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Open forum meeting set for military community

Soldiers and their spouses are invited to a town meeting Monday night to discuss housing and other support functions here.

The meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 in the Bicentennial Chapel. This is the first in a series of quarterly town meetings planned by Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

"The first one will be focused in on housing management services," said Bob Brown, chief of military community services division of RASA. "However, this is not limited to housing management. The panel members will be happy to discuss any other support services within their area of responsibility."

Panelists are to include Brown and Col. John Walker, RASA commander; Jack Cornelison, chief of

military welfare recreation programs; Marge Campbell, chief of housing management; Paul Hancock, facilities engineer; and representatives from Child Development Services, Army Community Service, chaplain activities and commissary and post exchange.

The agenda includes an open forum for attendees to ask questions about services available. The meeting is expected to last about two hours. Attendance is restricted to adults only, according to Brown.

"This is the first attempt for an open discussion between the support services chiefs and the soldiers and their families," he said. "We plan to have them quarterly and we plan to focus in on a different area of discussion each time, such as military welfare recreation programs (including activities for children, golf, bowling, etc.) on the next one."

The meetings originated because "Col. Walker felt we should have something to interface directly with the soldier and the spouse together in an unofficial type meeting," Brown said.

Brown recalls similar meetings at Fort Benning where he served as installation club manager from 1981-83. "They proved very worthwhile and it was a way to relate back to the soldiers and their families," he said.

These events are like "the old style, town meetings where you get everybody together and let your hair down and have an open discussion," said Brown. "The future outcome of the meetings will be (determined by) the interest expressed."

Landfill leaks bring violation notice; study planned

Redstone Arsenal has requested assistance from the Army's Environmental Hygiene Agency in conducting a study of ground water pollution resulting from landfill leakage.

Purpose of the study is to more precisely define ground water pollution problems cited in a Notice of Violation issued by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management on Jan. 21.

The notice cites leakage of industrial solvents from disposal pits at a sanitary landfill and leakage of DDT from a DDT landfill, and specifies that these actions be taken: (1) study the problems to determine their extent (2) eliminate the discharges and (3) clean up the ground water. ADEM also wants the Army to install an additional set of monitoring wells to determine if there has been leakage to ground water from a burning pit for waste solvents.

The quantity of pollutants detected in all cases has been small. None have been detected near drinking water wells, nor in monitoring wells installed on the arsenal boundary to detect off-post migration of pollutants. The landfills are located approximately in the geographic center of the arsenal, several miles distant from inhabited areas.

Most of the pollutants are common industrial solvents (e.g. TCE). Some are listed by EPA as known or suspected carcinogens.

None of the problems result from violation of en-

vironmental law. The landfill leakages were detected during regular sampling of test wells used to monitor the condition of ground water at Redstone Arsenal. Most of the leakage is believed to be materials buried more than 10 years ago using disposal methods that were accepted at the time.

The sanitary landfill where leakage has been detected has old disposal pits containing industrial

waste from Army, NASA and contractor operations.

The DDT landfill contains wastes excavated around 1980 from a DDT factory site. A study in 1984 determined that ground water movement in the area of this landfill is virtually nil.

The Notification of Violation gives the Army 60 days to develop a schedule of studies and remedial measures.

Banks offer checking account protection

Soldiers, and others who have checking accounts, can avoid writing bad checks by participating in credit-line plans.

"Sure-pay requires soldiers to have a checking account. Since they're required to have that, this is protection against writing a bad check," said Harold Jacobs, a systems accountant in Finance and Accounting Division.

Both financial institutions on post offer ways of preventing returned checks, according to Jacobs. These institutions, First Alabama Bank and the Redstone Federal Credit Union, have plans that provide a line of credit designed to prevent overdrafts in checking accounts.

"If people have a problem in keeping a checking account up, they can guard against writing a bad check by having a credit line established," Jacobs said. In order to get that protection, they would have to apply for their bank's plan.

First Alabama Bank provides a plan called "premium line" while the credit union's plan is called "astro loan." Whenever the participant writes a check

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ROBOT — Fire prevention isn't what it used to be. Redstone's Fire Department has a robot for teaching fire safety to children. See story and more pictures inside today's issue.

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Worker's idea saves money and wins cash award

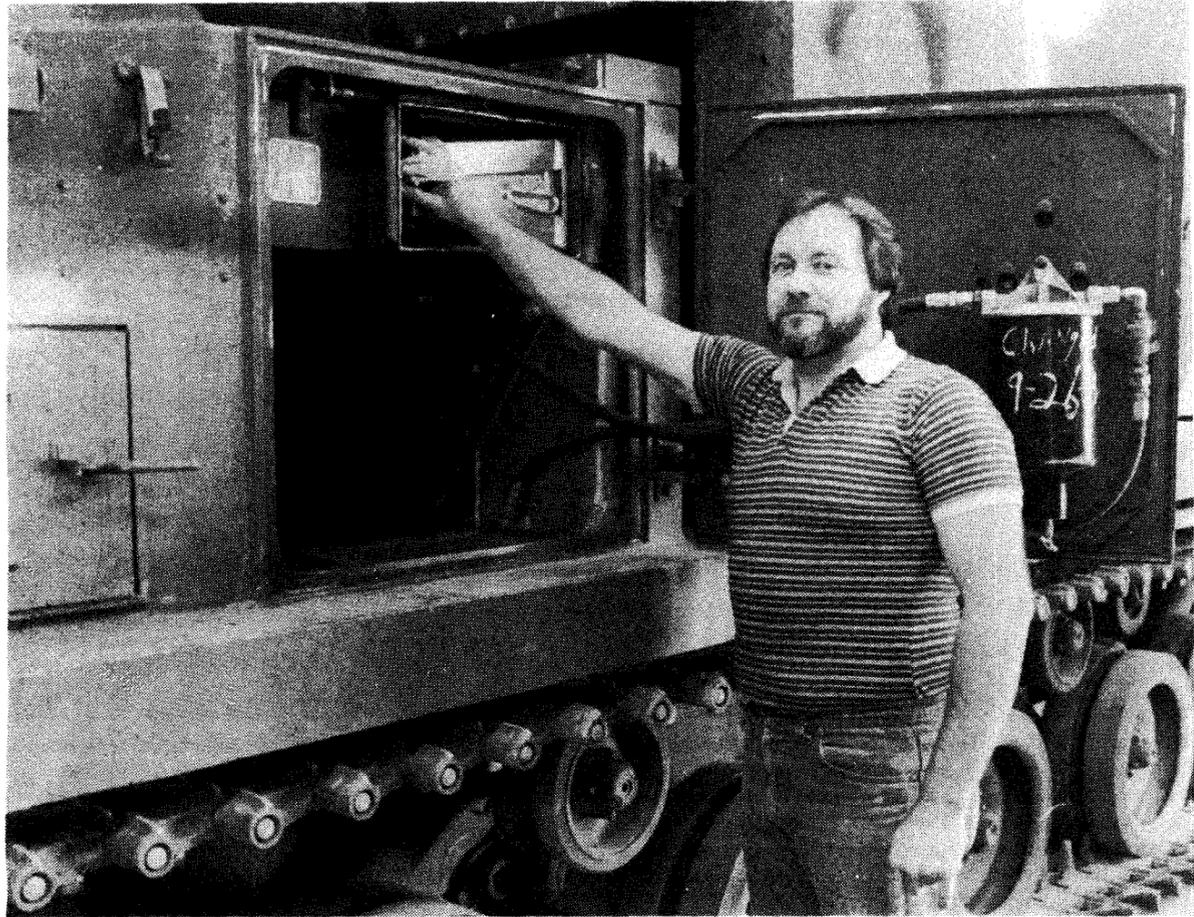
An automotive worker at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School suggested a better way to replace an air filter and got \$300 for his idea.

Bill Clemons, who works with the vehicle maintenance section, received the award for suggesting that a bracket be added to the air filter housing on the Multiple Launch Rocket System to make removal and installation easier.

The filter protects a \$28,100 diesel engine and has to be changed twice a year. Without Clemons' bracket, replacing the filter is a difficult operation costing more

than \$2,600, according to an estimate, that would leave the missile system inoperative and unavailable for training use for a three month period while parts were fabricated.

"This modification will allow the mechanic to replace the air filter with a filter that can be obtained through regular supply channels. The cost of this filter is only \$162. The savings due to the modification will save OMMCS approximately \$14,646 a year," he stated, on three MLRS units in organization maintenance.



BETTER WAY — Bill Clemons shows the air filter and housing that he found a better way to install and remove.

Health program changes policy

The Defense Department's CHAMPUS program no longer requires, nor will it provide, advance approval for cosmetic, plastic and reconstructive surgery.

The new policy will be effective on March 15.

The advance approval, called "preauthorization" by government health officials, had been required by CHAMPUS before it would share the cost of the surgery with persons eligible for the program's benefits. Now, they can have the surgery done, then file a claim for cost-sharing as they would for other CHAMPUS-covered medical services and supplies.

However, since CHAMPUS-eligible persons will not know in advance if the surgery involved will be covered, they should have enough money available to pay for the full amount of the resulting medical bills, in case it is later determined that the surgery does not meet CHAMPUS' criteria for coverage.

The eased requirement means less paperwork for family members and for the government. It will also allow CHAMPUS to redirect some of its resources into other areas of need within the program. In addition, it will make CHAMPUS' regional contract claims processors the single point of contact for this type of care, both for families and for health care providers.

CHAMPUS beneficiaries should keep in mind that cosmetic, plastic and reconstructive surgery can be covered by CHAMPUS under the following conditions:

*When it is needed to restore function. For example, plastic surgery on a patient's nose would be covered if it was necessary for the patient to breathe. It would not be covered just to improve a person's looks. Because this can be a gray area, check with the claims processor if you have questions before getting care.

*To correct a serious birth defect, such as a cleft palate.

*To restore body form after an accidental injury.

*To improve appearance after severe disfigurement or extensive scarring from surgery for cancer.

*For breast reconstruction surgery after a mastectomy.

CHAMPUS will process all requests for preauthorization that are received at CHAMPUS headquarters' Benefit Authorization Branch by the close of business on March 14. Requests for preauthorization received on or after March 15 will be returned to the sender, along with information about the elimination of advance authorization for cosmetic, plastic and reconstructive surgery.

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Army announces early out program

WASHINGTON — An early release program announced recently at the Pentagon invites soldiers to voluntarily separate up to 60 days early, without penalty, if they are due to leave the Army this fiscal year.

The Army developed the program in response to the Defense Department's FY 86 budgeted strength requirements. Through the program, the Army must save \$43 million in personnel funds, said J. Alvin Holdaway, from the Enlisted Programs Branch of the Army's personnel office at the Pentagon.

Under the program, enlisted soldiers of all grades whose current Expiration of Term of Service date is Sept. 30 or earlier may apply for release from active duty 30 to 60 days early. Requests for early release should be submitted to the unit commander on DA Form 4187 before March 22. Terminal leave can be used in conjunction with the early release program provided the local unit commander gives approval. The leave might not be approved in cases where it would cause a severe impact on unit readiness, Holdaway said.

In addition, some non-commissioned officers might be able to retire one or two months early depending on

their service obligation. Holdaway recommends that NCOs eligible for retirement on Oct. 1 or earlier consult their retirement counsellor.

Several provisions included under the program ensure soldiers are not disadvantaged by participating in the early release program, Holdaway said.

Under the program, soldiers who meet the announced cut-off scores for promotion to sergeant between March 1 and September 1 could be promoted regardless of any remaining service obligation.

Conversely, sergeants who meet the announced cut-off scores for promotion to staff sergeant but do not have one year remaining in service will have to extend or reenlist, as in the past, to fulfill the one-year service obligation obtained from the promotion. Sergeants with permission to separate under the program who later meet the cut-off scores for promotion to staff sergeant will be permitted to reenlist or extend in order to accept the promotion.

The program also allows soldiers who separate under the early release program to keep their enlistment or reenlistment bonuses. Soldiers returning from overseas assignments are given credit for a complete tour. Soldiers participating in the Veterans' Education

Assistance Program will be counseled at the local level regarding the effect early separation might have on their total VEAP benefits.

Unit commanders are authorized to approve separation requests under the program, Holdaway said. The first general officer in the chain of command can disapprove them. Disapproval should be based on critical operational necessity, such as deployment of a unit to the National Training Center, Holdaway said. The intent of this program is to enable as many soldiers as possible to separate early.

Soldiers are not eligible to separate under the program if they fall under one of the following categories: members of Cohort units; soldiers who will not have completed 24 months of active duty service by their early release date; and soldiers facing involuntary separation under provisions of Army Regulation 635-200 or because of a trial by court martial.

Those soldiers separating early who have not completed their military service obligation will be transferred to the Individual Ready Reserve, Holdaway said. Those who have completed their obligation will be encouraged to apply for service in a reserve component unit. (Arnews)

District judge discusses juvenile crime

BY PAM ROGERS

Judge Jeri Blankenship, a district judge with the 23rd judicial circuit, was a guest of the Officers Wives Club lecture series on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Blankenship, whose docket includes juvenile cases, spoke to a group of about 50 women on the juvenile justice system in Alabama. She described what happens to children and parents when someone under the age of 18 breaks the law, and profiled several types of juvenile offenders.

Although most juvenile cases involve alcohol and drug abuse, Blankenship said, there are violent crimes, like robbery, murder, rape and sodomy, committed in Madison County by children.

"When children under the age of 18 commit violent crimes, they're more violent and horrible than what adults commit," she said. She used a theoretical example of a 15-year-old murderer who doesn't realize the magnitude of the crime he has committed until days later.

Blankenship believes children in today's society don't take violence as seriously as most adults, because they have been exposed to displays of violence through various media.

She went through the court procedures for juvenile offenders, from the first offender who has committed a relatively non-serious crime and gets off with probation, counseling and no record, to the child who has such a long record of offenses, or who has committed such a heinous crime that he or she is tried as an adult.

"Last year Madison County certified more (children to stand trial as adults) than any other county. There were 37. The youngest was 14," she said. Children younger than 14 cannot be tried as adults.

There are several penalties that can be leveled against a juvenile convicted under the laws of Alabama. They include fines, being "lectured severely" (one Blankenship said doesn't work), probation

with conditions such as restitution and curfew, and imprisonment.

Blankenship prefers probation with a curfew as a form of punishment. Although it puts parents in the position of controlling the child and making him or her adhere to the curfew, the child and parents know if it's not observed; the judge can incarcerate the child.

Children who are ordered to spend time in a correctional institution are turned over to the Alabama Department of Youth Services (formerly called reform school). DYS maintains three campuses in the state; one is for boys and girls, and the other two are for boys only.

"Children are asserting more rights now, but not taking responsibilities," Blankenship said.

On the other hand, she sees a glimmer of hope.

"I perceive, just barely, a conservative turn in students... toward law enforcement and away from drug abuse," she said.

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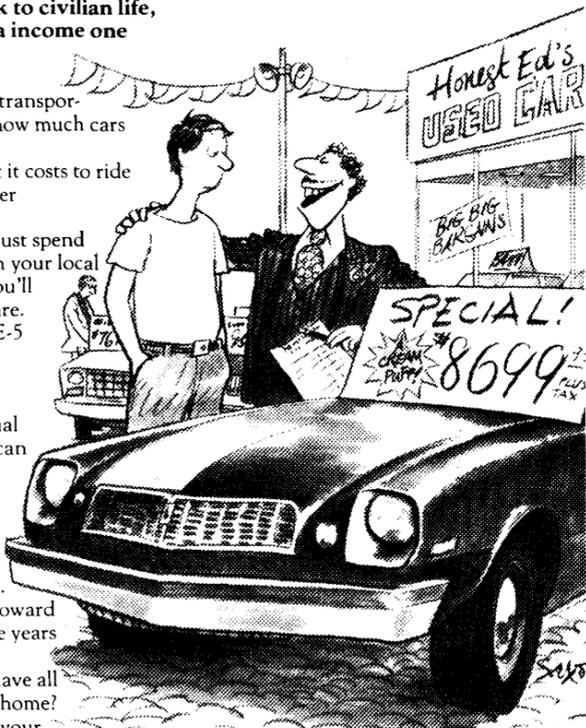
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Army personnel command plans get scrubbed

WASHINGTON — Establishing a new Army command responsible for personnel operations is no longer being considered as an immediate solution for shortcomings in the present personnel system.

"We will not establish an additional headquarters at this time," said Lt. Gen. Robert M. Elton, the Army's deputy chief of staff for Personnel. "However, we believe that major, positive improvements can be made in the efficiency and effectiveness of the personnel family."

An Army Personnel Command Task Force was established by Elton in July 1985, with a view towards establishing a new command. The concept came in response to results of studies conducted over the past 20 years that identified across-the-board deficiencies in the Army's personnel management system, particularly its inability to rapidly meet mobilization requirements.

However, because of the potential impact that Congress' recent balanced-budget legislation could have on Army personnel programs, Elton decided not to establish a separate command at this time, said Maj.

Dave Russell, task force spokesman. He also cited the concern of Army Staff members that the project and the timetable for establishing it might be too ambitious.

Instead, Elton has directed the task force to continue its intensive review of the Army's personnel management structure, a review that already has produced the foundation for a more streamlined, functionally aligned personnel organization, Russell said. The task force also has developed innovative operational procedures that will permit the deputy chief of staff for Personnel to reorganize his staff along more clearly defined policy and operational lines.

The task force presently tackles two major objectives, Russell said. The first focuses on personnel mobilization and readiness issues. The second concerns realignment and consolidation of staff relationships within the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff and its field operating agencies.

In addressing mobilization and readiness issues, the task force will analyze systems problems in such areas as personnel readiness, mobilization, recruitment,

retention, distribution, community and family support, and separation.

As for simplifying the staff relationships, the task force will continue projects established for streamlining personnel operations. These include a pilot test to consolidate field artillery officer and enlisted personnel management programs within the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center and to enhance coordination and cooperation with reserve components with the intent of improving the Army's ability to mobilize rapidly.

"Our overall task force goal is to continue developing a streamlined organizational structure that responds more effectively to soldiers and commanders, that more completely integrates reserve component personnel, and more effectively focuses on personnel readiness in war and peace," Russell said. (Arnews)

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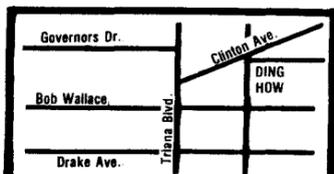
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Commissaries can donate unmarketable foods

WASHINGTON — Army commissaries have been given the go-ahead to give unmarketable but edible groceries to installation service agencies and to the Health and Human Services' Regional Food Bank Program instead of throwing them out.

The Fiscal Year 1986 Department of Defense Authorization Act, signed in November, allows military commissaries to donate these food products. This means that Army commissaries can provide unmarketable, but edible groceries to such agencies as Army Community Services and the installation chapel food programs or local food banks as designated by DoD or Health and Human Services.

"We see this new program as a means for the commissaries and the Army communities to work together," said Tom Milks, Commissary Management Specialist for Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. "The program isn't costing the government any money because these items would have been destroyed anyway."

"Unmarketable foods are items such as cans with dents, boxes with the tops cut off but the inside packages are undamaged, fruits and vegetables that are of unmarketable quality but edible, or items with expired shelf dates but certified as edible by food inspection technicians," explained Air Force Maj. J. Jordan of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Staff responsible for Commissary Policy. (Arnews)

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Community projects help scouts advance

The 40-plus members of Boy Scout Troop 308 here are active in a variety of community service projects.

Brad Hutchins organized a Halloween party for children in the Redstone community.

Marc Thibault Jr.'s project involved cleaning up the playground in the family housing area, painting the equipment and repairing fences.

Other projects Troop 308 has taken part in include clearing and maintaining volksmarch trails, a Christmas party at a convalescent home, and passing out leaflets for the post hospital and military police.

In the future, the scouts intend to fix up the miniature golf course, help with neighborhood bike registration and a bike rodeo, plan a volksmarch route with the city of Huntsville and establish a "bluebird trail" on Redstone Arsenal.

Participation in these projects helps boys advance in scouting. To attain Eagle rank, a scout must plan, develop and lead a community service project. He employs the help of other scouts in the troop to complete the project.

Warrant officer selection board slated

A Department of the Army Warrant Officer senior course selection board will convene April 22 to select applicants for schooling.

Warrant officers who wish to attend the course must meet the following qualifications:

- Applicants must hold the rank of CWO 2 and be on a promotion list to CWO 3, or a CWO 3 not on a list for advancement to CWO 4.

- Warrant officer service should total either 8 years in active duty or 8 years as a member of the National Guard or Reserve Component not on extended active duty as of Jan. 31, 1986.

- Applicants cannot have completed more than 26 years of active federal service if they are Regular Army, or more than 16 years if they are other than Regular Army, or no more than 26 years of total federal service as a member of a reserve component not on extended active duty.

- An interim secret or higher security clearance is required.

Warrant officers who meet the above requirements should check all information contained in their military personnel files for accuracy, and report errors to their military personnel office.

A letter of significance will be accepted only from the officer under consideration and must be received at MILPERCEN no later than April 22. Address letters to the President, FY 87 Warrant Officer Senior Course Selection Board, Attn: DAPC-MSB, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, Va. 22332-0400.

Warrant officers who are in grades CWO 3 (promotable) and CWO 4 will be considered only by submitting a written request to Commander, U.S. Army MILPERCEN, ATTN: DAPC-OPW-D, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, Va. 22332-0400.

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Weinberger reaffirms whistleblowers' protection

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger has reaffirmed that DoD employees who report suspected fraud, waste and mismanagement through the Defense Hotline will be protected.

"I ask each of you to continue to seek out and report needed improvements and suspected problems through established command channels or by calling or writing the Defense Hotline. Prudent management of our limited Defense resources requires constant vigilance and careful reporting of fraud, waste or mismanagement," said Weinberger in a message to all employees.

Citing a study by the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, which found that federal employees do not report suspected wrongdoing for fear of reprisal, Weinberger said, "Taking or threatening reprisal against those who report irregularities will not be permitted."

DoD employees who believe they are being punished for reporting irregularities should report it to the Merit Systems Protection Board. The numbers are: 800-872-9855 (toll free); 653-7188 (FTS); and (202) 653-7188 (commercial).

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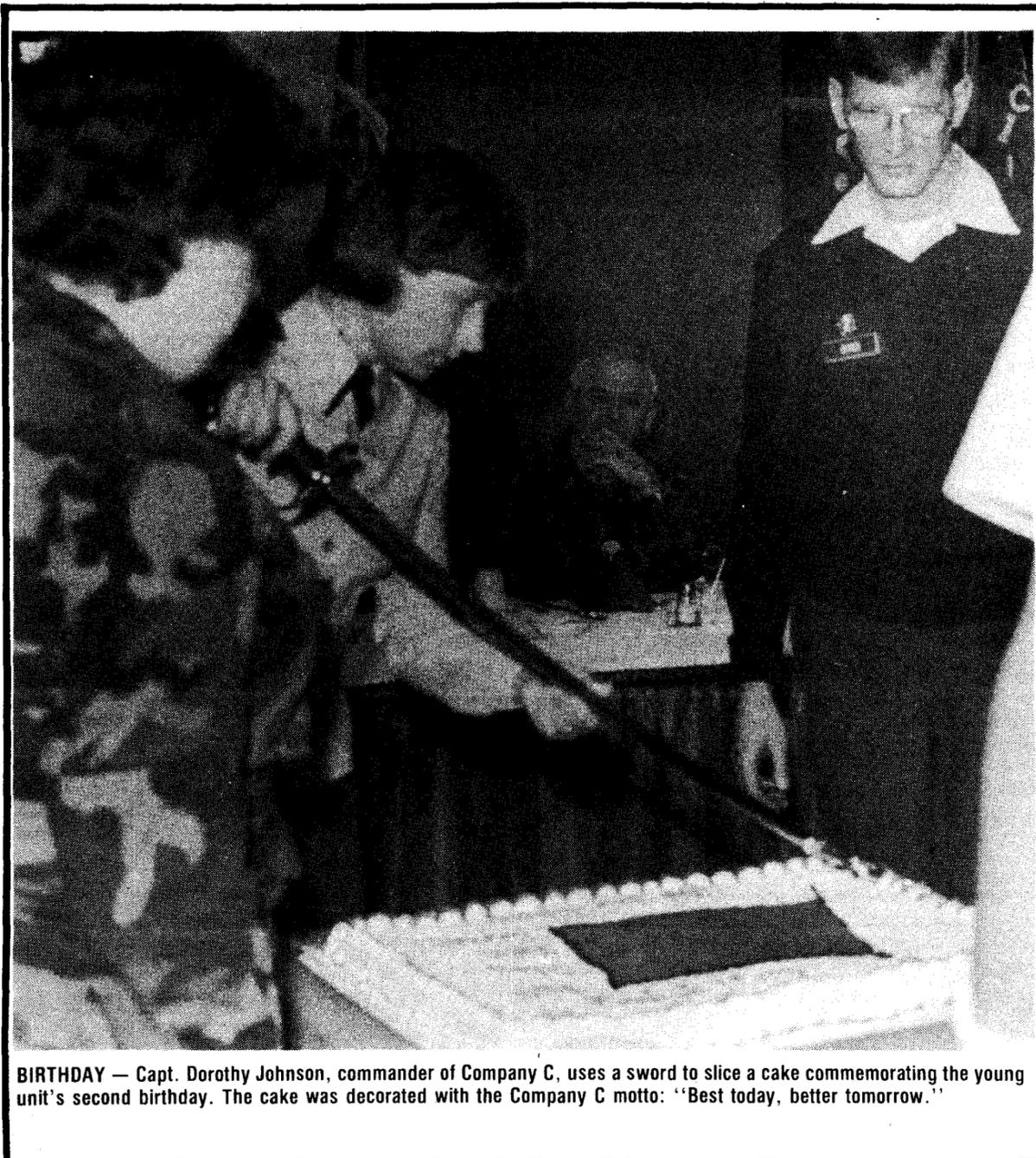
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BIRTHDAY — Capt. Dorothy Johnson, commander of Company C, uses a sword to slice a cake commemorating the young unit's second birthday. The cake was decorated with the Company C motto: "Best today, better tomorrow."

Comptroller celebrates Valentine's Day

Workers in the Comptroller office in building 5250 brightened a gloomy Valentine's Day with a party which also honored workers having birthdays in February.

Kim Gibbs, who coordinated the event, said the party, which was endorsed by Col. George Laslo, comptroller, was a good way to brighten everyone's spirits.

"It's just another way to get everybody together. Everyone is bringing a valentine to exchange," Gibbs said.

Everyone who participated in the party brought either homemade goodies or other party food. Gibbs collected over \$70 for the event.

The February birthday people were represented by their baby pictures inside red hearts on a bulletin board. It was up to everyone else to guess their identities.

Gibbs expects the party to be repeated next year. "I think everybody likes to celebrate Valentine's Day," she said.

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Officers wives plan annual charity art auction

The Officers Wives Club will hold its annual charity art auction March 1 at the Officers Club.

The auction, which is open to the public, will include prints and original works of art in all price ranges, said Caroline Grube, publicity chairman for the event.

The art auction serves as the main money-making project of the year for the club, Grube said.

"Fifty percent of the money stays on post, but fifty percent of it goes off post, so everyone in Madison County benefits from this event," Grube said.

There will be several door prizes given away throughout the evening, and refreshments will be served.

"They really try to have a variety for anyone, whether you're a browser, collector, or just want to fill that empty spot on the wall," she said.

Grube compared the sale to strolling through an art museum.

"You learn what you like and don't like, and the values set on certain paintings," she said. She stressed the auction is open to all military ranks and civilian grades, as well as the general public.

Some of the artists included in the sale are Kelly, Rockwell, Delacroix, David Lee, Dali, Alvar, Boulanger, Chagall, Picasso, and Mirro.

The artwork can be previewed at 3 p.m. and the auction will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 1. There will be a stand-up sale March 2 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For more information call Evelyn Edge, chairman of the art auction, at 837-7787.



WINNERS — Peggy Rogers (left) and Betty Butler display paintings won by their husbands, Col. James Rogers and Col. Irv Butler, during a publicity drive for the OWC art auction. In the center is Evelyn Edge, chairman of the auction.

Military has women in 'non-traditional' jobs

A just-issued report shows that the military employs women in non-traditional jobs at a much higher rate than civilian employers — with 35 percent of military females holding such jobs as compared to 3 percent of civilian women. A non-traditional job is defined as one which is held by less than 10 percent females at the national level.

Some examples of non-traditional jobs held by women in the military: helicopter and airplane pilots (excluding combat aircraft); heavy equipment operators; electricians; transport truck drivers; military police; crew on those ships considered not combat-related, including Coast Guard cutters; and crew on some missile launch teams. Women can serve in 90 percent of all military career fields.

The report, published by the Rand Corporation, found that 70 percent of women in the labor force are librarians, nurses, dieticians, physical therapists, health technologists, clerk-secretaries, salesclerks, assemblers, dressmakers, laundry and dry-cleaning operators, cleaners, cooks, waitresses, health-service workers, child-care workers or hairdressers. Another 27 percent of working women hold jobs which are considered neither traditionally female nor "non-traditional" — reporter, for example.

Said one of the report's authors, Sue Berryman, "When the military decides to do something, it does it. And the military has made a decision not only to bring in more women but to integrate them into those occupations that were not combat-related — which included a large number of non-traditional jobs.



"The military has been more consistent in its commitment to use women in a full range of occupations than many civilian employers. One unique factor about the military is its demonstration function. The military helped pave the way for civil rights for blacks because people saw that the military had integrated and was still functioning well... the military tends to be a force which makes society more democratic."



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Robot gets children plugged in to fire prevention

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Remember when fire prevention lessons at school meant field trips to see fire trucks? Now, fire departments have more tools for getting their points across.

A remote controlled robot that resembles a fire hydrant is a recent addition to Redstone Fire Department. The three-foot tall, red plastic teaching aid is called "Pluggie."

"We're utilizing it to help train the children," said fire inspector Rick Ryan.

"They respond well to it," said fire inspector Jim Hughes.

It moves, talks, winks, looks around, and moves its cap up and down. It also has a siren and a cassette tape system. Ryan, Hughes and fire inspector Bill Cross have found the robot to be so responsive the best way to operate it is with three people. One operates a radio controlled transmitter that controls the robot's movements; another uses the headphones and microphone to talk with the children; and the third acts as Pluggie's co-instructor.

The robot gives fire safety advice such as never playing with matches or cigarette lighters. The co-instructor helps out by demonstrating such things as the stop-drop-and-roll technique for people to use if their clothes catch afire. A brief film on fire safety is shown before Pluggie makes an entrance.

"We're really just now getting the program off the ground," Ryan said. "Everytime we use it, we're learning from it. We're learning better ways to utilize Pluggie to get the messages across that we want to convey to the children."

Besides the robot, other training aids include coloring books and fire safety badges and certificates. "Hopefully through reinforcement, some of that fire safety message will get into the homes through the children," Ryan said.

Another part of the presentation for children is having a firefighter come out and put on full fire-resisting gear. In this outfit, including a self-contained breathing apparatus, a firefighter may look like a space creature to a young child. "We're trying to expose them to it; if they encounter this in a fire situation, it's not new," Ryan said. "If we've saved one child's life in the whole program— Pluggie, the (fire gear) turnouts, and everything—it's well worth it."

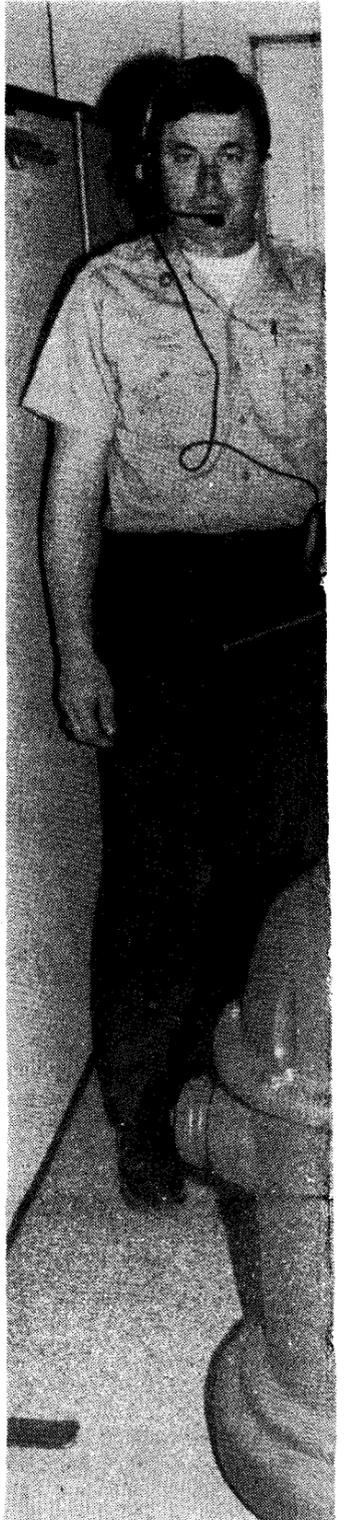
The instruction is "on a one-to-one basis with the children," said Hughes. He and Ryan both recently joined Redstone Fire Department— Hughes on Jan. 6 and Ryan on Dec. 10.

Pluggie arrived at the department around November. Fire Chief Sam Taylor and inspector Cross had seen a similar robot at a fire chiefs convention in Los Angeles in 1984. "As a training aid for small children, to me it appeared to be a very useful and valuable resource," Taylor said. The following year, Redstone purchased its own \$3,500 robot. Pluggie was custom built by Robotronics Inc. of Spanish Fork, Utah.

After a getting-acquainted phase for the department, Pluggie addressed his first group of preschoolers here Jan. 16. Plans are to use him again in March at the Child Development Center.

"A good 30 percent of home fires that are started are caused by children playing with either matches, lighters or candles, and they just don't realize what they're doing," Cross said. "What we're trying to do right now is look at specific habits and trying to target our training to that particular age group or hazard."

They won't have any problem getting their point across to young children if the reaction Pluggie received in a brief visit to the Child Development Center is any indication.



OPERATORS — Fire inspectors F custom-built robot.



CAPTIVE AUDIENCE — Kids at the Child Development Center check out Pluggie.



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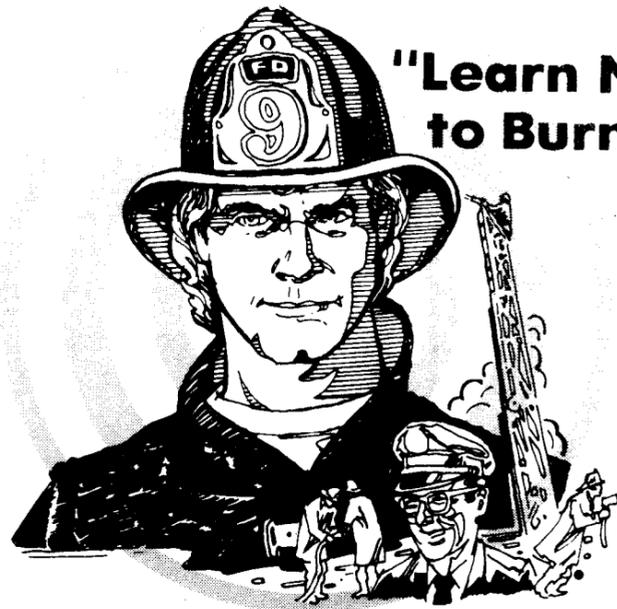


GREETING — Kenneth Tinkham, 4, gives Pluggie a big hug.



ueline Stanton, 4, takes her turn hugging Pluggie.

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Top leaders present Army posture to Congress

The Army's top two leaders cautioned Congress not to cut the Army's proposed 1987 budget because the modernization programs underway are vital to meeting the defense needs of the 1990's.

This was the theme in the opening statements of Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr., and Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr., as they presented their annual report on the status of the Army to the House Armed Services Committee Feb. 7.

Both leaders called for continued modernization of the service in the face of a Soviet threat which is now more dangerous than ever before. They cited the continuing growth of Soviet combat power, which now totals 199 divisions, an increase of five divisions from last year. Even more alarming than Soviet investment in their armed forces - about 15 to 17 percent of their gross national product - is their influence in the growth of terrorism and insurrection in Third World nations. Marsh noted that there are more than 20 active insurgencies and conflicts throughout the world, many fueled by Soviet arms.

To meet these challenges to U.S. security and national interests, both agreed that the Army must be able to respond to either low- or high-intensity conflicts. This response requires a balance of light, rapidly deployable forces and conventional, heavy forces.

Quality soldiers

Both leaders believe quality soldiers are essential to a strong, capable Army. Wickham noted that more than 90 percent of the active force and 80 percent of the reserve components have high school diplomas, representing a substantial increase over 1980. To attract and keep quality soldiers, the 1987 budget calls for \$6 billion for quality of life programs to meet needs ranging from family housing and child development, to maintenance and repair shops, to soldier and family services. Another concern related to recruiting and retaining soldiers is proposed changes in the military retirement system, requiring a cut of \$2.9 billion in retirement funds for soldiers entering the Army. In his prepared remarks Wickham said that if Congress does not lift the cap on obligations or change the current law, the Army would have to absorb a devastating reduction of 120,000 active and 112,000 reserve component soldiers.

Both Army leaders stressed that quality soldiers need quality equipment and that the modernization currently underway must continue. Programs designed to get modern equipment to active and reserve units must continue. Marsh noted that plans for FY 87 include providing more than \$2 billion in modern equipment to the reserve components, an increase of about one-half billion dollars over last year. Wickham showed the committee a modernization plan for the next five years. This plan calls for an increase to 89 M-1 (tank) battalions, 72 Patriot (air defense) batteries, 68 Bradley Fighting Vehicle battalions, 54 UH-60 (helicopter) companies, 45 multiple launch rocket system batteries, 34 AH-64 (APACHE helicopter) battalions and 3 mobile subscriber equipment (MSE communications) corps sets. "We are modernizing our force structure, giving it better balance, and increasing its combat power, all without an increase in the end strength of our active component," he said.

The reserve components continue to play a vital role in the Army's force structure, constituting 49 percent of the total Army strength. Reserves currently com-

prise 50 percent of the combat battalions, 70 percent of the deploying forces and 69 percent of the Army's combat service support. They play an increasingly important role in the Army's mission and are being integrated into more overseas deployments. Marsh mentioned to the committee that Army National Guard and Army Reserve units participated over the past 12 months in deployments to Honduras, Panama and Germany. They also are included in training cycles at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

The secretary and chief stressed the importance of the Army's light divisions in meeting today's challenges. Twenty-five percent of all army divisions are configured as lighter forces. Wickham pointed out that the Army's light division has significantly more of its strength devoted to fighting forces than does the traditional combat division. Marsh pointed out that the light division can respond to a global crisis in about one-third the time, using one-third the airlift sorties that are required by existing heavy divisions. The Army will activate its fifth light division in 1986 with the 6th ID (Light) in Alaska.

In addition to light divisions, the Army will continue strengthening its special operations forces, with improved communications equipment and aviation assets. Marsh added that many of the special operations units are reserve organizations, and stressed to the committee members that their support is critical toward maintaining a balance between the components.

The Army leaders reported significant cost avoidance in awarding contracts. In fact, Army procurement officials exceeded the FY 85 goal while awarding \$14.9 billion competitively. In FY 86 the Army has set a goal of approximately \$15.8 billion to be awarded competitively. But the Army's effort to cut costs goes beyond contract competition. Multi-year procurements since FY 82 and projected through FY 87 will reduce costs by an estimated \$2.8 billion, Wickham said. Marsh's testimony added that the Army is complementing these stewardship efforts by prosecuting those who defraud the government. "We recovered more than \$3 million last year and took actions against well over 100 contractors. We have created a fraud, waste and abuse task force consisting of the principals of the secretariat and army staff to assist in these efforts," Marsh said.

Areas of concern

In his statement for the record, Wickham outlined five areas of special concern to the Army. He told the members of the committee that the Bradley Fighting Vehicle is essential to the combined arms team. "All major armies of the world have infantry fighting vehicles designed to protect infantry from artillery fragments and small caliber weapons, and have mounted on them anti-tank weapons as well as cannons for suppressive firepower. The results of our vulnerability tests show that the BFV is a tough, survivable vehicle far superior to its predecessor, the M-113 and the Soviet BMP." Improvements planned for the BFV include a spall liner to reduce fragment damage and "reactive" armor to better withstand a shaped charge attack. The estimated cost of these improvements will be less than \$75,000 per vehicle.

Another of Wickham's concerns is the age of the Army's light helicopter fleet of OH-58s, AH-1s and UH-1s. These helicopters will be almost 30 years old in

the 1990s and need to be replaced with modern, more advanced aircraft. He believes that the answer to this problem is the Light Helicopter Family (LHX) Program. The LHX will give us a lightweight, highly reliable and easily maintained family of advanced helicopters.

Wickham stressed a need for better air defense capabilities in the forward battle area. He specifically called for support of the "forward area counter air concept" including a combination of fiber-optic guided missiles, gun-missile systems, command and control improvements as well as improvements to existing infantry, armor and artillery weapons. Without adequate air defense, Wickham feels that other investments made in force capabilities are in jeopardy.

Two other concerns Wickham related to the committee were continued modernization of special operations forces and the need to move ahead on the production of binary chemical munitions.

For FY 87 the Army is requesting a budget of \$80.6 billion in total obligation authority. Marsh added that reductions in this would have significant impacts, particularly when combined with the cuts in the FY 86 budget. This would cause negative consequences for our deterrence and war fighting capabilities, he said.

Both Marsh and Wickham petitioned this key Congressional committee to continue to support critical programs to ensure an Army that is ready, responsive and responsible.

Committee helped in race relations

A turnaround in race relations in the armed forces can be traced to a presidential committee formed in 1962.

This is according to research by Al Hampton, chief of administration and operations division in OMMCS professional development training department. Hampton serves as publicity co-chairman for a Black History Month committee here.

"On June 24, 1962, President John F. Kennedy announced the formation of the President's Committee on Equality of Opportunity in the Armed Forces, popularly designated the Gesell Committee after its chairman, Gerhard A. Gesell," Hampton says. "Through the efforts and various recommendations by the Gesell Committee, the off base discrimination of black soldiers and their dependents were altered. As the committee pointed out, base commanders had vast influence in their local communities."

Historians note the Defense Department's response to the recommendations of the Gesell Committee marked the close of a chapter in the racial history of the armed forces. Within a single generation, the services had recognized the rights of black Americans to serve in defense of their country, to be racially integrated and to have, with their family members, equal treatment and opportunity not only on the military post but also in nearby communities.



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Arsenal parents wanted as school volunteers

Ridgecrest Elementary School needs help.

Last week, during the worst of the flu season, the school's clinic was closed for three days because there was no one to run it. The school desperately needs at least 50 volunteers to help out in the clinic and in other areas, said Fran Pugh, assistant principal.

The clinic situation is the primary area of concern to Pugh.

"We (the office staff) can handle the emergencies. It's the other side of the coin... the child who needs a little time out of class, a little extra loving, the tummy aches and headaches that we need the volunteers for," she said.

Any adult can be a school volunteer. Although the job traditionally had been filled by mothers with children in school, fathers, older brothers and sisters, or older adults are welcome, Pugh said.

"The only qualification they need is to love children and have a little extra time," she said.

Since arsenal kids in kindergarten and first grade make up half of the student body at Ridgecrest,



arsenal parents usually are willing volunteers, Pugh said. She speculated that the increased number of working mothers, combined with a lack of publicity, has resulted in the current shortage of workers.

Clinic volunteers work in teams of two for an entire

school day. The PTA provides them with a free lunch on days they work, and they receive first aid training from the Red Cross. Pugh believes many parents on post may already be trained, and those who don't can work in the clinic while they're being trained.

Other areas volunteers can be assigned to include the computer room, field trips, the lunch room, or classrooms. Volunteers act as special friends to children who have problems, and listen to children read aloud.

Bilingual volunteers are needed to talk to children who speak little English, just to ensure the child isn't developing problems at home or at school. "They just need to chat, to see if the child is happy," Pugh said. Bilingual clinic volunteers would be a great help, she added.

Clinic volunteers are asked to donate the most time. Other volunteers need spend only an hour or two a week at school, but it must be on a regular basis, Pugh said.

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Security women take tournament title

This has become the "Year of Security" in Civilian Welfare Fund basketball.

The Security women's team won the women's tournament title to go with its regular season championship. Earlier, the Security men's team won its first ever tournament title.

The women beat COE 40-37 in the championship game of their tourney. With five seconds to go and Security leading 38-37, Mary Frink hit two foul shots to ice the win. Denise Crutcher led Security with 13 points and nine rebounds and was named the tournament's most valuable player. Lanette Ornken con-

tributed 11 points. COE was led by Sandy Mosley with 21 and Donna Helms 6.

COE took second place in the tournament while Foreza placed third. In an earlier game, Security beat Foreza 43-35. Mary Fale scored 12 to lead the way, followed by Ornken with 10. Foreza was led by Nita Whitaker who hit for 12 and Missy Richards 10.

Joining Crutcher on the all-tournament team were Security teammates Ornken, Fale, and Lois Arndt; COE members Mosley, Helms, Carol Amons, and Mary Young; and Foreza members Whitaker, Richards, Sandra Recio, and Brenda Neely.

Post volleyball team wins own tournament

The post volleyball team proved to be a less than gracious host by winning the Redstone Arsenal Fellowship Invitational.

The home team beat Maxwell Air Force Base in the finals 11-15, 15-12 and 15-10 at the old post gym on Saturday, Feb. 8. Four teams competed in the invitational, with the Huntsville Breakers and the Huntsville Cheapshots rounding out the field.

Redstone completed pool play with a 6-0 record, followed by Maxwell AFB 4-2, Cheapshots 2-4, and the Breakers 2-4.

In pool play, Maxwell split with Cheapshots 8-15 and 15-11, Redstone broke Breakers 15-6 and 15-5, Cheapshots split with Breakers 10-15 and 15-13,

Redstone beat Maxwell 16-14 and 15-12, Redstone whipped Cheapshots 15-9 and 15-8, and Maxwell soared over Breakers 15-8 and 15-10.

Semifinal play brought one of the better matches of the day as Maxwell edged the Cheapshots 15-17, 15-9 and 15-12. In the other semifinal, Redstone beat the Breakers 15-12 and 15-11.

Members of the Redstone team include Felix Milar, Maj. Les Kahalekai, Angel Perez, Richard Goodale, Lawrence Chargualaf, SSgt. William Stover, SSgt. Jerry Miller, CWO Thomas Frush, and Sgt. Abigail Bosque-Gil.

Redstone, at last report, was leading the Monday Night Huntsville Volleyball League with a 42-6 record.

Bowling standings

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

Tuesday's Conference		
Team	Won	Loss
A Company-1	307	143
* 95th Maint	272	153
515th-1	279	171
Marines-1	272.5	172.5
C Company-1	255	195
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200 games/ 600 series bowled on Feb. 11:

Chris Holt	234, 217, & 622 series
Harmon Morris	221
Dave Leake	219
Gary Gibbs	210

Thursday's Conference		
Team	Won	Loss
A Company (E&TTD)	363	87
B Company-1	296	154
MEDDAC-2	291	159
Marines-2	290.5	159.5
C Company-2	226	224
5th Student Company	220	230
MEDDAC-1	212.5	237.5
MEDDAC-4	204.5	245.5
MEDDAC-3	193.5	256.5
B Company-2	158	292
6th Student Company-2	131	319
7th Student Company	95.5	354.5

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Felix Rodriguez	203
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Regimental teams signing up soldiers overseas

WASHINGTON — Combat arms soldiers assigned to Alaska, Hawaii, Korea and Europe will have the opportunity to affiliate with a combat arms regiment by the end of March.

The Army's Military Personnel Center has scheduled visits to each location by Regimental Affiliation Teams to brief personnel managers, personnel staff non-commissioned officers, and brigade and battalion adjutants on affiliation policies and procedures, said Maj. John A. Hamilton, chief of MILPERCEN's Regimental Operations section.

The teams are currently visiting Alaska, Hawaii and Korea. A visit to the V Corps area of Europe is scheduled for Feb. 17-March 12 and to the VII Corps area March 5-28.

"Our mission is to affiliate all combat arms soldiers by Oct. 1, 1986," Hamilton said. "We felt that personal contact by representatives of this office would be the most effective way to explain the regimental system and to issue the instructions needed to give soldiers their regimental preferences."

The regimental system is not a tactical organization, Hamilton said.

But affiliation is expected to improve cohesiveness and morale among soldiers, he said. It offers soldiers

the opportunity for long-term identification and the potential for recurring assignments to battalions of the regiment. It also helps to carry on regimental history, customs and traditions.

Soldiers will be allowed to affiliate with any regiment for which their military occupational specialty and skills qualification indicators qualify them, Hamilton said. By October, the Army expects to have established 183 combat arms regiments. No limit will be set on the number of soldiers assigned to each regiment. Soldiers may transfer from one regiment to another at any time, he added.

The MILPERCEN teams have completed their visits

to 15 stateside locations, offering regimental affiliation to all stateside combat arms soldiers. Soldiers who did not sign up for a regiment when the teams were in their areas should do so through their local military personnel offices.

Based on the success of affiliating combat arms soldiers, the Army's chief of staff recently approved the concept of affiliating soldiers in the combat support, combat service support and engineering fields, Hamilton said. Officials in the Army's Training and Doctrine Command are developing more detailed plans for establishing such affiliations. (Arnews)

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Announcements

Engineers Week

The 36th annual Engineers Week is Feb. 16-22. Scheduled events include a banquet Thursday evening, Feb. 20 in the west exhibit hall of the Von Braun Civic Center; social hour will be at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30; guest speaker is Vice Adm. Glenwood Clark, commander of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command; tickets cost \$12 per person. The Engineers Run (10-kilometer, 5-kilometer and mile fun run) is set for Saturday morning at Redstone. For more information on these and other events, call Bill McCallum 533-3311 or Dr. Frank Tatom 533-9391.

Pilot school

Redstone Arsenal Flying Club will conduct an FAA-approved, private pilot ground school from Feb. 19 through April 2 on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00-9:00 for persons eligible for membership. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call the Flying Club 881-3980 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

AIAA

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics will meet Feb. 26 at the Officers Club. James R. French will speak on "Manned Mars Mission." Social begins at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30. Cost for the meeting is \$5.50. Reservations should be made with Dr. Robert Seitz 876-9334 by Feb. 24. Non-members are welcome.

Computer society

The IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) Computer Society has its first 1986 meeting on Feb. 19 at the Officers Club. Social begins at 11:15 a.m. with lunch at 11:30 and the speaker at noon. Scheduled speaker, Chuck Puckett of Intergraph, is to discuss object oriented programming and the Intergraph object manager.

Senior citizens

Nominations are due on Feb. 20 for the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Individuals may nominate persons who have made outstanding contributions to the lives of older Alabama citizens. Award categories are: New members- Class of 1986, Honorary members, In memoriam, Journalism, Humanitarian, Religious, and Meritorious. Nominations should be sent to: Dr. A. Earl Potts, chairman, Membership Committee, Alabama Baptist State Convention, Post Office Box 11870, 2001 East South Boulevard, Montgomery, Ala. 36111. The awards ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Civic Center in Montgomery.

Tax statements for soldiers

Wage and Tax Statements for military personnel should have been attached to each soldier's January 1986 Leave and Earnings Statement. Soldiers whose TD Form W-2's were lost, destroyed or incorrect can have them reissued by the Army Finance and Accounting Center in Indianapolis, Ind. These soldiers can contact the military pay section in building 3619, phone 876-6147. Soldiers discharged during 1985 who did not receive a TD Form W-2 should call 317-542-2792. Soldiers who retired in 1985 and did not receive a TD Form W-2 should call 1-800-428-2290.

Nursing test

Drake Technical College will administer a preadmission test for their practical nursing program Feb. 12, Feb. 27 and March 17 at 8 a.m. Cost for the test is \$5. For more information call the Education Center 876-9761.

West Point Founders Day

Graduates of the U.S. Military Academy and their guests will celebrate West Point's 184th anniversary on Friday, March 7, at 6:15 p.m. at the Officers Club. Graduates, their parents and former cadets of all United States and foreign military academies are welcome together with their spouses. For information call Retired Col. Louis Hergent Jr. 882-3031 or 533-5900 or Maj. Ed Mitchell 895-3431.

Slogan contest

The Federal Women's Program is sponsoring a slogan contest on the theme "Career Women in Pursuit of Goals." The contest, for federally employed women and men, has a \$25 prize. Submit your ideas on a 5 by 7 card with 10 words or less to Cathy Gant, AMSMI-EO. Include your name, office symbol and phone number. Deadline is March 1 and the winner will be announced March 25. For more information, call Jane Armstrong 876-2281, Eileen Hallock 876-1129 or Pat Johnson 876-5206.

Federal women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will meet at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 20 at the Officers Club. Scheduled speaker is Col. Robert O'Donnell, MICOM chief of staff. Paid reservations may be made to Laura Lockard 876-4871 by noon Feb. 19.

Physics course

The Learning Resource Center offers a course entitled "Physics I." This computer-based course deals with "mechanics," the study of motion and its causes. To enroll in this self-paced course, submit a DD form 1556 to AMSMI-CP-TS/LRC, building 7446, Attn: Learning Resource Center. For more information, call 876-1061/1416.

Military pre-separation

The next pre-separation orientation for military personnel with ETS or release from active duty dates within the next 120 days will be held 8-11 a.m. March 3 in building 3305, room 123. Representatives from Veterans Administration, Employment Service, Military Pay Division and others will be present. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

PX service station

The Post Exchange Service Station- Pump Island will be operating with extended hours on Saturdays from Feb. 22 through April 22. The Saturday hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (instead of 9-3). The extended hours are on a trial basis. The rest of the schedule is Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; closed Sunday.

Easter cards

Carole Wright plans to send homemade Easter cards to U.S. sailors and Marines on ships in the Mediterranean. Any groups and individuals are invited to make cards for this project. Send them by March 5 to Carole Wright, 4122-D South Memorial Parkway, Huntsville, Ala. 35802; or drop them off at WBHP radio station on Governors Drive. Cards should have the sender's name and return address on the back so that sailors and Marines can write back.

Atari users

The Huntsville Atari Users Group will meet Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Universal Data Systems Cafeteria, 500 Bradford Drive, S.W.

Travel advance

Defense agencies are authorized to automatically collect an outstanding travel advance that has not been settled within 15 days after completion of travel, according to finance officials. Each travel voucher (DD Form 1351) now contains the following statement: "Settlement of this advance should be made within 15 days after your arrival at your ultimate station or upon completion of the temporary duty. If settlement of the advance is not made within 30 days after the completion of the travel or temporary duty, the advance will be deducted from your next regular pay. Submission of travel voucher upon completion of travel is required, even though the amount of your expenses equals or exceeds your advance."

Videoconference

A videoconference, seminar via satellite, will be sponsored from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 26 by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. The subject is "Applications of Artificial Intelligence." For more information call Gary Workman 895-6257/6015. Army employees can contact the Learning Resource Center 876-1061/1416.

Childbirth classes

Redstone Arsenal Childbirth Classes are conducted on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 at Fox Army Community Hospital. For registration and more information, call Maj. Forsythe 876-8831 or Maj. Trent 876-5863.

Chapel events

Upcoming chapel events include the following: The *Protestant Women of the Chapel* meets at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 20 at Bicentennial Chapel; Marc Brown, chaplain and director of pastoral care at Huntsville Hospital, is the speaker; the theme is "Praise Him In Our Families"; those requiring child care are reminded to make reservations at the post Child Development Center. The *Protestant Youth of the Chapel* and the *Catholic Youth Group* have planned two joint meetings this month; the first is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at Bicentennial Chapel, this is a simulation exercise and discussion of world hunger sponsored by the Catholic youth group; the second meeting is a cook-out at Monte Sano Park on Feb. 23 sponsored by the Protestant youth (everyone should meet at Bicentennial Chapel at 1:30 p.m. to board the bus). A *Protestant potluck supper* is set for 6 p.m. Feb. 23 at Bicentennial Chapel; all are invited to bring a dish to share and join the fellowship. The *Protestant Women of the Chapel* Bible Study group meets at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 26 at Bicentennial Chapel.

Toastmasters

Mason-Dixon Toastmasters meets each Monday at 6 p.m. at Bibb's restaurant on Airport Road. The public is invited. For more information, call 533-3272.

Red Cross awards

A coffee honoring the annual blood service award winners will be held 9:30 a.m. March 7 in Ballrooms III and IV of the Officers Club. Permanent trophies and plaques for winning organizations in the blood donor program will be presented to the designated coordinators. All coordinators and their organization chiefs should attend. Outstanding donors— 8 gallons or more—who plan to attend should notify Naomi Whitaker, Redstone blood program coordinator. Also, other attendees should contact their local coordinator who can then notify Whitaker by Feb. 28 at 876-3124/2759.

Logistics engineers

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Society of Logistics Engineers will have its monthly business luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 20 at the Officers Club. Guest speaker is Mitchell Kent, national director, custom engineering at Intergraph. He is to discuss "customer support logistics at Intergraph." For reservations, call Glenn Smith 876-7397 or Teri McGinnis 876-4694.

Air defense artillery officers

All Redstone Arsenal air defense artillery officers are invited to attend an Officers Call from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28 at the NCO Club (building 1500). The guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Donald Infante, commanding general at Fort Bliss, Texas, and the ADA branch proponent. A breakfast buffet will be available at the club for \$3.25, payable at the breakfast. For more information, call Capt. Mark Curley 876-5630 by Feb. 24. This is sponsored by the Air Defense Program Manager's Office of MICOM.

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Change of command

Capt. Russell McClelland will assume command of B Company from Capt. Willie Brazile Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 4:30 p.m. at the building 3440 quadrangle. A reception will follow.

Recreation center

Tonight— *Foosball tourney* at 7. Thursday— *Video game contest and Bingo* at 7. Friday— *Scrabble & wordpix contests* at 7. Saturday— *Mini Golf tourney* at 2:30. Sunday— *Shiloh National Battlefield tour* at 8 a.m., "*Backstabbers*" rock/soul show at 7. Monday— *Trivia quiz* at 7. Tuesday— *Aerobics* at 5:30, *Pool tourney and Computer Club* at 7.

Financial seminar

The North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will hold its 11th annual Financial Management Seminar on April 1 and 2 at the Von Braun Civic Center. This year's seminar is aimed at improving individual professional abilities with a theme on enhancing communication skills. Brochures on this training will be distributed soon. Those interested should make plans now to attend this seminar. Completed training requests should reach the Training and Career Management Branch by March 3. The seminar fee is \$85. Course hours are eight hours duty and three hours non-duty. For more information contact James McCrary, AMSMI-CO-FA-QC, phone 876-7514.

Government accountants

A meeting of North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will be held Feb. 20 at Michael's Restaurant, Ramada Inn on South Parkway. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner and program to follow. Guest speaker Betty Wyatt, of Color 1 Associates, is to discuss "Get it all together with color." For reservations, call Lou Ann Burrow 876-8147 or Danny Walker 453-1487.

Black history month

Activities planned for Black History Month include a fashion show and a variety show. The fashion show is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 22 at the NCO Club. The variety show is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 at the Recreation Center.

Traffic restrictions

Military police plan the following traffic restrictions for Saturday, Feb. 22 in support of the Society of American Military Engineers and its Engineers Run (5 and 10K road races): Gate 3 will be closed from 7:25 to 10:30 a.m.; limited traffic access will be allowed only as required on the course route (Patton Road, Buxton, Warehouse and Redstone Roads).



Program begun for instructor recognition

Recognizing exceptional efforts made by their instructors is one training department's goal with the initiation of a new program at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

The Munitions Training Department recently introduced a monthly Instructor Recognition Program that spotlights those instructors within their four training divisions that have made outstanding contributions to their mission.

"We wanted to recognize the Department's outstanding instructors based on the quality of instruction, personal appearance, and overall instructional abilities," said Larry L. McFall, chief of the administration and operations division within the department. "We feel the strongest and most important asset we have is our people, and our main mission is to train the young soldier."

Selected as the Munitions Department's January Instructor of the Month was Air Force Tech. Sgt. R.G. Kuhn, an instructor in the Explosive Ordnance Disposal 55D20 (phase 1) course.

Kuhn, who was assigned to Redstone Arsenal in September 1982, has served 20 years with the Air Force, 15 of those in the EOD field.

Kuhn's previous assignments have included Thailand, George AFB, Calif, Taiwan, Walla Walla, Wash., Tyndall AFB, Fla., Germany, and Hill AFB, Utah. In addition Kuhn attended the Instructor School at Lowery AFB, Colo.

A native of Rocky Ford, Colo., Kuhn and his wife Patricia have two daughters Shawnee, 18, and Tina, 14, who attend Butler High School.

Director named for PYOC group

The Protestant Youth of the Chapel has a new director who plans to bring a dynamic program to military kids here.

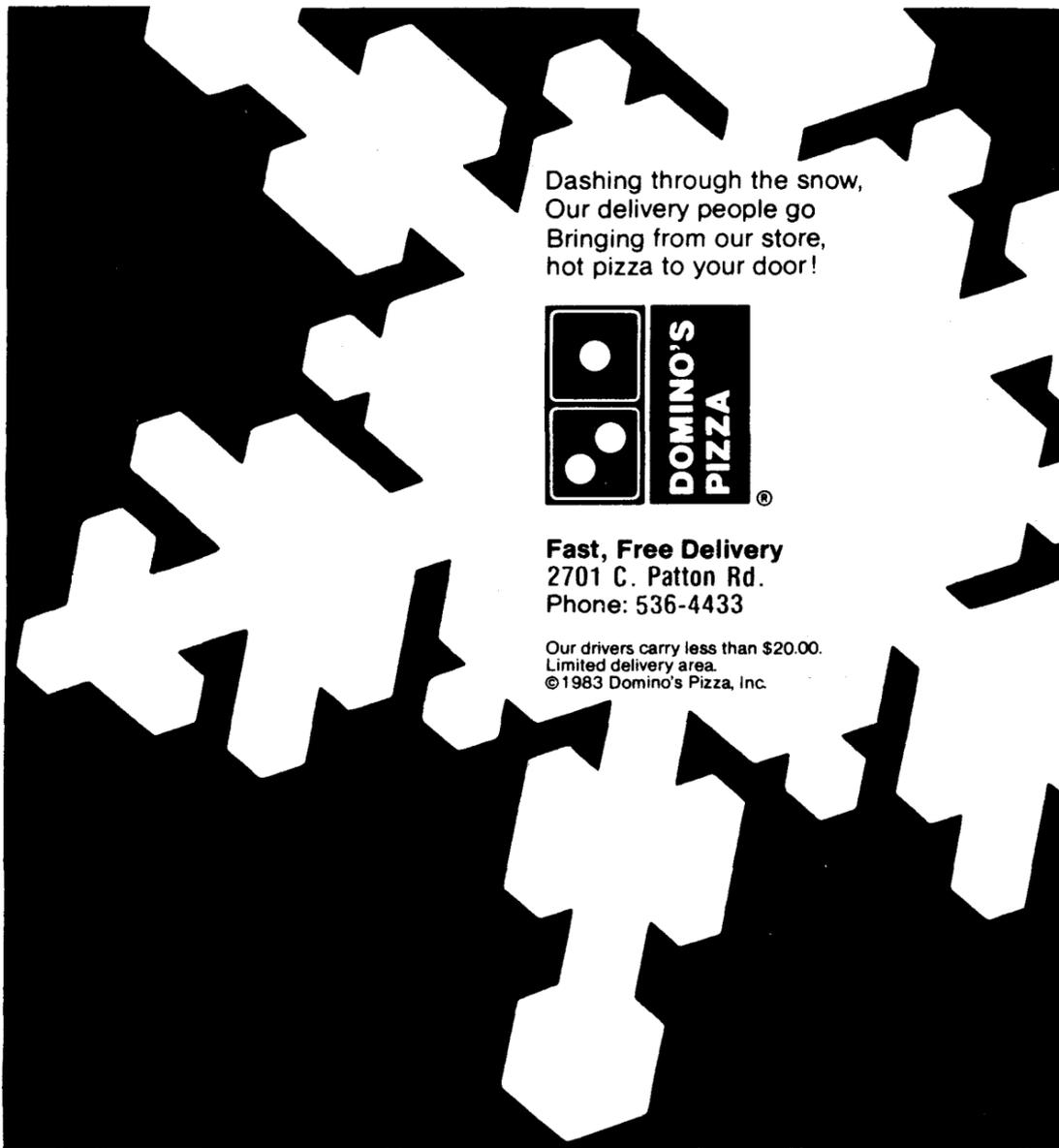
Karen Edenfield holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in religion from Heritage Bible College. Her service to young people includes work in Young Life in area high schools, teaching Sunday school and volunteering as a Big Sister.

Edenfield is anxious to start her duties and would like to meet parents as well as children.

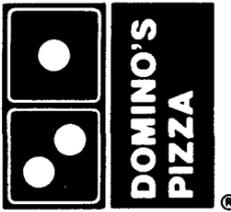
"I love young people and I love Jesus, and I'm planning an exciting program to bring the two together at Redstone Arsenal," she said.

PYOC, for children in grades 4-12, meets every Sunday afternoon from 3:30 until 5. Everyone gathers at the Bicentennial Chapel, and the older group of kids in grades 9-12 moves to the Post Chapel.

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