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Family programs protected despite budget cuts

WASHINGTON — Family Action Plan issues will remain an important part of Army personnel concerns, despite recent budget cuts, according to the Army leadership.

"The Army's chief of staff has always said, 'We're going to protect our family budget at all costs,'" said Lt. Gen. Robert M. Elton, the Army's deputy chief of staff for Personnel, at a general officer steering committee meeting in Springfield, Va., April 4.

Rather than give up any of the benefits the Army has worked so hard to gain for families, he said the Army would, for now, give the benefit to less people. For example, rather than give up the increased household weight allowance and travel expenses for permanent change of station moves, the service has cut back the number of PCS moves until October.

Elton made this promise to some 22 policymakers on the committee as well as to major command and family representatives at the meeting.

The committee had gathered to discuss issues in the third Army Family Action Plan published in March as well as 10 ideas generated by the Chief of Staff's Task Force on Soldiers and Families which met last November. They provided direction and support for the plan and directed that the task force ideas be incorporated into the family action plan.

The major command representatives participated in the meeting by offering perspectives and suggestions on current programs as well as future initiatives based on personal and command experiences.

Family Action Plan III addresses on-going issues outlined in the 1983 Army white paper that established the basic philosophy describing the relationship between the Army and the Army family, including the reserve components and Department of the Army civilians.

The plan includes 59 issues that cover medical, education, youth, family support, relocation and reserve issues. The plan also reflects as issues, for the first time, single soldier and retiree concerns. Thirty-three of the issues were carry-over items that had not been fully implemented because of time and budget constraints, Elton said.

"The money we talk of in the first plan (Jan. 1984) has made it (into the budget)," he said. This means that more of the original initiatives are being implemented. Because many programs depend almost entirely on funding for their existence, the low- or no-cost initiatives usually are the ones that get developed first.

The Army won't let the higher-cost programs die, however. Requests for funding of some proposals have been included in the budget to Congress more than once. The Army leadership feels strongly about protecting family programs because, as Elton said, "the Family Action Plan and current family programs will keep our Army theme (The Year of Values) active."

New ideas suggested by the family members and action officers being evaluated for implementation include the following:

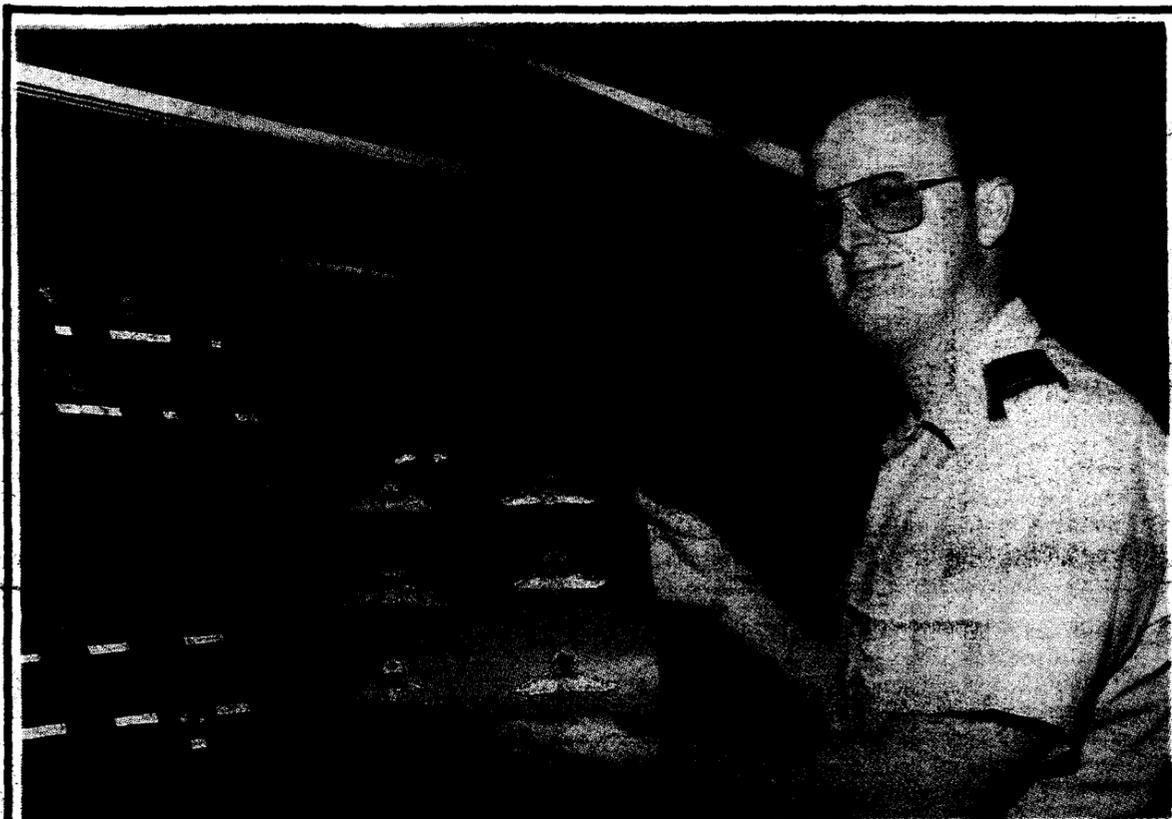
— Priority status for military airlift command travel when a soldier takes the allowable seven days of permissive temporary duty for house hunting purposes.

— A special variable housing allowance offset computation for single parents who pay child support for children not living with them.

— A U.S. government subsidized pre-school program as part of the Department of Defense Dependent Schools system.

— Department of Agriculture food subsidies, such as lunch programs, for child development centers outside the continental United States.

Elton welcomes such ideas, he said, because they help take the Army where it needs to go. "Our family programs are getting better, but we can never relax. Things are always changing," he said. (Arnews)



WINGS— Capt. Ray Montgomery arranges a display of air-borne wings from armies of the world. The collection can be viewed in the lobby of building 5250. See the story about Montgomery's hobby inside today's Rocket.

Younger married soldiers now eligible for housing here

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Soldiers in lower enlisted grades can now apply for family housing on post.

Redstone is among three installations selected to try extending family housing eligibility to soldiers in grades E-3 and below. The other sites for the test program are Fort Lee, Va., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

In the past, married soldiers in lower enlisted grades had to live off post. "Now, if you're married no matter what your rank is, you're eligible for family housing," said Marjorie Campbell, chief of RASA's Housing Management Branch.

"This initiative is a test and implementation of it will be through attrition. In other words, soldiers currently occupying family housing will not be displaced," she said.

Forty-six family housing units used for junior non-commissioned officers have been reallocated for lower enlisted soldiers. As the junior NCOs move out over time, these 46 units will be filled by the lower enlisted. To minimize the impact on junior NCOs, 60 family housing units used for senior NCOs have been reallocated for their junior counterparts.

The Army is considering extending family housing to all soldiers in an effort to improve the quality of life

for those most affected by suitable and affordable family housing. Soldiers in grades E-3 and below can least afford to live off post, Campbell said.

"Before this proposed policy, if you were an E-3 or below and you were married, you lived off post. You weren't authorized barracks space and you weren't authorized family housing, so you were at the mercy of local communities," she said.

At present, about 90 lower enlisted soldiers live off post with their families. They have an option of continuing to live elsewhere or applying to move here. "Requiring those who presently live off post to move on post might create a financial hardship," Campbell said, referring to soldiers tied up in a lease, for example. "This program is to eliminate hardship for those lower enlisted personnel, not to create additional hardships for them."

She sees an additional benefit for senior NCOs. The program will reduce the number of quarters available to senior NCOs who want to live off post.

"This program will reduce the number of quarters available to the senior NCOs who can better afford to live off post and who desire to live off post. Historically, senior NCOs who desired to live off post and pur-

chased a home have been required to live on post," Campbell said.

"I really feel that implementing this program will improve the morale of our senior enlisted soldiers."

Soldiers reporting in at Redstone are required to report into the family housing office before renting, leasing or purchasing a home to live off post. This procedure doesn't change with the test program now in effect. What has changed is this: Instead of being assisted in finding off post housing, lower enlisted soldiers are authorized to apply for on post housing.

The 46 family housing units allocated for lower enlisted are in the building 1100 area, on Hof Circle and Crozier Drive. There are two four-plex units, five six-plex units, and an eight-plex unit. Redstone has a total of 1,171 family housing units, varying from single units to eight-plexes (eight units in one building).

"Assignment for quarters reallocated for lower enlisted will be made through attrition. In other words, personnel currently residing in the units that have been reallocated will not be relocated in order to make the unit available for the lower enlisted," Campbell said. "As they vacate, then (those units) will be assigned to the lower enlisted grade."



CFW basketball

Editor:

This is a letter of response from the president of the Civilian Welfare Fund basketball league on the Forenza womens basketball team letter of complaint and Col. John J. Walker's, deputy post commander's, response (March 12 *Rocket*).

The reason I did not respond before now is because I was in Korea on annual training summer camp in the National Guard from March 10 through March 29. I found out about this letter of complaint through a close friend on April 8 at my home.

These allegations are...outrageous comments in Forenza's letter of complaint on the following subjects: Safety, fairness, referee officials, scorekeepers, timekeepers, womens league tournament. In these areas there was fairness, and there was equality.

On the old post gym facilities, there is some concern here because I have been trying to improve the gym facilities since I have been elected president in October 1983. I can't do everything, I am only one person. I need help and support from CWF Council, deputy post commander, facilities engineers, etc. There is a need now for a new gym floor...new bathrooms, new heating system, and other repairs.

There is no politics involved in the CWFBL; as president of this league the past three years, I have managed this organization without playing games of politics.

...Things were handled effectively and in a professional manner, and there was no gross unfairness and nepotism whatsoever in this 1985-86 season and the past seasons. Referee officials, scorekeepers, and timekeepers were not my friends as stated.

Nothing in the bylaws of 34 years mens league, 35 years mens league and womens league states that a president cannot coach and play in the 34 and 35 mens league, and coach in the womens league.

This is obviously jealousy, bad sportsmanship on the part of the coach and team members of Forenza womens team. The scorekeepers and timekeepers were trained and they fully understand the rules of basketball...

These areas were concerns — abusive language, curse words, bad conduct, harassing and talking back to the referees. To my knowledge, there were no injuries on the womens Forenza team nor any other womens team, and also there was no unsportsmanlike conduct in the league as the Forenza team has stated, and there was no confusion whatsoever in the womens league. As league president, I did not disregard official rules; the womens league had constitution bylaws, all womens teams were given copies of bylaws and that included Forenza coach and players.

The womens league was organized properly and my womens team, Security, did not have any advantage over the other teams in the post double elimination tournament. Forenza coach and team members used abusive language, and they were sore losers, (showed) bad conduct, during the last part of the season.

...On the recommendation (that the) league president be totally disassociated with any team, either by playing or coaching, this is jealousy, bias, prejudice on the part of the coach of Forenza and her team members.

...On (the response by) Col. John J. Walker, deputy post commander: In my view, it sounds like Col. Walker has made up his mind to take one side of this complaint and leave the people that read this paper with a impression of negative bad image of the league president, Abdullah Muhammad; this was unfair to me.

Abdullah Muhammad
CWFBL League President
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Security Directorate

AUSA support

Editor:

During this year's membership drive, I have often encountered the notion that the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) is an organization which exists solely for the benefit of military personnel and not, except in the altruistic sense, for the Army civilian.

As this year's MICOM campaign chairman, with Army civilians making up over 80 percent of the eligible population, I would like an opportunity to convey what I perceive to be the bottom line regarding civilian membership in AUSA.

While it is certainly true that the local chapter provides many significant activities, recognition awards, and assistance for our area uniformed personnel and also sponsors activities which may be shared in by all AUSA members, the real payoff is at the national level.

As a private, nonprofit, educational association dedicated to supporting the total Army, AUSA has a host of knowledgeable and competent volunteers and

paid experts who are working to generate support for Army programs, identify resource needs, analyze defense posture in relation to other services programs, produce studies and fact sheets for congressional staffers, and present the Army's needs, through its educational activities, to the public and our elected representatives in the House and Senate. Obviously, these activities can pay big dividends when they are successful.

As federal civilian employees, we are being bombarded with numerous proposals having apparent adverse consequences, such as those arising from Grace Commission and other committee recommendations, not to mention the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation. AUSA is one of the very few organizations out there working in our behalf to stem the tide. Just what impact AUSA can have is, of course, unknown. However, along with Army leadership, AUSA does advocate and is working for a quality civilian workforce to support the soldier and Army programs. The director, Department of the Army Civilian Personnel has stated that AUSA's efforts on our behalf bring the concerns and issues affecting the Army civilian to the forefront of public attention. Naturally, any success AUSA has in gaining support and resources for the Army's mission could favorably impact our position.

I believe that if each individual will just pause and reflect on the role of AUSA and the potential benefits inherent in that role, this "membership drive" will take care of itself. When affordable, annual dues of \$16 is a small price to pay for an investment in one's future.

Max Watson
MICOM Chairman,
AUSA Membership Campaign

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—Gen. George S. Brown



FAREWELL — Pam Stieglitz, president of the Officers Wives Club, pins a corsage on Jackie Burbules, who is leaving Redstone with her husband, Maj. Gen. Peter Burbules. Burbules will become the Army Materiel Command's deputy commanding general for materiel readiness. Jackie, who was honored at the OWC's monthly luncheon April 8, is preparing for her 33rd move in as many years.

Olin groundbreaking scheduled today

An observance to mark the beginning of the Olin Corp.'s DDT cleanup begins here today with a groundbreaking ceremony at 11 a.m. at the project site and concludes in the afternoon with a fish fry in Triana.

Olin has invited about 100 attendees, including members of the federal review panel overseeing the project and officials of public regulatory agencies.

The visitors will be offered air boat tours of the project area and a tour of MICOM's Test Area 1. The project area is inside Wheeler National Refuge and within the safety fan of Test Area 1 but no significant disruption of range activities is anticipated from the cleanup activities.

The project is mandated by a federal consent decree signed by Olin in 1983 and entails digging a new creek channel and filling in a contaminated 2 mile-long section of Huntsville Spring Branch, burying in place DDT residues from a factory operated here by Olin some years ago. The project is expected to require 2-3 years to complete and cost about \$20 million.

Olin and its predecessor companies manufactured DDT in a rented factory on Redstone Arsenal from 1947-1970. Manufacturing waste discharged into Huntsville Spring Branch during the factory's operating years is a continuing source of environmental pollution.

The cleanup project is an outgrowth of suits filed against Olin by people in the Triana community adjacent to Redstone Arsenal, who claim to have been poisoned by eating contaminated fish, and by the U.S. Justice Department seeking remedial action to halt the pollution.

Johnson Brothers Construction of Minneapolis is under contract to Olin to perform the DDT cleanup.

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Soldier's collection hobby teaches military history

BY PAM ROGERS

You might say Capt. Ray Montgomery collects history. Military history, that is.

Montgomery, a ground support equipment officer in the Pershing Project Office, collects cloth insignia, airborne wings, and other military memorabilia. His interests run more to specific periods of time rather than geographic locations. He has thousands of pieces from the World War II era.

"I collect the cloth insignia, airborne insignia, British regimental cap badges and old military books," he said. His insignia collection consists of about 2,500 shoulder patches. "It's not a large collection. I've known of collections with 10, 12 or 13 thousand items," he commented.

"I don't collect crests. Some people do, but I work mainly on insignia," he said. Here's where it could get confusing to the layman. The word 'crest' among collectors refers to the

distinctive unit insignia, made of enamelled metal and worn on the epaulets of the military uniform coat, and on the garrison caps of enlisted soldiers.

"There are literally thousands of DUI. It's an entire field in itself," Montgomery said.

He began collecting insignia in 1976, and then branched out to airborne wings and cap badges when he was stationed in Germany. "The Germans aren't interested in cloth. They like wings," he said.

Collecting military mementos is a big business, according to Montgomery, complete with auctions, buying guides and conventions, and the prices for the pieces are increasing.

"It's a good hobby for kids, especially military kids," he said, but added that even some of the most common insignia can be relatively expensive for a child on an allowance.

Collectors of military-related items eventually specialize in a particular area, Montgomery said. There are a great many collectors of Nazi, or as some enthusiasts prefer to say, 'Third Reich' pieces.

"It's one of the biggest fields—tremendous. It's amazing, in 12 years, from 1933 until 1945, the amount of insignia and military equipment they generated. Still, there are a lot of reproductions. That's the biggest problem. So many good fakes, sometimes you just don't know. I've avoided Third Reich memorabilia, but it's big business, big bucks," Montgomery said.

The big business aspect does lure unscrupulous people, both dealers and collectors, Montgomery said, and care must be taken to deal with well-known, reputable people.

"You've got to know your subject," he commented. That sometimes means doing extensive research on a particular military unit,

battle, or even learning methods of garment construction or something as obscure as thread styles.

Montgomery is interested in trying to obtain items from the First Special Service Force, a World War II commando unit made up of Canadian and American troops. He's also interested in mementoes from the Office of Strategic Services, the World War II-era precursor to the Central Intelligence Agency.

Montgomery enjoys sharing his collection, and has several displays in the area. His cap badges are displayed in the lobby of the Redstone Scientific Information Center, and he has another display at the Athens library.

His latest grouping is a collection of airborne wings in the lobby of building 5250. His wife Kathy, who works in the Hellfire Project Office, doesn't quite share his level of enthusiasm for the hobby, but she does help him put together and label his displays.



Maj. Gen. Anderson plans to retire

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MD.—Maj. Gen. Andrew H. Anderson, commanding general of the U. S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (TECOM) and Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), has announced he will retire on May 23.

May 21 will mark 35 years of military service for Anderson. The Army requires major generals to retire upon reaching 35 years of service.

Anderson took command of TECOM and APG in April 1984 from his previous position as deputy commander, VII Corps, U. S. Army Europe. He is TECOM's ninth commander since its formation in 1962.

Adopted suggestions here have variety

Suggestions adopted here range from an amplified telephone receiver to a design change for missile nozzles, according to the incentive awards office of Civilian Personnel.

"Employees at MICOM are curious as to what kind of suggestions are adopted in the Suggestion Program," said a one-page list from incentive awards. "The following listing will help to eliminate duplicate suggestions and let employees know the type of suggestions adopted."

Carol Moore of RD&E center got a \$41.70 award for her suggestion with tangible savings of \$417. The subject was "telephone number on trip report SMI form 1141," the list said. "This suggestion resulted in providing a telephone number line on trip reports thereby saving users time in looking up phone numbers which will make the trip report more useful throughout the command."

Marvin Robley of OMMCS got a certificate of achievement for his suggestion on vehicle decals for chief warrant officer 4's. "This suggestion increased the morale of senior warrant officers by issuing post decals to denote their rank," the list said.

A \$132 award resulted from a suggestion with tangible savings of \$1,320; the recipient requested anonymity, according to incentive awards office. The suggestion subject was exceptional performance certificates. "This suggestion eliminates the retyping of Incentive Awards certificates by the Support Operations personnel (in Missile Logistics Center); now the certificates are prepared by the originating office," stated the list.

A \$50 award came from a suggestion with intangible benefits; the recipient requested anonymity, according to incentive awards office. This suggestion for alphabetical office symbol directory "resulted in

MLC-SOP 340-6 being published with office symbols listed in alphabetical sequence."

G.W. Dye Jr. of Security Directorate got a \$25 award for a suggestion with intangible benefits. The suggestion subject was "amplified receiver for the telephone in the Intrusion Detection System (IDS) Room (Security Directorate)," the list said. "This suggestion will enable a person with impaired hearing to hear phone conversation, which is an important part and responsibility to copy correctly incoming calls to the IDS room."

Barbara Hebert of RD&E center got a \$300 award for a suggestion with intangible benefits. The subject was signs for RD&E center. "This suggestion resulted in signs being installed on Redstone Arsenal which will guide visitors to the RD&E center."

Guy Hubbard of RD&E center got a \$200 award for a suggestion with intangible benefits. The subject was "documentation deficiency when interchangeable/substitute items approved," the list said. "This suggestion resulted in a computer program being devised to provide a cross reference listing to weapon system configuration managers in numerical sequence reflecting present item to the proposed item."

Jimmy C. St. Clair of Pershing Project got a \$2,781 award for a suggestion with tangible savings of \$69,378. The subject was "PII all fiberglass flex seal shim seals," the list said. "This suggestion identified the potential of reducing Pershing II (costs) by incorporating a Peacekeeper flex-seal design into the PII nozzles."

The list covered adopted suggestions for March. For more information or assistance in submitting suggestions, call the incentive awards office 876-8134/8135.

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Troop commander hopes to be contributing member

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The new commander of Special Troops looked over at his office phone that had been quiet for almost an hour.

"It's usually not like this," said Lt. Col. Ronald Sumera, who assumed command April 15. He looks forward to the challenge of leading the assigned units and attached companies of Special Troops at Redstone.

Sumera succeeded Lt. Col. Richard Grube, who the Army selected to command a battalion at Fort Lee, Va. "I think the soldiers here in Special troops are all very proud of Col. Grube and the success he has had and the recognition he's getting as a result," he said.

As for himself, Sumera feels his leadership opportunity is rewarding. "I'm very excited about it. It's going to be a very challenging job," he said. "I think all officers strive at some point to have command of a battalion-sized unit."

Travel was no factor since Sumera has been assigned to the Missile Command at Redstone since August 1983. Before commanding Special Troops, he served as a procurement management officer with Patriot Project Office.

The 41-year-old troop commander was born in Lackawanna, N.Y., just outside of Buffalo. His now-retired father worked many years at the steel mill in Lackawanna, said to be the largest steel mill in the U.S. before closing in the early 1980s. Sumera's parents, Ray and Wanda, reside in nearby Blasdell, N.Y. His older brother, Michael, is an electrical engineer in Milwaukee, Wisc.; and a younger sister, Marsha Bulinski, is married to an employee of the National Security Agency at Fort Meade, Md.

After high school in Lackawanna, he went on to Canisius College in Buffalo. Sumera was graduated in 1966 with a bachelor's degree for a dual major of accounting and sociology. He was in ROTC at Canisius and got a deferment to pursue graduate studies. He attended graduate school at State University of New York at Buffalo and received a master's of business administration degree in 1967. Just last December, he received a master's in contracting and acquisition management at the local extension for Florida Institute of Technology.

Sumera entered active duty as a second lieutenant in 1967. His first assignment was as a platoon leader and executive officer in a Nike Hercules battery at Detroit, Mich.

"We were right downtown Detroit, it was an interesting place," he recalled. "How they ever put a Herc unit in downtown Detroit, I don't know but they did."

He spent 1970 in Vietnam as an advisor to the Republic of Vietnam regional forces in the Delta. "It was just an assignment, like everything else," he said.

Subsequent assignments took him to Fort Monmouth, N.J.; Fort Bliss, Texas (for an air defense artillery officer advanced course); Germany; back to Fort Monmouth; Saudi Arabia; and finally to Redstone. "Redstone is certainly the nicest and friendliest military community I've ever been assigned to," he said. "You've got some great people out here, not only on the arsenal but in the Huntsville community. We're very impressed with it."

Sumera and his wife Maureen, formerly of Buffalo, N.Y., have four children. Raymond, 16, and Patrick, 15, attend Grissom High School; Katherine 13, goes to Whitesburg Middle School; and David, 7, attends Whitesburg Elementary. He enjoys gardening, racquetball and basketball.

"I just want to become a contributing member of whatever organization or group I belong to— whether it's a family unit, Boy Scout unit, military organization, or whatever. I just want to be a contributing member who did the best job he could in helping that unit to grow and develop itself," he said.



COMMANDER— Lt. Col. Ronald Sumera is now in charge of Special Troops.



DONOR — George Monroe Robinson, a MICOM retiree, reached a milestone for giving blood recently. Robinson, shown here giving at the Recreation Center, achieved the 21 gallon mark for lifetime blood donations.

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Motorcycle safety course to be taught on May 2

The motorcycle safety course on post will be taught Friday, May 2 in addition to its regular weekend schedule.

"Better Biking Program" course is taught every Saturday or Sunday in building 3222 on Snooper Road from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The six and a half hours of instruction includes three hours in the classroom and three and a half on the range.

Motorcyclists on post have until June 1 before their present decal expires. Proof of completion of any nationally-recognized motorcycle safety course will satisfy a requirement here for a new decal. The course at Redstone is for those who have been unable to take a motorcycle safety course elsewhere.

Of the 1,235 motorcycles registered on post, only 95 persons have attended the classes, according to the Education Center. The course will be taught Friday, May 2 in hopes of enabling more people to take it.

"We're trying to get as many people as we can and he (the instructor) is trying to work with us," said Reita Perry, an education technician. The course is being taught under contract by Jerry Baker of Russellville, who is the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's chief instructor for Alabama.

The education center, in a written release, provided the following answers to several questions it has been asked about the course: "If you have been riding three months or more, this course is for you. If you have never ridden a motorcycle (and) are thinking about buying one and want to start riding, call me; I'll give you information on a certified instructor for beginners. The three-wheel 'Honda Gyro' is not allowed on the course. Borrowed motorcycles are discouraged unless you have written permission to ride and the owner's proof of insurance; (has to be assessed on an individual basis). Mopeds and scooters are allowed on the range."

There is a \$14 course fee for civilians; service members who reserve a space and fail to show up without calling to cancel 24 hours before the class will be assessed the fee. "We have paid for these military spaces per session and it is unfair to reserve a space and not cancel prior to training and keep another service member from attending, therefore, the fee is necessary," the education release said.

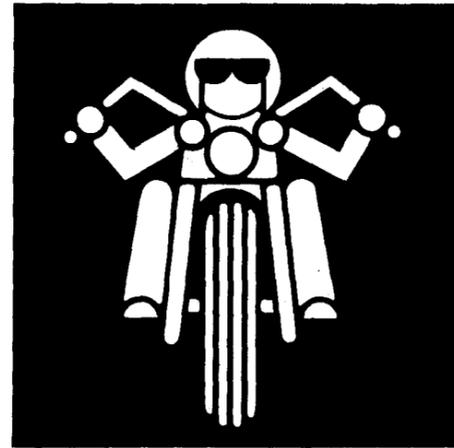
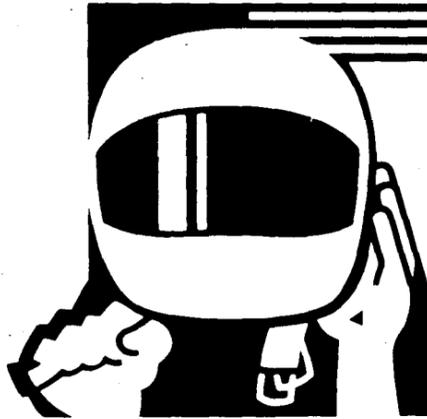
"Upon completion of the course, you get a 10 per-

cent discount on your insurance," the release continued.

All fees must be paid by cashier's check or money order made payable to the U.S. Treasury and delivered

to Perry in building 3222. Individuals should do this by the Wednesday prior to their class date.

For more information on the course, call Perry 876-9761.



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Soldier wants to strike out on pro bowlers tour

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Bowling is probably more than just a hobby if you rank it second, right after your wife.

That's the case for SFC Stephen Cook of A Company. The avid bowler was selected for the All-Army bowling trials scheduled for April 19-26 at Fort Bragg, N.C. To even apply for the trials, applicants needed at least a 190 average.

Cook was among 20 men and 13 women chosen to try out for the Army bowling team. Last year, he barely missed going to the trials when he applied with a 193 average. Someone with a 194 got to go.

"Right now I'm 'shooting' better than I have my entire life, and I've been bowling since I was about 8 years old," Cook says. "My grandparents were instructors in the youth bowling leagues. They got me started in bowling."

He bowls in three leagues—Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday nights — at Pin Palace in Huntsville. His overall average is about 195. At last report, Cook had bowled six 279s in his lifetime. Four of these personal best scores have come since last September.

Cook is still seeking that elusive 300 perfect game. "One of these

days, I'm going to get it," he says. "I'm getting too close here lately."

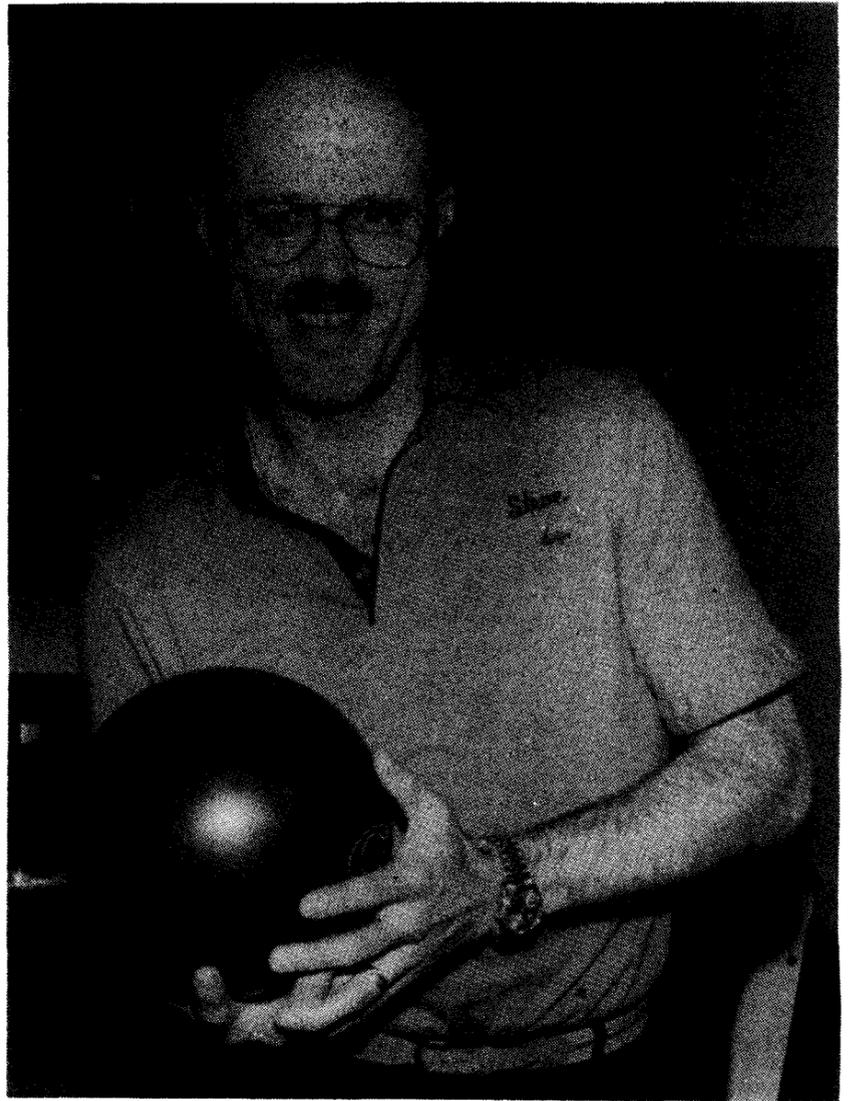
The 33-year-old from Anderson, Ind., has been in the Army for nine years. He previously served four years in the Air Force, joining right after he finished high school in 1971. In the year and a half after leaving the Air Force, he worked for a while as a telephone service representative, went to school part-time at an Indiana business college, and pumped gas at a gas station. He joined the Army in 1977.

A Pershing electronic repairman, he teaches in the Electronics and Technology Training Department at OMMCS. Cook, who took Pershing training here before going to Germany, returned to Redstone in November 1982.

"I've got about seven years to retire and then I think after I retire I'm going to go out on the pro (bowlers) circuit for a while," he says.

His wife, Diana, doesn't mind his love of bowling as long as he keeps his priorities together. "I like it as long as he keeps it in priority," she says.

"In other words, as long as I keep her first," says Cook.



AVID BOWLER— SFC Stephen Cook takes aim on his future bowling plans.

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Manual stresses importance of career counseling

BY PAM ROGERS

A new tool for managers to use in determining the training needs of their workers has been distributed to nearly all civilian and military supervisors at Redstone.

The Employee Career Counseling and Training Guide can help supervisors fulfill their duties as career counselors to their employees, said Dr. Delia Black, chief of the Training and Career Management Division of the Civilian Personnel Office.

The manual is distributed only during briefings during which attendees are instructed in the proper way to assemble the sections in a loose leaf binder.

"The rationale is the same as sending a soldier into battle. You don't just show a soldier a gun, then give it to him and send him out to fight," Black said.

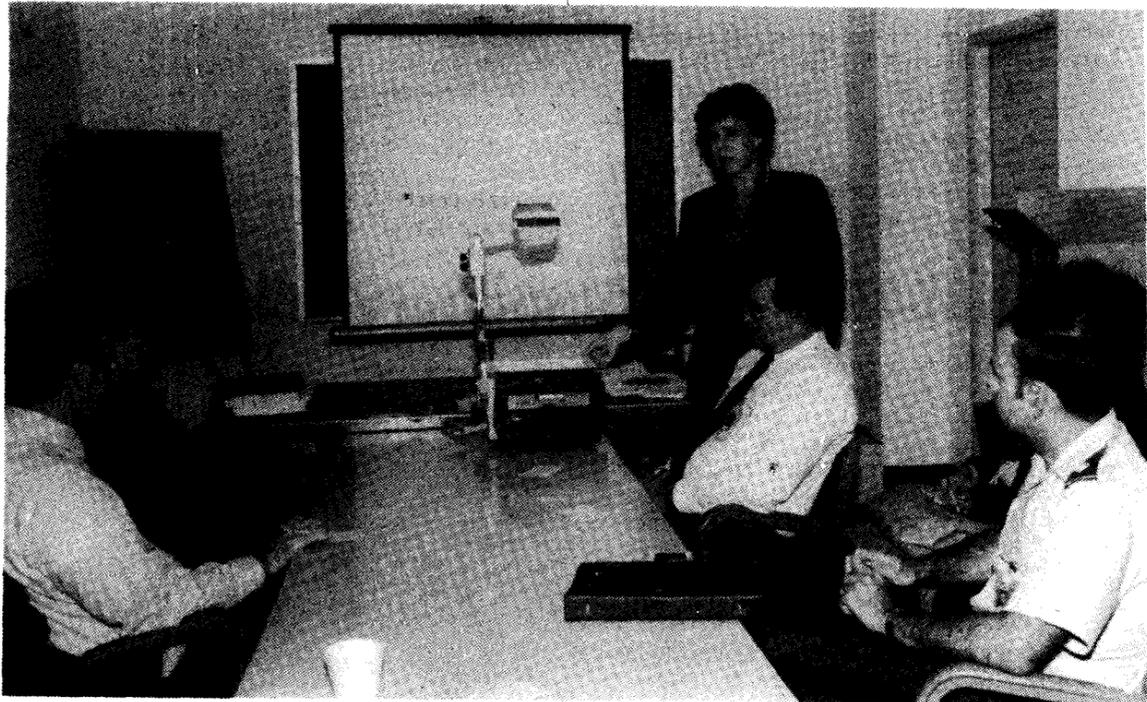
Despite some misconceptions about the purpose of the manual and the training sessions, the distribution of the manuals has gone fairly smoothly, according to Joan McWilliams, an employee development specialist who edited the book.

The primary use for the manual is in the joint development of the Individual Development Plan, which is drawn up between an employee and his or her supervisor and lists training necessary for the worker's improved job performance.

"This book emphasizes the critical relationship of performance management and the IDP," Black said.

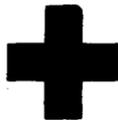
Another way it can be used is as a career planning tool for training which may not be related to the job. Although the supervisor does not have to provide such training, he or she does have to help the employee plan for career goals, Black said. This aspect of the manual could help workers in jobs with little promotion potential move into a new field.

"Basically, we're just trying to help the supervisors do their jobs and feel more confident," McWilliams said.



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Armed forces parade has tribute to Vietnam vets

Vietnam veterans and the families of soldiers missing in action will be the honored guests when Redstone Arsenal hosts a day filled with parachute jumps, static displays of military weapon systems, and a retreat and retirement parade next month.

The activities are a part of the annual Armed Forces Celebration, a tribute to the nation's armed forces by the Huntsville community.

The arsenal will be open to the public, and everyone is invited to watch the Army's 82nd Airborne band and chorus parachute into Shane drop zone adjacent to Rideout Road the morning of May 23. At 4 p.m. the band will march in the parade along with unit from Redstone, and other military units in the Huntsville area. The parade will honor those soldiers retiring from active duty in May.

As the parade passes the reviewing stand, soldiers will observe an extended "eyes right" to the area in which Vietnam veterans and their families and the families of those missing in action are seated.

"The reviewing officer will also include families of the missing in action and the Vietnam veterans in his remarks, and will ask for a moment of silence," said Lt. Col. Richard Grube.

"The reviewing officer represents the Army in honoring and paying final tribute to the service member's career. He represents the Army in saying farewell to the members and their wives. He recognizes the wives and their contributions to their husband's service," Grube said.

The static exhibit of military hardware can be viewed before and after the parade. On display to the public for the first time will be a Pershing II surface-to-surface ballistic missile. Other systems include Patriot, Hawk, Chaparral, Vulcan, Stinger, the Multiple Launch Rocket System, Lance, a Bradley fighting vehicle, Improved Tow and Hellfire. A mobile calibration van also will be on display.

"There will be a mix of weapon systems. Some of the missiles and weapons have been in service for a number of years, like the Hawk, Chaparral and Lance, which are proven systems, and there will be some of the most advanced weapons, like the Hellfire, Patriot and MLRS," Grube said.

For more information about the Armed Forces Celebration, call 533-4141.

Miss Alabama part of military celebration

Miss Alabama will help Huntsville show appreciation to members of the military when she attends the second annual Armed Forces Celebration next month.

Angela Tower, who was fourth alternate for Miss America 1986, will participate in several events, including the industry exhibits and Huntsville Stars baseball game May 22, where she'll sign autographs and the retreat and retirement parade May 23. She's also scheduled to appear in "An Evening with Bob Hope," and will attend the after-the-show gala celebration.

Tower attended Birmingham Southern College, and is a graduate of the University of Alabama in Birmingham with a major in dance. She was lead dancer with Birmingham Southern's dance company, has taught ballet to children, and has made several television appearances, including a role as a dancer in the television movie, "Miss All-American Beauty," and an appearance on Late Night with David Letterman.

Several stops in the Redstone community are on Tower's agenda, including lunch with soldiers in a troop dining facility, and visits to the Child Development Center, Fox Army Community Hospital, and the post exchange.

The Armed Forces Celebration theme for this year is "Partners in Peace," meant to signify the mutually beneficial relationship the military and civilian communities of Huntsville have enjoyed through the past 45 years. The events this year are family-oriented. Some, such as a volksmarch and the ball game, were planned with younger military families in mind. The celebration will run from May 17 until May 24. For more information call 533-4141.



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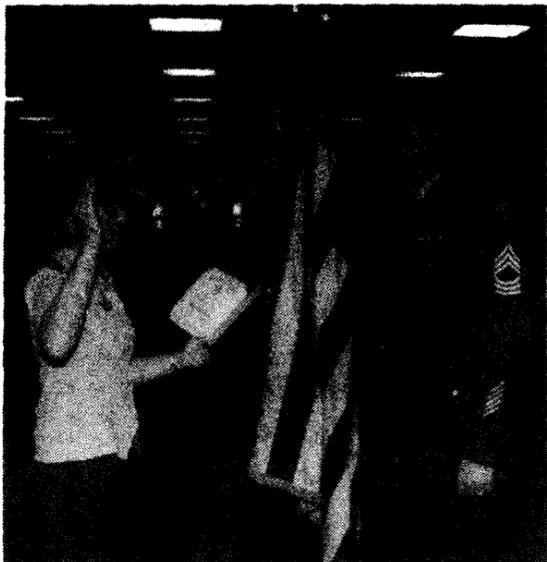
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AIRPORT REUP — An airport is just as good a place as any to sign up for six more years in the Army. Capt. Dorothy Johnson, commander of C Company, administers the reenlistment oath to MSgt. Danny Cook at the Huntsville-Madison County Jetport. Cook, who works for Combat Developments at OMMCS, was between flights on a temporary duty assignment when he reenlisted April 4.

Youth soccer

Here are the standings for Region 388 (Redstone Arsenal) of the American Youth Soccer Organization as of April 19:

| Eisenhower League (under 10) | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|------|-----|--------|
| Team | Won | Lost | Tie | Points |
| Chargers | 4 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| Sharks | 4 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| Cobras | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Bobcats | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |

| Bradley League (under 12) | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|------|-----|--------|
| Team | Won | Lost | Tie | Points |
| Yellow Jackets | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Lasers | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Scorpions | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |

| McArthur League (under 14) | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|------|-----|--------|
| Team | Won | Lost | Tie | Points |
| Cosmos | 5 | 0 | 1 | 11 |
| Panthers | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |

| Pershing League (under 16) | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|------|-----|--------|
| Team | Won | Lost | Tie | Points |
| Comets | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 |

Unit leaves for exercise

The annual field training exercise for 95th Maintenance Company won't be the same this time.

The company, affiliated with Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Support Group, hit the road this week instead of conducting the exercise at Redstone Arsenal. For the first time, its exercise site is Fort McClellan, Ala.

A convoy of troop-carrying vehicles was to leave here early Monday. The unit's exercise at Fort McClellan was set for April 21-24. Company commander Capt. Barbara Pagano wanted to try a new training site this time, said SFC Douglas Patrick, 95th training NCO and platoon sergeant.

"The commander wanted to be able to evaluate our training in an area we weren't already familiar with," Patrick said.

Volleyball standings

Here are the troop volleyball standings as of April 17:

| Eastern Conference | | |
|--------------------|-----|------|
| | Won | Lost |
| 95th | 9 | 0 |
| A Company | 5 | 1 |
| HHC | 4 | 2 |
| Marines | 4 | 3 |
| 7th Students-1 | 4 | 3 |
| 4th Students-2 | 2 | 5 |
| 6th Students-2 | 1 | 5 |
| 515th | 0 | 6 |

| Western Conference | | |
|--------------------|-----|------|
| | Won | Lost |
| 6th Students-1 | 6 | 2 |
| Meddac | 5 | 2 |
| B Company | 4 | 3 |
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Usually spawned by a severe thunderstorm, a tornado is a violently rotating column of air in contact with the ground. When the tornado touches the ground, there usually is a swirl of dust and debris even when the visible cloud portion is missing or fails to reach all the way to the ground. If the column of air doesn't touch the ground and does no damage, it's called a funnel cloud. A waterspout is a tornado in contact with a water surface.

There are three classes of tornadoes—weak, with winds inside the funnel 100 miles per hour or less; strong, 200 miles per hour or less; and violent, with wind speeds approaching 300 miles per hour. Only 2 percent of all tornadoes are "violent," but they are responsible for 70 percent of all tornado fatalities.

But even weak tornadoes can be killers; so they all deserve respect. Tornadoes kill an average of 100 Americans a year—but the figures vary widely from year to year. In 1925, for example, 740 people were killed; in 1983, the total was 20.

Tornadoes do their destructive work through the combined action of their strong rotary winds and the impact of windborne debris. They can topple buildings, roll mobile homes, uproot trees and fill the air with lethal debris. Lawn chairs and broken glass become deadly missiles in the high winds. Tornadoes can hurl people and animals through the air for hundreds of yards. Pioneers reported seeing individual buffalos lifted from the herd and dropped to the ground hundreds of yards away from their panicky companions.

Being prepared for a tornado is the best insurance. One safety pamphlet shows a demolished elementary school. Yet not a child was hurt, because the teachers had taught their classes tornado safety. On the other hand, many people have been killed trying to escape a tornado in their cars—a tactic safety experts once advised but now warn against.

A "tornado watch" means conditions are right for a

tornado. Listen to radio or television for news and instructions. A "tornado warning" means a tornado has been spotted in your area. Danger signs of a tornado are extremely bad thunderstorms and hail. If a tornado is headed toward you, you'll probably hear a roaring noise like 10 jet planes. You may even see the funnel cloud—a dark, spinning "rope" or column.

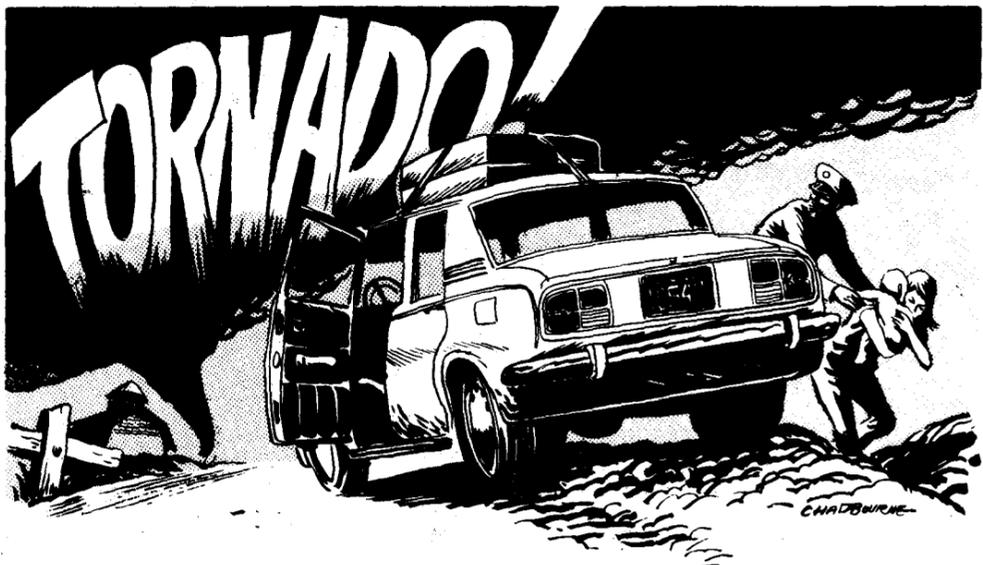
The key to surviving a tornado is advance planning. Have a plan of where to go in case of a tornado. The safest place is the basement, but if you have none, small rooms such as bathrooms, hallways and walk-in closets near the center of the house will work. Such rooms are least likely to experience roof collapse. Stay

away from exterior walls and windows. If you can, get under something sturdy.

In schools and office buildings, get to an interior hallway or designated shelter, curl up, and cover your head with your hands. Above all, don't panic. People have been trampled to death by panicked crowds fleeing tornadoes.

Never try to escape a tornado in your car. A vehicle is the worst place to be in a tornado. If you're driving when you see a tornado, get out and lie flat in a ditch.

Don't open a window to try to "equalize" air pressure." Opening a window could result in more damage to your house.



Worker honored when ship returns

A worker here who sent greeting cards to sailors and Marines on the Mediterranean got something back from them when they came home April 16.

Mementoes presented to Carole Wright included letters of appreciation, pictures of ships, and a plaque. She was among 20 invited guests when the USS Saratoga came into port at Mayport Naval Air Station near Jacksonville, Fla.

"It overwhelmed me, I really wasn't expecting it," said Wright, a supply clerk and chief editor for the supply branch of OMMCS Logistics Division. She sent Valentine Day greetings to more than 10,000 sailors and Marines on ships in the Mediterranean, and Easter

cards to more than 25,700 sailors and Marines on other ships. She had arranged for the personal handmade and manufactured cards to come from scouts, school children, senior citizens, members of church groups, and others.

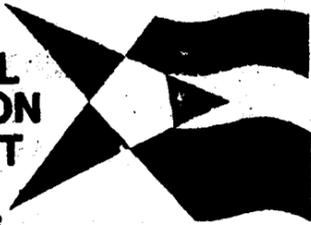
"If it hadn't been for some organizations in town raising some money, I couldn't have gone," Wright said, referring to her Florida trip. She mentioned donations from the MICOM EEO Office, the Elks Club, and the Disabled American Veterans.

She returned to Huntsville last Friday night with her son Robert, 19, who had helped with the greeting card effort.

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President Reagan established the award in January 1985 to recognize the excellent operation and maintenance of American military installations. An installation from each military service is selected to receive the award.

Selection is based on effective and efficient use of resources in accomplishing the mission, and on quality of life, according to Maj. Bruce Parkins of the Office of the Comptroller of the Army. Some areas considered are installation safety and security, facility operation and maintenance, management of personnel

and financial activities, and installation relations with the local civilian community, he said. All Army installations are eligible to compete for the award. Major command nominations are reviewed by the Army's Installation Management Steering Committee, said Parkins.

The committee screened submissions and chose Fort Campbell, Ky. (FORSCOM); Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas (AMC); Fort Detrick, Md. (HSC); and Fort Leonard Wood (TRADOC) as finalists. After site visits and further deliberation, selection of Fort Leonard Wood was recommended.

Last year Fort Sill, Okla., also a Training and Doctrine Command installation, was chosen as the Army recipient. TRADOC certainly has an advantage, said

Fred Creasey of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management at TRADOC. "Our motto is 'Excellence starts here.' TRADOC commander Gen. William R. Richardson has instilled a drive for excellence in commanders of the TRADOC installations," he said.

Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger will present inscribed trophies to Maj. Gen. James W. van Loben Sels, commander of Fort Leonard Wood, and representatives of the other selected installations on May 16 at Fort Lesley J. McNair, D.C. The other installations receiving the award are: Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va.; Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Calif.; and Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. (Arnews)

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Structural changes at Redstone's commissary should ultimately result in increased savings to customers in addition to making it easier to shop at the facility, according to the commissary officer.

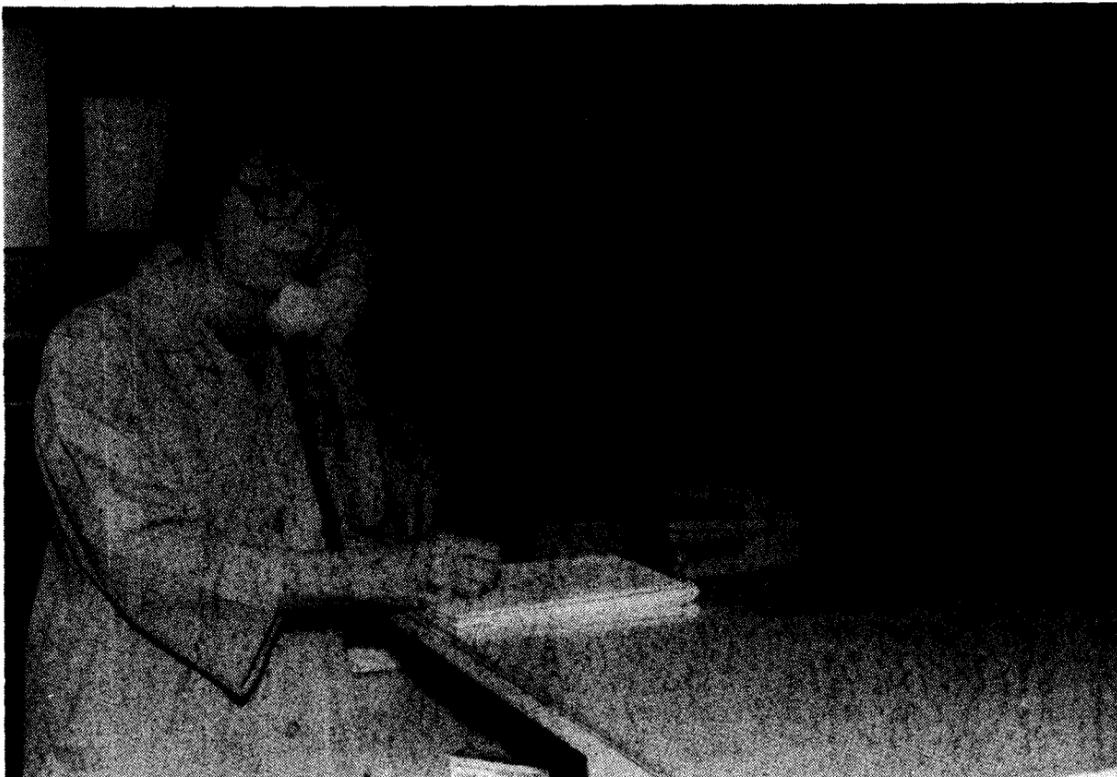
Bill Penney said doors at the store were repositioned so that entering patrons will have a straight path to carts and into the store. The remodeling also made space for an additional 100 linear feet of 'best buy' specials.

Before the change, incoming customers crossed paths with those who were leaving, resulting in congestion at the front of the store. The restructuring has eliminated that problem, Penney said.

"The customers all like it. We've had very positive comments," he said. The extra space for specials allows the commissary to buy in larger quantities, and increase savings for customers, he added.

Other changes to the commissary include widening of one aisle to decrease congestion, and grouping like items together.

Redstone led in percentage of savings in the southeast region for the first quarter of this fiscal year, with 8.22 percent total customer savings over regular commissary prices through special promotions and coupon redemption. Penney hopes the remodeling will increase savings for the next quarter.



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OMMCS soldier graduates first in class at Fort Lee

An Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School soldier recently completed the NCO Logistics Program at Fort Lee, Va., graduating tops in his class.

SFC John Steffen, the Pershing curriculum NCO for the course development division under the Directorate of Training and Doctrine, was selected by the Department of the Army to attend the 9-week course after applying a year and a half ago.

"The program is designed to take select NCOs in certain MOSs and emphasize the three different areas of logistics; transportation, supply, and maintenance," said Steffen.

"It gives you an overview of how everything works, and it really opens your eyes to an aspect of the Army you do not normally get involved with." The course covers the technical and managerial aspects of integrating logistics functions at each level of command as is necessary for mobilization e pansion of the Army logistics system.

Steffen, a member of C Company, says he feels the most challenging part of the course was the budgeting. Seeing how the whole system works and how costs mushroom because of hidden e5penses was something he said he had never thought of, or knew about.

"You really don't think of all the hidden cost that do go on. I found it very interesting," Steffen said. "Everyday was a new adventure. I knew the maintenance part of logistics but everything else was new to me basically."

Steffen credits his graduating first in the class of 16 to working hard, studying a lot at night, and the fact that there was not much to do in Petersburg, Va. after class.

Steffen, his wife Joan, and their daughter Jennifer, 11, will be leaving for Germany next month for his new assignment with the 200 TAMMC (Theater Army Material Management Center). There he will serve as the go-between for MICOM and the Pershing units in Europe while holding down the position of the Pershing Items Manager for Europe.



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AIDS test results announced for recruit applicants

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense has announced test results for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) virus (HTLV-III) performed on recruit applicants throughout the nation between Oct. 15 and Dec. 31, 1985.

Of the 138,000 applicants tested, 210, or 198 male and 12 female, had the HTLV-III antibody. The finding was confirmed by the Western Blot Test. Those applicants who tested positive were not accepted for military service.

Test results published by DOD showed the older the applicant, the higher the antibody prevalence. Results also indicated a geographic link between the applicant's state and the prevalence of antibodies. Those applicants in the Mid- and South-Atlantic and Pacific regions of the country had the highest number of antibody prevalence while those in the New England, Central and Mountain states had the lowest.

AIDS is a virus which renders the immune system helpless to defend the body against invasion of diseases and viral infections and to date there is no known cure. Because the AIDS victim's immune system does not respond normally, simple infections can cause a serious illness, and in the advanced stages, repeated hospitalization. It is imperative a soldier be able to deploy anywhere in the world. Soldiers with AIDS cannot do this because of health considerations—therefore detracting from the unit's readiness.

"As part of their regular training, recruits receive inoculations for various diseases," said Dr. (Col.) Edmund C. Tramont, consultant in Infectious Diseases, Office of the Army Surgeon General. "Some of these inoculations are live virus vaccines, like polio. Normal people are not harmed by such vaccines and in fact are protected from the real disease. But these harmless virus vaccines can be lethal to anyone with a weakened or crippled immune system, such as occurs with AIDS. For this reason applicants who have AIDS or the AIDS antibody are not accepted for military service," he explained.

Other reasons for non-acceptance include protecting

training dollar investments, avoiding potential medical costs and potential disability benefits because the condition existed prior to entry into the Army, and protecting blood supplies.

As part of the recruit applicant procedure, blood is drawn for various tests. Tramont explained that the Elisa Test, a screening test for AIDS designed to detect any HTLV-III antibody contained in the blood serum, is one such test. If the first Elisa screening test proves positive, blood from the same vial is retested using the same method. If the second Elisa test is also positive, blood from the same vial is then put through a more complicated test known as the Western Blot, he said.

More European commissaries plan to sell soda

FORT LEE, Va. — For the first time in the history of the Army commissary system, shoppers in some European commissaries are able to purchase soft drinks, announced officials at the U.S. Army Troop Support Agency.

Twenty-one commissaries have been identified in the initial increment of facilities to initiate the sale of soft drinks. In January, Heidelberg and Frankfurt became the first to sell soft drinks in Europe. By the end of June commissaries in Bremerhaven, Fulda, Gelnhausen, Bad Nauheim, Baumholder, Giessen, Augsburg, Bamberg, Munich, Bad Kreuznach, Schweinfurt, Berlin, Ludwigsburg, Patch Barracks, Heilbronn, Schwaebisch Hall, Wildflecken, Robinson Barracks and Weisbaden should also have them for sale.

David Bradford, a commissary management specialist with TSA's Directorate of Commissary Operations, said, "soft drinks will be added in other EURCOR commissaries by the end of calendar year 1986 subject to availability from the Army and Air

The Western Blot is designed to confirm the presence of HTLV-III antibodies and normally takes about 72 hours to process. A positive Western Blot requires that new blood be drawn from the applicant. It is labeled with identification and marked for special handling. This new blood sample is tested using the Western Blot method only. According to Army spokesperson Elaine Henrion, the second Western Blot is used to confirm the presence of the HTLV-III virus only after the results of the two Elisa tests and the initial Western Blot are positive.

Each Elisa test costs around \$5 compared to more than \$100 for the Western Blot. (Arnews)

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Customers will be able to purchase 15 varieties of Pepsi-Cola and Coca Cola in six-pack, 12-ounce cans.

The soft drinks will be obtained from AAFES. When the 5-percent surcharge is added, the final cost of soft drinks sold in commissaries will be the same as the price charged by post exchange facilities. All price reductions offered by industry or AAFES will be passed along to commissary customers.

Commissaries in Europe have not sold soft drinks until now because of a long-standing agreement between TSA and AAFES which allowed only AAFES to sell them in military facilities, according to Bradford.

"Soft drinks are being added to commissary stockage lists wherever possible to provide one-stop shopping convenience for customers," he said.

Other overseas commissaries already sell soft drinks.

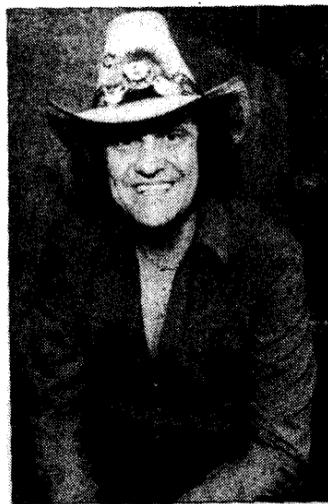
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Program gives help to families of deceased workers

BY PAM ROGERS

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When CPO receives notification of the death of a worker, usually from the supervisor, a letter of condolence is sent to the next of kin. The letter tells the survivor that Doris Gable, an employee relations assistant, will help take care of matters related to the spouse's employment. Included are Gable's phone number and location.

Gable meets with the spouse and explains the entitlements he or she will receive.

"When a civilian employee dies with at least 18 months of service, and if they have a spouse who was married to them for at least nine months, after the condolence letter goes out, I meet with the survivor and prepare three claims for death benefits.

"The first, of course, is the the unpaid salary and any lump sum annual leave the employee accumulated before his death. That's paid within two to three weeks.

"The next claim is the survivor annuity, handled by the Office of Personnel Management and paid in about three to four months. That is a monthly check to the spouse. They get 55 percent of what the employee

would have received if he or she had retired that day rather than died.

"The third claim is for life insurance from the Federal Group Life Insurance Company of New York. It takes six to eight weeks for that to be received by the spouse," Gable said.

"This annuity continues for the spouse unless they remarry before age 55. I get a lot of calls about that. It used to be 60, but the Spouse Equity Act of 1984 changed the age," she said.

Gable pointed out that if the employee had family health insurance, it is continued for the family at the same cost the employee paid.

Children of the deceased worker receive about \$235

each until they reach their 18th birthday, unless they are in college. Then they receive the money until they are 22.

The only things the survivor needs to bring to the session with Gable are three copies of the death certificate, dates of birth and marriage for the deceased, and his or her Social Security number.

Gable also handles retirements, but the survivor assistance program has priority over her other work. She is frequently booked with appointments, and so has a telephone answering machine. However, anyone calling to report the death of an employee is given another number to call when Gable can't answer her phone.

Golden Knights seek team operations officer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights," is looking for an officer to fill the position of team operations officer.

Although branch specialty is immaterial, applicants must be in the grade of captain, airborne qualified, and possess at least a U.S. Parachute Association class "C" license, according to SFC Edward P. Taugher, administrative NCOIC of the Golden Knights. Applicants should have also successfully completed a company command and have previous air movement and operations experience. Battalion- or brigade-level

staff experience is not required, but is considered helpful.

Applicants must submit a letter by May 31 stating their experience and qualifications and why they want to be selected for the position. They should include a copy of their current DA Form 2-1 and a recent official DA photograph.

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Hunter wounded

A retired soldier suffered serious wounds when he was shot by mistake by a companion while hunting on the arsenal April 19.

Huntsville Hospital reported Edward M. Barszcz, 41, of 3108 Acklen Drive, Huntsville, in serious condition Monday. He was being treated in the surgical intensive care unit for shotgun pellet wounds in the left side of his head, face and left shoulder.

Military police said John B. Ball, 21, of Huntsville told them he mistook Barszcz for a turkey and fired a single shot with his 12 gauge weapon.

The accident happened about 5 p.m. in Hunting Area 22 south of Martin Road on Test Area 6. Others in the hunting party included Ball's father, Johnny L. Ball, 56, and brother, Randall B. Ball, 24.

Barszcz, a retired sergeant first class, received emergency treatment at Fox Army Community Hospital and was transferred later to Huntsville. Military police are continuing their investigation.



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New tree to symbolize support agency

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Col. John Walker, commander, took part in the event then handed the ceremonial shovel to other members of his organization so they could take turns. The tree planting that morning was part of RASA's organization day activities.

"This is a tree to represent our new organization, a unique organization with the commercial activities now becoming a part," Walker said. "This is to establish our roots and grow and hopefully blossom every year to symbolize RASA."

Friday marked the first organization day in years for Redstone Arsenal Support Activity. That afternoon, workers enjoyed events at the civilian recreation area.

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Top graduates

Those graduating OMMCS courses during the week April 7-11 with the highest academic class standing were PFC John Ferrel and Pvt. Steven Truitt, Vulcan repairer; 2nd Lt. Michael Madsen and 2nd Lt. Melissa Stanley, ordnance munitions materiel management; Sp4 Richard Mackey and PFC Susan Miller, nuclear weapons specialist; WO 1 Kek Kang Hang and PFC Joseph Murray, ammunition specialist; Sgt. Karl Froestl and SSgt. Helmuth Praml, Hawk continuous wave radar repair; Sgt. Bernard Grimes and PFC Jeffrey Martin, Improved Hawk fire control repair; Tieh-Cheng Wang, Improved Hawk pulse radar repair; Sp4 Scott Mathews and Sgt. Ricky Ross, Multiple Launch Rocket System repairer.

NCMA seminar

The Huntsville chapter of the National Contract Management Association will present a one-day seminar, "CICA - the Morning After" on Friday, May 2. It will focus on the impact of federal competition legislation, including Gramm-Rudmann-Hollings, on federal contracts. Interested government and contractor personnel are invited. For information call 544-0956.

Contract managers

The NCMA will meet April 26 at 6 p.m. at the Officers Club. Brig. Gen. Charles Henry, competition advocate of the Army, will speak on "Competition in Contracting - the Law of the Land". Interested persons are invited. For reservations call Denise Carter 882-7223, Beth Bain 895-5631 or Charlsie Harrison 876-8141.

Town meeting

The next Redstone Arsenal town meeting will be held May 5, at 7 p.m. in the Bicentennial Chapel, building 376. These meetings are designed to "open the doors" of communication for Redstone residents. A short briefing will be given on crime prevention and the Family Action Plan, to be followed by an open forum with representatives from various organizations on post. The Child Development Center will remain open until 9:30 p.m. Get your reservations in early.

Bicycle rodeo

The annual bicycle rodeo will be May 3 at 9 a.m. in the Bicentennial Chapel parking area. Contestants must be registered on post and do so prior to the competition. Children will be tested in two categories: kindergarten through second grade, and third through sixth grade. Parents wishing to have their children fingerprinted must be present to complete a consent form. In the event of inclement weather, the rodeo will be conducted May 10.

Warrant officer

The Army has approved 55D, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, as a feeder specialty to compete for warrant officer MOS 260A. Effective immediately, applications from 55D enlisted personnel who meet the eligibility criteria will be accepted for MOS 260A. Personnel in grades E-5 and above are encouraged to apply. For more information, call CWO 4 Hercules Maxwell of OMMCS Proponency Office, 876-1428/9594.

Alabama sports festival

The fourth annual Alabama Sports Festival will take place May 17-18. The University of Alabama in Huntsville is once again the headquarters for the northern region of Alabama and will donate the use of facilities and staff. The city will donate the use of Milton Frank Stadium and the Huntsville High School gym, along with area school physical education staff members. For more information and entry blanks, call 895-6144, or the parks and recreation department nearest you.

Youth baseball

Registration for baseball continues until April 26 at the Youth Center, building 114. Volunteers are needed to serve as coaches. For more information, call the youth center 876-KIDS.

ITC

The Rocket City ITC (formerly Toastmistress) meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 200 Longwood Drive. For more information, call 534-1846/9630.

Learning center

The Learning Resource Center offers a self-paced course entitled "Life and Career Management." This 22-hour course encourages professionals to identify and implement a personal career development plan. It guides the professional through self-inventory to identify personal skills and career needs, goals, and values. However, this course does not include any placement assistance. To apply for the course, send a DD form 1556 to building 7446, AMSMI-CP-TC/LRC, Attn: Learning Resource Center. For more information, call 876-1061/1416.

Military pre-retirement

The next pre-retirement orientation for personnel with more than 18 years of active federal service will be held from 8-11:30 a.m. May 9 in the post theater, building 3712. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The pre-retirement orientation is mandatory for military personnel in their 18th year of service and every third year thereafter until retirement. For more information, call L.F. Spencer 876-1671.

Flea market

All military ID card holders are eligible to participate in the Army Community Service flea market Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the parking lot of First Alabama Bank's Redstone branch. Cost for a space is \$5. Registration will be held at ACS, building 3491. For more information call 876-2859.

Music festival

A four-day festival featuring the music of Phillip James is scheduled April 24-27. Events will include free performances at local churches, and a family picnic in Big Spring Park from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 27. Tickets may be purchased for the events at the Civic Center and at UAH. The festival brings together for a regional audience the musical talent of Huntsville in multiple performances. Phillip James composed 300 works and was a conductor, educator, church musician, musical personality and World War I Army bandmaster. For information on the individual performances call 533-0125.

Hazardous food recall

Freshlike Veg-All mixed vegetables in 8-1/2 oz., 16 oz. and number 10 cans and Freshlike Veg-All Lite mixed vegetables in 8-1/2 and 16 oz. cans have been recalled because of undeclared sulfite content. Commissary patrons who have purchased these items are urged to return them for a refund.

NCOA

The Noncommissioned Officers Association will hold a general membership meeting May 6 at 4:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711. All members and prospective members, E-4 and above are welcome. Contact your sergeant major for more information.

Flea market donations

The Noncommissioned Officers Association requests donated items that can be sold at a flea market May 3. Proceeds will go to community projects. Turn in items to Sgt. Price at HHC building 3434 or, for pick-up, call Sgt. Maj. Stokes 876-4959.

Motorcycle course

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Better Biking Program will be offered in Huntsville on Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 18. The classes will be taught by Chuck Higgins, and will be held at the Regis Inn. Cost for the May 10 class is \$10. Cost for the May 18 class, which includes lunch, is \$15. Each class will start at 8 a.m. and will consist of three hours classroom instruction and 5 hours of hands-on training using the students' motorcycles. Motorcycles will be inspected before the hands-on training. This course satisfies the AMC requirement for safety training. The course will also be offered in the Hartselle area. For dates, and for more information call Higgins 830-1200, ext. 3141.

Veterinary clinic

The post veterinary clinic has the following animals available for adoption: female shepherd/husky mix, approximately 10 weeks old; female Gordon setter and female golden retriever, both approximately one year old and large tri-color hound, approximately two years old. All animals are free for adoption. For more information call 876-2441.

Christian recording artist

Bobby Michaels, a contemporary Christian recording artist, will perform concerts at Redstone Arsenal on April 30. Performances are scheduled for 6 a.m. at the Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at Post Chapel, 11 a.m. at building 5250 (room A-241), and 7 p.m. outdoors at Vincent Park. All military and civilian personnel are invited to attend.

Spring cleanup

April 20-26 has been designated as "Annual Spring Cleanup Week" on Redstone Arsenal. This coincides with "Keep America Beautiful Week" in Huntsville and Madison County. Area coordinators, assistant area coordinators and building coordinators of government quarters will supervise a concentrated cleanup in their area on April 23, as well as during the campaign and throughout the year.

Commissary deli

Redstone's Commissary Deli will celebrate its fourth anniversary May 1-15. Many in-store specials will be offered "in appreciation for making our deli so successful," according to Commissary Officer William H. Penney.

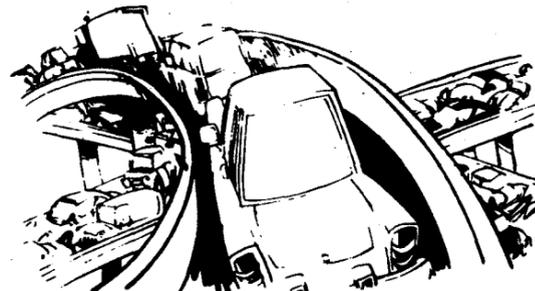
Alcoholics Anonymous

The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous has its "Happy Hour" meeting at 5:15 each Friday afternoon in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel. This is an open discussion meeting. Anyone interested in the subject of alcoholism is invited to attend.

Walk-a-thon

The Kindercare Learning Centers in Huntsville will host a walk-a-thon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 24 at Big Springs Park. To help support these "little walkers" by sending donations, mail them to Walk-A-Thon c/o MDA, 11 West Oxmoor Road, Suite 205, Birmingham, Ala. 35209. For more information, call Shari Cottingham at MDA 1-800-228-0532.

Carpool Hotline



Call 876-1500 to place your free carpool ad.

Athens

Carpool member wanted from Athens to 4488 or 5250, hours 7-3:30. Sharon Zirbel 876-8847.

Guntersville

Carpool member wanted from Guntersville to 5687, 5678 or vicinity, hours 6:30-3. Carolyn Spray 876-5043/1746.

Childbirth classes

Redstone Arsenal childbirth classes are held Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 at Fox Army Community Hospital. For registration and more information call Maj. Nancy Trent, senior nurse practitioner, 876-5863.

Recreation center

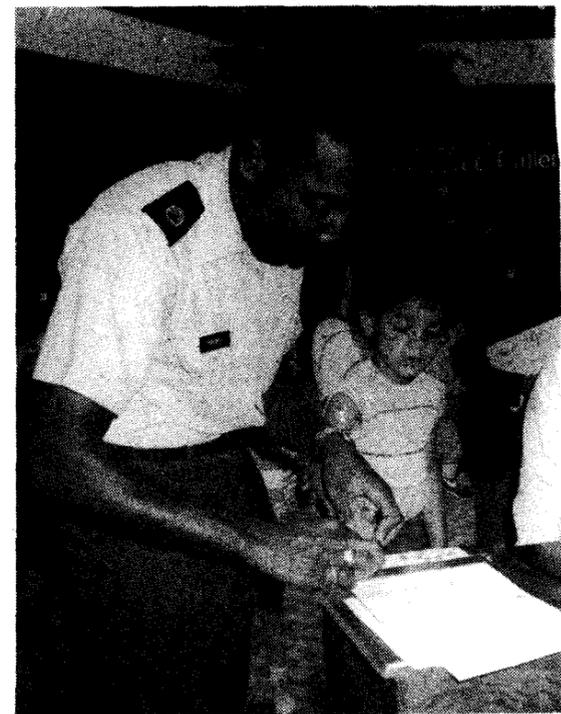
Tonight—*Foosball tourney, video game contest* at 7. Thursday—*Aerobics* at 5:15, *Bingo* at 7. Friday—*Ping pong tourney* at 7. Saturday—*Mini-golf* at 2:30. Sunday—*Trip to Nashville flea market* leaving at 8 a.m., *Probe tourney* at 3:30. Monday—*Trivia quiz* at 7. Tuesday—*Aerobics* at 5:15; *Pool tourney, Coffee House* at 7.

Youth activities

Tonight—*Pool tourney, ages 13-19* at 5. Thursday—*Free movie and popcorn, all ages* at 5:30. Friday—*Taco salad, free for all ages* from 5 til 6. Tuesday—*Bingo* at 5.

Art and crafts fair

"Art-on-the-Lake" will welcome exhibitors and patrons to its celebration of 25 years of consecutive art and crafts fairs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 26 & 27, rain or shine, at the Carlisle Park School in Guntersville. Art-on-the-Lake has become one of the oldest art and craft shows in the country, and attracts exhibitors from throughout the southeast.



JUST LIKE FINGERPAINTING — SSgt. Richard Hicks of Company C records the fingerprints of Michael Washington during a child identification project in which members of Company C and the 291st MPs joined volunteers from 15 community groups in fingerprinting more than 400 children during a recent two day period at Madison Square Mall. Michaels dad is Sgt. David Washington of Company C.

CLASSIFIEDS

77 Olds Cutlass 350 engine, good condition. \$1750. Call Steve 883-9273. Ron Puert works at MFA.

For Sale: 1984 Yamaha Riva Motorscooter 180CC, very good condition. 1800 miles, 75 mpg. Helment included. \$800. Call 830-5660.

Wanted: A good used three speed reel to reel tape recorder. John McFarland 881-6772 or 837-7240.

Assume Loan: No Equity 1984 Chrysler Laser, Silver. Sun roof, auto, tilt wheel, AM/FM cassette stereo. 895-2304/883-8195 Paul Tougaw.

For Sale: 14 foot aluminum boat, 7 1/2 hp outboard motor, trailer. \$500. Paddles, life preservers, anchors, and fuel tank included at no extra cost. Call 539-4309 after 4:30 p.m. G.W. Parker.

1982 Firebird no equity, just assume payments. 6 cylinder, auto, with new \$300 stereo system. This car must be seen to be appreciated. Call (1) 728-4241. If no answer leave message, I will return your call. SFC Bueggeman.

For Sale: Mastercraft Ski Boat; low engine hours; garage kept. Excellent condition. Price \$7900. Call 534-2829 or 534-7270. Nolan L. Craig.

For Sale: 1985 Kawasaki Vulcan under 800 miles, with extras. \$3200. 882-6837 James A. Sacco.

Wanted: Used radio control model equipment: radios, engines, airplanes, cars, boats, whatever. Call Gordon after 4 p.m. at 534-8999.

1979 Husqvarna 390WR Motorcycle. Excellent dirt bike for enduro competition or adult trail riding. Not streetable. \$595 with spare tires and pants, or will trade for 4-wheeler. Call Gordon after 4 p.m. at 534-8999.

For Sale: 1973 Corvette, red with T-top, saddle interior, automatic with air, 350L82 engine. Call 837-5213 after 5 p.m. on week days or anytime weekends.

For Sale: 1982 Datsun King Cab 4x4, 5 spd., P.S., A.C.: Sliding rear window, get's good gas mileage & goes anywhere you care to go. In excellent condition. w/w.o. Utility shell. Price \$6500. (615)852-2926 Richard Vickroy.

For Sale: Motorcycle- 1982 Honda CB, 750 K; \$1600 negotiable or take over payments. Call Stan 876-2186.

Wanted: A racquetball or tennis partner, five days a week between 11 and 12:30; male or female. Call SFC James Rice 876-4359.

1980 Pontiac Gran Prix: One owner, V-6, automatic, air conditioned, power steering and brakes, AM/FM cassette stereo, 2 door hardtop with landau roof, bucket seats and console, cast sport wheels with raised white letter radial tires and locking lugs, old gold color inside and outside. \$3800. Call 883-6133. James W. Wright, Jr.

For Sale: 1976 Spitfire- new interior, top, excellent condition must sell immediately \$2650; 1 beige round laboratory new \$45. 1 oval laboratory hand painted porcelain \$75. never used; Baby crib, \$45. Phone 536-4718 after 4:30- all day Sat & Sun. Carmelea H. Kenchel.

For Sale: 73 VW Squareback with factory rebuilt engine. 4-speed. Good tires and good running order. \$950. Call 852-5202 after 4 p.m. Georgia Reppert

For Sale: Man 10 speed bicycle, \$50. Phoenix 26" by Murray, color: silver. Very good condition. Call after 4 p.m. 852-5202 Georgia Reppert.

For Sale: 26.1 cu ft chest freezer, like new \$359 or best offer. Call 852-4551 after 4:30 p.m.

For Sale: 1977 Toyota SR-5 Liftback, metallic blue, AM/FM cassette, good mileage, excellent condition, one owner, leaving country, \$1750. Call Alan S. Gilbeth 883-0244.

For Sale: 1974 Plymouth Duster, Slant 6, good tires, runs great, \$400; metal post for basketball goal/board \$25. Call 881-5829 after 5:30 p.m.

For Sale: 15 Ft. Scotty Travel Trailer. Air condition, AC/DC gas refrigerator, 3 burner stove, sink, sleeps 6. \$975. Call 498-3318 or 876-7580.

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House For Sale: near Fort McClellan. 4 bedroom, 2 ceramic tile bath, large fenced back yard. Perfect house for family moving to Anniston, AL. Call 881-0070 or 539-3980.

1983 Pontiac T-1000 4 cylinder, 22,000 miles, automatic trans, A/C, sunroof, AM/FM cassette/qualizer, new brakes, good condition, one owner, serious inquires only, \$4000. 837-5570.

1982 Dodge Ram Van B250 318, 4-speed OD w/cruise PS, PB, AM/FM cassette, 70,000 miles. \$4500 or best offer. Call 6-1081/2393 work; 830-5315 home SFC Louthan.

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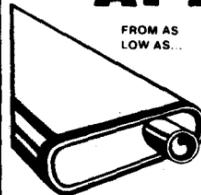


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