is only a part of their lives as stunt fliers.

The Wagners perform at about 25 air shows every year. They will take part in the city's Armed Forces Day celebration May 22-25.

In addition to the air show at the Huntsville-Madison County Jetport on May 25, other highlights of the community-wide celebration will include industry and weapons exhibits at the Von Braun Civic Center and a downtown parade honoring Huntsville's WWI veterans. A ball at the civic center will feature the Jimmy Dorsey orchestra, conducted by Lee Castle, and a demonstration by the Old Guard, the Army's ceremonial unit.

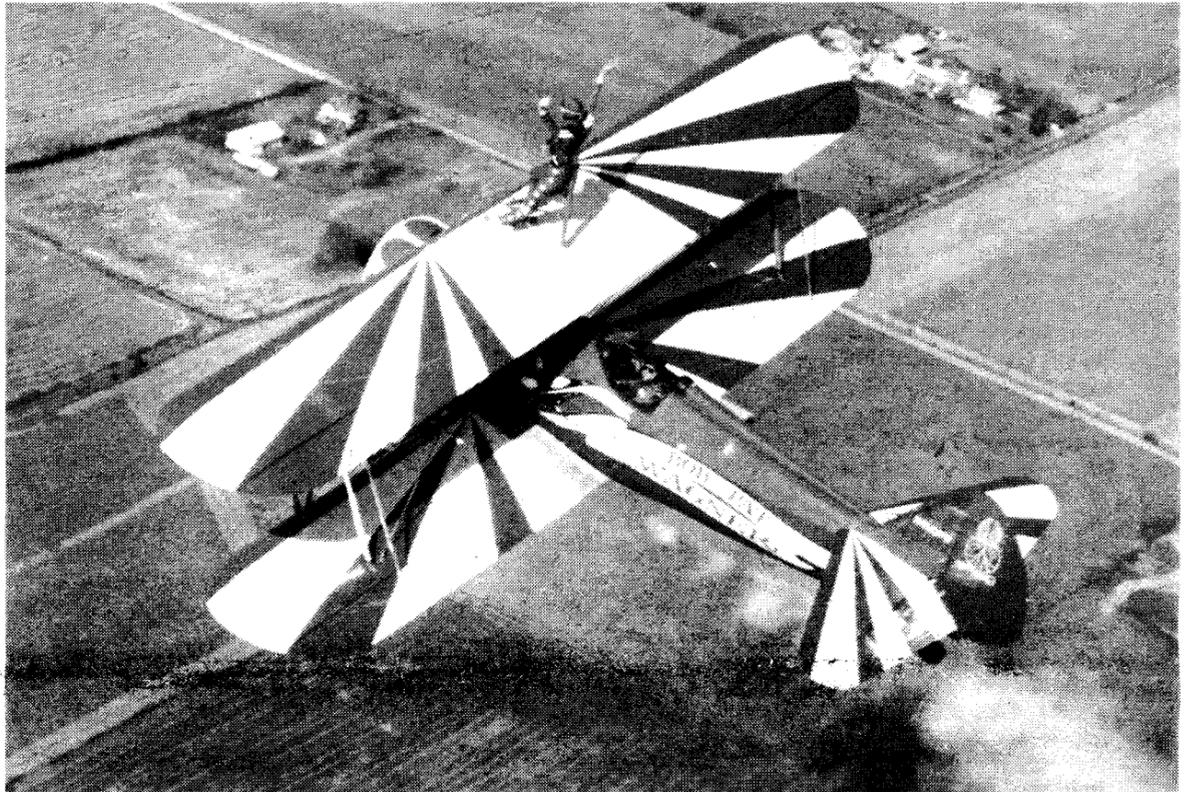
Plans for what is to be an annual celebration are being made by the Armed Forces Celebration Council, sponsored by the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce, and chaired by Rusty Stephenson.

Other participants in air show will include the Army's precision parachute team, the Golden Knights; and the Eagles, a 3-airplane aerobatic act.

"We just enjoy flying, said Bob Wagner. "And with this aspect of flying, we're getting out, meeting new people and seeing different parts of the country."

They plan to bring two airplanes to Huntsville for the airshow. Pat will fly her Bellanca Citabria, and Bob will be in a rebuilt Stearman biplane.

The Ohio couple use the Stearman for the most exciting part of their performance— an 8-minute wing riding act. Pat will stand on top of the airplane while Bob takes her through loops, rolls, hammerhead turns, and inverted flight.



ON THE WING — Pat Wagner rides the wing during a performance. Her husband, Bob, is the pilot.

Even though this act looks very dangerous, Bob said he and Pat have planned every detail.

"We both know exactly what the routine is. We don't change anything unless we talk about it first. We wouldn't do anything to jeopardize each other, or the people on the ground," he said.

Bob chose the Stearman for stunt flying because of its durability. This model was originally used for training pilots during WWII.

"It's a strong, rugged plane. It was built to be used by ham fisted students," he said. He has made several modifications to the plane, which include doubling the horsepower and adding fuel injection, but its appearance is basically unchanged.

The Wagners have a combined total of almost 50 years flying experience. Bob soloed in 1957 at the age of 17. Pat began flying in 1966.

If they weren't aviators, they probably would be more involved in their antique collection, but life wouldn't be as much fun without flying, Bob said.

"We may get excited going into a dusty barn and finding an antique corn sheller, but it's not quite the same," he said.

For more information on the Armed Forces Celebration, call 533-4141.

Government workers win keypunch contract

The government has won a Commercial Activities competition for providing keypunch services to the Missile Command's Management Information Systems Directorate.

This means the jobs of some 35 government keypunch workers here will remain in-house and not be contracted out.

Competitive bids opened here Friday showed the Army could save about \$4,000,000 over the next five years by continuing to do keypunch work in-house using government employees.

The Army's bid was \$3,684,235 versus a \$7,637,099 bid by the other competitor, Science and Technology Inc. of Huntsville. The contractor's bid figure includes an add-on required under government rules. The actual bid was \$7,402,424.

The government keypunch workers involved have been widely recognized for productivity and efficiency and for this reason were selected several years ago to take part in a novel "profit sharing" program.

Herbert Ivey, spokesman for AFGE local 1858 here, described the union as "very happy" over the outcome. "I just hope everything stands the test" through the appeals process should the losing contractor exercise an appeal option, he said.

Army collects defaulted loans

WASHINGTON — More than 5,000 active duty soldiers, Army reservists, retirees and department of the Army civilians will have their pay reduced by as much as 15 percent as the Army begins collecting student loan repayments for the Department of Education.

Collections from over 1,700 active duty soldiers will begin in April and payments from more than 850 retirees are slated to begin in May, according to officials at the Army Finance and Accounting Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Nearly 1,900 reservists will be affected by the collections later this year.

This action stems from the Debt Collection Act of 1982, a cooperative effort between government agencies which allows debts owed to one government agency to be collected from salaries paid by another. The

Department of Education has requested salary offsets totalling over \$6 million against those Army personnel who have repeatedly ignored repayment notices.

About 600 Department of the Army civilians still owe money and will have their pay collected by the Civilian Personnel Center.

The Army Finance and Accounting Center is sending letters to active duty soldiers, through their commanders, giving the amount of the monthly collection and the total amount due. Deductions will be applied against disposable income which includes all basic pays and special pays, but not allowances. Retirees will also receive notification letters prior to collection.

Army officials say that inquiries should be made to the Department of Education in Washington, D.C., since only they can cancel debts or rectify amounts owed. (Arnews)



Abusers prosecuted

Editor:

Thank you for your article on child abuse which appeared on the front page of the April 3 issue of the *Rocket*. I strongly encourage you to continue to give your attention to this area in an effort to educate parents and children on this critically important problem.

So that there can be no misunderstanding as to the policy of this office concerning cases of child abuse, I am compelled to describe more completely the response mechanism to include consideration of cases for prosecution.

Upon report of a suspected case of child abuse, the information is passed to criminal investigators and to Mrs. Capowski. Social workers from the state Department of Pensions and Securities are contacted and an investigation is conducted by their office as well.

Results of these investigations are reported to the Family Advocacy Case Management Team — composed of representatives from law enforcement, Community Mental Health, Staff Judge Advocate, Department of Pensions and Securities, Chaplain and appropriate commanders. This team evaluates and monitors the cases and makes recommendations as to disposition. While strong emphasis is placed upon preserving the family, arrest and prosecution are always considered.

In February of this year, this office undertook the first ever prosecution of an alleged child abuser at Redstone Arsenal. This office will continue to pursue the identification and vigorous prosecution of such cases.

Our children are our most precious assets and are deserving of whatever help that we may be able to provide.

Capt. Rankin A. Clinton III
Chief, military justice
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Tired of smoke

Editor:

I am so glad to see that someone else on this arsenal is not happy with the situation between smokers and nonsmokers.

As a nonsmoker, working in building 5678, I am tired of the nosebleeds, the congestion and the stench (air, clothes, hair) that is caused by the smokers. I am tired of the smokers' inconsiderate attitude toward those of us who do not wish to smoke. It does not help to place NO SMOKING signs in your area, as the smoker ignores it. It does not help to ensure that there are no ashtrays in your area, as the smokers will utilize trash cans, floors, etc., for the ashes. It doesn't help to ask the smokers not to smoke while in your area, because they think you are kidding and will stand right next to you and blow smoke in your direction.

Many of us here in building 5678 have contacted the personnel in OSHA, Environmental Health and even Facility Engineers to ascertain what help, if any, we could receive to help the "blue haze" hanging in our building. We were informed that our building is well-known for its problem and have received a multitude of calls (from the workers and physicians/professionals) about it. What has been done? Nothing!

It doesn't help to quote AR 1-8, para 4a(7) to the "chain of command" as they just quote the same regulation back to you that states: "Work space may be planned to accommodate the preferences of each group, provided that efficiency of work units will not be impaired; and additional space or costly alterations will not be required." So, based on AR 1-8, it is a no win situation for nonsmokers.

The air within building 5678 is stagnant. Oftentimes, by 1000 hours, it is "blue" from the haze. Due to energy conservation plans/policies/directives, you can't utilize the windows if the heat or air conditioning is on. You can't utilize a small desk fan to help move the air either. What are we the nonsmokers supposed to do? Also, due to the voluminous amount of documentation utilized within this building, if it is too windy you can't open the windows either. There are many times that your eyes are burning and watering so bad from the smoke, you can't perform your mission.

I hope that someone in the chain of command will finally take a positive stand on this sensitive issue and do something for the nonsmokers on this arsenal.

Name withheld by request

In a dream

Editor:

The other night, the great Mahatma Gandhi came to me from Nirvana in a dream. Not wishing to let a golden opportunity like this pass me by, I decided to ask him a few questions that had been weighing heavily on my mind lately.

I asked, "Oh, Great One, why are there speed limits on Redstone Arsenal?"

Gandhi replied, "The U.S. Government is an equal opportunity employer."

I said, "What does that have to do with traffic flow?"

"Ah, my son, you see, now men may judge and condemn each other without regard to sex, race, creed, national origin, or sexual preference."

And I said, "That is truly wise. But what about the karma of polyester, spandex, and the Officers Club?"

Gandhi retorted, "You must understand. The Officers Club is not the Cotton Club."

Amazed by this revelation, I decided to risk one more question, "Why was Man created to struggle and die?"

Gandhi said, "Why not?"

Mark Reavis
USAMC Management Engineering Activity
Research Park

Driver who hit soldiers indicted for assault, DUI

A Huntsville man who drove his car into a group of marching soldiers on Redstone Arsenal has been indicted on a felony charge of second degree assault.

Howard J. Townson, 35, was also indicted for DUI in connection with the incident which occurred here last month.

Four soldiers were injured when Townson hit the marchers from behind on Hercules Road on March 18 around 7:30 p.m.

A grand jury empaneled in Birmingham returned the indictments April 2.

Second degree assault is a felony punishable by a jail term of 1-10 years and fine not more than \$5,000.

Townson's arraignment and trial dates were unavailable.

Three of the injured soldiers remained hospitalized last week following surgery at Fort Campbell, Ky. for broken bones. A fourth treated at Fox Army Community Hospital had been released on convalescent leave.

Kennel bill, political gifts may point way to reform

Lately there have been many news stories on the way the military services buy things and the way contractors charge for them.

It may be unfortunate and unfair that contractors in these accounts come off looking like crooks and government buyers like stooges but it still is good publicity for all concerned.

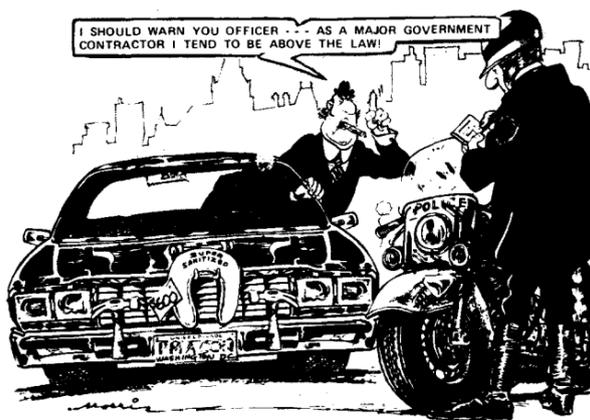
Consider General Dynamics' now-famous kennel bill. It is good publicity at its best — maybe not from the standpoint of the company, which has been publicly shamed — but certainly it is good from the standpoint of U.S. taxpayers. This company likely will be more circumspect in the future and hopefully knows now that it should not expect the public to foot the bill for boarding its executive's pet. It is important that the nation's largest defense contractor understand this kind of thing.

The company has called the kennel bill a dumb mistake. Dumb this giant of defense industry is not. Most people by now have formed their own opinion of what it is.

Political contributions charged to weapons contracts have been a major embarrassment for the Boeing Co.

Boeing sought government reimbursement for the contributions, claiming them as a business expense. After this was publicized, the company withdrew the claims, with red-faced Boeing officials saying the claims fell into a "gray area" of legality. What seems less gray, however, is whether it is fair and decent to try to foist such claims off on the government as a reimbursable business expense.

The \$400 hammers, \$600 toilet seats and other outrageously-priced items have been good publicity too. Their effect has been entirely salutary. In most instances, the contractor lowered the price after it was publicized.



Even better, it has forced lawmakers and officials to take a hard look at an accounting system which allows contractors to legally charge the government \$400 for a hammer. Such bookkeeping, they now see, may seem imminently sensible to bureaucrats but makes no sense at all to ordinary people who, after all, put up the money and can vote to take it away when they feel it is being foolishly spent.

Best of all, but a little ironic, is the thought that all that good publicity over toilet seats and hammers and political gifts and kennel bills may provide the impetus for reform in Defense purchasing. That's something not even millions and billions in cost overruns has been able to accomplish.

There may not be a lot of time to act. Results of a recent Washington Post-ABC News national opinion poll indicate public sentiment in favor of military spending is eroding, despite growing pessimism about

relations with the Soviet Union. In the poll, 53 percent of the people favored "substantial cuts" in military spending. It would be interesting to know to what extent those people favor cuts because they think their money is being handled carelessly.

Who loses when military spending is cut is highly arguable in all but one aspect. Contractors should know about that aspect from their balance sheets.

— Ed Peters

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Soldier loses wallet, finds a friend

He had just got paid and his wallet was fat with money.

Sp5 Terry Turner didn't like the idea of carrying around all that cash, especially since he was leaving for a new assignment, so was on his way to exchange it for traveler's checks.

Enroute to the credit union on April 1, he stopped for gas at the Exxon station at Jordan Lane and University Drive. He paid for the gas, pumped it and drove off.

Turner was a couple of blocks away when he missed the billfold with \$436 in it.

The soldier says he broke out in a sweat and his eyes teared up when it struck him that he had laid the wallet on the bumper of his Toyota while he gassed up.

He made a frantic U-turn in Jordan Lane traffic and sped back to the gas station.

Turner searched in vain, retracing his route twice on foot in hopes of finding the wallet that had fallen from his car bumper.

Losing that money was a blow, since he needed it for a trip to Germany, but by his own admission the worst part for him was the prospect of having to report losing his military identification to his superiors at the 515th Ordnance Company. "I've always tried to be the top troop in the company and I didn't want them to know that I'd been careless," the nuclear weapons maintenance technician said.

With some embarrassment and apprehension, he went to his commander's office to report the loss. Maj. David Magahan was there with 1st Sgt. Thomas Cotton. They listened as Turner related what had happened.

As he wound up his spiel, Magahan tossed a fat wallet — Turner's — onto the desk in front of him. Their stern looks gave way to smiles as Turner's face lit up. "I didn't think I would ever see it again," he says.

Then the soldier learned that Jina Wood of 3012 Triana Blvd., a Huntsville housewife happening by just as Turner had lost the wallet, stopped her car and retrieved it from Jordan Lane.



NEW-FOUND FRIEND — Sp5 Terry Turner hugs Jina Wood in appreciation after the Huntsville housewife found Turner's wallet containing more than \$400.

Noticing Turner's military identification, she called post, learned he was in the 515th and brought the wallet out to the company.

That afternoon, Turner drove out to see her. "I offered her \$50 and she wouldn't take it. She said it was an act of the Lord and as long as I'd give her a hug and be a good soldier, that was all the reward she wanted.

"She also told me she had a new friend and to write her and stop by and see her anytime I'm in the state of Alabama."

As for Turner, "It was one of the best feelings I've ever had. I told her it had to be the Lord looking out for me and she agreed."

Turner said he too has found a friend and has Wood's address and plans to keep in touch. "I'm going to send her an invitation to my wedding. I hope she will come," the soldier said.

Turner, 23, is engaged to Sp4 Jacqueline Mitchell, also a nuclear weapons technician with the 515th. The wedding is scheduled Nov. 29 in his hometown, Nashville.

Memorial service for slain officer

FORT BELVOIR, VA — In memory of Maj. Arthur D. Nicholson Jr., the U.S. military liaison mission officer murdered by a Soviet soldier March 24 in East Germany, a nine-foot white pine was planted at the future site of the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security headquarters at Fort Belvoir.

On April 2, John O. Marsh Jr., Secretary of the Army; Lt. Gen. William E. Odom, assistant chief of staff for intelligence and security; and some 300 guests joined Nicholson's widow, Karen, in remembering him.

"He's the most patriotic man I know. He would gladly lay down his life for America again," said Mrs. Nicholson. She called the ceremony a homecoming for her husband's spirit. Maj. Nicholson graduated from the engineer officer candidate school in 1970 at Fort Belvoir, was commissioned there by his father, a retired Navy commander, and served his first assignment there.

Speaking at the ceremony, Odom remembered Nicholson as "a student of the country whose leaders are responsible for his death." He reminded the audience of the dangers that face reconnaissance officers, even during peacetime, on the picket line of the free world. (Arnews)

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Readiness Group

Members spend weekends away from home

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again" would be an appropriate theme song for the Redstone Readiness Group.

Members of the group spend much of their time on the road traveling to Army Reserve and Army National Guard units in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. Their mission is to provide training and readiness assistance to these some 750 units and 60,000 soldiers.

The assisters (they prefer that term to instructors) do their traveling on the weekends and in the summer when the reserve component units go to 15-day annual training.

"All of our people are required to travel at least 136 days a year TDY. That's essentially about 11 or 12 days a month every month. We average about 150 days (a year) per man," says Maj. William Wilson, the group's operations officer.



OPERATIONS OFFICER — Maj. William Wilson doesn't miss the traveling he had to do before becoming operations officer for the readiness group.

Every Thursday and Friday members set out in government vehicles, usually two people in each vehicle. They're generally out training the guardsmen and reservists Friday through Sunday, then come back Sunday night or Monday. They return to the office, file a travel voucher, write a trip report, turn in the vehicle, and get ready for the next trip. They try to take their time off on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

"Our weekends are in the middle of the week and that occurs throughout the year," Wilson says.

The group, with offices at Huntsville's Research Park, consists of 145 soldiers and 16 civilians. About 45 of the soldiers are officers and the rest are senior NCOs. Most of the civilians are clerical workers while five travel like the soldiers to teach maintenance.

Vehicles used include cars, vans and, sometimes, aircraft from Redstone's Army Airfield which gives "exceptional support," Wilson says. "We use that to cut down our travel time. It allows the guy to spend more time with his family when we can use that aircraft."

During the summer, from about May 1 to Aug. 15, group members spend an average of eight weeks away on reserve component annual training. They spend two weeks at a time with units in summer camp at places like Camp Shelby, Miss., Fort McClellan, Ala., Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Polk, La., Camp Blanding, Fla., Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Lee, Va.

"The reserve component units must do in 39 days what the active Army does in 365 days. They have to be tactically and technically proficient. They have to be trained as individuals and trained as units, ready to mobilize in a week or two weeks time," Wilson says. "Our mission is to use the senior officers and senior NCOs that we have here to assist them in getting ready."

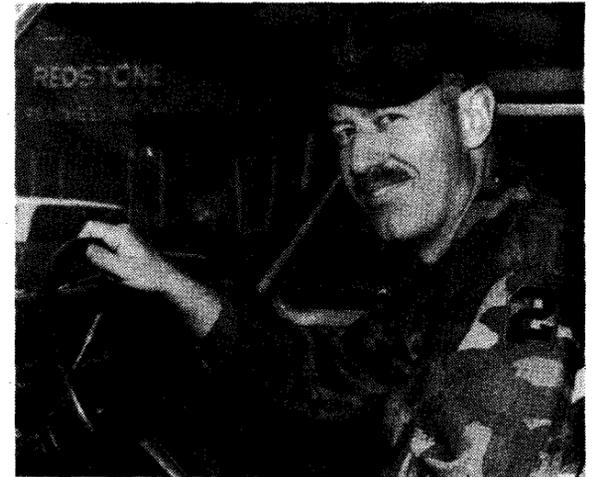
"And our strength here is that we are mostly senior people with a lot of technical expertise, having just come out of active Army units, and what we try to do is impart our knowledge to the reserve components," he adds.

Group members help in planning and execution of exercises and training. They conduct classes in the field for the reservists and guardsmen.

The group has a combat division, support division, and an operations division. The combat division covers armor, infantry, field artillery, and engineering. The support division includes ordnance, chemical, quartermaster, signal corps, transportation, medical, military police, and maintenance. Operations division

covers administration, finance, food service, and supply.

"Probably one of the most important units to us is the 155 Armor Brigade of the Mississippi Army National Guard," Wilson says. "This brigade is a round-out brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood (Texas). What this means is although it is a reserve



IN ARMY VAN — Capt. Charles Wilbur spends his weekends on the road to help train National Guard units.

unit, it is part of the 1st Cav and in essence is one third of the combat power."

The group plans to conduct a major training exercise for 155 Armor Brigade to be held at Camp Shelby for about a week in late May. About half of the units the readiness group supports go to that Mississippi camp during the summer.

Redstone Readiness Group, a unit under Forces Command, is among seven readiness groups in the 2nd U.S. Army out of Atlanta. "We are the largest readiness group in terms of number of people and in terms of guard and reserve supported," Wilson says. Col. C.B. (Buck) Jones is the commander. Division chiefs include Lt. Col. George Ingleright, combat division; Lt. Col. John Bradford, support division; and Lt. Col. Philip Dotson, operations division. Sgt. Maj. Phillip Parker is the group's sergeant major.

Wilson, who has been with the group for four years, doesn't travel as much since he became operations officer just over a year ago. The 42-year-old Pittsburgh native runs the group's office at Camp Shelby in the summer but otherwise spends his time in the local office. It is a far cry from his days of traveling for the engineer team of the combat division.

"I averaged about 160 days a year for three years on the road," he recalls. "It's a lot of time away from home. It's a good job; traveling can be fun but it gets old." Wilson recalls how traveling curtailed time for family activities. He and his wife Mun, a native of Korea, have a 15-year-old son Billy and a 10-year-old daughter MaryJane.

Capt. Charles Wilbur, an infantry team assister, came to the readiness group at the end of January from Fort Lewis, Wash., where he was a battalion plans and operations officer. Wilbur travels, usually with an NCO, to National Guard units. "It's for a good cause. It creates a hardship for the family on the weekends but it's for a good cause, to make the National Guard be on line with the Army standards," says the 37-year-old soldier. He and his wife Lori have an 8-year-old son Wyatt, a 6-year-old daughter Wendy, and a 6-month-old son Cody John.

"It (the traveling) doesn't bother me," Wilbur says. "As a matter of fact all the traveling I do is less time than I spent in the field at Fort Lewis."

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AMC program expands lieutenants' training opportunities

To a second lieutenant fresh out of the basic course, an assignment with Army Materiel Command provides an immediate opportunity to put new knowledge to work but until recently, such an assignment could also bring frustration because of a lack of opportunity to develop all of the skills a young officer needs to stay competitive with lieutenants assigned to troop units.

For this reason, AMC has established a Lieutenant Professional Development Program aimed at providing lieutenants with a meaningful, coherent, well-rounded tour at AMC. The program, which is being implemented at AMC headquarters and each major subordinate command and activity, gives lieutenants an opportunity for training and development that they would not normally receive while assigned to AMC.

All lieutenants assigned to the command are required to participate.

The program has four main goals:

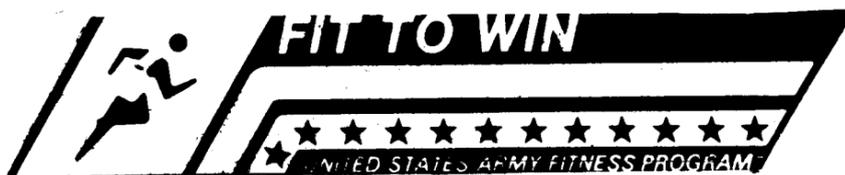
- To ensure lieutenants' tours with the command are not more than three years.
- To ensure they perform duty only in their speciality branch.
- To rotate, when practical, job assignments every 18 months within the basic branch specialty, with at least two, and no more than three different jobs during the three-year tour.
- To teach AMC junior officers military subjects and common tasks that are not associated with their job at the command.

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According to Capt. Mike Beckmann of the military personnel division, office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel at AMC headquarters, the key to the

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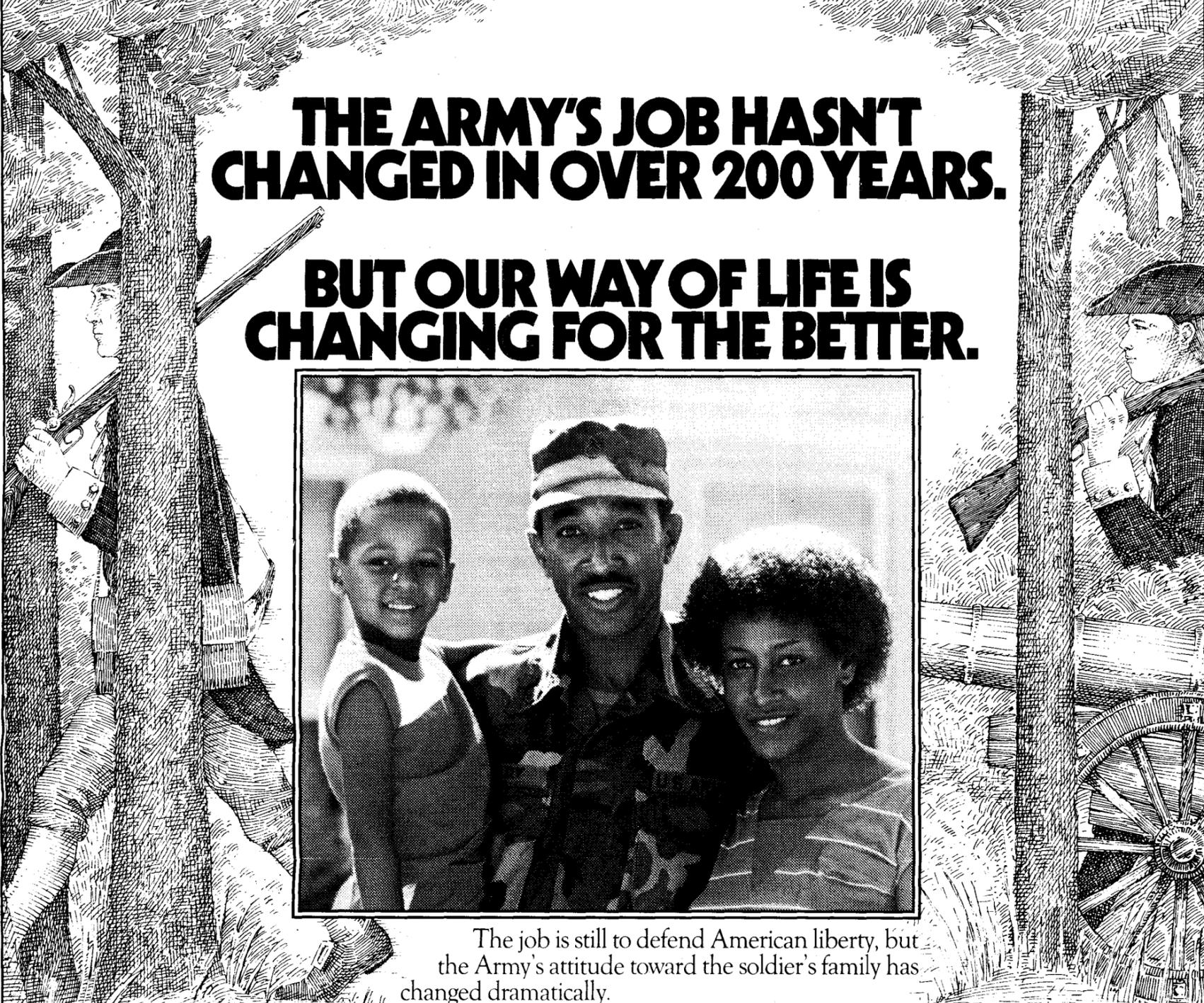
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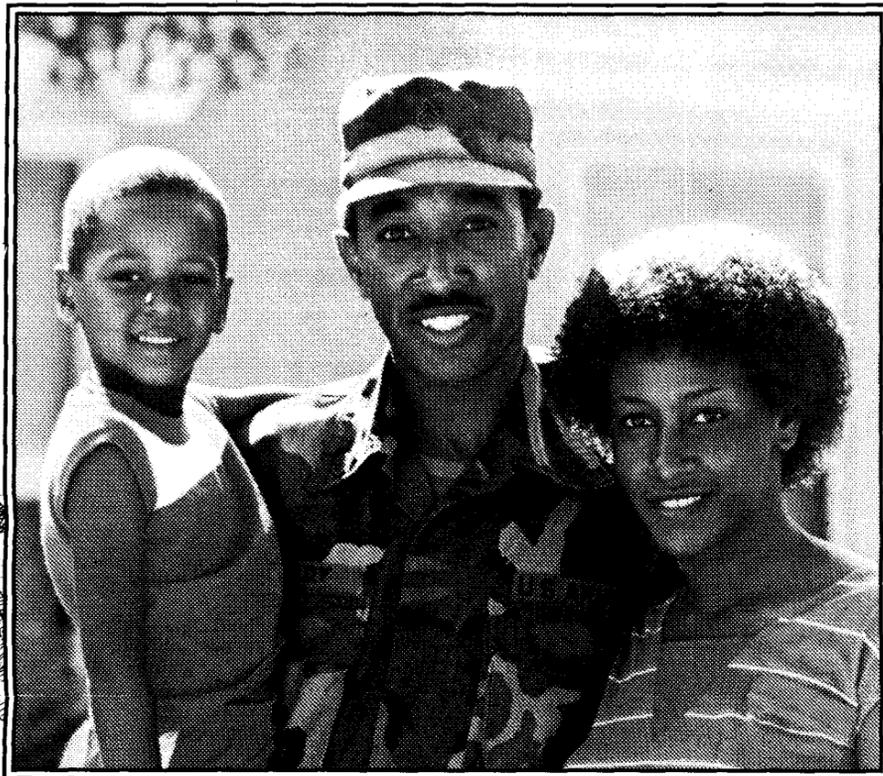
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Group starts drive for AER donations

At least one organization has started a campaign with hopes of helping the post-wide Army Emergency Relief drive.

The Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Support Group planned to begin its effort Monday, April 8.

"We have elements all over. But it (the campaign) is mainly going to address the people we have here at Redstone Arsenal," said Maj. Dale Miller, who is coordinating the drive. It will involve the 95th Maintenance Company, Headquarters TMDE Support Group, and TMDE Support Activity-Conus. The Conus activity may solicit contributions from its people working elsewhere.

Army Emergency Relief makes interest-free loans and grants to both active duty and retired military personnel and their family members in time of emergency. Support group people who are active duty or retired military will be asked to contribute. "Anyone can contribute and we encourage it but we don't solicit from civilians," Miller said.

The drive was to be kicked off by Col. James Edge, commander of TMDE Support Group, and continue until June 15 when the post campaign ends.

"This is part of the post campaign," said Miller, project officer in the operations office. "We're really a tenant here at MICOM so the colonel feels we ought to start it off in a big way in our own organization. Our money will go to the post campaign."

The support group includes 271 active duty or retired military people. Each organization will have a campaign representative and the goal is to give every person who is eligible a chance to contribute to Army Emergency Relief.

"It think it's probably one of the greatest things we've got to help soldiers in need. We've got other things, but I think AER is probably the most responsible, especially to young soldiers and their families," Miller said. To contribute to the support group effort, call him at 876-3543/3564.

Navy plans to close materiel command

WASHINGTON — The Navy plans to close the Naval Materiel Command Headquarters, its counterpart to the Army Materiel Command of which MICOM is a part.

Reports of the pending action were published in papers here last week after the Secretary of the Navy, John F. Lehman Jr., surprised his audience at a Navy League speech with blunt remarks about the military bureaucracy, "an incredible and unwieldy monster," Lehman said.

Lehman said in the same speech: "We have to reduce the numbers of entities; we have to reduce the size of entities, we have to restore a vertical return to accountability and authority, and return to the con-

cept that it is human beings who do good or who fail to do good."

He indicated elimination of the Naval Materiel Command is a first step and will be followed by other actions to reduce administrative layering in the Navy.

Navy officials quoted but not named in the reports of Lehman's decision to eliminate the Naval Materiel Command said Navy commands which buy ships, aircraft and other materiel will now report directly to the Department of the Navy.

The Naval Materiel Command has its headquarters in Virginia, a few blocks from the Pentagon. There are about 440 civilian workers there and about 100 military personnel. Officials said most will be offered transfers to jobs elsewhere.

Know where to go with pay problems

Civilian workers with pay problems or questions can save time and trouble by going to the right source.

Most all pay inquiries are called in to Finance and Accounting Division when in fact some should be made to other sources instead, according to F&A officials.

Supervisors are responsible for Time and Attendance Reports so matters of discrepancies in time worked or leave taken should be directed to them.

Questions about personnel actions, leave administration and changes in tours of duty should be directed to Civilian Personnel Office, which determines entitlement to pay and leave, administers leave and interprets and develops leave policies.

Contact the Civilian Pay Section on matters of pay and leave computation and when a pay check or leave and earnings statement doesn't arrive. Civilian Pay Section's responsibilities include processing payroll actions and deductions, and leave accounting.

F&A officials make the point that inquiries to the

wrong source are unnecessary and costly. They urge civilian workers with pay inquiries to save themselves and others time and trouble by selecting the source which can most readily provide them the information they need. Also, workers should carefully read their leave and earnings statement to see if the information then need is on it.

They point out too that checks are mailed to arrive by Thursday, which is civilian payday, and that a check is not considered late unless it arrives later than Thursday.

Forms changing allotments, savings bonds, mailing address, and federal or state tax withholding should be mailed to AMSMI-FAEP in building 8027.

Officials say that everyone shares responsibility for an effective pay system and that knowing where to go with pay inquiries will help ensure high-quality pay service and allow everyone to make the most effective use of their time.

Bonds pay dividends, help with national debt

During World War II people were asked to buy bonds to help the war effort. These days it's more than just patriotic to buy bonds.

It's a smart way to make your money grow, according to a U.S. Treasury Department official who visited here last week to help plan a savings bond campaign in May.

"What we did in the savings bond program in 1982 was to come out with a variable rate savings bond. The rate is tied to five-year Treasury notes and every six months we take the average of these notes and come up with the savings bond rate," said Mark Aldridge, of the U.S. savings bonds division in the Treasury Department's Birmingham district office.

These market-based bonds have no ceiling on the interest they can earn. At present the bond interest rate is 10.94 percent which will change when the new rate is computed for the six months beginning in May. "If you bought a bond between Nov. 1, 1984 and April 30, 1985, the first six months of that bond will earn 10.94 percent when it's held for five years," Aldridge said.

Should market rates drop, bonds held five years or more earn a guaranteed return of 7.5 percent, in the unlikely event that market averages fall below that amount.

The bond interest rates have averaged 10 percent over the past two years, with a high of 11.09 and a low of 8.64.

"At the average rate of 10 percent at which the bond has been performing, you'll double your money in eight years," Aldridge said. "So you have the backing of a U.S. government obligation, a floor on the interest rate, and no ceiling on the potential that it could earn."

An annual bond campaign will be held here in May. Aldridge, area manager for North Alabama in the U.S. savings bonds division, visited Finance and Accounting officials on post April 2 to map strategy for the campaign. This year the Department of Army has a bond participation goal of 33 percent of its military and civilian workers, according to Aldridge. "I think the command here is very conscious of the program and has lended support over the years," he said.

"Now it's both patriotic and profitable to buy a U.S. savings bond. It does the country a great deal of good because the savings bonds last year saved the American taxpayer over \$6 million every day on the interest on the national debt," he said. "It is the most economical way the U.S. government has to finance the interest on the national debt."

Leadership has become a reality for new commander

BY JEFF WATSON

A newly appointed company commander is putting her leadership theory into practice.

Capt. Dorothy Johnson took over as C Company commander March 29 after serving as the organizational effectiveness staff officer for Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Johnson, 28, decided to join the Army, while pursuing a degree in American studies at Western Maryland College, in order to take advantage of Army opportunities.

"When I was in college the job opportunities were not that good. The Army provided me with a good start, a chance to see places, and a guaranteed job and pay," she said. "I also felt that all people should serve their country, and the Army, as it gives them a chance to get on the right track through self-discipline and self-improvement."

After receiving her commission, Johnson trained as a transportation officer and later attended the Organizational Effectiveness School before coming to Redstone Arsenal. The change from an OE staff officer to a company commander has brought leadership to the forefront of Johnson's concern, from what was once mainly theory, to what is now reality.

"It was easy to theorize about leadership when I was an OE staff officer," she said. "I'm finding out that in reality it's a lot harder to do, I'm having to 'walk my talk' as they say."

Her goal as company commander is to increase the high standards that C Company has already establish-



JOHNSON

ed by setting good examples and letting the soldiers know their needs are being taken care of, Johnson said.

"I feel that a leader is someone who takes care of their people, and knows them inside and out. The leader sets a good example and can motivate their people through their own appearance, attitudes, and positive leadership," she said. "Experience, maturity, and self-improvement is what improves leadership."

Johnson believes the most important ingredient in a leader is a concern for the welfare of people and, leadership begins with the person at the top setting the standards.

"I have found the Army to be extremely rewarding," Johnson said. "As a company commander I would like to be thought of as fair, consistent, having unquestionable integrity and, having the highest standards."

Those same high standards reflect Johnson's own goals in the Army.

"I hope to increase my effectiveness as a leader and manager, and progress through the Army ranks," she said.

Speaking of ranks, Johnson believes in setting realistic goals and not being overly concerned with rank.

"I think major is a respectable rank," Johnson said. "I feel there is nothing wrong with stopping at major as long as I am happy with it and I did my best. Of course my ultimate goal is to be a full 'bird' colonel."

Bicentennial event held for first Constitution

WASHINGTON — "The United States Army is committed to the defense of the constitution — a commitment that it has kept for almost two centuries."

With this theme secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. recently presided at a ceremony marking an event which led to the creation of the U.S. Constitution.

Commemorating the Mount Vernon conference and the subsequent Mount Vernon compact of March 28, 1785, Marsh and other Army officials gathered at George Washington's home in Virginia.

The Mount Vernon conference held 200 years ago marked the first time state representatives, in this case from Maryland and Virginia, met to discuss commercial matters of mutual concern, primarily the navigation of waterways common to the two states. This was

the first step that ultimately led to the constitutional convention in 1787.

Guest speaker and historian Dr. Daniel J. Boorstin, the librarian of congress, said that the articles of confederation make it impossible for the American union to enter into commercial treaties with other countries.

These treaties were vital for the financial survival of the fledgling democracy.

Marsh added that the constitution embodies the causes for which the Army fought during the American revolution and the constitution today remains the framework of freedom. (Arnews)

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Good leaders should care about people

BY PAM ROGERS

Thinking of soldiers as individuals, and treating them like people, is the foundation of Sgt. Maj. Barry Woodfill's leadership philosophy.

Woodfill, command sergeant major of Special Troops, has been a leader for most of his 24-year Army career.

Formerly an instructor at the Sergeant Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas, Woodfill said leadership theory never changes, but the number of human reactions to that leadership is infinite. He believes that some situations are more difficult than others from the standpoint of the leader.

"It's harder to be a leader here than at a regular Army post, because of the civilian environment," he said. He added that, because many soldiers aren't always with their units, their commanders don't know them very well.

Woodfill is very conscious of the example he sets for his troops. "The only ones I want to impress are the soldiers. I want them to know I would not ask them to do anything I wouldn't do," he said.

A job well done is praiseworthy, Woodfill believes. "I like to recognize an individual with a pat on the back, because they'll strive to do better," he said.

Woodfill decided on the Army as a career because it seemed to be a good opportunity at the time. He had served a previous tour, and decided the Army had more to offer than civilian life.

"I came into the Army because I was not educated, had no means of making a living except menial jobs, and I had a family to support. The Army has been super to me, and I'd like to be super to every soldier here," he said. He realizes that Army life is not for everyone, though.



LEADER AND FOLLOWER — Sgt. Maj. Barry Woodfill with PFC Judy Poff.

"A lot of people just aren't built for the Army, and I see them every once in a while. It's fruitless to tell everyone they belong in the Army.

"I was very blessed. I had no bad NCOs or officers. It made the Army a little better for me. I tried to follow in the footsteps of my NCOs, and maybe

somebody down the line will remember me," he said.

Leadership can't really be taught, said Woodfill. "You couldn't ask a person who's an introvert to go out a be a leader," he said. He believes good leaders are concerned about the well-being of their followers.

"You can't just say, 'I care for you.' You have to show caring," he said.

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This 'mule' points the way for laser smart weapons

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A battlefield device that uses laser energy to help guide weapons to a target is being managed by the Missile Command for the Marines.

It's called Modular Universal Laser Equipment or MULE, for short, and is in production for the Marine Corps.

"It'll provide the Marine Corps with the combat capability to employ a multitude of laser smart weapons that are now being added to its inventory," said Maj. Duke Dunnigan, a Marine who is the assistant program manager here. "I think it'll give us a tremendous capability to destroy tanks as they're maneuvering on the battlefield. They don't have to be stationary."

The Missile Command's Hellfire/Ground Laser Designator project office, managed by Army Col. William Schumacher, has tri-service responsibility for ground laser designators. MULE is comparable to the Army's ground laser locator designator which is also managed by the project office.

Under a production contract 380 of the modular devices are to be delivered to the Marine Corps over the next two and a half years.

Modular means the device could either be aimed by hand or mounted on a tripod for better accuracy. The unit is universal because "it's designed to be compatible with all U.S. and NATO laser smart weapons or laser spot trackers in the inventory or under development," Dunnigan said.

"Designed with weight in mind, it allows two combat-loaded Marines to transport it into combat," he said.

A Marine will be able to get a reading of the range, direction and elevation to a target by looking through the eyepiece and pulling the trigger. Without the device, the area for possible error would be around 500 meters. With the device, this area is reduced to around 20 meters.

"It cuts down target location error, thus reducing the number of conventional munitions required to attack a target," Dunnigan explained.

By flipping a switch from the range finder mode to the designator mode, a Marine can zero in on a target to help guide a "laser smart" weapon.

"When you use the MULE in a designator mode, the operator selects an appropriate code by means of three code switches," Dunnigan said.

"At that point in time, he'll aim the MULE at a target, squeeze the trigger, and the MULE will send an invisible series of coded laser energy pulses to the target. When the laser energy hits that target, it is reflected off and scatters into the atmosphere.

"At the same time that the operator is designating the target, a laser smart weapon has been released from a cannon or aircraft platform searching for that particular laser energy," he said. "Upon identifying that laser energy source, it will guide on to the target, subsequently destroying it."

Laser smart weapons include the Hellfire missile, a helicopter-launched weapon; the Copperhead missile, a cannon-launched projectile; Laser Maverick, an air-to-surface missile; and the Navy's five-inch, semi-active laser guided projectile, launched from a ship.

The MULE device is valuable for air support in combat, according to Dunnigan. "With the advent of laser spot trackers in aircraft, we can now use the MULE to designate a target, thus locating its position on a dirty battlefield which in the past has been a particularly difficult task for a pilot to accomplish," he said. He defined dirty battlefield as one filled with

debris from artillery fire and smoke which could make it very hard for a pilot to spot a target. It could also be difficult to find a camouflaged target or one hidden by a tree line. A MULE in use on a battlefield can designate a target for a pilot, Dunnigan said.

The device has been under development since 1977. A \$103 million production contract was awarded last year to Hughes Aircraft Company. The first two proof of manufacturing units came off the assembly line early this year. These units precede a production run. "They're not deliverable units but they're primarily used by the contractor to check out engineering drawings, tooling, and planning and test equipment that will be used during manufacturing," Dunnigan said.

Production deliveries are scheduled to begin Sept. 30 and end in July 1987.

Besides Dunnigan, key members of the Hellfire/Ground Laser Designator project office who are assisting with the MULE system include Charles Neal, Warren Morris, Bernie Lieberman, Reba Cox, Louise Levaas, and Les Harris. Bob Baker is heading the depot implementation at Sacramento (Calif.) Army Depot.



ASSISTANT MANAGER — Marine Maj. Duke Dunnigan, assistant program manager, says he's pleased with progress of the laser device's production.



LASER DEVICE — The Modular Universal Laser Equipment is shown mounted on a tripod.

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| | Won | Loss | Tie | Points |
| Panthers | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| *Strikers | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Rowdies | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Cougars | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Eagles | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
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Child services essential

WASHINGTON — The essential role that military child development services and youth activities play in enhancing the quality of life of military families was singled out by the secretary of defense in proclaiming April "Month of the Military Child."

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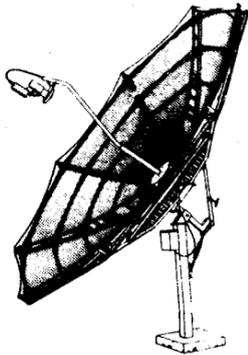
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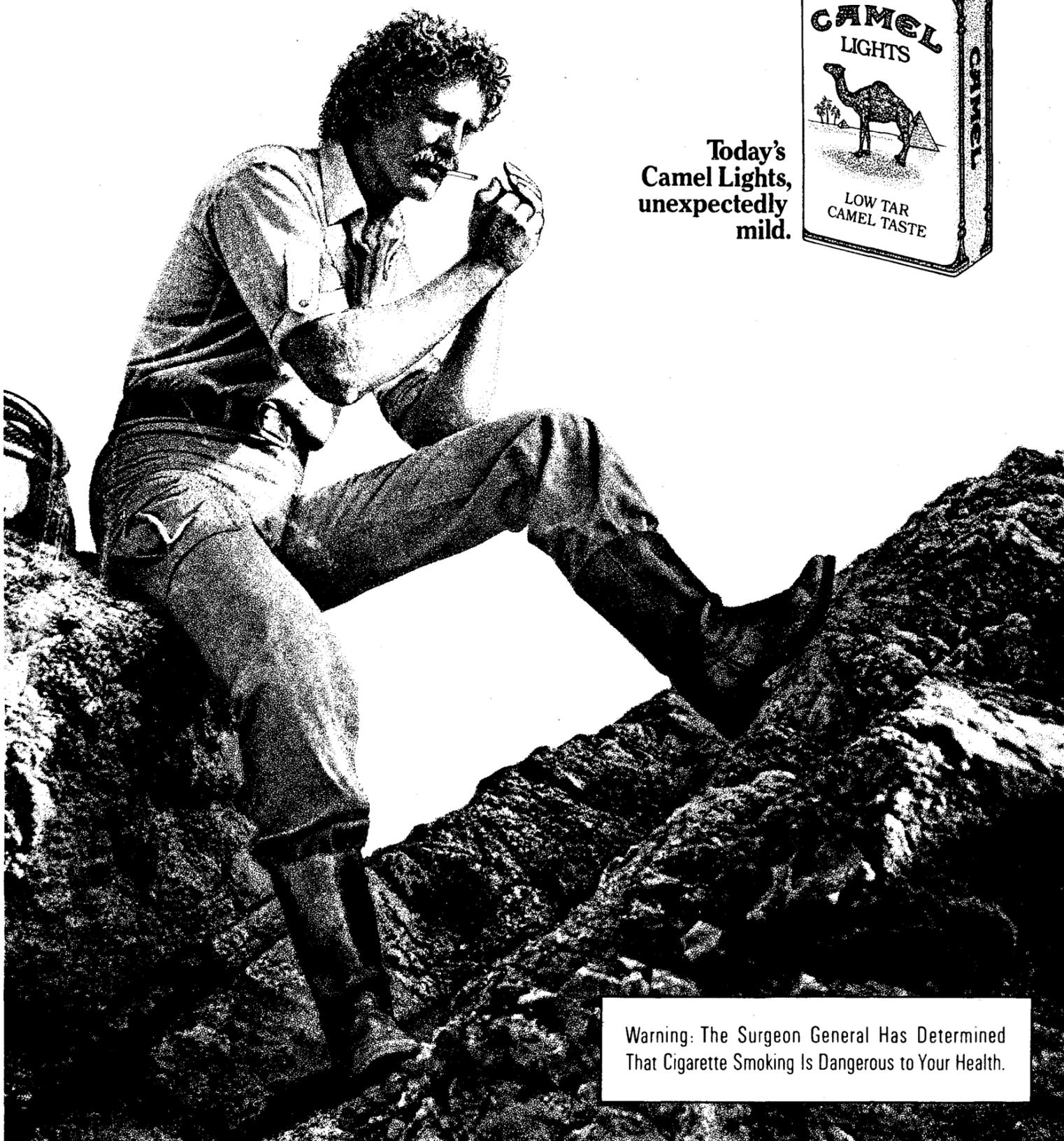


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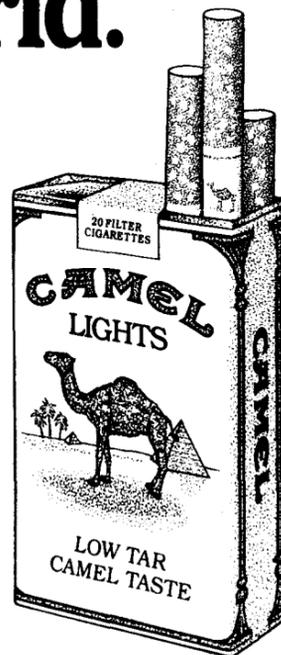
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BY SKIP VAUGHN

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"May I help you, sir?" asked Adair, the retirement services officer for military personnel. The man finally identified himself and the two World War II buddies happily embraced.

It was Tony Christiano, a New York native who had served for three years in the Army with Adair during the war. He'd driven all night to visit his buddy and, as he added jokingly, to get the two bucks Adair owed him...with interest.

"Tomorrow he's leaving, so I drove all night to try to catch him. He's on leave tomorrow," Christiano said. The New Yorker found that out by calling Adair's office and talking to his boss, Bernece Pressnell. She kept the secret from Adair.

"I didn't speak to him because I wanted to surprise him," Christiano said. He left New York at noon Eastern time and arrived here nine hours later. He figured his stops couldn't have totaled more than an hour. "It was a lot of a hard driving," Christiano said.

He was on his way to Florida and wanted to be sure to see Adair before his old Army buddy left on leave. It was a long, tiring drive from New York "but it's once in 40 years, you don't worry about things like that. I could use the two dollars for tolls," he said.

Christiano met Adair, an Anniston, Ala. native, at paratrooper school at Fort Benning, Ga., during the war. They were graduated in January 1944. It was a month's training to qualify as an Army paratrooper—four day jumps and one night jump. They became members of the 515th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Company G, which was part of the 13th Airborne.

They were together at Fort Benning, Camp McCall, N.C., Fort Bragg, N.C., and overseas in France for the last six or seven months of the war.

"By then the Battle of the Bulge was already over. We lost a few good men in that one," Christiano said. "It could've been Frank or myself if we went in the first group overseas."



BUDDIES — Frank Adair and Tony Christiano clasp hands upon reuniting in Adair's office.

After the war they went their separate ways. Christiano served in the New York National Guard, the U.S. Army Reserve, and then the Air Force Reserve. Four years ago he reached the mandatory retirement age of 60 and left the Air Force Reserve as a master sergeant. He is also retired from working as an unemployment insurance claims clerk and a part-time post office clerk. He and his wife Eleanor live in Queens and have two daughters: Camille Colon of Manhattan and Debra Christiano of Brooklyn.

Adair, 61, was in the Army from 1942-46. He entered the Air Force in July 1947 and retired in June 1966. He has been the retirement services officer here since July 1977. He and his wife Wynona have a son, Frank David, and two daughters, Gwendolyn and Cecile. All are married.

Christiano remembered his friend when he saw a letter written by Adair in a parachute association newspaper about a year and a half ago. In the letter Adair told about his experiences. It had his old unit's name and listed Adair's address as Arab, Ala. Christiano wrote to him and they started writing each other. Adair wrote that he worked at Redstone Arsenal and expected to retire in a few years.

"You've put on some weight," Adair said, after finally recognizing his friend. "You were a little skinny rat...Well I'll be damned, certainly glad to see you."

They talked about old times. Christiano had made 10 parachute jumps while Adair had 18. "Just lucky I guess," Adair said.

Christiano reminded him of his debt and Adair playfully pulled two dollars from his wallet to pay up. "I didn't know I owed you two bucks but I guess I did," Adair said.

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Red Cross volunteer listens to people with problems

BY PAM ROGERS

When patients at Fox Army Community Hospital become dissatisfied with the way things are done, or are having difficulty receiving treatment, they can go to Leonard Flank.

Flank, a retired Army colonel, is a Red Cross volunteer in the patients assistance office. He's a troubleshooter for people with complaints and special problems that don't fit into the hospital's daily routine.

"For example, there was an Air Force captain who came through here on his way to a change of station in Texas. His eye was very red and running. We got him to a doctor who arranged an immediate consultation with another doctor downtown. The doctor (downtown) said if he had not come when he did, the infection could have spread to his other eye, and caused permanent damage," said Flank. He added there have been similar cases of people he has "walked through" to receive medical care. "And there are others with complaints. If they're legitimate, we try to make corrections," he said.

Some complaints come from people who simply don't like the way the hospital is run, and want policies

changed for their own convenience. In such cases, he can only explain the rules.

There is not an overwhelming amount of unhappiness, however. Capt. Bruce McIntosh, chief of the Clinical Support Division, said there are about 7 to 12 complaints out of 14,000 patients seen per month.

When Flank is not busy in the patient assistance office, he visits the clinics and the inpatient care units, and listens to what people have to say.

"The inpatients say the care they are getting here is the best, most efficient they've had. They say the food is good— there are no complaints from the wards," he said.

McIntosh believes that many people who come in with a complaint really just want to let off steam and have someone listen to their problem.

"We had one woman who came in to complain, and ended up becoming a Red Cross volunteer," he said.

For Flank, volunteering is an enjoyable way to do something worthwhile.

"I've always enjoyed being around people. I feel good about what I'm doing, but then I feel good about myself anyway. It's a nice feeling after all these years," he said.



VOLUNTEER — Leonard Flank works in the patients assistance office at Fox Army Community Hospital.

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Storm causes damage at Redstone

Last Friday's thunderstorms left their mark on Redstone, with wind damage reported in several areas. Arthur Barnette, chief of the utilities branch, said Monday that damage reports were still coming in. "They're mostly from test areas and places like that, where people had already gone home before the storm hit," he said. A small portable building, part of Olin Chemical's DDT testing station, was blown about 100 yards into a

water holding tank at the arsenal water treatment facility. Several windows were blown out in the family housing areas, Barnette said, and trees were uprooted in the area of building 114. Arsenal traffic was snarled late Friday afternoon by a downed power line near the Martin Road overpass at Memorial Parkway.

VA raises rate on home loans

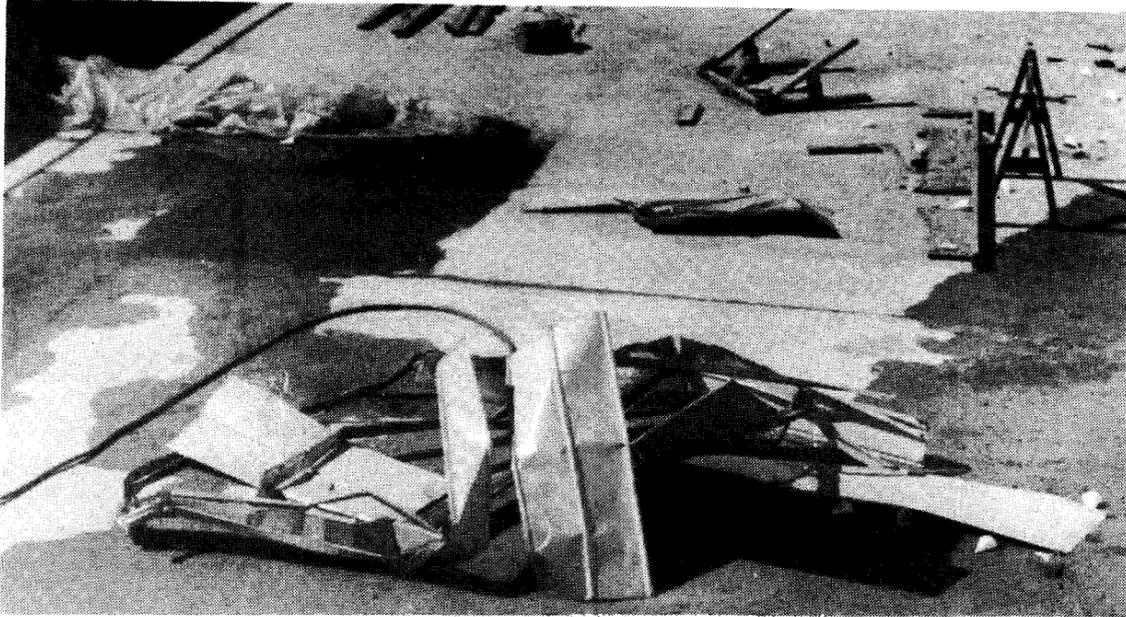
WASHINGTON — The Veterans Administration increased its maximum home loan interest rate from 12½ percent to 13 percent on March 25.

VA Administrator Harry N. Walters said the increase was made necessary by current mortgage market conditions.

The VA action also increased by one-half percentage point the maximum rates for graduated payment mortgages to 13¼ percent and home improvement loans to 14½ percent.

In addition, the loan rates for manufactured (prefabricated and mobile) homes were also increased. The new maximum rates are 15½ percent for home loans and 15 percent for a loan to purchase a home and lot or to purchase a lot to place a home already owned by the veteran.

The rate change does not affect existing loans. VA home loans can be used to purchase, construct, alter, improve, repair or refinance a home. This includes the purchase of condominiums and mobile homes, with or without a lot. (Arnews)



WIND DAMAGE — This portable building was blown into a water basin during last Friday's storm.

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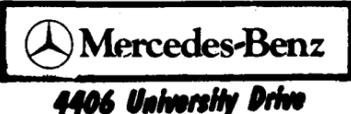
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Announcements

Computer club

The monthly meeting of the Apple computer users' group will be held April 13 at 1 p.m. in the cafeteria at Universal Data Systems, 5000 Bradford Dr. NW. "Enhancement cards" is the meeting topic. For information call Jack Lundy at 876-9414.

Grief adjustment

"Into Light: a Grief Adjustment Workshop" will be offered April 20 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and there is a \$6 charge. The workshop is mainly for those mourning the death of a loved one or friend but is also useful for those who have experienced a major loss through divorce or other separation, lost a job or undergone an amputation. For information call 881-0851.

Toastmistress club

The Redstone Toastmistress Club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers Club. The next meeting will be April 17. Guests are welcome.

Computer users

A monthly meeting of the Huntsville Area Commodore Komputer Users Society (HACKS) will be held at 7 p.m. April 18 in the Commons Area of Butler High School. Pete Baczor of Commodore Business Machines will give a presentation on the new C-128 computer and the new LCD computer. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call Rusty Foster 852-9624 or Mike Beutjer 536-1013.

Military bowling

The Redstone Arsenal Post Roll Off will be held April 23-25 at 1 p.m. at the Bowling Center, building 3707. Seven games will be bowled each of the three days. Sign up at the bowling center or call 876-6634.

Summer bowling league

A summer bowling league offers fun, prizes, new friends, and air conditioned enjoyment. Sign up at the bowling center, building 3707 or call 876-6634.

Animal care films

Two films about animals will be shown at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, on the second floor of the Huntsville Public Library. "How to Raise a Puppy" tells the story of a family that adopts a puppy. "Who Cares, Anyway?" makes the point that every dog and cat deserves a good home and the companionship of a caring family. The program, open to the public, is sponsored by Dixie Humane Education Bureau, a charity that provides information about animals to the community.

Recreation center

Tonight—*Shuffleboard tourney* at 7:00. Thursday—*Bingo* at 7 p.m. Friday—*Checkers tourney* at 7 p.m. Saturday—*Vagabond marionettes presents Pinocchio* at 2 p.m. Sunday—*Chattanooga trip* leaves at 8 a.m. *Fresh donuts and coffee* at 3 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 today and April 16 at 2 p.m. in the Rocket auditorium. The presentation will be made by Doris Gable of the Retirement office. Attendance is voluntary.

School registration

Ridgecrest Elementary School will conduct registration for first time students entering kindergarten and first grade from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, April 16. Students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by Oct. 2; first grade students must be 6 years old by Oct. 2 to register. A certified birth certificate and immunization form must be presented. For more information call 532-4818.

Military child month

Posters are still being accepted for a "Month of the Military

Child" art display under the theme "My Daddy/Mommy is in the Army." And registration is still ongoing for the Spring Bonnet & Top Hat Parade, Pet Parade, Bowling & Putt Putt Golf Tournaments, and the Small Crafts Workshop all happening at the *Fun Fair* on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call Army Community Service 876-2859.

Youth orchestra

The Huntsville Youth Orchestra will present a concert in the Von Braun Civic Center concert hall at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 14. Soloists will be the winners of the youth competition. Admission is \$3 for adults. Students and senior citizens will be admitted free. For more information call 536-4814.

Community ballet

The Huntsville Community Ballet will present its spring concert Saturday, April 13, at 8:15 p.m., in the Von Braun Civic Center concert hall. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens. A group rate of \$2.50 per person is available. For more information call 536-4814.

Education

The Education Center, Building 3222, offers 100 college credit exams, free of charge to active duty military members, and at a charge of \$30 each to civilians. Study guides and sample test questions are available. Failing a test will not count against you, and you may retest six months later.

Pet owners

All stray animals picked up on Redstone Arsenal are confined at the animal disease prevention and control facility for three working days before being made available for adoption or humanely disposed of. If your pet strays, notify the facility, in building 3543, at 876-2441.

TV override system

On the second Friday of each month, a brief test will be made of the override system to ensure it is in working condition. The test will be of very short duration and will be conducted at approximately 9 a.m. The military police have the capability to break in on all TV channels to make emergency announcements. This only applies to individuals who subscribe to Redstone cable TV.

Trash pickup

Occupants of family housing should be aware of which days are trash pickup days for their area and should not place trash bags at the curb except on these days. Anything placed at the curb overnight should be inside a garbage can with a tight fitting lid to prevent skunks and other animals from strewing the street and you neighbor's yard with trash.

Occupants of family housing

Appendix B, paragraph 7d, MICOMR 210-2 prohibits the parking of boats, trailers, campers and other recreational vehicles (motorized or not) in the housing areas on grassed areas, patios and streets. Authorized parking places are carports, driveways and off street parking areas that service multiple dwellings.

Mother's day gifts

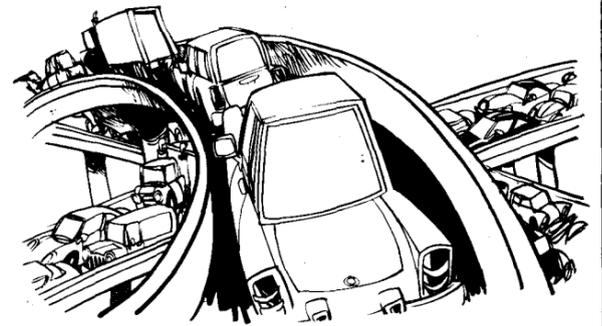
Registration is being accepted for children ages 9-15 to create a gift for Mother's Day at the ceramics craft shop. Workshops will be held on April 18 and 25, from 4-5:30 p.m. Call 837-1984 for sign-up.

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 sub-

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mission 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.

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 11, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 3601 Gesman Place. For more information, call 536-6681.

Toastmasters

The Tennessee Valley Toastmasters meet the first and third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 18 at Morrison's Cafeteria in Madison Square Mall on University Drive. Guests are welcome.

Epilepsy support

Huntsville Epilepsy Support Group will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at Huntsville Hospital. Dr. Hill of the local mental health center will discuss stress management. For more information call Sandy Chambers 536-0084.

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Innocent-looking spider inflicts damaging bite

With warm weather here again, people are getting outside more, and many have started spring cleaning. One hazard of the season, according to Capt. Shannon Johnson, is the brown recluse spider.

Johnson, environmental science officer for preventive medicine here, said the spiders like to hide in dark, quiet places, such as stored clothing, trash piles, debris, and under logs.

"They're nonaggressive. You really have to agitate one for it to bite," he said. For this reason, brown recluse bites are fairly uncommon, but they do bite, and can produce a large, slow healing wound that can even result in death for young children. The venom the spider injects causes a deterioration of the tissue surrounding the bite. In some cases, skin grafts are required for cosmetic purposes.

The brown recluse is a small spider with an oval-shaped body. It can range in color from light yellowish brown to medium dark brown. Its most distinctive characteristic is a fiddle-shaped marking on its back. Because of its small size and almost painless bite, many people who are bitten never see the spider.

The victim of a brown recluse bite will exhibit symptoms that follow a well established pattern. Maj. Walter Graves, a surgeon at Fox Army Community Hospital, said that within the first eight hours after the bite, there will be localized pain, and a blue-gray ring around the bite site. During the next 12 to 18 hours, if the bite is not treated, an area of necrotic (deteriorating) tissue develops, with a crust over the bite site. The crust eventually separates from the bite, leaving an open ulcer up to two inches in diameter.

Early medical attention, within the first eight hours of the bite, is critical in alleviating the later symptoms. Treatment varies, but may involve use of steroids or surgical removal of a small amount of tissue at the bite site.

The hospital here treats relatively few cases of brown recluse bites. Capt. Sam Dauer, infection control nurse, estimates that there were approximately four cases treated on an inpatient basis in the past year.

"If you think you've been bitten by a brown recluse, and can catch it, try not to damage it, and bring it with

you when you get medical treatment, so it can be positively identified," said Johnson. Many people mistake the harmless wolf spider for a brown recluse, he said.

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| 7th Students | 5 | 2 |
| 291st | 4 | 2 |
| A Company | 3 | 2 |
| Meddac | 3 | 2 |
| BMD | 2 | 4 |
| Western Conference | | |
| Team | W | L |
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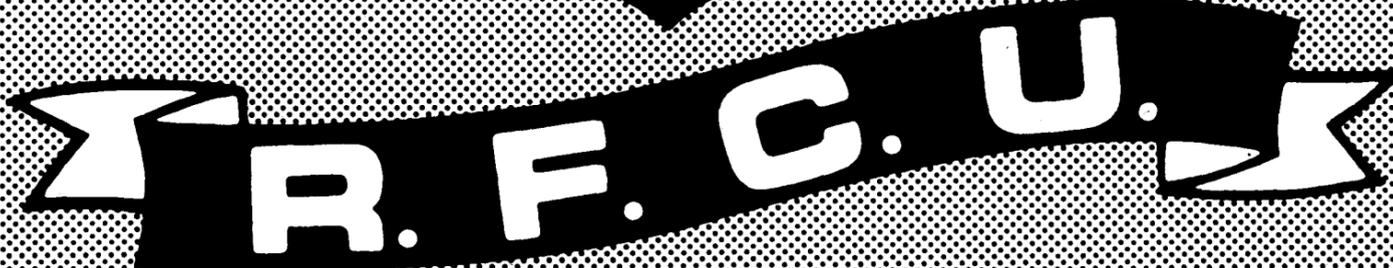
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success of the Lieutenant Professional Development Program will be the trainers assigned to guide the lieutenants through the program. "Trainers will be lieutenant colonels, majors, and captains with recent troop experience, and, preferably, with combat experience as well," he said. "We want trainers from a broad spectrum of military specialties, people who are currently supervising first and second lieutenants."

Hands-on training, field exercises, and other troop-related duties, such as conducting weapons qualifications and physical training, will receive the most emphasis under the program. Additionally, briefings, seminars, and suggested readings are included.

"We expect each MSC and activity to develop a hands-on program," Beckmann said. He cited as an example sending lieutenants to field units within the

same geographical area, to give them experience with troops. "For instance," he said. "CECOM has an excellent arrangement with the Fort Dix (N.J.) training center, in which lieutenants are attached to a basic training company for two weeks."

In addition, local Army reserve, national guard, and ROTC units offer opportunities for providing lieutenants experience with organizations involved with soldier training.

"Certainly the LPDP coincides very well with the 1985 leadership theme," Beckmann said. "It's a super way to ensure that our junior officers receive quality experience both within and outside their career branch, to help them compete with their peers. When they leave AMC for their next assignment, they should be able to perform as troop leaders as well as function in their career specialties."

Meddac 1 team wins in bowling

A Medical Company team has won Redstone's intramural bowling championship.

The Meddac 1 team was tops after a tournament held April 2 and April 4 in which the five best teams in each conference had a roll-off. C Company 1 had been the Tuesday Conference champ while Meddac 1 had been the Thursday Conference champ.

When all the bowling was done, Meddac 1 was first

in the 10-team playoff field. SSgt. Frank Lasher was the winning team's captain.

Trophies are to be presented at the end of April after a post roll-off for individual bowlers set for April 23-25, according to SSgt. Jim Stracke, who served as secretary for the Thursday bowling conference. Sp4 Mike Gabree was secretary for the Tuesday conference.

Final playoff standings

| Team | Tues | Thurs | Total Pins |
|-------------|------|-------|------------|
| Meddac 1 | 2591 | 2724 | 5315 |
| HHD, USATSG | 2591 | 2673 | 5264 |
| Marines 2 | 2552 | 2612 | 5164 |
| B Company 4 | 2452 | 2562 | 5014 |
| HHC | 2478 | 2517 | 4995 |
| C Company 1 | 2404 | 2588 | 4992 |
| B Company 1 | 2471 | 2465 | 4936 |
| A Company | 2475 | 2402 | 4877 |
| 95th Maint | 2445 | 2289 | 4734 |
| Marines 1 | 2353 | 2356 | 4709 |

Best team series in playoffs:

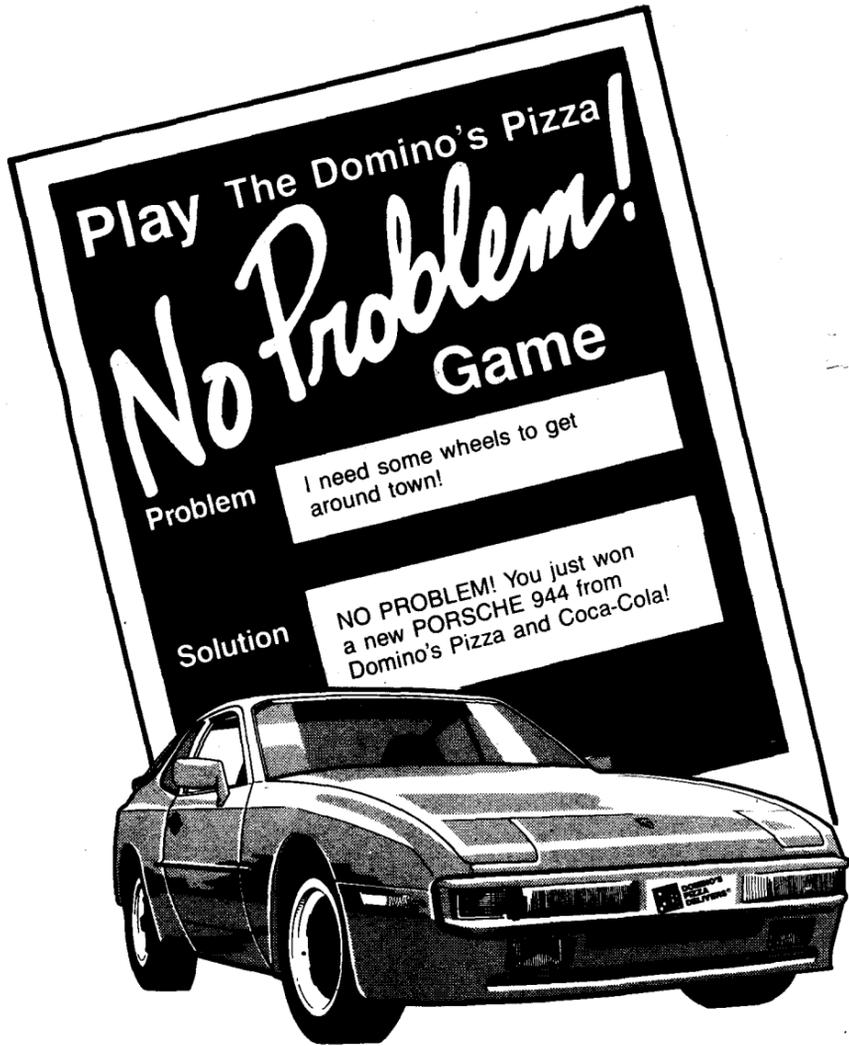
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|-------------|------|
| Meddac 1 | 2724 |
| HHD, USATSG | 2673 |
| Marines 2 | 2612 |
| C Company 1 | 2588 |

Best team games in playoffs:

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Meddac 1 | 977 |
| HHD, USATSG | 932 |
| B Company 4 | 925 |
| C Company 1 | 921 |

Playoff trophy winners:

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------|------|
| High Team Series | Meddac 1 | 2724 |
| High Team Game | HHD, USATSG | 932 |
| High Individual Series | Keith Wartars | 597 |
| High Individual Game | Dave Leake | 235 |



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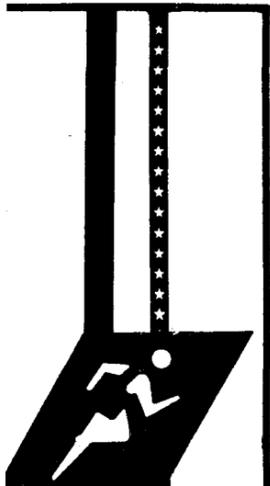
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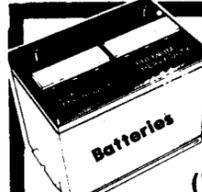
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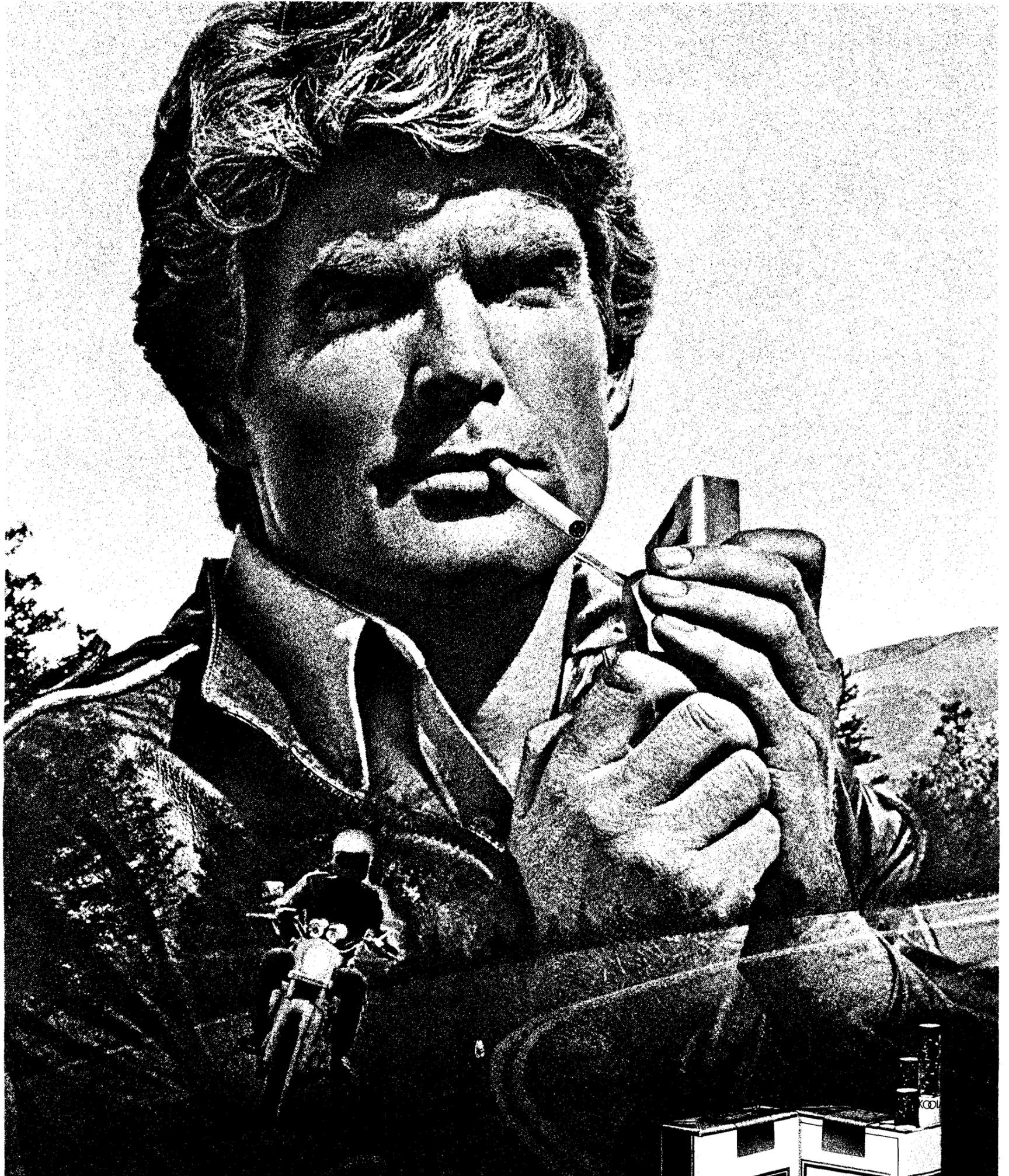
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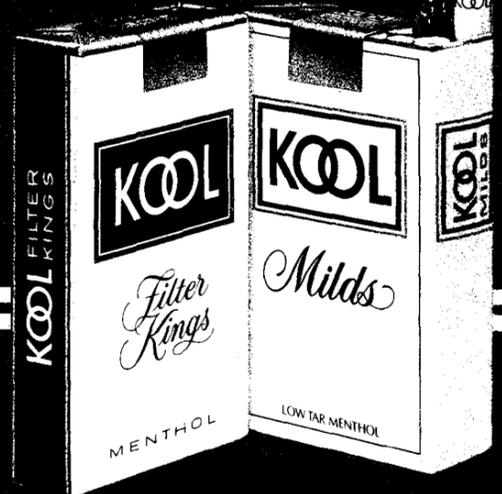
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