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MICOM began new research in '85

A new commander, the contracting out of many arsenal support jobs, and office relocations were among 1985 highlights for the Missile Command.

Other highlights included deployment in Germany of Pershing II and Patriot missiles and the beginning of three new research projects.

Maj. Gen. Peter Burbules became MICOM commander in August and directed the command's efforts to improve both the number and dollar value of contracts awarded competitively.

Reduction in force letters were delivered to 753 Redstone Arsenal Support Activity workers on June 17. In the period intervening until the RIF was completed Sept. 30, 162 of these were removed from consideration as the result of retirements, resignations and reassignments into new competitive areas—actions which in some instances opened up better job opportunities for other displaced workers.

On completion of the RIF, 190 workers holding temporary promotions reverted to their permanent grades, while 225 individuals serving on temporary appointments were discharged from government service. One hundred thirty three of these temporaries found work with the new base support contractor, as did 63 of the permanent workers who chose not to remain with the government. Most of the 63 retired from their government jobs.

A number of MICOM organizations moved from one building to another to make room in command headquarters for an air defense program manager. Besides activating the air defense program manager concept, the command's mission added



FIELDIED LAST YEAR — Patriot air defense system stands watch in Babenhausen, West Germany. The system features high firepower — it can accurately engage many targets at the same time — and the ability to function in the face of extreme electronic countermeasures.

project offices for the Remotely Piloted Vehicle and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

Deployment was completed of the Pershing II missile with Army units based in the Federal Republic of Germany. Patriot deployment began with Army units in Germany.

New projects included the Army Tactical Missile System which will eventually replace Lance with a new non-nuclear long range weapon; a man-portable, anti-tank missile system that will replace Dragon; and a terminally-guided submunition for the MLRS rocket which is being developed by a five nation consortium.

The command continued develop-

ment of the Fiber Optic Guided Missile (FOG-M) with several successful flight tests. Work also continued on the Setter, a vehicle mounting Stinger missiles and the MICOM-developed Spike hypervelocity rocket.

Full production began on the AT-4, a Swedish-developed, shoulder-fired, light anti-tank assault weapon. The command completed deployment of Tow II. It also completed retrofitting and upgrading of all Chaparral units worldwide to give them the ability to fight at night and in periods of low visibility.

Here are other events from 1985:
— A Pershing II rocket motor accidentally ignited and burned Jan. 11 at the U.S. Army's Fort Red Leg

complex near Heilbronn, Germany. Three soldiers were killed and others injured in the mishap that occurred when a crew from "C" battery, 3rd Battalion, 84th Field Artillery, began to lift the 9,145 pound first stage propulsion section from its steel shipping container. An accident investigation team determined the cause was a discharge of static electricity within the rocket propellant.

— Carroll D. Hudson, a retired Army colonel who was the first commander of Redstone Arsenal, was among the invited guests at Huntsville's first annual Armed Forces Celebration held in May.

— A one-stop center for employment information opened at the Civilian Personnel Office in building 7442.

Command opens intensive productivity campaign

BY SKIP VAUGHN

An intensive effort is underway here to improve productivity by 3 percent per year.

The MICOM plan is in line with President Reagan's goal of a 20 percent government-wide increase in productivity by 1992. Plans here include promoting employee involvement programs such as gain sharing and quality circles.

"We have embarked on an intensive campaign to make employees more productivity conscious," said E.W. (Ernie) Horton, this command's productivity action officer. "A MICOM productivity council has

been established and this council is made up of top management. It's been charged with developing a productivity strategic plan."

Productivity improvement not only includes cost reduction and increased output but also means better quality and timeliness. The Comptroller organization is responsible for productivity management at this command. In that role, it assists organizations here in their productivity efforts.

"Automation is not the total answer," said Horton, a management analyst in the plans and management division of comptroller. "I think it's getting the people

involved, making each individual more aware."

Quality circles is an employee involvement program in which workers get together to propose solutions to problems in their operations. It has been tried here before and "wasn't very successful," Horton conceded. In order for it to be a success, everyone must be committed to making it work, she said. This includes top management. "Management's approval must be obtained before any changes can be made in operations," said Horton.

The comptroller organization is reestablishing some pilot programs in its finance and accounting areas. If these prove successful, plans are to spread the quality circle concept throughout the command.

Productivity gain sharing is another type of employee involvement program. Workers receive cash bonuses for increased output. MICOM has one such operation in the data processing element of Information Management Directorate.

"We'll provide guidance and assistance" to any organization interested in setting up a gain sharing operation, Horton said. "In fact, comptroller organization is considering establishing some operations in the finance and accounting area."

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Bad weather rarely closes arsenal

The Huntsville area usually gets some snowfall every year, but not enough to seriously impede traffic. This fact is reflected in Redstone's policy of staying open for business in all but the most extreme weather conditions.

The weather did become bad enough last year to close or delay the opening of the arsenal on three occasions in early February. Those closings were the exception, not the rule, for Redstone.

Workers are reminded that unless the post is closed, they are expected to report for work. No "free" leave is given for bad weather conditions. If the arsenal is closed, an announcement will be made over local television and radio stations.

Those who don't want to risk driving in snow or ice should contact their offices so they can be placed on annual leave until they are able to return to work.

Soldier's artwork evolved from scribbles

BY PAM ROGERS

At the start they were squeezed into the margins of paper or forced to compete with the dates on desk calendars, but these days Maj. Michael Lamb treats his drawings a little more seriously.

"Everybody scribbles and doodles. For years I did it on my calendar, and the edge of my notepad, and I figured, why not on something I can keep," said Lamb, the finance and accounting officer for the Missile Command.

Almost all of Lamb's drawings are black and white. Although he's beginning to try some different techniques, most are done with a felt-tipped pen.

"They're doodles. I don't know what it will be when I start. It's very infrequent that I know what it will be when I start to draw," he said.

Some of the drawings have more detail than others, and most feature trees. "Trees are easy—they're just scribbles," said Lamb. The result depends on the amount of time he spends or his feelings when he starts to draw.

"It's hard for me to get the depth perception, because I don't have any training," he said.

Lamb is working on a larger scale now, "but the detail is more of a problem on a larger drawing. When it's small you can do all sorts of things," he said.

He does many of his drawings while traveling—either on planes or while waiting in airport terminals.

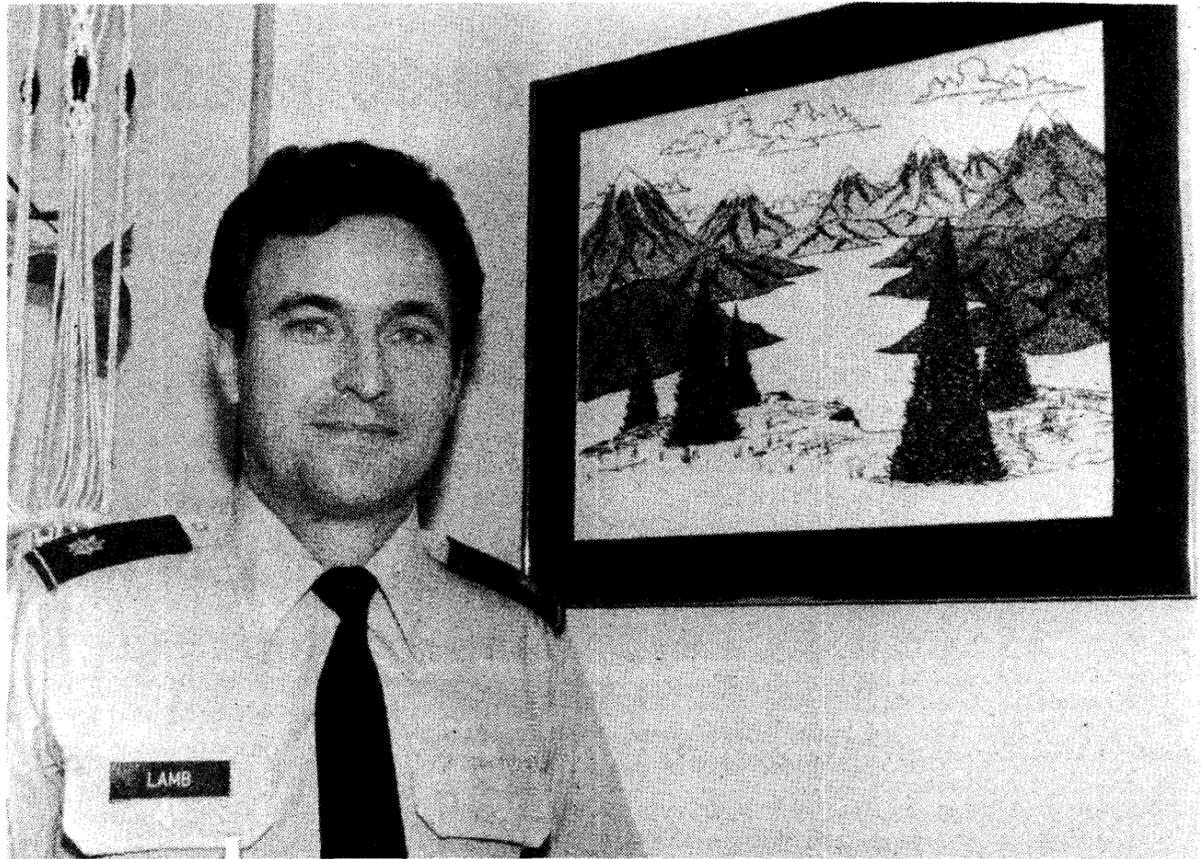
"You can just start working on it. You don't have to remember your place in a book or a plot, but you do have to remember which pen you were drawing with," he said.

Drawing also helps him keep his mind on things going on around him.

"As long as my hands are moving, I can concentrate better," he said.

Lamb has given away many of his drawings. He has also sold several but drawing is strictly a hobby for him. He used to make painted Easter eggs and Christmas ornaments to give away or sell, but it became somewhat of a chore after a while.

"Every time I've made something for money, I've quit," he said. "I can just imagine drawing something for somebody and it not coming out right."



JUST DOODLES — Maj. Michael Lamb poses with one of his drawings.

When Lamb does give one of his "doodles" as a gift, his wife Diana usually frames it for him. They had one of his drawings printed on Christmas cards last year.

Although Lamb knows that his technique has improved over the last year or so, he won't admit to any real talent.

"I don't consider myself an artist. I can look at that," he said, pointing to a painting on the wall, "and that's art."

"This is something I do entirely for my own enjoyment. I only sell to pay for my materials. I don't want to establish career objectives. It's hard enough to keep up with one career," Lamb said.

Command

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Ongoing productivity initiatives include organizational streamlining, capital investments, and process and procedural improvements. Other related programs include energy conservation, value engineering, and the suggestion program.

MICOM reported cost savings of \$24,787,000 for fiscal 1984 and savings of \$28,709,000 for fiscal 1983. Actual savings received in fiscal 1985 will be reported in the next command operating budget. Officials hope to reverse the trend of declining savings with increased employee involvement.

"I think our very quality of life depends on it," Horton said, referring to the value of improved productivity. "If we don't improve the quality of our services and products, the U.S. position in the world marketplace will continue to decline which means the old U.S. dollar won't buy as much as it does today."



ACTION OFFICER — Horton of Comptroller is this command's productivity action officer.



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Worker attributes success to doing what she likes

BY PAM ROGERS

Liking what you do is the most important ingredient for a successful career, according to a happy Redstone worker.

Margaret Sands, a personnel staffing specialist in the Civilian Personnel Office, has spent her entire career working for the federal government.

She started in 1951 with the Defense Supply Agency (now Defense Logistics Agency) in Detroit, Mich. From there she went to the Tank Automotive Command. She transferred to Redstone in 1981 so she could be near her parents, who live in her hometown of Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Sands has always worked in personnel, and finds it quite rewarding.

"I value working in the personnel office. To me, it's people business, and I love what I do. When you couple a good personnel specialist with good management—Redstone has good management—then you have what I call professional personnel business," she said.

Sands is a staffing specialist for the Information Management Division and several project offices, including Hawk, TOW, and Chaparral-FAAR.

"It's real rewarding to see someone advance that you have hired and go on to a good government career. That's the greatest reward. You know they had a good manager and that you had a part in helping them," Sands said.

Her duties aren't always pleasant. "The worst part is downgrading someone or laying someone off. You think about it, but you try to leave it as much as you can at work. I'm not saying I don't think about it (at home)," she said.

"I love to hire good, well-qualified people. There's something that makes you happy about hiring a person who's going to do a good job, and you can tell those who will, almost before you start talking to them. You can sense that in any business relationship you encounter—in the bank or a store—that's the first thing you notice," she said.

At least one person here has noticed the good job Sands is doing. Before his retirement Dec. 27, Willie Calcote, who was the director of the Information Management Directorate, presented Sands with a Special Achievement Award, which was accompanied by a check for \$2,000. She received a specific commendation for her efforts in establishing the



ACHIEVER — Willie Calcote, former director of the Information Management Directorate, presents a Special Achievement Award to Margaret Sands.

knowledges, skills and abilities for two new positions in the new video teleconferencing facility here.

"Mr. Calcote was one of the most professional managers I ever had the opportunity to work with. He really cared about his organization and the command, and especially his people. That's probably where he'll really be missed—among his people," she said.

Sands and her husband Robert live in Huntsville.

"I love the area — I love Huntsville, but I didn't hate Michigan. I liked it, but I certainly prefer this weather," she said.

She used to bowl, and she likes to garden, but Sands said her job and her schedule at home keep her pretty busy these days.

"A lot of people can't say they love their jobs, but if you don't like your work I don't see how you can be happy," she said.



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In November, the Army will begin receiving the M-12 standard hip holster.

The \$2,635,110 contract, awarded to Bianchi International, calls for 170,000 holsters to be delivered to the Army for distribution among all the services. The price for each holster is \$13.72. They will be manufactured at the Bianchi plant in Temecula, Calif.

A look at the features of the M-12 shows its versatility:

- A completely modular design, allowing the basic holster to be worn 16 different ways using optional accessories

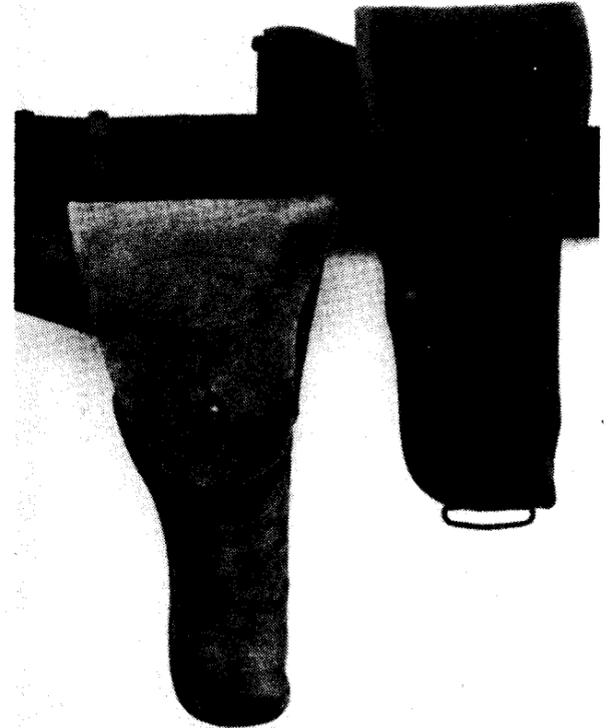
- Ambidextrous design
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The holster is 9.5 inches high, 4.25 inches wide, 2.25 inches thick and weighs eight ounces. The M-12 replaces the M1916 holster that has been in use since it was originally designed for mounted cavalry troops in 1909.

The contract also calls for the refinement of the M13 chest harness, consisting of a self-contained system that enables the wearer to convert the M-12 from a hip holster to a chest holster for use in tanks or other military vehicles.



The M-12 hip holster (right) by Bianchi International — the new official standard-issue holster of the U.S. armed forces — is shown beside the M-1916 holster it is replacing.

Reagan's views on blood donors

President Reagan issues statement on Volunteer Blood Donor Month

Editor's note: Following is President Reagan's statement recognizing January as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month:

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a genetic condition that requires the use of certain blood fractions.

"Medical science has made giant strides during the past decade in treating diseases that once were incurable. But even with all the advances in technology and the awesome progress made in understanding human pathology, still no adequate substitute has been found for human blood.

"The Blood Banks of America protect this precious resource for the good of our people. Their safeguards now in place have made our blood supply safer than ever before. But this vital resource needs a constant renewing. Donated blood must be used within a short time after it is collected, so donations must be made continually.

"On behalf of the American people, I thank the caring individuals who take the time to donate their blood for the good of others. I also urge all those who are qualified to consider becoming blood donors." (Arnews)

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The Soviet chemical weapons threat

During World War I, Russia suffered almost half a million chemical warfare casualties — including more than 50,000 deaths. Today, the Soviets possess the largest chemical weapons arsenal in the world.

The story of the Soviet Union's efforts to acquire and stockpile ever more dangerous numbers and types of chemical weapons is outlined in a newly released Defense Intelligence Agency report, "Soviet Chemical Weapons Threat."

According to the report, the Soviet Union has stored chemical weapons in at least 32 Eastern European sites. This gives them the capability of spreading nerve, blister, blood and choking agents, as well as other toxins, as far away as Rome, London and Stockholm.

"They can hit us with chemical weapons from the front lines at intermediate ranges all the way back to our depots and ports," according to Thomas J. Welch, deputy assistant to the secretary of defense for chemical matters. "They have the weapons systems to do this, including artillery, multiple rocket launchers...and...missiles."

"They have the doctrine, the firing tables, the training to make this work. We, on the other hand, only have some short range artillery."

The gap between U.S. and Soviet chemical weapons capabilities is significant. Soviet chemical weapons storage capacity increased 26 percent from 1975 and 1985. This is on top of a 17 percent increase in the first five years after U.S. chemical weapons production was halted in 1969.

Yet, the Soviets continue to test, produce and stockpile more — and more deadly — chemical weapons.

"The goal of the Soviet Union in this case is to produce agents which we cannot defend ourselves against," Welch said. "Agents which we cannot detect; agents which we cannot protect our troops against."

"For example, the Soviets have been working on agents which will penetrate our masks, penetrate our overgarment. This is very important to us because we've always counted on some kind of a defense to protect our troops. This is a clear escalation by the Soviets and we're very much concerned about it."

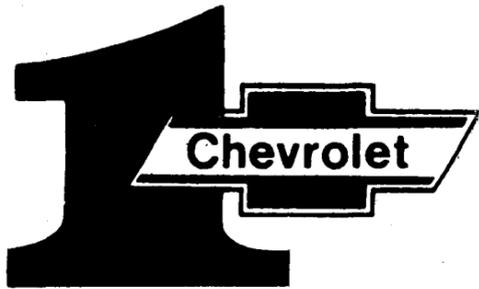
Chemical weapons were used during the Egyptian-Yemeni War in the 1960s and in Southeast Asia and Afghanistan beginning in the mid-1970s.

There also have been allegations of chemical weapons use in the Ethiopian-Eritrean conflict and during the brief war between the Peoples Republic of China and North Vietnam.

Most recently, chemical weapons have been used in the Iraq-Iran War.



Soviet troops in protective chemical warfare clothing during a training exercise. (Photo courtesy of Salamander Books Ltd.)





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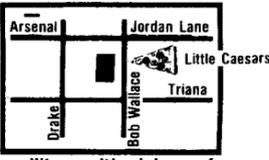


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VDTs can be a pain in the neck

Video display terminals, or VDTs, have become as familiar in the office environment as typewriters and file cabinets.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health estimates that more than seven million Americans use these television-like devices in their work. Clerical workers, typesetters, bankers, librarians, air traffic controllers, reporters, editors and computer programmers as well as a myriad of other professionals, use them.

That doesn't count the number of people who use these terminals at home for everything from balancing checkbooks to keeping an inventory of household items.

Video display terminal popularity has hit the Defense Department as well. Defense officials estimate that nearly 200,000 are used by service members and DoD civilians.

As common as video display terminals have become, indications are they're only going to become more so. One computer company anticipates that the number in use today will increase tenfold by 1990.

This success comes from the increased productivity brought about by video display terminals. They speed the storage and retrieval of information, greatly reducing the need for files, paper, pens and other materials. Letters and documents can be updated or rewritten without being fully retyped.

But just as quickly as the number of video display terminals has increased, so have the number of complaints that the devices can be a "sight for sore eyes" — and a real pain in the neck.

Workers who spend a lot of time in front of video display terminals frequently complain of eyestrain, double vision, itching and burning eyes, color perception difficulties or flickering sensations in their eyes, according to Dr. Harold Coleman, chairman of the American Optometric Association's Environmental and Occupational Vision Task Force.

Others complain of stiffness of the neck, upper back, arms and shoulders, as well as physical or emotional stress.

A two-year study by the American Academy of Ophthalmology recently confirmed that video display terminals can cause discomfort and fatigue, but found no evidence that they damage workers' vision.

Another study, conducted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, also ruled out fears that video display terminals emit dangerous radiation levels. This study showed that radiation levels of such terminals are actually below those of fluorescent lights.

"The VDT itself is not some sort of evil monster," said Bob Stout, industrial hygienist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Safety and Occupational Health Division. "Studies show any highly repetitive job will have the same results."

The American Academy of Ophthalmology's study showed that many problems blamed on video display terminals are actually caused by job frustration, cramped or inadequate work space design, or the failure of some terminal operators to wear eyeglasses if they need them.

For workers whose jobs require long hours in front of video display terminals, Coleman offered these tips:

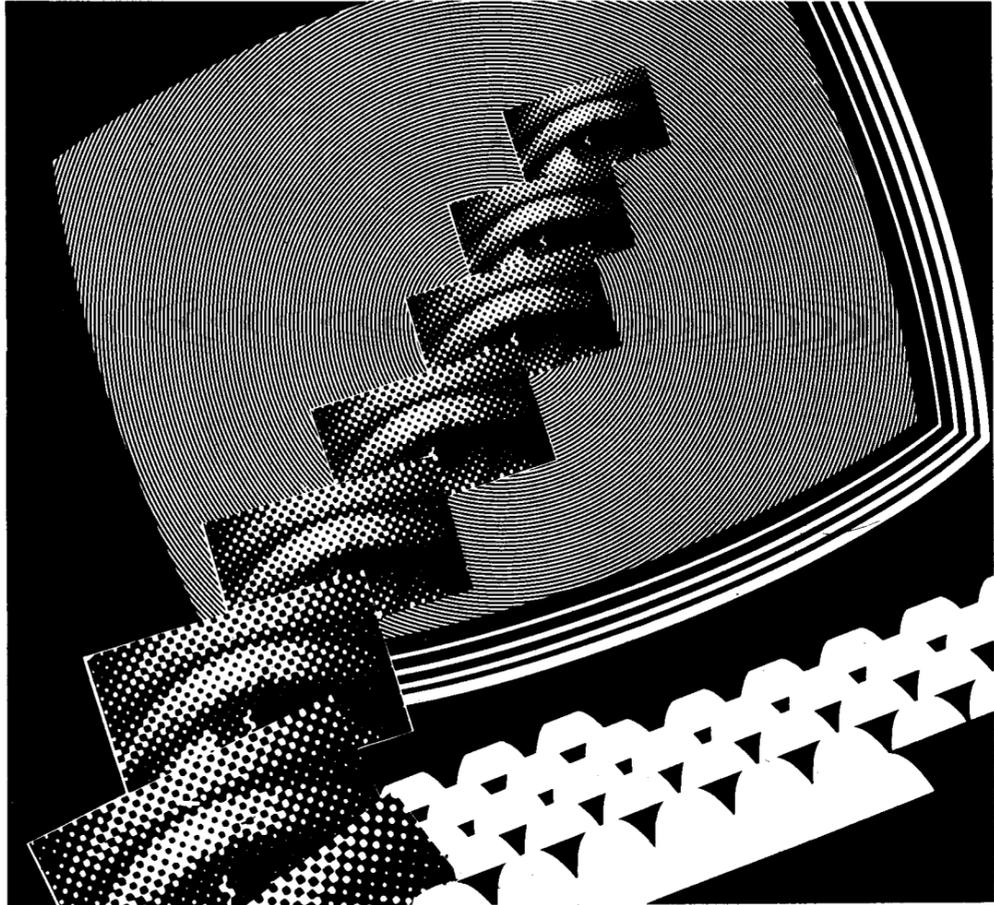
- Turn to another form of work activity for 10 to 15 minutes for every two hours of continuous video display terminal work. This gives the eyes a chance to rest.
- Adjust the screen to prevent glare from windows or overhead lights.
- Adjust room lighting to the type of work being performed. If workers look at the video display termin

al screen most of the time, room lighting should be relatively low. If they read from a document, the lighting should be brighter. Low room lighting with a brighter light above the paper is recommended if the eyes travel back and forth regularly.

- When referring to reference material, place it as close to the screen as possible to avoid frequent large head and eye movements. This also keeps eyes from

having to refocus from one distance to another when moving from the reference material to the screen and back.

- Use adjustable chairs, which can be positioned so the user sits at a comfortable angle to the screen. Generally, the top of the screen should be no higher than eye level, and the screen should be 14 to 20 inches from the user's eyes.



A study has found that the familiar video display terminal does not damage a worker's vision, but can cause discomfort and fatigue.

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Replicates threat

Targets office is small group with big mission

In 1986, combat simulation at the National Training Center will take on a new degree of realism as air defense missile units begin taking part in live firing exercises for the first time.

For safety reasons, missiles cannot actually be fired during exercises at the Fort Irwin, Calif. facility, and air defense units have been unable to exercise their weapons during battalion engagement simulations. But the Targets Management Office here has devised a way to let Stinger and Chaparral units participate through use of MILES.

MILES, the Army's multiple integrated laser engagement system, is used to safely add realism to battlefield training. A transmitter attached to a rifle or other weapon "shoots" harmless laser beams and a detector on the target registers "hits".

Targets Management Office is equipping scale-model MiG-27 targets with detectors that will allow air defense missile units to track and engage them with MILES during realistic combat simulations, almost as if the missiles were live and the drones enemy aircraft.

"With this modification the drone can also tag the weapon," explained George Mitchell, a TMO official. "This forces them to deploy in a realistic combat situation to avoid being knocked out of the exercise," he said.

Stinger and Chaparral units took part in a demonstration of the new concept late last year and it will be employed at the National Training Center beginning in March or April.

"Before the addition of MILES, a troop rotation at the NTC that had Stinger or Chaparral was precluded from participating in the live-fire exercise, but this modification will allow full participation by all units," Mitchell remarked.

Supporting troop training at Fort Irwin and other locations is one aspect of TMO's two-fold mission. The other is to support test and evaluation activities for air defense weapon systems. TMO is responsible for a variety of targets, ranging from jet aircraft to helicopters to targets that are sub-scale. There are even miniature targets that resemble model airplanes.

To realistically test its air defense missile systems, and to train gunners to use them, ideally the Army needs enemy aircraft to engage but, lacking these, it relies on its targets management group at MICOM to provide targets that realistically simulate the enemy air threat.

Available targets can be equipped with "kits" that render them an accurate representation of the enemy. For example, drone U.S. aircraft can be given Soviet characteristics by the addition of kits for electronic countermeasures, flares and heat and infrared sources. Similarly, sub-scale targets can be augmented to appear full-scale on a radar screen or a small towed target can be equipped to duplicate the exhaust plume of an enemy aircraft.

Small group, big job

The Targets Management Office, a part of Missile Logistics Center, is a small group, numbering just 24 workers, but has a big job to do. TMO and its flight service contractors handled 900 missions last year and expect no letup in 1986 and beyond as the targets mission continues to grow along with the development of air defense systems to meet the steadily advancing tactical missile and manned aircraft threats.

The targets mission has been important to the Army's missile program since its earliest days. A targets organization was first formally established here in 1951 when the missile program was still in its infancy.

Dave Dalton recently was named chief of TMO, replacing John Irvin who retired. George Mitchell heads the program and procurement division. There is a systems engineering division under Paro Perrett and a system support and flight services division headed by John Conner.

Important initiative

An important new initiative presently underway, said Mitchell, is "to develop targets not in the inventory that are required to meet the threat." A study

scheduled for completion in a few months will make recommendations on development of a new class of drone that will fill a pressing target need by providing the Army a reliable supply of full-size aircraft.

"We want to develop unmanned aircraft to replicate the threat without having to depend on excess aircraft," Mitchell said. Presently, the only full-scale, fixed-wing aircraft available for targets are from Air Force surplus.

TMO calculates that it can build a full-size, high-performance target aircraft of plywood or plastic for about \$500,000, which is what it costs to "drone" the QF-100.

Another pressing target need, said Mitchell, is for helicopters. "There is a critical shortage of full-scale helicopters," he observed. "They're just not available." The Army had 19 but consumed six testing the Sgt. York gun and will need 57 through 1991.

TMO also manages several sub-scale targets. The MQM-107 Streaker is a versatile, jet-powered target capable of 550 knots airspeed that can climb to 40,000 feet or drop to within 50 feet of the ground. It is 17 feet long and has a 10 foot wingspan. It can be recovered and used again.

The BAT (for ballistic aerial target) is a one-shot, troop-operated target used mostly to train Redeye, Stinger and Chaparral gunners.

RCMATs (remote-control miniature aerial target) are a third class of target. The Close Air Support Simulator flown at Fort Irwin is a 1/5 scale model

target that simulates the speed and distance of a MiG-27.

Also simulating the MiG-27 but at 1/9 scale is an RCMAT used for small arms air defense training. Soldiers fire their individual weapons at this target. Although much like a hobbyist's model airplane, it provides a very realistic simulation of a MiG-27 because its size, speed and distance are to scale and there is no reference point.

Cooperative programs

TMO represents the Army in cooperative programs that have been established with other military services and other countries to exchange technical information and avoid duplication of effort. Two such activities that meet annually are the targets panel of the Technical Cooperation Program representing England, Canada, Australia and the United States, and the Tri-Service Target R&D Group.

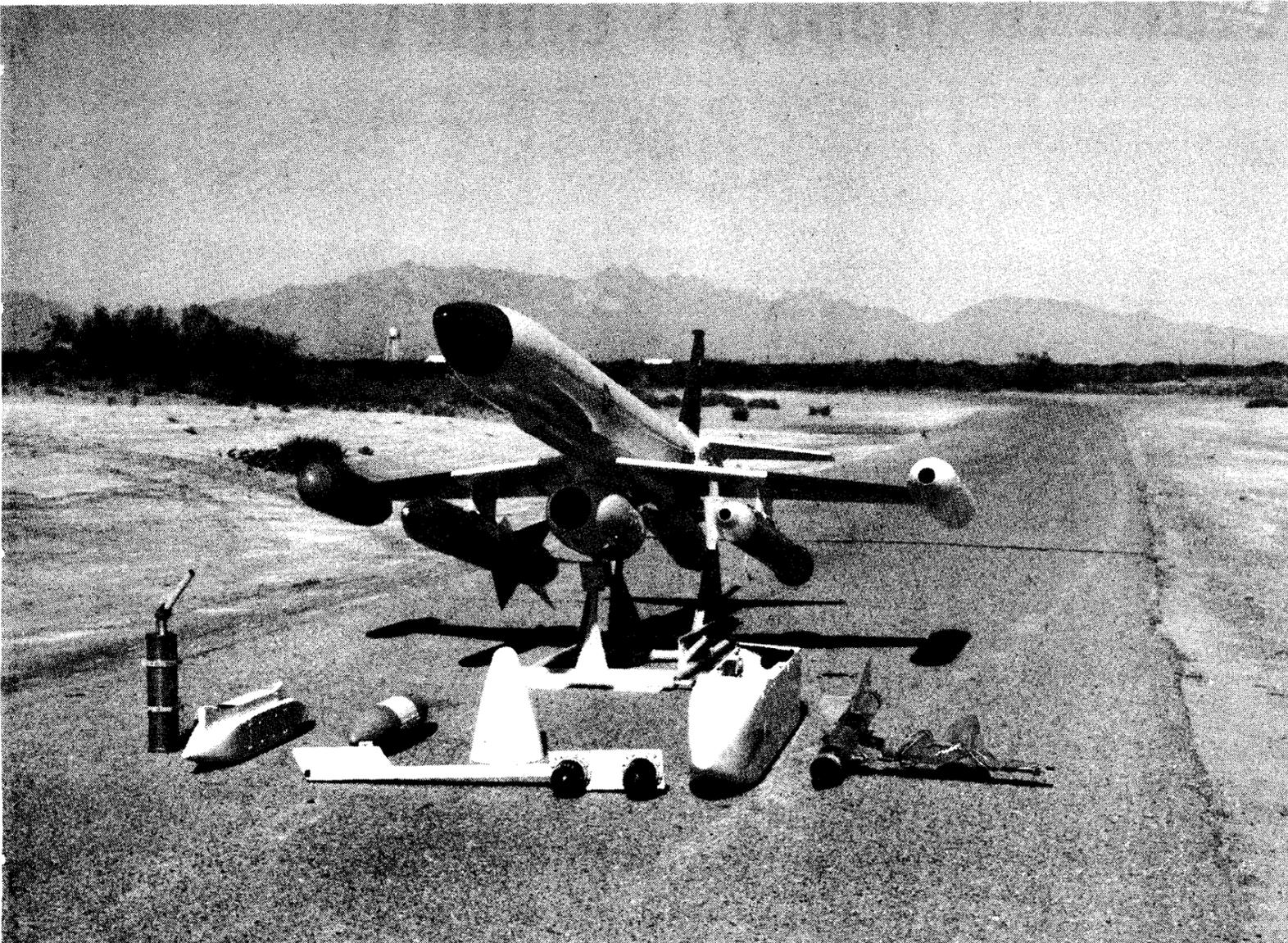
Even though targets technology must keep pace with weapons technology in order for the effectiveness of missiles to be based on fact and not theory, the targets program for many years was a victim of low priority, visibility and budget. But that, Mitchell believes, may be in the past.

"For years," he said, "we had huge deficits, but we're overcoming them and they are freeing up more money for targets. Decision makers are more aware of the need for targets, and for targets that replicate the threat."

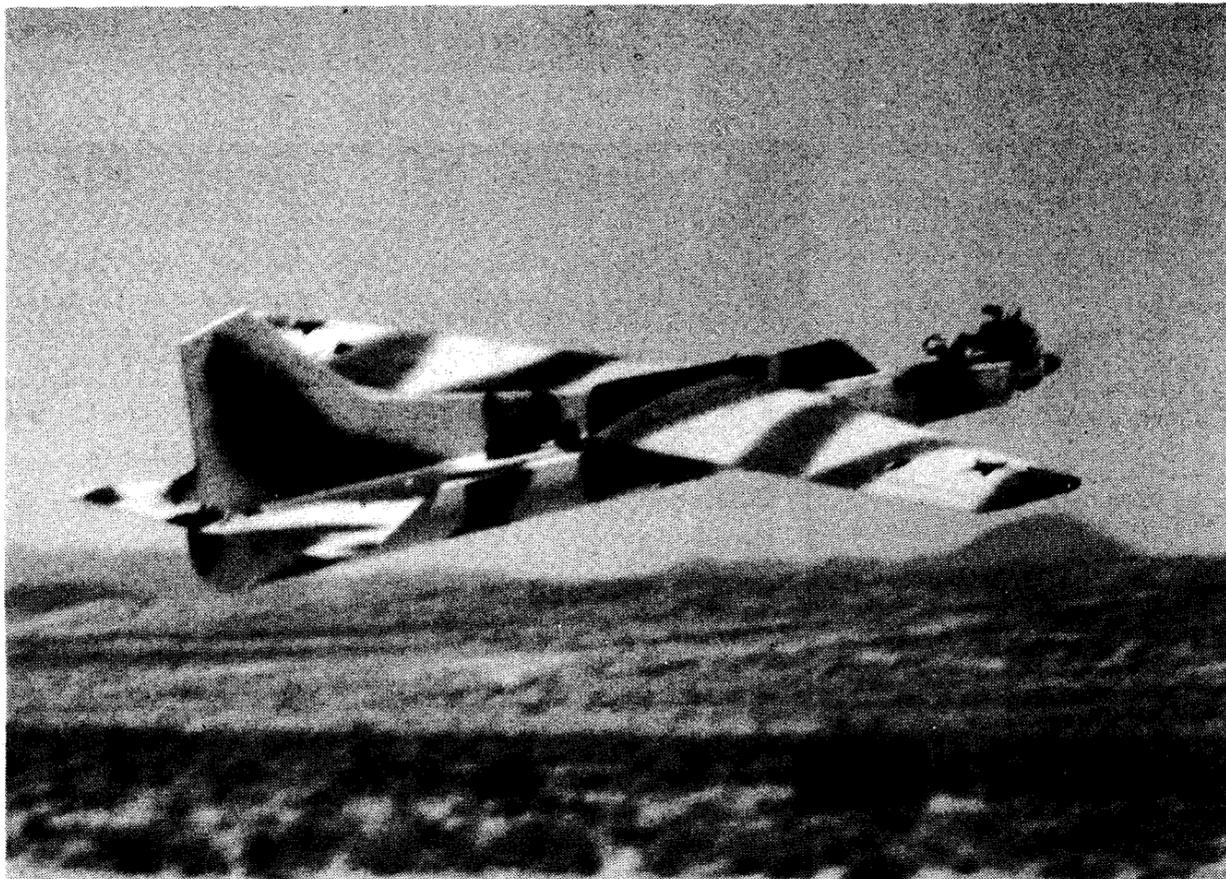
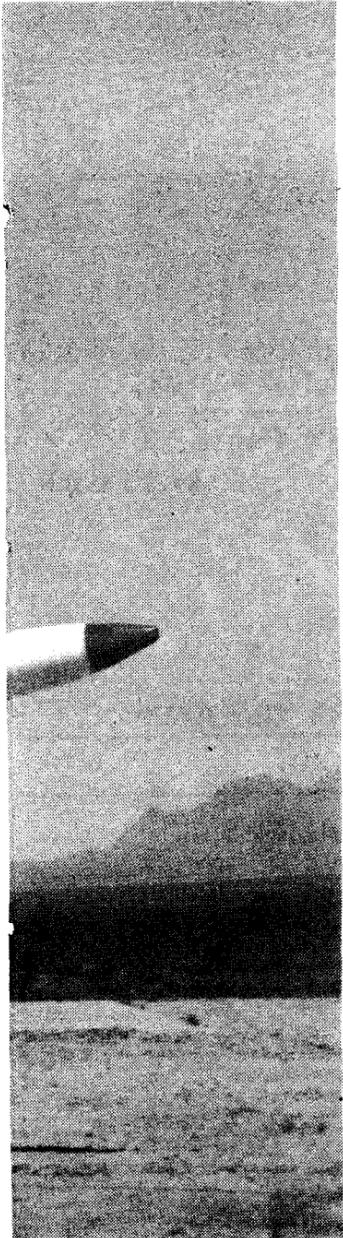


FLYING TARGET — The reusable MQM-107 has an airspeed of 550 knots. It flies as high as 40,000 feet and as low as 50 feet.

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ATILE — Various "kits" are used to add to the versatility of targets. Some of those used on the MQM-107 are: pyrotechnic plume simulator, flare dispenser, radar reflector, IR augmenter and several towed target devices.



MIG SIMULATION — The Close Air Support Simulator is being equipped to allow air defense missile units to participate at Fort Irwin.

The return of Halley's Comet

All eyes are to the sky these days as earthlings prepare for the once in a lifetime opportunity to see Halley's Comet.

This comet, which appears once every 75 to 76 years, is named for Edmond Halley, the English astronomer and mathematician who charted the comet's orbit around the sun in the late 1600s.

Beginning this month, the comet — which scientists say will measure up to 100,000 miles in diameter and have a tail 50 million miles long — will be visible with low-power telescopes, binoculars and perhaps even to the naked eye.

Interest in the comet is so great that the U.S. Naval Observatory has installed a hotline with a three-minute recorded message telling its status. The number, 900-410-USNO, was installed to handle some 300-plus calls about the comet deluging the observatory each day. There is a nominal charge for this call.

Interest is expected to increase through March and April, the best viewing period. Although the comet is expected to be at its brightest in February, it won't be visible for most of the month while it circles the sun.

Because this year's Halley's occurrence isn't expected to be nearly as dramatic as some previous sightings, you'll have to know what to look for so you don't miss it.

Comets don't streak across the sky like meteors do. Rather, they are first visible only with powerful telescopes, but slowly brighten until some can be seen by the naked eye.

Comets are commonly described as a head with a long, flowing trail of hair. In fact, the word "comet" comes from the ancient Greek word "kometes" — which means "hairy."

Scientists say viewing will be best in the southern hemisphere. From most vantage points in the northern hemisphere, the comet will appear low in the sky, and viewing will be best away from the lights of populated areas.

The U.S. Naval Observatory, DoD's official observatory, is tracking the comet closely from its stations in Washington, D.C., Arizona, and New Zealand.

Early January 1986 — Visible with the naked eye 10 degrees above the western horizon during evening twilight.

Late January to February 1986 — Comet at its brightest, but can't be seen from Earth as it circles the sun.

Feb. 24, 1986 — Reappears just before sunrise, a few degrees above the eastern horizon.

Mar. 6, 1986 — Visible, perhaps with a small tail, five degrees above the eastern horizon at dawn.

Mar. 26, 1986 — Visible 10 degrees above the southeast horizon just before dawn; its tail may reach up to 20 degrees or more.

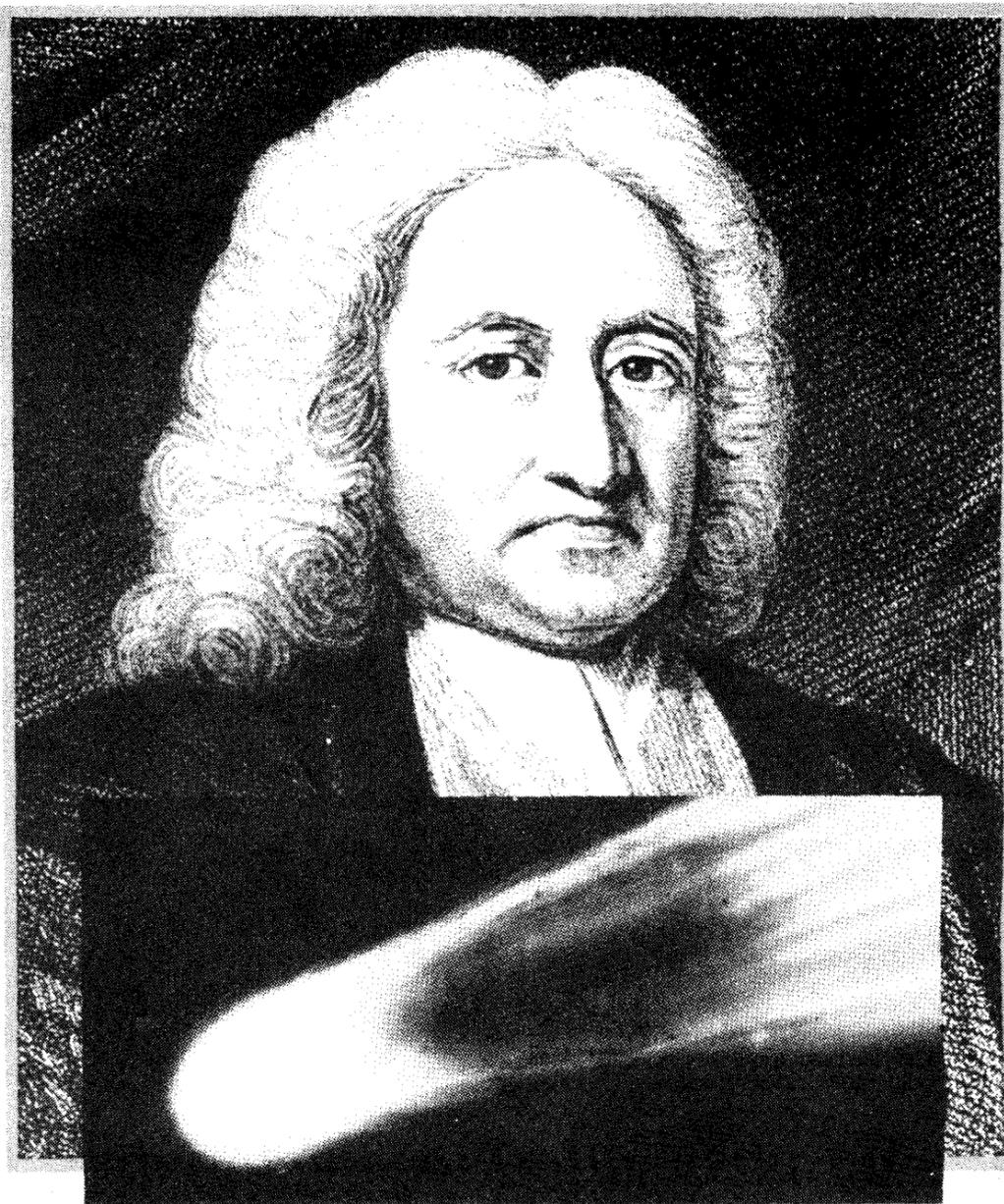
Apr. 10, 1986 — Visible 10 degrees above the southern horizon at dawn; comet should be at the brightest stage within eyeshot of earth.

Apr. 11, 1986 — Comet begins its solar orbit away from the earth.

Apr. 12, 1986 — Visible before dawn in the southwest and after sunset in the southeast.

Apr. 17, 1986 — Visible seven degrees above the horizon after sunset in the southern sky.

Late April 1986 — Fades from view with the naked eye.



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PII deployment meets schedule

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department has confirmed that deployment of the Pershing II weapon system to U.S. Army units based in the Federal Republic of Germany was completed on schedule during December.

Robert B. Sims, assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, told reporters on Dec. 19 that by the end of the month all 108 PII mobile launchers with missiles would be in place.

His announcement followed by two days completion of the first operational test firings of the new ballistic missile. Three PIIs were fired from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station by soldiers from Army units based in Germany. One missile was fired Dec. 16, the other two the following day.

Sims said the missiles were "fired successfully and according to plan."

Deployment of the Pershing II system was an American commitment to NATO five years ago and

was in response to deployment of the triple-warhead SS-20 mobile ballistic missile system begun several years ago by the Soviet Union.

As part of the same commitment, the U.S. is also deploying ground-launched cruise missiles in several European nations.

Sims said more PII operational tests - which measure the combat effectiveness of the missile system and the soldiers of the tactical units- would be conducted in the future. The Army conducted such tests for many years using the Pershing 1a system which has now been replaced in Europe by PII.

The three shots in December were the 23rd, 24th and 25th launchings of the two-stage, solid-fuel missile and the first since October 1984. All three were targeted to impact in the Atlantic Ocean several hundred miles east of Cape Canaveral. Aircraft operating in the impact area collected data on the terminal performance and accuracy of the missiles.

Damage claims procedures improved

WASHINGTON — Soldiers whose household goods are lost or damaged in shipment will find the procedures for filing claims easier in 1986.

Under new procedures being phased in by the Military Traffic Management Command [MTMC], soldiers may initiate damage claims on a "Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Delivery" [DD Form 1840]. The form will be supplied by the mover, said Sonja Wood, of the MTMC public affairs office. Then soldiers will have up to 70 days after delivery to inspect their property for further loss or damage. Under the old procedure the limit was 45 days, Wood said.

To report loss or damage discovered during that 70-day period, soldiers need only fill out the reverse side of the form and send it, with appropriate documentation, to the local claims office. Soldiers

won't need a government inspection report in most cases if the claim is supported by such documents as moving inventories and repair estimates, Wood said.

The local claims office will notify the carrier of all loss and damage and advise soldiers about filing a claim. The old procedure required a trip to the local transportation office first before proceeding to the claims office.

Claims may still be filed up to two years after a move, Wood said. However, MTMC officials recommend filing as soon as possible after delivery. Filing quickly will mean faster reimbursement to members, she said, and it enables MTMC officials to take quick action against liable carriers.

Fisherman wins two boats in one year

1985 was a very good year for a certain fishing enthusiast and instructor at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

In October, Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Paul Kondrk won the Eastern Nationals of the 10th Annual Military Bass Fishing Championships held at Santee Cooper Lakes, S.C. His prize was a new \$18,000 Ranger bass boat with a 150 horsepower Yamaha engine, plus all the 'trimmings.' Things like that don't happen to most people their entire lives, but for Kondrk, it happened twice.

On Nov. 23, while fishing in the Yamaha Grand National Bass Tournament at Hot Springs, Ark., Kondrk was named Military Bass Angler of the Year, besting a field of more than 6,000 other anglers vying for the title. His prize: another \$18,000 fully loaded bass boat compliments of the Ranger Boat Company, Yamaha Marine Corporation, and the Military Bass Anglers Association.

What has Kondrk done with his small fishing fleet?

He sold his 'old' 1983 Procraft after winning the Eastern Championship and receiving his first boat, which he is keeping. His newest prize is up for sale and Kondrk believes he already has a buyer lined up after all he can only fish out of one boat at a time.

Kondrk says that there is a lot to learn about fishing and he invites anyone interested, beginner or expert, serious tournament fisherman or pleasure fisherman, to join the Military Bass Anglers Association. Kondrk serves as the northern district director for the MBAA and he says they are always happy to sign up new members. He can be reached at 876-6611 (work) or 828-9017 (home).

Clubs on post offering designated driver program

Redstone's club patrons now have the benefit of a designated driver program.

Available to groups of four or more, the program offers free non-alcoholic drinks to the designated driver, as well as discount coupons for future food purchases at the clubs, said Earnest Sands, assistant installation club manager.

"At the Officers Club, we're giving a \$3 discount on the Wednesday night beef and burgundy. At the NCO club, they get \$3 off the Saturday night beef and burgundy, and at the Enlisted Club, a free lunch from the daily club special," Sands said.

"The Army is very concerned about DWIs and pro-

viding alternate programs for the soldiers to decrease and eliminate incidents of DWI. We in the club system are very supportive. We're in the people business. It's our job to provide good, well-rounded programs for members, their families and their guests. We don't encourage alcoholism or promote alcoholism in any way," he said. Although Sands doesn't perceive a big problem at Redstone, he said drunk and drugged driving is a problem Army-wide.

"The benefits of the program are that a group of individuals can come out and enjoy themselves without the perception of being apprehended for DWI," Sands said.

In addition to the designated driver program, the clubs also will help those who have overindulged make it home safely.

"For those who live on post, we'll contact the MPs. They will come and transport the patron home, with no fear of reprisal. If that's not available, we'll call a cab. When all else fails, the manager of the club will provide transportation, using his own resources," Sands said.

The designated driver program is fully supported by Col. John Walker, the commander of RASA, and will be monitored daily for participation, Sands said.

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Soldier wins 1986 voter slogan contest

WASHINGTON — "America by choice not chance. Vote" is the winning slogan of the 1986 voter slogan contest submitted by Lt. Col. Richard P. D'Elia of Headquarters, V Corps in Frankfurt, West Germany.

D'Elia's slogan was selected from more than 10,000 slogans submitted to the Federal Voting Assistance Office by members of all the military services. "The Army produced the greatest percentage of participants among all of the military services in the FVAP's 1986 voter slogan contest," said Henry Valentino, director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

How did D'Elia decide on the winning words? All too often military people do not consider the right to vote sacred, he said. "Don't pass up that chance to vote. It is your chance, take it," he emphasized.

Second place in the contest and two out of three honorable mentions also recognized Army people:

- 1st Lt. Timothy M. Ryan of the 201st Materiel

Management Center in Leghorn, Italy, won second place with his slogan, "I care. I count. I vote."

- CWO 3 Grant L. Willes of Fort Lee, Va., won an honorable mention with "Your vote today may preserve tomorrow."

- And Yvonne M. Simpson of the Pine Bluff Arsenal in Pine Bluff, Ark., won an honorable mention with her slogan, "Register and vote—a winning combination."

D'Elia's slogan will key the media campaign designed to motivate the more than five million servicemembers, their families and U.S. citizens residing abroad to participate in upcoming elections, Valentino said.

D'Elia will receive a certificate of appreciation from Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger and will have his slogan used in the 1986 voting campaign. (Arnews)

24-hour hotel reservations available at Rhein-Main

WASHINGTON — Travelers on official orders who are entering or leaving Europe through the Rhein-Main airport terminal may once again make billeting reservations 24 hours a day, according to U.S. Air Force Europe officials.

The Rhein-Main hotel started a reservation system in August for passengers flying to and from Greece, Crete and Turkey because the travelers were required to use Military Airlift Command aircraft.

The reservation system has now expanded to include all travelers with official orders because "travelers still have the best idea of what their needs are and the dates they need our support," said Ed Caruso, Rhein-Main's billeting officer. The reservation system

should increase customer satisfaction and make more efficient use of available rooms, he added.

Billeting reservations may be made Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., (European time), by calling Autovon 330-7242 or Commercial 069-699-7242. After hours, a phone answering machine will record reservation requests.

If telephone communication is a problem, Rhein-Main hotel officials recommend that soldiers have their servicing personnel office send an official electronic message requesting reservations to: 435CSG Rhein Main AB GE//SVH//. Reservation confirmation will be made by return message. (Adapted from a U.S. Air Force Europe News Service release.)

Fort Eustis earns beautification honor

WASHINGTON — An Army post has received national recognition for its environmental efforts.

Fort Eustis, Va., won first place in the "State or Federal Agency" category of the Keep America Beautiful, Inc., annual awards judging. Keep America Beautiful, Inc., is a national environmental organization which has been recognizing outstanding beautification efforts around the country for more than 20 years.

The post's Directorate of Engineering and Housing, along with more than 13,000 volunteers from the post community, organized efforts which kept litter in check, replaced shrubs and trees damaged by severe weather and stabilized more than 500 feet of eroding shore area. They also harvested trees damaged by bullets and shrapnel during military training, planted 1,000 pine seedlings, re-landscaped large areas of post, restored historic sites, renovated buildings and recycled more than 66 tons of scrap metal, said David L. Shifflett, chief of the directorate's Environment Control Branch. In addition, the Fort Eustis Public Affairs Office helped distribute 40,000 litter bags to soldiers, civilians and family members and helped recruit volunteers.

Fort Eustis won third place in the organization's contest in 1976 and first place Keep Virginia Beautiful awards for the past two years. It also has been recognized locally by the Newport News Clean Community Commission. (Arnews)

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Files need updating upon soldier divorce

WASHINGTON — Soldiers who get divorced need to visit their local military personnel and finance offices to update their files as soon as the divorce is final.

The soldier must bring a copy of the divorce decree and identification cards belonging to the ex-spouse and any children who are in the custody of the ex-spouse, said SSgt. James Foster, assistant NCOIC of the Personnel Assistance Unit in the Pentagon.

If the ex-spouse gets custody of the children, soldiers will be issued new I.D. cards for them, even those under 10 years old, entitling them to medical care, Post Exchange and theater privileges, said Foster. If the soldier gets custody of the children their I.D. cards need not be brought in.

Soldiers will need to fill out another Emergency Data (DD Form 93) and Servicemen's Group Life Insurance forms (VA Form 29-8286) because these forms are the basis for determining the soldiers death beneficiaries, said Foster.

Ex-spouses will be deleted from the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) unless they are covered by the provisions of the Unremarried Former Spouse Act. Ex-spouses will receive limited medical benefits if they were married for 20 years or more to soldiers who served 20 years or more, of which 15 years of the marriage were spent in the service. Full medical benefits are provided for the

ex-spouse who was married 20 years or more to a soldier who served 20 years or more, of which at least 20 years of marriage were spent in the Army, said Brenda Butler, a military personnel relations technician at the I.D. Card Policy Office at Department of the Army.

Soldiers will also need to visit the local finance office. According to SSgt. Raymond Sweetsir of the Military District of Washington Finance Office, soldiers need to bring in divorce decrees to determine if action should be taken to adjust quarters allowance, Variable Housing Allowance (if applicable) and separate rations. (Arnews)

Soldier assignment methods evaluated

WASHINGTON — The Army is looking into new ways to manage the assignments of its soldiers.

Later this year the Field Artillery Branch in the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center in Alexandria, Va., will assign enlisted soldiers, warrant officers and officers all from the same office as part of a one-year evaluation to determine if there is a more effective, efficient way to do the job.

This is a proposed change from the current system of using the separate Enlisted and Officer Personnel

Management Directorates for individual assignments.

According to Maj. Gen. James R. Hall Jr., the commander of MILPERCEN, the purpose of the evaluation will be to determine if consolidation of officer and enlisted management leads to better management and if so, exactly how it should be done.

"Regardless of the Army Personnel Command decision, we need to relook the current MILPERCEN organization with a view toward better service to soldiers and commanders in the field while improving internal operating efficiencies," said Hall.

He also emphasized that the consolidation of the enlisted, warrant officer and officer activities is a test and that he has no preconceived ideas about the success of such a consolidation.

The FA branch prototype will begin operation in early 1986 and will manage the assignments of more than 6,000 officers, 250 warrant officers and 44,000 enlisted soldiers in the Field Artillery career fields. (Arnews)

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Basketball standings

34 and Under League		
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Security	5	0
P&P-2	4	1
MIA	4	1
Green Machine	4	1
Computer Bits	2	4
COE	1	4
Missile Systems-1	1	4

35 and Over League		
	W	L
COE	5	0
Missile Systems-2	4	1
CPO	2	2
Pershing	1	4

Women's League		
	W	L
Security	5	1
Forenza	4	2
COE	4	2
Lady Panthers	0	6

With the season ending Jan. 13, Security (5-0) can clinch at least a share of the league title. But it won't be easy. P&P-2 is 4-1, beat Security 51-49 in the pre-season tournament and was favored to win the league championship.

The big game is set for 7:45 tomorrow night. In games played Dec. 13, MIA whipped Green Machine 57-48, Security clobbered COE 79-51, and Missile Systems-2 beat CPO 56-49.

Ken McCormick led MIA with 23 points with help from Jeff Claxton's 11 and Don Carver's 10. Green Machine was led by Buphus Nall 19 and Harrison King 17.

League-leading Security was paced by Coy Holden with 21 points and 14 rebounds. Bobby Moore hit for 19, Leon Williams 17 with 18 rebounds, and Don Tiller 14. COE was led by Derwin Watkins who had 32 with 12 rebounds.

Larry Couch tossed in 14 points to lead Missile Systems-2. Paul Blackwell contributed 13 and John Rudd hit for 11. CPO was led by Abdullah Muhammad 20 and Len Farbman 10.

The COE versus Pershing game was moved to 7:15 p.m. Jan. 15, and the CPO-Pershing game was moved to 5:15 Jan. 17.

Bowling standings

Here are the troop bowling standings:

Tuesday's Conference
(Scores not available)

Thursday's Conference

Team	Won	Loss
A Company (E&TTD)	240	60
Marines-2	201.5	98.5
B Company-1	197.5	102.5
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5th Student Company	157	143
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"The Army ethic comprises four enduring values: loyalty to country and the Army, loyalty to the unit, personal responsibility, and selfless service."

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. and Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr. have announced "Values" as the Army's theme for 1986.

"Values" is the sixth area of emphasis since themes were designated in 1981. The other themes have been "Yorktown — the spirit of victory," "Fitness," "Army of Excellence," "Year of the Family" and "Leadership."

The Army's leadership issued a two-page proclamation Dec. 30 explaining the new year's topic:

"Values will be the Army theme for 1986. We are proud of the progress made in the past year to strengthen leadership. The theme for 1985, throughout the total Army. Previous themes have developed into a solid flow of ideas and programs, each building on the

preceding ones. As a result, we have strengthened the Army's winning spirit, physical fitness, excellence, families and leadership."

"Now we turn to the fundamental values of our military profession. From values we draw purpose,

direction, vitality, and character — the bedrock of all that we do in the total army. To the extent that we can strengthen the values of our soldiers, civilians, and families, the Army will be a stronger institution and will be far more ready to fulfill the missions entrusted to it as we face the broad spectrum of threats to our national security.

"The values to which we subscribe spring from, and even transcend, those of the society we serve. They become the framework for the lifelong professional and personal development of our soldiers, leaders and civilians. Our profession involves matters of life and death, and matters of public trust for the responsible care of human as well as materiel resources provided to us. In times of danger, it is the ethical elements of soldierly conduct and leadership which bond soldiers

and units together enabling them to survive the rigors of combat. In peacetime as well as in times of danger, rock solid, ethical underpinnings help us to resist the pressures to compromise integrity, to cheat, to shade the truth, or to debase patriotism for material gain.

"The Army ethic comprises four enduring values: loyalty to country and the army, loyalty to the unit, personal responsibility, and selfless service. It is beneath these overarching values that our soldierly and ethical standards and qualities — commitment, competence, candor, courage, and integrity — are nurtured and given opportunity for growth. This has to happen in peacetime because in war there is no time.

"Values are the heart and soul of a great Army. We ask each of you, as members of the total Army, to embrace these values and make them a part of your personal and professional lives. We urge you to find ways to temper them like steel. By strengthening the values of our profession, each of us in our own way can make our army better, and by so doing contribute to the health and security of our great nation."(Arnews)

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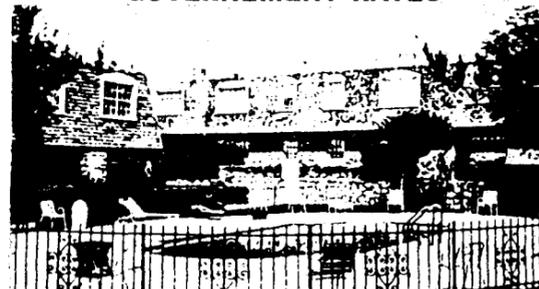
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American Society for Metals

The American Society for Metals will meet Jan. 16 at the UAH University Center, beginning at 5:30 p.m. John W. Pridgeon, the society's national president and trustee, will speak. For more information and reservations, call Wendy Alter 453-5515.

Red Cross blood program

Here's the Red Cross blood program schedule: Jan. 10— 4488, 7:30-12:30; Jan. 11— 3480-S (4th Student Co.), 7-noon; 3497 (7th Student Co.) 8-noon; Jan. 15— 3711 (recreation center), 9-noon; 4650 (Teledyne Brown), 9-noon; Jan. 16— Thiokol (bus), 7:30-12:30; Jan. 17— 5681 (bus), 7-1; Jan. 22— 3480-N (515 Ordnance Co.), 10-2; Jan. 24— 4505 (bus) 7:30-12:30; Jan. 25— 3480-S (6th Student Co.), 7-noon; Jan. 28— 3436 (Marines) 2:30-6:30. The blood program coordinator for Redstone is Naomi Whitaker 876-3124/2759.

Belly dancing

The Recreation Center will sponsor a six-week belly dance course beginning Jan. 18. Each class will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. For more information call 876-4531.

Square dancing

A 32-week square dance course will be offered at the Recreation Center beginning tonight at 7. The first two classes are free. Cost for the entire course is \$60.80. For more information call 876-4531.

UAH Continuing Education

The University of Alabama in Huntsville's division of continuing education will offer two professional development seminars. The first is "Customer Service and Communication Skills," which will be held Jan. 30 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Madison Ramada Inn. Cost is \$135. For more information call 895-6272. The second seminar, "Leadership and Motivation," will be conducted Feb. 4 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the same location. Cost is \$135. For more information on this course, call Chuck Rumford 895-6275.

Arthritis Foundation

The Arthritis Foundation support group will meet Sunday, Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Clinical Science building on the corner of Longwood Drive and Gallatin Street. Parking is available. Dr. Robert Hunt will speak on the latest arthritis research. There is no charge for the meeting. For more information call 536-9117.

Federal women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will meet Jan. 16 at 11 a.m. at the Officers Club. Guest speakers will be Carolyn Bulman and Joan McWilliams from MICOM CPO who will discuss the talent bank and employee academic experience narrative files. This meeting is open only to paid members. Reservations can be made with Laura Lockard 876-4071 by noon Jan. 15. A maximum of 40 members can participate in this program. Since this meeting is a training session, it will begin a half hour earlier and last longer than a regular meeting. Non-members who wish to attend can pay their membership dues to Jane Armstrong 876-2284 before the meeting.

Theatre play

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival will perform "The Glass Menagerie" at 2 and 8:15 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Von Braun Civic Center Playhouse. Local sponsor is the Huntsville Literary Association. For more information call Gail Rodenhauser 882-2968.

Business women

The Ala-Hunt Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet for dinner at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14 at the Holiday Inn in Huntsville. Nancy Green, chairman of Huntsville Chamber of Commerce, will be the guest speaker. She will also show a film on her topic "Huntsville 2000." The vocational speech will be given by Joni Haas. Members who are unable to attend should cancel reservations by calling Adreene Wainscott (536-0436 days or 852-7491 evenings) by 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 13.

Military comptrollers

The Redstone-Huntsville chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its charter banquet Jan. 21 at the Officers Club. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7:30. Business and cocktail attire is appropriate. Members and their guests are invited to attend. Tickets, which cost \$12.50 per person, must be purchased by close of business Jan. 21. For tickets call Penny Cancel 895-4171, Fran Blevins 895-4190, Nancy Rostollan 876-5864, or Laura Lockard 876-4871.

Productivity month

January is "National Productivity Improvement Month." Members of Huntsville Chapter of the Institute of Industrial Engineers will ask local businesses to help spread the word about the contribution productivity makes to the quality of life. A focus will be "Productivity Improvement Week," Jan. 13-19. For more information call Ed Roskowski 837-5668.

Widows or Widowers

The Widows or Widowers (WOW) group will meet for a Dutch Treat dinner at 6 p.m. Jan. 10 at Twickenham Station restaurant.

Korean Mass

A Mass in Korean followed by a Korean potluck supper will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Post Chapel.

Southern Institute

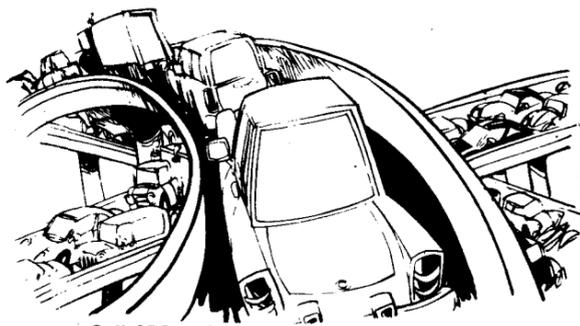
Military people can now apply for Veterans Administration benefits— Old GI Bill, VEAP, and New GI Bill—to attend Southern Institute. The college at 1001 Airport Road awards degrees in fashion merchandising, interior design, computer info systems, secretarial science, word processing, and travel and tourism. For more information call 882-3082.

Toastmasters

The Tennessee Valley Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Morrison's Cafeteria in Madison Square Mall. The next meeting is Jan. 16. The public is invited to attend. For more information call Nell Donlin 876-3098.

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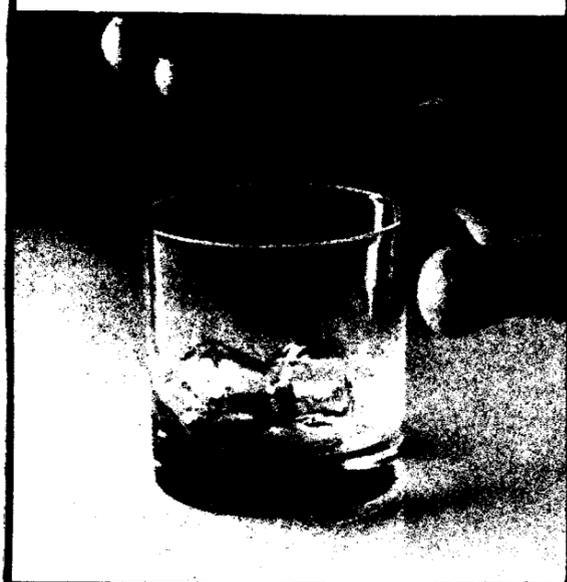
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New family action plan includes health care proposals

WASHINGTON — According to Army Chief of Staff General John A. Wickham Jr., "The stronger the family, the more ready the Army."

Army personnel specialists, Army family experts and family members from major commands gathered in Rosslyn, Va., recently for the third annual Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Planning Conference. The conference served as a forum for discussion of various Army family issues, emphasizing medical, education, youth, family support, relocation and reserve issues.

During the last two days of the conference the new AFAP was drafted, said Lt. Col. Milton Tankersley, chief of the Army Family Planning Office in the Pentagon. He expects the plan to be approved by Wickham and distributed in March 1986.

The draft calls for the development of a health care program as an alternative to CHAMPUS (the Civilian

Health and Medical Program for the Uniformed Services); the surgeon general's assurance that all medical care providers are proficient in English; preventive and wellness programs provided at no cost for soldiers, family members, DA civilians and their family members.

Other items included in the drafted plan are the transfer of unused G.I. Bill benefits to family members and the exclusion of Veterans Educational Assistance Program benefits from consideration when food stamp eligibility is computed. In addition, the draft calls for the design of a family member life insurance plan.

The draft also provides for the redistribution of reservist commissary privileges. Currently, reservists have commissary privileges for a 14-day period each year. The proposed change would allow them 14 one-day periods spread throughout each year.

The original AFAP, which was released in January 1984, grew out of the November 1983 White Paper, which outlined the relationship between the Army and the Army family, and the 1984 Army theme "Year of the Army Family." Then, as now, the Army family consists of active duty soldiers, guardsmen and reservists, Department of the Army civilians, retirees and all family members, Tankersley explained.

The original AFAP contained 65 issues, or areas of concern, and outlined the actions required to resolve each. Sixty of the issues were divided into four groups — relocation, medical, family and role identity. The other five issues dealt with the plan itself.

The AFAP II contained 31 unresolved issues from the original plan and 36 new issues. It is not yet known how many issues the upcoming AFAP III will contain, as the plan has not yet been approved by Wickham. (Arnews)

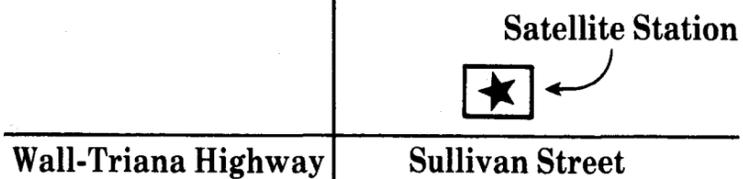
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