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## Pollution cleanup begins with ground breaking

The shovels were spray-painted gold; to the handle of each was riveted a glossy metal plate engraved with the occasion and date. With fanfare they were employed to dig the ceremonial shovelful of earth to formally mark the beginning of the end of one of the nation's preeminent pollution problem sites.

The Olin Corp. launched its \$20 million DDT cleanup here April 23 with a day-long observance that included a ground breaking ceremony, airboat and bus tours of the project area and an afternoon fish fry in Triana.

Government regulatory officials joined Olin representatives in hailing the occasion as a victory for the environment and a testimony to a spirit of cooperation that infused the cleanup plan deliberations.

Olin made DDT insecticide in a rented factory on Redstone Arsenal for a period of some 20 years ending about 1970. DDT manufacturing waste dumped into Huntsville Spring Branch is a continuing source of environmental pollution that has permeated the food chain. The highest levels of DDT ever recorded in humans were found in the bodies of people in Triana, a small community on the arsenal's west boundary whose residents ate contaminated fish.

Olin, in compliance with a federal consent decree, is cleaning up the contamination by rerouting Huntsville Spring Branch away from DDT manufacturing waste in the stream bed. The old channel will be filled to bury the DDT in place. The project is expected to take at least two years.

"The beauty of the whole program is the cooperation of the agencies," said Col. John Walker, deputy post commander and one of 10 people making brief remarks during the ground breaking at creek side last Wednesday. Olin representative Verrill Norwood called it "the culmination of four years of working toward a common goal by six agencies and hundreds of individuals."

Howard Zeller, who chairs the federal panel overseeing the cleanup, saw "a major victory for the environment and for the community impacted by DDT."

"I'm looking forward to the restoration of the area to the high-quality environmental setting that it once enjoyed," Zeller said, somewhat ironically since an odor of sewage wafted from the creek even as he spoke. Apart from DDT contamination, Huntsville Spring Branch has been badly polluted with sewage for many years,

Thomas Devine, an EPA Superfund official, said

the government-Olin cleanup agreement represents "an approach we can learn from nationally. Legislative remedies were brought together with a cooperating group for a solid remedy" that includes long-term monitoring.

"I'm happy that we've finally overcome all the inertia — personal, industrial and bureaucratic — and finally getting underway here," said Tom Atkeson, manager of Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge.

The event had about 100 attendees, a number of whom were recognized from the speaker's platform. His name wasn't called but one of the proudest people there was Bill Schroder, Facilities Engineering's environmental quality coordinator who alone and unsupported in 1977 began and pressed the investigations that uncovered the pollution nightmare that had poisoned a wildlife refuge and an entire town's population.



**HAVE A BITE** — Danny Stephens offers a nibble of chicken to his pet bobcat, Spot. See the story about Spot and the Stephens' other pets on page 3 of today's *Rocket*.

## Research and development center named Army's best

For the second time in five years, MICOM's research and development laboratory has been recognized as the best in the entire Army.

Dr. William McCorkle, the laboratory's director, accepted the award on the lab's behalf from Dr. Jay Sculley, assistant secretary of the Army for research, development and engineering. An award ceremony was held April 22 in the high bay of building 5400.

"It's gratifying that so many of the Missile Command Research, Development and Engineering Center people are here today," Sculley said. "This award represents the entire Army's recognition of your outstanding achievements."

The award was not just for technical merit but also included such areas as people programs and organizational accomplishments, he said, adding that competition was stiff.

"You clearly demonstrated to the panel that you knew your mission, you knew what the Army needed, and fully managed to do what was necessary to meet those needs," Sculley said. "The new technology may very well solve deficiencies in many mission areas in the Army."

In 1981 the RD&E center also won the Best

Laboratory in the Department of the Army award. Back then, the center was known as the Army Missile Laboratory. The center has received recognition every year since 1981 as a laboratory of excellence.

The center's nominating papers this year cited the following key programs: Sparrow Hawk, Setter, FOG-

M, VHSIC Automatic Target Tracker, Spatial Light Modulator, Digital Beamforming, and Rifleman's Assault Weapon. "Equally important are your training, recruitment and professional development programs," Sculley said.

(See Army's best, cont'd on page 2)

## MICOM awards contracts for automation support

The Missile Command has awarded contracts to two Huntsville firms for support services for its Battlefield Automation Management Directorate.

BAMD, established here in 1983, supports project managers in the development of computer software for new Army missile systems, and maintains the software once the missile systems become operational.

One contract, for \$22 million, went to Engineering and Economics Research Systems under the government's 8-A program which governs awards to qualified and approved disadvantaged businesses. EERS will develop software for the Army's AN/TSQ-73 (Missile Minder).

Meanwhile, Teledyne Brown Engineering got a contract totaling, with options, approximately \$100

million to provide independent verification and validation, test and configuration management support for all MICOM missile systems that have embedded computers.

BAMD, headed by Col. Philip G. Dombrowski, moved just recently into a new \$7 million, 120,000 square foot facility located southwest of Redstone Army Airfield. The directorate employs about 82 people.

Missile Minder is a computerized command and fire control system for Army air defense systems. Housed in a shelter that can be moved by truck, plane or helicopter, the equipment not only controls surface to air missile batteries but coordinates air defense and communications with the Navy, Marines and Air Force.



## Unsung heroes

Editor:

On Feb. 26, two vehicles collided at Cajun and Ajax Roads. One of the three occupants received facial lacerations. Many unsung heroes arrived on the scene. The first two, one was a major, went for help. The next two arrivals administered first aid—others offered assistance. The DOD policeman was very courteous. While the MP directed traffic, an ambulance took two patients to the hospital and I went with the policeman. Even at Fox Army Community Hospital, the nurse, new nurses aides and other staff members went out of their way to be helpful. Additional assistance was provided by co-workers. Overall, there were few gawkers. This event heartened my appreciation for fellow workers at Redstone Arsenal—not just because of their professionalism, but because they cared.

Zane Horner  
ATSK-TX

## Thanks to all

Editor:

Please permit me this opportunity to thank all the groups and individuals who worked so earnestly and diligently to make Project Valentine and Operation Easter Bunny so successful.

I also want to thank Mr. Charles Ray, MICOM EEO Office, members of Huntsville Chapter 26, Disabled American Veterans, Huntsville Elks Lodge 1648, and especially Post 176, American Legion for the monies contributed enabling Robert and I to attend the USS Saratoga's homecoming and the "on-board" invitation-only reception that I was invited to. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I would not have been able to attend without the funds they provided, nor would I have been in the position to be so honored as to be invited without the immense work of all the cardmakers on the arsenal and in the city of Huntsville and in Madison County. Your time and efforts were so well received by all the sailors and Marines aboard the 28 ships involved, especially in the Mediterranean areas.

Also a special thanks goes out to Mrs. Willena Richardson, Missile Log Center, Mr. V.O. Harmon Jr., SHORAD Div., USAOMMCS, and Mr. Gregory Godfrey, MICOM, for their contributions of film and cameras for use on the trip.

My sincerest thanks to one and all.

Carole Wright  
USAOMMCS Log Div.

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AT CEREMONY — Shown at award ceremony are McCorkle, Sculley and Burbules.

## Army's best

(See Army's best, cont'd on page 2)

McCorkle, director of the laboratory since 1980, thanked Sculley upon receiving the plaque on his organization's behalf. The award competition involves all 34 of the Army's research and development laboratories.

"I'm very very proud of your achievements," McCorkle told the workers of RD&E center, "and I'm certainly very proud to be a part of it." He added that it was gratifying to win the award in the first year of the change from Army Missile Laboratory to RD&E center. Contractors and family members were among

the many people who contributed to this recognition for the center, McCorkle said.

Referring to the cost of defense, he said "the rest of the country feels defense is very expensive. Our job is to try to improve expertise so our cost can be down. I think we have gone a long way toward achieving that.

"I just want to thank all of you very much for your tremendous effort," McCorkle said, adding that he looks forward to more of the same.

Maj. Gen. Peter Burbules, MICOM commander, congratulated the center for its deserved and "very singular achievement."

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## Housing hotline available

Occupants of housing on post have a hotline number they can call when they have unresolved problems, remind housing management officials.

The Family and Bachelor Housing Hotline (dial 876-6666) resulted from a Feb. 24 town meeting for the military community here. Residents can call in problems anytime. The line will be answered by housing personnel from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; after-hours calls will be recorded.

"It's really a helpline," said Marjorie Campbell, the installation housing manager. "It's a helpline to assist the occupants in the resolution of problems they've not been able to resolve through the normal process."

Residents should request repairs through the work order desk, she said, and first try to get a problem taken care of through their area coordinator. If the maintenance problem remains or they have other than maintenance troubles, they should use the hotline.

The next Redstone Arsenal town meeting is set for 7 p.m. May 5 in the Bicentennial Chapel.

## Organization day helps annual AER campaign

A \$615 contribution to Army Emergency Relief resulted from an afternoon of fun and games for Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

Proceeds from game fees at RASA's organization day, April 18, went to the annual fund-raising campaign for emergency relief. Activities for RASA workers were held at the civilian recreation area.

"Everybody really enjoyed themselves," said 2nd Lt. Carey Gormes, project officer for this year's Army Emergency Relief campaign here. "It was well organized by SFC Joe LeBlanc and 1st Lt. Marjorie Doty."

Events included a pie throw in which organization leaders were the victims ("that was one of the main games there," Gormes said); jailhouse in which those selected would be "jailed" in a makeshift holding cell; basketball free throw, penny toss, cake walk, softball and other games. Door prizes included gift certificates at the post exchange.

By early last week, more than \$1,000 had been contributed to AER, according to Gormes. The campaign, with a \$36,000 goal, ends June 15.

## WORTH REPEATING

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—Barbara Walters

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# Couple's bobcat is favorite in long line of unusual pets

BY PAM ROGERS

The neighbors aren't surprised any more when Danny Stephens comes home with a new pet. They're accustomed to the succession of animals that have shared the Stephens home over the past few years.

Stephens talked about some of those animals as he fed a piece of chicken to Spot, his pet bobcat.

"We've had boas, pythons, doves, ferrets, a beaver, an iguana lizard and squirrel monkeys. We've had just about everything," Stephens said, as Spot reached out to bat a piece of chicken from his hand.

"She's not what you'd call a lap pet, but I can feed her. I put her tray on my lap and she'll get on my legs," he said. Not quite a year old, Spot had a previous owner, and Stephens believes she may not have had much human contact when she was very young. It has taken a great deal of effort to gain her trust, he said.

She seems to behave quite well in polite society, aside from occasional slips such as stalking and "barking" at guests, chewing the furniture and stealing other people's property for playthings.

Stephens said Spot used to entertain their visitors by sneaking up on them. They would catch a small movement out of the corner of an eye and turn to see what it was. She played her joke at that instant, leaning forward with a loud "ruff" which sounds much like the bark of a dog.

Spot met her match when she tried to take a fur piece belonging to Stephens' wife.

"Danny had given me an antique fox stole for Christmas, and Spot got hold of it," said Sara Stephens. "She thought she had a kill. We fought for two hours. She'd growl at me, but I said 'listen, this is my house, and you're not going to growl at me.' She enjoyed that."

The arrival of the Stephens' son Justin four months ago made it necessary for Spot to move out of the house and into her compound outside, complete with a climbing tree and den. Stephens hopes eventually to breed her and keep at least one kitten.

The Stephens menagerie also includes four dogs and two doves. Birds have been a favorite of Sara's since her childhood, when she raised pigeons.



JUST RESTING — Spot takes a break from playing inside her compound adjacent to the Stephens' house.

Sara is an engineer in the Product Assurance Directorate and Danny works for Holmes and Narver/Morrison-Knudsen, the base support contractor.

By putting up poles and flagging, the Stephens recently helped an arsenal killdeer protect the nest she built in a parking lot. The eggs hatched last week, and the mother was able to move her babies to a safer location.

A hobby of the Stephens is making and setting up

bluebird houses. "We'll put them up wherever anybody will let us," Stephens said, adding that they're easy to build and that the opening must be an inch and a quarter in diameter.

Stephens doesn't hesitate to say Spot is his favorite of all the animals he has had, but Sara is loyal to her dogs. They may someday have more animals, or get a more exotic pet, but they probably couldn't have more fun than they're having right now.

## Bike rodeo for children

Children of military families can test their bicycling skills and win prizes during the annual bicycle rodeo here Saturday, May 3.

Don Wilson of MP Investigations Division said rodeo contestants will be judged on negotiation of an obstacle course and on the condition of their bicycles.

The obstacle course has six tests to test kids' knowledge and ability in bicycle operation and safety. Bicycle registration will be held before the rodeo. Judging will be done by military police.

Two age groups will be judged, with trophies for the top four places in each group. Kids in kindergarten through second grade make up one group. The other consists of third through sixth graders. Children who do not fall into the age groups may also participate and anyone can register a bike at the rodeo. Everyone entering will receive a participation certificate.

The rodeo will be held in Bicentennial Chapel parking lot from 9 a.m. till noon. Rain date is May 10. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Sgt. Kenny Cannon and Sgt. Rick Grant of the Officer Friendly program will be among the military police and instructors conducting the rodeo.

## Test flight vehicle destroys target

An experimental flight vehicle destroyed a stationary target as planned during a test flight in the Army's Flexible Lightweight Agile Guided (FLAG) Experiment program (formerly known as SRHIT-Small Radar Homing Intercept Technology).

The flight, the fifth in a series of nine, was conducted under the auspices of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) Organization, by the U.S. Army Strategic Defense Command on April 20 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The target, an aluminum sphere 44 inches in diameter, was suspended 3,000 feet below a large helium-filled balloon positioned at 15,000 feet altitude. The 12-foot long FLAG Experiment flight vehicle was launched, reached hypersonic velocity, and used its built-in radar to home in on and intercept the target. The test is a valuable research step leading to an improved capability to destroy short-range ballistic missile threats that are particularly troublesome to U.S. forces and our allies in theater defense.

This was the second FLAG Experiment flight to couple the homing radar with the agile guidance and control system and to use a stationary target to determine the homing accuracy. On the previous flight, Jan. 10, the vehicle achieved predicted accuracy but did not hit the target. During Sunday's test, the vehicle struck the target and destroyed it.

This successfully completes the stationary target phase of the program. Succeeding tests will involve proof-of-principle flights against moving targets.

The Army's FLAG Experiment is aimed at validating technologies for the SDI program which would provide sufficient confidence that guidance accuracy could be achieved that would permit non-nuclear intercept within the atmosphere. The FLAG Experiment is fully compliant with the ABM Treaty.

LTV Aerospace and Defense Company of Dallas, Texas, is the prime contractor of the program.



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# New checking equipment slated for Pershing system

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A new piece of equipment is expected to improve readiness for the Pershing missile system.

It's called an automated in-system calibration verification system. What it does is check the accuracy of Pershing II test stations. Normally, the station equipment that needs checking is transported to a calibration lab. Advantages of the new system include saving time.

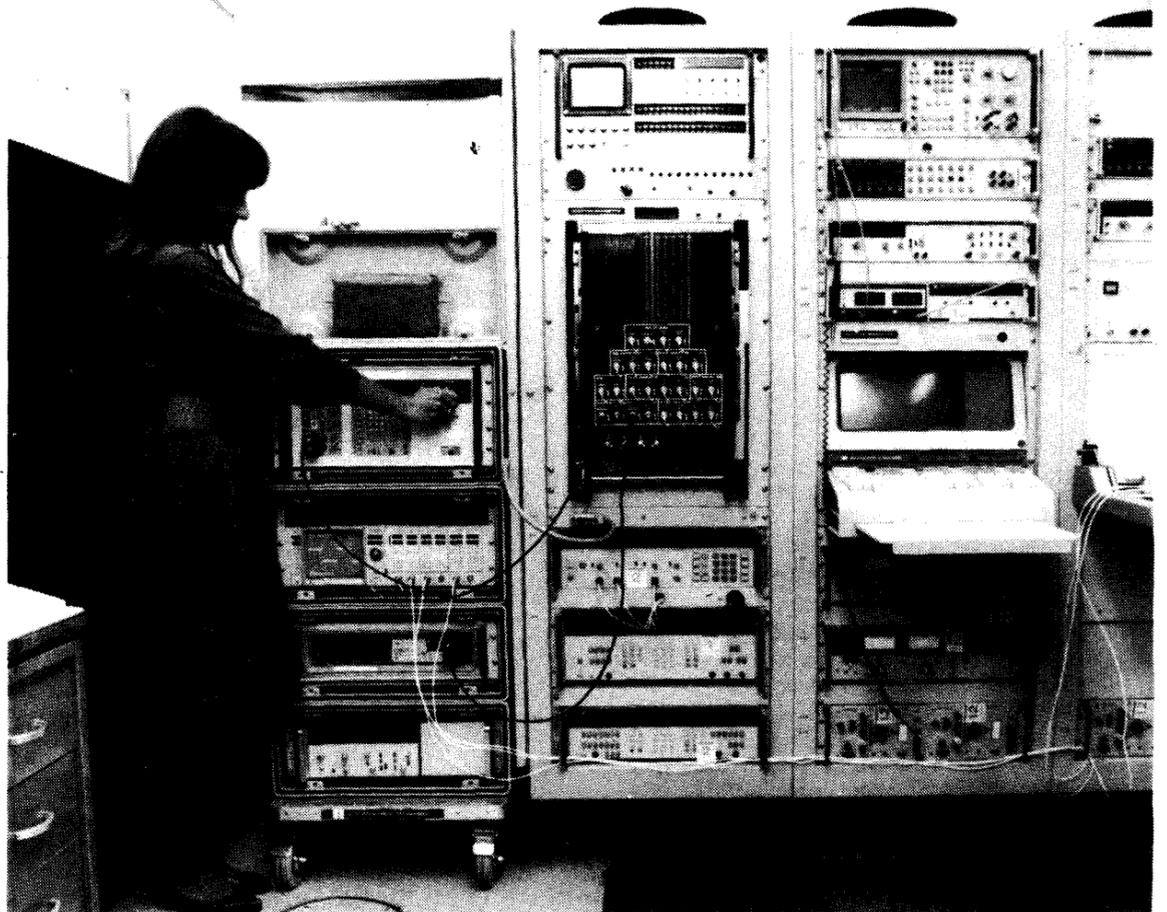
"This is a major breakthrough because this is the first time in the Army a major (weapon) system like this is being verified automatically in this fashion," said Ken Magnant, an electronics engineer with Army TMDE Support Group. The calibration system is expected to be in the field later this year.

The system, manufactured by Martin Marietta Aerospace of Orlando, Fla., results from a joint effort of TMDE and Pershing Project Office, according to officials here. "It has other weapon system applications," Magnant said.

Pershing II test stations play the important role of testing ground equipment and missile flight hardware. The new calibrator will check a test station by tying directly into the station's computer, according to Jim Orick, a logistician in Pershing Project Office. In other words, the host computer controls both the test station and the calibrator. This automated checking system "saves many hours of time," Orick said.

What took eight hours before should be as little as three hours with this system. At present, the PII test station's instrumentation must be taken to a calibration lab, checked and then returned. With the new system, "it doesn't have to be taken anywhere," Magnant said. If a test station fails a verification check, however, it still must be transported for an adjustment. "It's our next step to put the adjustments into this system," added Magnant.

An engineering demonstration on the system was held April 16 at Martin Marietta in Orlando. And acceptance demonstration is scheduled for May 6 at Pueblo (Colo.) Depot Activity. The first set is to be delivered to TMDE Support Group by May 31. Projected date for having systems in the field is Sept. 1, according to Orick, the logistician.



IN USE — A Martin Marietta worker adjusts the in-system calibration verification equipment, a vertical unit attached to the test station it is checking.

"It will require less down time (for the Pershing test stations)," said Orick, explaining how the new system can help readiness.

Magnant lists other advantages as increased accuracy, time savings, and calibrating within the test station's working environment.

The concept for the automated calibrator can be

traced back to the summer of 1984. Martin Marietta, the prime contractor for Pershing, was contracted in spring of 1985 for about \$800,000 to develop and provide the calibration system.

"This revolutionary systems approach provides the U.S. Army with a new state-of-the-art calibration technology," states a Martin Marietta release.

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# Redstone worker found dead near family cabin

An autopsy was to be conducted on the body of a MICOM worker found dead last week from a shotgun wound to the head.

Joe Dickey, 52, of 2102 Southpark Blvd., Huntsville, was found dead early last Friday near the family's cabin on Bingham Mountain in Paint Rock Valley of Jackson County. Officials were awaiting results of an autopsy in Huntsville.

"It was a shotgun wound to the head but we're not sure whether or not it was self-inflicted at the present time or whether someone else did it," said Jim Grigg, coroner for Jackson County.

Dickey served as MICOM's energy coordinator. A general engineer, he worked in the master planning, construction and environmental office of Facilities Engineering.

The body was discovered by Dickey's son about 2:30 a.m. Friday on a couch inside a bus used by the family. The converted school or church bus was parked beside the cabin. A 12-gauge shotgun was near the body that was face-up on the couch, according to Grigg. "It happened probably in the neighborhood of between 4:30 and 5:30 yesterday (Thursday) afternoon," he said.

The body was taken to the forensic lab in Huntsville "for an autopsy to try to determine if it was foul play," Grigg said. An investigation was being conducted by the State of Alabama Forensic Science Department, the Jackson County Coroner's Office, and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

"As far as I know they have called for an autopsy," said a spokeswoman at the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. "But right now, they think it was suicide. The

family said there was no reason for it whatsoever. He hadn't been bothered or depressed or anything. So something might come up at another date. But right now they're just calling it suicide, pending further investigation."

A funeral was scheduled for Sunday, April 27, at Laughlin-Service Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville. Burial was to be at Huntsville Memory Gardens. Survivors include Dickey's wife Arlene; a son, Thomas N.

Dickey of Huntsville; a daughter, Mrs. Anita K. George of Huntsville; two brothers, Thurman Dickey of Memphis, Tenn., and Leroy Dickey of West Memphis, Ark.; and a sister, Mrs. Hazel Jensen of Charleston, Miss.

## Hawk project sets its spring roundup

The annual spring roundup for Hawk Project has added significance because of the missile project's 30th anniversary.

First day activities on May 6 will include recognition for MICOM Hawk people with the longest service time on the program. The prime contractor, Raytheon, will then present a film showing the highlights of the program since it started 30 years ago.

"This is the one time during the year where we invite the whole Hawk family to come and participate" in formal reviews and socials, said Carolyn Powers, a

program analyst in the Hawk program management office.

Formal reviews include an associate contractor/other government agency review on May 6. "That's where we give our subcontractors and the other government agencies that support us an opportunity to come in and brief us on their part of the program," Powers said. On May 7, Raytheon will present a briefing on the quarterly status of its efforts for the program. Business meetings are also expected to be held the mornings of May 8-9.

Social activities begin the evening of May 7 with a picnic at the civilian recreation lodge. The ninth annual Hawk golf tournament is set for May 8 on post; and the ninth annual Hawk bowling tournament is set for May 9 at Pin Palace lanes in Huntsville.

From 100 to 150 people are expected to attend various roundup activities, according to Powers. She and co-worker Carol Broadhead coordinate the annual program reviews.

"This year is especially significant because this is the 30th anniversary," Powers said. The Hawk anniversary will be observed on June 22.

## Volleyball standings

Here are the troop volleyball standings as of April 24:

Eastern Conference		
	Won	Lost
TMDE-1	9	0
A Company	7	2
Marines	6	3
HHC	5	3
7th Students-1	5	4
6th Students-2	2	5
4th Students-2	2	6
515th	0	8
Western Conference		
	Won	Lost
B Company	7	2
6th Students-1	7	3
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# Revised plan an effort to reduce sick leave use

BY PAM ROGERS

In an effort to reduce the amount of time employees spend on sick leave, the Missile Command has revised its sick leave plan to place more responsibility for usage control on supervisors.

The plan, distributed to all employees last week, was attached to a commander's letter from Maj. Gen. Peter Burbules which stated that MICOM failed to meet Army, Army Materiel Command, and local goals. MICOM was second-highest user of sick leave within AMC, with an average of 67.16 hours per employee for 1985. The Troop Support Command had the lowest figure, with an average of 52.07 hours. MICOM's goal for 1985 was 63.8, and the DA goal was 48.

"The goal for FY 86 is 60. The goal is being lowered every year to match the DA goal. They told Army organizations they can reduce usage by 5 percent every year to reach that goal," said Shirley Knowles, an employee relations specialist.

MICOM's 1985 figure was well above the 1984 average of 63 hours per employee. Knowles attributes

the increase to the reduction in force of RASA employees.

The revised sick leave plan concentrates on orientation, counseling and recognition as tools for controlling usage.

All new workers are to receive a copy of the plan, and will be told when sick leave can be taken. The most common of the valid uses for sick leave are illness, an appointment for medical, dental or optical care, and childbirth. Workers also may take leave in rare instances when they are providing care for an immediate family member who has been quarantined by local health officials to prevent the spread of a contagious disease.

Supervisors are responsible for periodic reminders of sick leave conservation, and for encouraging workers to schedule appointments outside duty hours.

Knowles pointed out that the plan now suggests action on the part of supervisors when a worker's sick leave usage reaches a certain amount. When someone uses more than 40 hours of unscheduled sick leave in one year, a supervisor can, if he or she believes there has been abuse, send that worker a letter of warning.

The letter advises the employee to be more conservative with sick leave.

If the worker continues to use sick leave carelessly, and takes more than 56 hours, the supervisor can issue a letter of instruction. The letter outlines specific restrictions to the use of sick leave, and can ultimately lead to disciplinary action if the instructions are not followed.

"If somebody gets to 40 hours, the supervisor may want to take look. There may be some abuse going on, but the supervisor will have to use his own good judgment," she said. The letters are not a required action.

Knowles stressed the positive aspects of sick leave conservation, saying it should be viewed as insurance for long term illness and for maternity leave. Any sick leave not taken is added to time in government service when a worker retires.

Employees who accumulate significant amounts of sick leave are recognized for their conservation, and those who have accrued 2,000 hours or more receive a certificate from the commander, Knowles said. One MICOM worker, Harry Cook, recently was recognized for accumulating 3,000 hours.

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# Instructor glad he started running for medical reasons

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Eight years ago, a doctor diagnosed a slightly overweight 52-year-old as having high blood pressure and on the verge of becoming a diabetic.

The doctor gave Hector Ramirez some medicine and recommended that he do some exercise. He took that advice to heart, started jogging and turned his life around.

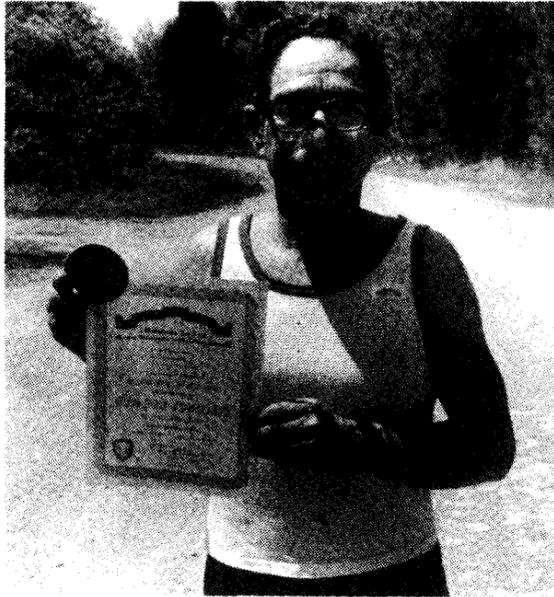
Now 60, Ramirez recently received a certificate and patch marking his 10,000th mile in the Army's "Run for Your Life" running program. "A lot of people don't know they can enroll in that thing and get a little exercise and get recognition for it," says the slimmed-down Ramirez.

He went to the gym after that fateful visit to the doctor and saw a sergeant who got him started on the running program. He lost 25 or 30 pounds in the first three months. "I was working real hard at it," Ramirez says. "In fact, everybody I saw said 'What happened to you, are you sick?'"

"After a while, I went to visit my son in Hawaii and we ran the Honolulu Marathon (26 miles) together and my goal was to finish and I finished it," he recalls. "After that, I got hooked and said my goal was to complete that 10,000 miles."

Ramirez had never been a runner before. He had retired from the military in 1974 after 27 years of service and his sedentary life behind a desk was taking its toll. In September 1978, when he went for his medical checkup, he weighed 163 and didn't feel fit. Now the 5-foot-5 instructor, weighs 20 pounds less.

"I made up my mind I was going to try to do exercise to stay fit," says Ramirez, a logistics instructor for OMMCS professional development and education department. "The benefits I got from running have been great for me."



**RUNNER** — Hector Ramirez shows 10,000-mile certificate and patch.

He was born and raised in Caguas, Puerto Rico, located in the center of the island. He was the next to the youngest of six children. His mother died when they were young so his father, an overseer for a sugar cane plantation, raised them alone. "He probably taught me the discipline that I needed to run for so long," Ramirez recalls. Since he grew up in the country, Ramirez would do a little running and a lot of walking but never considered himself a runner. "I played baseball in high school and college but I never

was a runner, never took running as a sport," he says.

Ramirez joined the Army in December 1944 and spent 14 months training in the jungle in Trinidad. He was discharged from the service in 1946, attended the University of Puerto Rico for three years, then got married and decided to re-join the Army. In 1974, he retired at Redstone as a chief warrant officer 3. He came to work here as a training specialist in 1981 and became a logistics instructor three years later.

"Now that I've completed 10,000 miles, my goal is to continue running but not as hard as I was doing it, because of my age," he says. "I like to run. I need to

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## Wreck kills woman

A Huntsville woman was killed and a Redstone Arsenal soldier was critically injured late Saturday night in a head-on collision on Whitesburg Drive in Huntsville.

Dead on arrival at Huntsville Hospital was 32-year-old Christine Pruitt.

Redstone military police identified the soldier as Sp4 Edward J. Klingel, an air traffic controller assigned with MICOM's Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Klingel was listed early Monday in critical but stable condition at Huntsville Hospital.

Huntsville police were continuing their investigation at presstime Monday.

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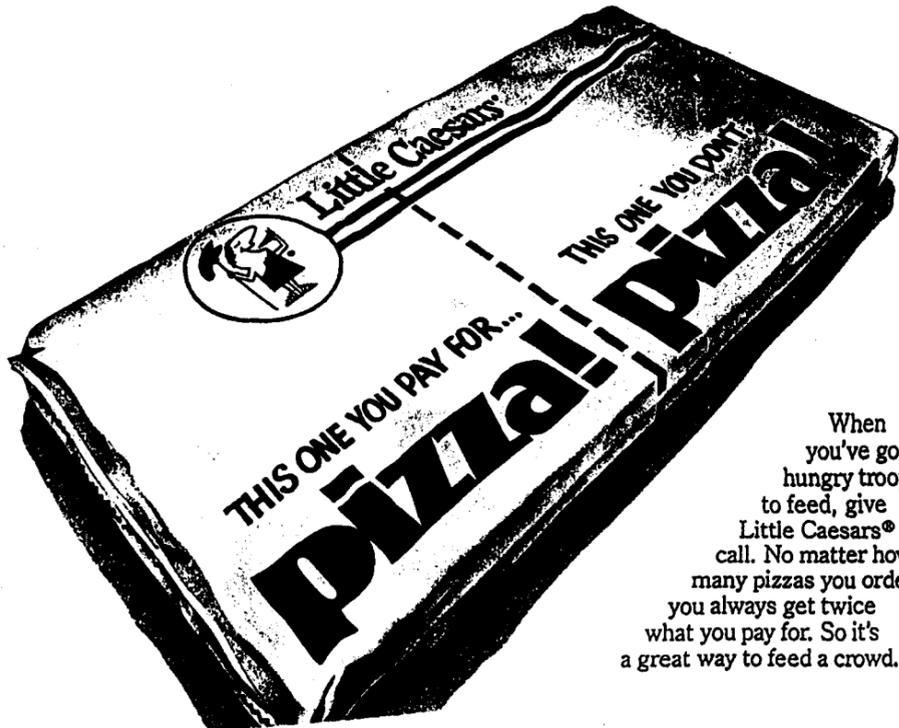
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## Instructor

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run because of my medical condition. But I'm not going to concentrate on running for races. Just running for fun, really."

He usually spends about 30 minutes pedaling a stationary bicycle on Sundays and runs four to eight miles a day for the rest of the week. He doesn't plan to run his sixth marathon until his knee, hurt about two years ago, heals completely. His best time for a marathon is

three hours, 23 minutes and seven seconds; his best time for a 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) race is 43 minutes and 15 seconds. He plans to again run the upcoming Cotton Row Run 10K in Huntsville.

Ramirez and his wife Gladys have a son and a daughter. Hector Jr., 34, is a lieutenant colonel and radiologist at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. "He's leaving the service June 8 and he's coming to Huntsville to work here," says

Ramirez. The daughter, Gladys Paula Harris, 32, is a homemaker in Birmingham, Ala.

"My biggest benefit from running is I feel good, I feel like I'm living a quality life. Of course, I didn't feel that way before, you know," Ramirez says. "I think the benefits (of running) are great, and there're a lot of people here that don't take advantage of it," he says. "I'm going to continue doing it till I kick the bucket."



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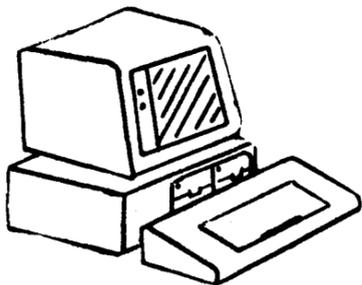
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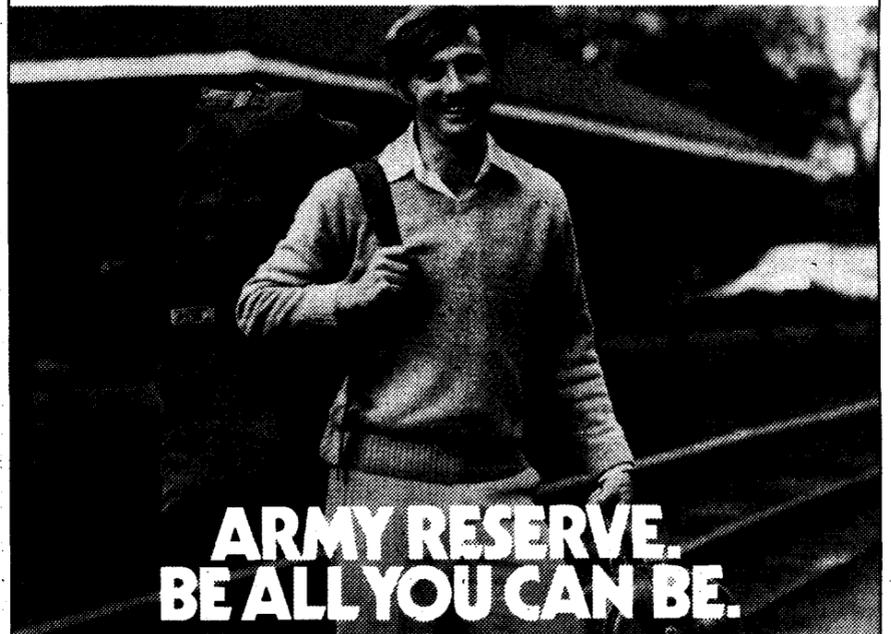
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# Warrant officers to get new career management system

BY THOMAS SURFACE

WASHINGTON — Army warrant officers will soon have a career professional management system with features similar to the Officer Personnel Management System.

Classifying all warrant officer jobs by rank, establishing a new Master Warrant Officer rank and allowing warrant officers to stay on active duty longer are some of the programs included under the Total Warrant Officer System (TWOS).

According to CWO 3 Carl M. Burnett of the Total Warrant Officer System Branch at the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center in Alexandria, Va., TWOS is designed to recruit warrant officers earlier in their careers, train them better and retain them in the service longer.

Under this new system, every warrant officer job position in the Army will now be classified by rank, based on the skills, knowledge, abilities and experience needed to do the job. Currently, there is no differentiation in warrant officer positions. Theoretically, a warrant officer 1 can perform any warrant job within his MOS in the Army. All warrant officer positions in the active and reserve components are being reviewed to determine the rank requirements for each position, Burnett said, adding that this initial review should be completed in August. He said that all of the more than 15,500 active duty and 18,000 reserve warrant officers in some 71 military occupational specialties will be affected.

Warrant officer position requirements will be ranked into one of three levels: Warrant Officer, which will include warrant officer 1 and chief warrant officer 2; Senior Warrant Officer, for all chief warrant officers 3 and 4; and the new Master Warrant Officer grade is

warrant officer 5, pending congressional approval. Burnett projects that about 6 percent or about 900 job positions would require a chief warrant officer 5.

## Planned revisions

To support this new "requirements based" system of warrant officer management, Burnett said that changes in warrant officer recruiting, education and training will occur. Each year about 1,500 individuals are selected for appointment as warrant officers. Some come directly from civilian life into warrant officer candidate training, but most come from the enlisted ranks and already have several years of military service. This previous enlisted service was included in personnel management decisions and warrant officers tended to view their "total career" in terms of enlisted and warrant officer service. Because of this, about one-half of all warrants retire upon completing 20 years of active federal service. So the individual served only a portion of his career as a warrant officer. In a major change, TWOS will now manage promotions, training and assignments, based on years of warrant officer service, not active federal service. "Basically, a warrant officer's career time will begin the day he's appointed and each will be given the opportunity to compete for promotion and serve a full 30 years as a warrant officer," Burnett said.

TWOS is designed to properly train warrant officers before they are assigned the job. The training system will allow warrant officer candidates to attend warrant officer training prior to appointment. This would be followed by the Senior Warrant Officer Training Course, which will occur sometime during the soldier's

8th to 12th year of warrant officer service. Burnett added that changes in this course, taught at Fort Rucker, Ala., are being planned for June. These include shortening the length from 19 to 10 weeks by eliminating non-MOS-related subjects. For those senior warrants selected for chief warrant officer 5, a Master Warrant Officer Training Course is being developed for attendance sometime between their 19th to 26th year of warrant service. He said that this course will have three phases: a non-resident common-core phase, a resident training phase at Fort Rucker and branch/MOS-specific training at various locations.

Under TWOS, warrant officers will complete civil schooling and MOS functional training as needed for assignment requirements. Burnett said that the TWOS training system is designed to progressively develop warrant officers to higher levels of expertise and leadership during their careers. The training will qualify them for promotions and continued service.

## Proposals pending approval

Besides the creation of a chief warrant officer 5 rank, two other TWOS initiatives require congressional approval: the establishment of a single promotion list with automatic integration into the Regular Army when promoted to chief warrant officer 3 and a selective retirement system. The single promotion list system for warrants will eliminate the dual Army of the United States (AUS) and permanent Regular Army/United States Army Reserve promotion systems. This would streamline and standardize the process and

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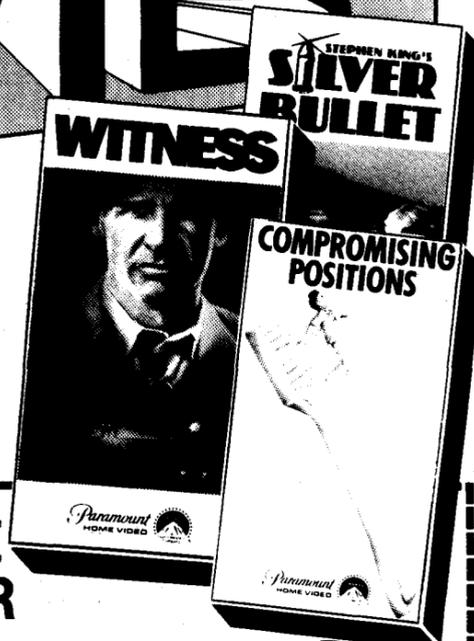
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## 82nd Airborne members to participate in celebration

Huntsville will receive a visit from the Army's 82nd Airborne band and All American Chorus next month when the two groups arrive via parachute to take part in the second annual Armed Forces Celebration.

The celebration, which includes a volksmarch, industry and military exhibits, a baseball game and appearances by Bob Hope and Miss Alabama, is Huntsville's way of showing appreciation for the nation's military.

Band and chorus members, about 75 in all, will parachute onto Redstone Arsenal's Shane drop zone adjacent to Rideout Road between 10 and 11 a.m. May 23. The post will be open to the public, and also will be open for a retreat and retirement parade at 4:00 that afternoon. The band will march in and provide music for the parade.

The next day, both groups will perform in Madison Square Mall from 1 until 3 p.m.

Later that evening, a six-piece combo made up of airborne band members and the chorus will perform for the Gala following the Bob Hope Show.

Lt. Col. Larry Lehrman of the TMDE Support Group is Redstone's point of contact for the band and chorus, and recently heard the chorus perform.

"What a great bunch. They're fantastic. Anybody who hears them will love them. The military theme in their performance and music should be interesting to all ages. The kids will love the marching and older folks will like the patriotic color in the program," Lehrman said.

The 82nd Airborne Division Band, the only musical organization officially on airborne status, originated in 1942 as the 82nd Infantry Division Artillery Band. When the 82nd attained airborne status, it was redesignated the 82nd Airborne Division Artillery Band. In 1945 the word 'artillery' was dropped from its name.

During World War II, the unit participated in the campaigns of Naples-Foggia, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe. Band members served as prisoner guards, litter bearers for the medics, and patrolled compounds for security in addition to their musical duties of performing for honor guards and other special functions.

The band has participated in more recent missions in the Dominican Republic, and the island of Grenada.

The history of the All American Chorus is not as long, but almost as colorful. It began as an informal

organization in 1967 to provide choral music for church services. In 1968, it was formally designated the Division Security Platoon. Since then, the chorus has travelled to Puerto Rico, Grenada and several cities in this country for patriotic celebrations and for recruiting purposes. It has recorded two albums, made a music video, and appeared on the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon last September.

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

## Industry and military exhibits set for celebration

Members of the community will have a chance to see what some of Huntsville's high-tech businesses are doing by visiting industry and military exhibits during the Armed Forces Celebration next month.

Defense and aerospace contractors will have exhibits featuring some of their current programs, and the military will show off some of its weapons during the three-day show at Von Braun Civic Center.

With the theme, "Partners in Peace," the Armed Forces Celebration is a way for the civilian and military communities in the area to recognize the mutually-beneficial relationship they have enjoyed over the years.

Jeff Irons is corporate manager of General Dynamics' Huntsville field office and chairman of this year's exhibit committee.

"We have about 100 spaces we can rent. We've sold 60 spaces and have about another 15 more that people are interested in. We've given a number away to colleges and civic organizations. I think we're doing real well compared to last year," he said, adding that starting to work early and making personal contacts helped sell many of the spaces.

Spaces also were given free of charge to local

military units including the Missile Command, Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, Corps of Engineers, Strategic Defense Command and the Air Force. The Alabama Space and Rocket Center is also an exhibitor.

The Armed Forces Celebration Council will invite about 1,000 Army officers, civilian workers and contractor personnel from Redstone Arsenal to a special viewing of the displays and a reception on the evening of May 21, Irons said.

During the three days the exhibits are open, buses will run between Redstone Arsenal and the Civic Center to give government workers a chance to see the displays.

Companies planning to set up exhibits include Boeing, Ford Aerospace, Rockwell, Lockheed, Hughes Aircraft, General Dynamics, Brown Engineering, Raytheon, Eastman Kodak and TRW.

Weapon systems on display will include Chaparral, Vulcan, Lance, a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, Patriot, Hawk, Dragon, Hellfire, Tow and Stinger.

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Participation at MICOM is "about 30 percent and we would like to increase that," added Jacobs, a systems accountant in Finance and Accounting Division.

Bonds offer tax-free interest for college education, according to officials. People with future college costs can buy savings bonds in their child's name with the buyer listed as the beneficiary (not the co-owner). The first year, the buyer would file a federal tax return in the child's name, listing accrued interest on the bonds as income. Up to \$1,000 interest per year would be tax free.

"This first year's (tax) return establishes intent and no future returns will be necessary unless income in any year exceeds the filing limitations established by the Internal Revenue Service," Jacobs explained. When the child reaches college age, the bonds can be cashed and used for his or her education.

Another feature of savings bonds is that they have market-based interest rates. Twice each year, the Treasury determines the market-based rate for the next six months. "This rate will be 85 percent of the average market return during the preceding six months on Treasury bonds and notes with five years remaining to maturity," Jacobs said.

When bonds are held for five years or more, they will have earned interest "at the average of 10 or more six-month market based rates, compounded semiannually," he said. They have a guaranteed rate of at least 7.5 percent. The current rate is 8.36 percent which will change May 1 for the next six month period.

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Bradley League (under 12)				
Team	Won	Lost	Tie	Points
*Lasers	3	1	0	6
Yellow Jackets	2	1	1	5
Scorpions	0	3	1	1

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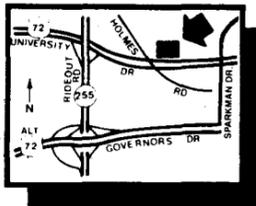
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# Law Day activities include banquet, golf tourney

Several events are planned locally in observance of Law Day on Thursday, May 1.

The theme of this year's Law Day is "Foundations of Freedom." Events include a Law Day fair this past weekend; a religious observance and a banquet, both set for Thursday; and a golf tournament Friday.

"What this day commemorates is to look back on those documents and those actions that are really the foundation of our legal system," said Maj. Sandy Faulkner, Law Day chairman for the Federal Bar Association, North Alabama Chapter. The beginning can be traced back to the Magna Carta in year 1215 and then culminating with the Constitution.

The theme is timely because of the celebration next year of the bicentennial of the Constitution (1787-1987), Faulkner said.

Law Day is sponsored nationally by the American Bar Association. Local programs are sponsored by the Madison County Bar Association in conjunction with the Federal Bar Association.

The First Huntsville Law Fair, held last Saturday at the Parkway City Mall, included booths for various law enforcement agencies. An "Ask a Lawyer" booth featured lawyers who would provide free answers to legal questions. The idea was not to give a lot of legal advice but "to inform people when they need a lawyer and when they don't," Faulkner said. As an example, he mentioned his favorite question: Can I write my own will? "And my answer to that is it's like asking can I take out my own appendix. You can but do you really want to," he said. "The bottom line is you need a lawyer to write your will."

A Law Day religious observance is set for noon Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church, 307 Gates Ave. SE Huntsville. This event is "commemorating Law Day and the role of religion in law in our society," Faulkner said. The scheduled speaker is Charles Gamble, dean of the University of Alabama law school.

On Thursday evening, a banquet will be held in the south exhibit hall of the Von Braun Civic Center. Social begins at 6 with the banquet at 7. Scheduled

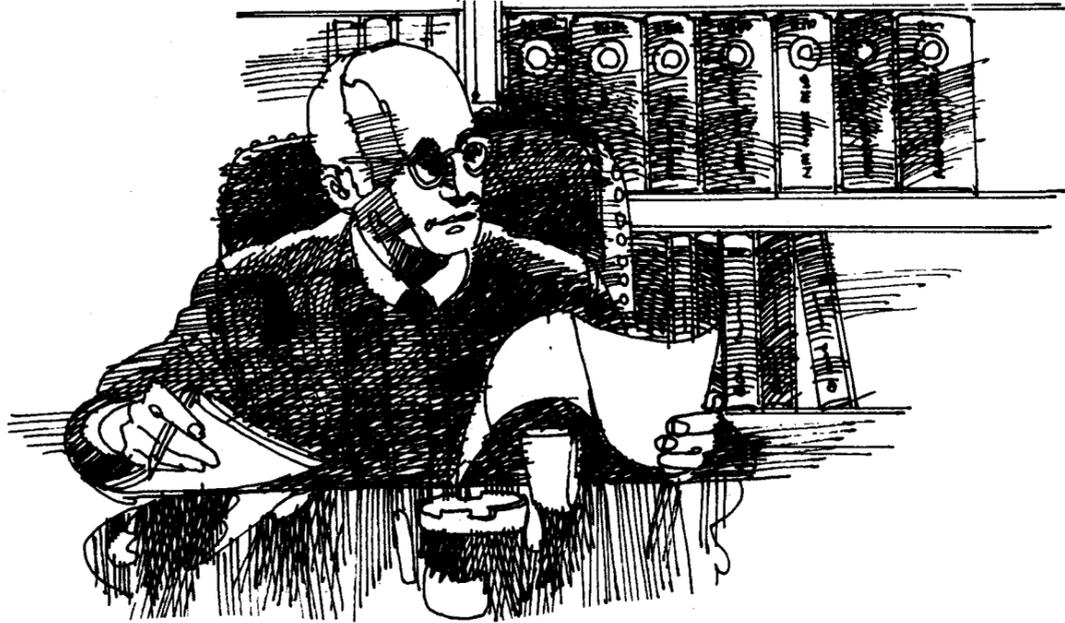
speaker is Chuck Cooper, assistant to the U.S. attorney general in Washington, D.C. The Huntsville native, a presidential appointee, is a 1977 graduate of the University of Alabama law school. He serves as Attorney General Edwin Meese's assistant for the office of legal counsel. "He is the attorney general's attorney," explained Faulkner, who was in the same graduating class as Cooper. "He's the attorney general's lawyer."

Cost for the banquet is \$15 per person. For ticket information, call James T. Baxter III, Law Day chairman for the Madison County Bar Association, at 533-3740.

"The final big event is the Law Day Golf Tournament and that will be May 2 at Redstone Arsenal (for bar association members and invited guests)," Faulkner said. "And that's sponsored by the Federal Bar Association."

The idea for Law Day can be traced back to 1957. It was originated by Charles S. Rhyne, then a Washington, D.C. lawyer who was president of the American Bar Association. Officially, it was established in 1958 by President Dwight Eisenhower by presidential proclamation. In 1961 Congress, by joint resolution, set aside May 1 of each year as Law Day. "At which time they said we should rededicate ourselves to the ideals of equality and justice under our laws," Faulkner said.

"The purpose of Law Day is to call to the attention of everybody in the United States, all American citizens, the principles and practices of American law and justice under our system," he said. "And really Law Day and law week is a time when we look back on the role that law plays in our society and our legal heritage as it came from the British system and our Constitution."



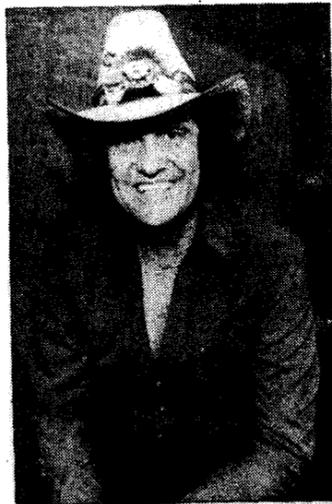
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# Husband, wife both reenlist here as staff sergeants

BY JEFF WATSON

It has been said that being in the Army is like a marriage. You have to work at it for it to be a success. You can love it, or hate it. But no matter where you go or what you do, it is a part of you and you are a part of it.

People join the armed services for many different reasons. For one Ordinance Missile and Munitions Center and School soldier, it was choosing the way of life his father and chosen before him. For another OMMCS soldier it was her stand on independence.

Ten years ago Elsworth Bolick III, better known as Jay to his friends, was fresh out of T.C. Robertson High School in Arden, N.C. He gave a friend a ride to the Army recruiting office, and as has happened so many times before, the friend, in this case Jay, was talked into joining the Army along with his vehicle-less friend.

His enlistment 11 days after graduation was taken all in stride by his family. Military life was really nothing new for Jay. He had been born in Germany, his brother Joseph was serving in the Army and his father had retired from the Army with 26 years of active duty service.

Following basic training, Jay attended AIT at Redstone Arsenal graduating from the 27B Course, Land Combat Support System Test Specialist at OMMCS. His first permanent duty station was in Germany where he met his wife-to-be, Oksana Mandybur.

Oksana enlisted in the Army under the delayed entry program one month after graduating from Robert E. Fitch High School in 1978. Her parents, Valentina and Michael Mandybur, both of Ukrainian descent, had differing views on Oksana's decision.

"Ever since I was in high school my father told me I was going to college-period. I was kind of rebellious at the time, so I joined the Army," said Oksana. "My mother was all for it; the independence, the responsibility, the experience, she thought it would be great for me. My dad, well his reply was, censor-censor, if you know what I mean.

"I joined under the delayed entry program and got two of my friends to join with me so I went in as Pvt. 2. The whole time I was waiting to go on active duty my father just kept telling me I wasn't joining the Army, I was going to college."

After completing basic training at Fort McClellan, Oksana went back to her hometown of Groton, Conn. (the submarine capital of the world) to work in the Hometown Recruiter Assistant Program. Next came AIT at Redstone Arsenal where she completed the 27B Course and received here orders for Germany where she met Jay in late 1978.

"We were in the same unit and held the same MOS," said Jay. "Some friends we both knew invited her to go to a pistol range with us one day. Afterwards we went out to dinner and a movie.

"We started dating after that in late July or August, we became engaged in September, and we got married in January while on leave. I was an E-5 and Oksana was an E-4."

Since that time Oksana and Jay, both now staff sergeants, have completed two tours of duty in Germany, and are serving their second tour of duty at Redstone Arsenal.

Oksana is assigned to C Company and is the Senior Test NCO for the Test and Evaluation Branch under the Directorate of Combat Developments at OMMCS. Jay is assigned to B Company and is an instructor in the Lance Missile System under the Land Combat

Oksana and Jay both feel that there have been very few major problems for them both being military. However, they do occasionally have child-care problems for their two year old daughter Jennifer and they have experienced problems with appointments.

"We have been through the babysitters," said Oksana. "Because of the hours we sometimes have to



put in, it can be hard to find a person willing to babysit those hours.

"Another problem we sometimes run into, that isn't as bad here as other places we've been, is going to appointments. For some reason whenever we in or out process, or sometimes just go to lunch together, people jump to the conclusion that we are out 'shamming', as they call it here. We got used to explaining where we were going and why, together.

Jay has served in the Army for 10 years, Oksana for eight. Recently they both reenlisted for six more years each. Oksana is preparing her application-packet for warrant officer candidate school, hoping to become the first female in her career field to make warrant officer. Jay has just completed the MOI course (methods of instructional) and said he finds it hard to just set

and instruct without getting his own hands dirty in the work.

Oksana and Jay both agree it takes a lot of work for both of them to be in the military and able to have a successful marriage. Opinions differ, problems arise, but they both realize how important it is for them to leave their work, at work, and give the other support and understanding.

"It takes a lot of patience," said Oksana. "The six years we have been married have gone by fast. It takes a strong marriage and you have to learn to deal with all the little misunderstandings that happen.

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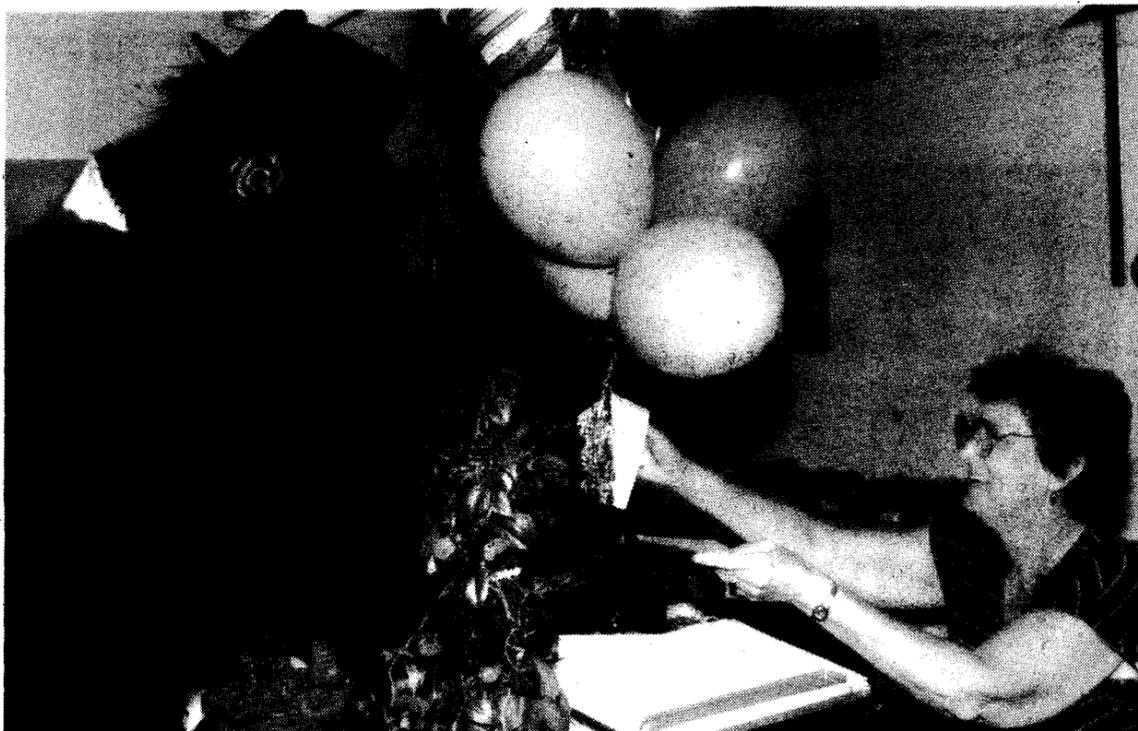
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To restore the emergency disaster fund and erase an expected deficit, the Red Cross is now engaged in a nationwide campaign to raise funds.

"We'll need about \$40 million in contributions to

get us through the year," said Robert Vessey, Red Cross director of disaster operations.

While there is no formal fund-raising drive within the Defense Department to help replenish the disaster fund, DoD personnel and their families wishing to help can contribute to the Red Cross Services Office at their base or installation or directly to Red Cross headquarters at: American Red Cross, Emergency Disaster Relief Campaign, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013.

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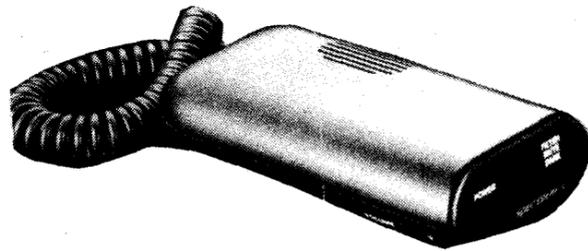
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## Announcements

### Top graduates

Those graduating OMMCS courses during the week April 14-18 with the highest academic standing were Sgt. Gregory Cox and Sgt. Bart Eichhorst, ammunition stock control and accounting specialist 551-55R30/1; PFC James Collins and Pvt. Arnold Johnstone, ammunition specialist 645-55B10/57; Pvt. Paul Bogart and PFC Michael Cornford, ammunition specialist 645-55B10/58; Sp4 Leon Deshields and Pvt. Christine Faley, ammunition stock control and accounting specialist 551-55R10/12; SSgt. Randy Piper and Sgt. Joseph Kent, Tow/Dragon repairer BTC-121-27E30/2; Pvt. Gary Miller and Pvt. Tony Gibson, Tow/Dragon repairer 121-27E10/10.

### British motoring society

The North Alabama British Motoring Society plans to have monthly meetings and special events. For more information, call Steve Floyd 772-3663 or Danny Pollard 772-0880.

### Korean Mass

A Korean Mass followed by a Korean potluck supper will be held May 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Post Chapel.

### Deli celebration

The Redstone Arsenal 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.

### Flea market donations

The Noncommissioned Officers Association requests donated items that can be sold at a May 3 flea market. 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.

### Driving to survive

A videotape course "Driving to Survive," is offered at the Learning Resource Center. This three-hour course covers various topics to make drivers more aware of potential driving hazards and the need to drive defensively. To enroll, send a DD form 1556 to building 7446, AMSMI-CP-TC/LRC, Attn: Learning Resource Center. For more information, call 876-1061/1416.

### Childbirth classes

Childbirth classes are conducted on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 at Fox Army Community Hospital. For registration and more information, call Maj. Nancy Trent 876-5863.

### Military pre-retirement

The next pre-retirement orientation for personnel with 18 or more years of active federal service will be held in the Post Theatre, building 3712, May 9 from 8-11:30 a.m. 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.

### Chapel events

*Christian Aerobics Class* will be held May 1 and every Thursday morning at the Bicentennial Chapel from 8:30 to 9:30. The class is open to all, and baby-sitting is available (reservations must be made at the Child Development Center). The class is sponsored by the Protestant Women of the Chapel. *The Military Council of Catholic Women* will install its officers for the 1986-87 year May 2 at 9 a.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel. Brunch will be held for members at the Officers Club following the meeting. New officers are: Roberta Snow, president; Marilyn Bisch, vice president; and Alice Schaefer, secretary. All Catholic women are invited to the meeting and brunch. *The Catholic Youth of the Chapel* will hold its weekly meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 3 at Bicentennial Chapel. A white water rafting trip on the Ocoee River in Tennessee is planned for May 10. Reservations must be made by May 1 with Trish Libby 876-3433 or 837-8914. *The Protestant Youth of the Chapel* meets May 3 at the Bicentennial Chapel. Those in the choir are to meet at 3 p.m. and the rest are to meet at 3:30. *The Protestant Women of the Chapel* will hold a Bible study group May 7 and all other Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel. All are invited.

### Military comptrollers

There will be a luncheon meeting of the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers 11:30 a.m. May 8 at the Officers Club. The meal will cost \$6 for ASMC members and \$7 for non-members. The speaker will be Maj. Gen. R.B. Adams, deputy chief of staff for resource management. For reservations call Jean Evans 876-5222/8091.

### Noncommissioned officers

The Redstone Missile Chapter of Noncommissioned Officers Association will meet at 4:30 p.m. May 6 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. All members or potential members are invited. Contact your sergeant major for membership information.

### Officers Wives Club

The Officers Wives Club will end its 1985-86 club year with a luncheon May 13th. Guest speaker will be storyteller Kathryn Tucker Windham, who will give a sampling of her Alabama ghost stories. Merit scholarship winners will be announced at this meeting. Reservations can be made until noon May 9 to: A-E, Betty Barrett 837-8426; F-L, Pat Harian 837-0966; M-R, Joan Andrew 837-5969; S-Z, Rita Jo Smith 837-9265. Cancellations will be taken until noon May 12. At 10 a.m. in Big Springs Lounge, the lecture series will host a guest speaker from Kids on the Block. No reservation is necessary for the lecture.

### Technical exhibition

Arsenal employees who wish to visit the Technical and Business Exhibition and Symposium at Von Braun Civic Center May 13-14 can ride a shuttle bus to and from the show. Buses will pick up riders at the south entrance of 5400 and at the north entrance of 5250 on the half-hour beginning at 7:30 a.m. The last return from the civic center will be at 5:30 p.m. Workers who view the exhibit must do so on their own time. The show is sponsored by the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies.

### Science for kids

Workers who are interested in making presentations on scientific subjects to elementary school children should contact Dianne Pidgeon at Terry Heights Elementary School 532-4814.

### MICOM picnic

The annual MICOM picnic is set for Saturday, July 19 at the civilian recreation area. A committee has begun coordinating plans for the picnic. Those interested in helping can call Bennie Robison 876-3933.

### Library lecture

The Sunday Forum of the Friends of the Public Library will feature Dr. Henry Lane Hull in a lecture on "Human Rights and Captive Nations" May 4 at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Huntsville Public Library. Hull is a faculty member of the University of Alabama in Huntsville and specializes in Russian and European history.

### Reliability engineers

The Society of Reliability Engineers will meet tonight at the Bonanza restaurant on University Drive. Social begins at 6:30, dinner will be ordered at 7, and the program will start at 8. Speaker will be Robert Forgie, vice chairman of SRE.

### Marionette show

The Vagabond Marionettes will present "Jack and the Beanstalk" May 11 at 2 p.m. at the Recreation Center. The show is free and refreshments will be served. For more information call 876-4531.

### Motorcycle registration

All motorcycle registration decals for Redstone will expire June 1 regardless of the expiration date on the decal. In order to operate a motorcycle on post after that time, riders must complete the motorcycle safety course offered at the education center, or one that is recognized by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. There are a few spaces left in the courses offered by the education center. Call Reita Perry 876-9761 for more information.

### Better biking course

Chuck Higgins will teach the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Better Biking Program May 10 and May 18 at the Regis Inn. Cost for the May 10 class is \$10. Cost for the May 18 class, which includes lunch, is \$15. Both classes start at 8 a.m. and consist of three hours classroom instruction and five hours of hands-on training using the students' own motorcycles. This course satisfies the training required to obtain an arsenal decal. The course will also be taught in the Hartselle area. For more information call Higgins 830-1200, ext. 3141.

### Graduate entrance exams

The education center will offer the Graduate Record Exam June 9 and the Graduate Management Aptitude Test June 23. Individuals interested in taking either of these tests should contact a counselor at the center in building 3222, phone 876-9761. Deadline for applying for the GRE is May 1, and for the GMAT, May 15.

### Education center

The Army Education Center has information on joining the Reserve Officer Training Corps while attending both two- and four-year colleges. ROTC offers a way to attend college, receive a salary and become an officer upon graduation. If you are separating or retiring from the military and plan to work or attend college, be sure to pick up a DD Form 295 and have MILPO certify your training before you separate from the service. For more information call 876-9761.

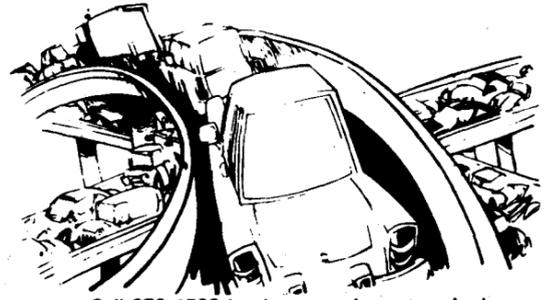
### Town meeting

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.

### Inaugural weekend

Dr. Douglas Covington will be inaugurated as the sixth president of Alabama A&M University at 1 p.m. May 3 in the Elmore Health Science Building. During the inaugural weekend Alabama A&M will also observe its 11th Founder's Day, May 4. Lt. Gov. Bill Baxley will deliver the keynote address for the 2 p.m. convocation on Sunday. Also, the week of April 28-May 4 has been designated "Founder's Week" by the university. During this week, a number of activities will take place on the A&M campus in recognition of the school's founder, Dr. William Hooper Council.

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### Redstone

Carpool wanted from Spartan Plaza in the Redstone housing area to SCI plant 2, second shift 3-11 p.m. Ms. Napieralski 837-0724.

### Scottsboro

Carpool members wanted from Scottsboro to Martin Road area, hours 7:30-4:30 p.m. Katie Noles 876-3440.

### Christian recording artist

One of the performances scheduled here today for Bobby Michaels, a contemporary Christian recording artist, has been canceled. Michaels will not perform at 11 a.m. in building 5250, but will perform tonight at 7 outdoors at Vincent Park. All military and civilian personnel are invited to attend.

### 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.

### Women's health seminar

Seminars on women's health issues for the Redstone Arsenal community will be held twice monthly at Fox Army Community Hospital beginning May 14 at 10 a.m. with a program on yeast infections and vaginitis. For information call Deborah Daniel at 876-4158.

### Black employees

The next meeting of the Black Federal Employees Association is scheduled May 6 at 7 p.m. at the Alpha House meeting room at 4301 Oakwood Ave.

### Plastic modelers

The Huntsville Plastic Modelers Society will host the 10th annual model contest at the Marine Corps Reserve Center building. The contest, open to the public, will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 3. For more information, call Dan Thompson 876-2009.

### Red Cross blood drive

Here are the winners of the February Red Cross blood drive: 1-50 category, Systems Integration Office, coordinator Betty Hunt; 51-100 category, Air Defense Command & Control Systems, coordinator Janice Ray; 101-200 category, Missile Systems Readiness Directorate, coordinator Mirian Mialki; 201-400 category, Finance & Accounting Division, coordinator Jim Harrington; and 400-over category, Missile Logistics Center, coordinator Cindy McDougall.

### Revival

Hispanic Church of God in Huntsville will have a one-day revival May 17 at 7 p.m. The church is located at 3806 Colonial Park Circle, SW. Guest speaker is to be evangelist Jim Richards. For more information, call pastor Ted Alejandro 830-6511.

### Ladies golf

Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will have its monthly luncheon and general membership meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 at the Redstone Golf Course. This will follow a 9-hole golf tournament. For more information, call Mary Parker 881-5487.



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# Warrant

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allow warrant officers to better manage their own career progress, he said. This would give each warrant officer a career pattern to follow with specific training and educational goals to achieve along the way, explained Burnett.

A selective retirement system will be included in legislation to review the retirement-eligible warrant officer population for continued active service. Although specific details are still being worked out before submitting this proposal to Congress, Burnett said that the retirement system would control overstrengths by MOS, retaining the most qualified on active duty.

## TWOS status outlined

Burnett said that once the by-position rank classification is completed and approved in August, the ranks will be included in personnel documents in early 1987 and that assignments by rank would begin in 1988. The TWOS legislative proposals are being developed for congressional action and are scheduled to be sent to Congress in time to be included in the fiscal year 1988 defense budget.

Changes in the training system to support TWOS are already planned with the June changes in the Warrant Officer Senior Course. He said that the revised training system should be ready to start by June 1988.

"TWOS is a reality; it is going to happen," Burnett said. Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr. has approved the major components of TWOS: classifying warrant officer positions by rank; career management based on years of warrant officer service; and a revised training system to support these changes. The legislative package that includes authorization for chief warrant officer 5, a single promotion list with automatic integration into the regular Army and a selective retirement system will be sent to Congress in the next several months.

"This system will streamline and standardize warrant officer management and will allow them to better understand and monitor their own career progress. The system gives each warrant officer a career pattern

to follow with specific training and educational goals to achieve along the way," explained Burnett.

Burnett said that warrant officers need to stay aware of the pending changes in their personnel management system and become familiar with the career milestones that will apply to them. But maybe more important, they must understand the Army's new definition of a warrant officer approved by Wickham in June 1985: "An officer appointed by warrant by the Secretary of the Army, based on a sound level of technical and tac-

tical competence. The warrant officer is the highly specialized expert and trainer who, by gaining progressive levels of expertise and leadership, operates, maintains, administers and manages the Army's equipment, support activities or technical systems for an entire career."

"If you understand the new definition of a warrant officer, you'll understand TWOS," Burnett said. (Capt. Thomas G. Surface heads the Army News Service in Washington.)



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