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Army to eliminate specialist five and six grades

WASHINGTON — The Army will no longer have specialists five or six in its inventory Oct. 1, when soldiers in those grades convert to hard stripe NCOs, according to a message being sent to the field by Army personnel officials.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr., concurred with a recommendation by the commander of Training and Doctrine Command calling for the change. Under the new policy, specialists will be retained only at the E4 level. The TRADOC commander, Gen. William Richardson, based his recommendation, in part, on a recent evaluation by the TRADOC Enlisted Personnel Management System study group.

The change will affect approximately 46,000 soldiers currently serving as specialists five and six and those promoted to those grades between now and Oct. 1, according to Army deputy chief of staff for personnel officials. Affected soldiers will be able to obtain their new rank insignias through the Army supply system.

"DSCPER officials knew that we would be looking at the specialist issue and asked us to accelerate it and forward a recommendation so that Department of the Army could have it for a basis to make its final decision," said TRADOC EPMS study group director Col. Dennis D. Flint. "We took it on and basically asked ourselves if the specialist ranks were really required."

The group found some interesting results. It found that a conversion process from specialist to NCO had already begun, unofficially. It also found that 14 percent of the Army's Sp6 authorizations and 16 percent of the Sp5 authorizations are filled by hard stripe NCOs. "What was happening was an incursion of

hard stripes into those positions despite what current doctrine or policy called for," said Flint.

That incursion didn't carry over into the Sp4 area, though. The group found that almost 100 percent of the Sp4 authorizations were in fact being filled by Sp4s.

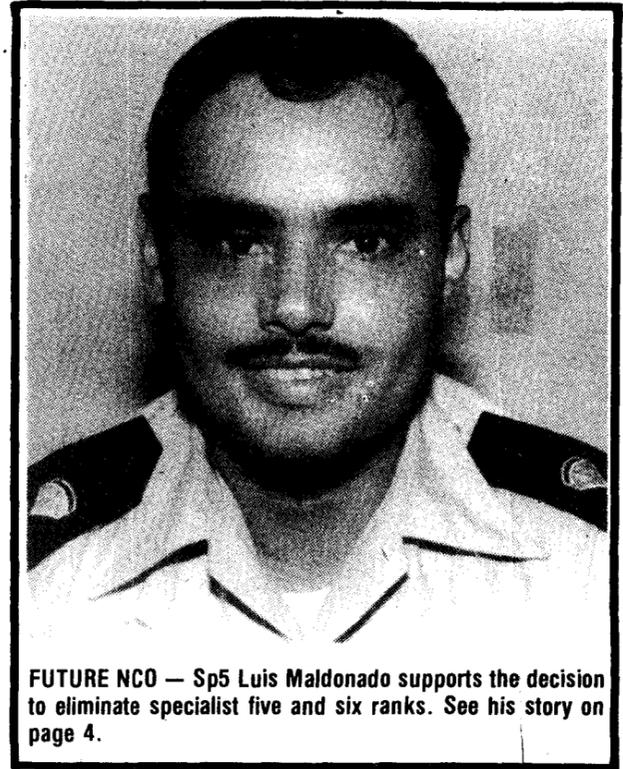
Armed with this and other background information, the group went to the proponents that have specialist ranks and asked for recommendations. Those recommendations were almost unanimous in calling for the elimination of Sp5 and Sp6 ranks. All of the proponents authorized Sp6s recommended dropping that rank and all but two of those authorized Sp5s did the same. The response concerning Sp4s was "surprising" to group director Flint.

"Our guess was that the majority of proponents would recommend dropping the Sp4 rank, as well," said Flint. "We thought maybe everyone would say, 'let's just get rid of the whole specialist rank structure.'"

What resulted was the "surprising" recommendation by all combat arms proponents to retain the Sp4 rank. "When you look at their rationale, you begin to understand the argument, however," said Flint. Bottom line, according to Flint, is the fact that these combat arms proponents don't feel that a soldier with 17-18 months in the Army is ready to become an NCO. The average promotion to E4 comes at the 17-18 month time-in-service point, according to Flint.

The specialist issue was just one of many issues the TRADOC EPMS study group looked into during its year-long review. Group recommendations on 20 other issues will be presented to the TRADOC commander by the end of June, according to Flint. Those issue

recommendations will then be forwarded to DA. Some of the other issues reviewed include women in the Army, the skill qualification test, the qualitative management program and NCOs attendance as a requirement for promotion. (Arnews)



FUTURE NCO — Sp5 Luis Maldonado supports the decision to eliminate specialist five and six ranks. See his story on page 4.



EARLY RANKS — These badges were used when the specialist ranks were created in 1955.

Specialist ranks created to boost NCO corps

The Army created the specialist ranks in 1955 in a move to "use NCOs as leaders only and... take the big step necessary to restore their responsibility, authority and prestige."

Initially, the specialist concept, patterned after a plan in effect during World War II, encompassed four ranks: E-7 master specialist, E-6 specialist first class, E-5 specialist second class and E-4 specialist third class.

A contemporary account described the new specialist ranks as "one of the things necessary to restore the prestige of the NCO — thereby improving the whole structure of the Army career-wise."

"The overall conclusion of the plan is that those who become specialists will lose authority only and it will provide additional prestige to NCOs by assuring that they will be used only as leaders" and "... any NCO will rank all specialists."

Continuing, the account stated, "Specialist second and third class will be subject to fatigue and guard duty. Master and first class specialists will be exempt from such duty except in unusual circumstances, and then will be used only in supervisory capacities."

When the plan took effect, "hard strippers" in specialist-type jobs who had served in leadership positions were allowed to request retention of their NCO rating.

Open enrollment period announced for federal group life insurance

The Office of Personnel Management has scheduled during June an open enrollment period for civilian workers to buy life insurance at the federal government's group rate.

Civilian Personnel Office here will begin scheduling appointments to assist workers with their insurance changes just as soon as informational materials arrive and can be distributed to the workforce, according to Leonard Farbman, CPO's chief of technical services.

"Anybody who wants to change enrollment can come to our office and we'll work out the change of enrollment with them," Farbman said.

Only three open enrollment periods for Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance have been held since the program began in 1954.

During the enrollment period, eligible employees may cancel previous waivers and enroll for basic in-

surance and any available options, or add to current FEGLI coverage.

Enrollment changes will take effect on the first day of the first pay period after Aug. 1.

With the government's 33 percent contribution, basic life insurance will cost employees 20 cents per two-week pay period for each \$1,000 of coverage. This price is down two cents from the reduced rates that took effect in May 1984. The amount of basic coverage for which employees are eligible depends on their base pay.

Employees satisfied with their current FEGLI coverage can ignore the open enrollment period. Unlike the 1981 enrollment period, an existing waiver or declination will remain unchanged unless a new form is filed.

Laboratory becomes RD&E center

How do you spell Army Missile Laboratory? The answer is RD&E, its new name.

The Missile Command and other major subordinates within Army Materiel Command now have one or more RD&E Centers associated with them. RD&E stands for Research Development and Engineering.

The name change from Army laboratories was to "clearly identify what business those laboratories were in" and to "more closely link those to the user community," said Dr. Richard Rhoades, associate director for technology.

"There was confusion to the outside world about the roles played in the acquisition process by the 20 or 21 AMC laboratories," he said. "They saw a whole bunch of laboratories and did not realize they were different."

Laboratories, like the Army Missile Lab, that were involved in acquisition and a full spectrum of functions were redesignated as RD&E centers. Those that were not part of that are to become part of the Laboratory Command, a new subordinate command.

This was not the first name change for the center (former laboratory) here. It began as the Ordnance Missile Laboratory in 1952 and its title has probably changed five to seven times over the years, according to Rhoades.

"I kind of liked being in a laboratory," he said, "but one of the objectives (of the recent change) was to more clearly describe the functions that were performed. People have always had pictures of what a laboratory did, we have always done more than what that traditional image encompassed."



Key mystery

A letter last week resulted in several calls from people wondering about its use of the phrase "bottle a key." The letter writer was referring to a road sign that uses the symbol of a bottle and car keys for the message "You don't (drink and drive) on this post." We hope this clears up the mystery of the bottled key.

Editor

Wasting time

Editor:

I have noticed, for some time now, the lengths some people will go to not do a job.

Example: Every afternoon when I leave work, I see several maintenance trucks going down Redstone Road, at 35 mph in a 50 mph zone, holding up the flow of traffic.

This was curious to me until I asked one of the maintenance personnel, which I know, why they traveled so slow.

The answer was, "We can't turn in the trucks too early. We are still during work time and can be sent on another trip."

I don't think this is the right attitude to have.

When someone reports to work they are there at a prescribed time and to get off is a prescribed time.

What it comes down to is: Don't Block the Roads to Eat Up Your Time and Waste Everyone Else's.

Name withheld by request

Concurrent buys

Editor:

This letter is not written to discredit you or anyone quoted in the May 29 *Rocket*; however, the big, expensive missile systems seem to get credit for ingenuity. The first article on spare parts discusses "concurrent buys" and gives an '83 Patriot contract effort (credit) for originating this acquisition method for spares. The article should read "— can be traced back to a STINGER missile system buy in fiscal 1979." As indicated, this took considerable orchestration of the MMD of the MLC, the Project Office and the P&P Directorate. The savings/ cost avoidance was apparent as well as meeting demands for spares to support the missile system.

Name withheld by request

White males

Editor:

The American buffalo once roamed the western plains by the millions. However, he was nearly destroyed due to sport and the elimination of the American Indian as an effective fighting force.

Today, years later, there is a battle going on within the federal service which is parallel to the above. I am speaking of the white male existence within the federal service. He is for the first time in history less than 50 percent of the work force. In addition, he has two pressure groups involved daily within the federal service whose main agenda is to dislodge him from his status. These two groups have labeled him as "Peck's Bad Boy" and have inferred that he is responsible for all wrongs since Genghis Khan.

Secondly, they are working daily to become the power structure within the federal service. Once this happens you can be assured that the white male will be in the same class as the American buffalo, a thing of the past.

If the present trend continues, (in my opinion) the federal service within 10 years will consist mainly of these two pressure groups. These groups are working locally and within the U.S. Congress to further their

goals for control. So far the liberals and the pinkos have assisted these groups in some areas.

As a white male, do not become an ostrich with your head in the sand. Be aware of what is going on within your organization that is a possible threat to you.

Secondly, be in contact with your Congress and bills giving preference to various pressure groups. There is more at stake here than the white male status quo. It is the existence of the federal service. The federal service can become a group of incompetents and misfits.

Last but not least is the defense of our great country which is at stake. I feel that it's about time that we the white male started standing tall and giving these two pressure groups some competition not only for ourselves but in the best interest of our great country.

Hershel D. Cramer

Own worst enemy

Editor:

A continuous number of invalid travel inquiries to the Finance Office indicates a growing need for the traveler to be made aware of the responsibilities of the Finance Office, Order Issuing Official, Transportation Office and the traveler's supervisor.

Today's environment places a great deal of emphasis on the effective use of resources. Placing a travel inquiry to the appropriate source of information saves time and money. Consequently, we in the Finance Office are endeavoring to acquaint travelers in the MICOM community where they should direct travel inquiries for the most prompt and accurate information.

The basic management of travel lies with the Order Issuing Authority. They are responsible for the prudent stewardship of taxpayer funds and the accomplishment of a mission. They must determine whether travel is necessary and the number of days TDY required to accomplish the mission at minimum possible cost. They must determine when the TDY should begin to be consistent with effective management and the location where the TDY should be performed. In addition, they determine the mode of transportation and provide a definitive and mutual understanding of directives to the traveler. Items which are not included on the travel order may require the review and approval of this official. (AR 37-106, MICOMR 600-3 and the Joint Travel Regulations).

Effective 1 May 85, the traveler's supervisor is responsible for reviewing all travel claim vouchers to ensure that amounts claimed were necessary and reasonable, that the traveler has claimed all entitlements, that annual leave is charged for excessive travel time, and that the travel voucher is accurate, complete and signed by the traveler. Questionable claims that cannot be resolved must be referred to the order approving official for resolution before forwarding to Finance and Accounting Division for payment. The supervisor will sign in the remarks, block 26, which will signify that the claim has been reviewed and does not constitute approval for expenditures outside the limits of the order. This responsibility will remain with the order approving official. (Change 2, MICOMR 600-3).

The Finance and Accounting Office is responsible for determining the type of allowances due, computation of the travel claim and for making payment to the claimant. They examine the travel claim for proper information, substantiation and approval. They verify the data reflected on the claim with the order and with data or records in the Finance Office and assure the correct accounting classification is cited. They compute travel time, elapsed time and duty time using constructive schedules furnished by the Transportation Office. They are responsible for requesting additional factual information or an explanation to justify payment when facts are not sufficient. Finally, the Finance Office is responsible for identifying questionable vouchers which generally fall into two categories, suspected fraudulent claims and excessive expense claims. (AR 37-106, JTR, Volume I and II, MICOMR 600-3).

The Transportation Office arranges for and procures commercial or military transportation services required to support CONUS or OCONUS TDY. They issue Airline Service Requests and Scheduled Airline Ticket Office (SATO) issues tickets based on the instructions of these requests. They provide advice and assistance to travelers relative to the availability and use of authorized special conveyance and make reservations for special conveyance. They provide constructive travel schedules and related cost to the Finance Office when travel is performed by POV for the convenience of the traveler and provide information pertain-

ing to shipping of household goods and storage. (MICOMR 600-3 and AR 55-355).

Invalid inquiries to the Finance Office hamper production and cause unnecessary delays in processing travel claims. Frequently, it appears to the traveler that Finance is the major bottleneck for these delays however, more frequently, this is not the case. The traveler is his/her worst enemy. Hundreds of travel claims are processed daily in the Finance Office. Their workload is uncontrollable, but invalid inquiries are controllable. Help us to help you. Without your cooperation, the travel pay processing system is jeopardized and our mission to pay in a timely and accurate manner is virtually impossible.

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Maj. Michael K. Lamb

Chief, Finance and Accounting Division

Cost conscious

Editor:

Skip Vaughn is to be congratulated for a good story on Jim Brannon and the repair parts buyers.

However, we old-timers know that concurrent buys of major items and repair parts did not begin with Patriot in 1983. I was assigned the task of buying SHILLELAGH repair parts along with major items in the late 1960s at the direction of Maj. Gen. E.I. Donley.

Contrary to popular belief, cost consciousness is not new to Army managers.

Fred Segrest

Proc Dir, MICOM

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Survey forms will be available at the front entrance of the Main Exchange, building 3220.

Car assault trial set

A Huntsville man was expected to go on trial this week in Birmingham in connection with an incident in which four soldiers here were injured when a car struck their troop formation.

Howard J. Townson, 36, of 1416 Sandhurst Drive, was charged with reckless driving, first degree assault, and driving under the influence. The incident occurred at 7:55 p.m. Monday, March 18 on Hercules Road.

Trial was expected to begin June 3 in federal court in Birmingham, according to the U.S. attorney's office there.

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Two workers, suggestion program honored by AMC

Two MICOM workers and the command's suggestion program have been honored by higher headquarters.

Janice Daniels, a procurement analyst here, was named among the 10 outstanding Army Materiel Command personnel of the year for 1985.

Clarence Tidwell, deputy project manager for Pershing, received an Army Materiel Command annual recognition award. This was in recognition of his having received an Army civilian service award last year.

The suggestion program was awarded a plaque for achieving the highest monetary savings. During fiscal 1984 MICOM's program achieved first year tangible benefits of more than \$10 million.

These awards were presented by Gen. Richard Thompson at the AMC commander's first annual recognition day on May 23 in Washington.

Daniels received a plaque and certificate stating her "efforts in developing and implementing a system to assure contract audit follow-up and reporting were exemplary. The commendable comments of the DOD Inspector General after reviewing the system attest to her outstanding achievement. Her efforts reflect great credit on herself, the U.S. Army Missile Command and the U.S. Army Materiel Command."

Daniels, after returning to Redstone, gave credit to a team effort at Procurement and Production Directorate.

"The commendation that we received from the inspector general also gave credit to the contract specialists within P&P and I feel that they do deserve a lot of the credit," she said. "They closed several audit reports that were pending in 1984 that were also cited in the commendation, and I feel that it in itself reflects upon the Missile Command and receives a lot of recognition for P&P. We worked together on this. It's not something I did by myself, it's something that a lot of people working together accomplished."

Daniels, 32, works in the review and analysis team under the policy and management division of Procurement and Production. The award was "quite a surprise," she said. Daniels learned she was being nominated for an award from her supervisor who had to tell her so she could have her picture taken.

"I didn't know what I was being nominated for until Col. William Moore, our deputy director here at P&P, had told me I was being selected as one of the 10 outstanding AMC personnel," she said.

The GS-11 procurement analyst started out as a GS-2 clerk typist at P&P in June 1974.

She and her husband Jeff, who works here in the Management Information Systems Directorate, have a son. Ryan will be 2 years old on June 8.

Tidwell, deputy project manager in Pershing Project Office, received a plaque and certificate that cited his "exemplary service, superior management, and technical leadership in activities pertaining to the development, production and deployment of Pershing II Weapon Systems. Mr. Tidwell's outstanding performance reflects great credit on himself, the U.S. Army Missile Command and the U.S. Army Materiel Command."

Tidwell's award was in recognition of the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service Award he received last year. That Army honor had been presented in December 1984 by Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard.

As deputy, Tidwell shares responsibility with the project manager for development, production, deployment and operation of the Pershing II missile system. "We're also responsible for providing support to the P-1a missile system which the German government operates," he said. He has been the Pershing deputy project manager since January 1981.

At his own expense he took his wife Joyce and granddaughter Erin, 11, with him so they could enjoy

the trip to Washington for the AMC awards ceremony.

"It was real nice. I felt honored to be selected as one of the people that was asked to come up and be awarded a special recognition award," said the GM-15 official. "We made a real nice trip out of it. I took my wife and granddaughter with me and we spent a few days leave showing the granddaughter Washington prior to receiving the award."

Tidwell, 52, started working at Redstone in 1958 as an engineer in the Structures and Mechanics

Laboratory at the old Army Ordnance Missile Command. He and his wife have a son, Allen, a daughter, Lee Sharp, and four grandchildren.

Brig. Gen. John Drosdeck, deputy commanding general for procurement and readiness, accompanied Tidwell as his sponsor for the awards ceremony. Drosdeck accepted the suggestion program award on MICOM's behalf. William Clemons, director of Procurement and Production, attended the ceremony as Daniels' sponsor.



DANIELS



TIDWELL

Army chief of engineers to visit Huntsville

The chief of engineers for the Army Corps of Engineers is scheduled to come to Huntsville next week to speak to a local organization.

Lt. Gen. E.R. "Vald" Heiberg III will be the guest speaker at the June 10 meeting of the Huntsville Post, Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the ballroom of the Carriage Inn, corner of Jordan Lane and University Drive.

The buffet luncheon will be \$7.50. For reservations call Joyce Randles 895-5312 or Becky Priddy 895-5462.

Heiberg is no stranger to Huntsville, having served as program manager of the Ballistic Missile Defense Program under the Army chief of staff, prior to becoming chief of engineers in September 1985.

As chief of engineers, he is responsible for a major Army command which includes 40,000 civilians and 1,000 soldiers. The Corps of Engineers is responsible for military construction for both the Army and Air Force in the states and overseas. It also serves as the executive agent for the Army's worldwide facilities engineering program.

Heiberg has held such assignments as: deputy chief of engineers; director of civil works in the office, chief of engineers; deputy chief of staff, engineer, U.S. Army, Europe; military assistant and executive to the secretary of the Army; division engineer; district engineer; and commander, 4th Engineer Battalion, 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam.

A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Heiberg holds three master's degrees including

one in civil engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is also a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.



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Specialist five looks forward to sergeant stripes

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Sp5 Luis Maldonado welcomes the elimination of the specialist five and specialist six ranks.

By making all E-5s and E-6s noncommissioned officers or "hard strippers," he feels it will end confusion. At present an E-5 can be either a specialist five or an E-5 sergeant. And although Maldonado has been an E-5 for five years, someone promoted to E-5 sergeant would be over him, regardless of experience.

"Now that everybody is going to be a sergeant, the only thing that's deciding who's going to be in charge is time in service," he says. "I'm glad for that, because I tend to get a little upset when I have an E-5 sergeant telling me what to do due to the fact that he's an E-5 sergeant and I've been a Sp5 for five years. I think the change will boost the morale among Sp5s and Sp6s."

Maldonado is serving as training NCO for A Company and was appointed as an E-5 sergeant just for as long as he serves in that position. Effective Oct. 1, he and the other E-5s and E-6s will automatically be sergeants. The specialists five will put on sergeant's stripes while the specialists six will don staff sergeant's stripes.

If it happened now, the change would affect about 340 soldiers at Redstone, according to Sgt. Maj. Keith Drury of the military personnel office. The number

will vary by October because of promotions and a changing population, especially at the school.

"As far as my career, it'll give me more motivation," said Maldonado, who has been on the waiting list for promotion to E-6 for more than a year. "It'll give me the feeling of responsibility that goes with the rank and it'll help me carry out my leadership responsibility more effectively. Also the change will help develop better leadership among E-5s."

Maldonado, 28, was born and raised in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. "All my family is my wife and my kids," he says. His mother died of epilepsy in 1976, his father died in 1984, and his brother was shot to death in 1979. "He was shot by some vigilante. He was walking on the sidewalk and he was shot twice in the head," Maldonado recalls.

Maldonado was living alone in San Francisco when he decided to join the Army in 1976. "I had a good job before I joined the Army. And my boss begged me not to leave but I decided I wanted something to do besides being a receptionist clerk in a hotel in San Francisco," he says.

Two years later he finished high school in the Army by completing St. Mary's Adult High School on post at Fort Carson, Colo. This is his second tour to Redstone Arsenal; he was here for three months in

1979 for an ammunition course and returned last December. His specialty is ammunition records. He plans on making the Army a 20-year career.

"I want to get into an ammunition inspector job, and I want to retire as an E-8," Maldonado says. "I want to use what I learn in the Army to help me out in my civilian life because when I retire I'll only be 38 years old. I'll be in the prime of life as a civilian."

"So I plan on turning around and doing the same thing as a civilian—work for the Army as a civilian in the same job," he adds.

He and his wife Juana, a native of Managua, Nicaragua, have four sons. They are Hector Luis, 7, Luis Gabriel, 4, Miguel Angel, 2, and Felipe Samuel, 1. He enjoys tinkering with his car in his spare time.

On Oct. 1, unless he gets promoted before then, Maldonado won't have to worry about tinkering with specialist insignia again.

BMD engineer cited for work

A physicist and engineer with the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense Organization in Research Park has been recognized for contributions to the advancement of ballistic missile defense technology.

Dr. Edward L. Wilkinson was cited by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics for "outstanding technical management" of the Homing Overlay Experiment for the BMD Organization.

The Homing Overlay Experiment made significant advances in several key technologies for ballistic missile defense. It culminated in a successful test flight last June that demonstrated the first direct-impact destruction of an unarmed intercontinental ballistic missile reentry vehicle above the atmosphere.

The Homing Overlay Experiment, directed by Wilkinson from 1980 through 1984, was a major technology demonstration in support of the Strategic Defense Initiative, the Department of Defense research program to explore and demonstrate key technologies associated with concepts for defense against ballistic missiles.

Wilkinson's government career spans nearly 20 years. He is currently chief engineer of the Systems Project Directorate at the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command.

Previously, Wilkinson was recognized for his efforts as Homing Overlay Experiment director by being presented the Army's Meritorious Civilian Service Award and by being designated "Federal Engineer of the Year" by the National Society of Professional Engineers.

He was born in 1934 in Birmingham and earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Alabama. He is married to the former Sarahann Seymour. They have two grown sons and a daughter in college and live in New Hope.



GOVERNOR'S AWARD — SSgt. Bruce Bennett's family and chief of staff and sergeant major were on hand to watch the MICOM soldier receive recognition from Gov. George C. Wallace as one of the outstanding military representatives in the state. With the soldier at the state capitol for the occasion were his wife, Sue, children Julie and Daniel, and Col. George Shepard and Sgt. Maj. Barry

Woodfill. Bennett is assigned to HHC and works at Finance and Accounting. He was MICOM's NCO of the Year and also was selected as the top NCO in all of AMC. The award was presented May 17 in the governor's annual military recognition ceremony honoring an enlisted servicemember from each military installation in the state.

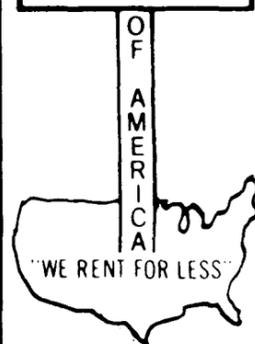
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Command sergeant major found adventure he wanted

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A two-year enlistment turned into a lifetime career for CSM Robert Whiteford.

More than 20 years ago Whiteford, who is the new command sergeant major for MICOM and Redstone Arsenal, had just finished high school in Pittsburgh. He worked for a year as an apprentice sheetmetal worker and roofer and decided to try something different.

"I wasn't quite sure what I wanted but I guessed I wanted something with a little more adventure and excitement," he recalls. "That's probably why I went down to the Army and said, take me."

He only planned on serving two years but, during that time, he reached a conclusion. "I decided what I wanted to do in life and that was (to) be a soldier," Whiteford says.

Before coming here Whiteford served in a similar position as sergeant major for the corps of cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. With the number of people and size of facility, this is a step up in responsibility, he says. He took over for former command sergeant major Harvey Kahl, who retired on May 14.

"I've looked forward to it, I'm sort of a stranger to this part of the country," says Whiteford. "I've looked forward to coming down here ever since I've been interviewed for the job, which was about a month ago. I'm excited about working with the post responsibility and being able to provide a better place to live, to make it a better place to live. I think that's really my challenge."

He hopes to create an "atmosphere of harmony" on post where people will enjoy living and coming to work.

Whiteford, 42, was born and raised in Pittsburgh. He spent a lot of time playing sports while he was growing up. He played in baseball leagues in the summer from the time he was about 10. Whiteford lettered in football for two years in high school. In fact when his Penn Hills High School faced a team from Beaver Falls, Pa., during his junior year in 1959, a kid named Joe Namath was on the other side. Whiteford, who



TOP ENLISTED SOLDIER — CSM Robert Whiteford has become the post command sergeant major.

was playing center, doesn't recall the score. He does remember that Namath's team won by "a whole lot to a whole little," he says with a laugh. He believes that was Namath's senior year. "I guess he was as good in high school as he was at Alabama and I guess as he was with the (New York) Jets," Whiteford says.

In 1960 Whiteford was graduated from high school. He then worked for a while before joining the Army in July 1961. His parents, Robert and Ruth, still reside in Pittsburgh. His sister is Linda Ayers, also of Pittsburgh.

After basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., Whiteford took advanced training as a field artillery crewman at Fort Sill, Okla. He then had tours in Korea, Fort Chaffee, Ark., Germany, Fort Bragg, N.C., Korea again, Fort Knox, Vietnam, Fort Sill, West Point, Fort

Bliss, Texas, Germany again, Fort Campbell, Ky., and West Point again. His career has included service as a drill sergeant and as an instructor.

"I taught map reading and small unit tactics," he says, referring to his tour at West Point in 1975. "I was there about two and a half years teaching cadets, a great assignment, very interesting."

He returned to West Point as sergeant major for about 4,600 cadets and served in that position for the past two and a half years.

Whiteford and his wife Marilyn, who were married in 1963, have three daughters. They are Terry, 21, Elizabeth, 18, and Ruth, 16. In his spare time Whiteford enjoys playing racquetball, reading about the military, and watching football and baseball.

"It's a beautiful part of the country," says Whiteford, who adds that moving from place to place was part of his reason for joining the Army.

"I'm certainly looking forward to living and working here," he says.

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Chief of staff plans to use his management ideas

BY PAM ROGERS

The Missile Command's new chief of staff believes he has come into the job with a definite advantage.

For the past two years Col. Robert O'Donnell has been the director of the Maintenance and Engineering Directorate. He reported to his new job on Monday, June 3, with a supervisor's eye view of management at the MICOM directorate level.

"I've had the opportunity to serve in the command for two years as the director of one of the largest directorates. From that position, I've been able to see many great things being done, but I've also seen some areas that need improvement.

"Some of the things that need to be improved are administrative and personnel related, and some are missile acquisition and readiness related," he said. "Although MICOM is the leader in the Army Materiel Command, we must always strive to improve our operations."

O'Donnell plans to accomplish his mission of principal adviser to Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard by using what he calls "O'Donnell's philosophy of management."

The four points of his philosophy include: Doing things right the first time; utilizing employees to their fullest potential, while at the same time considering their personal and professional needs; eliminating unnecessary, antiquated and inexplicable procedures; and concentrating on effective and efficient execution, rather than solely on direction, when completing a task.

Communication is a critical factor in doing a good job, and lack of communication is a major reason for failure, said O'Donnell.

He plans to keep communication effective by getting out and seeing agencies and action elements on a day-to-day basis. "You can't really solve problems and improve discrepant areas without getting out and talking and communicating what needs to be done," he said.

O'Donnell wants to make meetings more effective tools for communication by keeping them meaningful and brief, with a minimum number of attendees.

"That can only be done if the briefers are fully in charge, cognizant of what they are going to discuss, and present their issues clearly," he said.

"Collectively, we are continually looking for and receptive to ideas and recommendations on how we at MICOM can do our jobs better. We always have to ask ourselves if this is the best way to accomplish the mission, otherwise we'll have mediocrity. In this fast-paced and dynamic command, we can't accept mediocrity, or 'business as usual.' I know General Bunyard subscribes to that principle, and I do, fully," he said.

O'Donnell wants to see jobs done efficiently, with creative problem solving. "I'm impulsive—I have an intense desire to see things that are wrong corrected as soon as possible. I refuse to accept that bureaucratic procedures will stand in the way. There's got to be a way to do it without hand wringing and excuses. Offering up old regulations or bureaucratic nightmares is not a good excuse," he asserted.

Workers who do an outstanding job should be recognized for their effort, but those who are dissatisfied with their situations and are performing poorly need to be counseled and developed, believes O'Donnell. "A few malcontents can infect those around them," he said. "We need to continually concentrate on teamwork and development of subordinates."

O'Donnell, who is an avid jogger, has encouraged employees of the Maintenance Engineering Directorate to use their breaks for walking instead of drinking coffee. He would like to broaden his idea for fitness to include all workers who wish to participate.

"Any time we can build up the esprit de corps among members of MICOM and at the same time improve fitness, it's beneficial to the individual and the command itself," he said. O'Donnell believes people who exercise regularly feel better, and are more productive.

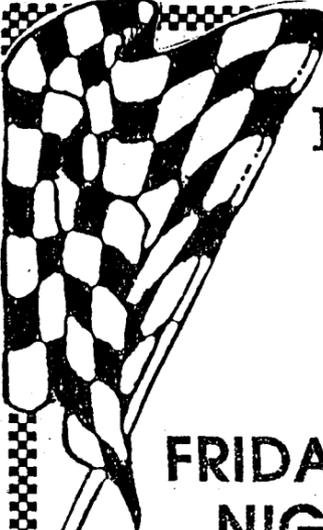
O'Donnell, 43, is originally from Boston, Mass. He received bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Florida State University. He and his

wife, Nancy, have two children. Jim is a junior at the University of Florida, and their daughter, Kellie, is a junior at Butler High School.

O'Donnell is pleased about his selection as chief of staff, and is ready to make MICOM a better place to work, and Redstone a better place to live. At the same time he plans to keep the accomplishment of MICOM's mission foremost in his mind.

"My philosophy of management and mission orientation was formed by field experience in four infantry divisions. The majority of my career was spent there. We must never lose sight of the fact that the whole reason for our existence here is to develop fully effective, supportable, and logistically sustainable missile systems for the soldier in the field. That soldier is the whole reason for our being in business," he said.





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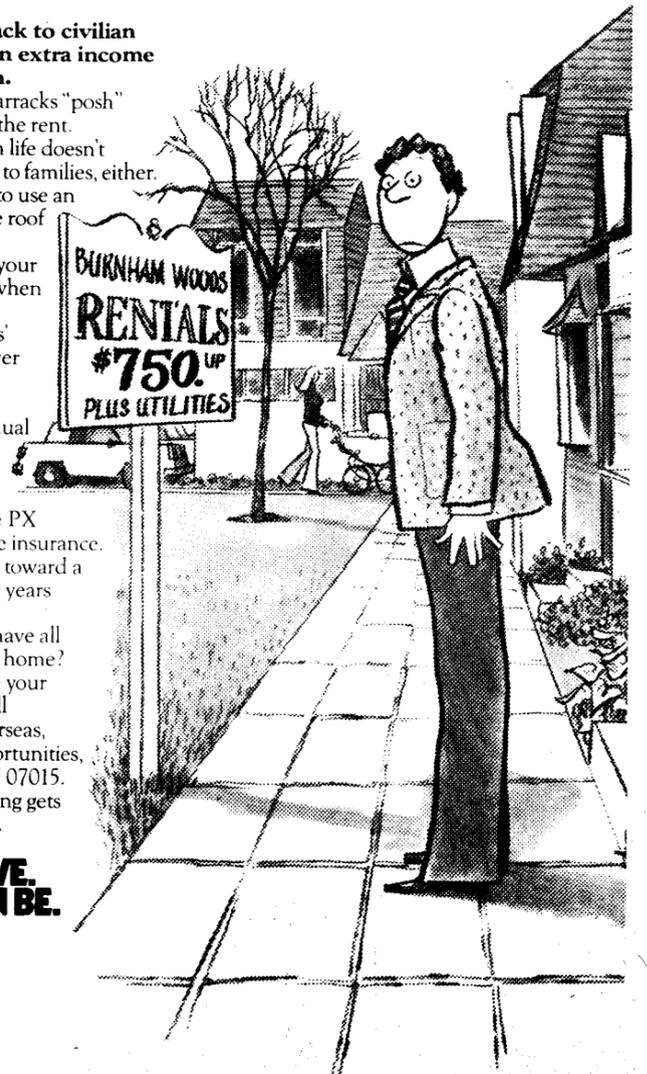
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Army heritage remembered in battle streamers

WASHINGTON — The Army will celebrate its 210th birthday June 14.

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From the battle at Fort Ticonderoga, N.Y., on May 10, 1775, to the Grenada rescue mission in October 1983, the Army has answered the call to duty. In its 210 years, 168 streamers identifying significant battles and campaigns have been added to the Army colors. Each streamer is important in its own way and adds to the Army heritage.

The first battle streamer was awarded for action at Fort Ticonderoga. Benedict Arnold and Ethan Allen led 85 men against the British garrison. The surprise attack caught the British totally off guard, forcing the surrender of the British command.

The War of 1812 added six more streamers to the Army flag, including one for the battle at New Orleans. Gen. Andrew Jackson's troops, having fought the British in Florida, were defending New Orleans when they broke the back of British opposition. Before the battle was over, the British would suffer 1,971 casualties while the Americans suffered only 13 dead and 58 wounded.

Ten streamers, green with one white stripe, were added for campaigns during the Mexican War, 1846-1848. As a result of the war, both coasts were brought under the control of the United States.

Edward Riffom of Virginia pulled a cannon lanyard sending the first shot exploding over Fort Sumter, S.C., beginning the Civil War on April 12, 1861.

Civil War

The Civil War concluded at Appomattox on April 9, 1865, with the signing of the surrender agreement. This ended a four-year war which cost the union over

\$3 billion and the Confederacy about \$1.5 billion. More than that, it cost both sides approximately 600,000 dead soldiers.

During the Civil War 25 blue and gray streamers were added to the Army colors.

Fourteen streamers hang from the Army colors for action during the Indian Wars in the 1800s.

Probably the most remembered streamer from this period comes from action involving Gen. George Armstrong Custer and his unit at the Battle of Little Big Horn.

The Spanish-American War lasted less than two years, and added three streamers to the Army flag. The battle in Manila Bay resulted in 400 Spanish casualties and no American losses.

The Army's participation in the Boxer Rebellion or China Relief Expedition saw the Army receive three more streamers. Action in China lasted from July to August 1900.

The 12 blue streamers with two red stripes hanging from the Army colors were awarded for action during the Philippine Insurrection from February 1899 to February 1917.

13 added

Army participation in the "war to end all wars," World War I, added 13 streamers to the colors. Sgt. Alvin C. York became the most highly decorated soldier of the war for action during the Meuse-Argonne campaign which ended with the signing of the Armistice on Nov. 11, 1918, at Versailles.

A total of 41 streamers were added to the Army colors following action in World War II. Twenty-one streamers represent campaigns in the Asia-Pacific theater, beginning with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. These streamers include one

for the defense of the Aleutian Islands from June 3, 1942, to Aug. 24, 1943. Several are for action in the Philippines, and symbolize the fight from Dec. 7, 1941, to war's end on Sept. 2, 1945.

Nineteen streamers were added for actions in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater during World War II. Significant battles in Egypt and Libya are remembered with a streamer, as are the allied landings at Sicily, Anzio and Normandy.

Less than five years after the end of World War II, soldiers were called to battle in yet another foreign land — Korea. Ten streamers were added to the Army flag for action in Korea from June 1950 to July 1953. Although an armistice was signed in 1953, American soldiers still stand ready to defend the Republic of Korea.

Vietnam

Army participation in the Vietnam War earned the colors 17 additional streamers for campaigns in Southeast Asia. Streamers were awarded for the initial advisory role played by the Army as well as the 1968 Tet counteroffensive. The final Vietnam streamer covered the Vietnam ceasefire from March 30, 1972 to Jan. 28, 1973.

Ten years later, operation Urgent Fury began. Hundreds of Army rangers parachuted onto the island of Grenada to secure an airfield for incoming U.S. Air Force C-130 aircraft. The rescue operation, designed to protect and evacuate American students on the island, took several days and the last soldiers to serve in Grenada are scheduled to leave the Caribbean island soon. The Grenada streamer is the most recent to be added to the Army colors.

The 168 battle streamers represent the gallantry and sacrifice of American soldiers defending freedom. (Arnews)

Navy offered refund on \$659 ashtrays

The contractor that charged the Navy \$659 apiece for ashtrays has said it will give the money back and the admiral who lost his command over them says he isn't responsible because he wasn't there when the items were bought.

The Grumman Corp. said last Wednesday that it will provide a "full credit" on the ashtrays and also on two other items that the Pentagon charged were overpriced.

Rear Adm. Thomas Cassidy Jr., commander of the Miramar, Calif. Naval Air Station, and two subordinates were relieved of duties by Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger for permitting "outrageous" purchasing policies in regard to the items.

Cassidy said he should not be held responsible since he was not assigned to Miramar when the excessive prices were paid.

Grumman defended the prices it charged, saying they "accurately reflect the costs incurred using government-approved pricing procedures." It said the items were bought in small amounts over 15 years, causing the prices to be high.

Grumman sold the Navy seven ashtrays for \$649 each but announced it was refunding all but \$50 per ashtray. The company claimed the spring-loaded ashtrays for E-2C surveillance airplanes took 13 hours to make and required 11 parts.

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One-stop employment site opens with ribbon cutting

The new one-stop employment center here is the first of its kind in the Army Materiel Command, according to Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard.

Bunyard was the speaker at a June 3 grand opening for the center located at civilian personnel building 7442. He referred to the "total Army concept" which he said includes concern for family members.

"Very simply, the Army cares about its people," Bunyard said. The one-stop center, a joint effort of Army Community Service and the civilian personnel office, provides information to family members on both federal employment and employment in the private sector. It can provide information on Redstone jobs to anyone.

The center has been open on a trial basis since May 1. Twenty-two or more family members have received counseling, Bunyard said.

Army Community Service and the civilian personnel office started working together in January on plans for the center. One of the Army Family Action Plan issues involved a cost effective approach to get job information and referral services to Army family members. The Civilian Personnel Management Program, meanwhile, lent its support for establishing one stop employment centers for family members and other job applicants.

"It was done in a timely fashion and professional manner," Bunyard said, referring to creation of the center here.

Sharon and Lt. Col. William Willis Jr., recipients of Redstone's "Great American Family" award, assisted the commanding general in cutting the ribbon. A reception and tour of the center followed the outdoor ceremony.

Some time left for VEAP enrollments

WASHINGTON — Soldiers who have withdrawn from the Veterans Educational Assistance Program have until their separation date to contribute up to \$2,700 into their VEAP account in order to receive educational benefits.

Soldiers never enrolled in VEAP have until June 30 to establish a VEAP account and retain their eligibility beyond July 1.

The loss of educational benefits will only affect soldiers who entered between Jan. 1, 1977 and June 30, 1985.

The government will match two-for-one the amount a soldier contributes. This could amount to a total of \$8,100 in educational benefits. (Arnews)



UFO GUEST SPEAKER — Retired Col. William Coleman, right, shown with actor William Jordan on location at Warner's Goldwyn Studios in Hollywood, is scheduled to speak today at 2 p.m. at the Post Theater on the subject of Project U-F-O, the Air Force's investigation into unidentified flying objects which Coleman headed for a number of years. Coleman, a former instructor pilot who has flown 57 types of

aircraft and 155 combat missions, has made 35 movies on Project U-F-O and is the first guest lecturer to appear here under a Distinguished Visitors Speaker Program sponsored by the OMMCS Historical Office and Office of the School Secretary. The lecture is free and all interested persons are invited. Under this new program, it is planned to schedule a distinguished military speaker every four to six weeks.

Give pets extra care in hot weather, veterinarian advises

The good ole summertime is upon us again. This season brings with it thoughts of vacation and a general attitude of leisure.

However, pet owners must take notice of the need for increased attention to their animal friends.

Our summer seasons are hot and humid resulting in a situation ideal for the rapid development and increased numbers of insects, ticks and worms. Included are mosquitoes, fleas, ticks and intestinal worms.

Many of these are parasites that can affect the health of cats and dogs.

In addition to directly affecting the health of the pet, these parasites can cause diseases for the pet as well as humans.

Mosquitoes transmit heartworm disease between dogs, and encephalitis to people. Fleas can transmit tapeworms to animals and people.

Ticks survive on animals as blood feeders. They also transmit Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and "Q" Fever.

Intestinal worms (hookworms, roundworms and tapeworms) are equally infectious to people and animals. These infestations can lead to further health complications because they create conditions which more easily allow bacterial or viral infections.

These potential health problems are mentioned not necessarily to alarm pet owners but, more importantly to make each aware of:

- the need for attention to our pets' health,

- and the availability of effective measures for the prevention, control or treatment of these problems.

The old adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is usually practical and true for Veterinary Medicine.

The Fort McClellan Veterinary Services provides, to pet owners at Redstone Arsenal, laboratory tests for the detection of heartworms and intestinal worms in their pets. Treatment for either is appropriately administered. However the prevention of heartworm disease is highly recommended due to its severity. Preventive medications are also available.

Fleas and ticks are generally not totally avoidable, but can be controlled. This often requires extensive efforts on the part of the pet owner.

Veterinary advise should be obtained because of the diversity of and the precautions associated with these control measures.

A wide assortment of recommended products for flea and tick control are available at the installation Veterinary Services.

These include those for direct application to the pet and bedding, lawn applications and aerosols for eliminating household infestations.

In some instances a complete flea control program (treatment of the animal and environment, indoors and outdoors) may be advisable.

Routine brushing of the pet will also help eliminate these parasites.

Veterinary Services offers an additional service to aid pets and their owners in the control of fleas and ticks. Included in this service is a weekly application of a shampoo and concentrate dip solution by our personnel.

Pets are also susceptible to heat exhaustion and dehydration. These problems can be easily prevented by pet owners.

Pets kept outdoors should have constant access to shade and clean water. Often it seems convenient to leave the pet in the car while we take a break from traveling or decide to shop. However, pets should not be left unattended in an enclosed vehicle. The temperature may rapidly become extremely hot and life-threatening to animals and people.

Adequate planning will prevent such an emergency.

Signs of heat stress include heavy panting, vomiting, dizziness and a deep red-purple tongue.

These emergency steps should be taken if any of the symptoms are noticed:

- Apply ice packs or cold towels, particularly to the head and chest.
- Give small amounts of water or ice cubes.
- Get the pet to a veterinarian immediately.

Appointments or additional information can be obtained by visiting the Redstone Arsenal Veterinary Clinic (Building 3543) or by calling 876-2441 or 7395.

Picnic offers continuous entertainment

Entertainment is being lined up for the MICOM Family Picnic set for Saturday, June 29.

Plans are to offer continuous entertainment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with Mike Sheehy, deputy picnic chairman, serving as master of ceremonies.

Here's the projected schedule: Arthur Murray School of Dancing, Lee's Martial Arts College, Inc., the Huntsville Concert Band, Space City String Band, clowns from Huntsville Shriners, Barber Shopper's Chorus, Naoko's Ballroom Dance Studio, Moonlighter's Band, and Heart of Dixie Band.

A teen activity is also planned for the picnic. A disc jockey from radio station WAHR is to provide music from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. under a pavillion. A volleyball net will be set up next to the pavillion for use during the day. There will be a dance contest with first, second and third place trophies.

Other features of this year's family outing include a dunking booth, flea market, volleyball and softball tournaments, and children's games and pony rides. Refreshments and T-shirts are among items that will be on sale.

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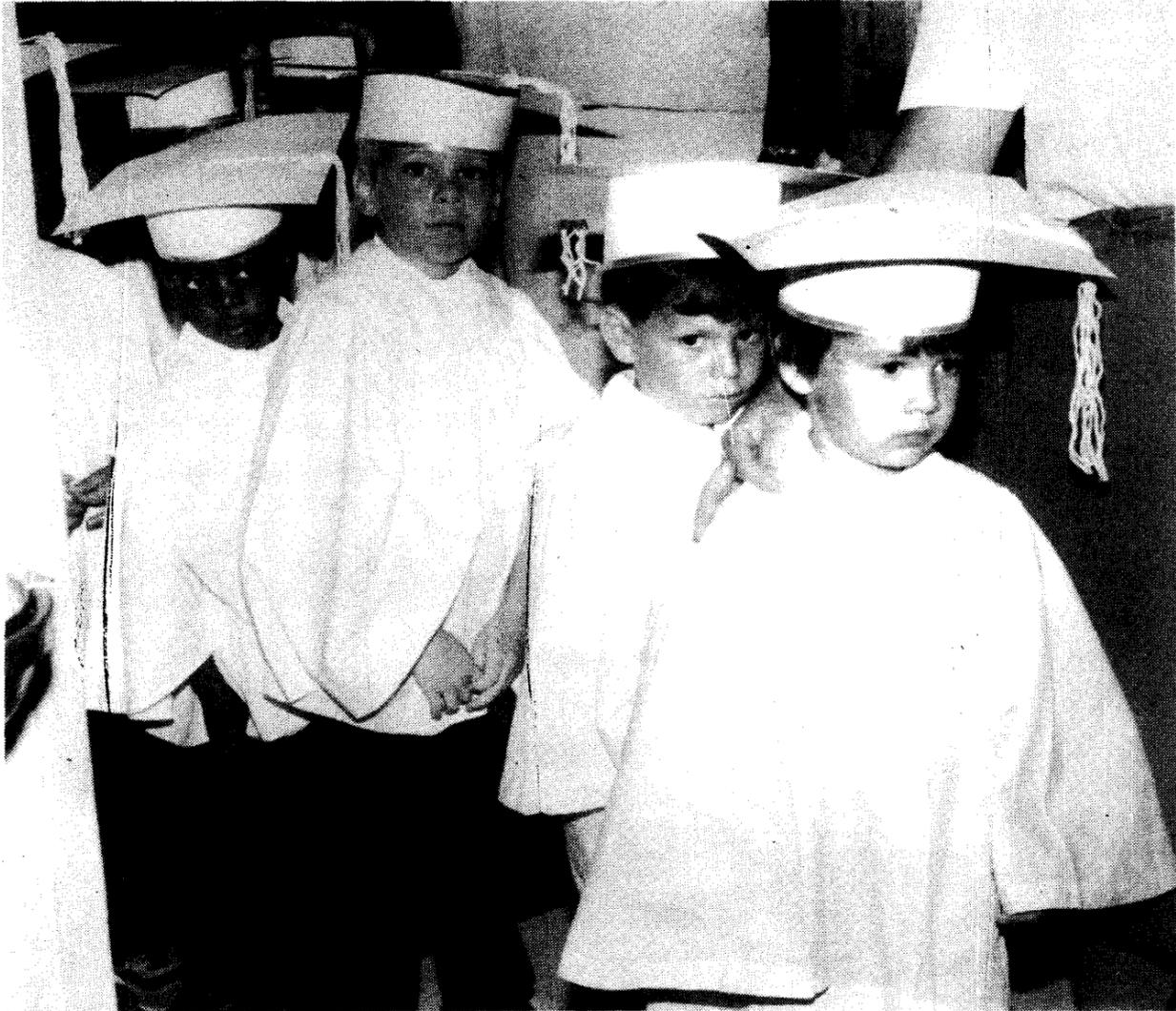
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Redstone preschool holds graduation exercises



Some participants in the last Friday's ceremony appeared to be a little anxious at first, but all fears seemed to be forgotten as the commencement exercises for Redstone's preschool got underway in the Bicentennial Chapel.

Celia Bunyard spoke about love and friendship to the group of children and their parents, and the children themselves provided musical entertainment.

Students of the 4-year-old class, and 4-year-olds from the full day class were graduated during the ceremony.

GRADUATES — Preparing for the long walk down the aisle are (from left) Maurice Steward, Paul Thomas, Brian Thorne, and Charlie Whittington.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE — Members of the 3-year-old class give a rendition of "eensy Weensy Spider."

Drug testing program may begin for civilians

WASHINGTON — As of June 1, Defense Department workers in "critical" law enforcement and national security jobs may face drug abuse testing.

A Department of Defense directive allows the Army and other armed services to establish the program in order to "assist in maintaining the national security and the internal security of DOD by identifying persons whose drug abuse could cause disruption of operations, destruction of property, threats to the safety of themselves and others, or the potential for unwarranted disclosure of classified information through drug-related blackmail.

The Army is preparing a regulation implementing the program, according to Lt. Col. Lamar Allen, chief of the Army's drug and alcohol policy office in Washington. The Army must justify to DOD the job or class of jobs which are recommended for testing.

As with the urinalysis program for military personnel, the Army civilians' version will have built-in technical safeguards and standardized procedures, Allen pointed out. In particular, the program will require providing a written explanation of its operation to affected employees, outlining chain-of-custody requirements for processing urine samples, and records management.

Recently, new safeguards were devised for the program for military personnel after a large number of urinalysis tests that had led to disciplinary action had to be declared invalid because of faulty laboratory and record procedures.

In the program for civilians, the job classifications and actual number of people affected by the program is anticipated to be small, Allen said.



RESERVISTS TRAIN — Sp5 Bobby Williams explains a tactical situation to PFC Terry Wines and Sp5 Christy Johnson during a command post exercise. The reservists belong to the 38th Ordnance Group of Charleston, W. Va. which train-

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Calhoun College awards degrees

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Some 22 military people were among the graduates of Calhoun's associate degree programs. About 50 people, including the military members, were from the college's Redstone extension.

"They go to school primarily in our Redstone Arsenal extension programs in the evenings," said Theresa Hamilton, director of the Calhoun extension

on post. "Their education has primarily been above and beyond their duty and they've been going to school after they get off work."

The service members' degree areas included missile and munitions technology, general education, management and supervision, computer information systems technology, and electronics engineering technology.

A graduation ceremony was set for the First Baptist Church in Decatur last Friday at 7 p.m.



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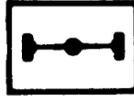
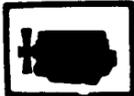
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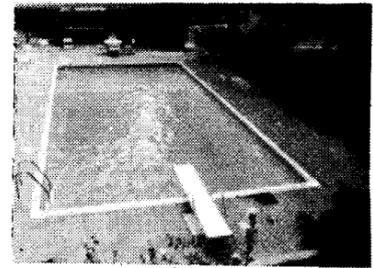
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Reserve components now have family member ID

WASHINGTON — In response to an Army family action plan initiative to further include reserve component personnel into the "total Army," family members of Army national guard members and reservists who serve as individual mobilization augmentees or as troop program unit soldiers are now eligible to receive family member identification cards.

Although the new I.D. card, DA form 5431, was developed for identification purposes only, and won't entitle family members to any new benefits, it will speed up the identification process of family members who use authorized benefits at commissaries, exchanges and other military facilities.

Officials expect the cards will be available to national guard and reserve units in June.

To apply for the reserve dependent I.D. card, soldiers must complete Department of Defense form 1172 and have it verified by their unit commander or personnel officer.

Reserve component personnel can request cards for all eligible family members 10 years of age or older. (Arnews)

Army investigates Hughes; stops overhead payment

WASHINGTON — The Army is investigating alleged accounting irregularities with Army contracts by Hughes Helicopter Inc., a subsidiary of McDonnell Douglas Corp.

Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. announced May 24 that he has named Under Secretary James R. Ambrose to direct the investigation. Hughes is the primary contractor for the Army's AH-64 Apache attack helicopter.

Overhead payments to Hughes, which average about \$30 million a month, were suspended on May 17 following review of a Defense Contract Audit Agency report citing numerous accounting deficiencies. Accounting irregularities included charges for unallowable costs, charges for duplicate costs and inadequate internal controls involving millions of dollars.

According to Army spokesman Maj. Don Maple, overhead payments will not be resumed until Hughes has corrected accounting deficiencies, rectified inappropriate charges and established acceptable internal controls.

The amount of overhead payments suspended so far is \$3.5 million. This figure will change as bills are received from Hughes.

Maple said that the total dollar amount of contracts between Hughes Helicopters Inc. and the U.S. Army is about \$4 billion. The Army pays Hughes about \$60 million a month for current contracts.

The Army plans to buy 675 Apache helicopters by fiscal year 1988; so far, Hughes has delivered 26. The Apache program is estimated to cost \$9 billion. (Arnews)

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DALLAS — Wisk...Kleenex...Charmin or Vidal Sasson are brand names that consumers are generally familiar with, but what about "AAFES Brands"... What are they?

According to Jim James, chief of the sales management, headquarters for Army and Air Force Exchange Service, exchanges have been selling house brands for many years. James explained that the term "AAFES brands" has been used only since 1981, but now covers an array of 212 items primarily in the health and beauty aids department. So how do AAFES brands rate when compared to name-brand merchandise?

Ken Wilson, chief of the testing and analysis branch, quality assurance division, headquarters for AAFES said, "AAFES brand merchandise is subjected to a rigorous series of laboratory tests before a contract is awarded to a manufacturer. Additionally, we test a number of products sent to us by the various vendors who compete for the AAFES brand contract." Wilson emphasized that AAFES brand products are comparatively tested with name-brand products. According to Wilson, the product selected is generally equivalent to the comparable name-brand product. "Rejection is a common occurrence in our lab. We want our customer to be satisfied with the pro-

duct that carries the AAFES label. Our reputation is at stake, so we ensure that AAFES brands are good quality products," he added.

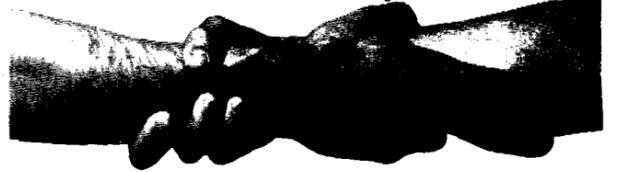
"Quality and value are the most attractive elements of AAFES brands," James said. Customers buying these products can save from 20-to-30 percent over name-brands counterparts. In some cases it's more. The first items to be marketed under the AAFES brands were vitamins. The program was so well received by customers that AAFES officials decided to expand the program into other lines such as detergents, shampoos, lotions and paper products. Today's AAFES brands include safety matches, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo, conditioner, rinse, razors, after shave, soap, detergent, bath oil, deodorant, bath powder, suntan lotion, nail polish, maxi and minipads, facial tissue, paper towels, toilet tissue, aspirin, medicines, bandages, cotton balls, petroleum jelly, and more. The "go power" battery is probably one of the best known AAFES brand items and was one of the first to be marketed using the AAFES label.

According to Wilson, some AAFES brand products are manufactured by name brand or subsidiaries of name brand companies. Officials at the exchange headquarters consider the AAFES brands a shopping

alternative which offers a good quality product at a reasonable price.

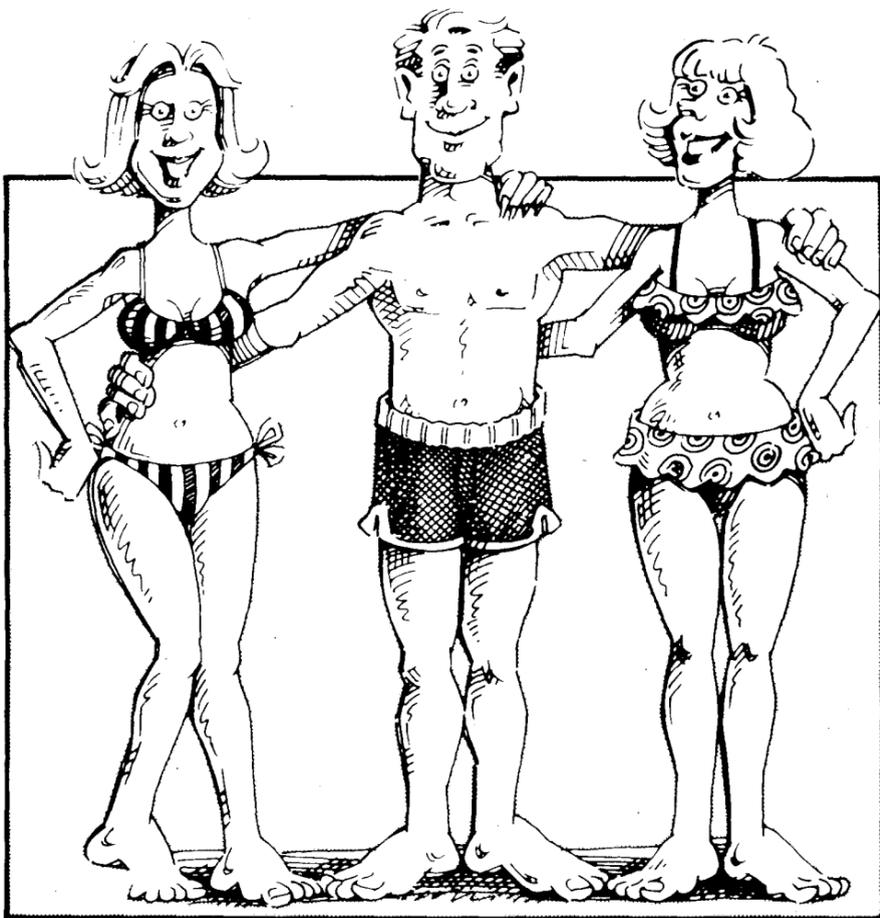
James emphasized that he does not want customers to feel obligated to buy AAFES brands, but if they fulfill a requirement, they are available and thus are an important part of the stock structure. James says AAFES plans to expand the stock assortment of AAFES brands in the near future. (Arnews)

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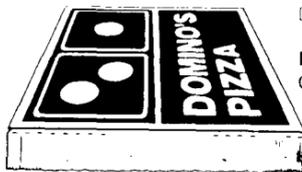
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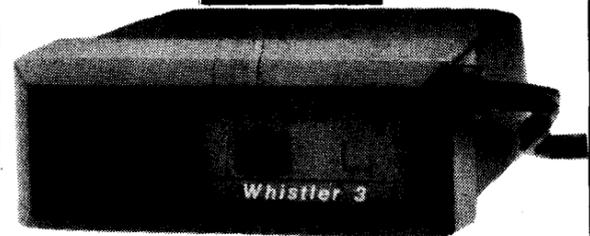
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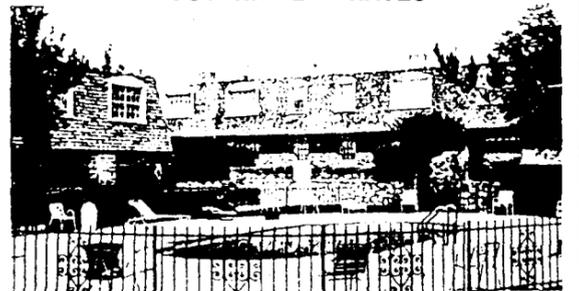
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Recreation center offers summer trips

The recreation center is continuing its popular trips throughout the summer.

First on the itinerary is Birmingham, with stops at the Birmingham Zoo, Botanical Gardens, and the statue of Vulcan on Red Mountain. Cost for the trip, which leaves at 8 a.m., is \$5.75 for adults, \$4.50 for children ages 7 to 17, and \$3.75 for those ages 2 to 6.

There will be three trips to Tennessee, starting with a visit to Nashville on July 28. The group will tour the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Car Collectors Hall of Fame, and the Country Music Wax Museum. The bus leaves at 8 a.m. Cost for the trip is \$12.75 for adults and \$7 for children 6-11.

On Aug. 18 there will be a trip to the Jack Daniels distillery in Lynchburg, Tenn. The outing will also include stops at the Stones River National Battlefield,

and Cannonsburgh Pioneer Village. This excursion, which departs at 8 a.m., costs \$2.75 for anyone occupying a seat on the bus.

On Sept. 8 there will be a trip to Opryland in Nashville. The departure time is 8 a.m. Cost is \$15.75 for everyone over 4.

Atlanta is the destination for two more trips in the late summer. Baseball fans can see the Braves battle St. Louis on Aug. 25. The bus leaves at 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$9.50 per person.

A trip to Six Flags Over Georgia is planned for Sept. 15, at a cost of \$16 for adults and \$13.75 for children 3-6. The trip begins at 6 a.m.

For sign-up dates and additional information call 876-5492.

School's picnic Saturday honors Col. Cote

A hail and farewell picnic honoring departing OM-MCS commandant Col. Joseph R. Cote is scheduled Saturday, June 8.

It will be held at the NASA picnic area located just west of the intersection of Martin and Rideout Roads.

Entertainment will include one-mile and two-mile "fun runs" beginning at 9 a.m., plus a dunking booth, music, softball and volleyball tournaments, horseshoes, the Huntsville Cloggers, and games for children.

The price of the picnic is \$5 for adults (16 and up) and \$2.50 for children (age 6-15). All activities are free for children under six.

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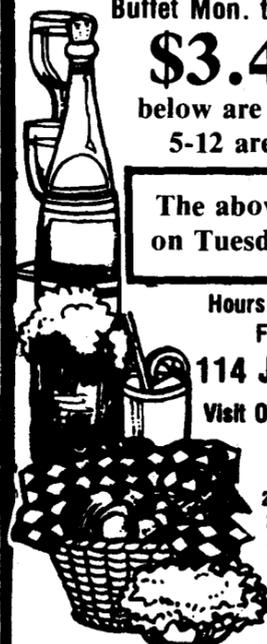
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Announcements

Women's class

A women's breast self-examination class is held Tuesday afternoons in the Family Practice Clinic at Fox Army Community Hospital. Any women interested in attending should call the Family Practice Clinic appointment number (876-4220) for a class time.

Young settlers week

Applications are being accepted for Young Settlers Week at Constitution Hall Park in Huntsville. The first of four one-week sessions begins June 17. Children are to learn the crafts and heritage of the early 19th century—pottery making, cooking, spinning, weaving, woodworking, candle dipping, folk stories, and games. A period costume for each participant is furnished by the park. Young Settlers Week is open to children in fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Participation is limited to 15 children per session; applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. For an application form, call 532-7551 or write Constitution Hall Park, 309 Madison St., Huntsville, Ala. 35801.

Computer group

The Apple Computer Group will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at Universal Data Systems, 5000 Bradford Drive NW. The subject will be "Word Processing Process." For more information call Jack Lundy 876-9414/9415.

Blood drive winners

Here are the winners of the March blood drive: Human Engineering Detachment, coordinator Tom Cook, 1-50 category; Support Services Division, coordinator Brenda Boyett, 51-100 category; Multiple Launch Rocket System, coordinator Alma Whitehead, 101-200 category; Missile Intelligence Agency, coordinator Bertiera Humphrey, 201-400 category; and TMDE Support Group, coordinator Wanda Jackson, 401-over category. Total collection for March was 820 pints, the previous month collection was 817. This includes 506 collected on post and 314 collected at the Red Cross Chapter House from MICOM, OMMCS, NASA and BMDSOM. For more information on the blood program, call Naomi Whitaker, arsenal blood program coordinator, 876-3124/2759.

Laundromat survey

The post exchange is surveying military families to determine if there is a need for a laundromat. Survey forms are available at the front entrance of the main exchange.

Officers Club

Dress regulations for Sunday brunch at the Officers Club have been relaxed for the summer months, through Sept. 30. Men may wear coat and tie or slacks and open collar shirt. Women should wear appropriate attire.

ADPA annual meeting

Dr. John Caulfield, director of the Center for Applied Optics at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, will address the annual dinner meeting of the American Defense Preparedness Association on Tuesday, June 11. He will speak on "Optical Computing: The SDI Center of Excellence at UAH." Caulfield joined UAH in mid-May 1985. Prior to joining UAH, he was principal scientist in the advanced development division, Aerodyne Research, Inc. The meeting will be held at the Officers Club, with a social beginning at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30. Members and non-members of ADPA are welcome to attend. For reservations call Teresa Fortenberry 883-1140.

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Learning center

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Wine tasting

The Huntsville Chapter of Les Amis du Vin (Friends of Wine), an international wine tasting society, will meet at the Huntsville Hilton at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 10. Mike Aitken of International Wines, Inc., of Birmingham, will present 1983 vintage wines of West Germany. Reservations must be made by June 7. For information about LADV or reservations, call 837-0886, 882-0644 or 883-2572 (after 5 p.m. or weekends).

Space age art classes

An art class on Space Age Art will be offered for middle school age children at the Huntsville Museum of Art from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16 and 23. In the two sessions, students will work in a variety of media to realize their creative visions of space. Belinda Gilliam will be the instructor. She has taught art in the Huntsville city schools for 12 years and is a member of the National and Huntsville Art Education Associations and of Alpha Delta Kappa, an honorary teaching sorority. A \$20 fee includes all supplies. The class accompanies the exhibition "NASA: An Artist's View of Space," which opens at the museum on June 30. The exhibition marks the 25th anniversary of the Marshall Space Flight Center. For more information call the museum 534-4566.

Parents without partners

Parents without partners is a support group for single parents who are coping with a new lifestyle. The next meeting is at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 3601 Gesman Place, on Thursday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 882-0846.

Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federally Employed Women will install 1985-86 officers during a meeting Wednesday, June 19 at the Redstone Officers Club. Social hour begins at 6:30, and dinner will be served at 7:30. Cost is \$11.50. Reservations with payment are required by June 17. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Laura Lockard 876-5864.

Child development center

Here are the hours for the child development center, beginning June 15: Monday through Thursday—6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Friday—6:30 a.m. to midnight; Saturday—5 p.m. to midnight; and Sunday—8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Child care services in support of command-sponsored functions during non-operating hours can be arranged. For information call Ellen Gutteridge 876-2752.

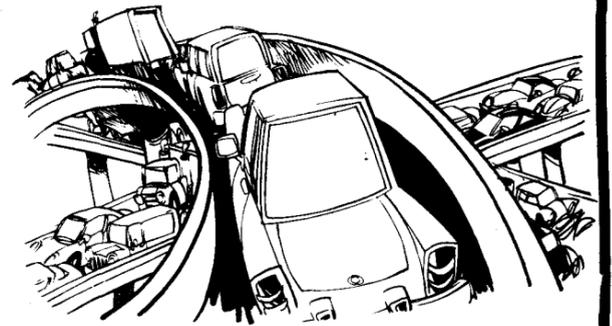
Youth group

Starting June 12, the Protestant Youth of the Chapel will hold their weekly meetings at the Officers Club pool from 6:30-8 p.m. each Wednesday evening.

Economy couples

The Economy Couples Club for all married E-1s through E-4s and their spouses will meet June 9 at 4 p.m. at Post Chapel.

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Staff judge advocate

The office of the staff judge advocate will be closed during the week of June 10-14. The entire SJA's operation will be moving to building 111. Those moving include the staff judge advocate, the claims office, legal assistance, and the senior defense counsel. New telephone numbers include 876-9005 (for the SJA, deputy SJA, NCOIC, Military Justice, and Admin Law); 876-9911 (for claims office); 876-9015 (for legal assistance); and 876-9645 (for the defense counsel). There will be no appointments June 10-14, excluding emergencies.

Burglary prevention

June is National Burglary Prevention Month. The Investigations Division, Crime Prevention Section, will have a display in the Main PX Mall from noon to 3:30 p.m. June 12 & 13. A variety of crime prevention materials will be available to the public, and a representative from the Crime Prevention Section will be there to answer questions. Scribers will be available for people who want to mark their personal property. Also, bicycles can be registered at the display.

Summer bowling program

Throughout the summer, "Red Pin Day" is all day Sunday and Monday and Tuesday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to midnight. A strike when the head pin is red will win a free game. Games that are won must be bowled at that time. "Moonlight bowling" is Friday nights from 9-11. Patrons bowl in the dark; the only lights used will be pin deck lights. Summer discount prices of 60 cents per line will be charged from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call 876-6634.

Civilian bowlers

The Bowling Center will offer the use of its lanes this summer to all Redstone defense civilian workers and their guests. Redstone workers can use the bowling center only during June, July and August. In case of overcrowding, active duty military and their family members will be given first priority. Failure to observe the center's rules may result in withdrawal of the privileges. The center is located in building 3707, next to the parade field. Hours of operation are 2-9:30 p.m. Sunday, 3-10 p.m. Monday, and 9 a.m. to midnight Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call the bowling center 876-6634.

Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for May are: Best single unit, CWO 4 Leslie J. Haas, 443 Simpson Drive, and SFC Michael A. Whiteley, 1324-B Jupiter St.; and best multi-unit, Capt. Mary Jo Goolsby, 471-B Tripp Drive, and Sgt. Alton L. Mitchell, 1403-B Spartan Plaza. Winners receive a certificate of appreciation, one free dinner, a color photograph of the ceremony and display of the Yard of the Month sign for a month. Receiving honorable mentions were Col. George S. Laslo, 42 Ripley Drive, and MSgt. Norman H. Berry, 1367-B LaCrosse Drive. Winner of the Unit Area Award was MED-DAC. The winning unit will receive a certificate of appreciation, a color photograph of the awards ceremony, display of the Unit Yard of the Month sign for one month in their unit area, and a \$200 check from the Morale and Welfare Support Fund.

Catholic women

The Catholic Women of the Chapel will meet on June 7 at 9 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Following the meeting, members will go to the Officers Club for brunch. Officers being installed are Garge Feist, president, Teresa Gutierrez, vice president, and Karla Dunningan, secretary.

Family social

A "family ice cream social" sponsored by the Protestant Women of the Chapel is planned June 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. All families are invited for ice cream and toppings and entertainment by a sing-along guitarist.

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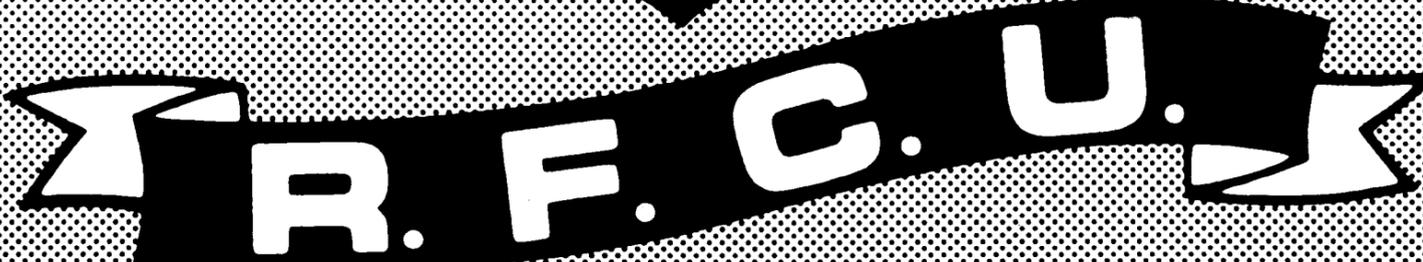
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Testing can speed college education

BY PAM ROGERS

There are people who are quite intelligent, well informed, and experts in their field of work, but because they lack a college degree, they might not have an opportunity to apply their know-how to its fullest potential. They have put off going to college for various reasons, but the major considerations are probably time and money.

MSgt. Gary Varsel had never been to college until last January, but now, in less than six months, he has earned 133 hours of college credit. He received 66 hours through the College Level Examination Program. Books were the only thing he had to pay for.

Varsel, who is an adviser with the infantry team of the Redstone Readiness Group, was astounded at the amount of time he saved by taking the CLEP tests.

He took his first test about two years ago at the education center here, and thought he did so poorly that he didn't bother to check the results for over a year. To his surprise, he had passed, so he decided to try some more.

"I looked down the list of exams and found areas I was interested in, and thought I'd do well in, and just started taking them, and frankly, I thought they were quite easy," he said. He took 17 tests, and passed 15. He enrolled in Columbia College in January, and with the combination of credit for his military experience,

CLEP tests and classroom instruction, he now has enough credit hours for a bachelor's degree. He only needs a few more quarters to fulfill the residency requirements.

Varsel's latest accomplishment is not directly related to his education, but he's sure his college work helped out—he was notified on May 27 that he is to begin warrant officer training on July 15.

He thinks the tests are a good alternative to traditional classroom instruction for anyone who is considering continuing his or her education.

"I recommend that everyone do this—particularly the old duffers in my category. You get the core curriculum this way, and your GI bill will go further," he said.

"A lot of people are put off by the tests. They get the idea this is college level material, and they've never been to college," said Varsel. The tests are all multiple choice, and there is no penalty to college records for failing one. There is study material available for each exam, so prospective test-takers can prepare.

Tests are given at the education center Tuesday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. No tests are started after 2 p.m. They are free of charge to military members, and there is a \$30 charge for military dependents. For more information about CLEP, call 876-9141.

Air conditioning system breaks down in 4505

The air conditioning system in building 450 malfunctioned last Thursday and was expected to be down for several days.

Temperatures inside the building hit the 90-degree mark with the arrival of the season's first heat wave. Record high temperatures were reported locally.

Bill Tignor, chief of the Mechanical Section of the Facilities Engineering Division, said the breakdown involved a hole in a section of copper tubing which allowed water to enter the system.

"It's a common thing in the older systems," he said. He added that this breakdown was the most serious his section has encountered this spring.

Crews from the refrigeration shop worked on the system over the weekend, and a Tuscaloosa firm was awarded a contract to replace worn out tubing.



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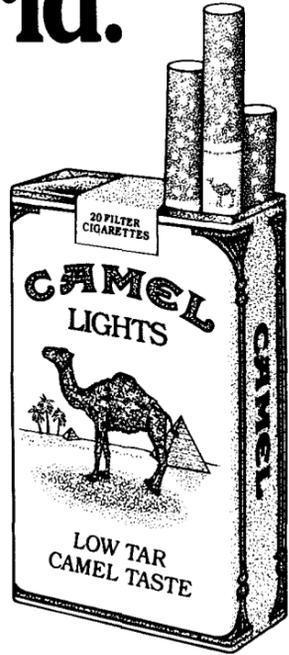
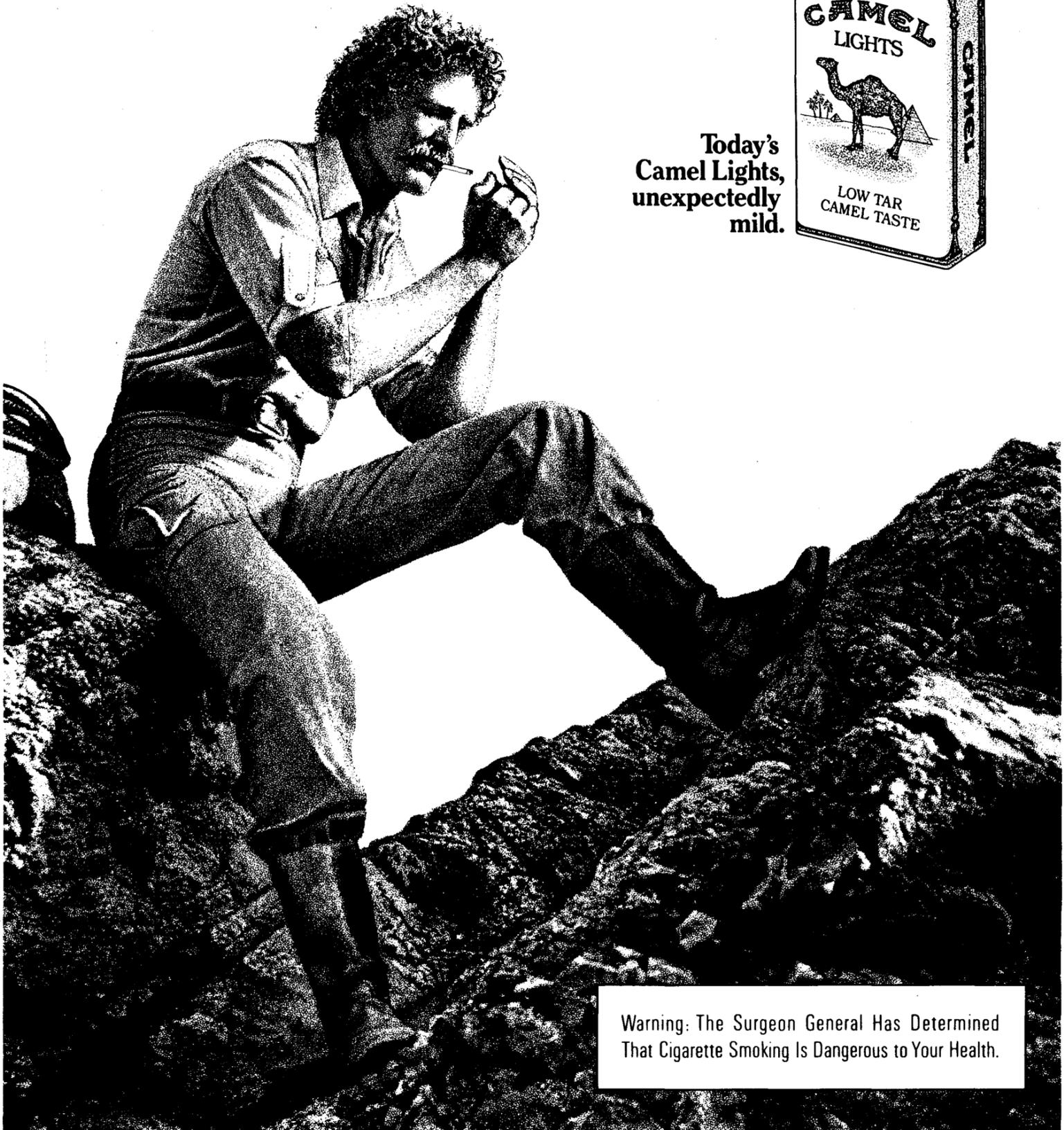
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