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Conventional ammunition division marks 20th year

BY SKIP VAUGHN

As long as wars are fought by men with guns, there will be a need for ammunition and a school to teach them how to use it.

The conventional ammunition division at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School has been filling that need for 20 years. And until the unforeseen future when fighting means pushing a button to trigger nuclear weapons, conventional ammunition division will continue its mission.

"We have a saying in the ammunition field: A guy can go months without mail, days without food, hours without water, but he can't last one minute without ammunition on the battle field. That's how important ammunition is for today's Army. You simply cannot fight a battle without it," says Sgt. Maj. Gill Carpenter, chief instructor in the division.

Conventional ammunition division is part of the Munitions Training Department at OMMCS. In 20 years it has taught almost 31,000 people including soldiers, Marines and students from other countries. Some 34 foreign countries have sent students to conventional ammunition training.

Not everybody gets the same training. First-timers go through an entry level course in their specialty. These include ammunition storage specialist, and ammunition stock control and accounting specialist. Others go through supervisory courses for officers, warrant officers and NCOs, or a specialty course in ammunition inspection.

"We concentrate on those critical tasks they'll need to be able to perform when they get to the field," Carpenter says. "The people that are in initial entry training will not be required to go out and do things on their own. They'll have someone supervising them and those people that are supervising them are in supervisory type courses."

The seven courses vary in length of instruction and number of students. At any given time, there are about 18 classes with a total of about 240 students. Course length varies from five weeks and three days to seven weeks and three days.

All the courses have had students from the Reserve and National Guard. "Sometimes we get entire units in this place, especially during the summer. That's our heaviest student load time," Carpenter says. Besides



TRAINING — Inventorying projectiles at the Ammunition Supply Point are, from left, Pvt. Eldra Chaisson, Pvt. Wesley Collum and Pvt. Patrick Boyd, all of 8th Student Company.

the resident courses, the division sends to reserve schools those materials they need to teach the first phase of the ammunition storage specialist course. The reservists must travel here for the last phase.

Classroom training is not the only type provided by this division of more than 100 instructors. An ammunition supply point offers nine days of field training for basic ammunition storage specialists.

"This is where they put everything they learn in the

other buildings to practical use," says SFC Charles Sistrunk, NCOIC of the ammunition supply point. Equipment includes 20 forklifts, three two-and-a-half ton trucks, and various types of inert ammunition.

Conventional ammunition means all the different size projectiles— 22-caliber, 30mm, and so —which are not nuclear or toxic chemical. Not surprisingly, technology in this area has changed a lot since 20 years ago. Back then there was no "direct tank-killing capability" with tube artillery, according to Carpenter, the chief instructor. Soldiers would have to use mass firing in hopes of knocking out a tank. "Now we have cannon launched, laser guided projectiles," Carpenter says.

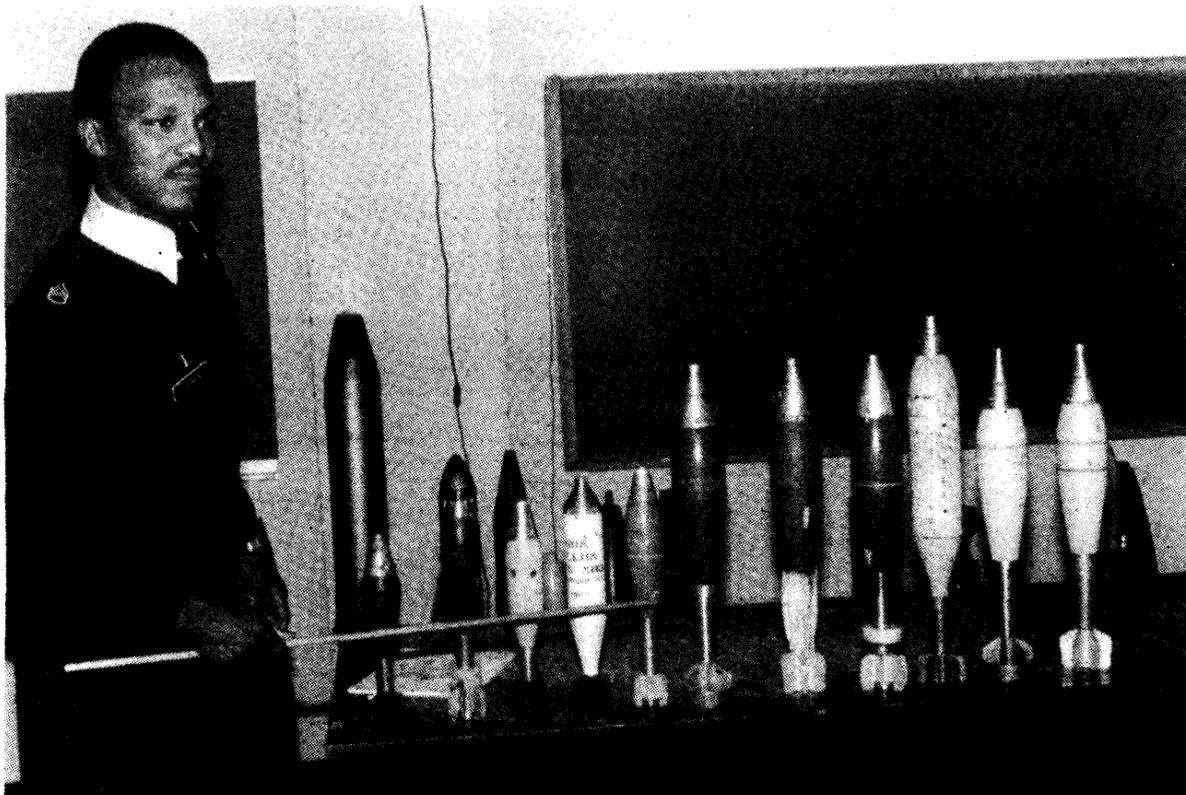
Another change is today's capability to lay a mine field by tube artillery. Instead of having to lay a mine by hand or with machinery, projectiles now can be loaded with mines. Once fired, the fuse of the projectile determines when the mines will be ejected while in flight. "There are several mines in each projectile," Carpenter says.

Not everything has changed. Safety, security, and storage requirements have remained basically the same because of the hazards involved with ammunition.

"What's changed is the procedures used to accomplish those tasks," says Carpenter. "As technology changes, the methods we use to accomplish those tasks will change also. A prime example is, in this computer age, we use automated stock accounting."

The 20th anniversary of the division will be celebrated with a cake-cutting ceremony at 3 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Recreation Center.

Lt. Col. D.J. Danley is director of the munitions training department. Capt. Don Graham is chief of the conventional ammunition division. Carpenter says he sees future expansion for "the training requirements and the technical abilities of the people that are trained."



CLASSROOM — SSgt. Isaiah Jones Jr. instructs an ammunition storage specialist course.

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Cafeteria pests

Editor:

Pesky pests in the cafeteria in building 5250 have begun to thrive again! Some months ago, there was a regular weekly spraying but that was apparently discontinued. Baby roaches are found crawling on the counters and some of the larger uninvited customers have found their way into prepared food.

What provisions, if any, are made for periodic health inspections?

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General Dynamics suspension may delay local programs

The suspension of General Dynamics Corp. from receiving new government contracts following a federal fraud indictment could cause program delays here.

General Dynamics' Pomona (Calif.) Division is prime contractor for the Stinger missile and currently has \$759 million in contracts with the Missile Command.

General Dynamics was barred last week from receiving new government contracts after the company and four executives were indicted for conspiring to bill the Army for cost overruns the Justice Department says the company should have borne.

An upcoming MICOM award to the company for Stinger launchers to be used in a competitive test of light air defense weapons likely will be delayed as a result of the suspension, which will be in effect for at least 30 days.

"Thirty days we can live with but 90 or 120 days will directly impact" the test schedule, said Ben Bentley, project engineer for MICOM's experimental Setter weapon that is armed with Stinger missiles. Setter is one of several weapons scheduled to participate in a competitive "shoot-off" of light air defense systems around Aug. 1.

A long suspension could have "a whole raft" of impacts on local programs, a procurement official here said.

Observers say the Defense Department is too reliant on General Dynamics for the suspension to last long.

A 39-page indictment released on Dec. 3 alleges a conspiracy to bilk the Army out of about \$3 million by

DDT suit ruling due in 3 months

After hearing three days of testimony, U.S. District Judge U.W. Clemon reserved a decision on whether the Army can be sued by a large group who claim they have been poisoned by DDT manufacturing waste.

About 1,500 people are attempting to sue the Army and the Olin Corp. for more than \$1 billion, claiming injury from eating fish contaminated with DDT from Redstone Arsenal.

Clemon's ruling is not expected for about three months, during which time attorneys for both sides will file briefs with the court.

If the ruling is in favor of the plaintiffs, a second trial will be held to determine damages.

Olin and its predecessor companies made DDT here for 23 years in a factory building leased from the Army

Corps of Engineers, discharging huge quantities of manufacturing waste into area streams. Fish containing high levels of DDT have been found in reaches of the Tennessee River extending for miles in both directions from Redstone Arsenal.

Most of the suit's plaintiffs live in communities downstream of the former DDT manufacturing site.

Justice Department attorneys defending the Army argued that the Army had no responsibility to regulate the DDT plant because it was operated by a private business.

Several past and present employees of Redstone Arsenal and former commanders testified at the trial, which was held in U.S. District Court in Decatur Dec. 2-4.

MICOM officer's trial postponed

The federal trial of a MICOM officer charged with converting government property to his own use was postponed last week and has been rescheduled for Jan. 9.

Lt. Col. Dicky A. Love was indicted in September and was to have stood trial in Birmingham on two counts during the week of Dec. 2.

In the first count of the indictment, Love is charged with "utilizing for his own a research report which had been prepared under contract for the U.S. government."

The second count charges that he "converted to his

own use answers to a final exam for a doctoral degree knowing said answers to have been prepared by others who charged the United States for them."

According to the indictment, the offenses occurred in 1981 while Love was chief of the Copperhead Technical Management Office.

In later assignments here, he was repair parts program manager and competition advocate. He was reassigned as a special assistant to the commander of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity shortly before the indictment was returned.

hiding in other Army accounts cost overruns on the Sgt. York air defense gun that the company should have absorbed itself. The alleged offense occurred during 1979-81 while Pomona Division was a development contractor for the Sgt. York.

Named in the indictment were James Beggs, who left the company in 1981 to become administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Ralph E. Hawes Jr., David L. McPherson and James C. Hansen Jr. Hawes has figured prominently in programs Pomona Division has conducted for the Missile Command.

The company and the executives deny the charges, say the indictment is unwarranted and that normal

channels for resolving contract disputes should have been used instead. Beggs has taken a leave of absence from NASA's top post pending disposition of the charges against him.

Earlier this year, the Defense Department suspended regular monthly payments to General Dynamics following disclosure that the company had sought Pentagon reimbursement for "overhead" expenses that included a kennel bill.

The suspension was imposed May 21 and lifted Aug. 13 after the company said it had complied with a Pentagon requirement to "establish and enforce a rigorous code of ethics" for its officers and employees who deal with the government.

Flexibility the key for holiday travel

If you want to fly home (or away) for the holidays, you should already have a reservation, according to an official with the Scheduled Airline Ticket Office.

Clarence Secor says most flights are booked, but there's still hope for people who have waited, if they're willing to be flexible.

"Everybody wants to go on the 21st or 22nd of December," Secor said. He added that there's little chance of getting a reservation for these dates now, but people who are willing to fly late at night, or on other days probably won't have too much trouble getting a seat.

"We're still trying to get reservations for some of the troops because they didn't get their requests in until about a week and a half ago," he said. The best time for submitting the paperwork is the last part of September, he added.

"I don't know if we'll get them all home—I hope we can," he said.

Some holiday travelers will receive a "gift" from airlines in the form of reduced rates similar to those offered at Thanksgiving. According to Secor, the fares are offered by just about all airlines on domestic flights. Rates range from \$49 to \$99 one way, based on a round-trip ticket.

"I just wish that we could set up a leisure travel office. If you've ever been here, you know our office isn't exactly conducive to walk-in traffic," Secor said. He believes such an office would encourage people to make their travel plans early, in addition to giving them the best value for the money they spend on personal travel.

McDonnell Douglas picked for contract talks

The Strategic Defense Initiative Organization and the U.S. Army Strategic Defense Command have announced the selection of a prime contractor for final negotiations leading to a five-year contract for a key Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) research project.

McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company of Huntington Beach, Calif., was selected through a competitive solicitation calling for the design, fabrication and testing of a testbed missile for the High Endoatmospheric Defense Interceptor (HEDI) project. Endoatmospheric means a ground-launched vehicle would engage targets within the earth's atmosphere.

The contract will not be awarded until satisfactory conclusion of in-depth negotiations between the government and McDonnell Douglas over the next several weeks. The negotiations will also determine the value of the definitive five-year HEDI contract.

The HEDI effort is a major Army contribution to the SDI, the research effort begun by President

Reagan in 1983 with the ultimate goal of eliminating the threat posed by nuclear ballistic missiles. The HEDI program will be conducted in compliance with the 1972 ABM Treaty and all other U.S. treaty obligations. All test flights will be conducted from fixed ground-based launchers at designated test ranges.

The HEDI project is pursuing research and validation of guided missile technology for non-nuclear "kill" of intercontinental ballistic missile reentry vehicles within the earth's atmosphere. Reentry vehicles are the warheads carried by strategic nuclear missiles; the RVs used in flight tests are dummy warheads.

Under the HEDI contract several major subcontracts will be awarded by McDonnell Douglas for tasks including the development of a sensor, flight control hardware, aero-optical phenomenology, and window and window cooling technologies.

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Bradley Fighting Vehicle gets praise from soldiers

WASHINGTON — The Bradley Fighting Vehicle is exactly what it was designed to be—the finest infantry fighting vehicle produced in the world today, said Lt. Col. Ray Kauffman, the Army's Bradley test program coordinator in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition in the Pentagon.

Live-fire test results and soldier confidence in the Bradley's field performance attest to the fighting vehicle's excellence.

Recently, the Army completed a three-month testing of the Bradley where several of the vehicles were fired on by a variety of weapons systems designed to destroy tanks. The results have given Army researchers a better understanding of how to improve the Bradley's combat survivability.

The tests conclusively demonstrated that Bradley's aluminum armor does not burn nor does the aluminum produce a vapor toxic to the crew, Kauffman said.

The exact test results, although classified for security reasons, proved that the Bradley is more "robust" than anticipated.

"The critics expected it to blow up in a big burst but that did not happen even though it was penetrated by weapons designed to destroy tanks," he said. The Bradleys, completely combat loaded with fuel, ammo, rations and personnel gear, took some heavy hits from a 120mm tank round in the engine, from Soviet RPG-7 and U.S. TOW anti-tank missiles and 30mm gun rounds from many different angles, he added. These tests also demonstrated that the Bradley's aluminum armor provides substantial protection, said Kauffman.

From these tests, Bradley designers have identified modifications to improve crew and vehicle survivability, making the vehicle an even more capable fighting system.

According to Kauffman, the modifications being considered include relocating the ammunition stowed on-board, a re-designed fuel system and adjusting the automatic fire extinguisher system. Use of liners to provide increased crew protection from fragmentation is also being studied, he said.

Kauffman confirmed that follow-on testing of the proposed modifications is scheduled for the spring of 1986.

The recent favorable test results on the Bradley echo soldiers' confidence in this fighting system.

"It is an awesome, quick-strike, attack vehicle. As an infantryman I think its firepower, mobility, toughness and troop capacity is a welcome asset to any combat infantry unit," said PFC Troy M. Richard from B Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas.

Richard's confidence in the Bradley is shared by fellow infantryman, PFC Douglas J. Welsh, who is assigned to the same unit.

Welsh said that he likes the Bradley. "It has good maneuverability and firepower and holds a complete squad. With the Bradley we can fight tanks and infantry while on the move."

Richard's and Welsh's comments attest to what SFC James L. Johns says of the Bradley. Johns, a Bradley master gunner instructor at Fort Benning's Infantry School, says that soldiers have great confidence in the Bradley. "Soldiers appreciate the Bradley. It can take us into combat and bring us back," he said. "It combines devastating firepower with mobility and technology, giving us a fighting system superior to all other infantry fighting vehicles on the battlefield today."

Even the Soviets, the pioneers in infantry fighting vehicles with their BMPs, seek to add to their vehicles some of the Bradley features, most notably the automatic cannon and night-fighting capabilities, said Kauffman.

Kauffman said that to be successful on today's battlefield, modern weapons systems must be mobile,

agile and provide lots of firepower that can be used both day and night, regardless of weather. But it must also transport the crew and equipment so that they are rested and able to fight the battle when needed. The Bradley fulfills these requirements, he said.

Platoon Sergeant Bobby R. Widrick, from A Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, 2nd Armored Division, summed up soldier's confidence in the Bradley

best when he said, "The Bradley has given the infantry soldier more maneuverability and firepower on today's battlefield while the protection it gives to the squad is 100 percent better than its predecessor, the M-113 Armored Personnel Carrier."

Johns added that the Bradley gives infantry soldiers the capability to do their job in combat better than ever before. (Arnews)

Fighting vehicle has proven itself

WASHINGTON — "The Bradley Fighting Vehicle has been subjected to some pretty harsh criticism, usually by those who wouldn't know a Bradley if run over by one."

So said Lt. Col. Ray Kauffman, a decorated Vietnam infantryman and the officer most directly responsible for Bradley research and development.

"These self-appointed critics have no concept of how the Bradley is employed in combat and seem bound and determined to regard Bradley as a tank intended to go 'high-diddle-diddle, straight up the middle.' That may be how a movie director would cast Bradley in the next 'Rambo,' but it's just about as far from reality as Rambo was from anything that happened in Vietnam," Kauffman mused. "Any PFC straight from Benning could tell you that. Bradley's just not going to be fought that way. Instead, we're going to capitalize on Bradley's speed to accompany the Abrams tank to the battle scene and then employ her agility to dash from one covered firing position to another as she follows and supports armor with her great firepower. We're just not putting Bradley in a 'one against the world' mode and never intended to," Kauffman concluded.

"I don't want to come across as if Bradley's invinci-

ble, we all know that's not true. Anti-tank weapons kill tanks and Bradleys; there's simply no invincible vehicle on the modern battlefield. The idea is to fight smart, something the American soldier has been doing since the Continentals treated the British to a display of American ingenuity over 200 years ago. That's why our doctrine calls for Bradley to be one member of the combined arms team of armor, artillery, helicopters and mechanized infantry," Kauffman added.

"Another myth that died is that the Bradley endangers our soldier because it's made of aluminum and aluminum burns and vaporizes into a toxic gas when hit by modern anti-tank weapons. That's one of the things we convincingly disproved in our recently completed live-fire tests against Bradleys combat-loaded with ammunition, fuel and all the assorted explosives Bradley carries. When we hit Bradley head on with a HEAT tank round, we simply couldn't start a fuel fire and Bradley's armor didn't burn or vaporize," Kauffman stressed.

(During his Army career, Kauffman commanded a Mechanized Infantry Company in Vietnam, where he had two Armored Personnel Carriers shot out from under him, and has been awarded three Silver Stars, two Purple Hearts and the Combat Infantry Badge.)



AUTOGRAPH — Rare books on rockets and space written by Hermann Oberth years ago were autographed by the author on Friday at the Space and Rocket Center. Looking on as the 91-year-old German scientist signs a book is Ed Buckbee, director of Alabama Space and Rocket Center. Oberth, considered the founder of modern space flight, worked for the Army at Redstone Arsenal during 1955-58. He is on a tour of the United States and was feted at a reception at the Space and Rocket Center that was attended by many of the "oldtimers" from the Von Braun team. Tom Moore, a Von Braun team member still employed here with the Army, arranged for Oberth to also autograph some rare volumes from the collection at Redstone Scientific Information Center. These include Oberth's pioneering 1923 and 1929 volumes on rockets and space travel. (Photo - Robert Dunnavant)



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Soldier finds air assault school tough but worth it

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Sgt. Greg Patrick is proud of the wings he earned at the air assault school at Fort Campbell, Ky.

The school was "probably not the 10 toughest days I've had in the Army but it was 10 of the toughest," says Patrick, a member of 6th Student Company.

There were three phases. The first phase included instruction about helicopters and how to identify them, setting up a landing zone for helicopters, and hand and arm signals for guiding down a helicopter. Phase two included rigging and sling-loading which meant learning how to attach a military vehicle to a helicopter so it can be transported.

"The big deal is to move equipment and personnel from point A to point B by the fastest means possible and that's by helicopter, aircraft," Patrick says. He describes rigging and sling-loading as "the meat and potatoes of air assault school."

Phase three was rappelling. The students were taught how to tie their own "Swiss seat" within 90 seconds and then tested before going to a 34-foot tower. They did regular rappelling, descending back first, and "Australian" rappelling which is front first.

"We also rappelled out of a helicopter," Patrick says. "The helicopter was at a 90-foot hover when we went out of it."

The first day offered a demanding initiation. An obstacle course involved climbing and also tested agility and strength. "The obstacles really weren't so bad but you had to run from one obstacle to another and by the time you finished all the obstacles you were tired," Patrick recalls. This was followed immediately by a two-mile run as a group in boots.

That first day, or "day zero," was the toughest day physically, according to Patrick. "If you make it through day zero, you've got a good chance of making it through the rest of the school," he says.

There was a lot of push-ups and running. Three road marches in full field gear had to be finished within a certain time. The soldiers were on their own at the sound of go. The four-mile march had to be done in 56 minutes; the five-mile march in an hour and 10 minutes; and the 10-mile march in two hours and 20 minutes.

"We all had to be motivated all the time. That was the big thing, motivation," Patrick recalls.

Deep down in that mustard seed, Kool-Aid pumping, marshmallow filled heart, what do you want to be? the instructors would ask.

Air assault! the students would reply. Patrick estimates that 200 soldiers started off on the first day of the school that ended Nov. 7. The graduates numbered 120. They included Patrick and Capt. John Turner, training officer for School Brigade at Redstone. Most of the students were stationed right there at Fort Campbell, home of the 101st Airborne Division.

"It gives you a sense of pride after you've completed a school like that," says Patrick, a personnel administrative specialist. "It's a challenge for you and you just want to see if you can meet the challenge. Plus I don't have a bare chest any more, I've got my wings on here."

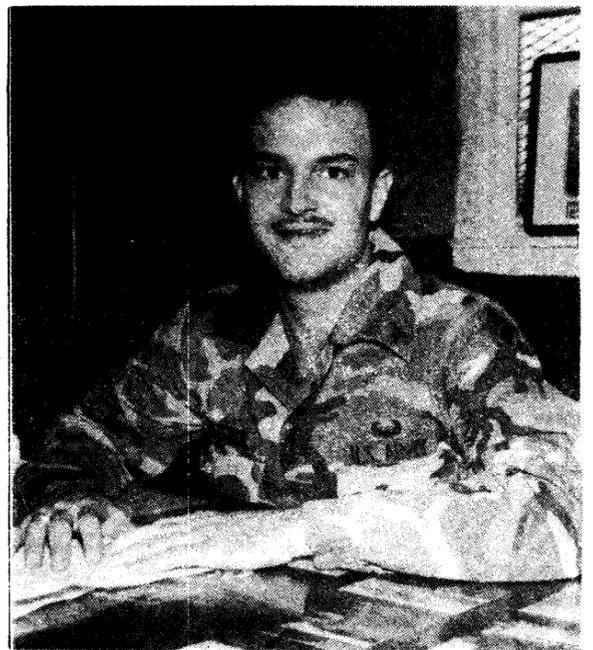
He is the noncommissioned officer in charge of a section of the personnel administrative center for 2nd Battalion. After attending a primary leadership development course at Fort Benning, Ga., he hopes to attend airborne school and eventually be assigned to a Ranger battalion.

The 22-year-old native of Richmond, Ky., joined the Reserves as a junior in high school. Patrick was graduated from high school in 1981 and stayed in the Reserves until November 1982 when he entered active duty. He was stationed with an infantry unit at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, before coming to Redstone in January 1985.

His parents are Peggy and Dr. Alfred Patrick, dean of the college of business at Eastern Kentucky University. His sister Pam, 19, attends the university. Patrick says he joined the Army because he didn't feel he was ready for college. "I had done well in Reserves and assumed I could do just as well in active," he adds.

Patrick's hobbies include skydiving, horseback riding, hunting, and outdoor activities in general. Skydiving may be more than just a hobby.

"Before I get out of the Army I want to be a Golden Knight," he says, referring to the Army's parachute team. "Those are my heroes and that's my ultimate goal."



GRADUATE — Sgt. Greg Patrick is a personnel administrative specialist who finished air assault school.

'Additional duty' changed to specific assignment

WASHINGTON — Additional duties and additional duty orders are a thing of the past.

In recent years there has been an increase of "additional duties" required by Army staff agencies at all levels, said Lt. Col. Earl Thompson of the Army Comptroller's Office. In many cases, the duties are sporadic requirements that can be accomplished without the official designation and the administrative burden of preparing appointment orders. The practice of "throwing a person" at a perceived and often undefined problem and considering it solved is finished, Thompson said.

A recent Army policy letter eliminates the term additional duty and allows commanders more flexibility in using their people to accomplish missions. "The duty requirements will still exist," said Thompson, "but they can be tasked to the appropriate staff section or specific individual. However, we are not telling the commander how to do his job. How he does his job is up to him. The term 'additional duty' will be replaced with phrases like—'this function is the responsibility of the G1' or 'this task should be assigned to the chemical officer,'" said Thompson.

In an effort to provide commanders guidelines for managing those duty requirements previously covered by additional duties, internal control review checklists will be placed in the back of appropriate regulations. These checklists will be the new tool to ensure appropriate attention is given to these special emphasis areas. However, this does not stop the commander from using titles like "physical security officer" or "reenlistment NCO" to identify individuals who execute a given program.

Beginning Jan. 1, special emphasis area requirements will be written in regulations so that each requirement will be directed to a specific, standard staff organization rather than to a specific individual. Agencies writing regulations will relate special emphasis requirements to specific staff organizations as identified in Army Regulation 5-3, Installation Management and Organization, and Field Manual 101-5, Staff Organization and Operations. (Arnews)

Goss speed limit rises

A recent speed limit change on Goss Road, a mostly four-lane road on post, has worked out well, according to military police.

Limits were increased from 25 mph to 35 mph from Gate 8 to the top of the hill adjacent to building 111 and from 35 mph to 45 mph from that point to Rideout Road.

"The traffic flow dictated an increase in the speeds," said 1st Lt. Terry Wilfong, military police operations officer.

The 35 mph limit applies to an area with housing and playgrounds while the 45 mph limit is near the hospital. The speed limits are clearly marked, according to Wilfong.

"It seems to be working out pretty well," he said, "and it's loosened some of that early morning (traffic) congestion."

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New DoD film on Code of Conduct

"One of the greatest threats to your survival (as a prisoner of war) is indecision. The Code (of Conduct) is your anchor."

These are the words of a U.S. serviceman following his release from Hanoi as an American prisoner of war.

Nine Americans who spent five to seven years as POWs in North Vietnam tell of their experience — and the strength the Code of Conduct gave them — in the DoD film, "Code of Conduct."

The Code of Conduct is a set of ethical standards for U.S. service members in combat who become, or risk becoming, prisoners of war. The six articles of the code present service members with a set of guidelines designed to help them survive while remaining loyal to their country and to their fellow prisoners, and to avoid giving information that might help the enemy.

The "Code of Conduct" film opens with footage of freed American prisoners of war leaving Hanoi for home. They are gaunt and malnourished; some are ill.

The nine former POWs interviewed in the film represent different services and racial, cultural and regional backgrounds. What they share is a sense of victory — the victory of surviving one of the most appalling experiences known to man without betraying their country.

They tell how the Code of Conduct made them stronger in the face of seeming helplessness and allowed them to maintain their personal honor and self-respect during their long captivity.

"POWs can't win the war... but they can win little victories," tells one former prisoner. "They can... communicate when they're not supposed to, take care of each other, console each other. Each is a little victory, and they can give you confidence."

Also interviewed in the film is Air Force Lt. Col. Roger Locker, who after being shot down in North Vietnam, evaded the enemy for 23 days until U.S. forces rescued him. This feat earned Locker the distinction of being the longest successful U.S. evader in North Vietnam.

The Code of Conduct

"I am an American fighting man. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

"I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender my men while they still have the means to resist.

"If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

"If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

"When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

"I will never forget that I am an American fighting man, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America."

He explained that when he was wounded, weak and hungry — a time when surrender might have been the easiest alternative — the Code of Conduct drove him to resist giving up.

The "Code of Conduct" film carries an important message for all U.S. service members. It emphasizes that, if they ever become prisoners of war; courage, dedication and motivation — supported by the

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BY PAM ROGERS

Maj. Gen. Peter Burbules' new aide-de-camp isn't new to the arsenal, so he probably will have a bit of an advantage when it comes to performing his command-wide duties.

Capt. Bill Nichols worked in the TOW Project Office for about eight months before moving to his new job Dec. 4.

"I worked in the Logistics Management Division. I was a branch chief responsible for the supervision of people administering logistical management of the Ground TOW 2 and the TOW subsystem on the Bradley Fighting Vehicle," he said.

"I had mixed feelings about leaving, because I worked for and with some of the best people I ever worked with in the Army. In that light, I hated to leave. But this is a chance for me to serve the entire command, and maybe learn something in the meantime," he said.

"I'm looking forward most to working with Maj. Gen. Burbules, those in the command group, and people in the command, and getting to know the details—the things the command does, in hopes that I can use that in my future assignments," he said.

Nichols' specialty has been tank and automotive maintenance. "I'm not a missile guy. My additional specialty is procurement. I've never worked in it, but I'm looking forward to it," he said.

Some of his other assignments have included platoon leader, shop officer, and company commander in the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo. He has completed the basic and advanced ordnance officer courses, and the materiel acquisition and management course. He has a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and a master's degree in business administration from Babson College in Wellesley, Mass.

Redstone is close to home for Nichols. He grew up in Haleyville, Ala.



AIDE-DE-CAMP — Capt. Bill Nichols looks forward to his new position at this command.

"I should be able to communicate with everybody—I speak their language," he said with a chuckle.

Nichols and his wife, Crystal, have a 2-year-old son named Ryan.

Burbules' former aide, Capt. George Pappas, is

leaving Redstone to attend the special forces qualification course at Fort Bragg, N.C. Afterwards, he'll be assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Devens, Mass.

Chapel tries to make Christmas special with food gifts

Many needy families in the Huntsville community will receive Christmas gifts of food from Redstone's food basket program, sponsored by arsenal chaplains.

Chaplain (Maj.) Frank Turnbow is heading this year's drive, and he expects to give baskets to as many as 90 families.

Canned foods are collected in the larger buildings on post, and cash donations to the chaplains fund are used to complete the baskets. Military families are given a letter of credit which they can use at the commissary for additional purchases, Turnbow said. The amount of the letters varies with the size of the family.

Last year, 77 families received the food gifts, and Turnbow has found the number increases slightly

every year. The exact number receiving baskets this year won't be known for another week or so.

Service agencies, first sergeants, and company commanders are asked to provide names of families who need help at Christmas, but there are no criteria set to determine neediness, Turnbow said.

"They're primarily military families, but we do give to civilians, and to veterans," he said.

Turnbow suggests people give purchased, basic food items. Canned goods are a practical choice, however, givers shouldn't feel limited.

"We could take fruit, like apples, and some baby products to give to families with small babies. We really don't need any toys—we'd rather not get them. We

don't want any homemade food. It's not that it isn't good. People won't eat it unless they know who made it. We're looking for basic foods, nothing exotic or unusual," he said.

Anyone who knows a family who needs food for Christmas, and any family who received a basket last year and would like to have one this year should call Turnbow at 876-2409/5751.

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Experimental Walk-in Clinic opened in Virginia

Hundreds of active duty service people, retirees and their family members are flocking to an experimental walk-in clinic in northern Virginia.

The first of its kind in military medicine, the clinic opened Oct. 1, 1985, to provide fast, quality, convenient treatment of minor illnesses and injuries close to the homes of DoD beneficiaries living in the area.

Called PRIMUS — Primary Medical Care for the Uniformed Services — it's the first of some 10 "primary care" centers DoD plans to build in cities around the United States that have dense populations of military families. More centers will be built if these are successful.

Fashioned after civilian walk-in clinics that have sprung up across America, PRIMUS is contractor-owned and operated and functions under the auspices of the Army. After Congress told DoD to look for less expensive ways to provide medical care, the Army Surgeon General, Lt. Gen. Quinn H. Becker, took the initiative to test the PRIMUS concept.

The innovative clinics evolved out of concern about the high cost of CHAMPUS and overcrowded conditions in military hospitals. Five years ago, CHAMPUS spent more than \$730 million for medical care. When all the figures are tallied for 1985, CHAMPUS officials expect a bill exceeding \$1.3 billion.

Pentagon officials are optimistic that PRIMUS centers in several metropolitan areas around the United States will reduce CHAMPUS expenditures. They are also hopeful that PRIMUS will alleviate some of the burden on military hospitals.

PRIMUS is open 365 days a year from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

Everyone who is eligible for CHAMPUS benefits or care at military medical facilities can use PRIMUS services, including all active duty service members and their dependents as well as retirees and their dependents.

"There's no doubt it (PRIMUS) will be successful," said Becker. "Many people who don't use either CHAMPUS or military hospitals will use this facility."

"The good news is, PRIMUS doesn't cost the patient anything — it's free of charge, including medica-

tion," Becker emphasized. "However, our major concern remains — can the government afford this type of care?"

Dr. William Mayer, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said, "The Army's new PRIMUS clinic in northern Virginia is an excellent example of the kind of innovative thinking and follow-through that is needed to improve the military health services system."

"Using civilian contractors to deliver high quality primary care to DoD beneficiaries will relieve overcrowding of military hospitals, provide better access to care and increase beneficiary satisfaction. This clinic is a model that should be replicated by all three services throughout the military health care system."

Designed to treat minor illnesses and injuries, PRIMUS will treat such things as cuts, bruises, sprains, minor fractures and colds. PRIMUS will also perform Pap smears, gynecological exams and school, sports and employment physicals.

The clinic is set up to give faster service than military clinics or civilian emergency rooms.

"We don't treat acute emergencies such as chest pain and severe bleeding," said Dr. Helen Dalakis, one of the PRIMUS doctors. "We refer those patients to the nearest military or civilian hospital. And we don't do comprehensive annual physicals because they take too much time. Nor will we treat or do follow-up treatment for diabetics, asthmatics or pregnancy."

Doctors dispense whatever medication they prescribe, which saves patients from standing in long lines at the pharmacy. If a particular medication is not in stock, doctors can write a prescription that patients may take to a civilian pharmacy about two blocks away. The prescription is filled at no cost to the patient.

"We had 38 patients the first day," said nurse Judith P. Gannon, PRIMUS's administrative director. "In less than a month, we had to add another doctor and a nurse because we started getting more than 100 patients a day."

Even when the patient load nearly tripled, service was faster than is normally received at most military clinics or emergency rooms. "I think the longest

anyone had to wait here was about an hour," said Dalakis, who spent three years as a Navy physician at the U.S. Naval Academy. "We normally see a patient in about 15 or 20 minutes."

Dalakis said speed, quality and courteous service solves a major concern for patients. "One of the most frustrating problems for them at military hospitals is the long wait for treatment," she said.

"Another problem that PRIMUS solves for our patients is spending time on the telephone trying to make an appointment," said Dalakis. "They can just walk in here — no appointments are necessary."

Long, aggravating drives through heavy traffic in densely populated areas can be another problem. That's why the pilot PRIMUS facility was built in Fairfax, with its large population of military people. Future PRIMUS centers will be built in such locations.



An anxious mother waits with her baby to see a doctor at an experimental walk-in clinic that opened recently in northern Virginia — the first of its kind in military medicine.

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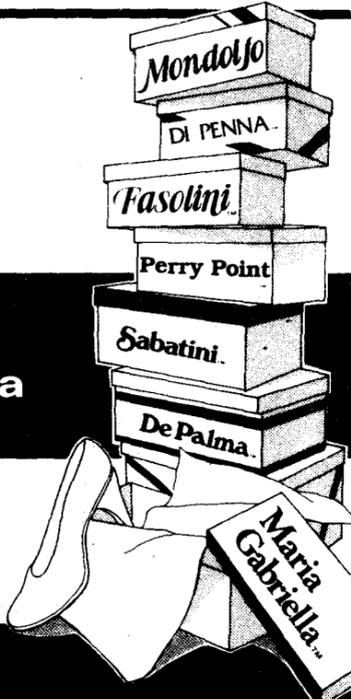
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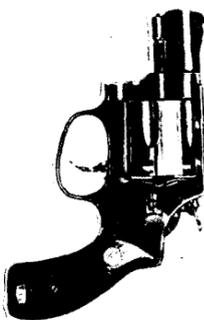
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Veterans home loan rate drops to six-year low

The Veterans Administration has reduced its maximum home loan interest rate from 11½ percent to 11 percent.

Noting that the 11 percent rate is the lowest in over six years, Montgomery VA Regional Office Director James W. Conway said the reduction is a sign of continued improvement in the mortgage market.

Conway pointed out that many veterans who presently have VA home loans with interest rates as high as 17½ percent may be able to refinance their loans at the new, lower rate. He urged veterans who still occupy their VA-financed homes to contact local mortgage lenders for details on VA's interest rate reduction refinancing program.

This is the fourth decrease in VA home loan rates this year. The last change occurred on June 5 when the rate went from 12 percent to 11½.

The VA has also decreased by ½ percentage point the maximum rates for Graduated Payment Mortgages (GPM's) to 11¼ percent and home improvement loans to 12½ percent. In addition, the rates for manufactured homes will also be decreased. The new maximum rates are 13½ percent for unit only loans and 13 percent for loans to purchase either a unit with the lot or to purchase a lot upon which a unit already owned by the veteran is to be placed.

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

Recruits have means for shaping up

WASHINGTON — All newly recruited soldiers unable to meet minimum physical fitness standards are being diverted for as much as three weeks from initial entry training to shape up before returning to their basic training units.

The standards, developed by the Soldier Physical Fitness School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., are being enforced by "fitness training units" at the Army training centers across the nation.

"Army training officials have found that too many recruits fail basic training because of insufficient upper body strength," said Lt. Col. Robert Hoffman, a staff officer at the Fitness School. "So the fitness training units take charge of any male recruit who does fewer than 13 pushups, and any female recruit who can't do a pushup and can't hold herself at chin level on the pullup bar for at least 20 seconds in the 'flexed-arm hang test.' Fitness research shows that both the push-up and the 'flexed-arm hang test' offer a reliable picture of a recruit's upper body strength," he said.

While assigned to the fitness training units, the trainees develop physical conditioning and learn basic military skills, the latter designed "to give these otherwise low-level performers an edge over their contemporaries once they return to the mainstream," explained Hoffman.

"Whenever the men are able to do 20 pushups and

the women seven, they'll join a regular unit to begin initial entry training," Hoffman added. If after the maximum of three weeks they still fail to measure up, they can be considered for discharge. The final decision is up to the commander on a case-by-case basis.

Hoffman said the fitness training units' cadres, consisting of as many as 11 soldiers each, have been specially trained at the Fitness School. Training for the FTU cadres covers such areas as the proper techniques for strenuous exercise, knowledge of muscle groups and psychological motivation. The cadre's mission includes teaching the other drill instructors assigned to the fitness training units.

The program stems from field testing done earlier in 1985 at Fort Dix, N.J. Test results pin-pointed the recruits' physical shortcomings and pointed the way toward developing the fitness training units as a means for helping the target group overcome those shortcomings. Nearly 2,800 male and female recruits took part in the Dix testing.

"We recognize," Hoffman said, "that the ground-work done at Dix was on a small scale, so the data might not be as reliable as we'd like. The Training and Doctrine Command closely monitors the results of its fitness training units." He added that adjustments will be made in the program to continue to improve the physical readiness of soldier recruits. (Arnews)



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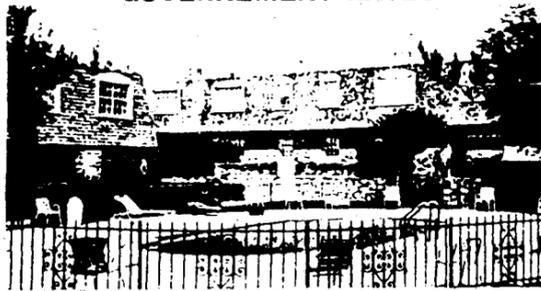
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Changes eyed for veterans life insurance program

WASHINGTON — Soon Army retirees may be able to pay future Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI) premiums by allotment, and soldiers may be able to apply for coverage before they become veterans.

Stephen Wurtz, chief of the Program Administration Section of the Veterans Administration (VA) Insurance Center in Philadelphia, expects a decision from the Department of Defense in the next couple of months for a program which would allow retirees to pay premiums by allotment, and for permission to test VGLI enrollments during soldiers' separation processing.

Due in part to competition from commercial companies, VGLI enrollment has decreased in recent years, Wurtz said. The intent of the changes in enrollment policy is to double the existing VGLI enrollment of about 160,000 Army vets, he said.

At present, veterans must pay their premiums by check each month and active duty soldiers must wait until after separation to apply for a VGLI policy. According to Wurtz, the VA should be able to offer a substantial first-year premium discount to soldiers who apply for VGLI upon separation from the service. Wurtz expects the Insurance Center to save in ad-

ministrative costs and pass the savings on to enrollees.

The VGLI program, an extension of the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI), allows former soldiers up 120 days from date of discharge to apply for low-cost VGLI term coverage, regardless of their physical condition. They have an additional year beyond that to apply, but they have to meet good health standards. While active duty soldiers are automatically enrolled in the SGLI program unless they elect otherwise, veterans must apply for a VGLI policy. Upon separation, the Office of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance sends veterans a package explaining the VGLI program, along with the necessary application forms. Soldiers and veterans can call their state's VA regional office (local and toll-free long-distance numbers are listed in most local phone books), or write to OSGLI, 213 Washington St., Newark, N.J. 07102.

A veteran can get up to \$35,000 in coverage with VGLI, as long as the amount does not exceed SGLI coverage the soldier purchased while on active duty. Premiums range from 85 cents a month for veterans under age 35 to \$1.70 a month for those 35 and older for each \$5,000 worth of coverage. (Arnews)

Wives club officer leaving for Texas

The NCO wives have bid farewell to their club's vice-president, Marlis Buckner.

Buckner, who was elected vice-president in May and also served as publicity chairperson, is leaving this month for Fort Bliss, Texas. Her husband, Sgt. Maj. Daniel Buckner, will be going to the sergeant major academy there. He has been selected president of the class.

"Mrs. Buckner was a very helpful person to the club," said Stephana Williams, president of NCO Wives Club. "She assured that things were done properly and assisted the president of the club to the best of her ability. Mrs. Buckner will truly be missed by all the members of the NCO Wives Club of Redstone Arsenal. Our lost will be Fort Bliss' gain."

The Buckners have been stationed here for a year. They have a 5-year-old son, Joseph. The NCO wives planned to hold a reception for their departing vice-president after their meeting Dec. 9. "We'll present her with a certificate of appreciation," Williams said.

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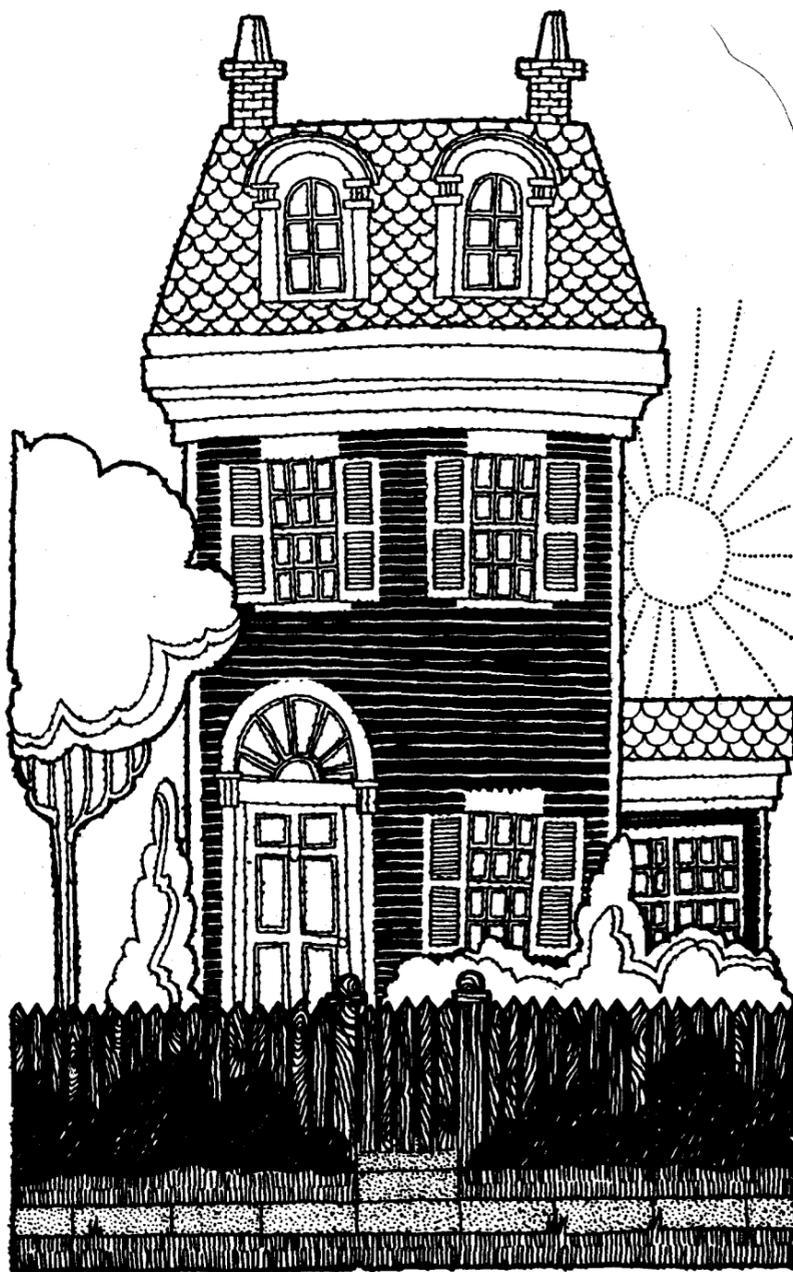
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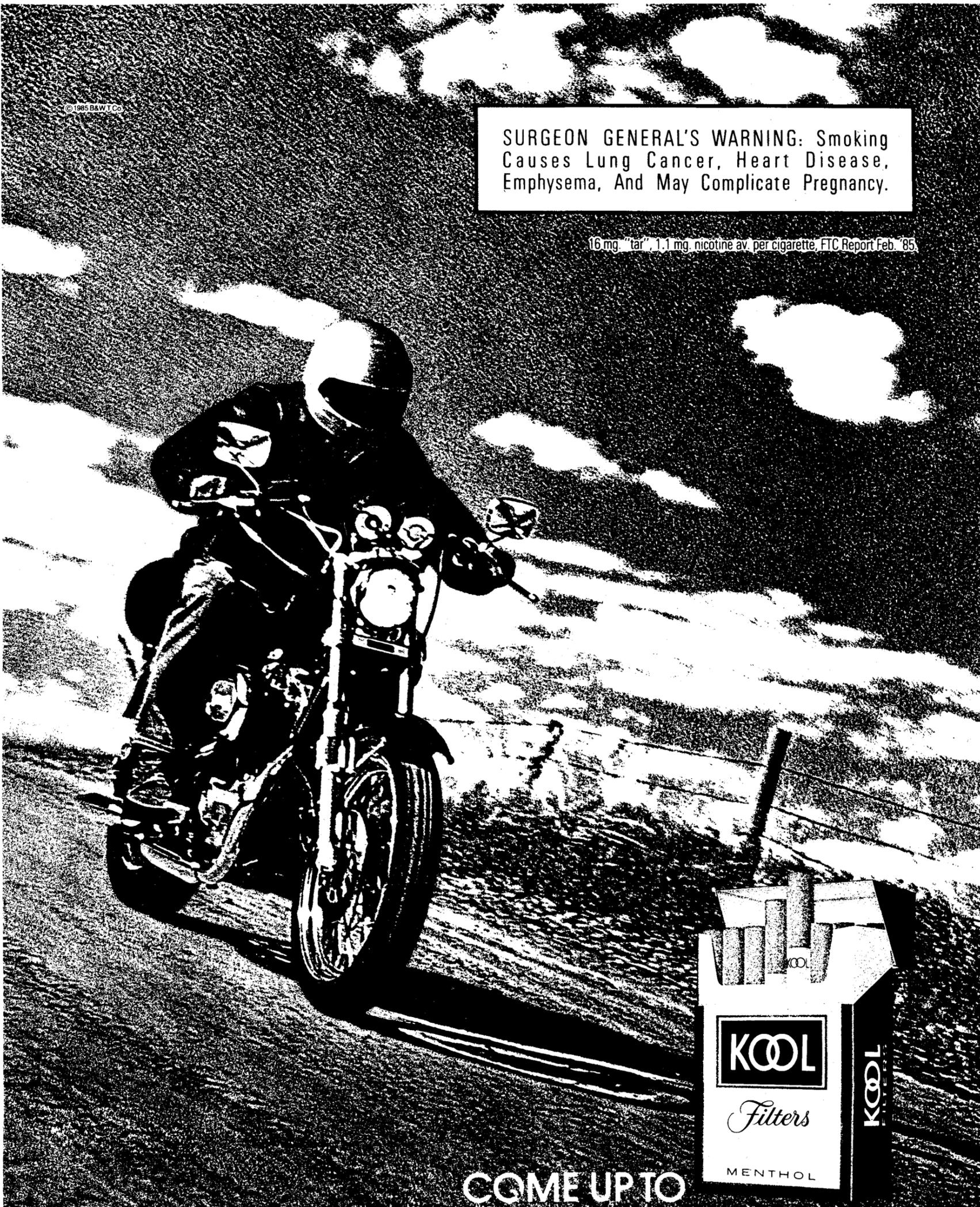


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Program for engineers offers try at management

BY PAM ROGERS

A program designed to help project offices find good engineers apparently sounds too good to be true to most of the potential participants, according to officials here.

The program, called Developmental Assignments for Engineers, was started about a year ago. It allows engineers at the GS-12 level to sample project office life for a time period varying from six months to three years. The worker remains eligible for promotions in his or her permanent office, and can leave the developmental assignment at any time when a mutual understanding is reached with the project office. So far, only one engineer has participated in the program for a significant period of time. Two others entered last week.

Dr. Richard Rhoades, associate director for technology at the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center, helped get the program started when he learned of the difficulty project offices were having hiring good engineers at the GS-12 level.

"It's fairly common. A GS-12 position usually doesn't involve a promotion opportunity... so the normal incentive for a change—a promotion—doesn't exist. Absent that, engineers are reluctant to make a change.

"Basically, it's a career change. Somebody leaves a situation where they're expected to be a technical expert, and moves into a management position," Rhoades said.

Rhoades and Carolyn Fine, assistant to the activity career program manager for engineers, worked with Civilian Personnel to develop a way to make the move to a project office more attractive. They came up with the developmental assignment program, which for all practical purposes, gives engineers a chance to try something new and have the "insurance" of knowing they can return to their old jobs.

Steve Risner was the first engineer to try a



TALKING ABOUT MANAGEMENT — Dr. Richard Rhoades (left) and Steve Risner discuss Risner's developmental assignment.

developmental assignment. He has just finished the first quarter of the year he signed up for, and is pleased with his experience.

Risner left the Structures Directorate for a developmental assignment in the Air Defense Command and Control Project Office, where he's working on Short Range Air Defense Command and Control project.

Complemented studies

"Making the decision to make the change wasn't the hardest part," said Risner, who saw the assignment as a good complement to his studies toward a master's degree in engineering management at the Florida Institute of Technology.

Risner finds project office work exciting, and feels he's getting a good overall look at a total Army system.

"As far as the developmental assignment program is supposed to work for me, it's been just as I expected. For me, there was no risk," he said.

Dana Wilbanks, chief of the systems software engineering branch in the technical management division of the ADCC Project Office and Risner's supervisor, is pleased with the program and with Risner's work.

Wilbanks said Risner has already made significant contributions to planning for the SHORADS program.

"The whole program is to the employee's advantage. It gives somebody who's not too familiar with project management an opportunity to see what they think about it," he said.

Deputy Project Manager Bill Fondren would like to have more engineers on developmental assignments.

"I would like to see at least two. Steve is a young, ambitious engineer on his way up. He's motivated, and does quality work. Those are the kinds of people you need in projects," he said.

Fondren believes project office experience is valuable for just about any engineer who has been working in a lab.

"It broadens the perspective and appreciation of what's involved in development, production and deployment of a system," he said.

Perceived risk

Perceived risk seems to be the problem when it comes to attracting talented engineers to the program. Some have apprehensions about their ability to "go back" if they find they dislike management.

According to Joan McWilliams, an employee development specialist at civilian personnel, risk is nonexistent.

"It just sounds too good to be true. Some of them think they'll get a promotion where they are—that they need to be there," she said. She added that promotions come through the Missile Command Automated Appraisal and Referral System, so it doesn't matter where an engineer is.

McWilliams believes supervisors may discourage workers from going to a project office just because they don't want to lose a good employee.

"It's just as important to find what you don't want as well as what you do want, so if someone goes over and finds they never want management, they go back very satisfied," she said.

Another problem with the program is that project offices seem to think they can only fill temporary positions with developmental assignments, but according to McWilliams, any legitimate vacancy can be used.

The program is covered by a training agreement which ensures the worker on a developmental assignment the training he or she was promised.

"That way they can't be stuck off in a corner somewhere," McWilliams said.

Supervisors who would like to fill a vacancy with an engineer on a developmental assignment should make the request when they submit an SF 52. Engineers who are GS-12s and would like to participate in the program should send a DF to McWilliams.

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NCO wives wrap Christmas gifts at main exchange

The NCO Wives Club's annual giftwrapping table at the Post Exchange is a sure sign of the Christmas season.

Members wrap gifts for the same fees the store charges for giftwrapping the rest of the year. The money goes toward scholarships and charities, according to Stephana Williams, president of NCO Wives Club.

Around \$3,000 was raised last year by the Christmas giftwrapping which is the club's main source of funds for scholarships and charities.

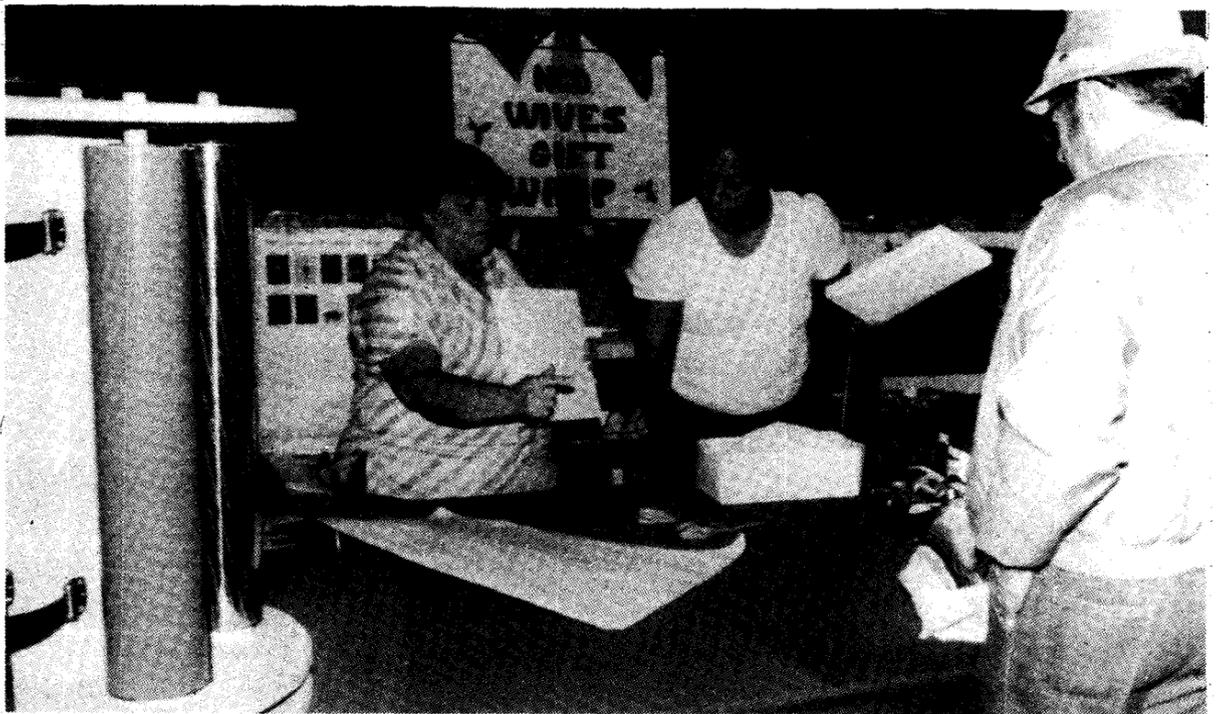
"Whenever the PX is open there's someone here through the 24th," said Thelma Way, giftwrap co-chairman. Christmas Eve means "a madhouse every year," she said. The giftwrapping started Dec. 4 in the PX mall.

"We've made \$60, \$70, \$80 every day this week," Way said, referring to a successful first week. "We'll make \$300 or more some days, the last week before Christmas."

At the time, she was wrapping presents with Sue Martin, giftwrap co-chairman. The post exchange furnishes everything except the ribbons and tape. Martin and Way are there part of every day, and other members of the club chip in.

"I like it, I enjoy wrapping. I like meeting people," Martin said.

Way enjoys it, too, but may have somewhat of an ulterior motive. "You get to know what everybody's getting for Christmas," she quipped.



WRAPPING — Thelma Way and Sue Martin wrap present for customer Don Rutledge.

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Nominations open for family awards

Commanders and activity directors here have been asked to nominate people from the Redstone Arsenal community to participate in the annual Great American Family awards competition.

A local committee will select up to three families for recognition at the installation level. The competition will continue to the Army Materiel Command and Army headquarters levels. Ultimately, the American Family Society will select winners to be honored at a White House ceremony next year.

Nancy Reagan is serving as chairman of the Great American Family awards for the second straight year.

The program is being sponsored locally by Army Community Service. Local selections will be made by a committee. Serving on it will be Dianna Haddock, Jackie Burbules, CSM Robert Whiteford, Leroy Daniels and two other members who have not been named.

Military families and families of civilians who work for the Army are eligible to enter the contest.

Judges will evaluate families for individual growth; love and teamwork; and friendship and service.

For more information on the Great American Family awards program call ACS at 876-2859.



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1986 CLASS SCHEDULE

1986 Class Schedule For Session I MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 5:00 TO 7:30 PM

Course No.	Course Title	Prereq	Instr
BUS 438	International Business	BUS 150	Smalley
CIS 150*	Intro. to Programming BASIC	None	Jones
ENG 100**	Reading/Study Skills	None	Yates
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1986 Class Schedule For Session I TUESDAY & THURSDAY 5:00 TO 7:30 PM

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BUS 280	Accounting I	None	Jacobs
BUS 333	Public Relations	Instr. Permission	Foster
CIS 170	Intro. To Computer Info Syst.	None	Thomas
ENG 112	English Composition II	ENG 111	Mills

1986 Class Schedule For Session I MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 7:30 TO 10:00 PM

Course No.	Course Title	Prereq.	Instr.
BUS 152	Basic Business Math	None	Smalley
BUS/PSY 433	Stress Management	PSY 101	May
		BUS 150	
CIS 300 *	Selected Studies in Cis Fortran	CIS 150	Jones
ENG 111	English Composition I	None	Yates
HIST 102	Western Civilization II	HIST 101	Saunders

1986 Class Schedule For Session I TUESDAY & THURSDAY 7:30 TO 10:00 PM

Course No.	Course Title	Prereq.	Instr.
ASTRON 101	Intro. To Astronomy	None	Patty
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ECON 293	Macroeconomics	None	Traylor
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Unbeaten teams square off Friday

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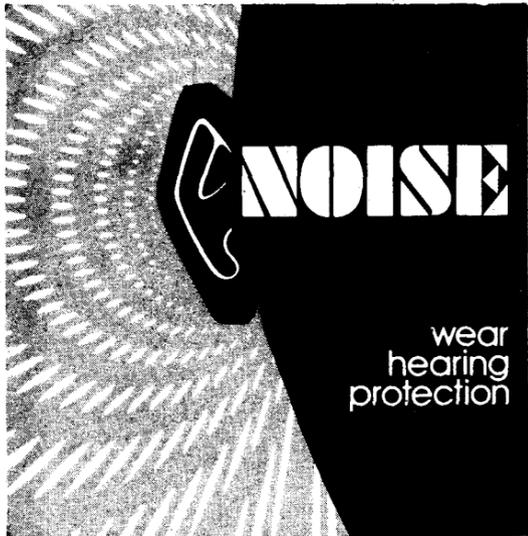
For two of the league leaders, MIA and Green Machine put their undefeated records on the line when they tangle at 6:30 p.m., while Security, also unbeaten, will try to retain a share of the lead by taking on COE at 7:45.

Those games were postponed from Dec. 2.

In games played last week in the fast league, Computer Bits took a hard-fought 59-54 victory over Missile Systems-1, sparked by Darren Gipson with 15 points, Chauncey Ivey 14, Anthony Moore and Eric Dalton with eight each. Arthro Whitman had 16 for Missile Systems, Earl Fitchard 14, and Leonard Luman 12.

In the women's league, Forenza stayed in a tie for first place with Security by rolling past COE, 46-19.

Missy Richards and Kristie Miller led Forenza with 12 points each and Nita Whitaker had eight. Beth Hutchinson had five for COE.



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Bowling standings

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Tuesday's Conference

Team	Won	Loss
A Company-1	190.5	59.5
515th-1	165.5	84.5
Marines-1	157	93
* 95th	141	84
C Company-1	138.5	111.5
515th-2	129	121
* 4th Student Company-1	113.5	111.5
TMDE	122	128
291st MPs	93	157
4th Student Company-2	79	171
6th Student Company-1	78	172
4th Student Company-3	62	188

* Has one match to make up
(There were no 200 games bowled Dec. 3)

Thursday's Conference

Team	Won	Loss
A Company (E&TTD)	197	53
Marines-2	182	68
B Company-1	170.5	79.5
MEDDAC-2	151.5	98.5
5th Student Company	135	115
MEDDAC-1	121	129
C Company-2	104	146
MEDDAC-3	103.5	146.5
MEDDAC-4	100	150
B Company-2	87	163
7th Student Company	78	172
6th Student Company-2	65.5	184.5

200 games bowled on Dec. 5:

Brian Eads	248
Bill Hollifield	224
Tony Hughey	224
Ted Szalwinski	218
Phill Candelaria	207
Chuck Pennington	205
Dean McGorty	203
Bill Norman	203
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Penn State, Oklahoma and others chase No. 1 rank

BY SKIP VAUGHN

'Tis the season for the annual end-of-college-football-madness bowl games.

Teams vying for the number one ranking include Penn State, Oklahoma, Miami of Florida, and Iowa. Penn State faces the tough task of meeting Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl at Miami.

Bowl games are always unpredictable but that goes with the territory of football prognostication. Last week's picks resulted in a 4-1 record, bringing the final season totals to 310-104-8 for 75 percent.

Here are Skip's Picks for the upcoming bowl games:
California Bowl, Dec. 14— Bowling Green (11-0) vs. Fresno State (10-0-1). *Fresno State* by 1.

Cherry Bowl, Dec. 21— Syracuse (7-4) vs. Maryland (8-3). *Maryland* by 7.

Independence Bowl, Dec. 21— Clemson (6-5) vs. Minnesota (6-5). *Clemson* by 3.

Holiday Bowl, Dec. 22— Arkansas (9-2) vs. Arizona State (8-3). *Arkansas* by 7.

Liberty Bowl, Dec. 27— Baylor (8-3) vs. Louisiana State (9-1-1). *LSU* by 14.

Florida Citrus Bowl, Dec. 28— Ohio State (8-3) vs. Brigham Young (11-2). *Ohio State* by 10.

Sun Bowl, Dec. 28— Georgia (7-3-1) vs. Arizona (8-3). *Georgia* by 7.

Aloha Bowl, Dec. 28— Southern Cal (6-5) vs. Alabama (8-2-1). *Alabama* by 13.

Freedom Bowl, Dec. 30— Washington (6-5) vs. Colorado (7-4). *Washington* by 3.

Gator Bowl, Dec. 30— Oklahoma State (8-3) vs. Florida State (8-3). *FSU* by 13.

Bluebonnet Bowl, Dec. 31— Air Force (11-1) vs. Texas (8-3). *Air Force* by 7.

Peach Bowl, Dec. 31— Army (8-3) vs. Illinois (6-4-1). *Illinois* by 3.

All-American Bowl, Dec. 31— Michigan State (7-4) vs. Georgia Tech (8-2-1). *Ga. Tech* by 10.

Fiesta Bowl, Jan. 1— Michigan (9-1-1) vs. Nebraska (9-2). *Michigan* by 7.

Cotton Bowl, Jan. 1— Texas A&M (9-2) vs. Auburn (8-3). *Auburn* by 3.

Rose Bowl, Jan. 1— UCLA (8-2-1) vs. Iowa (10-1). *Iowa* by 7.

Sugar Bowl, Jan. 1— Miami of Fla. (10-1) vs. Tennessee (8-1-2). *Miami* by 4.

Orange Bowl, Jan. 1— Oklahoma (10-1) vs. Penn State (11-0). *Penn State* by 3.



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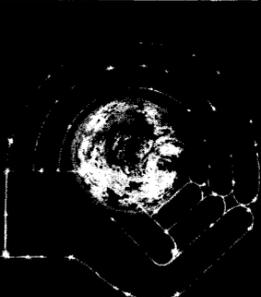
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Where those drunk driving "numbers" come from

Have you ever wondered where "they" get those statistics on drunk driving that you read about? Here's the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's explanation.

The basic methods of compiling drunk driving statistics are the Fatal Accident Reporting System and the National Accident Sampling System.

The Fatal Accident Reporting System, operational since 1975, is basically a census of all fatal accidents in the United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. It includes any fatality that occurs within 30 days of an accident if the death is a result of an injury sustained in the accident. National estimates of alcohol involvement in accidents are taken from data collected by those states that reliably test the blood alcohol content of drivers involved in fatal accidents.

The National Accident Sampling System is a sample of all police-reported accidents. It has been operational since 1979 and includes information obtained by an in-depth analysis of representative accidents chosen by a random sampling system.

How accurate are these figures? If anything, they err on the side of underestimating the problem. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's James C. Fell says the figures are very conservative. "There are a lot of alcohol-related accidents that aren't being identified as such."

How good are police at identifying drunk drivers? About nine out of 10 drivers police suspect are drunk turn out to have a blood alcohol content of .10 percent or more — legally intoxicated.

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	100 120 140 160 180 200 220 240		
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2	.08 .06 .05 .05 .04 .04 .03 .03		
3	.11 .09 .08 .07 .06 .06 .05 .05		
4	.15 .12 .11 .09 .08 .08 .07 .06	Feeling of relaxation. Mild sedation. Exaggeration of emotions and behavior. Slight impairment of motor skills. Increase in reaction time.	Drivers take too long to decide and act. Motor skills (such as braking) are impaired. Reaction time is increased.
5	.19 .16 .13 .12 .11 .09 .09 .08		
6	.23 .19 .16 .14 .13 .11 .10 .09		
7	.26 .22 .19 .16 .15 .13 .12 .11	Difficulty performing gross motor skills. Uncoordinated behavior. Definite impairment of mental abilities, judgment, and memory.	Judgment seriously affected. Physical and mental coordination impaired. Physical difficulty in driving a vehicle.
8	.30 .25 .21 .19 .17 .15 .14 .13		
9	.34 .28 .24 .21 .19 .17 .15 .14		
10	.38 .31 .27 .23 .21 .19 .17 .16	Major impairment of all physical and mental functions. Irresponsible behavior. Euphoria. Some difficulty standing, walking, and talking.	Distortion of all perception and judgment. Driving erratic. Driver in a daze.
11	.40 .34 .30 .27 .24 .22 .20		
12	.40 .38 .33 .29 .26 .24 .22		
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Time-in-service requirements to change for sergeants

WASHINGTON — Effective Jan. 1, soldiers will need less time in service to be promoted from the secondary zone to sergeant and staff sergeant.

Soldiers with less than 57 months in service who are recommended for staff sergeant, however, will need to accumulate a specific number of administrative points before they are recommended to appear before the promotion selection board.

The changes in time-in-service requirements give the commander the chance to recognize the truly outstanding soldier at the earliest time permitted by Department of Defense directive, said Sgt. Maj. Dennis Smith of the Enlisted Program Branch in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel in the Pentagon.

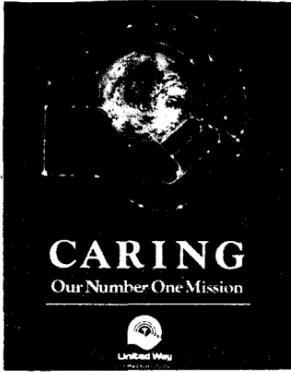
The time-in-service requirement for secondary zone promotion to sergeant will be reduced six months—from 24 to 18 months. The time-in-service requirement for secondary zone promotion to staff sergeant will be reduced by one year—from 60 months to 48 months. Smith said that recommended soldiers may be boarded three months before they reach the minimum time-in-service requirement so they will be on the local standing list when they meet the 18- or 48-month requirement.

Sergeants recommended for staff sergeant who have less than 57 months time in service must have at least 575 administrative points to appear before the promotion board. Sergeants who have 57 months or more in service, on the other hand, must still accumulate at least 350 points to go in front of the staff sergeant promotion board, Smith said. Soldiers may be awarded up to 200 additional points when they are boarded, he added.

A study of promotable soldiers showed that only 10 percent of staff sergeants promoted from the secondary zone had 575 administrative points or more, Smith said. "Only the 'hard chargers' with less than 60

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Time-in-service requirements for primary zone promotions to sergeant and staff sergeant remain unchanged at 36 and 84 months, respectively. (Arnews)



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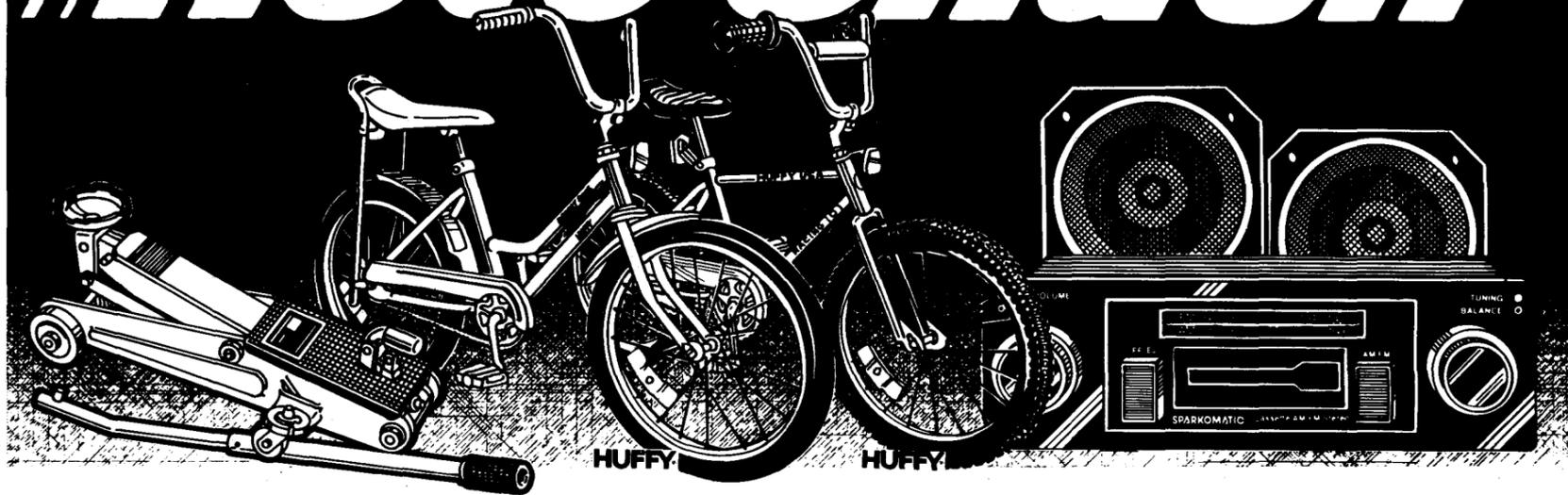
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