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Unconditional surrender ends fighting on largest scale world had ever known

BY BILL PICKETT

WASHINGTON — It was two o'clock in the morning, Monday, May 7, 1945, and lights blazed in the Ecole Professionnelle, the red brick schoolhouse in the old French cathedral city of Reims.

The schoolhouse was headquarters for General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Allied Expeditionary Force. In the war room, U.S., British, French and Soviet officers were joined by members of the press gathering to witness the unconditional surrender of the German armed forces.

After almost six years of war waged on the broadest scale the world had ever seen, the fighting in the European and Mediterranean theaters was about to formally end. The French had lost the battle of France in 1940 and endured a five-year German occupation. Great Britain survived the retreat at Dunkirk and the concentrated bombing of England by the German

Luftwaffe during 1940-41. The Soviet Union suffered a massive German invasion in 1941 which cost millions of lives.

The loss of life during fighting in this part of the world has been estimated to range from 35 to 60 million soldiers and civilians.

The western allies and the Soviets regrouped and fought back. The Anglo-American invasion of North Africa in 1942 reinforced British units there and defeated Italian and German forces which had held that region.

Then followed the allied invasions of Sicily and Italy in 1943. An unprepared and untried Soviet Union began repelling the Germans by late 1942. The allied landings at Normandy and southern France in the summer of 1944 pushed the German forces eastward as the Soviets pushed westward. This two-front action would eventually cost Germany the war.

German field commanders began to realize the hopelessness of the situation in the spring of 1945. They began surrendering their sectors independently. The German commander in Italy surrendered on April 29 and on May 4, the German commander facing Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery's 21st Army Group followed suit.

Surrender demanded

Hitler committed suicide on April 30, 1945, and Admiral Karl Doenitz assumed control of the existing German government. Retreating German troops tried desperately to surrender to western allies instead of the Soviet forces. Eisenhower, concerned about continued allied casualties, demanded an immediate and unconditional surrender of German forces on May 5. Doenitz conceded.

Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, Eisenhower's chief of staff, headed the contingent of allied officers present as the ceremony got underway at 2 a.m., May 7 at Reims. Also present were representatives of Great Britain, France and the Soviet Union. Gen. Alfred Jodl signed the surrender document for Germany, which called on German forces to stop all combat operations by 11:01 p.m. May 8.

The Soviets also arranged a surrender ceremony in Berlin May 8. Soviet Marshal Georgi Zhukov headed the proceedings. British Air Chief Marshal Arthur Tedder represented the British-American contingent and Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel stood in for Germany. The surrender document was signed at 11:30 p.m. May 8.

The U.S., Great Britain and the Soviet Union also disagreed on the proper time to announce the German surrender. The U.S. and Great Britain decided on 9 a.m., May 8, Washington, D.C. time. War in Europe and the Mediterranean was over.

For SSgt. Harry Chenoweth, the war had ended some months earlier near Bastogne in the Battle of the Bulge, while he was assigned to the 8th Armored Division's 88th Reconnaissance Group. Chenoweth was wounded in action in early 1945, and spent the next couple of months recuperating in hospitals in France, Wales and England.

Memories subdued

His memories of V-E Day are somewhat subdued. May 8, 1945 found Chenoweth heading home, halfway across the Atlantic on a hospital ship bound for the east coast. "We were still in convoy, under radio silence and all," he recalled during a recent telephone interview. "It was pretty subdued onboard once we heard the news but you've got to remember that we were all wounded and under medication and all."

Chenoweth, mayor of Nutley, N.J. for the past 25 years, recalls a sense of relief at hearing the news that war had ended in Europe. He left a continent torn apart by years of war, an image which stayed with him until he and a friend who'd also served in Europe returned last fall.

He had never really had the urge to return until he saw the ceremonies held in Europe commemorating the 40th anniversary of D-Day. "Up until the time I saw Reagan taking part in those ceremonies in Europe, I'd never wanted to go back.

"It was really different than I thought it would be," said Chenoweth. "I saw the changes that had taken place over 40 years; the children; people going to church; going to work; farming. I'd had a vision of Europe being leveled as it was when I last saw it. I was surprised. I got over some of those ill feelings I'd had for all those years. It was a good experience."

(See Surrender, cont'd page 15)



WORLD WAR II

IN 1944 — British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Brig. Gen. Maxwell Taylor review American troops in England in March 1944. More than a year later, on May 8, 1945, the war in Europe was to come

to an end after costing many lives in the name of freedom. Veterans of the fighting in Europe describe their experiences exactly 40 years after V-E (Victory in Europe) Day in today's issue of *Redstone Rocket*.

Arsenal winds down along with war

The end of the war in Europe was the beginning of the end of Redstone Arsenal as an ordnance manufacturing center.

Just a month after V-E Day, the installation started laying people off after having spent the previous five years trying to entice them to come to work.

In June 1945 Redstone Ordnance Plant conducted a reduction in force, probably its first ever, as the demand for some types of ammunition and explosives it produced plummeted from thousands of units daily to zero.

When the remaining work force shifted its energies to fulfilling requirements in the Pacific Theater, job attendance was somewhat better than it had been before the RIF, "... chief reasons being that a number of chronic absentees were removed," according to a 1945 document.

Also as a result of the RIF, the Army canceled buses that had brought workers to the production lines from outlying areas such as Scottsboro, Elkmont and Athens.

"The labor supply problems experienced in previous periods were overcome... as a result of decreased production schedules caused by the cessation of hostilities in the European Theatre of War," states the historical summary for the April-June 1945 period.

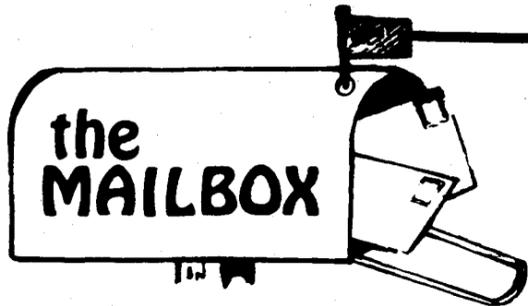
By the end of the year thousands had been laid off, the Army said the installation's usefulness had ended and was trying to sell it.

But it gained a new life when the Army brought Wernher von Braun's group of captured German scientists here to establish a national missile program.

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Contractor travel

Editor:

Please refer to the recent article on fraud and abuse of TDY per diem. According to *U.S. News & World Report*, March 4, 1985, page 72, typical costs for lodging, food and rental car are \$199.52 per day in Washington, D.C. I find that as a minimum it now costs me \$20 per day beyond the allowed \$75 per day to exist each day that I am on TDY in the D.C. area. However, this is not the full story. The contractors, which I technically monitor, have cost-plus contracts. They stay at the better motels and hotels, eat the best steaks and drive the full-sized cars across town for dinner. Of course, all of their expenses are fully covered under their contracts.

In addition to their total travel expenses being covered, their companies are paid overhead, general and administrative expenses and, last but certainly not least, profit on the total! The contractor goes in style, their company wants them to display the proper image of competence and success and it pays a handsome profit to do so. They travel at a level the average taxpayer could not possibly afford for himself.

Any hint at fairness to civil service demands that government contractors be paid the same per diem as civil service. If this were done the cost of food and lodging would decrease in the D.C. area.

Heard any rumors of your contractor getting a 5 percent pay cut? Of course not, his wage increases are negotiated into his cost-plus contract! Some of it from your pocket.

Write your senators and representatives and tell them how you feel about such things as these. Unless some changes are made soon you will have to either be dishonest or overweight to survive on TDY in several towns.

Ralph L. Norman
DARPA Projects Office

Constant squeeze

Editor:

Recently a letter concerning travel waste, fraud, and abuse was circulated among government employees at MICOM. I would like to make the following response to that letter:

1. The increasing number of fraudulent reimbursements of claims, proven through direct experience, is alarming. One of the largest areas of fraud involves the member or employee who performs authorized travel and then does not receive fair reimbursement under provisions of the Joint Travel Regulations, or where the JTR is itself unfair.

2. A variety of methods is used to squeeze every penny out of the honest traveler. Those most common to the honest traveling personnel include: a. Low per diem rates in areas where actual expenses are high; b.

Being forced to utilize lodging that exceeds or nearly exceeds the entire per diem rate; c. Advancing insufficient funds to the traveler necessitating the traveler to 'loan' money to the government which the traveler may at times not be able to afford; d. Taking an inordinate and unreasonable amount of time to reimburse the traveler for legitimate expenses causing the traveler to pay interest on his/her credit card and denying travel use of his/her own funds; e. Not being accurate in calculations on the travel voucher.

2.1 In addition, there are many other expenses and inconveniences that a traveler incurs, such as: a. Traveling on weekends with no pay; b. Traveling very early in the morning or late at night; c. Impacting an employee's weekend and evening personal life due to short notice trips; d. Causing the traveler to incur expenses on a trip that would otherwise not be incurred (e.g. phone calls to one's spouse, etc.); e. Causing the traveler to endure a ton of red tape (e.g. travel request, advance request, walking orders through, picking up tickets, picking up advances, motel reservations, rental car agreements, forms for actual expenses, travel vouchers, amendments to orders, trip reports, etc., all while performing one's routine work).

2.2 It is not suggested that the government reimburse travelers for such items, but that the government should be aware that it isn't doing the employee any favors by sending him/her on TDY.

3. The Department of Defense defines fraud, waste, and abuse as "any willful or conscious wrongdoing that adversely affects the government's interest." Unfortunately, there is no definition for fraud, waste, or abuse of the traveler on the part of the government. Personnel who willfully make a false claim against the government are subject to fine, imprisonment, or both. When the government abuses or takes advantage of a traveler the government is subject to nothing.

4. The basic management philosophy of the government regarding travel is to squeeze every penny possible from the traveler. Each traveler must be aware that he/she is expected to exercise care in incurring expenses, but at the same time cannot be assured that all justifiable expenses will be reimbursed.

5. A high degree of confidence can be expressed in the honesty and integrity of military personnel and civilian employees assigned to this command. However, they are not immune from abuse, nitpicking rules, contradictory instructions, confusing guidance, obscure regulations, and outright wrongdoing on the part of the government.

6. Finance and Accounting for Installations—AR 37-106—requires the finance and accounting officer to question or request explanation when the facts stated on a travel voucher appear to be inaccurate. However, have you ever tried to convince F&A that their determination is not correct? Undoubtedly, there is some official procedure for appeal (if you can live long enough to follow it through).

7. While the prudent use of government funds is always required, extra care must be taken to prevent abuse of the traveler. The thrifty use of your travel funds plus what the government can rip you off for will mean more funds for travel (which you are really looking forward to, right?)

Seriously, intentional fraud on travel vouchers can never be condoned. The above satire is merely meant to show that the government has a responsibility to the traveler. Even when the government is wrong the traveler should not use that as an excuse to cheat the taxpayers. Two wrongs does not make a right. But

wouldn't two rights be a good idea? I'm sick of the constant squeeze on the employee. How about a little consideration on the government's part?

Name withheld by request

Come see

Editor:

Those of us who work in building 5436 would like to invite y'all to come see our new parking lot. If you come in an official vehicle, we have four spaces reserved for you right up front. They are sure to be vacant when you get here because the only person who ever visits us in an official vehicle is the air conditioning man, and we don't expect him until next July or August. Building 5436 doesn't have any official vehicles assigned to it, but we're ready if we get some.

If you are handicapped, we have several spaces reserved for you. There will be plenty of room because none of us are handicapped (that we know of).

If you come in a carpool, we have five vacant spaces waiting for you since we have six reserved and only one carpool to accommodate. We can only handle five visitor vehicles at one time with our reserved visitor spaces, but this should be enough since we only had five visitors to this building in all of FY 84.

Before you come though, we want to apologize for the appearance of the place. You see, there are now so many reserved spaces in our parking lot that those of us who work here park in sort of a helter-skelter form on the grass and in the mud. We are happy about this since we know our new regulation parking lot will last a long time if we don't use it, and that way we know the taxpayer is getting his money's worth.

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World War II tank gunner had faith in his crew

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Forty years ago Sam Bounds was in a tank moving across Germany when the orders came to pull back about 50 miles and wait on the Russians.

The war in Europe was just about over.

"It doesn't seem like it's been 40 years but I guess it has been," says Bounds, an engineer in the Structures Directorate of Army Missile Laboratory.

Bounds was a 20-year-old tank gunner with the 6th Armored Division. "Really we were moving so fast that you didn't have time to think, hardly," he says, when asked about his thoughts back then. "And during this drive against Germany, I had so much faith in our tank crew, I really wasn't scared for some reason or another."

Without faith there might have been plenty of reasons for fear. He went to Normandy in July 1944 (the D-Day landings there had been about a month before). He climbed the hill at Omaha Beach, he recalls, and "as far as you could see, there was nothing but graves."

"I had the bellyache the first night there from eating green apples," Bounds adds on a lighter note.

He was in the lead tank in the push across France from September through November 1944. He recalls a Nov. 11 battle in which his division secured a bridgehead over the Nied River just south of Metz. "The Germans fired what we were told was a 300mm railroad gun, pinned us down all night long," Bounds says.

One of the big shells hit a tank and knocked the back end off. The division lost three tanks during the night. The next day Bounds' commander, Capt. Clarence E. Prenevost, led an infantry charge. Prenevost was severely wounded and was later awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

On Nov. 25, 1944 Bounds was wounded by shrapnel. "We got our tank knocked out and I tried to get back to our lines, got caught by mortar fire," he recalls. While recuperating in England, he got to see his sister Ruth who was an Army nurse.

"I wrote and told her where I was and she came to me," Bounds says. "We weren't too far apart."

He returned to the front lines Feb. 27, 1945. In March the 6th Armored Division was loaned to the Seventh Army and prepared to pass through the Siegfried Line for the second time (the first time had been Feb. 20-24). Bounds recalls there was a hint that something was up on March 19—the day before the mission with the Seventh Army—when members of his division were given peanuts and beer. "We'd never been treated like that before," he says with a laugh.

They were attached to the Seventh Army for three days. "We went 60 miles one night through the Siegfried Line," says Bounds, who was in the lead tank. "We rolled up to the Rhine River. The bridge across the Rhine was still intact. We radioed back the bridge was still intact, we received orders to take the bridge.

"We revved up our tanks and started forward, and had only gone a few feet when the Germans blew the bridge," he recalls. "Big steel structure just collapsed. If they'd been smart they would've let us get on it, but they weren't. I'd have probably been at the bottom of the Rhine."

On March 26 his tank was the first in town for the battle of Frankfurt, Germany. An anti-tank gun shot at the fast-moving tank from the side but missed. "We got up to the river and the bridge was partially blown but we could get the infantry across," Bounds says. The infantry soldiers were trying to take a large building. Bounds' tank was firing at the same building from across the river.



IN ENGLAND — Bounds and his sister Ruth, an Army nurse, were together in England about January 1945 while he recuperated from wounds.



HISTORIC MAP — Sam Bounds, an engineer in Army Missile Laboratory, holds a map showing his division's combat route in World War II.

"We were so intent on supporting the infantry that a German tank slipped up across the river and fired at us point-blank," he says. "The armor-piercing shell went underneath our tank and out the back and ricocheted up the street.

"Since we could not knock the German tank out head-to-head, we backed down a little bit (behind a levee). We couldn't knock him out with our guns and his second shot just barely missed the top of our tank," Bounds says. "We ran out of 76mm ammunition and radioed back 'We need to come back for ammunition.' We were told to hold that bridgehead with what we had."

In the next three hours, the Germans concentrated artillery on that side of the bridge. An estimated 5,000-6,000 rounds, about a round every two seconds, "fell on us during this period," Bounds says. "It felt like a large percentage hit our tank." The tank was hit so many times Bounds' nose bled but the crew survived. The infantry suffered many casualties across the river which the tank could not cross because of the partially blown bridge. The division was relieved that night by the 5th Infantry Division.

That began his division's "mad dash across Germany," Bounds says. On April 24 it was ordered to withdraw west of the Mulde River, about 50 miles, and wait on the Russians. "While we were waiting on the Russians, I had two unusual experiences," Bounds says. "A few days before VE (Victory in Europe) Day, I saw this German plane approaching. I was on the ground. I thought to myself I'll shoot him down, so I jumped up on the tank to get to the machine gun. The plane was on me quickly. I turned to shoot at him going away. I shot behind him.

"That was the first jet airplane I ever saw. He was so much faster than the others that he fooled me," he adds. His second experience was when he and an infantry soldier killed two pheasants at a pond below their outpost. They got some potatoes from a German house and made "pheasant stew." It was their first warm meal in some time. While they were eating, they saw two generals (the division commander and an Air Force general) and a number of colonels approaching. "We offered them some of our pheasant stew, they said it smelled good but they declined," Bounds says.

The division had its first contact with the Russians on May 7.

"They came in horse-drawn equipment and they did not show us any modern equipment," Bounds recalls. All military operations ended by orders at a minute after midnight on May 9.

Bounds was born and raised in Florence, Ala. His father was a cabinet maker (both parents are deceased). His mother's only brother was killed during World War I. Bounds' four sisters include Edna Mitchell of Florence, Ruth Cruse (the former Army nurse) of Tomball, Texas, Martha Hudson of Florence, and Mary Hamilton of Fargo, N.D.

He was graduated from Coffee High School in Florence in June 1942 and entered Auburn University. He finished his freshman year in engineering, then joined the Army on May 10, 1943. He entered the service at Fort McPherson, Ga.; took basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.; went to Camp (now Fort) Polk, La., where he won a trip to the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day by being one of the top three in a rifle contest; and then went to Fort Benning, Ga. From there he left for overseas.

Bounds returned to the states at New York on Aug. 14, 1945. "They lost my papers so I stayed on leave till Oct. 26, then I was discharged," he recalls. He reentered Auburn University in January 1946 and was graduated in June 1948 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

He worked for oil companies in Texas and in Tulsa, Okla., (where he met his wife). He went to work for an aircraft company in Tulsa for six years before coming to Redstone in 1960 as a mechanical engineer. Bounds has been living in Decatur, Ala., ever since. He and his wife Julia have three daughters and a son. They include Molly Barrett of Decatur, Beverly Payne of Decatur, Sarah Bounds of Conyers, Ga., and son Tim, a senior at Appalachian State in Boone, N.C.

Forty years after the war Bounds believes that drawing back 50 miles and waiting on the Russians was a mistake. "We'd have a stronger Europe, I think. We'd have kept Germany intact and all those other countries that we gave back to Russia. I don't think we'd have a lot of the problems that we have today," he says.

"It (the war) makes you have a deep appreciation for life and your country," Bounds says. "And I guess I survived only by the grace of God."

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May 8, 1945: an ex-prisoner of war comes home

BY SKIP VAUGHN

It has been 40 years since Lawrence Williams returned home from the war in Europe.

Williams, an employee development specialist in the Civilian Personnel Office, had served in the infantry and was captured during the Battle of the Bulge. He considers himself lucky that his only injury was frostbitten feet.

April 2, 1945, means more to him than May 8, 1945 because that was the date that he was liberated from the Germans. May 8 was when he arrived aboard ship in New York.

"I guess April 2nd stands out in my mind more than anything. Of course when you've been kind of mistreated for months, you're kind of overtaken with emotions when you are liberated all at once like that," Williams says. "May 8th was the date I got back to this country. For years I've said I wouldn't think of going back to any of these places I've been, but I guess



IN 1944 — Williams was stationed in Indiana when this picture was made about May 1944, only months before he went overseas.

the last couple of years I've thought of maybe going back over there.

"It's been a long time, you know," adds the veteran.

Williams decided to enter the Army in 1943 after two years at Mississippi State University. He took basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. Williams went to England in September 1944, stayed about a month, then went to France for about a week. He moved up to the front lines around Nov. 1, 1944.

"We were troops that got caught in the Battle of the Bulge," he says. That battle, begun in December 1944, was the final major German counteroffensive in the war.

"We were in part of that Siegfried line, I guess you might say, because we stayed there for a while and lobbed (artillery) shells back and forth," Williams recalls. Then the small group he was with heard it was cut off

from the others. "We were just trying to backtrack to join up with our units, and that's when we got captured," Williams says.

He was captured by the Germans on Dec. 19 at a Belgium town called St. Vith. The group he was with numbered from eight to 10 but Williams figures several hundred soldiers were taken captive. In a trip that took four days, the Germans walked them to a small town where they were put on a train. "There was about 60 of us in each boxcar," Williams recalls.

They rolled into a "good sized town" that had a railroad yard. They stayed there that night, Christmas Eve. Allied planes came over and bombed the German-occupied town. "I think 35 of our soldiers were killed by the bombing that night," Williams says.

On Christmas Day they continued their trek. They got off the train in Bad Orb, Germany, about 35 miles from Frankfurt. "It was cold, snow was all over the place," says Williams. "We had to walk up this real steep hill—a mile and a half up to where they took us to this camp."

It was just about dark when they arrived. Inside the camp, like any prison compound, there was barbed wire. They were prisoners there from Christmas Day 1944 until the day after Easter in 1945 when they were freed by part of the 7th Army.

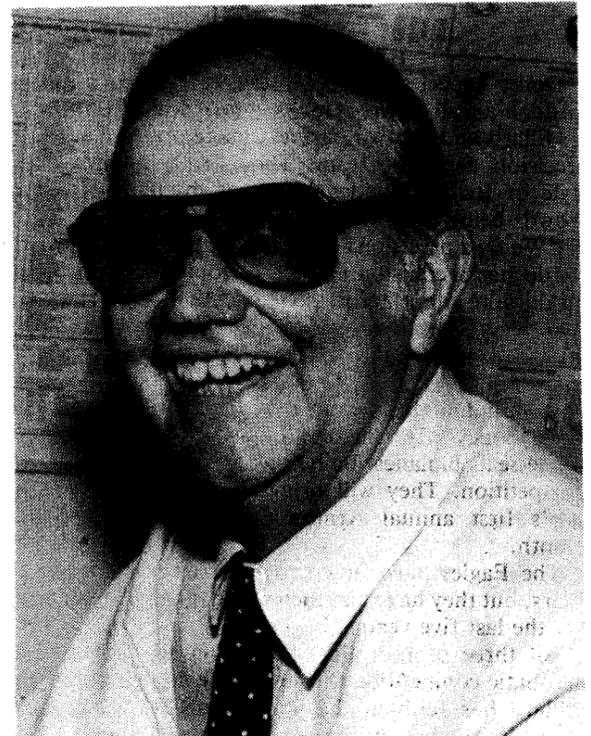
"I weighed about 135 when I got caught (by the Germans), I weighed from 90-95 when I got liberated," Williams says. His diet during four months in captivity had been watery soup and bread. His thoughts had been with his loved ones. "I wasn't married. My parents were still living in north Mississippi. I was just wondering what they'd think when they didn't hear from me," he says.

"When you're first captured, after you get over the initial shock, you get to worrying about your loved ones at home and wondering about what they'd be thinking. And of course, I could see we weren't going to get too much to eat. The name of the game then (was) you were worrying about whether you were going to survive with a small amount of food."

Williams survived and returned home, just like his two older brothers who had also served. "I guess Christmas '45 was the happiest Christmas I can remember because all three of us made it back," he says.

The 61-year-old veteran was born near Tunica, Miss., which is about 35 miles south of Memphis, Tenn. His father, now deceased, was the road foreman for Tunica County. His 89-year-old mother, Donnie, resides at a nursing home in Senatobia, Miss. Older brother Lamar, 64, lives at nearby Sarah, Miss. Mildred Gray, an older sister, lives in Memphis.

Williams finished Tunica High School in 1941, then went to Mississippi State. After the war he went back to college. He received a bachelor's degree in English from Memphis State University in 1961. He has work-



PERSONNEL WORKER — Lawrence Williams works in civilian personnel's training and career management division.

ed in the civilian training division at Redstone since January 1963 (except for the year 1967-68 when he worked at the training division at Fort Eustis, Va.)

He and his wife Elzora will mark their 39th anniversary in June. They have four daughters and a son. The daughters are Jean Harbour of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Huntsville residents Patsy Williams, Susie Ragan and Shelby Williams, acting director of Outdoor Recreation on post. The son, Joe Crawford, is an equipment specialist for Missile Systems Readiness Directorate and a Vietnam veteran.

What Williams remembers most from World War II is "seeing our soldiers on the side of the road, dead," he says. "Even when we were moving back as prisoners and after we were liberated, (I remember) seeing all those people that were homeless, wandering like packs of dogs."

The experience of war gave him an appreciation for life, he says. "And I hope that our country never has to fight another war for survival like that."

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Hillard and his teammates, Tom Poberezny and Gene Soucy, fly Christen Eagle I airplanes, small, single-seat biplanes built specifically for aerobatic competition. They will bring their act here for this city's first annual Armed Forces Celebration this month.

The Eagles have flown together as a team for 15 years, but they have had their current name and planes for the last five years.

All three of the pilots have won top honors for aerobatic competition throughout their flying careers. Hillard has faith in the abilities of his teammates. "They're the best in the world!" he exclaimed.

Hillard's aerobatic specialty is one he introduced himself, called the "torque roll." He holds the airplane in a vertical climb through zero airspeed, with a continual roll to the top of the vertical and back down. The airplane appears to be hanging by its propeller, and rolling in an opposite direction from the propeller's rotation.

"Shows and competition are two completely different types of flying," said Hillard. Competition is an individual thing. The physical stress isn't as much with a show. A show involves teamwork. There's a feeling of satisfaction from a good show, from the timing and the work you put in."

The Eagles will perform in an air show at the Huntsville-Madison County Jetport on May 25 at 1 p.m. Other participants include the Golden Knights,



PRECISION ACT — The Eagles flying team has won top honors in aerobatic competition.

the Army's precision parachute team; and the Wagners, a husband and wife stunt flying act.

the the Von Braun Civic Center, and a ball at the civic center.

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Volunteer workers needed for armed forces air show

BY PAM ROGERS

Just the thought of trying to park 5,000 cars in an orderly fashion is enough to give most people nightmares.

On May 25, several of Huntsville's retired military, veterans and civic groups will take on the challenge when spectators arrive for an air show at the Huntsville-Madison County Jetport.

The air show is a part of Huntsville's first annual Armed Forces Celebration, a combined effort by the

military and civilian portions of the community to honor the nation's uniformed services.

Brandon Parker and Arthur Ousley are heading the volunteer force, and they need at least 50 more workers to assure full coverage of the parking area.

"Anyone who is willing to work is welcome to help out," said Parker. Volunteers will be asked to attend one pre-show meeting. In exchange for their services, they will receive a T-shirt and free admission to the show for themselves and their families.

To volunteer, call Ousley, 539-3222 or Parker, 881-5487.

"We're doing all the things required to make 30,000 people enjoy an air show," said Parker. Some of those things include finding a suitable site to park cars, 5,000 yards of engineering tape to mark the area, and signs to point the way to parking, concessions, and viewing areas.

The gates will open at 10 a.m. There will be pre-show flights of radio controlled model planes beginning at 11:30, and static displays of military aircraft. At 12:30 there will be flyovers by a sailplane and a 1912 Curtis-Pusher antique aircraft.

The show begins at 1 p.m., and will include performances by the Golden Knights, the Army's precision parachute team; the Eagles, a three airplane aerobatic team; and the Wagners, a husband and wife stunt flying act. There will also be rappelling and parachute demonstrations by Alabama National Guard special forces troops.

Cost for the show is \$5 per car, and \$1 each for walk-ins. Ousley and Parker suggest that spectators arrive early enough to see the displays and pre-show activities, and to get a good spot for the show.

The show site is east of the airport, adjacent to Wall-Triana Highway. No parking will be allowed on that road.

Groups helping out with the air show include the Retired Officers Association, the Military Retiree Advisory Council, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and the Kiwanis Club.

Other activities in the four-day Armed Forces Celebration include industry and military exhibits at the Von Braun Civic Center, a downtown retreat and parade honoring Huntsville's WWI veterans, and a ball at the civic center.

For more information about the celebration, call 533-4141.

New command, centers among laboratory changes

As part of a laboratory improvement program, Army Materiel Command has announced organizational changes that will result in the formation of Research, Development and Engineering Centers at MICOM and elsewhere and also will create a new command.

The nucleus of AMC's new Laboratory Command will be the Electronics Research and Development Command at Adelphi, Md. Establishment of the new command and associated actions will not result in any relocations, officials said.

Transfer-in-place procedures will be used to affiliate six Army laboratories with the new command. These include the Mechanics and Materials Research Center, Watertown, Mass.; Ballistic Research Laboratory and Human Engineering Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Electronics Technology and Services Laboratory, Fort Monmouth, N.J.; Harry Diamond Laboratories, Adelphi, Md. and the Army Research Office at Triangle Research Park, N.C.

Also transferring in place, from the Electronics Research and Development Command to the Communications-Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth, are the Combat Surveillance and Target Acquisition Laboratory, Atmospheric Sciences Laboratory, Night Vision and Electro-optics Laboratory, Electronic Warfare Laboratory, and Signals Warfare Laboratory.

In a second phase, existing laboratories will be redesignated as Research, Development and Engineering Centers at the Missile Command; Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command, Aviation Systems Command, Tank Automotive Command and Troop Support Command.

"This action will be strictly an internal realignment of functions, responsibilities and spaces," officials stated. "Since the changes will be in-place organizational realignments, no adverse personnel impacts are anticipated."

Officials said the changes, aimed at improving quality, productivity and effectiveness of the Army laboratory system, should be completed by Oct. 1.

In another move toward economy and efficiency, officials announced the formation of two regional finance and accounting centers to improve financial services to depots in California, Arkansas and Texas.

In California, financial services for Sacramento, Sierra and Sharpe Army Depots will be consolidated at a regional center at Sacramento.

A south central regional center in Arkansas will serve Red River and Corpus Christi Army Depots.

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Program held here in honor of volunteer workers

People who contribute their time to help with services on post were honored with certificates and other awards last week.

The occasion was an appreciation luncheon honoring Redstone Arsenal volunteers. Awards were presented to those who help such agencies as Youth Activities, Army Community Service, Thrift Shop, and the American Red Cross. Maj. Gen. Eugene Fox, program manager for the Army Ballistic Missile Defense Program, was guest speaker in the absence of MICOM Commanding Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard who had to be in Washington on business.

Bunyard "asked me to pass on to you his warmest feelings for all the efforts you have done, not only this year but in past years," Fox said. The luncheon was held April 30 at the Officers Club.

"Volunteers are very important," Fox said. "You do the kinds of things that just wouldn't get done without your presence. Equally important, you save the government a heck of a lot of money."

Last year was called the Year of the Family, he pointed out. He added that he prefers the term "caring for people" rather than the term "taking care of people." The Year of the Family "was a terrific year," Fox said, "because it recognized contributions of the servicemember's family."

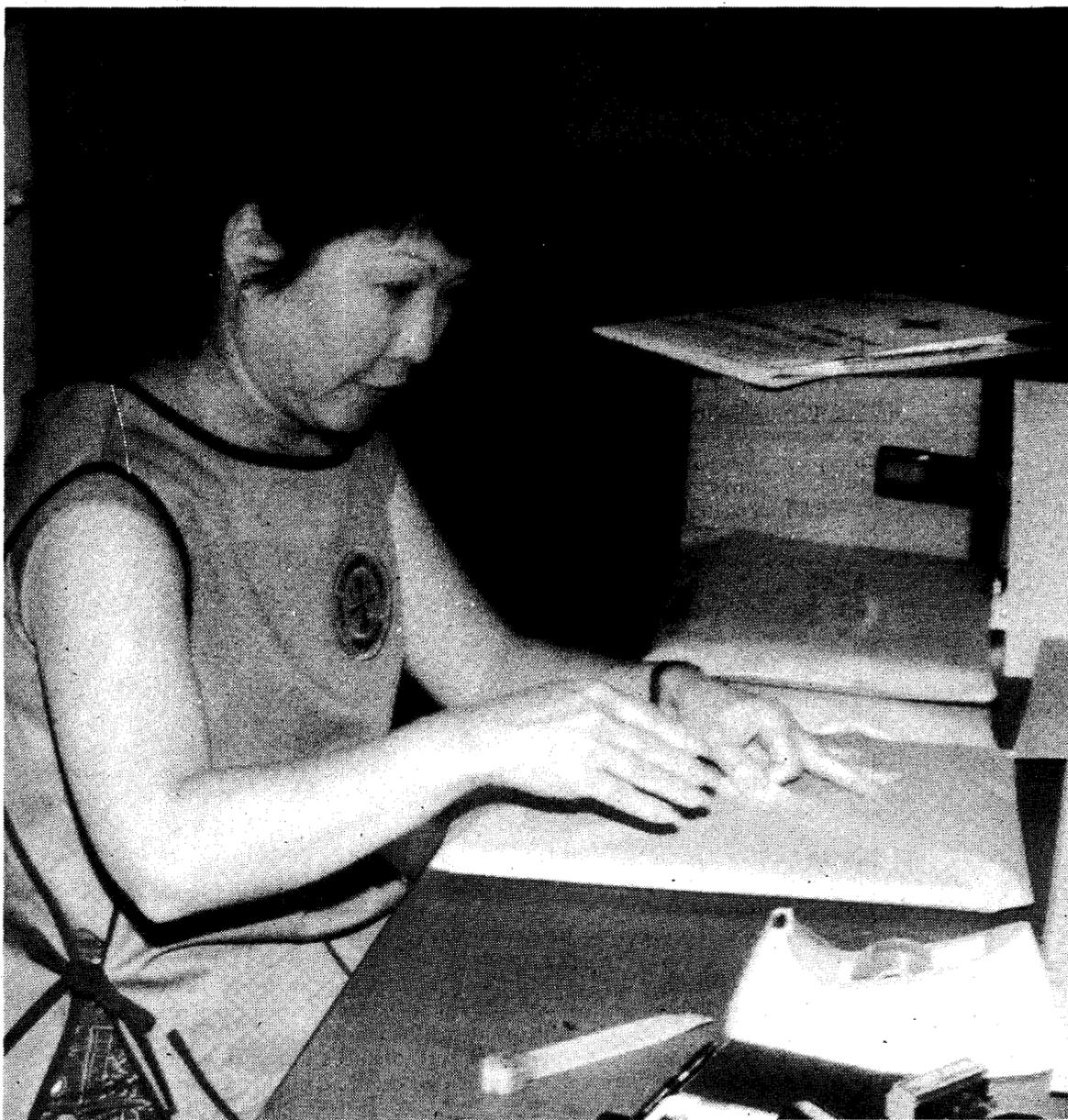
Many people want to put all their priorities on just building new things, said the BMD commander. "I think we (at Redstone) have a nice balance, we have some new facilities but I don't think we're spending all our time and money in that effort," Fox said.

"The volunteers help use of these new facilities and enhance the services that we provide our people," he said.

Fox's wife, Evelyn, received several awards for her volunteer work with Army Community Service. Celia Bunyard, wife of the MICOM commander, served as an award presenter and was also cited for her volunteer service on post. "This is one of the highlight days of our tour here at Redstone Arsenal," she said. Groups cited for their work included the NCO Wives Club, Officers Wives Club, Protestant Women of the Chapel, Catholic Women of the Chapel, Economy Couples Club, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Juanita Rogers, an Army spouse, was cited as an example of an unaffiliated volunteer. She saw a need for English classes for non-English speaking people, so she organized the classes.

Many volunteers with Army Community Service



ACS VOLUNTEER — Lillian Kawano, wife of Col. Kenneth Kawano, prepares welcome packets to be sent to installations worldwide. She is one of many who contribute their time to community assistance agencies here.

and with Red Cross were called forward individually to receive certificates, letters, pins and other awards.

"We would not be anything without our volunteers," said 2nd Lt. Aaron Zook, ACS officer.



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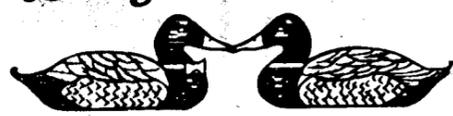
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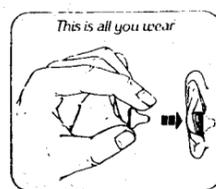
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Volunteer is honored for a lifetime of service

BY PAM ROGERS

Helping others has always been an important part of Carrie Hightower's life.

She got started in a big way at the age of 11, when she saved a small boy from drowning.

"I was on an outing with lots of children. All of them were young, and we were at a lake. The little boy was playing near the water, and he got too close and fell in. Everybody just stood around, not knowing what to do, and I jumped in. It was a natural instinct—the child had to be saved," she said.

Hightower, a Red Cross volunteer at the preventive medicine and dental clinics here, has spent much of her life in volunteer activities which serve people in some way. She even saved another drowning child a few years back.

In recognition of her lifetime of service, the Epsilon Sigma Alpha service sorority has bestowed upon her its statewide DIANA award. DIANA stands for Distinguished International Academy of Noble Achievements. The honor is given to a non-member of the organization who has "unselfishly given of herself to a remarkable degree in some area of service which benefits others," according to a letter of congratulations sent by the group to Hightower.

She was nominated by ESA for an area award, which she won, before being considered for the state award. She was surprised by the outcome.

"I'm still in awe — I couldn't believe it. I didn't think I'd win either one. I thought someone out there was more worthy, but I guess they don't agree," she said.

Hightower didn't tell her coworkers about her notoriety at first, and when they did find out about her achievement, she said she just felt embarrassed, even though she was flattered and felt greatly honored to receive the award.

"I'm a very shy person — a very private person. I'm still sitting here embarrassed. I'm not one to blow my own horn," she said.

Hightower has lived in Hawaii, Germany, and at least 24 states of the 48 continental United States. She



AWARD WINNER — Carrie Hightower works with medical records at the preventive medicine clinic.

has volunteered everywhere she lived. Her favorite job was teaching mentally retarded children in Maryland.

"Children need so much love— you can't give them too much. And the little retarded children are so innocent, so loving," she said.

With all her volunteer work, Hightower still had time to raise four children, three of whom are married.

She also has two stepchildren. Her husband, Norris, works in International Logistics here.

Hightower believes volunteering gives people a psychological lift, and keeps them from dwelling on minor problems. She certainly plans to keep it up.

"I'll continue what I'm doing to the best of my ability, and work where I'm needed," she said.

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Soft drink price raised a nickel

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The prices were raised as a result of price increases at the wholesale level, according to Barrett A. Sessler, Post Restaurant Fund coordinator. He said there have been two "major" price increases by soft drink suppliers in the past 21 months. The Post Restaurant Fund absorbed the first one and did not pass it on to customers.

Meanwhile, the Post Exchange plans to hold the line on prices for the 122 soft drink machines it operates in the school and troop areas. "We're going to try to hold it at 35 cents if we can," said Ann Mims, supervisor of vending operations for the PX.

Results of survey mailed to officers

WASHINGTON — Detailed results of the recent professional development of officers study survey has been mailed to all officers of the active Army.

"A complete analysis of the study is being published and provided all officers in line with Gen. Wickham's charge of using the results so that we can make our Army better," said Lt. Col. Thomas N. Meriwether, chief of evaluation for the study.

The publication has been mailed to every officer's home address, and distributed to active and reserve Army units through normal distribution channels, he added.

The study was initiated by Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr. to evaluate the officer's professional and leadership development system throughout the total Army and make recommendations to meet the Army's needs through the year 2025.

The surveys were mailed last August to 23,000 randomly selected officers (lieutenant thru colonel) and to 436 generals and promotable colonels, Meriwether said.

Officers receiving the "commissioned officer survey" responded to 93 questions in six major categories: development of officers for current assignment, military schools, civilian education program, officer preparedness and professionalism, unit assignment experiences, and other issues that influence the development of officers.

The general officer survey contained 139 items designed to help determine the direction the Army will take during the next 40 years.

Highlights of the survey analysis show that "this is the best Army in memory of serving officers. Additionally, officers report they are satisfied with Army duty and feel they are professionals in their particular career field," Meriwether said. Most agreed that to be an effective leader, an officer should be a mentor first and a role model second. They also said they are prepared to accomplish their particular mission in time of war, though many cited the need for further education and training in wartime skills. (Arnews)

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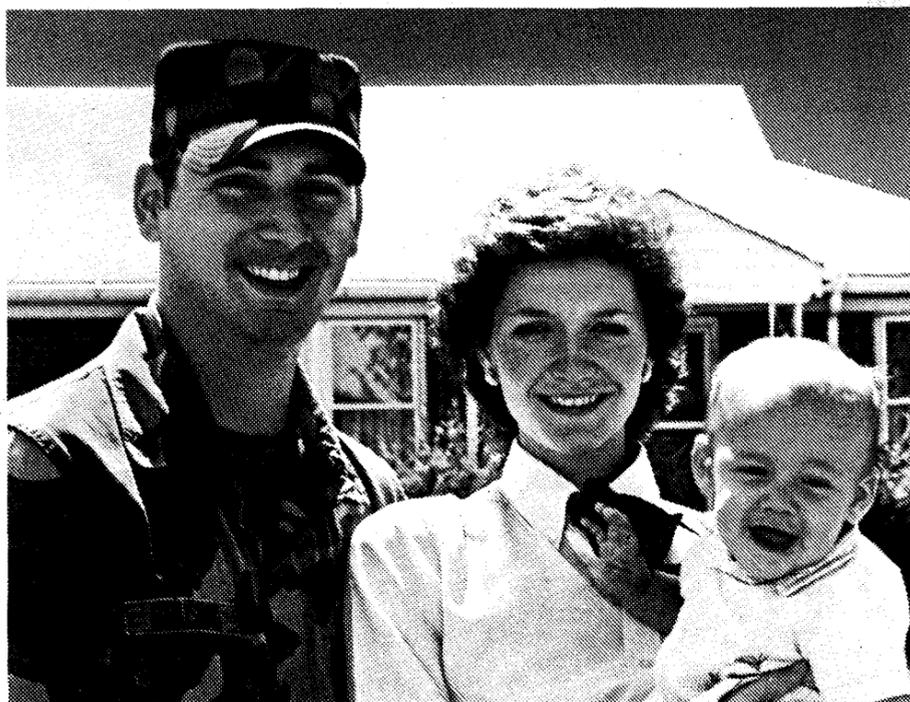
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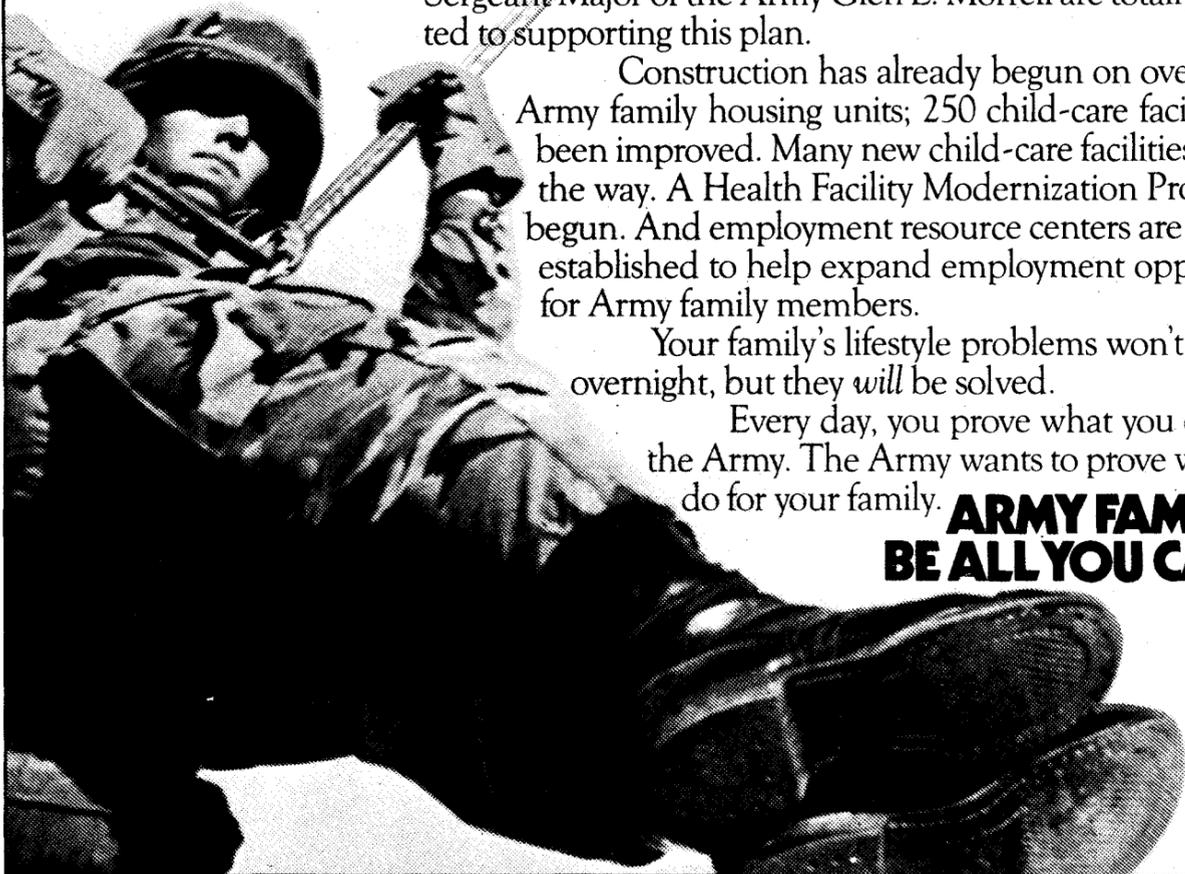
The Chief of Staff, General John A. Wickham, and Sergeant Major of the Army Glen E. Morrell are totally committed to supporting this plan.

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Barclay, who died in 1983, was commander of AB-MA during the early days of the space race. He was here during the development of the the Jupiter and Pershing missiles, and the initiation of the Saturn booster.

The late Maj. Gen. John Barclay, former commander of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, and deputy commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Missile Command, both at Redstone Arsenal, has been selected for induction into the Ordnance Hall of Fame at the Army Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

His leadership in the space program led Dr. Werner von Braun to say, shortly before Barclay's retirement in 1961: "Without him there would have been no Redstone missile, no Mercury-Redstone rocket and no American astronaut in space."

The Ordnance Hall of Fame honors distinguished members of the Army Ordnance Corps, both civilian and military, for their contribution to science and the Ordnance Corps.

Barclay's name will be added to the hall of fame during a ceremony in Aberdeen on Friday. Among those in attendance will be Barclay's wife, Gwendolyn, who still resides in Huntsville.



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Hospital honors nurses

Nurses throughout the country were honored for National Nurse's Day, May 6.

There are 1.7 million nurses in the U.S., including 40 military and civilian nurses assigned to Fox Army Community Hospital. About 1,500 registered nurses reside in the Madison County area.

"Redstone is fortunate to have dedicated nurses utilizing their knowledge, skills, energy, and compassion to improve the quality and accessibility of health care services for our community," said Lt. Col. John Moskovites, chief of the Department of Nursing at Fox Army Community Hospital.

"The profession of nursing is committed to the promotion of health, the prevention of disease, and the delivery of quality nursing care," he added. "The scope and depth of responsibilities assumed by nurses is expanding rapidly in today's complex health care system. To meet this expanding responsibility, MED-DAC nurses are expanding their professional health care roles by increased education, research, and practice. Our nurses are committed to giving the best possible care that cause the least disruption of people's lives."

A celebration, honoring nurses assigned to the medical department here, was held Monday in the hospital library.

Hotels eyed for some Army posts

WASHINGTON — The Army could begin seeing hotel franchises on its installations beginning as soon as next year, say officials at the Army Community and Family Support Center.

That possibility is the result of a recent market analysis completed by a civilian firm which looked into the feasibility of seeking private sector funds to construct guest house facilities on Army installations.

That study, according to Lt. Col. Lewis T. Turner, Director of the Leader's program analysis and evaluation office. Found 10 of the 14 hotel chains contacted favorable to the idea. "Some will be eager to take part in this program," he said.

"We're looking at this as an alternative to our current funding and construction of guest house facilities," said Turner. "We have a great need for guest house facilities and insufficient money to do everything we want." Similar thinking led to the construction of fast food franchises on military installations in the past few years.

If a certain hotel chain or chains decided to get in on this project, hotels could be standing within a year of a contract being awarded. That compares to the Army's current timetable of "about four or five years," according to Maj. David L. Scibeta, project officer for the lodging and hospitality initiative.

"What we're trying to do is upgrade the existing

guest house facilities," said Turner. "In some cases these hotels would replace existing facilities and in others they would supplement existing facilities. We're basically interested in upgrading the quality and quantity of Army transient lodging facilities.

These new facilities may come complete with restaurants and athletic facilities, according to Turner. "We'll look at the existing facilities and determine if restaurant or other facilities would be required, a well. It'll all depend on how large the facility will be and how much business is projected."

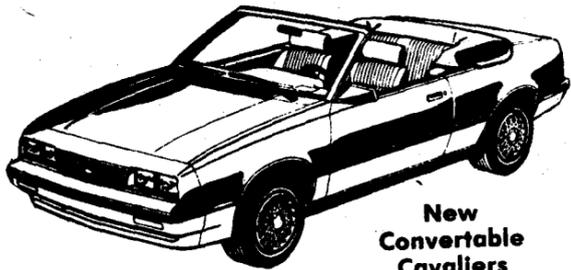
The hotels on post won't be available to just any traveler. Persons eligible to stay in these hotels will be those authorized to use current Army transient facilities. One added convenience for these travelers however, will be the addition of a nationwide 800 number to call for reservations. "This is a basic requirement for franchise," Turner said.

"We're looking at selecting those sites we'd consider by mid-May," said Scibeta. "We should then have a competitive procurement package out by mid- to late June which should result in a contract being awarded in the September time frame. This means the first hotels on Army posts could be opening as early as September of next year. The hotel industry says it can have a facility opened within one year of construction start."

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"This is a whole new area for us," said Turner, "so we want to start slow and evaluate the system as we progress. Besides providing improved transient facilities, these hotels will mean jobs and will also enable us to put those major construction funds originally planned for transient facilities into other projects." (Arnews)



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Payment method changes for emergency medical care

Soldiers who receive emergency care at a civilian medical facility are affected by a change in the way the Army pays for such care.

As of April 1, emergency medical bills incurred by soldiers are being paid by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina, a "fiscal intermediary" that is reimbursed by the Army.

The change was brought about as part of the Army's participation in the national disaster medical system program, according to Maj. John F. Armstrong, patient affairs advisor with the Office of the Surgeon General of the Army.

That system, according to Armstrong, involves civilian hospitals which would provide a certain percentage of their beds to be used by the military in the event of a war. The military would use these extra beds, if needed, under this contingency plan.

"We've never really tested this system as to how we would reimburse those hospitals," said Armstrong. "Blue Cross/Blue Shield of South Carolina is contracted by the Department of Defense to take care of that. So we developed a program to involve them in handling similar situations by processing emergency claims from active duty soldiers."

"We're trying to stress that this is strictly for emergency care situations," said Armstrong. Emergency care is defined by the Army as "a medical or dental situation which required immediate treatment of severe life-threatening or potentially disabling conditions which result from accident or illness of sudden onset and which necessitate treatment to prevent undue pain and suffering or the loss of life, limb or eyesight."

These claims will be reviewed, added Armstrong, to make sure they are for-real emergencies. "We're basically talking about those soldiers who are on leave, TDY or traveling between assignments who are nowhere near a military treatment facility," said Armstrong.

"Claims that do not meet the definition of a true emergency will continue to be processed by the nearest military medical treatment facility. It should be pointed out that active duty soldiers are required to use military facilities in other than emergency situations," he continued. "And the new payment process does not eliminate any administrative procedures currently required of soldiers such as recruiters and ROTC faculty members."

Armstrong admits that there are times when soldiers on leave seek medical attention at civilian facilities when military facilities may not be close enough for them to seek treatment there. An earache may not be considered a true emergency while driving to a new assignment, but payment for the care received will probably be reimbursed.

Armstrong recommends that soldiers who find themselves in civilian medical facilities as the result of an accident or other emergency, should contact their unit or the nearest military installation as soon as possible, especially if it's expected that the soldier will be laid up for a few days.

"There are some pretty important administrative proceedings that we must follow when we have a soldier being treated in a civilian facility," said Arm-

strong. "We want to make sure the soldier's receiving the best care possible, so we'll monitor his condition and coordinate with the civilian physician to see when it would be best to transfer the soldier to a military treatment facility if that's possible."

The sooner the Army knows about the soldier's status, the sooner these proceedings can begin. Simple administrative tasks like taking a soldier off leave status can be taken care of during this time.

What about the soldier's family members? What happens if they're also involved in an accident and wind up in the hospital? According to Armstrong, this

situation would be taken care of through the already existing Champus medical care program.

Soldiers who find themselves in this situation should just remember to contact their unit or the nearest military installation. There is no change to the fact that the soldier will receive the best care possible. The change is involved with the paperwork which follows that treatment and how the servicemember's bills are paid.

Using any Champus-approved claim form, emergency claims should be sent to Active Duty Contract, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina, Box 6120, Columbia, S.C. 29260. (Arnews)

Article 15 petition time limit dropped

WASHINGTON — Time limits to submit Article 15 petitions will be dropped in the near future, according to officials at the DA suitability evaluation board.

A recent decision by Department of the Army will eliminate the three-year time limit in which to petition for the transfer of records of Article 15s from the performance to the restricted file.

The change will appear in the next update of AR 27-10, "military justice," scheduled to be published in September. Current provisions list Oct. 31 as the deadline for petitioning Article 15s received before Nov. 1, 1982, by soldiers in grades E6 and above and officers on that date.

The decision to lift the time limits was based on the experience of the suitability and evaluation board, which reviews those petitions. According to the board, time limits serve no useful purpose and could act to the disadvantage of some soldiers.

This change does not nullify the board's policy of normally returning petitions without action unless at

least one year has passed and one non-academic evaluation has been received since the Article 15 was imposed.

Petitioning the board, which has acted on more than 4,400 petitions since 1982, is relatively easy.

A letter prepared in military format should be addressed to The President, DA Suitability Evaluation Board, HQDA (DAPE-MPC-E), Washington, D.C. 20310.

The letter should state why the individual feels the intent of the non-judicial punishment has been served and why it is in the Army's best interest to transfer the Article 15. According to the board, many successful petitioners submit supporting evidence in the form of statements and other documents not already recorded in the OMPF. Certified copies of DA form 2A and 2-1 for enlisted soldiers should also be sent with the letter.

For more information on petitioning for the transfer of Article 15s, contact the local Military Personnel Office or legal assistance office. (Arnews)

Home loan rate changes again

The Veterans Administration has reduced its maximum home loan interest rate from 13 percent to 12½ percent. The last change in the interest rate occurred on March 25, when it was increased from 12½ percent to 13 percent.

Loan Guaranty Officer, Henry Moody, said the reduction reflects recent improvement in the mortgage market.

The VA will also decrease by ½ percentage point the maximum rates for Graduated Payment Mortgages to 12¾ percent and home improvement loans to 14 percent. In addition, the rates for manufactured home loans will also be decreased. The new maximum rates are 15 percent for unit-only loans and 14½ percent for loans to purchase either a unit with the lot or to purchase a lot upon which a unit already owned by the veteran is to be placed.

The rate change does not affect existing loans, whose interest rate remains the same for the life of the agreement. VA home loans may be used to purchase, construct, alter, improve, repair, or refinance a home. This includes the purchase of condominiums and manufactured homes, with or without a lot.

Youth soccer

Here are the AYSO Region 388, Redstone Arsenal, final team standings:

Eisenhower League (under 10)				
	Won	Loss	Tie	Points
*Sharks	3	2	1	7
Cobras	3	3	0	6
Scorpions	2	2	2	6
Eagles	2	3	1	5
* Denotes league champ				
Bradley League (under 12)				
	Won	Loss	Tie	Points
*Panthers	8	0	0	16
Rowdies	5	2	1	11
Strikers	4	4	0	8
Cougars	1	6	1	3
Eagles	1	7	0	2
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MacArthur League (under 14)				
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*Quakes	3	0	0	6
Bandits	0	3	0	0
* Denotes league champ				
Pershing League (under 16)				
	Won	Loss	Tie	Points
*Rockets	5	1	0	10
* Denotes league champ				

Volleyball standings

Here are the troop volleyball standings as of May 2:

Eastern Conference		
Team	W	L
*Marines	14	0
*Meddac	10	4
*7th Students	8	4
291st	9	5
A Company	8	6
95th	7	7
BMD	3	11
* made playoffs		
* has two games left		
Western Conference		
Team	W	L
*GAF	12	1
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Family action plan 'energizes' leaders

WASHINGTON — The Army family action plan will "energize Army leadership to provide resources for family initiative," according to Lt. Gen. Robert Elton, Army Deputy Chief of staff for personnel.

Most of the funding called for in "Army family action plan I" is in the fiscal year 1986 budget.

What is important to remember is that the Army family action is on-going and there will be a new Army family action plan each year, Elton said. "If you were to come back in 1994, you would find Army family action plan number 10," he explained.

As Army family action plan II goes to press, new issues are being addressed, first term family initiatives including paternity leave (10 days) and funded family travel to the soldier's first duty station are being sought.

Elton pointed out the relationship to combat readiness of the Army family action plan and family programs. Readiness is enhanced if family programs are working well.

In Europe, the Army has units deployed along the

border while their families are living in Europe. In a wartime situation, "our people are going to be thinking about their families. Are they in danger? Are they being taken care of?" Elton explained.

And the importance of family to soldiers is not just limited to wartime. In training situations, "a young soldier leaves his fort and goes off to the training area and leaves his family. It will ease the stress of the combat soldier and the soldier who's doing something away from his family when he knows that there is a structure that takes care of every possible situation," Elton said.

Knowing that his family is taken care of, "the soldier can focus on the mission," he explained. The soldier "is able to focus directly on the very strenuous requirements he's supposed to meet," Elton added.

"Young soldiers, and careerists as well, have a lot of questions about how permanent some of our family care is," Elton said. "We can not let up. We have to keep going." (Arnews)

Service commemorates Gen. Mark Clark

WASHINGTON — "Whatever we do — we must be proud as we go about accomplishing our mission."

This was the guiding philosophy of Gen. Mark W. Clark, whose memory was honored here April 18, one year after his death.

"It is very appropriate in this year of leadership," said Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr., "that we honor Gen. Mark Clark, a truly great soldier of the 20th century."

Clark, who was dubbed "The Eagle" by Sir Winston Churchill, served as more than a consummate military leader. He was considered an accomplished diplomat, educator and author as well.

As commander of the 5th Army during World War II, Clark drove the Nazis from and arranged for the unconditional surrender of Italy.

On July 27, 1953, he capped his distinguished Army career by signing the armistice with North Korea, ending the Korean War.

He retired from the Army with 36 years of service and for 11 years was the president of the Citadel in Charleston, S.C. (Arnews)

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Surrender

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Anthony Andreola, who served as a tech sergeant with the 9th Infantry Division's 9th Medical Battalion, went back to Europe with Chenoweth. He, too, had never really wanted to return to the places he'd seen action.

Different attitude now

"My memories were of kids begging for food, buildings demolished by war, people suffering," he recalled. "I have a different attitude now, more positive. Now I feel that the three years I spent in combat was really worthwhile. Seeing the children today riding bikes, the people enjoying freedom, it gave me a sense of having done something really worthwhile."

"When we saw our outfits inscribed on a monument in Bastogne, we were two proud old sergeants for what we'd done," he continued. "Anyone (who fought in Europe) who's in good health and can afford it should go back to see what it's like now," Andreola added. "I really think it was worth it."

Andreola spent time in North Africa during the war and took part in the invasion of Sicily before being sent to England to prepare for the invasion of France. His eight campaign ribbons say more about the action he saw than he says about it. "It was my job to get the plasma and morphine...together before we went into action," he said.

"We were heading toward Ingolstadt, Germany, when we heard that the war was over," recalled Andreola. "I have vivid memories of Germans surrendering to us instead of the Russians. We knew the end was coming. We had a meeting one day for the officers and NCOs and were told that the official surrender would take place in a few days. I still have pictures of us celebrating."

After three years of non-stop action, Andreola got his first pass, a three-day trip to Paris. He remembers spending two of those days tracking down a wayward soldier. "What a way to spend my first pass in three years," he said.

Medal of Honor

War's end found Medal of Honor recipient Charles A. MacGillivray at home in Charlottetown, Prince Ed-

ward Island, Canada. He was the only Canadian to be awarded the Medal of Honor for action in Europe.

The actions that led to his receiving the nation's highest decoration also cost him an arm. He was a sergeant assigned to the 44th Infantry Division near Woeffling, France when his unit was ordered to move forward in darkness to meet a threatened German breakthrough.

On New Year's Day 1945, he took on several German machine-gun crews singlehandedly and "destroyed four hostile machine guns and immeasurably helped his company to continue on its mission with minimum casualties."

He became a casualty in the process, however. "I lost an arm in that battle," he said. "Snow is the only thing that saved my life. If I'd have been fighting in the South Pacific, that would have been it." Snow and cold apparently slowed the bleeding enough for MacGillivray to be evacuated and eventually recover.

"I was really happy to hear that the war had ended," he said. "I hoped that there would never be another war. I hoped to God that no one would have to go through what the foot soldier, the infantryman, had to go through in combat. Besides the real enemy, the infantryman's got to face the natural enemies like weather and terrain."

MacGillivray returned to the states for medical treatment and was finally discharged from the Walter Reed Army Hospital in June of 1945. Before joining the Army in Boston, he served four years in the Mercant Marine. He remembers being in the North Sea when news of the Pearl Harbor attack reached him.

Predicted war

He also remembers the stops in Hamburg, Germany, and the events taking place there. "I used to tell people that Hitler was going to start a war, based on the things I saw in Hamburg, but nobody listened," he said. Soon after his last stop in Hamburg, the Germans invaded Poland.

"I thought we'd live in peace after the war," he said. "There are crosses in every corner of these United States for those who fought for freedom in the world. I was happy when the war ended and hope now

that no one will ever have to go into battle. I don't think war solves anything." (Arnews)

(SFC Bill Pickett is an associate editor of the Army News Service. Historical information was provided by the U.S. Army Center of Military History.)

Obituary



Richard W. Parker, deputy director of the Information Systems Command at Redstone, died of cancer on May 2. He was 63. A retired Army major, he had been with the command as a civilian employee for 15 years and had been assigned here twice before as a military officer.

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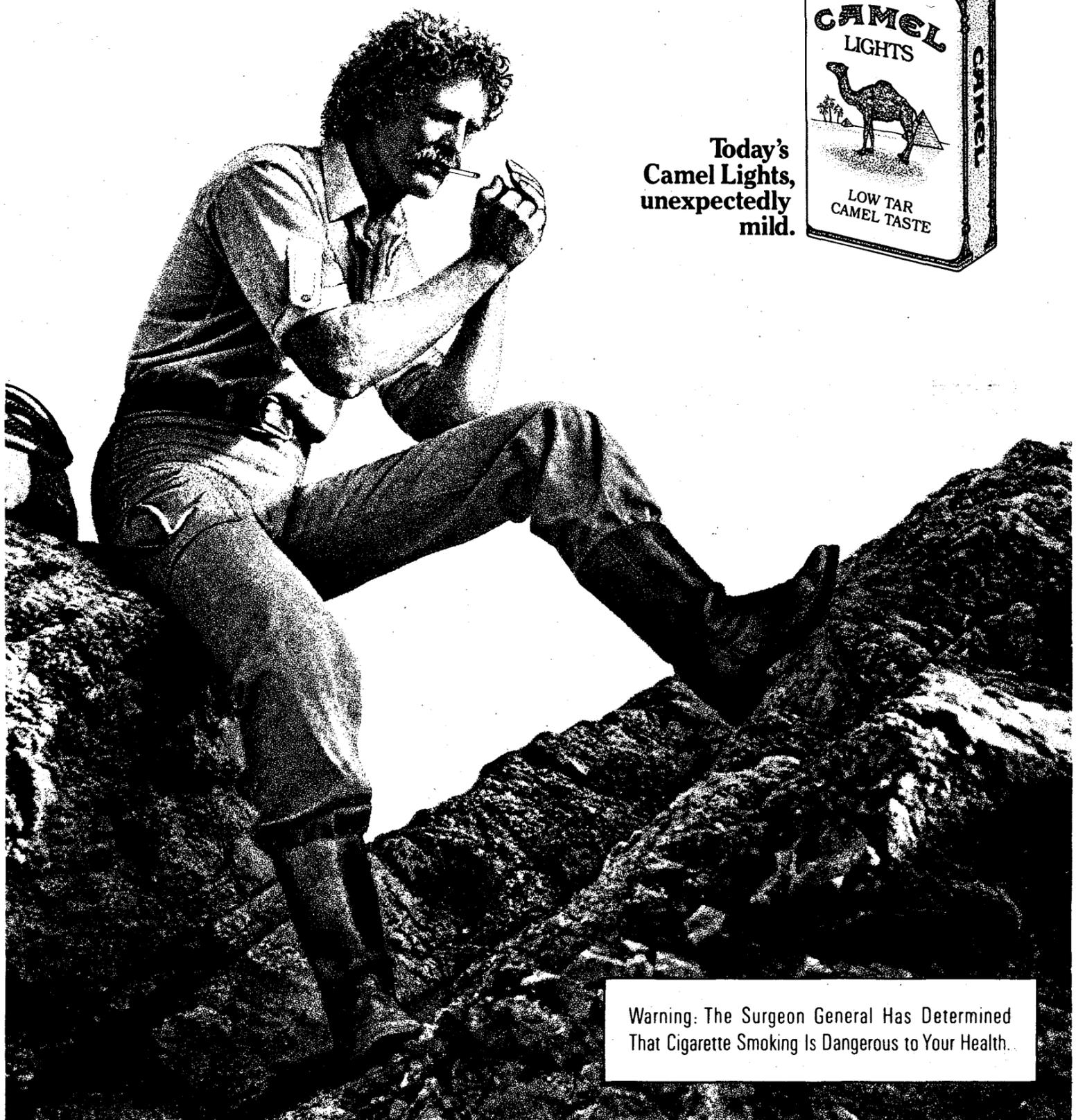
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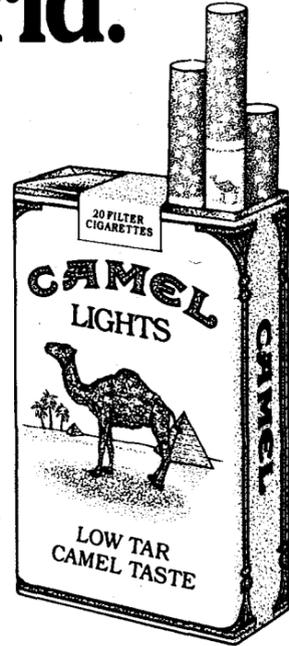
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People were the best part of hospital worker's job

BY PAM ROGERS

Working with good people is what makes a job worthwhile.

That's according to Thomas Hunt, a cook leader at Fox Army Community Hospital. He retired last Thursday, after nearly 40 years at Redstone.

Hunt came to work for post ordnance here in 1946, and assembled ammunition for about six months. When he went to work for the post hospital in 1951, it was a good bit smaller than it is now.

"We didn't have but about three or four patients at a time. It was more of a dispensary clinic," said Hunt. Before the kitchen was opened, food for the patients was transferred from the troop mess.

"But we ran a pretty good size mess. There were a lot of MPs and officers who ate there, because we were in the old headquarters building back then. We had a lot of German soldiers who ate there. They were going to school. We enjoyed feeding them, because they ate so much," he said.

The present building is the third location for the hospital and for Hunt, but he liked the first hospital best. "It was more like a family over there. The bigger you get, the less involved you are with the other people you work with," he said.



RETIRED — Thomas Hunt came to Redstone in 1946.

He used his job skills in the National Guard for 30 years. He retired as a master sergeant food service supervisor last month.

Hunt and his wife, Pauline, plan to travel some now, but she's still working, so he'll have plenty of time to pursue his other hobby of deer hunting.

His co-workers have been the best part of Hunt's job here. "Working with good people—that's the best part of working," he said. It's what makes a man want to keep on working."

Cited for magazine work

A certificate of appreciation for service to the Ordnance Corps has been awarded to Sigrid Benson, an editor in the Data Systems Office at the Ordnance Munitions Center and School.

Maj. Gen. William E. Potts, Army chief of ordnance, cited Benson "for her continuous efforts to gather information, write articles and solicit manuscripts for *Ordnance Magazine*. This effort "has guaranteed the success of the magazine by enhancing its ability to impact positively on the mission" of the Ordnance Corps, the citation stated.

Black Hawk grounded following two accidents

WASHINGTON — All Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters have been grounded until a complete safety inspection is completed, according to Elaine Henrion, a Department of the Army spokeswoman. The Air Force and the Navy have also grounded their UH-60s.

Inspection teams from the safety center at Fort Rucker, Ala., are expected to complete their checks by mid-May. Findings from the inspections will be given to the Army chief of staff.

The decision to ground the helicopters results from a recent accident at Fort Rucker that killed two soldiers and a civilian flight instructor. Another fatal accident involving the Black Hawk took place in March at Fort Bragg, N.C. The Black Hawks were briefly grounded following that accident.

The helicopter has been involved in 22 crashes resulting in 37 deaths since the Army began flying the UH-60 in 1981.

"The Army has no loss of confidence whatsoever in the Black Hawk," said Henrion. "But because we had two fatal accidents within 40 days of each other (involving the UH-60), the Army thought it prudent to ground the helicopters until a complete safety inspection is done."

The Army is getting full cooperation from the Sikorsky Corp., which built the UH-60. The Army currently has a worldwide fleet of 630 UH-60s.

A special task force, headed by Brig. Gen. Donald Williamson, deputy chief of staff for readiness at the Army Materiel Command, has also been organized to review every aspect of Black Hawk safety. The task force is inspecting the aircraft and its equipment, and reviewing its fielding and training plans. Its tactical employment and previous mishaps. (Arnews)

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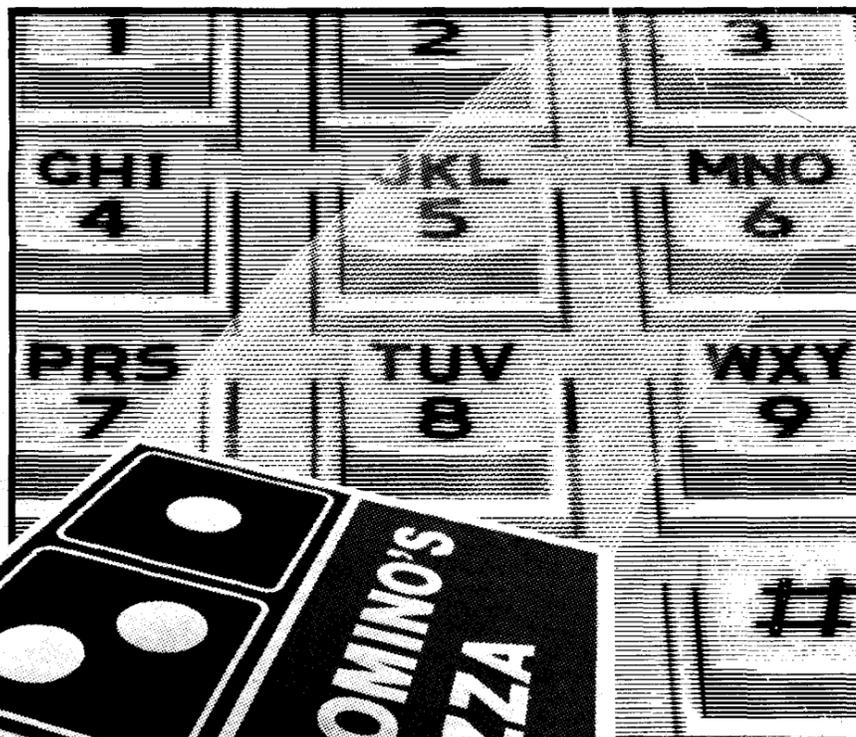
WASHINGTON — With the 1985 savings bond campaign underway, the U.S. Treasury Department has a new toll-free number to call for the latest information on bond interest earnings. People can dial 1-800-872-6637 (or 1-800-US-BONDS) for up-to-date information.

Treasury Department officials have announced a semi-annual interest rate of 9.49 percent for the period May 1 — Nov. 1, 1985.

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Announcements

Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for April were: best single unit, Lt. Col. Roman L. Galysh, 481 Cooke Drive, and SSgt. Wayne H. Galloway, 1228-B Nike Street; and best multi-unit, Maj. Franklin L. Grose, 476-B Cooke Drive, SSgt. Daniel L. Eskesen, 213-B Dyer Circle, and SSgt. Richard D. Black, 213-C Dyer Circle. Winners receive a certificate of appreciation, a free dinner, a color photograph of the awards ceremony and display of the Yard of the Month sign. Receiving honorable mention were CWO 4 Leslie J. Haas, 443 Simpson Drive, and SSgt. Victor Nieves, 221-D Dyer Circle. Company A, School Brigade, won Unit Yard of the Month and received a \$200 check from the Morale and Welfare Support Fund.

Bike found

The owner of a boy's 26-inch, 10-speed bicycle may identify and claim it by contacting the military police investigations section in building 3649, telephone 876-2090.

Computer users

The Apple Computer Users Group will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Universal Data Systems cafeteria, 5000 Bradford Drive NW. There will be a session for making copies from the group's library. For more information call Jack Lundy 876-9414/9415.

Sci-fi group

The North Alabama Science Fiction Association will meet at 7 p.m. May 11 at First American Federal Savings & Loan, 4008 University Drive. For more information call Jack Lundy 876-9414/9415.

Recreation center

Tonight— *Battleship tourney* at 7. Thursday— *Jazzercise* from 5:30-6:30; *bingo* at 7. Friday— *Ripley's Believe it or Not!* at 7. Saturday— *Risk contest* at 2:30, *ice cream sundaes* at 3. Sunday— *Monopoly contest* at 2:30, *surprise refreshments* at 3. Monday— *Trivia quiz and refreshments* at 7. Tuesday— *Jazzercise* from 5:30-6:30; *pool tourney* at 7.

Softball umpires

Anyone interested in umpiring for the Civilian Welfare Softball League should call John Pitcher 876-4694 or Mike McColpin 876-5412/5373.

Korean Mass

A Mass in Korean followed by a Korean potluck supper is set for 6:30 p.m. May 11 at the Post Chapel.

Blood program

Here's the May blood program schedule: May 10, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., building 4488; May 11, from 8-12, building 3480 South (6th Students); May 15, from 9-12, building 3711 (Recreation Center); May 16, from 7:30-12, Thiokol (Bus); May 17, from 7-1, building 5681 (Bus) and from 10-2, Fox Army Community Hospital; May 23, from 2-6, building 3436 (Marine Det); May 24, from 7:30-12:30, building 4505 (Bus); May 25, from 8-12, building 3480 South (8th Students); and May 31, from 8-12, building 5435 (Bus). For more information call Naomi Whitaker, arsenal blood program coordinator, 876-3124/2759.

Civilian counseling

Supervisors of Army civilians are required to attend a Civilian Counseling Service briefing at least once during each fiscal year. The next briefing will be held on Tuesday, May 28, from 8:30-10 a.m. in room A-115 of building 5250. Briefings are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month. The counseling service is an employee assistance program provided to civilian workers by Army regulation. It offers outpatient counseling for employees with job performance problems— which might be due to alcohol/ drug abuse or other emotional or behavioral problems —and for their family members who might be suffering from similar conditions. For more information call Anthony Capowski, civilian program coordinator, at 876-5705/3082.

Pancake breakfast

A pancake breakfast sponsored by the Jetplex Kiwanis and Bob Jones High School Key Club will be held at the school cafeteria on Saturday, May 18, from 6-11 a.m. Proceeds will be used to aid underprivileged children and needy senior citizens in Madison County. Tickets are \$3 in advance or \$3.50 at the door. Tickets can be obtained from Jetplex Kiwanians and Bob Jones Key Club members.

Missile specialty

Land combat and air defense missile system personnel (specialty CMF 27) who would like to meet with their career program manager can do so May 9. SFC Thurston Burris, professional development NCO from the Military Personnel Center, will visit Redstone that day. He will have an open session at 8 a.m. in the Toftoy Auditorium, building 3495. Burris will discuss topics such as assignment procedure, professional development, force modernization, reclassification, and the Enlisted Personnel Management System. After the open session he will be available to discuss in private any topic soldiers may want information on. For more information call 876-1428/2743.

Outreach ministry

The Huntsville Outreach Ministry will sponsor "Joy Explosion" through May 18. Speaker for the evangelistic series will be Dwight Eric Haynes, a former drug addict. The meetings will be held nightly at 7:00 in the YMCA at 4600 Blue Springs Road. For more information call Virginia Maddox 533-4757.

Art exhibit

An exhibition of 50 lithographs and six bronzes by Henri Matisse will continue through June 16 at the Huntsville Museum of Art. Drawn from the Cone Collection of the Weatherspoon Art Gallery at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, the works date from 1901-29. Accompanying the exhibition is a film, "Matisse— A Sort of Paradise," which will be shown at the museum at 11 a.m. May 15 and 7 p.m. May 16. Admission to both the exhibition and the film is free.

Learning center

The Learning Resource Center offers a course entitled Pascal which is 95 hours of individualized, computer-based instruction. It is intended to be an introduction to computer programming. This course presents the most recent programming methods, with an emphasis on problem solving, top-down design and structured programming techniques. To enroll submit a DD form 1556 to Civilian Personnel Office, ATTN: AMSMI-JT/LRC, Learning Resource Center, building 7446. For more information call 876-1061/1416.

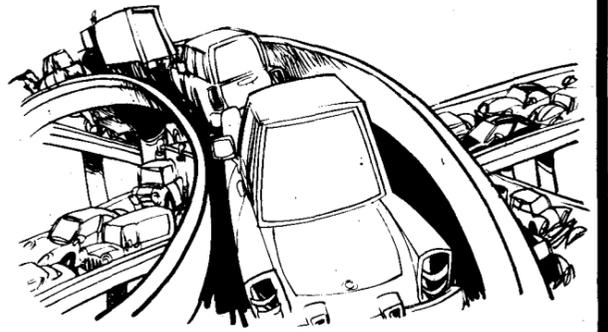
Love run

The "Great American Love Run" is under way in May to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Runners, joggers and fast walkers are soliciting pledges for the total miles they exercise during the month. This is to help provide orthopedic equipment, clinic care, research and a camp for patients of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Participants can win prizes provided by Brooks (a sports shoe manufacturer) and play a role in the fight against neuromuscular diseases. For more information call 1-800-228-0532.

Spanish Mass

A Mass in Spanish followed by a Spanish potluck supper is set for 1:30 p.m. May 12 at the Bicentennial Chapel.

Carpool Hotline



Call 876-1500 to place your free carpool ad.

Huntland

Carpool wanted from Huntland, Tenn. to Redstone Arsenal, hours 7-3:30. Bob Tucker 876-4118.

Scottsboro

Carpool wanted from Scottsboro to vicinity of 4488, hours 7-3:30. Christine Davis, 876-4900/4926.

Albertville-Guntersville

Carpool wanted from Albertville or Guntersville to the Management Engineering Activity on Research Drive, hours flexible. Sue Whitman 895-5430.

9th Street

Ride wanted from 9th Street (one block off Governors) to 4488, hours flexible. Anita Flowers 876-8987.

Golf tournament

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies' Golf Association is sponsoring a spring match play tournament. Qualifying date is May 15 with tee time from 8:30-10 a.m. First match will be played Tuesday, May 21; second match, Wednesday, May 22; and third match, Thursday, May 23. A \$5 entry fee is due by May 12. Sign up is held at the golf course on post. For more information call 876-2415 or 883-2497.

Women's class

A womens breast self-examination class will be held on Tuesday afternoons in the Family Practice Clinic of Fox Army Community Hospital. Any women interested in attending should call the clinic's appointment number for a class time 876-4220.

Parents without partners

Parents Without Partners is a support group for single parents who are coping with a new lifestyle. The next meeting is Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 3601 Gesman Place. For more information call 882-0846.

Economy couples

The Economy Couples Club, for all married E-1s through E-4s who live off post and their spouses and other family members, will meet at 4 p.m. May 12 at the Post Chapel.

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