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## Command aims for competitive spare parts buys

BY SKIP VAUGHN

When MICOM prepares to buy a missile system, it plans for parts that will be needed to support that weapon in the field.

These are called spare parts. And with all the horror stories of overblown prices for defense items, it's important to get the best price available for spare parts, spare parts.

"The main thing is that we attempt to have full and open competition anywhere we possibly can," says Jim Brannon, chief of procurement division "D" at Procurement and Production Directorate. Competition means giving everyone who's interested and can do the job the opportunity to provide those items.

If for some reason full and open competition is not possible — if not all companies are capable of providing a certain part — then the command tries "to see if we can't get a smaller number that's capable," Brannon says. These fewer companies would then compete for the chance to supply a part.

The next type of buy would be sole source. This is for cases in which only one company is qualified to provide a certain item. In that case the command tries to control the cost "with a thorough audit from the Defense Contract Audit Agency, and a thorough technical evaluation and price analysis for the contractor's proposal, and then followed up with detailed negotiations on the price," Brannon says.

"Another effort in that arena, where you have only one source, is that the command is trying to combine our (spare parts) sole source buys with the major item buys so we get economies of scale, if you will," he says.

This would be similar to a grocer buying his foods in bulk from a wholesaler rather than getting small orders over a period of time. The grocer probably saves money by getting everything he needs at one time. Likewise the Missile Command can save money by combining spare parts buys with major item buys when the source is one contractor rather than ordering needed parts over a period of time. This can enable the contractor to save money in production.

The main effort, however, is toward buying parts competitively as opposed to sole source.

"The command is engaged in a real effort now to review all technical data packages to attempt to get them in a configuration so they're adequate to support full and open competition," Brannon says. "That's a major effort because everytime we can get the TDP in shape to support full and open competition as opposed to being restricted in some manner, then we save money through the competition."

Savings here in spare parts cost avoidance, as reported by Army Materiel Command and verified by the Army Audit Agency, was set at \$21.8 million for fiscal 1984. Besides having competition, cost

avoidance includes getting an item directly from a manufacturer rather than going through a prime contractor. "We want to get the best price available," says Billy Hannah, a logistics management specialist with the competition management office here (formerly called the parts acquisition program office).

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DIVISION CHIEF — Jim Brannon is over procurement division "D" at Procurement and Production Directorate.

## Defense agencies try to control costs of spare parts

WASHINGTON — A small vehicle antenna purchased from the prime contractor can be purchased from another source for dozens of dollars less. That realization, which surfaced in U.S. Army, Europe a couple of years ago through the efforts of an alert supply sergeant, typifies what has become known as the spare-parts crisis in military hardware.

Over the past few years, the management of the military's spare parts, that failure-story-turned-success-story within the Defense Department, remains a topic of much discussion, both within and outside government circles.

"Are the taxpayers now getting their money's worth from the purchase and control of spare parts?" "How much progress have the services made in responding to the congressional call for reform in spare-parts management?" "What does the future hold?" These questions and more are addressed in a recently issued DOD report to Congress.

The report notes that "new organizations with dedicated resources have been established in the office of the secretary of defense, the services, and the

Defense Logistics Agency to manage the more than 500 initiatives underway to improve spare parts management."

Some of those initiatives include Army-developed controls, audits, cost-saving projects, and watchdog measures applied to contracted private industry performance.

For example, industry competition is being stressed as a prime factor in controlling costs of spare parts. In fiscal year 1984, the Army found some 41,000 items available for less than the prime contractor price. That led to a six-percent increase in the number of items coded for competitive procurement.

The report's reference to Army statistics says: "A study of fiscal 1984 acquisitions compared to FY 1982 and 1983 prices indicated a gross cost avoidance of \$188 million as a result of these breakout efforts."

A recent example of the Army's screening process resulted in a savings of more than \$500,000 by the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command in Warren, Mich. Managers there developed a second source for fire extinguishers used in the fire suppression system of the

Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle. The vehicle's early development originally called for a single source for manufacture because of the system's complexity.

Working with the vehicle's prime contractor, TACOM officials arranged for the second-source procurement, cutting the cost of extinguishers by 39.5 percent. That competitive buy, officials say, emphasizes the team approach to cost savings now being promoted by TACOM, and reflects the Army Materiel Command's determination to buy vital materials, spare parts and components at fair and reasonable prices."

The report also cites a recent provision in all Army contracts which specifically addresses spare parts procurement. The contract provision is a major improvement over fiscal 1983, when only 48 percent of the contracts had such provisions.

According to the report, "...progress has been made... and organizations are now in place to guarantee continued success. More initiatives and strategies are being developed to ensure that all aspects of the program are operating effectively and economically." (Arnews)

## Hotline takes calls on spare parts pricing problems

BY RONALD HAMNER

WASHINGTON — The DOD report to Congress on spare parts reviewed the success story from the perspective of the "total picture" — a picture that could be painted only with all the artists working together.

Until recently, individuals were taking the time and effort to research price inequities. Now, people have access to an Army-developed system to report suspected overpriced items, have them researched, and have corrected prices established as necessary.

The system, called the Management Information Research Assistance Center (MIRAC), is operated by the catalog data activity at New Cumberland Army Depot, Pa. By all accounts, it succeeds because soldiers and civilians care.

As a 24-hour "hotline," the assistance center accepts call-in reports of problems with spare parts pricing.

The call is free; and all the caller has to provide is name, mailing address, telephone number and identity of current unit or duty station, along with as much information as possible about the part in question. The center also investigates letter inquiries.

Ideally, the center's staff prefers to have the item's stock number, complete item description, cost and source of the price, plus date received. They'll take a part number or any other source that can identify the part.

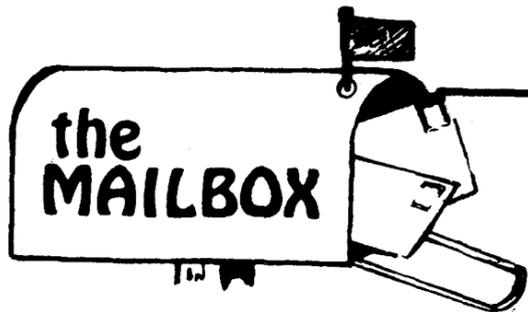
The staff begins research within 24 hours of receipt of the report. First, the price source is verified, and once that's established the report is sent to the item manager for review. Contracts, quantity of buy, specifications and design are all reviewed if necessary. Anything that determines a price is checked. After that, all that is required are a few days to determine that the price is either correct or a new price is in order.

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How do you contact MIRAC? It's easy when you use your telephone, and the benefits are dollars saved. Call Autovon 977-7431.

(Maj. Hamner helps guide spare parts management policy from his position in the Army's office of the deputy chief of staff or logistics in the Pentagon.)



## Not riding shotgun

Editor:

The MICOM Finance Office understands and is concerned with the impositions and undue hardships caused travelers such as those stated in recent letters to the editor. However, the article on waste, fraud and abuse was not intended to create a detrimental attitude for MICOM travelers, but rather was intended to alert the MICOM community to the increasing number of fraudulent claims being filed throughout the Army and to identify areas of potential waste fraud and abuse so that travel-approving officials and travelers might help finance personnel to deter future instances of travel-related fraudulent activity. In such a critical area, it is unfortunate that the actions of a few cause difficulty for everyone.

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Available in each Administrative Office is a copy of the U.S. General Services Administration Hotel/Motel Discount Directory that offer reduced rates for military members and Federal employees. An example taken from the directory is the Best Western Airport Executel in Seattle, Wash. for \$39 per day which would allow up to the maximum for meals and incidentals. Experienced travelers have stated that there

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Chief, Finance and Accounting Division

## Another story

Editor:

One more travel story. . .

On 16 May I had to go TDY to Dallas. Because of the contract with Republic Airlines, it's recommended we connect through Memphis rather than take the straight-through American flight. My flight was to leave Huntsville at 1:45 p.m. and arrive Dallas, connecting in Memphis at 4:30 p.m.

I arrived at Huntsville Airport, with confirmed reservations, 40 minutes before flight time. The flight had been oversold and I was rebooked on the 8:35 p.m. flight to Dallas. This caused additional calls to change motel and rental car reservations.

I arrived at my motel in Dallas at 12:30 midnight and the government received a check for \$338 (overbooking compensation).

Who took advantage of whom?

**Duane Hoffman**  
Tow Project Office

## What next?

Editor:

As soon as I saw the sign across from Fire Station 2 I knew I had to do my duty. I searched, and skulked, midnight till dawn, and finally, behind an old abandoned quonset, saw someone "bottle a key".

Now - who do I turn this person in to? I can't find a

regulation against bottling keys but if the sign, which cost taxpayers money, says it shouldn't be done, what do I do next?

Name withheld by request

Letters to the editor should be signed (name withheld on request) and sent to: The Redstone Rocket, DRSMI-G. Unsigned letters will not be used.

## Grand opening scheduled for employment center

A grand opening for the new one-stop employment center at the civilian personnel office will be held Monday, June 3.

The ceremony, open to the public, is to begin at 10:30 that morning in the south end of building 7442. A reception will follow, then people will have a chance to tour the center.

In the ceremony Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard is to make remarks. He will be assisted in the ribbon-cutting by Sharon and Lt. Col. William Willis Jr., recipients of Redstone's "Great American Family" award.

Special guests are expected to include Robert Reeves, director of the area office for Office of Personnel Management; Luther Adams, former civilian personnel officer here; Robert McClendon, director of the area office for Alabama State Employment Service; Huntsville Mayor Joe Davis; Mike Gillespie, chairman of the Madison County Commission; Dr. Mary Jane Caylor, superintendent of Huntsville city schools; and other local officials.

"It looks like we're going to have a very nice collection of outside guests," said Margaret Pena, a civilian personnel staffing specialist. She and Peggy Tuck, a personnel management intern, and 2nd Lt. Aaron Zook, chief of Army Community Service, were among those who planned the grand opening.

The one-stop center, a joint effort of Army Community Service and the civilian personnel office, provides information on both federal employment and employment in the private sector. It is scheduled to be open from 8 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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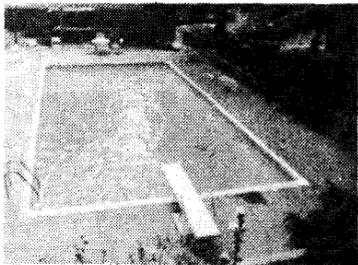
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# State drinking age enforced here beginning Saturday

BY SKIP VAUGHN

As of June 1 you have to be at least 19 to drink alcoholic beverages on Redstone Arsenal.

Presently the Enlisted Club sells beer and wine — not hard liquor — to service members who have a valid ID card. The Officers Club, NCO Club and Package Beverage Sales Store already have a minimum drinking age limit of 19.

"State (of Alabama) law is 19, the Army has directed that everybody conform with state law on 1 June," said Col. Dahl Cento, deputy post commander. "Redstone Arsenal legal drinking age 1 June is going to be 19 years old."

In a development that may have future impact here, the state legislature has cleared the way to give final approval to a bill raising the legal drinking age to 21. That law would allow everyone who is 19 or older before Oct. 1, 1985 to drink legally. And those who are not 19 by that date would not be able to drink until they reach 21 years.

Redstone officials are keeping track of the bill which, at last report, had not yet been signed by the governor. "I don't have that glued together yet," Cento said. "I've got to look at that law and the Tennessee law."

The Army-wide policy on drinking follows Department of Defense guidance enacted to complement a national initiative to raise the drinking age in all states to 21. Effective June 1, on Army installations in the United States, the minimum age for purchasing, drink-

ing or possessing alcoholic beverages (including beer, wine and hard liquor) will be consistent with the law of the state in which the installation is located.

"An exception to the drinking age restrictions (for beer, wine and hard liquor) may be authorized under controlled conditions in order to foster camaraderie and friendship in a military environment that will appeal to the military community," Cento stated in an announcement sent to officials here. "The Redstone Arsenal installation commander may authorize the serving of alcoholic beverages on those infrequent, non-routine occasions such as the conclusion of arduous military duty or the anniversary of the establishment of a military service or organization. In order for underage service members (those not meeting state age restrictions) to drink alcohol at one of these occasions, the event must be held on an Army installation and the service member must be in a non-duty status."

The Army policy also permits an exception when it is determined there is a substantial risk of increased incidence of drunk driving by service members driving to or from a jurisdiction with a lower drinking age (state or international borders). To qualify for this exception, an installation must be within about 50 miles or one hour driving time of the neighboring state or border with the lower drinking age.

Congress late last year passed legislation requiring all states to adopt a drinking age of 21 years or lose federal highway dollars every year until the age was raised. That act was passed in place of a nationwide

minimum drinking age of 21. Alabama's answer to that law would allow for the 21-year-old drinking age in the state to be changed if the federal act is repealed.

Although drunk driving is a problem that pervades all age groups of the licensed population, it is especially severe for teenagers, according to the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The combination of learning how to drive, youthful risk-taking behavior, and drinking is accounting for the number one killer of teen-agers in this country, the administration stated in a report on alcohol and highway safety.

"Those that serve alcoholic beverages are going to have to be sensitive to the age of their patrons," Cento said, referring to the 19-year-old drinking rule which goes into effect here June 1.

Jack Cornelison, chief of RASA's morale and welfare division, said "since there will be service members on active duty that will be below the installation age requirement, this will cause (club) management to more closely check ID cards to ensure 100 percent compliance with the law."

Non-alcoholic beer will continue to be available and more emphasis will be placed on non-alcoholic drinks, he said.

"There is a non-alcoholic wine on the market and our club system is in the process of securing some although they don't have it presently in stock," Cornelison added.

## New commander reaches goal

Capt. Barbara Pagano reached a long-awaited goal Friday when she assumed command of 95th Maintenance Company.

"I've always wanted to be a commander," said Pagano, who has been in the Army 10 years. She enlisted in 1975 in the medical corps upon graduation from the University of Nevada - Reno. Three years later Pagano was commissioned through officer candidate school. She is a recent graduate of the ordnance officer course.

The 33-year-old Reno native told the gathering at a change of command ceremony that she gladly accepts the challenge of command. "A commander and a company are a partnership," she said. "Together with our civilian counterparts, we will continue to provide excellent support to our customers."

She drew laughter from the audience when she told the company, "And also I hope you won't give me any more gray hairs."

Capt. Harry Hamilton, the departing commander, is to join the ROTC faculty at Weber State College in Ogden, Utah. The 29-year-old soldier was born in Oregon and gives his hometown as Yreka, Calif., where his parents reside. He said he is sad to leave the company because "it's like leaving your family."

## Spare parts

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Cost avoidance in spare parts buys continues in fiscal 1985 with \$1.6 million reported for the first quarter and \$2.3 million for the second quarter, according to Hannah.

Spare parts, also known as repair parts, play a big role here. Last October the Missile Command planned on a spare parts budget for this fiscal year of \$500 million to cover 22,600 procurement actions.

"We're stewards of the taxpayers' dollars," says Brannon, the procurement official, "and that's our responsibility— to save as many of the taxpayers' dollars that we can. We're all aware of the bad press that (Department of Defense) has been getting on spare parts. And I don't think anybody can question that that affects us when we go to the budget table. The bottomline is readiness. If we don't have the money to buy the parts that we need to keep the systems in ready condition then we're not going to be ready to fight that war we're all supposed to be preparing for."

"If we have the reputation of wasting money, then that destroys our credibility when we go to ask for the money to do our business with," Brannon adds. His

200-member division includes two branches— one buys spare parts for air defense systems and the other buys spare parts for land combat systems. This is among five procurement divisions in P&P Directorate. The divisions that buy major items are getting involved with the purchase of spare parts through concurrent buys, according to Brannon.

Concurrent buys — where spare and major items are bought at the same time in order to save money — can be traced back to a Patriot missile system buy in fiscal 1983. Since then Patriot, Pershing II and other systems have moved toward that purchasing method. "That takes a good deal of coordination between several command elements to get that done— the project office gets involved, the Materiel Management Directorate of the Logistics Center, and of course procurement," Brannon says.

As far as competitive buys, not all spare parts can be bought through competition. "Some repair parts are going to be restricted to the prime or his subcontractors," says Brannon. "What we in the command try to do is get that to as small a number as possible."

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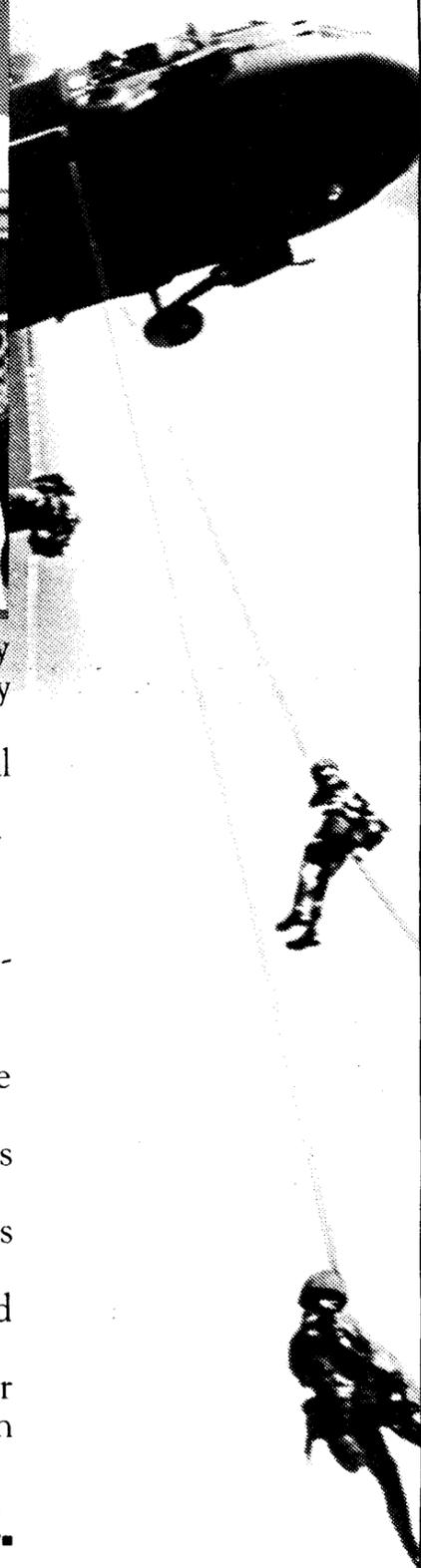
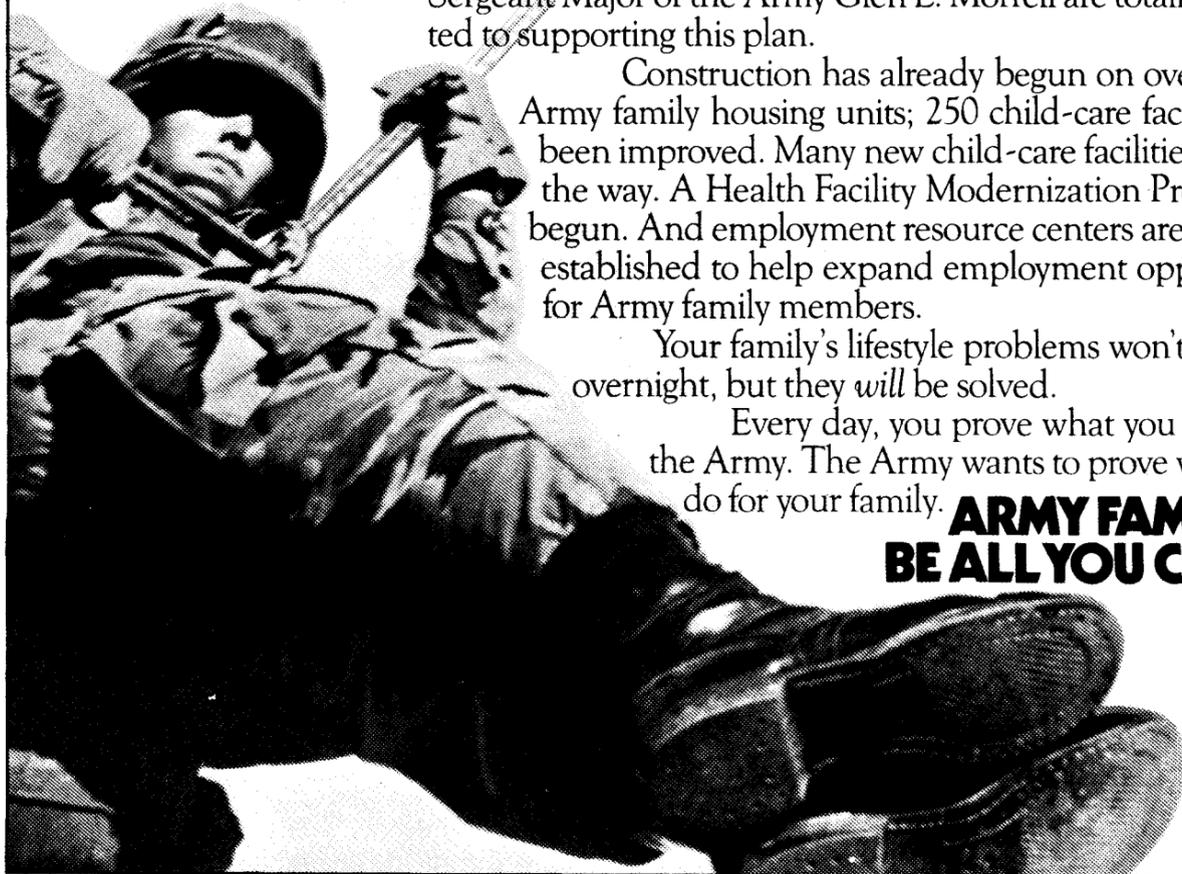
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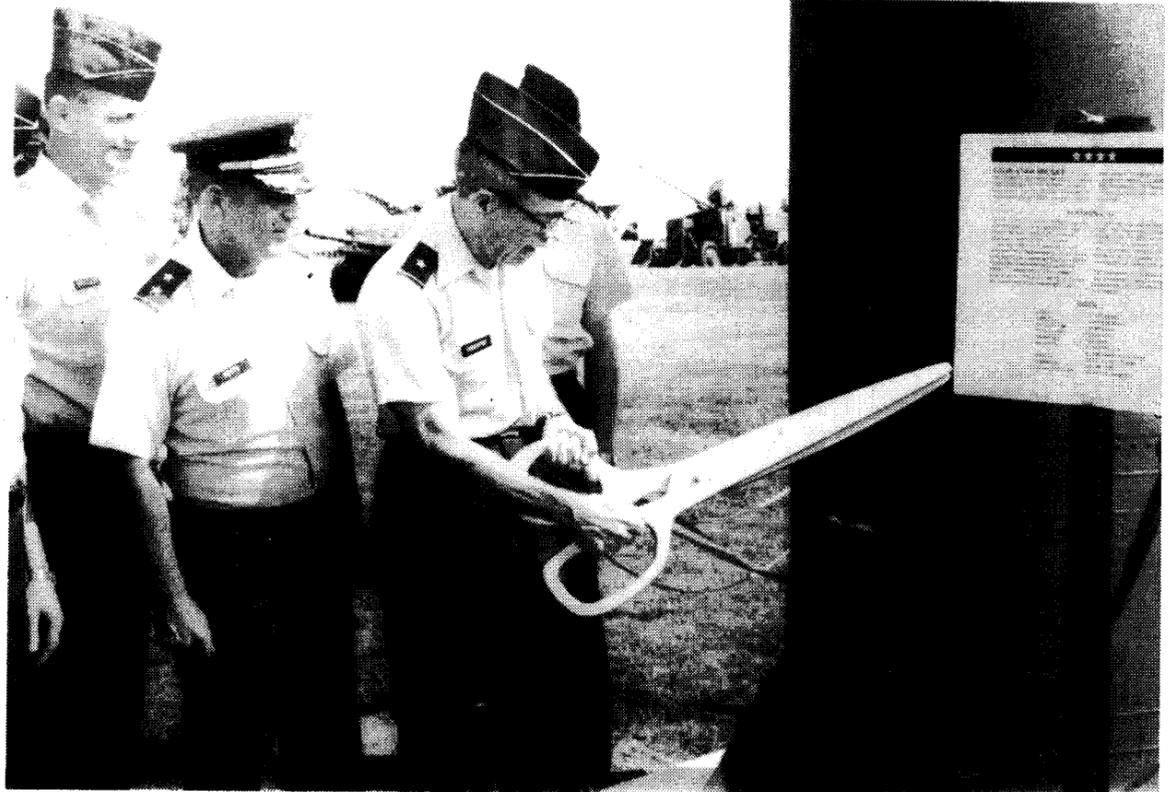
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**THREE FOR PERSHING** — Brig. Gen. William J. Fiorentino, former Pershing project manager, cuts a ribbon to dedicate a Pershing 1a missile, the most recent addition to the collection of the Ordnance Museum at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Brig. Gen. John S. Drosdeck Jr., left, MICOM's deputy commander, and MG William E. Potts, Chief of Ordnance and a former MICOM deputy commander, also participated in the event during a recent conference of ordnance general officers at the Ordnance Center and School.

## Organization aids career development

For more than 10 years, personnel workers at Redstone have received support in professional development from the International Personnel Management Association.

Bernard Collier, who is president of the Huntsville chapter, said that although the organization is geared toward the needs of the personnel field in the public sector, anyone who has an interest in personnel management is invited to join.

"The objectives of the group are to improve public personnel administration, promote merit principles, and assist agencies and individuals involved in personnel work," he said.

Membership of the Huntsville chapter includes workers from the Missile Command civilian personnel office, Marshall Space Flight center, and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in Huntsville.

Collier, a personnel staffing specialist and equal employment opportunity action officer for MICOM's civilian personnel office, believes IPMA has helped him in his personal and career development.

"It's helped me in contacts with the community and in other agencies—I've had a chance to meet people in other organizations," he said.

The group was once made up of mostly people in higher-level positions but now those in assistant and clerical jobs have started joining, said Collier.

The group is holding their spring banquet June 4 at the Officers Club, starting at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Douglas Covington, president of Alabama A&M University. The public is invited to attend. For more information on the banquet or IPMA, call Collier 876-1115.

## Join this group; be in fast company

Some running enthusiasts at the 7th Student Company are looking for more people who might want to train and go to races with them.

Judging from their performances, whoever joins them would be traveling in fast company.

"A lot of people we run with have finished in the top of their (age) classes," said Sp5 John Reid, who organized the group in early April. They usually run five to seven miles every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, then go to 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) races on weekends.

They got permission from their first sergeant and company commander to run instead of taking physical training those days, according to Reid. "We run instead of PT," he said. "We exercise and we do some stretches and then we'll run."

The soldiers decide what races in Alabama they want to run in, then "everybody just gangs up in cars

and goes," Reid said. They run in races as individuals rather than as a team. Everyone pays his or her own entry fee.

Cities the group has raced in include Huntsville, Florence, Athens, Decatur and Anniston. Five of the 11 members might not be here much longer since they were to graduate last Friday from a Multiple Launch Rocket System course. Reid, who was among the five, wants the group to grow.

"We'd like to get more people interested in it," he said. "We'd like to get it open to anyone that likes to run."

The 7th Student Company runners include Reid, Pvt. Jay Goreaski, Pvt. Santiago Gribble, Pvt. Lester Ottinger, Sp5 Manuel Adams, Pvt. Robert Hayes, PFC Virgil Gooding, Pvt. Phillip Horne, PFC Nolan Martinez, Sp4 Edward Daly, and Pvt. Leon Banks.

## B Company gets involved in community

BY CINDY WATSON

Members of B Company have a program aimed at becoming involved with the Huntsville community.

As part of this effort 10 volunteers from the company treated 11 children from the Harris Home to bowling at the post bowling alley last Saturday.

"I wanted to get the company involved in community activities," said Capt. Willie Brazile, B Company commander and organizer of its outreach program. "This is something I have always wanted to do."

Sponsoring the Harris Home children in bowling was just the first of many activities the company has planned.

"The company has shown good response to the idea," Brazile said. "We want to show the military's

concern for the Huntsville community since we are part of that community."

"I think the program is great," said Pvt. Marla Hartfield, company clerk/typist. "It gives me a chance to meet people, especially younger people, and (enables) them to meet people also... Some of them can see how we are, they can get a better insight on the military."

Martiel Mullis, director of foster family services at the Harris Home, said the children there were looking forward to their bowling trip. "Some of the older boys were considering the military as a career, this has given them a chance to see what military life is like," she said.

# Former pilot now finds excitement in computers

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Data processing can't be as exciting as flying a helicopter in Vietnam, but you wouldn't know it from talking with Maj. Seth Ferrara.

Ferrara, a former helicopter pilot, is in the final stage of his Army career at the data systems office of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. He plans to retire this summer.

"Having been here almost five years I've been fortunate that the projects that we've started, I've been able to see finished and there's a lot of satisfaction in that," Ferrara says.

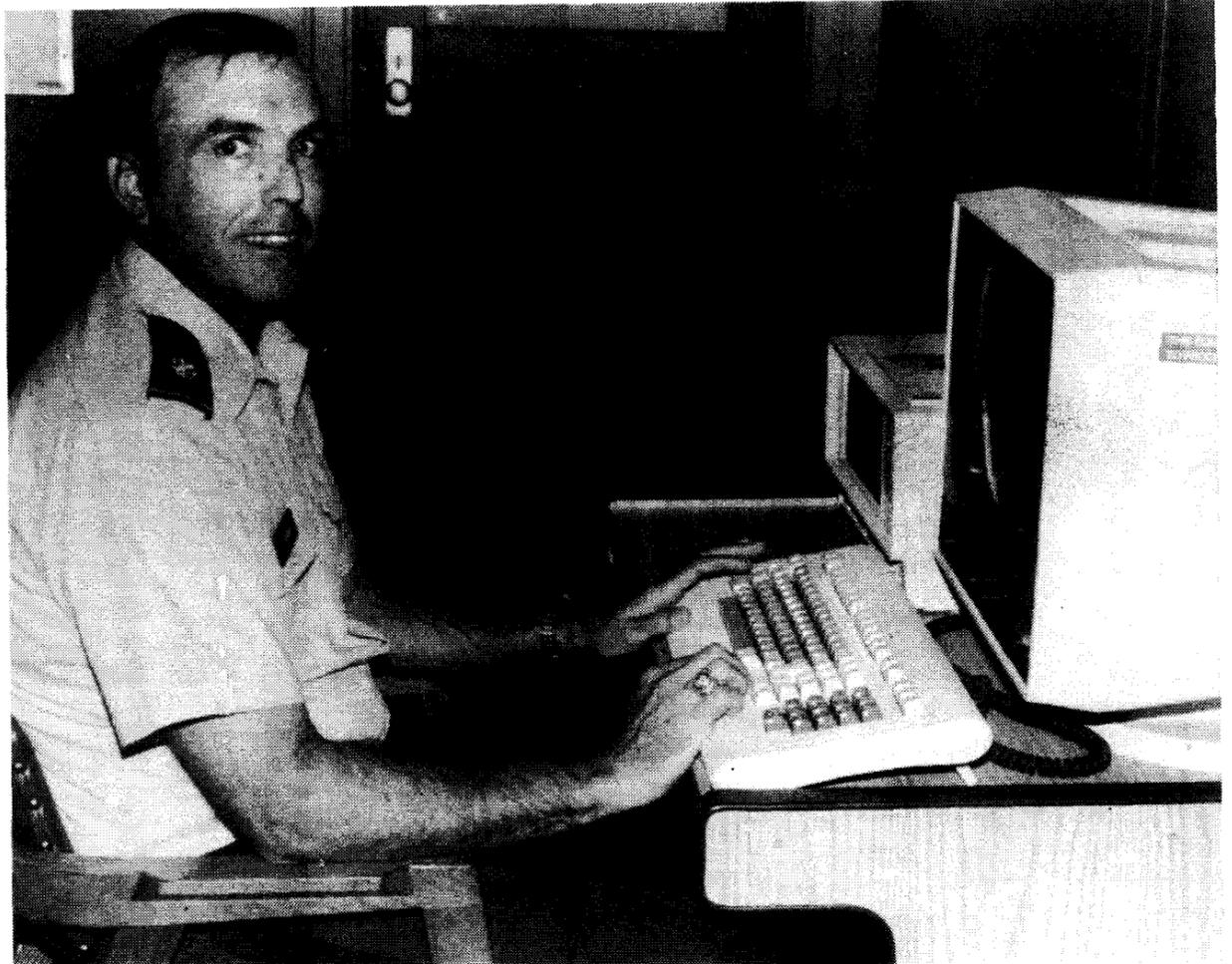
Since February he has been the automatic data processing project officer at the data systems office. He formerly served as chief of the automation management division, one of three divisions under that office. In March in Philadelphia, he was among a five-member Army panel that made a presentation at the 26th International Conference of the Association for the Development of Computer-Based Instructional Systems.

The Army panel was entitled, "Army Computer-Based Training— A Growing Presence." Each of the five members was asked to write a paper and make a brief presentation. Ferrara's paper "in essence provided how we (at Redstone) got to where we are today," he says, "which really talked about the need within MOS training for computer-based education support. The paper talked about problems that the training community faces in coming to grips with the tremendous amount of technology showing up in the classroom and how to make effective use of that technology.

"And it also talked about the fact that computer-based education support is a pretty new field for old-time data processors," Ferrara adds. "The ADP community hasn't had much of an affiliation with trainers and educators. To do the job that needs doing in both the classroom and in the computer facility, both the educator/trainer and the ADP people have got to get to know one another and understand one another."

Ferrara, 41, was born and raised in Charleston, S.C. He is the oldest of his three brothers and two sisters. His father, Seth Ferrara III, retired after more than 40 years civil service with Charleston Naval Shipyard. The elder Ferrara, 66, resides in Charleston with his wife Betty, 65.

Ferrara entered the Army in 1965. The following year he finished field artillery officer candidate school at Fort Sill, Okla. From there he went to the Army helicopter pilot program at Fort Rucker, Ala., and was graduated in 1967. He spent his first year in Vietnam from 1967-68.



COMPUTER MAN — Maj. Seth Ferrara is an ADP project officer at the school.

"That was fun," says the former helicopter pilot. "The best flying time in my life was two tours in Vietnam, because you had a mission. I mean that's what the Army's all about— train to go to war."

He returned to Vietnam for another year's tour in 1971. "I led a charmed life over there," he recalls.

After that Ferrara was selected for degree completion at Clemson University. He received a bachelor's degree in management in 1974. He spent three years in Germany, then was assigned as an operations research/ systems analyst at the Concepts Analysis Agency at Bethesda, Md. His specialty changed from aviation to data processing. There were a number of reasons for the change.

"At the time, the Army was overstrength in field

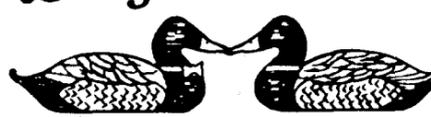
grade spaces," he says, "and flying is a young man's game."

He came to Redstone in 1980. He and his wife, the former Mary Fox of Charleston, S.C., have two sons. Paul, 18, is a senior at Grissom High while Greg, 15, is a freshman. In his spare time Ferrara enjoys hunting, fishing and tennis.

Ferrara attributes his interest in automation to how the computer provides effective support and "also allows you to be creative, to be associated with new tools."

"The bulk of my career has been in the support role," he says, "and any venture, whether it be automation or aviation, that results in a successful project I find very rewarding."

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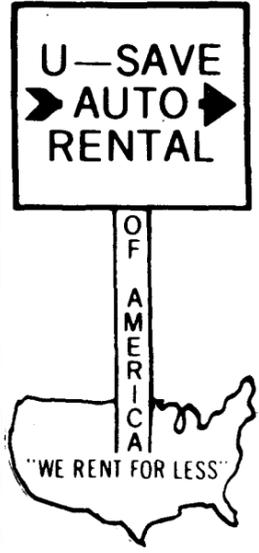
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# First commander recalls arsenal's early years

BY PAM ROGERS

Redstone's first commander took a step back in time last Thursday when he made a tour of the arsenal with members of his former staff.

Retired Col. Carroll D. Hudson, 85, commander of Redstone from 1941 until 1946, and again from 1948 until 1952, now resides with his wife, Marvele, in Newport Beach, Calif. He was here last week as an honored guest for Huntsville's Armed Forces Celebration.

Hudson's deepest memories seemed to be stirred at the sight of the old headquarters building, which is undergoing demolition, and his former living quarters, now used as the post sergeant major's home.

"I don't like this— they're taking my office," he said, as he viewed the destruction of the old headquarters building. He and his wife reminisced, along with companions Teensie Stroup, who was his secretary, and Missile Command Historian Mary Cagle, who also worked with Hudson in the early days.

The Hudsons were both eager to see the inside of their former home. "There used to be a tree here," said Hudson, indicating a spot near the front walk. "I don't know what kind it was, but it looked pretty, especially when there was snow."

"This was the original house," said Mrs. Hudson, as she stood in a back hallway. "Two bedrooms and one bath. Then we added on the other bedroom." The added-on master bedroom overlooks the back yard, where Hudson used to keep his hunting dogs.

"I used to be able to look all the way down that hill and see Line Six," he said, as he stood at a window. The view is now obscured by a line of 30-foot trees.

After leaving the house, the Hudsons drove past the spot where he broke ground for the arsenal almost 44 years ago, near today's DARPA projects office.

"And there's the red earth," Hudson commented as his van passed a plowed field.

The color hadn't changed a bit since he spaded that first shovelful back in 1941 at the groundbreaking for Redstone Ordnance Plant.



IN VAN — Hudson, who was Redstone's first commander, tours the arsenal during his visit to Huntsville.



AT WINDOW — Hudson looks out a back window that once overlooked the pen of his hunting dogs. He formerly was able to see the ammunition production lines from the window but trees have obscured the view.



IN COMMAND — This is now-retired Col. Carroll D. Hudson as he appeared when he served as commander of Redstone Arsenal.

## Wall nominated for BMD position

The Secretary of Defense has announced that Maj. Gen. John F. Wall has been nominated to head the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense program and for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general. Wall currently is director of civil works for the Army Corps of Engineers.

According to Maj. Gen. Eugene Fox, ballistic missile defense program manager, the appointment of Wall to head the BMD program "is a strong indication of the Army's support for and participation in the Strategic Defense Initiative."

Wall will be stationed in Washington and Fox will remain in Huntsville. No date has been designated for Wall to join the BMD Organization.

In a related development, Brig. Gen. William J. Fiorentino, the deputy BMD program manager, has been selected to head the Army Space Initiatives Study Group at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

According to an Army spokesman, the study group is being formed to develop the Army's "space master plan," including operational concepts and requirements. In addition to Fiorentino, the group will include 30 space-qualified or space-experienced officers.

The study is expected to be in session for up to six months.

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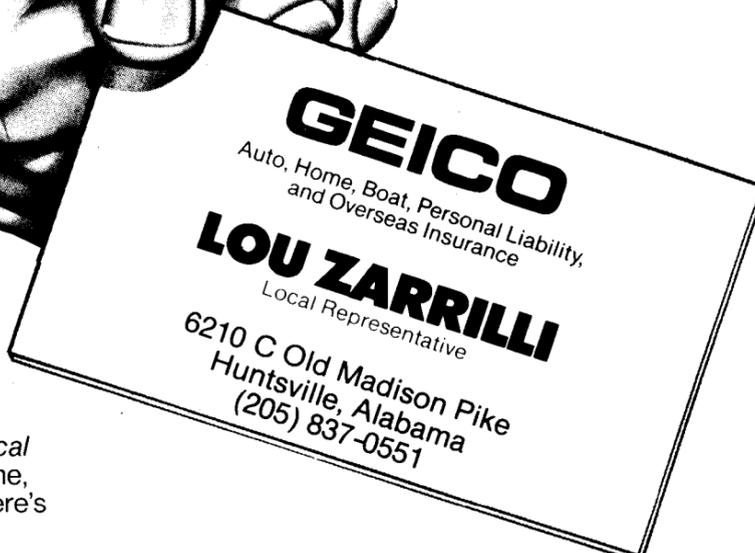
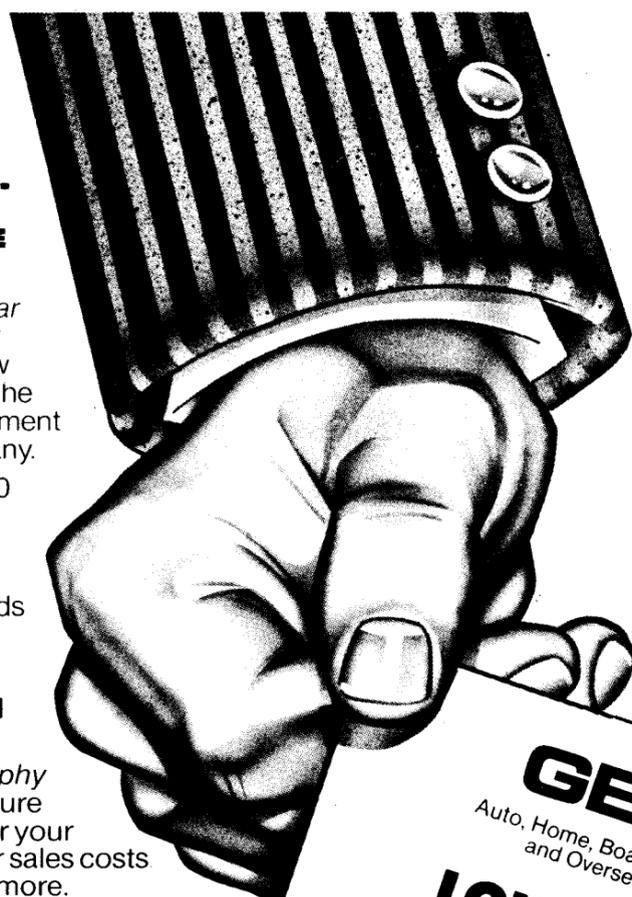
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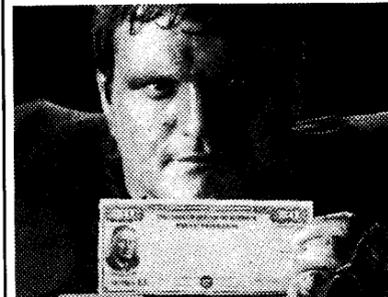
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## Course in lasers begins at school

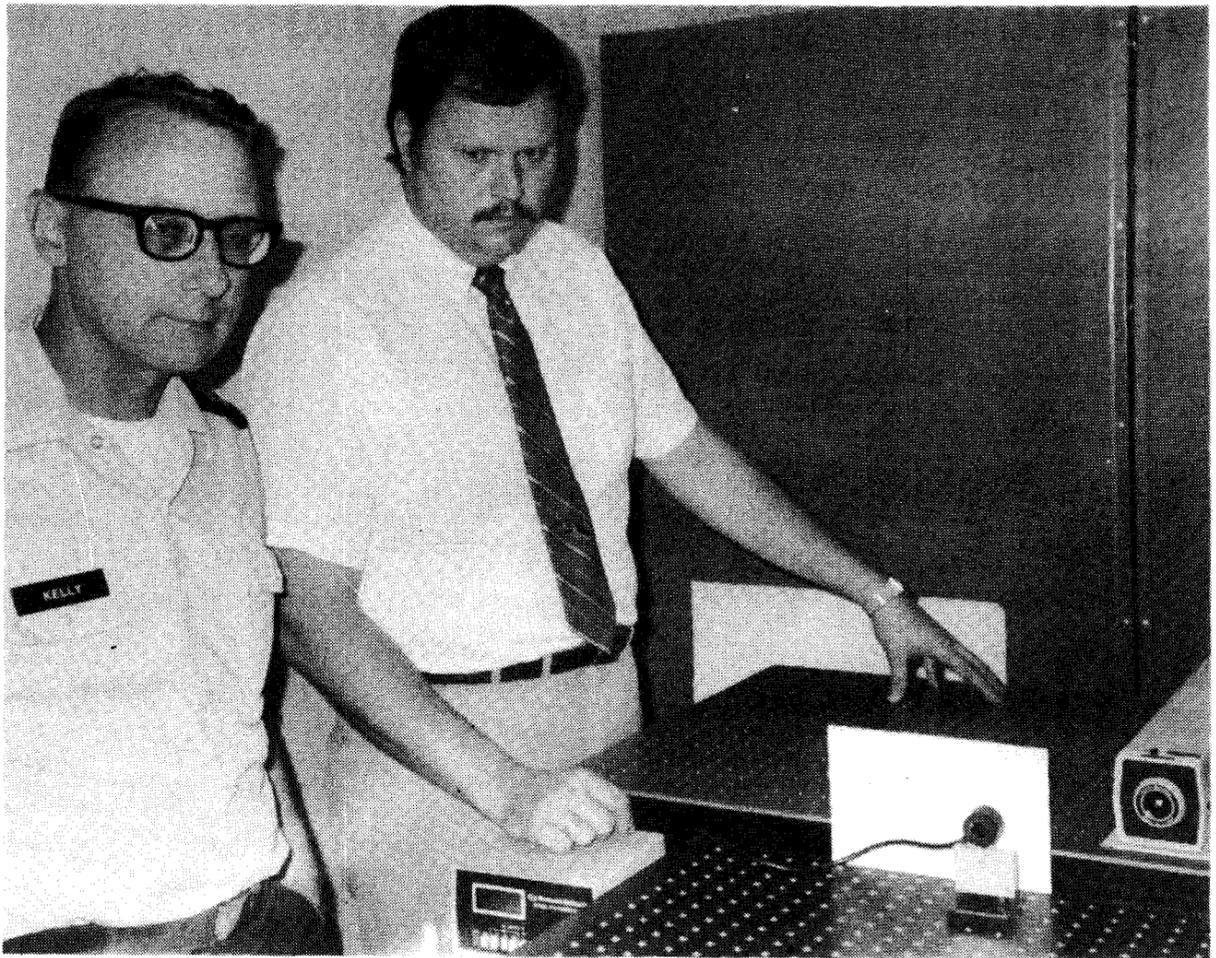
A new course is available at OMMCS to introduce the school faculty and staff to laser technology.

The 40-hour course taught at Toftoy Hall covers the basic principles of laser theory and how the devices work.

The school's principal laser instructor, MSgt. David Kelly of the Electronics and Technology Training Department, said the intent is to qualify people to teach laser subjects. "This course is being taught to broaden the instructor base — do the training in-house and not contract it out," he said.

With the growing role of lasers in guidance and other aspects of weaponry, the school does not want to get "caught with its pants down" as it did 25 years ago with transistors. "When transistors came in the instructors did not understand transistors. If we get an instructor base that is knowledgeable on laser theory, we won't end up in that situation," Kelly said.

OMMCS staff and faculty wanting information on the course can call Kelly at 876-5486.



DEMONSTRATION — Kelly and Marvin Posey demonstrate a laser device

## Vacation sale begins

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is having a vacation time sale from May 29th through June 2nd, just in time for the warm weather.

Featured in the sale are clock and portable radios, a radio cassette recorder, luggage, a Nikon 35mm camera and accessories, an assortment of health and beauty aids and household cleaning supplies, a car battery, shock absorbers and tires, a car seat, home improvement merchandise plus pet food and pet supplies. Also included are ladies jeans, T-shirts, shorts, knit tops and men's shorts, action tops and swimwear. Also, just in time for travel or reassignment AAFES is offering \$5 off any \$15 rental order on appliances, autos, TV's and equipment. In addition, the driver can ensure a comfortable ride by receiving \$4 off a cooling system tune-up. (Arnews)

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# School's displays draw attention at exposition

BY JEFF WATSON

For the second year in a row the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School has played a major role in the PROLOG, (Progress in Logistics) exposition.

PROLOG is a showcase of on-going and evolving innovations which are taking place within Army logistics, as well as an opportunity for industries to display and demonstrate advances in commercial technology which have military potential.

The five-day exhibition was recently held at the U.S. Army Transportation Center, Ft. Eustis, Va. and featured over 100 displays that were sponsored by the U.S. Army Logistics Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; the Transportation and Aviation Logistics Center and School at Fort Eustis, and the Quartermaster School at Ft. Lee, Va.

Among the displays were approximately 40 sponsored by the Ordnance Corps. OMMCS had 15 displays. Two interesting pieces of equipment shown were a small emplacement excavator and the robotics for explosive ordnance disposal.

The small emplacement excavator consists of a rough terrain vehicle with remote control capability. The vehicle is equipped with a backhoe and frontloader and will enable explosive ordnance disposal personnel to gain access to buried, unexploded ordnance by remote control using a TV-like monitor to view the operation from a safe distance.

The robotics for explosive ordnance disposal displays showed several different pieces of robotics equipment adapted for military use. The more technologically advanced robotic systems are designed to assist in a variety of tasks from reconnaissance and battlefield damage surveys, to explosive ordnance disposal.

Other exhibits included hydraulic power tools, portable vehicle lifts, ammunition handling and packaging equipment, demonstrations of several innovative forklifts and a 65-ton rough terrain container crane.

OMMCS participation was coordinated by David



ROBOT — Art Macksey demonstrates use of a tactical support robot for explosives ordnance disposal.

Hale, project officer for the munitions branch of the Materiel and Logistics Systems Division in the Directorate of Combat Developments, and Capt. Deborah Magee, chief of that same office.

"I felt this was an excellent opportunity for people to get a long look at some of the logistics equipment. It (PROLOG) was well supported by the private contractors and well received by the military," Magee said.

"I thought PROLOG was a success," Hale said. "It gave exposure of people in the decision-making areas

to some of the machinery we would like to bring on board in logistics."

PROLOG 85 was attended by several hundred visitors from the different Army service schools, logistic commands, and major command headquarters. In addition Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr., and other high-level Department of the Army officials were in attendance to view some of the latest innovations in logistics.

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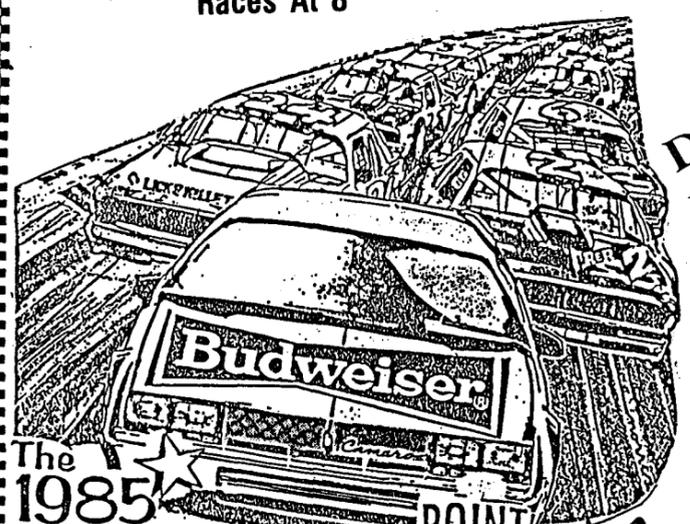
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The staff judge advocate office released the following list of DUI cases from court held earlier this month:

— Lawrence A. Bigby, of 2432 Shapehard Drive, a Property Disposal employee, was fined \$500, given one year probation, and ordered to attend DUI School.

— Scott L. Black, of Route 5, Athens, was fined \$500 and sentenced to one year in jail (second offense).

— William B. Gilmore, of 604 Eastbrook Drive, was fined \$500 with \$250 suspended, given 90 days probation, and ordered to attend DUI School.

— SSgt. John A. Mehal, of 5th Student Company, was fined \$500 with \$250 suspended, given 90 days probation, and ordered to attend DUI School.

— Baron K. Mullins, of 4010 Bob Wallace Ave. Apt. 17, was fined \$500 with \$100 suspended, given six months probation, and ordered to attend DUI School.

— Pvt. Richard A. Puett, of 6th Student Company, was fined \$500, given probation for one year, and ordered to attend DUI School.

— Sp4 Curtis Ross, of B Company, was fined \$500 with \$250 suspended, given 90 days probation, and ordered to attend DUI School.

— Leonard L. Shaver, of Route 1, Decatur, was fined \$500, given six months probation, and ordered to attend DUI School.

— Sp4 Thomas Agueros, of 7th Student Company, was fined \$500 with \$250 suspended, given 90 days probation, and ordered to attend DUI School.

— PFC James A. Bailey, of 4th Student Company,

was fined \$500 with \$250 suspended, given 90 days probation, and ordered to attend DUI School.

— Margie F. Byrd, of Old Big Cove Road, Owens Cross Roads, was fined \$500 with \$250 suspended, given 90 days probation, and ordered to attend DUI School.

— Sp4 Edmund F. Gaethke, of 6th Student Company, was fined \$500 with \$250 suspended, given 90 days probation, and ordered to attend DUI School.

— PFC Bryan J. Galecki, of 4th Student Company, was fined \$500 with \$250 suspended, given 90 days probation, and ordered to attend DUI School.

— Sp4 Mark T. Guevara, of 4th Student Company, was fined \$500 with \$250 suspended, given 90 days probation, and ordered to attend DUI School.

— Sp4 Pamela L. Lifson, of A Company, was fined \$500 with \$250 suspended, given 90 days probation, and ordered to attend DUI School.

— Sgt. Ferdinand Lopez, of 5th Student Company, was fined \$250 and ordered to attend DUI School.

— Pvt. Keith R. Munsill, of A Company, was fined \$500, given one year probation, told to perform 20 days of community service, and ordered to attend DUI School.

— Thomas K. Pullum, of Athens, a civilian contractor for NASA, was fined \$500 with \$250 suspended, given 90 days probation, and ordered to attend DUI School.

For disorderly conduct Melvin Brown, of 276 Steward Road, Toney, was fined \$500 and given two years probation.

Anyone found guilty or who pleads guilty in Magistrates Court is assessed \$25 per charge to the victims restitution fund in addition to any other fine.

## Big family picnic includes flea market

For a \$2 per table fee, Army workers and their family members can sell items at the MICOM family picnic flea market.

The flea market is part of the big picnic set for June 29 at the civilian recreation area. The \$2 table charge goes to the civilian welfare fund and the flea market participants get to keep their own profits.

"Whatever they make they keep," said Tom Hart, chairman of the flea market committee. Participants must be either connected with the government or family members of people tied with the government. Plans are that tables will be furnished.

This is the first time a flea market will be part of the annual family picnic, Hart said. "I've got a lot of things I'm trying to track down because it's the first time it's going to be done," he said.

For more information call Hart or Andrea Markwalter 876-8520/3673.

Sign-up is also under way for volleyball and softball tournaments at the picnic. The deadline for team entries is 4 p.m. June 14. Teams are open to MICOM workers, guests and their family members. For volleyball registration call Gloria Brown 876-2729/5810. For softball registration call Thomas Morrisette 876-2943 or Curtis Taylor 876-8915.

Various picnic committees have been meeting to discuss plans for the family outing. Refreshments and T-shirts are among items that will be on sale at the picnic. The chairman for the event is Jere Ducote of Army Missile Laboratory. Mike Sheehy, also of Army Missile Lab, is deputy picnic chairman.

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# Program manager optimistic about careers for women

BY PAM ROGERS

The Missile Command's new Federal Women's Program manager has a three-point formula for women who want a challenging and successful career.

According to Catherine Gant, who became FWP manager April 1, the three factors for attaining success are: a reputation for doing outstanding work, no matter what the job is; education; and what she calls "networking".

"Women have to prove they can take the ball and run with it. They must do the job they have now in an outstanding manner," she said. Gant believes anyone who does exceptional work at his or her current job will be much more likely to get favorable recommendations for other jobs.

Education is not confined to formal schooling which leads to a degree, said Gant.

"Women have a lot of education they don't consider, such as life and work experience, and any number of skills they have had to develop, like coordination, management, establishing priorities, and setting up guidelines. They don't take advantage of these skills when they are writing resumes.

"There are a number of colleges that give credits for life experience. There are external degree programs, independent study courses, and continuing education programs. It's important to consider your background and utilize it to the fullest. A formal degree is great, but if a person doesn't have one, it's not a total barrier. There are very few jobs here that require a formal degree," she said.

Networking is an important part of anyone's climb up the career ladder, but it's something women have only recently learned to do, said Gant.

"Make yourself visible — get to know the people who have the jobs you want, and when you get there, advise the lower grades. Let them know how you got there. Sometimes women are their own worst enemies by not promoting their sisters. Men have taken advantage of the 'good ole boy' network for years.

"Women have a tendency to downplay their abilities. You have to let people know your abilities. You know yourself better than anyone else — what you're capable of doing," she said.

Gant has worked in the Equal Employment Opportunity office since 1979. Previously, she was the FWP coordinator for the Army's Missile and Munitions Center and School. She is planning some changes to the program, including updating the charter, which was written in the 1970s, and expanding the membership of the FWP committee.

"Right now we have about 12 people on the committee. I'd like to increase the membership to between 24 and 30 people," she said. Gant would like to have members of both sexes, who represent all grades and pay plans, and she wants to invite members from organizations like Federally Employed Women, the National Organization of Women, and the American Federation of Government Employees.

When the new committee is set up, Gant plans to survey the female workforce to assess the perceived needs of women employees. Further changes in the FWP will depend on the results.

Although Gant feels the program still faces challenges, such as restricted budgets for personnel and development, she is confident that opportunities will be available for women who are determined to succeed.



NEW MANAGER — Catherine Gant became the MICOM Federal Women's Program manager April 1.

## Home loan interest reduced by VA

WASHINGTON — The Veterans Administration decreased its maximum home loan interest rate from 12½ percent to 12 percent May 21.

Also down one-half percent are rates for graduated payment mortgages and loan rates for prefabricated and mobile homes.

The VA said the reduction reflects a recent improvement in the mortgage market. (Arnews)

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WASHINGTON — Servicemembers and civilian government workers who die as the result of terrorist or military action against the United States will receive special federal tax consideration under a provision of the tax reform act of 1984.

The provision exempts victims from federal income tax liability for the year in which the death occurred, the year before the injury and any years in between.

Implementation procedures for the special provision were recently agreed upon by the Departments of Defense and State and the Internal Revenue Service, according to Department of the Army legal assistance officials.

They explain that if a soldier or federal civilian employee dies in 1985, for instance, from wounds received in 1984, the deceased would not be held liable for federal income tax for 1983, 1984 and 1985. A representative of the deceased, such as a family member or executor of the estate, would be able to file amended returns for those three years and receive a refund.

The benefits of the provision are retroactive to 1978.

The deceased's representative must follow certain rules, officials said, and should contact the local legal assistance office for information and assistance. (Arnews)

## Member sought for women's committee

Workers who are interested in becoming members of the Missile Command's Federal Womens' Program committee have a chance to apply for appointment between now and the end of June.

Catherine Gant, the new FWP manager, stated that the committee welcomes applications from anyone who is interested, regardless of sex, race, grade, or pay plan.

Potential members will be interviewed before final recommendations for appointment are made to Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard.

To apply, submit a DF through your supervisor to the Equal Employment Opportunity office, AMSMI-XQ, Attn: Catherine Gant, no later than June 30. For more information call Gant 876-3436.

## Softball standings

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## Ladies golf tournament winners to be honored

Winners of a recent ladies golf tournament here are to receive their prizes at a luncheon June 5.

Marty Simpson won the championship flight in the annual Redstone Arsenal ladies spring handicap match tournament. Virginia Payne was runner-up and Jane Robinson won consolation.

Other winners included, first flight: winner, Maggie Bennet; runner-up, Marie Melochick; consolation, Mary Anderson.

Second flight: winner, Liz Fragge; runner-up, Carolyn Walsh; consolation, Judi Dwyer.

Simpson was also tournament medalist for having the lowest score in the qualifying round. The tournament was held May 21-23 at the post golf course.

Prizes are to be awarded at the Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association luncheon at 11:30 a.m. June 5 at the Officers Club.

## Soldiers given more time to repay PCS costs

WASHINGTON — A new ruling gives soldiers substantially more time to refund pay advances used for deposits and other costs associated with permanent change of station moves.

The change to the pay entitlements manual, says Lt. Col. Jim Lock of the U.S. Army Finance and Accounting Center liaison office in the Pentagon, now permits soldiers to take up to 24 months to repay money borrowed to move overseas or to high cost areas in the United States. The repayment period for moves to non-high cost areas within the states was extended to 12 months.

The new ruling did not change the amount that can be borrowed (up to three months of net pay), said Lock. He added that advances are only permitted for soldiers moving their household belongings at government expense. (Arnews)

## The Old Guard needs a cowboy

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## Reservists should update dental records

WASHINGTON — Army dental officials are trying to get a handle on the lack of soldiers' dental records in the Army's reserve components.

Based on a recent survey of RC personnel records, officials found a high incidence of missing dental records. Army policy requires these records be maintained at unit level, primarily to aid in identifying deceased personnel.

In a recent message to major Army commanders, Army dental chief Maj. Gen. H. Thomas Chandler spelled out the Army's plan for guardsmen and reservists to update their records during available training

time using dental facilities at military installations or government-affiliated dental services. The documentation needed is either a panoramic x-ray or a standard form 603 properly completed by either an active or reserve component dental officer.

Chandler said the records gathering should be completed by Oct. 1, 1986, for all National Guard members, full-time USAR members and troop program unit personnel. Oct. 1, 1989, is the target date for individual mobilization augmentees and members of the individual ready reserve. (Arnews)

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## Dallas cheerleaders get Defense award

WASHINGTON — The Secretary of Defense Award for outstanding public service was recently presented to the vice president and director of the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders.

Suzanne Mitchell was cited for her efforts in directing the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders since 1979 in annual Department of Defense/USO-sponsored entertainment tours around the world.

Every Christmas since 1979, the cheerleaders' variety show touring squad has entertained troops in the

demilitarized zone in Korea. They've also carried their show to Navy ships in the Indian Ocean every New Year's Day since 1979.

Additionally, the cheerleaders have traveled each spring to other parts of the world to entertain U.S. servicemen and women. These tours have included shows in the Sinai Desert of Egypt, ships in the Mediterranean and outposts in Turkey, Greece, Italy and Spain. (Arnews)

## Culinary grand prize won by Army cooks

WASHINGTON — The Army's culinary arts team once again has proven what it's made of. The team recently cooked up the grand prize entry for a national culinary competition hosted in Chicago.

Competing May 18 and 19, the team took the 1985 grand prize for the best exhibit in the show at the 15th annual national culinary arts salon and exhibition at the McCormick place exhibition center. The National Restaurant Association sponsored the competition.

Rather than enter in several individual food categories, the team from the Quartermaster Center and School at Fort Lee, Va., decided to pool their talents into one major exhibit — the grand buffet. This strategy proved successful, winning the team four awards.

In addition to winning the show's grand prize, the exhibit also captured the grand prize in the buffet category. Then, in an unprecedented move, the judges waived the contest rules prohibiting entries in the buffet category from competing in individual categories. As a result, the team won a special grand prize for the pastry portion of the buffet.

The judges also presented a gold medal to team member Sp4 Mary Jo Devit who prepared most of the pastry items in the display. Other team members who participated in the competition are SFC William Jarrett, SFC Ernest Pell, CWO Paul Davis, SSgt. Rafael Torano, Sp4 Stephen Whitworth and SFC Stephen Berry.

## Guard members build 26-mile road in Panama

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA — The exchange is complete. More than 5,000 residents of a remote area in Panama have a new road, while 10,000 Army national guard members have sharper skills as soldiers.

Exercise "Blazing Trails," a United States and Republic of Panama engineer exercise, is finished. From January through May, guard units from 10 states spent two-week rotations working on a 26-mile road construction project.

On May 17, Dr. Nicolas Ardito Barletta, president of the Republic of Panama, and Everett E. Briggs, the

U.S. ambassador, joined a crowd of approximately 5,000 military and government officials and local residents to formally dedicate the road. The single-lane, all weather gravel road replaces a fragile network of footpaths and cattle trails that held much of the area inaccessible during the rainy season. The 5,000 people living in that remote part of the Azuero Peninsula now have dependable access to health care, schools and a better marketplace for livestock and crops produced on 202,000 acres of land along the Pacific coast. (Arnews)

## Army places second in interservice racquetball

WASHINGTON — The Army took one first place, two seconds and a third to capture second-place team honors at the interservice racquetball championships held May 13-17 at Chanute AFB, Ill.

The Air Force team walked away with the title, scor-

ing 93 points to Army's 47, Navy's 28 and the Marines' 8.

Four-time Army women's single champion Jaelyn Yzaguirre, currently assigned to U.S. Army Europe, struck interservice gold in the women's singles division for the Army's only first-place finish. (Arnews)

## Congressman gets medals

WASHINGTON — "We are here... to correct an oversight," said Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr., when he recently presented the Bronze Star for valor and the Army Commendation Medal to Congressman Thomas J. Ridge, R-Pa. Ridge served in Vietnam 15 years ago.

Marsh, praising Ridge for his support of programs related to the soldiers' quality of life, presented the medals during a recent ceremony in the Pentagon.

Ridge, who is the only enlisted combat infantry veteran of Vietnam in the current U.S. Congress, was a small unit combat leader in Company B, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry. While on patrol on March 30, 1970, his unit came under heavy enemy machine gun fire. According to the citation accompanying the Bronze Star, he took immediate action, laying down a base of direct fire, called in and adjusted artillery and then conducted a sweep of the area, forcing the enemy to retreat.

In his remarks to the Army's general staff, Ridge said that he is proud to have served in the Armed Forces. He also noted that the quality of the training he received and the quality of the men with whom he served were exceptional. "I was well equipped with the knowledge and confidence to accomplish my mission," he said. (Arnews)

## Sign up now for educational assistance

WASHINGTON — Soldiers not enrolled in the Veterans Educational Assistance Program should do so now, if they plan to seek government help in picking up the tab for future civilian education.

Army personnel officials say time is running out. June 30 is the last day to initially enroll in VEAP.

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An ad hoc screening panel for initial screening and reclama for employees in the supply management civilian career program will be held July 22 for DA referral level grades GS/GM 13-15. Forward an original and six copies of supply management career appraisal to Willena Richardson, AMSMI-SS, by June 7. For information call 876-1531/1411.

### Commissary takes traveler's checks

The commissary store now accepts traveler's checks as cash, no longer requiring customers to get prior approval at the check counter. Because of a limited change fund, the commissary will not cash traveler's checks without a purchase.

### Post theater

Tonight - *Sword of the Valiant* (PG) at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday - *Night Patrol* (R) at 7 p.m. Saturday - Tina Turner in *Better Be Good to Me* and *Porky's Revenge* (R) at 7 p.m. and *Warriors of the Wasteland* at 9:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday - Tina Turner in *Better Be Good to Me* and *Porky's Revenge* (R) at 7 p.m. Tuesday - *The Cotton Club* at 7 p.m.

### Theater hours

The post theater in building 3712 has announced these changes in its operating schedule to take effect June 15: closed Monday and Wednesday night, with only one show Saturday at 7 p.m. The Saturday night show at 9:30 will be canceled.

### Pilot school

The Redstone Arsenal Flying Club will conduct an FAA-approved private pilot ground school from June 18 through August 22 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for persons eligible for membership. Pre-registration is required. For information call 881-3980 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Physical exams

The Pediatric Clinic at Fox Army Community Hospital will offer summer physicals for school, camp and sports every Wednesday from 8:30-11 a.m. during June through September for family members age four and over who are not enrolled in the Family Practice Clinic. Call the Pediatric Clinic at 876-8483 for information or to schedule an appointment. Patients enrolled in the Family Practice Clinic are not eligible and should contact that clinic for information about physical examinations.

### Business women

Lt. Gov. Bill Baxley will be the guest speaker at the Huntsville Inter-city Council of the American Business Women's Association meeting at 7:00 tonight at the Sheraton Inn. State Sen. Bill Smith will accompany Baxley as another guest. At this meeting ALA-HUNT, Heart of Dixie, and Twickenham chapters will honor three "Business Associates of the Year" and seven young women will receive more than \$5,000 in scholarships. The ABWA is an educational organization that promotes the professional, educational, cultural and social advancement of business women. May is designated as Education Month by the ABWA, and Mayor Joe Davis has proclaimed the month in Huntsville. For more information about tonight's meeting call Jilda Gilmore 837-6767.

### Personnel association

The spring banquet of the International Personnel Management Association will be held June 4 at the Officers Club. Scheduled speaker is Dr. Douglas Covington, president of Alabama A&M University. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7. Tickets are \$10 for nonmembers, \$7 for members. For tickets call Marvline Muirhead 876-2864, Carole Sams 876-8670 or Bernard Collier 876-1115.

### Warrant officers

The Redstone Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will kick off its annual membership drive with a briefing on the WOA. The association's Region 5 director, retired chief warrant officer Percy Butler, will give the briefing at 10 a.m. May 30 in room A-115, building 5250. The briefing is open to anyone interested in learning more about the WOA. For more information call either CWO 3 Bobby Blount 876-7220 or CWO 3 Donald Dunlap 876-3211.

### Catholic Confirmation

Bishop Lawrence J. Kenney, of the Military Vicariate in New York, is to be here for the Catholic Confirmation at 12:15 p.m. June 2 at Bicentennial Chapel.

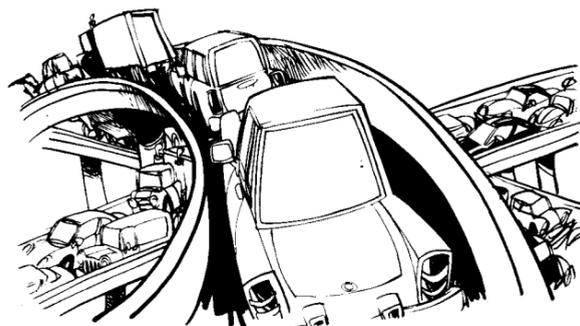
### Algebra course

The Learning Resource Center offers a course in algebra. Areas covered include sets and numbers, polynomials and factoring, mathematical sentences, rational expressions, graphs and relations, systems of equations, and probability. To apply for the course, submit a DD form 1556 to the CPO Training and Career Management Division, ATTN: AMSMI-JT/LRC, building 7446 or call 876-1061/1416.

### Toastmasters

Mason-Dixon Toastmasters recently received the District 48 President's Distinguished Club Award. President Ed Lewis accepted the blue ribbon on behalf of all club members. This places Mason-Dixon in competition for the distinction of top Toastmasters Club in the world. Members of Mason-Dixon recognized for district achievements were: the first female District 48 Governor-elect Donna Brock, best area bulletin; distinguished toastmaster, P.C. Cothran; district 48 outstanding toastmaster of 1984, Allen C. Metzger; Nick Saad Award for outstanding accomplishments in Toastmasters International, Allen C. Metzger; district 48 service award, Carol Malone. The Mason-Dixon Toastmasters meet at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Shoneys West. The public is invited. For more information call 533-3272.

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### Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop will again be open on the first Saturday of the month, June 1, from 9 a.m. to noon. Consignments will not be accepted during this opening. Consignments are accepted during normal operating days, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Normal hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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**WASHINGTON** — Counteracting terrorism is the mission of the Army's newest reinforcement training unit — the 9001st Military Intelligence Detachment.

Manned solely by reservists, the unit is "nominally" headquartered and commanded from the office of the assistant chief of staff for intelligence at the Pentagon.

Faced with the worldwide concern with terrorism, the need for Army specialists in terrorism counteraction became apparent. The 9001st MID is the Army reserve's answer to that need, according to Lt. Col. Preston Funkhouser, the unit's organizer.

Forming the 9001st presented some interesting challenges. Due to the unique nature of the unit, it was difficult to find enough specialists in the field in the same location. It became necessary to seek assistance in manning the new 25-man unit.

That assistance came from the Army Reserve Personnel Center in St. Louis, according to Funkhouser. Candidates were found throughout the United States and even overseas.

All of these candidates had something in common. They were either involved in military intelligence, law enforcement or infantry/special forces. And they were also involved with some aspect of law, law enforcement, security, intelligence or anti-terrorist studies.

Members of the new unit include a senior government official, a psychiatrist, a couple of attorneys, security analysts and foreign area officers. Two members are currently serving in overseas areas.

Because these members are spread throughout the United States and overseas, their unit does not conduct reserve drills as a unit. Instead, according to Funkhouser, the members work individually or in small teams. They do not have regular drills, and are paid only for active training tours. However, they can earn retirement points through individual projects.

Currently, the unit is involved with presenting terrorism awareness briefings to Reserve units and is also putting together information on terrorism to be used at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and School.

"One member is currently working on an annotated bibliography on terrorism, which will be the most extensive ever completed," said Funkhouser.

"Two others have worked on a 138-page student handout on terrorism analyst techniques for the USAICS, which will be included in the school's training programs," he added.

Army Reserve and National Guard commanders who would like members of the 9001st MID to present terrorism awareness training to their units should contact Lt. Col. P.L. Funkhouser, HQDA, at Autovon 227-0057, or commercial (202) 697-0057, for availability and scheduling. (Arnews)

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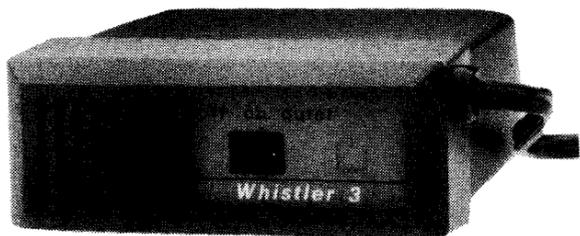
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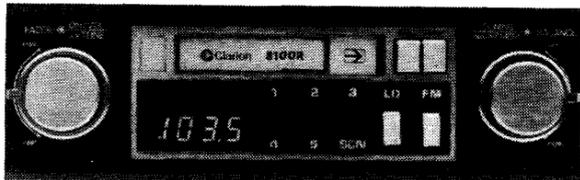


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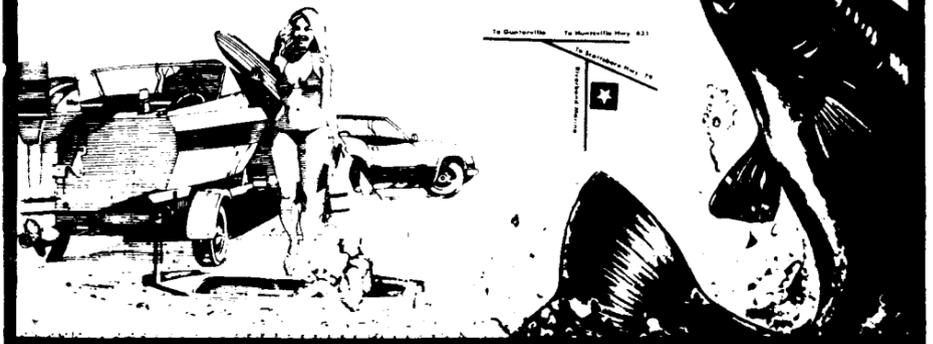
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