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## Happy Holidays

The *Redstone Rocket* will be taking off for the holidays as of today's issue, the last one until Jan. 8. May you and yours have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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## Copy machine blues

**Editor:**

Forgive me if I am out of breath— I have just returned from hiking all over the vast expanse of building 4488 in search of a *working* copy machine... and when I do find one, *everybody* else has found it too! Then I am faced with a queue something akin to the lines at Food World at 5:00 on a Friday evening... and every bit as slow and hostile!

What is the point? For the past month (at least) the copier in Lab and Base has been used as a training device for the new "contractors" so they can learn how to "repair" these machines. It seems to me that all of the working time wasted looking for and then waiting for a copy machine would justify either getting a competent repair team or purchasing a new copier... or maybe we should just find some monks who could copy all of this stuff by hand— it would be faster.

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# End of year 'tis season for civilian retirement

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The arrival of December and January means more than Christmas, New Year's and cold weather. It means retirement for many federal civilian workers.

This is traditionally a time when longtime workers here are likely to say good-bye to their offices for more than just the holidays. There will be parties, lunches, and a lot of reminiscing.

A reason for the many retirements this time of year could be related to payment for annual leave, according to Doris Gable, an employee relations assistant in the civilian personnel office. If people retire before Jan. 11, when the leave year ends, their lump sum annual leave payment will be charged to 1986 taxes instead of 1985 taxes.

"That's my guess for having so many (this time of the year)," Gable said. "Of course a lot of people are just so neat they want to finish up the year and retire."

By last week, 95 civilians had made arrangements to retire. This was down from 150 for the same time a year ago, according to Gable.

## Christmas Message



**To the MICOM community:**

As I and my family look forward to our first Christmas at Redstone Arsenal, I want to thank all of you for making these past five months a warm and rewarding period for Jackie, Donna, Nickolaus and myself.

This has been a good year for MICOM — as a direct result of the hard work and fine attitude that I see everyday in every facet of the operation of this command. I knew from the record that you were good; just how good has been a revelation.

I am proud of what you have done for the American soldier, proud of you and very proud to be your commander.

I wonder if there is another command in the Army that so consistently does so many things so well. I wonder too and also worry about the way the public perceives us, and I'm speaking here of the entire military establishment. I do know that we hear plenty of the so-called "horror stories" and not nearly enough about the good, positive things that are being done today by all of the military services. That is why I think it so important that we at MICOM surface our "success stories" and let the public know by word as well as by deed that we try very hard to be smart builders and smart buyers worthy of their trust.

As we look to a new year, let us build on the accomplishments of the year past and resolve to make 1986 our best yet.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Maj. Gen. Peter G. Burbules

## Part cost cut 300% in breakout buy

Introducing competition into the breakout buy of a Pershing II missile system repair part enabled MICOM to cut the unit price more than 300 percent.

The Pershing Project Office agreed to breakout and specified that the part, a capacitor module, be obtained from the same supplier previously used by the prime contractor because adequate documentation was not available.

Russell Altman, a MICOM procurement specialist

with prior manufacturing experience, believed other potential suppliers could be located.

He found them and then convinced Pershing project to remove the restriction and allow competition. MICOM eventually bought 129 of the capacitor modules from Mallory Capacitor Corp. at a unit price of \$153.63. The original supplier had proposed a unit price of \$556.

Altman recently received a cash award of \$2249.

More than a few, like James Webb, probably expect to experience some sadness. "Probably be some trauma associated with it," said Webb, retiring Dec. 27 from the Multiple Launch Rocket System project office. "But anyway I'm looking forward to taking off. And I'm going to take up loafing and traveling for about a year. If I do well at it I'm going to keep it up, and if I don't I'm going to go back to work."

Webb, chief of product assurance for MLRS, listed the following fellow workers retiring from that project office: Jesse Frampton, chief of international program office, and Gene Brooks, of the program cost branch.

"Time to hang it up, I guess," said Sam Bounds, a general engineer in Structures Directorate of the Research, Development and Engineering Center. "I'll be 62 in June."

Bounds is retiring Dec. 31. "I leave with good feelings, I feel like I've done a good job," he said. Others he listed as retiring from Structures Directorate include Charles Lyons, Jake Sedlak and Ed Verchot.

Joe Manley, a communications specialist, has made

many friends since coming to work here in 1950. The retiring worker at U.S. Army Information Systems Command-Redstone is known as "Mr. Telephone." He started out Nov. 28, 1950 as a telephone lineman with the post signal corps and has been with the same organization ever since, through at least four agency name changes.

"When I first came here, it was manual switchboards. You know what I mean, you picked up the phone and the operator came in and said 'Number please,'" Manley recalled. He has seen the change to the present electronic age of satellite communications and data phones.

Manley's retirement plans are to fish and travel with his wife, Mary Jo. At 57, he will be retiring Jan. 3 with 39 years service. That includes three years military service and more than a year's sick leave, he said.

"It's sad, you know, leaving your friends— all my friends, not just who I work with. On post, I've made a lot of friends in the last 30 years," Manley said. "Some of them have gone on, some are still here. I'll miss them."

## THE REDSTONE ROCKET

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NEW YEAR — Among the many December-January retirees, Joe Manley plans to leave Jan. 3.

# Wives clubs make Christmas brighter for seniors

Some of Huntsville's senior citizens were treated to Christmas gifts and entertainment by Redstone womens groups.

On Dec. 9, residents of Big Spring Manor Nursing Home joined in a party hosted by the NCO Wives Club and the Military Council of Catholic Women.

The Catholic women's group visits the home each month, bringing homemade foods. The members provided refreshments at the party. Gifts for each resident were furnished by the NCOWC.

Some of the residents convened in the dining room to socialize, enjoy refreshments and sing carols. The hostesses visited the rooms of bedridden patients, delivering gifts and fruit.

Members of Huntsville's senior center and its satellite programs were guests of the Officers Wives Club Dec. 10 for an annual Christmas coffee.

The Cahaba Shrine Buffoons were on hand, making balloon animals, and making sure everyone had a good time, and guests were entertained by the Trinity United Methodist Church handbell choir and children from Redstone's preschool. Members of the Huntsville Community Ballet performed a portion of the party scene from the "Nutcracker."

(Please see additional photos cont'd on page 4)



**BALLOONS** — Gee Gee (George Stewart) of the Cahaba Shrine Buffoons discusses the finer points of making balloon animals with senior Ross Starkey.



**CAROLING** — Marge Feist accompanies Roy Cooley in a favorite Christmas song.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS** — Jackie Burbules assists Anna Heatherly as she steps off the bus for the OWC coffee. Soldiers escorted seniors at the event.

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# Christmas brighter

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**A WORD WITH SANTA** — Santa Claus (Chaplain Bill Meyer) chats with William Fiorentino and Ida Fox.



**CHRISTMAS HUG** — OWC President Pam Stieglitz gives a hug to senior Clem Peeler.



**FASCINATION** — Catherine Crawford displays her beads for the enjoyment of Patrick Dunningan.



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# MPs try to make a merry Christmas for area kids

Redstone's 291st Military Police Company is trying to give some of Huntsville's children more fun this Christmas.

The Officer Friendly program, in cooperation with Redstone Arsenal Youth Activities, is sponsoring free Christmas parties for children in several elementary schools and day care programs.

Sgt. Carl Cannon, known as Officer Friendly to area children, initiated the parties when members of his unit asked what they could do for kids at Christmas.

Cannon and other MPs collected donations from the NCO Wives Club, Officers Wives Club, Youth Center and Thrift Shop so that more than 2,500 children could receive gifts.

K-Mart, the Regis Inn, Wal-Mart, Toys-R-U's, Service Merchandise and Hills donated merchandise for the parties.

Students at McDonnell, Ridgecrest, and Morris Elementary schools will receive gifts, and so will children at the Redstone Arsenal Child Development Center, the Huntsville Day Care Association for the Underprivileged and guests at the Youth Activities Christmas party, Cannon stated.

"In addition, the Morale and Welfare people have donated about 2,000 books that will be given to the detention center in Huntsville," Cannon said.

Area merchants donated six bicycles, and two will be given away at each elementary school, Cannon said.

The parties have received the full support of the military police unit.

"I think it's a great idea," said 1st Lt. Walter Lynch, the unit's executive officer. "It will make Christmas for children more enjoyable and help strengthen the bond between the military and the community, which is very good to begin with."

Cannon believes the parties are unique, and is proud of the work his unit has been able to do despite its small size.

"This is our real chance to show that we are not only representing the United States Army and the Military Police. It is also a chance to show the public that we are caring, concerned citizens, just as they are. This is the largest free Christmas party put on in the state of Alabama," he stated.



**CHRISTMAS FOR SCHOOL KIDS** — The Ridgecrest Elementary School Safety Patrol had the task of wrapping over 2,000 Christmas presents for the Officer Friendly Christmas Party. Getting started are (from left) Shannon Fairbanks, Kenny Lamb, Lisa McNeese, April Weaver, and Cophia Jackson.

## President leads mourning for plane crash victims

**FORT CAMPBELL, Ky.** — President Reagan led a memorial service here for the 248 members of the 101st Airborne Division who were killed in an aircraft crash as they returned from peacekeeping duties in the Middle East.

Canadian investigators, meanwhile, said the chartered DC-8 reached an adequate speed for takeoff, then suddenly veered right and lost speed steadily until it crashed. They were still trying to determine the cause. The soldiers died along with eight aircraft crew members in the crash Dec. 12 in Gander,

Newfoundland.

The tragedy occurred as the troops were returning home for Christmas after six months' duty with peacekeeping forces in the Sinai desert.

"You do not grieve alone," Reagan told families and friends of the victims.

"We grieve as a nation, together, as together we say goodbye to those who died in the service of their country," he added.

"In life they were our heroes; in death our darlings," Reagan said.

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**Mary Cagle**

# At arsenal since WWII, she recorded it's history

Probably the longest career ever recorded here by a woman is coming to a close with the pending retirement of Mary Cagle.

The long-time command historian plans to retire Dec. 27 from a federal career spanning about 42 years, unbroken except for an interlude of several months when her son was born. What's more, all of those years were logged at Redstone Arsenal, except for 18 months with the Army Air Corps in Indiana and Mississippi during World War II.

Her long service has enabled her to lend a unique perspective to recording the history of the Army here. Besides being here from the beginning of the missile era, she worked for the construction contractor that built the arsenal and then was employed at all three of the wartime activities that existed here: Redstone Ordnance Plant and Huntsville Arsenal and Gulf Chemical Warfare Depot.

In April 1943 she hired on with Redstone Ordnance Plant. Before that, she worked for Kershaw-Butler Engineers Ltd., the company engaged by the Army to conduct a rush program of military construction on 40,000 acres of farm land.

At Redstone Ordnance Plant, she worked in the supply and property section. Her grade was CAF-1 (same as GS-1); her salary \$1260 a year (less than \$25 a week).

"I started at the bottom and there weren't any women's organizations to help me along," remarked Cagle, a GS-13 for many years. "I did it the hard way. I earned it."

She married Eugene C. Cagle whose family lived on and farmed the land at Jordan Lane and Drake Ave. where the Exxon station is today. She accompanied her soldier husband to duty stations in Indiana and Mississippi and found continued federal employment at both places.

She returned here in 1946 and went to work processing disability claims for hundreds of workers injured on Huntsville Arsenal's chemical production lines during the war. There are old pictures in her files that show workers with mustard burns that erupted in large blisters. But the worst damage resulted when the chemical was inhaled. "The sad part was that when they first started handling it they didn't know it could permanently damage their lungs," Cagle said. "You could see the blisters but the medics didn't know the people were injured internally."

Cagle helped the victims with the paperwork to establish their disability and draw compensation. "I did a lot of fighting for them," she remembers. "I understand some are still living," she added. "They would be quite old now."

The thing that stands out most in her mind about the



**CLOSING THE BOOK** — Mary Cagle with the volumes she has written during a long tenure as command historian. In background is a 1943 map showing the locations of Redstone Ordnance Plant, Huntsville Arsenal and Gulf Chemical Warfare Depot.

war years is how hard everyone worked to meet enormous production requirements. Production lines ran 'round the clock, producing chemicals and bombs and munitions of many types. Interestingly, many of the workers, perhaps a majority, were women. "They had to use women because so many men had been drafted. There were women of all ages, doing the dangerous work and otherwise," Cagle said. She recalls that one family had three generations of women on the same production line.

Morale was remarkable during the war years, she remembers, except during a dispiriting period when the Army tried contracting out Redstone Arsenal to the Continental Can Co. The commanding officer, Col. Carroll D. Hudson, left, contractor people arrived and morale nosedived. But the Army changed its

mind after a couple of months, brought Hudson back, and the work force returned to its former high spirits.

Milton Frank, the football coach and stadium namesake, was a production foreman here. He had taught Cagle at Huntsville High School.

Guards on horseback patrolled the installation perimeter. The horse barn was building 7132 on Redstone Road. Magistrate's Court is located there now.

In 1953, Gen. Thomas K. Vincent selected Cagle to become Redstone Arsenal's first full-time historian. She was historian for the Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency while it existed here during 1958-61; then was a monograph historian until being named to her current position in January 1977 where she was responsible for writing the history of the command

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# Mary Cagle

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and historical monographs on major weapon systems.

She regards those histories as not just chronologies of events but records that can help those who will use them learn from the past.

"I've done the best I could toward the historical program and I hope people will use the histories I've written and not try to reinvent the wheel," Cagle said. "I've seen the wheel come full cycle so many times that it makes me dizzy," she added, referring to reorganizations.

Now, she says, "I think it's time to step aside and let someone else write the histories for awhile."

She doesn't plan to get completely away from her profession, however, and wants to do free lance writing after she retires. She is a Civil War and local history buff. She was born in Fort Smith, Ark. in 1922 and has been a resident of Huntsville since 1933.

Her husband retired in August from John Blue Farm Equipment. They are avid Auburn football fans and enjoy camping, swimming and growing roses. They have a son, Stanley E. Cagle, and two grandchildren.

She will be honored at a retirement reception on Jan. 7 at 11 a.m. at the Officers Club.

Having witnessed, interpreted and documented

growth of Redstone Arsenal from its infancy, Cagle has experienced many highlights in her long career, including a Commander's Award, but she points to two recent accomplishments as the ones she is "particularly proud" of. "The best parts came last," in her words.

This spring, she arranged for the community to honor Col. Hudson, Redstone Arsenal's first commander, during the Armed Forces Day celebration. Now 85 and living in California, he served as grand marshal of the parade through downtown Huntsville. Cagle accompanied the wheelchair-bound old soldier on a tour of the place that he commanded from 1941-46 and again from 1948-52. He wept on returning to his old quarters on post.

Cagle has been instrumental in obtaining for MICOM soldiers the right to wear a unit emblem identifying them as members of the Missile Command. "It sets them apart and lets everybody know they belong to MICOM," Cagle said.

She worked more than a year obtaining the waiver to regulations that will allow MICOM soldiers to wear the distinctive unit insignia. Delivery of the first lot is expected here soon, "Hopefully before I leave because that's one thing I want to take with me," the retiring historian said proudly.

## Bowling standings

Here are the troop bowling standings after last week's games:

Tuesday's Conference		
(No scores were turned in for Dec. 10)		
Thursday's Conference		
Team	Won	Loss
A Company (E&TTD)	220.5	54.5
Marines-2	196	79
B Company-1	191.5	83.5
MEDDAC-2	168	107
5th Student Company	146	129
MEDDAC-1	122.5	152.5
C Company-2	122	153
MEDDAC-3	107.5	167.5
MEDDAC-4	107	168
B Company-2	106.5	168.5
7th Student Company	78	197
6th Student Company-2	74	201

200 games/600 series bowled on Dec. 12:

Dave Hahn	224, 200, & 604
Steve Ford	215
Jim Stracke	213
Gary Mushenski	212
Keith Warters	205
Tony Hughey	201

(Thursday's Conference will bowl Dec. 19 but WILL NOT bowl Dec. 26 nor Jan. 2.)

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# Holiday season activities promote driver awareness

BY PAM ROGERS

The Christmas season is a time when happy celebrations can end with tragedy for those who drink too much, or take other drugs, and then attempt to drive, according to officials here.

National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week, Dec. 15-21, will give people a chance to plan for a safe holiday and still have a good time.

Jane Seltzer, chief of the Community Counseling Center, related several activities designed to help people get home safely after a night on the town.

"MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) is sponsoring free taxi rides, starting the 13th and running through Dec. 31, from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m.," Seltzer said. "All it takes is to have the bar call, or customers can call themselves," she added. Local bars will be provided with the phone numbers of cab companies participating in the program.

"Several businesses in town offer the designated driver program— benefits for the person in the group who doesn't drink," she said.

During this year's awareness week, the Officers' and NCO clubs will give a 50 cent discount to people who order a meal with a built-in drink price without the drink.

Seltzer believes free rides, along with increased law enforcement surveillance for drunk drivers, have improved the chances for a safe holiday.

"In 1982, during this time, there were five fatalities, 80 crashes, and 123 arrests. In 1983, we had one fatality, 50 crashes, and 194 arrests. Last year, it was one fatality, 21 crashes, and 169 arrests. I would like to think not only the authorities' vigilance has increased, but that people are more aware, too," she said.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ronald Bynum, chaplain for the Community Counseling Center, said arsenal officials don't want to keep people from having fun but just to be careful.

"Our effort is to keep some focus on people having a good time, but also on the need for people being extra prudent," he said.

Hosts and hostesses need to be aware of their responsibilities.

"It used to be felt that to be a good host, you must provide all the alcohol guests can drink. Now, a good host is one who provides enough alcohol for one or two drinks," Bynum said.

People who smoke marijuana and then drive can be just as impaired, maybe even more so, than someone who's drunk, said Billie Napper, an alcohol and substance abuse counselor at the center. The effects of pot on depth perception and tracking skills, both necessary for driving, can last for up to eight hours, she said.

"When you combine the two (marijuana and alcohol) you have a problem. Marijuana is an anti-

emetic, and one of the body's defenses for drinking too much is to throw up. When you smoke pot, you don't feel sick," she said.

MADD plans to place wrecked autos in high visibility areas to remind people of the dangers of drinking and driving. Everyone on post will receive a guide to mixing nonalcoholic drinks.

The military police will increase surveillance for drunk drivers, but "they want to help soldiers avoid trouble— get them back to post or squared away rather than deal with them as an accident statistic or a DUI," Seltzer said.

People who are convicted for driving under influence of alcohol on Redstone can have their driving privileges on the arsenal suspended for a year, pay a fine of \$500, and attend drunk driving school. That's for the first offense. Active duty soldiers will receive a letter of reprimand from a general officer.

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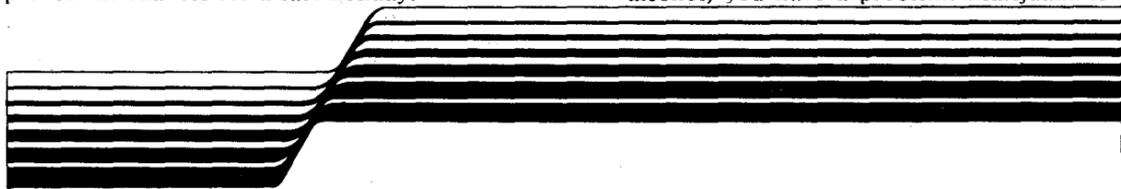
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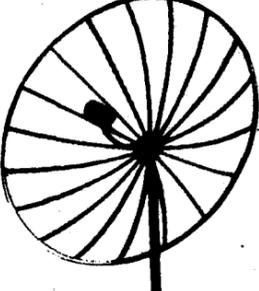
## Local volleyball team wins another tourney

A team of military and civilian volleyball players from Redstone earned an early Christmas present this month.

The Hui-o-Hapa team won the men's division "B" volleyball tournament at the University of Alabama-Birmingham on Dec. 7. Hui-o-Hapa beat a Columbus, Ga., team in the finals 15-10 and 15-9 for their second straight title from a tournament.

Hui-o-Hapa, Columbus, Maxwell Air Force Base of Montgomery, and the Flying Fish of Birmingham reached the semifinals of the seven team tournament. The Huntsville Cheapshots finished fifth. The Redstone team beat the Flying Fish 15-10, 14-16 and 15-4 in one semifinal game while Columbus defeated Maxwell AFB 15-13 and 15-9.

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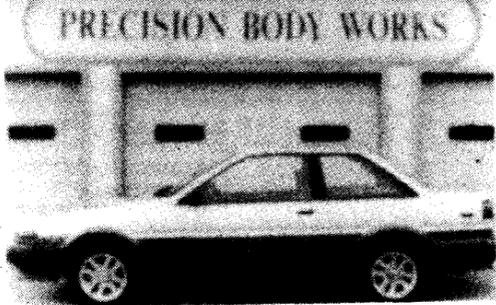


**FOOD BASKET** — Post Chaplain (Col.) Vernon Swim and Jim Wolf, deputy commissary officer, look over the \$1,200 worth of food donated to the Chaplain's Food Basket program by commissary customers. The food will be given to needy families in the community.



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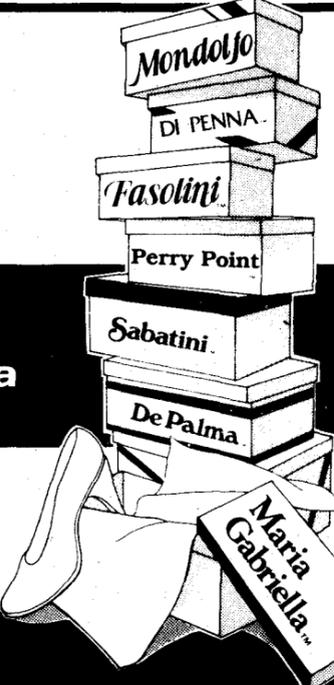
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# Qualified soldiers needed for warrant officer slots

A lack of applicants from the enlisted ranks has resulted in shortages in some warrant officer specialties.

Among the short areas are two warrant officer specialties related to the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, according to CWO 4 Hercules Maxwell of the OMMCS proponency office. He identified them as land combat missile system repair technician, and nuclear weapons technician.

"The problem is historically the warrant officers have never had an institutionalized recruiting system. We rely on the enlisted personnel to sustain the warrant officer force," Maxwell said.

Reclassification of warrant officers from one specialty to another is also a source of applicants. However, this is a limited source because of "the training and electronic background required to obtain the MOS," Maxwell said. "This is especially (true) in the hi-tech MOS areas."

A recent Total Warrant Officer Study resulted in such plans as establishing a warrant officer recruiting program. "This is an ongoing initiative at the present time to do that," Maxwell said.

Warrant officer specialties with shortages include the land combat missile area, special forces area, engineering, automotive, counter-intelligence, and emitter location/identification technician (which deals with signal intelligence, Maxwell said).

"We're short approximately 20 percent of the total authorization" for the two shortage specialties here,

according to Maxwell. He serves as proponency project officer for warrant officer life-cycle management.

Requirements for applicants in the shortage warrant officer specialties include:

- The individual must be qualified in an enlisted specialty that "feeds" the specialty he or she is applying for.
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# MICOM soldier wins suggester award

A soldier assigned to a MICOM project office has been named Military Suggester of the Year for the Department of Army.

SFC Edward D. Harrison, of the Patriot Deployment Support Office at Fort Bliss, Texas, received the plaque in a Dec. 11 ceremony at the Pentagon. His suggestion resulted in savings in the price of an electrical motor for the Patriot missile system.

"He started trying to find a cheaper buy from another contractor, and of course found a producer that could get it cheaper," said Linda Thomas, an employee relations assistant in the incentive awards office, part of Civilian Personnel.

Harrison's idea resulted in \$195,541.50 in first-year savings. He received a suggestion award of \$4,178. Harrison, noncommissioned officer in charge at his office, submitted the idea in March 1984 and received the suggestion award in October 1984.

The Army selected a military suggester of the year from recommendations from all the commands, Thomas said. "It's quite an honor, and it's good for our suggestion program here at MICOM," she said.

This has been another good year for this command's suggestion program. The \$17 million in savings were \$9 million more than last year when the command won the Army Materiel Command award for most tangible savings. This year's winner probably will not be known here until next summer.

"Our savings goal for '85 was \$8.9 million. We achieved \$17 million, so we came relatively close to doubling our savings goal," Thomas said.

MICOM's commander, Maj. Gen. Peter Burbules, and CSM Robert Whiteford attended the ceremony in which Harrison received the military suggester award from John O. Marsh, Secretary of the Army.

# Soldier wins robot

A soldier here has won a robot for Christmas in a drawing at the post exchange.

Sp4 Teresita Nunez won a Omnibot 2000 robot valued at \$356, according to Bob Davis, exchange manager. The door prize was raffled off Sunday, Dec. 15.

"This is something AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) is doing at most exchanges, raffling off this robot as a door prize for Christmas," Davis said.

He estimated that "about a thousand" people took part in the drawing here. "It's been out front for several weeks and people have just been dropping in tickets everyday," he added.

"I'd just like to wish everybody a merry Christmas," Davis said.

Nunez, a member of A Company, said "I think it's great news—the best Christmas present I could get." She added that she was "really shocked" when she heard about it from a friend.



**TOP SOLDIERS** — The Post Soldier of the Year, Sgt. Christina Jones, and Post NCO of the Year, Sgt. Carl Cannon, received free uniforms from the Post Exchange last week. Assisting the two in trying on the uniforms are Pablo Lira (left), military clothing department supervisor, and Bob Davis, exchange manager. Jones and Cannon were both first runners-up in the AMC competition.

# COE stays unbeaten with balanced attack

COE extended its winning streak to five games with a hard fought 51-48 victory over CPO in 35 and over action in the civilian welfare basketball league.

Missile Systems-2 stayed behind the league leaders with a 4-1 mark by downing Pershing, 44-34.

In other games reported, Green Machine defeated Computer Bits, 64-59; P&P-2 rolled past COE, 86-45; and Security stopped MIA, 42-38, in the fast league.

In the women's league, Security took sole possession of first with a 37-30 victory over Forenza.

Unbeaten COE got balanced scoring from Bob Noel with 11 points, Paul Loftis and John Matthews with 10

each to remain atop slow league standings while Abdullah Muhammad had 17 for CPO.

Frank Lindsey led Missile Systems-2 with 17 points, followed by Stan Blackwell with 10. Charles Mitchell was high for Pershing with 12 points while Chester Domaracki and Argie Haddock had 10 each.

In the fast league, Green Machine got 18 from Don Kellem, Harrison King 16 and Buphus Nall 14. Computer Bits was led by Chauncey Ivey with 21 and Eric Dalton 16.

Coy Holden and Luther Johnson had 11 each for Security while Ken McCormick had 12 for MIA.

Willie Epps had 25, Dante Emanuelle 21 and Harold Jones 18 to spark P&P-2 past COE.

In women's action, Lanette Onken, Denise Crutcher and Chenetta Hill had nine each for Security while Missy Richards, Kristie Miller and Laura Pullem had six each for Forenza.

# Soldier of month named

The post soldier of the month for December is PFC Ivory Johnson of 515th Ordnance Company.

Runners-up were Sp4 Edsel O. Hogan of HHC and Pvt. Timothy A. Beard of 4th Student Company. The post soldier of the month board convened Dec. 12 at the NCO Club and made the selection, according to CSM Robert Whiteford.

# Uniform reg delayed

**WASHINGTON** — Fielding of the revised version of AR 670-1, "Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia," is expected to be at publication distribution points throughout the Army by mid-January, said an official of the Uniform and Awards Branch of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel in the Pentagon.

The revised regulation was expected to be fielded by mid-December, but administrative problems hampered its production schedule, he said.

The revised regulation will become effective Feb. 18. (Arnews)

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# Christmas takes some coping for waiting wives

BY PAM ROGERS

It takes a lot of strength, and a lot of faith; faith in your family and in God to make it, especially at Christmas. That's what three of Redstone's waiting wives say about being apart from their husbands who are on overseas assignments.

All have ways of coping with the situation, and they all agree that the most important thing to remember is to stay busy.

Peggy Wade— whose husband CWO 2 Stephen Wade is a nuclear surety inspector at Camp Stanley, Korea —has become a licensed day care provider.

"I got the license shortly after Steve left. It keeps me busy, and the extra money is nice. I have the satisfaction of contributing in a financial way. He likes for me not to have to work, but he's making such a sacrifice," she said.

The Wade's two children have had a little trouble adjusting to their father being away, but 7-year-old Stevie has had an easier time than his 4-year-old sister Rachel.

"Rachel was very depressed after her daddy left, but she's pulled out of it now and is doing very well. Stevie has a chin-up attitude," she said.

"I'm very definitely a copier. I handle the situation, not on my own strength, but we're both Christians, and I find an incredible amount of strength in my faith," she said.

She writes to her husband every day, and calls him frequently. "It means a lot to the children to hear Daddy's voice," she said.

The Wades have plans to make Christmas as normal as possible this year.

"Traditionally on Christmas morning, Steve reads the Christmas story, we have prayer and devotion, and then we pass out gifts. This year Steve is going to record the reading, and send us the tape," she said. She plans to make an audio tape of the children opening their Christmas presents to send to her husband.

Children can make a big difference in the life of a wife who's waiting, said Godfrey Powell. Her husband, 1st Sgt. Toney Powell, is stationed in Korea. She depends on their children, 16-year-old Tracia and 14-year-old Glenn, to help her through the rough spots.

"When children are older, they can better understand—the smaller ones don't. We sit down and have family talks, and when I get down and depressed, my son will say, 'Mom, it's not so bad.' It's hard on a couple who don't have children," she said.

"You have to keep your mind occupied. Don't let your mind wander, and you'll be fine. Sure, I miss my husband. I think about him every day," she said.

Powell keeps her days filled with work and other activities, like sewing, reading, NCO Wives Club activities, or spending time with her children.

Powell has invited her brother to visit during Christmas, which will be the only difference in their family tradition of a quiet day at home.

Tina Galysh believes in organization. She plans her days so that her time isn't wasted, and tries to make her activities productive.

"I'm very, very proud of my husband— being in the Army," she said. Her husband, Lt. Col. Roman Galysh, is in Saudi Arabia with the Corps of Engineers. She has tried to accomplish several things since he has been gone, like running six miles a day when she has the time, planning Chinese cooking classes, and studying English.

"English is a second language for me," said Galysh, who is originally from Taiwan. English may be a "se-

cond" language, but in addition to her native Taiwanese and English she speaks Japanese, Chinese, "and a little German," she said.

"I feel good about learning to do things, because I want my husband to be proud of me when he comes home," she said. She's pleased with the independence she has developed.

She believes staying busy is the key to keeping her spirits up, which, in turn, helps her children feel more secure.

"If you feel good, your children feel good. No children want to see their mother sad because Daddy is away," she said.

The Galyshes have three children. Tammy, 22, will be an elementary education major at Athens State College when the spring term begins.

Jean is 16 and a junior at Butler High School, and 9-year-old Roman Jr. attends Holy Spirit School.

"I try to keep myself as busy as I can. In my spare time I visit a nursing home. I hug the old people—they enjoy it and I enjoy it," she said.

Galysh feels the pain of separation most on holidays, and feels Christmas will be the most difficult one to get through.

"We usually go to midnight Mass, and it's so hard to think about it without him...and then Christmas dinner. We don't have relatives here. We'll have dinner, just the kids and me," she said.

"The way we have to look at it is God loves us, we have good food, and a warm home—that's how I'll tell it to my kids. We have so much to be thankful for," she said.

All three women believe that their marriages are even stronger now than before.

"I really think a separation can make a good marriage fantastic, and one that's not so good a disaster. This won't do anything but make us stronger," said Peggy Wade.

"Even though you can be close, being separated makes you even closer. That old saying about absence making the heart grow fonder is really true, but the phone bills sure are bad," said Powell.



READY FOR CHRISTMAS — Peggy Wade and daughter Rachel pause in their discussion of Christmas plans.



DECORATING — Godfrey Powell takes time from her busy schedule to add finishing touches to her Christmas tree.

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# Charity campaign workers honored

1986 should be a good year for area charities, thanks to the efforts of federal workers who worked for and contributed to the Combined Federal Campaign.

This year's CFC netted a total of \$827,495.63, according to Katie Byrd, chairperson of the local federal coordinating committee. The goal was \$700,000.

A few activities—such as making sure designated agencies get their money and that payroll deductions are accepted through the computer system—still remain to be done, Byrd said.

Byrd believes an organization which did a large part of the work for the campaign may have been somewhat overlooked.

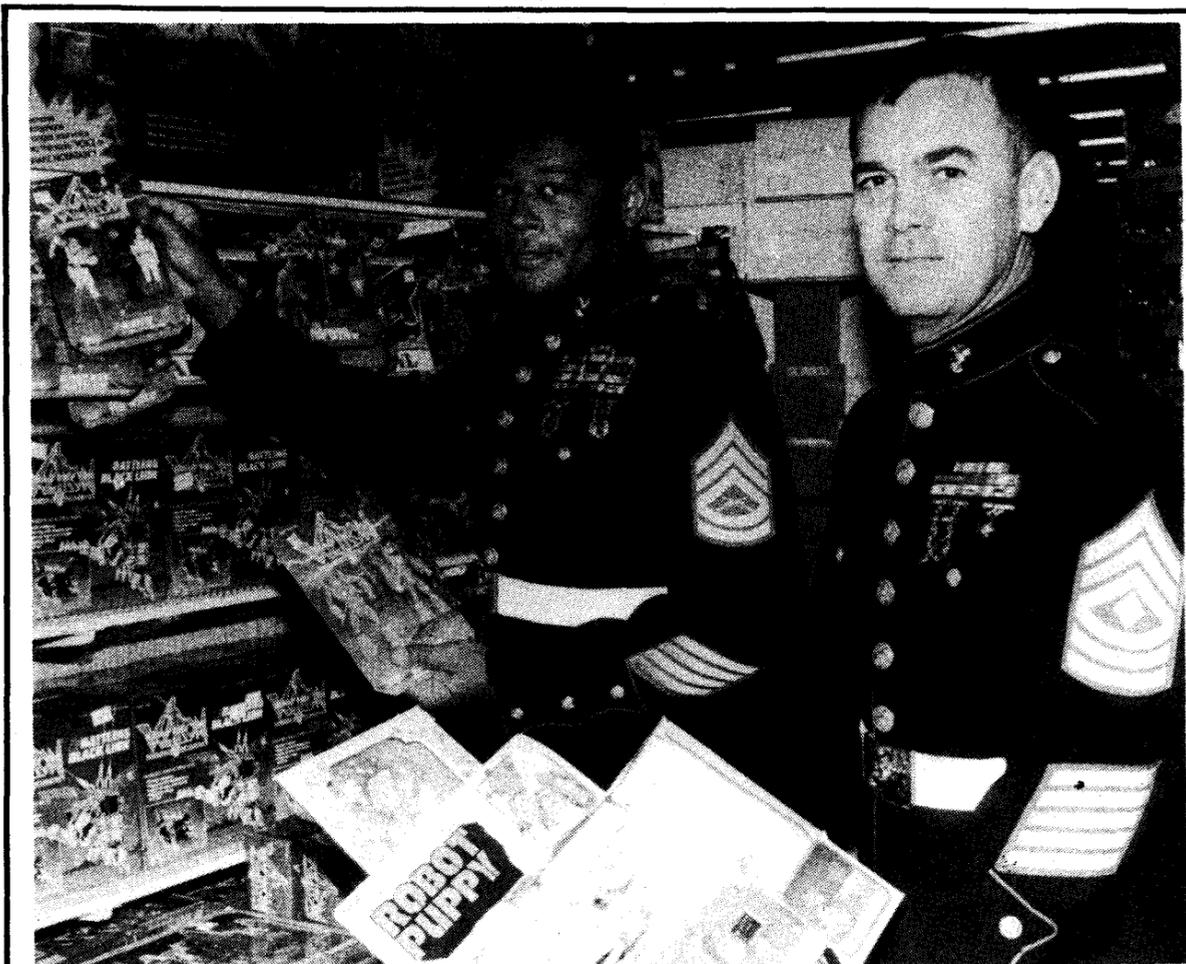
"Col. (George) Laslo deserves a great deal of praise because the Comptroller organization was responsible for administrative management of the campaign this year," she stated.

An awards ceremony was held Monday, with recognition given to several agencies that did an exceptional job of giving.

Within the Missile Command, there were seven organizations with 100 percent participation: the Systems Analysis and Evaluation Office; the Army Tactical Missile Systems Project Office; the Hellfire/GLD Project Office; the Inspector General Office; the Small Business Office; the Hawk Project Office and the Equal Employment Opportunity Office.

Tom Wert, chairman of the Board of Directors for the United Way of Madison County, presented an award to Brig. Gen. John Drosdeck in recognition of his work as this year's campaign chairperson.

Total contributions for this year's campaign exceeded last year's total of \$759,224 by \$68,271.63.



TOYS FOR TOTS — Gunner Sgt. Rich Lewis (left) and 1st Sgt. Larry Sutterfield of the U.S. Marine Corps Inspector-Instructor staff selects toys which will be donated to the Toys for Tots program. The Huntsville Lions Club donated \$200 for the shopping trip. Toys for Tots was conceived in 1947 by Marine Reserve Col. William Hendricks to make Christmas a reality for thousands of children who were orphaned as a result of World War II.

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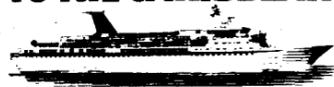
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# Deputy post commander believes in team effort

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Col. John Walker's position is somewhat like a first-year coach taking over a team with an almost completely new roster.

Walker, commander of the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity and deputy post commander, says he looks forward to molding RASA into one team. The organization for post-wide support services was changed to a contract operation Oct. 1.

"I think at this particular time it's a very big challenge," said Walker. "I'm honored to be selected to lead the folks into a new era, now that we have settled the contract. The contract has been awarded as of Oct. 1st, and all the major RIF actions have been done. I see it as building a new organization to accomplish our mission together, both for the government and the contractor, so that the post can continue to operate."

He has been impressed by the dedication and competence of the people, he said. The past five years have not been easy for RASA with an on-again, off-again, on-again decision on whether to stick with a government workforce or contract out. This, understandably, caused a lot of anxiety for the people. "From my perspective, that's all behind us and we're looking to fine-tune our organization, make it one team," Walker said.

Fifty percent of what was RASA before Oct. 1 is now operated by a contractor, Holmes & Narver/Morrison-Knudsen. The so-called housekeeping functions include such things as utilities, supply, equipment maintenance, and roads and grounds.

Walker lists among his goals: Pulling the people together into one team; recognizing performance whether by government or contractor people; reducing energy usage in accordance with goals; improving ser-

vices to customers; and improving housing facilities on post.

"My objective is to make this a better place to live and work for both our military and civilian communities," he said, "so that when they think that name, RASA, it once again will get the recognition it deserves for being a very dedicated and hardworking organization."

The 44-year-old colonel is a native of Erie, Pa. In 1963 he was commissioned a second lieutenant from ROTC at Gannon University in Erie and received a bachelor's degree in industrial management. He later earned a master's degree in industrial management from the American University in Washington, D.C.

"I guess the things that have kept me in the Army are the sense of responsibility and authority you get at each level," Walker said. "Also, with the Army you know you're moving into a new environment every three or four years. The challenge of meeting new people, solving new problems—I like that kind of life, it keeps you young."

His tours have included Fort Bliss, Texas; Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.; Germany, Vietnam, and Korea. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel during a tour at Redstone as commander of 2nd Battalion, School Brigade, from 1977-79. He served as professor of military science in charge of ROTC at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., from 1981-83.

Walker served here as director of Materiel Management Directorate at the Missile Logistics Center from July 1984 until becoming deputy post commander in November. He took over for Col. Dahl Cento who retired from the Army.



RASA CHIEF — Col. John Walker leads the support services organization that converted to contract operation.

Walker's hobbies include golf, deer hunting ("which unfortunately I have not been successful at this year"), and jogging.

"We are now rebuilding, forming a unified team with our objective of giving the best service to date," he said. Spoken like a true coach.

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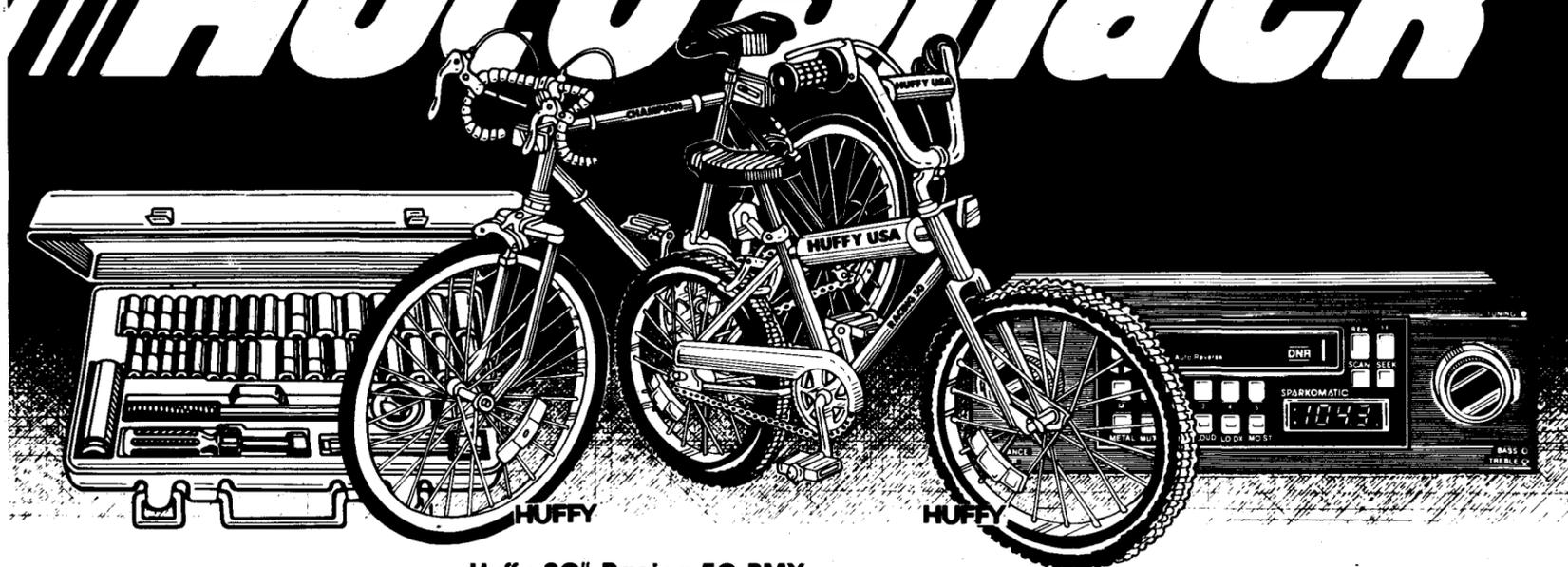
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### Testing services

No testing services will be available at the Army Education Center from Dec. 20 through Jan. 6.

### Supply managers

The annual DA Supply Management civilian career program screening panel will convene in Arlington, Va., March 17-25 to evaluate employees eligible for referral to GS/GM-13 grade level positions. Career appraisal packages should be submitted by Dec. 20 to AMSMI-LC-MM, building 5681, room B2S, Attn: Willena Richardson. For more information or forms, call Richardson 876-1531/1411.

### Cafeteria holidays

Here is the holiday schedule for post restaurant cafeterias: Dec. 23— Cafeterias 4488 and 5250 will be open; all other services closed. Dec. 24— Cafeterias 4488 and 5250 open, limited services; all other services closed. Dec. 25— All activities closed for Christmas. Dec. 26— Cafeterias 4488 and 5250 open, limited service; all other services closed. Dec. 27— Cafeterias 4488 and 5250 open, limited service; all other services closed. Dec. 30— Cafeterias 4488 and 5250 open, limited service; all other services closed. Dec. 31— Cafeterias 4488 and 5250 open, limited service; all other services closed. Jan. 1— All activities closed for New Year's.

### Weapons and ammunition

Security officials say privately-owned weapons and ammunition on post are under the following rules: Residents on post must register their weapons with Security Directorate, building 3423, within three working days of introduction on post. Military people living in troop billets will store their weapons in an approved arms room. Privately owned weapons will not be introduced into troop living quarters at any time. Weapons belonging to military people occupying family quarters, BOQs, or BEQs will be secured in quarters by securely locked racks, chests, or cabinets with ammunition stored separately and subject to command inspection. All weapons must be registered.

### Dean's list

Reba Maze and Janey Sanderson, both of Redstone Arsenal, have made the Athens State College dean's list for the fall quarter 1985, according to the school's public relations office.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous has a "happy hour" meeting at 5:15 p.m. Fridays in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel. This is an open discussion meeting. Anyone interested in the subject of alcoholism is invited to attend.

### Black employees

The Black Federal Employees Association will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7 in the Alpha House meeting room, 4301 Oakwood Ave.

### Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop will close at 2 p.m. Dec. 20 for the Christmas-New Year holiday season and reopen at 10 a.m. Jan. 3.

### Catholic women

Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW) will meet at 9 a.m. Jan. 3 at the Bicentennial Chapel. Rita and Ken Knowles will present a program entitled "Coping with TDY Separations."

### Protestant women

Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) will hold its monthly Bible Study Group at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 6 at the Bicentennial Chapel.

### Post Exchange

Dec. 24 at 3 p.m. is the last day for pick-up of layaways before Christmas at the Post Exchange.

### Columbia College

The Columbia College office will be closed Christmas week, Dec. 23-27, according to the Education Center. The office will be open Dec. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. to noon. It will resume regular hours Jan. 2.

### Singles group

Singles United, a social group for adults who are widowed, divorced, or never married, will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a dinner dance at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St., Dec. 21 from 6:30 p.m. until midnight. Cost for the evening is \$12, and dress is semiformal. All members, prospective members, and former members (even those who are married) are invited. For information call Singles United at 532-7008 or Jennifer Morriset at 883-7027.

### Sci-fi group

The North Alabama Science Fiction Organization will meet Dec. 21 at 7 p.m., at First American Federal Savings and Loan, 4008 University Drive. For information call Jack Lundy 876-9414/9415.

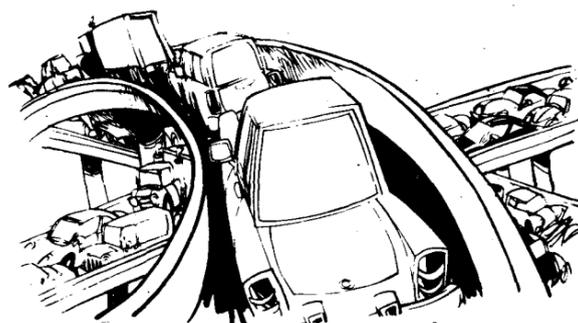
### Top graduates

The Honor and Distinguished graduates of the OMMCS ammunition specialist course during the first week of December were Sp4 David A. Koppelman and PFC Stephen C. Heinrich.

### Special devotion

A 20-minute Advent Vespers Devotion is scheduled at 6 p.m. on Dec. 18 at Bicentennial Chapel. All are invited to prepare themselves spiritually for Christmas.

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### Christmas Eve services

Three Christmas Eve services are planned at Bicentennial Chapel. A children's Mass will be held at 5 p.m. The Protestant service is at 7 p.m. A half-hour of Christmas music at 11:30 precedes the midnight Mass.

### Recycling drive

Ridgecrest Elementary School is conducting a recycling drive for newspapers and aluminum cans today through Friday from 7:30-8 a.m.

### Commissary

Here are the holiday hours for the commissary: Dec. 27, normal hours; Dec. 28, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Dec. 29, closed; Dec. 30, 1-5 p.m., limited assortment of groceries and meat, full service deli; Dec. 31, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Jan. 1, closed. Deli trays should be ordered by Dec. 28. After hours, leave your order on the recorder at 876-6619.

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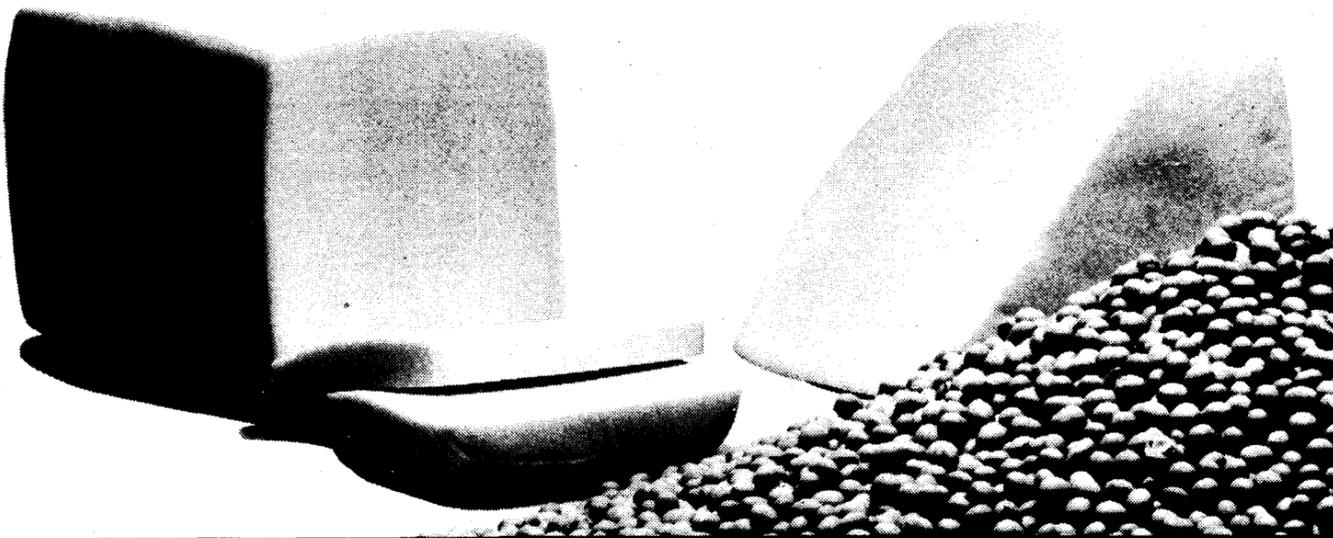
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# Co-workers' compassion results in animal's rescue

BY PAM ROGERS

This Christmas season, two workers have the satisfaction of knowing their actions may have saved an animal's life.

Patrick Meagher, a logistics management specialist in the International Logistics Directorate, was out for a bit of fresh air on Dec. 4 when he discovered a skunk trapped in a drainage hole.

"I was taking a walk around the building when I noticed a deep drainage hole. I thought to myself that it looked dangerous—that someone could step into it, and I just decided to peep into it. I looked in, and I jumped," he said.

The skunk was at the bottom of the drain, which is almost four feet deep, with pipes crossing horizontally about a foot from the bottom. An animal lover, Meagher knew he had to find a way to get the skunk out.

"I called around for some assistance. I called Facilities Engineers—the contractor types—and they said they would do something, but the first day went by, and I got disturbed. So I called the veterinary office. They said it was the contractor's responsibility—still nothing. I was becoming very, very disturbed. Then I called the game warden. All these people said they would do something, but they never did," he said.

Meagher didn't give up. He started at the top of his list and called again. Meanwhile, he fed the skunk and tried to encourage it to climb out of the drain on a board he had placed there. "But a skunk's not a climber. I even tried an old venetian blind top. It looks like it has steps, but he still wouldn't climb out," he said.

"Facilities engineers claims the contractor does have responsibility, but he (the contractor) says it's not in the contract unless he receives specific instructions. This is the third day, and the temperature is 22 degrees," Meagher said.

Someone from FE did come to survey the situation, but only observed that the skunk must like the hole, and probably wouldn't come out because someone was feeding it.

Meagher was convinced the skunk couldn't last the weekend with the temperature dropping, so he and a co-worker, Tom Myers, took matters into their own hands. Equipped with a tree branch for a prod and a snare made from a piece of rope tied to a mop handle, they began their rescue operation.

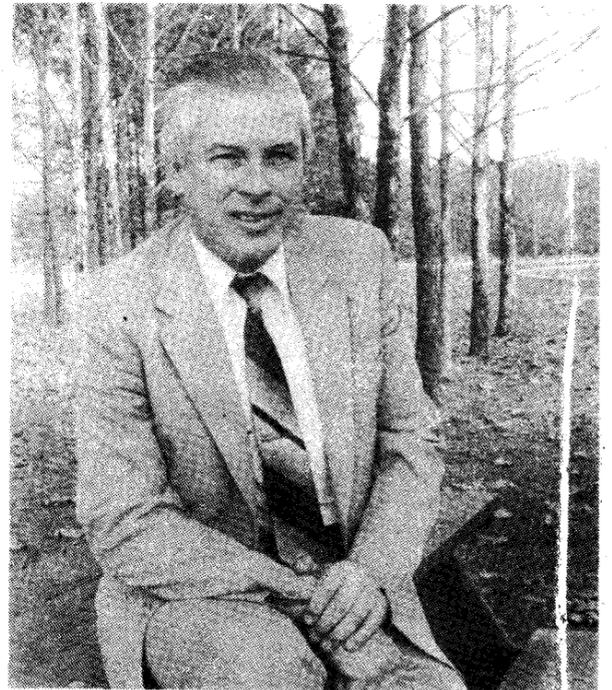
Myers used the tree branch to persuade the animal to move so Meagher could snare it. When the snare was in place, Meagher lifted the skunk out.

"He was very cooperative, really. We were ready for a spray—ready to run, but he just ran off and went under the leaves," Meagher said.

"I'm an animal lover from way back. I feed the birds and the cats and dogs, and I hate to see an animal suffer," he said. He performed a similar rescue in Germany, but the animal involved was a porcupine.

Meagher had already planned to send an obituary to the *Rocket* if the skunk didn't make it, just to make a point of the non-assistance he received from the people he was told had responsibility of coming to the aid of animals.

Luckily, he never had to write the obituary, and as for the skunk, Meagher said, "when he was walking off, he turned around and looked at us for just a second...I'm sure he was telling good stories about us that night."



RESCUER — Patrick Meagher and a co-worker risked a spraying to free a trapped skunk.



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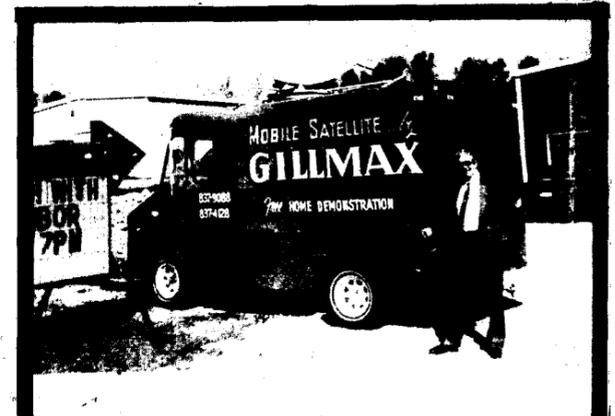
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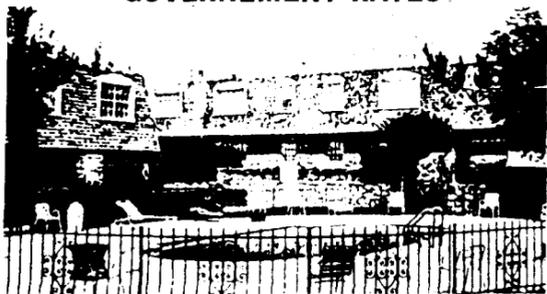
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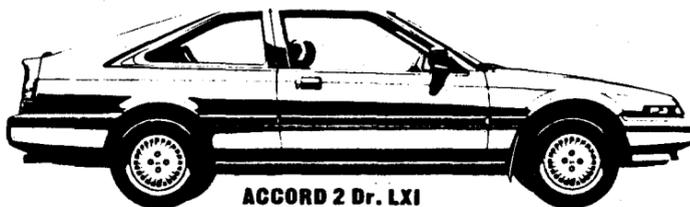
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# Safety officials concerned over deer strikes

BY ED PETERS

Deer strikes have become the leading cause of vehicle accidents at Redstone Arsenal.

"We're really concerned about someone getting injured or a fatality. Sooner or later we're going to get one through a windshield," said Donnie Rogers of MICOM's Safety Office.

Since Oct. 1, the beginning of the fiscal year, there have been 22 deer-car collisions.

Often the collisions are unavoidable because the animal runs into the car or bolts in front of it too quickly for a driver to react. Many people who have been involved in deer accidents say they never saw the animal.

People are seldom injured but vehicles sometimes are badly damaged and there is great concern that a deer will smash through a windshield or a driver will lose control trying to dodge one.

"Most people on the arsenal probably don't realize that it's such a problem, that deer strikes are the leading cause of accidents on post," Rogers remarked.

Too, "most of the strikes are not in the rural hunting areas but in the high-traffic, high-personnel areas," he pointed out.

The three areas that produce the most deer accidents are Martin and Patton Roads near the overpass, which recorded six strikes last year; the Patton and Redstone Roads vicinity; and the area of Martin Road and Tof-toy Thruway.

Deer strikes are most likely to occur from 6-10 a.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. from late October through mid-February.

Rogers urges drivers to be alert, reduce speed and to keep in mind that deer tend to travel in small herds. "If one crosses in front of you, be prepared to stop because it's likely that others will be following immediately," he advises. Some strikes here have involved more than one deer.

"Wear your seat belt," Rogers adds. "This will help you maintain better control in an attempt to dodge a deer."

He said warning signs will be installed soon at deer crossings.

Last year there were 32 accidents here involving cars and deer. The year before that there were 45.

Rogers said the Safety Office does not have a position on whether there is an overpopulation of deer here.

As long ago as 1977, a state wildlife biologist recommended that the annual kill be upped to 500 animals but it has never approached that figure, even with does making up 40 percent or more of the yearly harvest. Harvests now generally run to about 325 animals, according to the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Tom Atkeson, manager of Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, stated in 1983 that "The Redstone reservation is overstocked with deer, has been for several years and the situation is worsening year by year. The declining size and condition of deer there, the increasing number of road kills and the appearance

of the vegetation on the reservation all confirm this." Those comments appeared in Atkeson's newspaper column which appears Sundays in the *Huntsville Times*.

Also in 1983, a state report again recommended increasing the harvest to prevent a "serious overpopulation".

Limitations on who can hunt and numbers that can be fielded and the presence of areas closed to hunting where deer can escape and hide make it difficult to appreciably increase the annual deer kill here.

Last year, Air Force officials hired marksmen to thin the herd at Cape Canaveral, Fla., after deer strikes multiplied from 28 to 59 in a three-year period.

## Ordnance Corps adopts regimental plan

WASHINGTON — The Ordnance Corps has become the first combat support branch to have its regimental system plan approved by the Army Chief of Staff.

Unlike the combat arms branches, there will be no regimental unit designations. Soldiers in the Ordnance Corps will remain with the "Corps" and have all the traditions and characteristics of a regiment.

"The Ordnance Corps Regimental Plan is a complete and well-thought-out approach integrating the Ordnance Corps into the U.S. Army Regimental System," said Brig. Gen. Leslie E. Beavers, the director of Personnel, Plans and Systems in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel in Washington.

Unifying the Ordnance Corps under the regimental system will foster branch cohesion and soldier identity with their branch, he added.

The plan, approved Oct. 22, calls for Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., headquarters of the Ordnance Center and School, to be the regimental home for the Ordnance Corps. The plan also designates the Ordnance Corps flag as the regimental color and the Ord-

nance escutcheon, or an emblem resembling a coat of arms, as the regimental crest.

Soldiers with an Ordnance MOS (Military Occupational Specialty), specialty or identifier will be automatically affiliated with the Corps, he said.

In addition, Ordnance soldiers will have the opportunity for recurring assignments within combat arms regiments because they will be allowed to associate with combat arms regiments of their choice. This will give ordnance soldiers greater assignment predictability in much the same way the regimental system is benefiting the combat arms soldiers, Beavers said. Details on how soldiers can associate with combat arms regiments will be announced in the future, he added.

Beavers said that the Corps' training brigades and battalions will be redesignated in conjunction with the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's move to align the entire Army training base with the regimental system. This means that the history of each training unit will be traced, and each unit will be redesignated, adopting the colors of its ancestor, he explained. (Arnews)



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