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Military and civilian travelers stay in contract hotels

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Soldiers and civilians coming to Redstone for temporary duty are now likely to stay in the hotel or motel of the Army's choice.

The Army has contracted with three Huntsville facilities to provide a total of 110 rooms per night. This is a one-year contract, with an option year, to furnish rooms to the government at a reduced rate.

If no room is available on post — at the visiting officers quarters or visiting enlisted quarters — travelers are assigned to a contract facility. "It will mean that personnel who do not contact the billeting office and go off post and make their own arrangements will not be issued a statement of nonavailability," said Janet Keat, bachelor housing manager in the Housing Management Branch.

"In the past, the traveler could make his own arrangements off post and bring his travel orders into the billeting office and would be issued a statement of nonavailability," she said. This statement would enable the traveler to be reimbursed by the government for the lodging cost. The contract means travelers are assigned to a certain facility and can be reimbursed as long as they go where they are referred.

The billeting office, which has moved to the Redstone Arsenal Guest House on Goss Road, is responsible for referring people to the contract hotels or motels. Military and civilian persons on TDY to Redstone should contact that office first. "We maintain maximum utilization of the facilities on post prior to utilizing the facilities off post," Keat said.

Off post facilities under contract, as of May 1, are the Carriage Inn on University Drive, the Tourway Inn on North Memorial Parkway, and the Super 8 Motel on University Drive. A separate contract was entered with each facility. The contract runs from May 1 through April 30, 1987 with an option for an additional year.

In most cases, the traveler is responsible for paying the contract facility (to be reimbursed under the statement of nonavailability). Keat said the government is responsible for payment for OMMCS students attending advanced NCO classes, officer basic, warrant officer candidate and warrant officer advanced. In those

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TRAVELERS — Janet Keat, bachelor housing manager, shows list of people assigned to a contract facility.

6th Student Company 'overachievers' for fund campaign

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The first sergeant for 6th Student Company expected his company's enthusiastic response to the Army Emergency Relief campaign.

After all, 6th Student Company had won plaques for top military participation in the last two volkssmar-



JUST ASKING — 1st Sgt. Michael Diciacca says each member of 6th Student Company is asked to contribute to AER.

ches and trophies for most blood donations at OMMCS in the last three years. So, a successful drive for Army Emergency Relief wouldn't exactly be out of character.

"We expected the 6th Student Company to do the best in AER because we do the best in everything," said 1st Sgt. Michael (Moose) Diciacca. He stressed that the credit belonged to each member of the company.

What the unit did was this: It donated more than \$6,000, in cash and payroll deductions, to Army Emergency Relief and the money was still coming in. At last report, the company consisted of 208 students and 51 permanent-party soldiers which is probably "average size" for the nine units in School Brigade, Diciacca said. And yet, the 6th Student Company had given more than any other unit and about a fourth of the total output for the brigade. All of the company's students gave, according to the first sergeant.

"We just said, guys there's a need and let's see if we can be the best," he said. "And the soldiers responded, they responded very graciously."

The keys were communication and persistence, according to Diciacca. He said the soldiers gave because they wanted to.

"No coercion was used," said SSgt. Thomas Cardwell, training NCO. "Asked if they'd like to give, they gave. They dug deep in their pockets. As a matter of fact, we had one soldier that gave \$120 (payroll deduction at \$10 a month for a year)." Besides individual

contributions, the company participated in a flower sale for Military Spouse Day, May 23, in which a portion of the proceeds went to Army Emergency Relief.

Cardwell knows firsthand how the relief fund helps. He used AER 14 years ago when he was a newly-married private first class who found himself in a financial bind. Last fall, emergency relief provided him transportation back home to his sister's funeral. "It's a super helper to the troops," he said.

Soldiers see soldiers getting help from AER "so when we ask them for donations, it's easy," according to SFC Rozell Daniel, operations sergeant. "You don't have to sell it because its reputation sells itself," Daniel said.

The company's efforts resulted in Army Achievement Medals for Diciacca and the unit's four platoon sergeants— SSgt. Charles Pruitt, SSgt. Luis Fonseca, SFC William Chason and SFC Cornelius Williams. Lt. Col. William Taylor, commander of 2nd Battalion, presented the awards May 22. When the AER drive ends, plans are to display the medals on a plaque in the company day room as representative of the entire unit's efforts.

"All the credit should go to them— to each individual soldier," said Williams, who led the company's 1st platoon.

"I set the goal at \$6,000 with high hopes of achieving it," said Capt. Hugh Trent, company commander. "And as usual, the company has not let me down. They're pretty much overachievers in everything they set out to do."



Troop clinic

Editor:

Troop Medical Clinic is one place that will never waste my time at again. It isn't the point that everyone is waiting for an incompetent person to see you. It is the first come, first serve basis. I was there on the 27th of May and I waited for exactly an hour and a half for someone to see me. I had irritated eyes, and it wouldn't be so bad if it hadn't been an emergency sick call visit. Well, I felt a lot better knowing that I supposedly had "pink eye." What did the so-called professional do? — (said) return to your duty section without medication and everything will be alright in a few days. On the 3rd of June I returned, to wait another hour.

Well, I was fed up seeing people going to see a doctor for a miracle cure for the common cold. I decided if I really wanted to find out what was really wrong with my eyes I had to go see a real professional. Well, the rest is history. Come to find out I was not suffering from pink eye, rather I was suffering an irritation due to my constant wearing of my contacts. So I would like to take this time to thank the troop medical clinic for a job well done.

Sgt. Joe Freitas
HHC MICOM

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Correction

A story in last week's *Rocket* stated incorrectly that Chaplain (Col.) Billy Whiteside had been asked by his congregation if he would consider the chaplaincy.

The article should have read that he was asked by his denomination if he would consider the move.

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Army celebrates its 211th birthday

Happy Birthday, Army! The Army's 211th birthday is June 14.

The following three events are planned locally in observance:

A retreat parade and retirement ceremony will be held on the parade field off Patton Road at 4 p.m. June 12. Arsenal civilian workers are invited to attend. The event normally lasts about 30 minutes.

Maj. Gen. Thomas D. Reese, MICOM commander, Col. John J. Walker, director, RASA, and other command officials will plant a tree honoring the Army's 211th anniversary. The brief ceremony will be on the front lawn of the MICOM headquarters building at 11 a.m. June 13.

The first of a planned series of Operation Kinship displays will open in the headquarters building. Operation Kinship honors service members with close family ties to AMC. The MICOM exhibit includes photos of men and women serving in the armed forces who are related to MICOM people. The exhibit opens June 13.

Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. and Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr. have issued the following proclamation:

"On June 14th the Army celebrates its 211th birthday. As in past years, all of us on this day should stop for a moment to reflect on the tradition of our institution in which every one of us in the total Army plays such a vital role.

"The Army's heritage is older than the country we proudly serve. Since colonial days we have answered the call when freedom has been threatened. Wherever



and whenever necessary, we have defended the rights promised in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Constitution. During these 211 years soldiers have served proudly, knowing that at any time they might be asked to make the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the way of life that they and their countrymen cherish.

"Our country has remained strong because men and women of the total Army have been willing to give so much. As we approach the bicentennial year of our Constitution, all of us can be deeply proud of the Army's heritage which we celebrate on this 211th birthday. Let's rededicate ourselves to making the Army an even better place to serve and a stronger institution for protecting freedom."

Commissary contract review opens

A New Jersey firm was the apparent low bidder to perform the shelf-stocking function at the commissary here.

Willcan Enterprises Inc. of Princeton, N.J., was identified as having apparently submitted the lowest of six bids. An initial decision was made to convert the shelf-stocking function at the commissary to commercial contract.

The announcement came from the Army Troop Support Agency at Fort Lee, Va. The commercial activities package is available for review at the MICOM comptrollers office, room A-360 in building 5250, through June 27. Interested parties must first contact either Vivian Tucker or Jan Barton of comptrollers' management plans division (phone 876-8991) for an appointment.

"They are required by regulation to give the interested parties a 15-day period in order to file any ap-

peal," Barton said. Companies believing the cost comparison was not properly done can appeal to the Troop Support Agency which could then appoint an appeal board to review the issues.

Based on the board's findings, the cost comparison could be revised. "It has the potential of causing a change in the contract decision," Barton explained.

Twenty-one jobs at the commissary have been identified as potentially affected by the conversion to contract. These include 13 fulltime permanent and eight other than fulltime permanent positions, according to civilian personnel officials here.

The proposed contract award date is Aug. 1 with full contract performance to occur Nov. 1. Any appeals should be made in writing and delivered to Troop Support Agency (Attn: DALO-TAK-C) by the afternoon of June 27.

Olin Corp. settles suit with residents

BIRMINGHAM — The Olin Corp. agreed last week to set up a \$15 million fund to compensate people in six North Alabama counties who can prove they have DDT in their bodies and who want to be paid.

The company agreed to the action to settle a class action lawsuit that was about to begin in federal district court. The suit was the latest in a series brought against the company by government agencies and individuals as the result of DDT manufacturing operations once conducted in a plant on Redstone Arsenal leased by Olin from the Army.

An Olin spokesman said that while "there is no evidence DDT discharged from Olin's former manufacturing plant at Redstone Arsenal injured anyone, the company agreed to a class action settlement to put the costs and disruption of the DDT litigation behind it."

The company settled a suit brought by about 1,000 residents of Triana and southern Madison County

three years ago by agreeing to payments totaling \$24 million. It has also settled a suit by the federal government by agreeing to spend an estimated \$20 million to clean up DDT contamination in portions of Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge within the arsenal boundaries which resulted from the DDT manufacturing from 1947 until 1970.

Under the settlement, the "class" will consist of about 6,000 persons who filed the most recent suit as well as present and former residents of Madison, Morgan, Limestone, Marshall, Lauderdale and Lawrence counties.

The Olin spokesman said individuals who wish to file claims will have to have their blood tested to determine DDT content, fill out questionnaires and follow claim procedures that will be established by an administrator appointed by the federal court.

The administrator will also decide the amount to be paid individuals who claim compensation.

CFC applications due by Monday

Local agencies may apply through Monday, June 16 to receive funds from the next Combined Federal Campaign.

"Local nationally-federated and non-affiliated agencies performing voluntary, charitable, direct health and welfare services to individuals and families in the Huntsville area are eligible to apply for allocations," states a release from the CFC Coordinating Committee.

Applications will be evaluated based on current regulations published by the Office of Personnel

Management. Agencies should first obtain the new "Local Presence Application" form from Wayne Sims, chairman of the 1987 CFC Coordinating Committee. His address is U.S. Army Missile Command, Attention: AMSMI-CO (CFC), Wayne Sims, Redstone Arsenal, 35898-5000.

To be eligible for consideration, completed applications must be returned to that address, postmarked no later than June 16. For more information, call Sims at 876-3641/3651.

Some senior officers face mandatory retirement

WASHINGTON — More than 600 regular Army colonels and lieutenant colonels will face a retirement board later this month that will recommend 30 percent in each grade for mandatory retirement.

A selective early retirement board consisting of members from the fiscal year 1986 brigadier general board is scheduled to convene about June 28 to review the personnel records of 317 colonels and 306 lieutenant colonels. From the board, a list of recommendations for early retirement will be developed and sent to the secretary of the Army for approval, said Maj. James Chalkley from the directorate of military personnel management in the office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel at the Pentagon. This action is the first phase in the Army's attempt to equalize imbalances among the senior field officer ranks.

The board will consider all officers in the following two categories:

- Colonels not on a promotion list who have seven or more years in grade by the date the board convenes, provided at least four of those years have been served in the regular grade of colonel.

- Lieutenant colonels who have been considered but not selected for promotion to the grade of colonel four or more times as of May 1 (at least two of the non-selections must have been to the regular grade of colonel). Officers recommended for promotion by the FY 86 colonels promotion board will not be considered for early retirement.

The secretary of the Army approved convening the board, authorized by Congress in 1981 under Title 10 of the United States Code, because officers in the senior commissioned grades have been staying in the service longer than had been predicted, Chalkley said. This situation, coupled with increased accessions and promotions to the lieutenant colonel and colonel

grades, has led to imbalances within the field grade ranks.

"We've had this problem for a while now, and we have lived with it. Now we're in a position where we have to use the provisions of Title 10 to assist in reducing grade imbalances," Chalkley said. "This also will enable us to grant career status to more young officers."

Individually notified

Officers in the continental United States who will be looked at by the board are being individually notified by the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center in Alexandria, Va., and should receive a letter before the board convenes, said Maj. Michael La Garde, chief of the officer retirement branch of MILPERCEN. The letter will include the most recent copy of the soldier's officer record brief.

Officers should immediately review and audit the brief, giving special attention to the most essential information, he suggested. Any changes should be made in red ink. This data includes assignment history, awards, military and civilian education, date of rank, height and weight, military specialties and active federal commissioned service.

The officers should sign and date the form in "section X" since this verifies that the information is accurate. Officer record briefs and any supporting documents must arrive at MILPERCEN by June 23 to be considered, La Garde said.

"Personal for" messages will be sent to officers outside the United States. These officers will not be sent a copy of their record briefs because of slow mailing time, La Garde said. However, recent copies of their briefs will be included in their field personnel file. MILPERCEN recommends that these soldiers im-

mediately visit their servicing personnel center to ensure that changes to their briefs are forwarded to MILPERCEN before June 23.

Letters allowed

Aside from updating their officer record briefs, soldiers will be allowed to submit personal letters directly to the president of the board discussing matters they feel are important in helping the board fairly consider their records. Letters should be addressed to: President, SERB, Attn: DAPC-MSB, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, Va. 22332-0400. Letters must arrive by June 23 to be considered, La Garde said.

Any letters considered by the board will become a matter of record for the board and will be retained by the MILPERCEN commander, he added. These letters, or any other documents accepted by the board, will not be filed in officers' official military personnel files.

Communications or letters of recommendation from other parties on behalf of the officers facing the board are not permitted, Chalkley said. Likewise, the board will not review communications containing criticism or reflecting upon the character, conduct or motives of any person. Because it is not authorized by Army regulations, "complete the record" officer evaluation reports also will not be permitted in conjunction with board consideration for selective early retirement.

Criteria for selecting soldiers for retirement will come from a letter of instruction approved by the Army secretary. Chalkley said that although such specific criteria is still being staffed, officers can expect that, as one screening method, the board will rank their files against those of all the other candidates.

All officers whom the board considers, whether or not they are recommended for retirement, should receive individual notification of their status by late July, he said. The military personnel center will not publish a list of those selected for retirement.

Involuntary retirement

Those approved for early retirement must separate from active duty by the first day of the seventh calendar month after the Army secretary approves the board's report, Chalkley said. These officers will be notified of their retirement options by MILPERCEN. The options should be the same as the officers would have if they retired voluntarily. "This is not an adverse action," he explained. "What this process does is change the mandatory retirement date. It is classified as an involuntary retirement action."

Some officers selected for early retirement may already hold approved voluntary or mandatory retirement orders or have been otherwise notified of a mandatory retirement because of age, time in service or time in grade. Under provisions of the Defense Officer Personnel Management Act, these officers also must be considered for selective early retirement, La Garde explained. Should these officers be selected by the board, they will retire at the earliest date of the approved voluntary retirement, mandatory retirement or selective early retirement.

Because the Army wants to limit the number of officers forced to retire this year, other boards are expected in the future. "If things remain stable, we expect that the Army will have to hold a selective retirement board for the next three years," Chalkley said.

Officers who are screened this year, and not recommended for early retirement, will be exempt from further consideration for five years, provided they remain at the same rank, Chalkley said. (Arnews)

Golf tourney to help AER campaign

Proceeds from a golf tournament June 16 will go toward the Army Emergency Relief campaign which had collected about \$32,500 so far.

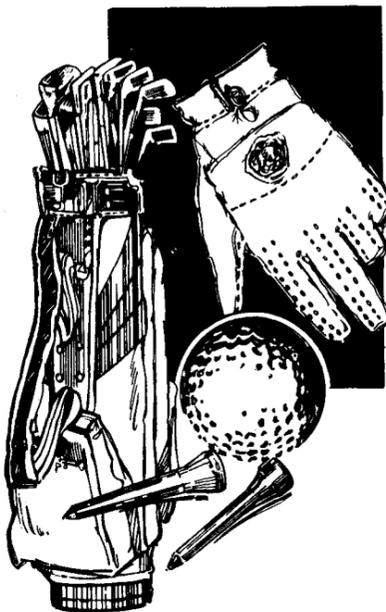
The campaign here officially ends the day before the tournament but the proceeds will still be included, according to 2nd Lt. Carey Gormes, project officer for the drive.

Entering its final week, the campaign was about \$3,500 short of its \$36,000 goal. Donations exceed last year's \$31,089 total.

A carnival, sponsored Saturday by the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, raised \$700 for AER. "That was a really good event, it turned out well," Gormes said. The event, held in the Post Exchange parking lot, started at 10 a.m., stopped about an hour because of rain then resumed until 4 p.m.

"Two big events were the pony rides and the dunking booth," Gormes said. "A spotlight type event was participation by Officer Friendly and Officer Rick in the pie throwing event." These two military police officers, who give crime prevention talks to youngsters in local schools, attracted young pie throwers. "So they (the officers) took a couple of pies in the face," Gormes said.

"The kids really rallied to the ponies and pie throwing event," he said. "And the adults were attracted to the dunking booth." There, soldiers had a chance to dunk their sergeants and commanders. Gormes said people who helped with the carnival included SFC James Good and Capt. James McCants, both of OMCS, and Juanita Adams, AER officer for Redstone.



An 18-hole, shotgun-start golf tournament is scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday, June 16 at Redstone golf course. Those eligible include active duty military, retired military, and non-military people who have contributed to AER. A barbecue and awards picnic is set for 6:00 that afternoon at the course. For more information call Gormes 876-1520/4931 or Frank Hickey 876-6888/4318.



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Former Pershing worker gets award from Germany

A former member of the Pershing Project Office last week received a distinguished award from Germany's armed forces.

Virgil Hammack, who retired last year, was awarded the "Bronze Cross of Honor of the Federal Armed Forces" in a ceremony at Missile Command headquarters. The award recognized his work with the Pershing weapon system.

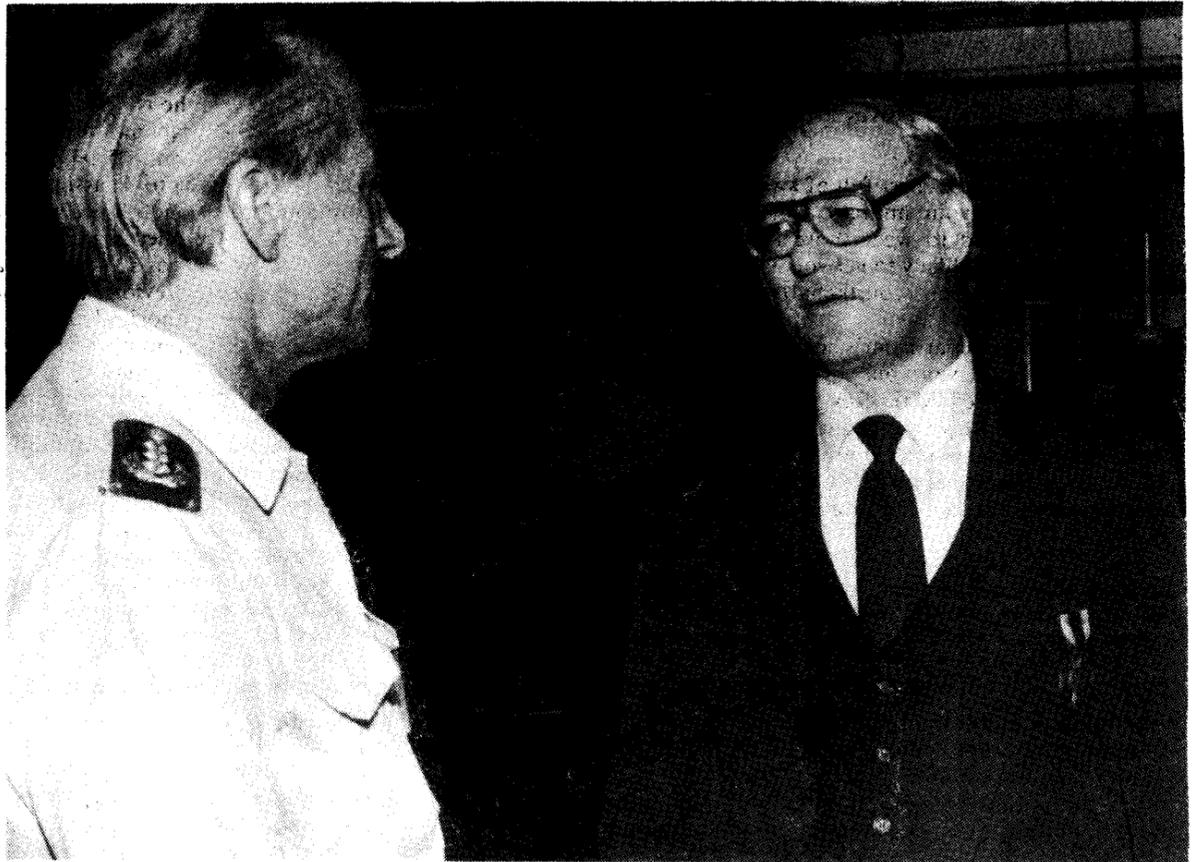
"To the best of my knowledge, you will be the first person in the Army Missile Command to receive the award," Lt. Col. Wolfgang Buttler, German Air Force liaison officer in Pershing Project, told the recipient.

Hammack was assigned as an equipment specialist in 1974. He became division chief of system support in the Pershing project office in January 1982. During his last assignment, he was responsible for material supply of the Pershing II and Pershing Ia weapon systems in the U.S. Army. The German Air Force has also fielded the Pershing Ia system, and both Germany and the U.S. have agreed to support the weapon system jointly.

Germany's "Bronze Cross of Honor" is awarded by the Federal Minister of Defense to soldiers of that country for "outstanding and exemplary performance of their duties." As an exception, the honor may be given to members of foreign services who have performed a great service to the German armed forces. The regulation is restrictive in that only 1 to 2 percent of the awards may be made to foreign persons, according to Buttler.

The award was presented by Lt. Gen. Hans-Joerg Kuebart, commanding general of German Air Force Tactical Command, as Hammack's wife Jo Ann and former co-workers looked on.

"I accept it very proudly, sir, not only for myself but for the Pershing Project Office and the United States Army Missile Command," Hammack said upon receiving the award.



HONOREE — Kuebart talks with Hammack, who received the "Bronze Cross of Honor of the Federal Armed Forces."



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Wearing unearned awards not worth the cost

BY DONNA BOLINGER
American Forces Press Service

It's great to have a chest full of awards and decorations recognizing your military achievements. But if you're not entitled to wear those ribbons, the only recognition they're likely to get you will be in the form of military separation, courts-martial, Article 15 or harsh reprimand.

The Defense Department's insistence that awards and decorations be worn only by those who have earned them, explained Maj. Rex Fuller, DOD deputy director for legislative and legal policy, "is to ensure that those awards and decorations obtainable only by the most extraordinary sacrifice or achievement are recognized for the sacrifice or achievement they represent."

Fuller said failure to enforce standards for their wear would cheapen the significance of military awards and decorations.

The fresh recruit whose chest boasts rows of unearned awards and decorations is usually quickly found out, stripped of the incriminating awards, and counseled or otherwise disciplined.

But it's the more senior service members who wear awards and decorations they're not entitled to who get into the most hot water.

This was the case of a staff sergeant at a Marine Corps air station. Although he had fired only as a marksman on his weapons qualification test, he wore a second award of the expert weapons badge.

During his summary courts-martial proceedings, the Marine told the court he thought he had earned the badge, even though his record book contained no

documentation. He was reduced one grade and forfeited \$500 in pay, a sentence he is appealing.

An Army officer stationed in Panama recently sent off copies of his military records an official photo to an installation in the states, hoping to be assigned to a unit there. On his uniform in the photo were a Ranger patch, combat patch and various Vietnam ribbons.

However, a member of the records screening board remembered the officer from a previous assignment and questioned whether he was authorized to wear the badges and ribbons shown in the photo. An informal records check confirmed these suspicions.

The applying officer's commander was notified and gave the officer a deadline to come up with proof of being authorized the awards and decorations or face prosecution.

Promotion boards are often the first to notice discrepancies between the ribbons worn in a service member's official photograph and authorizations for those ribbons in his or her personnel records. Anonymous tips from the field and random personnel records file screenings also uncover those out to beat the system.

It's when personnel records have been tampered with or otherwise falsified that a service member faces the most severe charges.

To avoid these consequences, service members "should never wear any award if the slightest doubt exists to his or her entitlement to the award or without having written authority," advised Lt. Col. Harrison Lobdell, chief of the Military Awards Branch of the Army's Military Personnel Center.

He said those who claim unauthorized awards "not only compromise their integrity — they could ruin their future as well."



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The Air Defense Training Department at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School will soon be moving part of their training department into a new \$4.1 million training facility.

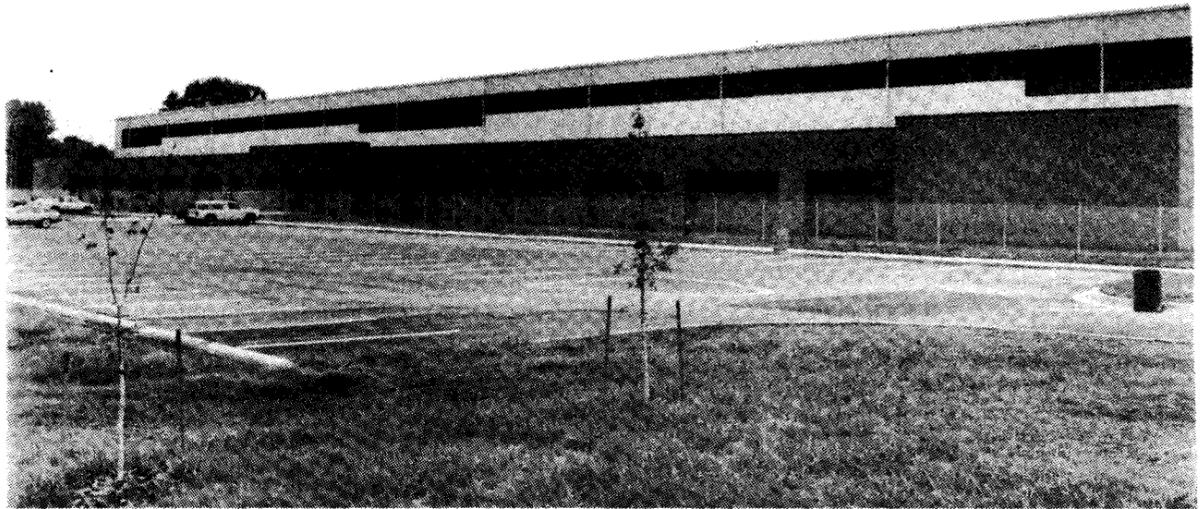
Moving into the new building will be the SHORAD Division (short range air defense division) which includes the weapon systems of the Chaparral, Redeye, Faar, and Vulcan.

The 70,000 square-foot building, located on Mauler Road, will have 10 classrooms, 6 labs, 10 offices for administrative and instructor personnel, a conference room, and a break area. In addition the high-bay portion of the building is the largest within OMMCS, measuring 500 feet long, 68 feet wide, and 36 feet high.

The building, which is the result of a four-year project, was originally designed to house the Sgt. York, or DIVADS, weapon system. When that system was halted however, the building was 70 percent complete. It was at this time the decision was made to consolidate the SHORAD Division.

"Originally the Air Defense Department was to include only the HAWK Division and the Sgt. York gun-system for now," said William Wedin of the Air Defense Training Department. "When the Sgt. York was dropped however, the decision was made to move the Redeye, Faar, Vulcan, and Chaparral systems out of the Land Combat Department, which is growing with new systems of their own, to the Air Defense Training Department."

As a result the SHORAD Division will be consolidated into one main facility with, according to Wedin, room to grow and possibly include the Sgt. York replacement in the future, or the FOGM (fiber optic guided missile).



NEW HOME — The Air Defense Training Department at OMMCS will move part of its training department into this new building.

Other features of the building include heating and air conditioning throughout, a specially designed 25-ton overhead crane (originally designed for removing Sgt. York turrets), a newly designed plastic roof held down by glue that is more lightweight and leak resistant than other materials, and a 600 foot-long gravel pad in the rear for working on track vehicles in nice weather.

Approximately 100 people run the SHORAD Division, and there are about 300- 400 students that complete their training within the division each year, although student loads are expected to increase.

As soon as some electrical work is complete the SHORAD Division will be moving into the new facility, a move that is expected to take a week.

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WASHINGTON — The Labor Department recently announced that it will apply an automatic 7.37 percent reduction to most medical payments or reimbursements processed through the Office of Workmans' Compensation Programs.

The reduction, prompted by provisions of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation, affects both direct payments to health-care providers and reimbursements for claims by employees, including reimbursements of travel expenses incurred in obtaining medical treatment, said Leon Buchanan, personnel management specialist for the Civilian Personnel Center in Alexandria, Va.

If employees pay the entire bill to the health care provider and send in a claim for reimbursement through the Labor Department, the 7.37 percent of the total bill will come out of the employees' pockets. The health care provider is not obligated to refund to the employee the reduction applied by the Labor Department. It is to the employees advantage, therefore, to let the health care providers bill the government, said a Labor Department spokesman.

Likewise, medical providers are not entitled to recover the difference between the amount billed and the amount paid by the Labor Department, Buchanan said.

Where the Labor Department does not pay the entire cost billed, employees are not obligated to pay the remaining amount. When medical providers sign form CA 16, authorization for examination and/or treatment, or form OWCP 1500, health insurance claim form, they agree to accept the government's charge determination as full payment for the covered services, Buchanan said.

If a health care provider should send a bill to the employee for the difference, the Labor Department recommends that the employee send this bill to his district office of workers' compensation programs.

The office of workers' compensation is required to make reductions to those bills paid through September 1986, Buchanan said. Notice of the reduction will be sent with each check for a reduced payment.

The only bills exempt from the reduction are those for rehabilitation maintenance, for service from rehabilitation providers, impartial medical specialists, second opinion referrals requested by OWCP personnel and physicians acting as medical advisors or consultants. Salary compensation paid for disability or death also are exempt from the reduction.

Employees who do take a loss, either for payments to medical providers or for travel expenses that were not reimbursed, may claim this amount as a deduction on their 1986 income tax form. (Arnews)

New recruiter a local native

A Huntsville native has returned to his hometown after more than twenty-two years of active duty service in the Army. SFC Roy L. Kirby has become the latest addition to the Army recruiting team in the Huntsville North Army Recruiting Station at 2519 North Memorial Parkway.

Kirby comes from the 31st Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Okla., where he served as a field artillery crewman, fuel supply sergeant, and communications crewman.

Kirby is a graduate of the Army's Advanced Non-commissioned Officers' course, the Nuclear Biochemical School, Army Retention School, and Army Recruiting School. He has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Overseas Ribbon, and the "REFORGER 86" award.

Kirby and his wife Christine have one son, William.

When he's not out recruiting for the Army you'll find Kirby at one of his favorite hobbies, which include woodworking, hunting, fishing, or working with youth groups.

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BY SKIP VAUGHN

A group of high school students will be doing research work in Army laboratories here this summer.

This is the first time the Missile Command has participated in the Defense Department's Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program. Select students are assigned to workers who have volunteered to provide summer research projects for them.

"Each student has a specific research plan that's been developed in conjunction with the mentor," said Dr. Richard Hartman, director of research for the Research, Development and Engineering Center. Mentors are volunteers from the RD&E center.

Projects include work in such areas as aerodynamics, chemistry, physics, mathematics, lasers, and optics. "It pretty well covers the spectrum of activities in the RD&E center," Hartman said. The program begins Monday, June 16 and continues for eight weeks through Aug. 8.

The 21 students are to get paid for their research. Each will do the work at his or her mentor's work site. The students will get together for weekly lectures and will present the results of their individual research on the last day. Their research papers will all be collected into a technical report, Hartman said.

There were 143 applicants for the program here, according to Dr. Katie Blanding, a university liaison specialist in Research Directorate. "It turns out we have 11 public schools represented in our final selection and one private school," she said. Since there were 20 volunteer mentors, this placed a restraint on the number of students selected.

"The restraint on the number of selections is finding qualified MICOM employees to volunteer as mentors," Hartman said. "We'll probably be able to increase the number of mentors next year."

In the Defense Department-wide program, students are placed as apprentices in government laboratories through the University of the District of Columbia. The university does this under a grant with the Office of Naval Research. About 400 students are involved in the program this year. The guidelines were written in August 1981 and the first students participated in the summer of 1982.

Besides government laboratories, the program provides for students to work in university labs that are government contractors. "The Army Research Office handles the placement of apprentices in university laboratories," Hartman said.

This is MICOM's first summer with this particular program. In past summers it has hired high school students who were regional science fair winners. About four of these international science fair finalists have worked here in the last three years. The new program here will serve as a supplement. In fact, the two regional science fair winners this year are among the 21 participants in the apprenticeship program.

"The only real criteria (for selection) is interest and demonstrated aptitude in science, math or engineering," Hartman said. They also must be U.S. citizens.

The students range from age 15-18 and are either entering their junior year or were recently graduated, according to Blanding, the university liaison specialist. Most of the applications came from A-students "which made it very difficult to select," she said. They had to have recommendations from teachers.

Their research projects will vary. One student will be doing research on holography for recognizing targets; another will investigate how radio waves go through materials; and another will determine the aerodynamic characteristics of controllable parachutes or "parafoils." One payment for their work is to come midway through the program; and the second and final payment will come upon receipt of the research report. An oral and written report will be due. The students will be paid "essentially minimum wage," according to Hartman.

"The purpose (of the program) is two-fold," he said. "One is to encourage outstanding students to enter careers in science and engineering by exposing them to a real research environment; so in that sense, we're doing a service to the government and the country. On the other side, we expect to see more than the value of dollars spent... We expect to get a lot of good research."

Students participating in the program include: From Madison County—Becky Brindley, David Mattox and

Scott Smith, all of Huntsville High School; Lauren Frey, Wendy Richards and Lucas Wilson, all of Randolph School; Sandra Pessoney and William Keal, both of Grissom High School; and Brian Baeder of Hazel Green High School. From Limestone County—Richard Hall, science fair winner, and Byron Gross, both of Athens High School; Sean Hicks of Ardmore High School; Rita Harris of Tanner High School; and Robert Worcester of East Limestone High School. From Morgan County—Mary C. Braddock, Murray H. Harris and Elizabeth Little, all of Decatur High School; William Blocksome and Amy Lewis, science fair winner, both of Hartselle High School; Christopher Anders of Falkville High School; and Travis Taylor of Brewer High School.



MENTOR — Dr. Ann Stanley, a research chemist, is among 20 members of RD&E center who have volunteered to serve as mentors for high school students who will be doing research work here this summer.

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Organizations having conferences or workshops should contact the billeting office for lodging for their group, according to Keat. "One hotel has meeting rooms available if one is needed," she said.

A move toward contracting with off post lodging began in 1983 when it was determined that money could be saved. In fiscal 1984, the 6,742 statements of nonavailability issued at Redstone exceeded \$2.2 million, based on a hotel rate of \$39 per night.

"The bids that we received were less than \$25 per night, so the dollar savings would be in excess of three-quarters of a million," Keat said.

Redstone was not the first installation to make the move toward contract lodging. This has happened at other Army posts and in the Air Force and Navy.

"Since '83, we've been gathering together the specifications to be used in contracting with facilities off post," Keat said. "Myself and another person went to Fort McClellan to see how their system was set

up. We're basically using the same type of procedure that they are."

In order to get a contract, an off post facility had to meet Army billeting standards. The specifications here are basically the same ones being used at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., and Fort McClellan, Ala.

The new procedures should be easier for travelers, according to Keat. After first contacting the billeting office, they can get their statement of nonavailability at the contract facility. "The statement of nonavailability is on the referral form that can be picked up at the contract referral desk," Keat said. "It will eliminate them having to come into our office."

The billeting office was scheduled to move today to building 244, the guest house on Goss Road. No disruption of service was expected in the move from building 111. The office will be opening a half hour earlier at its new location; its new hours are 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. seven days a week. Also, the move will "centralize the billeting operation and (it will) be more convenient for our customers to pick up keys and pay bills at one location," Keat said.

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In the nearly 13 years since that last draftee, the Army has enlisted more than 1,764,500 men and 235,500 women.

"There was a great deal of apprehension about whether an all-recruited Army would work," said Maj. Gen. Allen K. Ono. He commands the U.S. Army Recruiting Command at Fort Sheridan. "The Gates [study] Commission said that it was possible, in

theory, to make it work. We've proved it in practice.

"We are especially proud that, despite a declining number of young people and an improving economy, we have continued to provide the strength for the Army. But the numbers alone wouldn't mean much without quality recruits," Ono said.

In both fiscal years 1984 and 1985, more than 90 percent of non-prior-service recruits had high school diplomas. In fiscal year 1980, only 54 percent of the Army's non-prior-service recruits were high school graduates. By comparison, about 75 percent of the na-

tion's enlistment-age population has a high school diploma.

A second way the Army measures quality is the Armed Forces Qualification Test. In 1980, 26 percent of Army recruits scored in the upper half of that test. That number has been rising each year, reaching 63 percent in 1985.

At the same time, the proportion of recruits who score in the lowest acceptable category on the entrance exam has declined. In 1980, 52 percent of Army (See Recruit cont'd on page 20)

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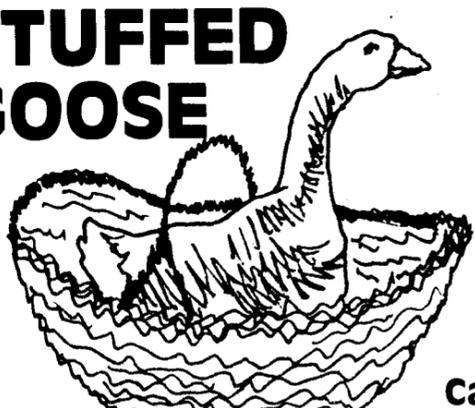
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Services work to assign married members together

By Tom Joyce
American Forces Press Service

When Cupid fires his arrow of love, it sometimes lands squarely in the hearts of two active duty military members. In many cases, marriage follows.

But Cupid usually doesn't stop to think of the unique problems inherent in military marriages, one of which can be a joint assignment.

It's not always easy, but the services have track records they can be proud of when it comes to co-locating same-service married military members. When service members marry outside their service, the task of getting them assigned together is even more difficult — but not impossible.

Discussions with service personnel specialists who work with joint domicile assignments reveal many of the same requirements.

Richard K. Hile, with the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, sums up an Army policy that is reflected in each service: "The Army will do all it can to support joint domicile, but the needs of the Army come first."

Currently, 85 percent of Army military couples are assigned together. But there are no guarantees in any service. None will create positions solely for the purpose of assigning military couples together.

"And even if we are able to find billets (positions), they may not be the most career-enhancing billets there are," said Lt. Kathy Buscher, policy directives coordinator with the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Buscher added that if billets cannot be found, the couple will have to be separated. Still, the Navy reports that 97 percent of its military couples are stationed together.

The important thing for married servicemembers is to become involved in the assignment process. Air Force Master Sgt. Dave Vasquez of the Air Force

Manpower and Personnel Center said, "Military couples have to share the responsibility to heighten their chances of becoming assigned together. They need to be fully aware of the rules and procedures." Vasquez, who reports an 86 percent success rate with the Air Force, said getting military couples assigned together takes a lot of hard work.

A Marine Corps spokesman agreed. "A lot of times Marines get married while they are in school and fail to tell the Marine Corps. When their orders come through assigning them to different parts of the world, they become frustrated. In many instances, Marines get married after they have received their orders."

The key, agree all services, is to get involved in the process as soon as possible. Hile reports that if couples plan far enough ahead, there is a chance they could be together for training and overseas assignments. But, because of the military mission, some separation is to be expected.

Sometimes the requirements of the services are so unique that married couples can't be accommodated. And even though your opening question to another servicemember who's caught your fancy can't be, "What's your career field?" it's a definite consideration.

"It's easier to assign people together when they are in the same career field," said Hile. "There are some exotic specialties that are needed only in one place in the world."

Another consideration is rank. Vasquez said the higher in rank the military couple is, the more difficult it becomes to assign them together. "We also cannot assign one spouse as the supervisor of the other," he said.

Each service has basic eligibility requirements for couples who want to be assigned together. Some of those requirements are unique. Servicemen and women who are contemplating marriage should contact their personnel office as soon as possible to heighten their chances of being assigned together.



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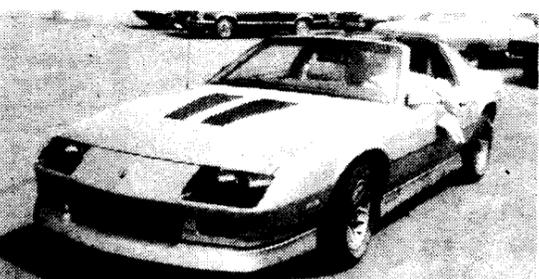
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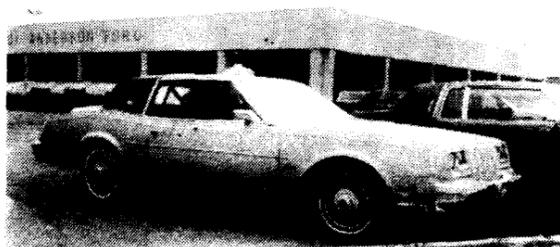
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Medical facilities can best keep patient records

BY DONNA BOLINGER
American Forces Press Service

Members of the civilian medical community throw their arms up in horror when they learn that in military medical facilities, patients frequently keep their own outpatient medical records and hand carry them to medical facilities when seeking treatment.

Civilian medical records, explained Dr. Edward Blount, DOD special assistant for medical affairs, belong not to the patient, but to the attending medical facility.

Not so in the military, where they are U.S. government property. And while by regulation all patients at these facilities are required to leave their records with their medical facility, all too often they don't.

Inpatient records are kept on file by the treating facility. But because of the mobility of the military community and the frequent use of more than one medical facility by one patient, patients often keep their own outpatient records.

Blunt said this often backfires on the patient in the form of lost or incomplete health records.

"What they sometimes end up with is a hodge-podge of 20 or more years of paperwork that they

carry around in the trunk of their cars," according to Lt. Col. Fred McLain, director of patient administration at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

"We find that the records are in no rational order, some are duplicated and some missing altogether. And if a patient visits more than one (military medical) facility, the people at those facilities have no idea where the lab reports from those visits should be sent — so they end up in the dead record file."

McLain pointed to other pitfalls in maintaining one's own outpatient health records. "In an emergency," he said, "only the patient knows where his records are. Nobody else knows to look in the trunk of his car."

And if the patient maintains his own outpatient records, it could interfere with security clearance verification, make legal claims against the government nearly impossible for a patient to prove, and seriously hamper identification efforts if the patient is killed, he said.

Blount recommends that all service members, family members and retirees keep their outpatient medical records at the medical facility they most frequently visit, and when visiting another facility, that they

notify the medical personnel there where to send record updates.

While assuring that the records are safe and readily accessible, this also gives the medical facility an opportunity to update them with laboratory reports and medical consultation sheets that sometimes aren't ready for entry until some time after an outpatient visit.

It also means that information about any inpatient care received is included in his outpatient records.

If a service member maintains his and his dependents' own records, he alone is responsible for documenting this information in his medical records.

Blount said a patient compromises no privacy by allowing a military medical facility to maintain his medical records. Even medical personnel must sign them in and out while working on the records. And non-medical personnel — even a service member's commander — are not granted access to these records without the patient's authorization.

He recommended that service members request a complete copy of their and their dependents' outpatient records and inpatient summary reports from their medical facility so they, too, have a detailed record of their medical histories.

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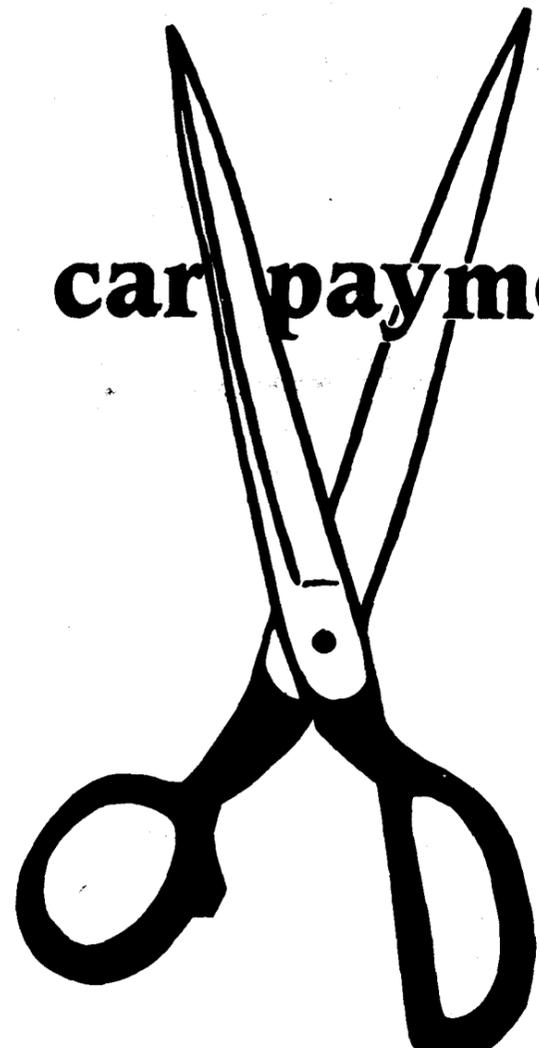
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Japan will export military technology to the U.S.

By Tom Joyce
American Forces Press Service

Japan has a reputation for making everything from televisions to automobiles better than everyone else.

It is viewed as a technological giant — and some perceive this prowess to extend to modern military equipment. But, so far, the flow of military technology between Japan and the United States has been a one-way street to Japan.

The result of this flow, according to Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering Donald A. Hicks has been "improvements in Japanese forces, standardization of equipment with our (U.S.) forces, and the enhancement of Japan's industrial base."

In the past, Japan did not sell military hardware or

technology to other countries because such sales were interpreted as a violation of the Japanese constitution. They will continue to restrict the sale of military hardware.

However, in 1983, Japan and the United States concluded an agreement permitting the export of Japanese military technology to the United States. These transfers, said Hicks, could advance U.S. weapons system development programs and strengthen the United States defense industrial base.

Gerald Sullivan, assistant deputy under secretary of defense for international programs, said the Japanese military technology transfer agreement is a "significant change in policy for Japan."

This new, unique policy was bound to come about, said Sullivan, for three reasons:

- Japan has a security treaty with the United States
- Japan is a technical giant and is becoming more so
- it has become politically difficult for the United States to continue the one-way flow of technology.

However, as Hicks pointed out, the benefit from this change in Japanese policy can come about only if the services and industry actively pursue technology research and development cooperation with Japanese industry and government.

Sullivan concurs. "Defense industry personnel tend to be more comfortable working with Europeans," he said. "Japan and its people are new to them, and

naturally some people are uncomfortable with things they do not know."

But Sullivan emphasized that those feelings must change. "Japan is part of the Free World. They have the second biggest economy next to ours and will continue to grow in technological prowess. We must work together with Japan as partners — in a mature relationship — to ensure the best technology is employed in our mutual security."

The United States is expected to benefit in this exchange from Japanese advances in areas such as components, microelectronics, optics, materials and electronic devices. Sullivan added that the United States will also benefit from Japanese reliability designs, manufacturing methods, robotics and machine intelligence.

In some areas — lightweight, high-strength, high-temperature materials for example — the transfer of Japanese technology could help keep the United States superior to the Soviets.

The technology will not be free nor will there be unlimited access. "Some payment will be made," said Sullivan. "Each request will be negotiated separately either on a government-to-government or company-to-company basis."

Some technologies will continue to be out of reach to U.S. defense industries. "Japan isn't about to release some of their most advanced technology," said Sullivan.



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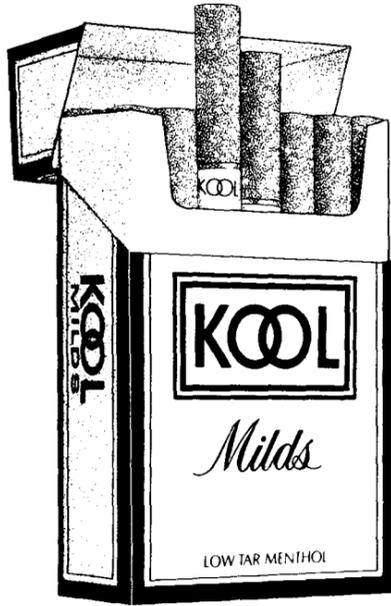
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Allied students lend hand to American campaign camp

Some allied students from Redstone participated in the recent Hands Across America Campaign.

"All of the students who participated thought it was fantastic that Americans were pulling together to accomplish a goal," said Capt. Eddie Stahl, commander of Allied Training Detachment.

Initially the 38 allied students and their families, representing 12 different countries, went to Memphis on an information tour. Finding that part of the Hands Across America Campaign, May 25, was occurring only a block from the hotel where they were staying was enough incentive for them.

"I think it is great to help the hungry and the homeless," said Kung-Tein Cheng, a native of Taiwan. "It makes people closer to each other."

Cheng's fellow countryman, Tein-Chi Shen, said he thought the United States was a beautiful country and that he too was impressed by the event.

"This was in line with the security assistance training program we provide," Stahl said. "This shows them that we are the home of the free and brave and that we are motivated and care for each other."



HAND IN HAND — Joining hands like they did in the Hands Across America Campaign are, from left, SFC Luis Pina of Spain, his son Luisito, Capt. Eddie Stahl, information officer Larry Bland, Capt. Tein-Chi Shen of Taiwan, and 1st Lt. Kung-Tein Cheng of Taiwan.



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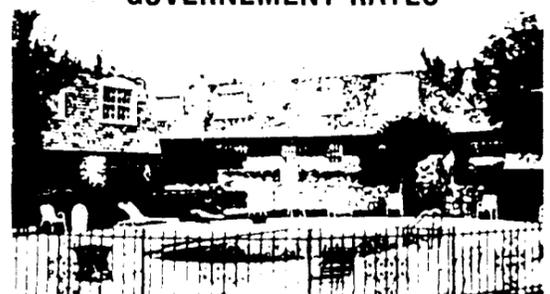
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Army medical department adopting regimental plan

WASHINGTON — The seven corps within the U.S. Army Medical Department (AMEDD) will retain their individual identity when the medical regimental plan is implemented this summer.

The Army Medical Department Corps' Regimental Plan is a "whole branch" concept that includes all related medical fields. Activating with the AMEDD Corps will be the Medical Corps, Medical Service Corps, Army Medical Specialist Corps, Veterinary Corps, Dental Corps, Army Nurse Corps, and the AMEDD Enlisted Corps, said Lt. Col. Ray Elizondo from the Office of the Surgeon General in Falls Church, Va.

Elizondo explained that the soldiers in the various corps will remain with their corps when the regimental system takes effect. The Medical Corps, for example, will be for doctors and physician assistants, while the Medical Service Corps will include officers with pharmacy, supply and administrative specialties, along with the allied sciences, optometry and sanitary engineering. The Medical Specialist Corps includes such officer specialists as dietitians, nutritionists, and physical and occupational therapists. Enlisted soldiers in the 32 medical MOSs will affiliate with the AMEDD Enlisted Corps, he said.

Soldiers affiliated with the AMEDD Corps also have an opportunity to associate with a combat arms regiment, he said. "Association" is the voluntarily

elect identification with a combat arms regiment for the purpose of receiving recurring assignments to that regiment. According to the AMEDD Corps Regimental Plan, AMEDD Corps soldiers may voluntarily associate with a combat arms regiment by submitting requests to their respective personnel office. An AMEDD soldier may associate with a combat arms regiment only when the authorization documents for that soldier's MOS and grade in the regiment. Associating with a combat arms regiment, however, does not guarantee that assignments to that regiment will be made during the soldier's career, Elizondo said.

The regimental colors adopted are based on a design created in the early 1800s for the Army Medical Department. The motto of the AMEDD Corps continues to be "To Conserve Fighting Strength."

The Surgeon General will serve as the Regimental Commander of the AMEDD Corps. The Deputy Surgeon General will serve as the Deputy AMEDD Corps Commander. The chiefs of each of the Corps within the AMEDD will serve as deputy corps commanders for their respective corps. That is, the Chief, Army Nurse Corps will be the Deputy AMEDD Corps Commander for the Army Nurse Corps.

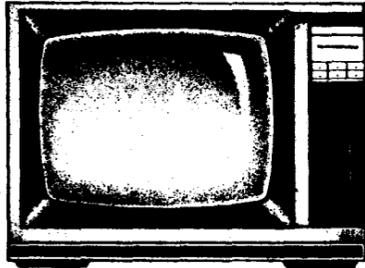
Approximately 57,000 officer and enlisted soldiers in the active Army, and all of the AMEDD personnel

in the Army National Guard and Reserve, are affected by the Regimental System implementation.

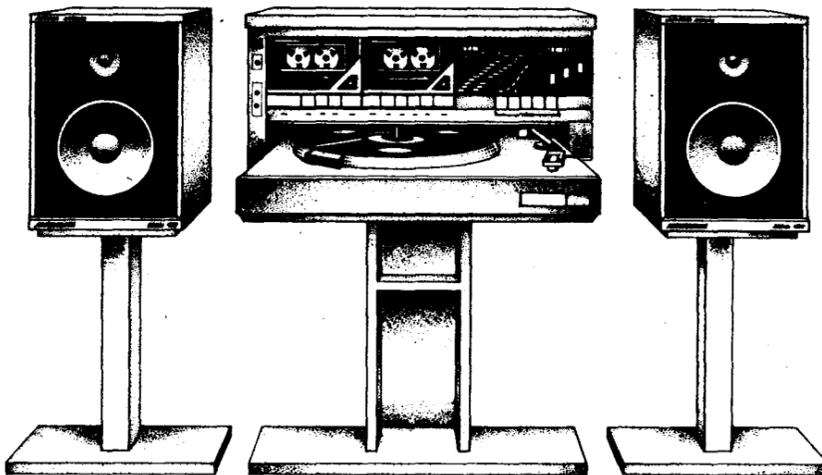
The activation ceremony is scheduled for July 27 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. It marks the 211th anniversary of the creation of the Hospital Department by the Continental Congress in 1775. The Hospital Department was the forerunner of the Army Medical Department. (Arnews)



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Voting assistance workshops planned

WASHINGTON — The Army's move toward encouraging soldiers and their family members to vote has led to the development of a service-sponsored voting assistance workshop.

The Army participated in Defense Department-sponsored workshops earlier this year, and then initiated its own program in March for use at larger installations worldwide.

During the workshop, voting assistance officers, as well as unit senior non-commissioned officers, gain an understanding of the service's Voting Assistance Program and the Voting Assistance Guide, Army Pamphlet 360-503. They should take the information they gained to the soldiers in their units, said Thomas Fezell, Army voting program coordinator. The workshop also features speakers who explain the benefits of voting and the statistics for the 1984 elections. So far, the program has been presented at Fort Shafter, Hawaii; Fort Hood, Texas; the Pentagon; Fort Bragg, N.C.; and Seoul, Republic of Korea. Four workshops are planned for Europe, and one at Fort Ord, Calif.

Fezell said that 1984 voting statistics reveal the need for such workshops. Only 43.2 percent of all active-duty soldiers voted in that election. That's the lowest rate among the services. The Navy had 64.5 per-

cent of their personnel vote, the Air Force had 60.4 percent and the Marines had 59.9 percent. The national average for that year was 54 percent.

"We missed the soldiers, primarily, in the lower ranks," Fezell said. "We don't really know why. But we think it's because our Voting Assistance Program is not as good as it should be. We don't have the continued command emphasis that we need to be successful."

For the program to be really successful, leaders need to get involved, Fezell said. "All the information commanders need on voting is available in pamphlets. But motivational messages and pamphlets alone will not make the program work; commanders must support it and push it," he said. "You can't make people vote, but you can make sure they have the opportunity to vote."

With the elections this summer and fall, Fezell hopes to see a greater number of soldiers and family members vote. Between May 3 and Sept. 20, 49 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Virgin Islands will hold primary elections. The general election is scheduled for Nov. 4. All U.S. Congressional seats and 33 U.S. Senate seats will be elected this year, as well as 39 governors and many other state and local officials. (Arnews)

Leadership course becomes prerequisite

WASHINGTON — Soldiers now have another reason for attending and successfully completing a Primary Leadership Development Course. Last July, PLDC became mandatory for promotion to staff sergeant. Effective Oct. 1, all Army soldiers will have to successfully complete a PLDC before they can attend a Basic Non-commissioned Officer Course.

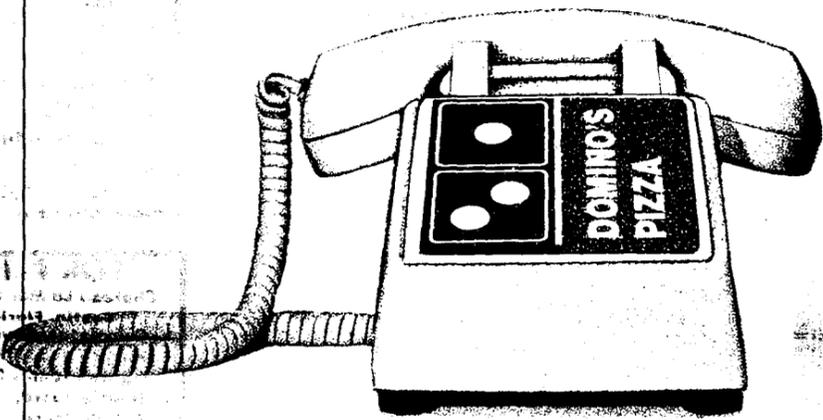
The 4-week PLDC, designed for promotable specialists 4/corporals through staff sergeants, is a non-MOS-specific leadership course. Its emphasis is on how to lead and train, and the duties, responsibilities and authority of the NCO. Emphasis is also placed on leadership in a combat environment. It is taught at Army NCO academies in the United States and overseas. There are 30 NCO academies Armywide.

The PLDC is the first step of the four-level Non-commissioned Officer Education System. Level two is the Basic Non-commissioned Officer Course (BNCOC); level three is the Advanced Non-commissioned Officer Course (ANCO); level four is the Senior Non-commissioned Officer Course (SNCO), known better as the Sergeants Major Academy.

Sgt. Maj. Willie C. Lewis, senior staff NCO with the Institutional Training Branch of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, said, "Although the new policy takes effect on Oct. 1, it does not mean that commanders should wait until that time to investigate which soldiers in their units need to attend the PLDC. The objective is to identify and nominate NCOs who need to go."

This new requirement is a result of findings of the chief of staff-directed NCO Professional Development Study Group which evaluated the existing NCO training program last year. The study group recommended mandatory attendance to ensure all soldiers receive appropriate training in a progressive, sequential manner to improve promotion potential. (Arnews)

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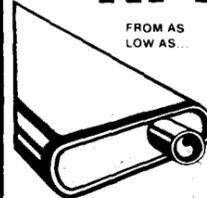
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Run for Liberty

Runners from Redstone who would like to participate in Stroh's Run for Liberty III in Birmingham on Saturday, June 28 can travel by bus. There will be a bus departing the post gym at 5:30 that morning. The largest team from Redstone will receive a party sponsored by Stroh's, according to Sgt. Maj. Lloyd Stokes. This is the third running of the Liberty Run, an 8-kilometer run in Birmingham. Entry fees are \$8 if postmarked by June 22; \$10 after that date. A \$2 minimum from each entry fee will be included in Stroh's pledge to the Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation Inc. For more information, call Stokes 876-4959.

Military comptrollers

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will sponsor a day-long training session at the Officers Club on July 10. The theme, "Personal and Professional Growth," will be explored by guest speakers and video tapes. Registration will be from 8-8:30 a.m. Training cost is \$25. Maj. Gen. Thomas Reese is the scheduled luncheon speaker. Those unable to attend the seminar are welcome to attend the luncheon, which will be the July meeting. Cost for the meal is \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. For more information on the training, call Nancy Rostollan 876-5864.

Red Cross blood program

Today — building 111 (bus), 8-noon; building 3480 north (515th Ordnance Company), 10-2. June 13— building 4566 (bus), 8-noon; 4488, 7:30-12:30. June 14— building 3209 (8th Student Company), 8-noon. June 17— building 4752 (NASA), 8:30-12:30. June 18— 3711 (Recreation Center), 9-noon. June 20— building 5681 (bus), 7-1; 7442 (bus), 8-noon. The installation blood program coordinator, Sp4 Diana Fox, can be reached at 876-1793.

Red Cross drive winners

Here are winners of the March Red Cross blood drive: 1-50 category, Human Engineering Detachment, coordinator Robert Bell; 51-100, Management & Admin Control Office, RASA, coordinator Jean Keahey; 101-200, Multiple Launch Rocket System, coordinator Alma Whitehead; 201-400, Missile & Space Intelligence Center, coordinator Bertiera Humphrey; and 400-over, Missile Logistics Center, coordinator Cindy McDougall.

Civilian counseling briefing

A Civilian Counseling Service briefing is presented regularly to keep supervisors of Army civilian employees informed of services available to help those who may have personal problems which impact job performance. The presentation covers the Employee Counseling Services Program provided in Army regulation 600-85, the Federal Personnel Manual, and the determinations of the Merit System Protection Board. The Army Materiel Command and Missile Command policy is that at least 80 percent of all supervisors participate in this training during each fiscal year. Other employees are encouraged to attend and become familiar with the program. The next scheduled session will be conducted from 8:30-10 a.m. June 17 in conference room A-115, building 5250.

Chapel events

An Eastern Orthodox Liturgy is set for 7:00 tonight at Post Chapel. The Rev. Elias Scoulas of Huntsville will perform the service. A Protestant Potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m. June 15 at Bicentennial Chapel. All are invited to bring a dish to share and join the fellowship. Ecumenical Vacation Church School is scheduled for 9-11:30 weekday mornings June 16-25 at Bicentennial Chapel. All military children ages 3 through those who have just completed sixth grade are invited. Parents are asked to register their children in person at Bicentennial Chapel.

Bicycle registration

Boy Scout Troop 308 will be conducting bicycle registration at the east Bicentennial Chapel parking lot on Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call Greg Haas 830-4545. All bicycles on Redstone Arsenal must be registered with the provost marshal office, according to MICOM regulation 210-2.

Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous meets 11:15 to noon on Thursdays at the Post Chapel. For more information, call 532-7013.

Motorcycle course

It is past June 1 and unless motorcyclists have the right decal they are subject to a citation, according to the Army Education Office. Motorcycles are being stopped at the gate. The guards have been instructed to issue citations to military, civilian and contract personnel who have not taken a motorcycle safety course. A six and a half hour course has been offered here since March 15. To reserve a space in the next class— taught Saturday or Sunday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. —call Shirley Dowdy or Reita Perry 876-9761.

Government employees

All government employees are invited to attend a meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 18 in the meeting room at the new Comfort Inn, 3788 University Drive NW (next to Bennigan's restaurant). A representative will discuss and answer questions about the National Alliance for Postal and Government Employees. He will also give information that should be helpful when filing a grievance or equal employment opportunity complaint.

Women's health seminar

A women's health seminar will be held at the GYN clinic at Fox Army Community Hospital from 10-11 a.m. June 25. The topic will be "menopause." For more information, call Debra Daniel 876-4158/4159.

Steak cookout

MICOM's Logistics Assistance Program is hosting a steak cookout from 6-9 p.m. June 24 at the Rustic Lodge on post. The event is in conjunction with the 1986 "LAR conference." Cost is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children under 12. For reservations call 876-5329/5972.

EOD division picnic

The annual EOD Division picnic is set for June 28 at Vincent Drive park on post. Scheduled hours are 10-11 a.m. at Corkern Range, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Vincent park. Rain date is July 12. Cut off date for purchasing tickets is June 20. For more information call SFC Ricky Kirby or MSgt. Henry Hubbard 876-1921/3482.

Preseparation orientation

The next preseparation orientation (not retiree orientation) for military people with ETS or release from active duty dates through Sept. 30 will be conducted from 8-11:30 a.m. June 16 in room 119 of Toftoy Hall, building 3495. Representatives from Veterans Administration, Employment Service, Military Pay Division and others will be present to answer questions. Spouses are encouraged to attend. It is mandatory for specified Army personnel to attend.

Comptroller careerists

In preparation for the annual screening panel for career program 11 (comptroller), a briefing is scheduled for this afternoon at 1:00 in room A-115 of building 5250. This is to explain "the changes to the SKAP submission for 1986." The new SKAP packages will be distributed at the briefing.

MICOM picnic sports

The 1986 MICOM Family Picnic will have tournaments for softball, volleyball, horseshoes, golf, and frisbee golf. No entry fee will be required; trophies will be awarded. Get entries in by June 20 to Denise Boone 876-4206 for volleyball and horseshoes, or Ron Hall 895-4991 for softball. Golf and frisbee golf registration will be on the day of the picnic (Saturday, July 19).

Picnic volunteers

Volunteers are needed to serve as bingo callers at the MICOM Family Picnic. If you can call bingo that day, phone Anita Lopez 876-5524/1026.

NCMA workshop

The National Contract Management Association will hold a workshop entitled "Auditing of Government Contracts" at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 19 at the Carriage Inn Motel. The workshop will be led by Milt Looney, an auditor with Defense Contract Auditing Agency. The workshop, including dinner, costs \$15 per person. For reservations call Tommie Conners 876-2426, Jim Reynolds 895-5631 or Bob Mick 882-7260.

Support group

A pregnancy loss and infertility support group meets every third Monday at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 3209 Whitesburg Drive. Next meeting is June 16. For more information, call 882-2481 or 830-1928.

Singles group

Huntsville Singletarians is "a way for thoughtful and friendly single women and men to meet and get acquainted in a non-pressured sort of way." The group meets regularly for hikes, movies, discussions, parties and other events. Its discussion topic for June 14, entitled "Is There Really A Marriage Crunch?," is based on an article in the June 4th issue of Newsweek magazine. For more information, call Joyce 539-1413 or Doak 882-6563.

Logistics engineers

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Society of Logistics Engineers will have its monthly business luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. June 19 at the Officers Club. Guest speaker Col. Ed Snow of OMMCS is to discuss "Electronic Maintenance Structure Study." For reservations call Glenn Smith 876-9569 or Teri McGinnis 876-8186.

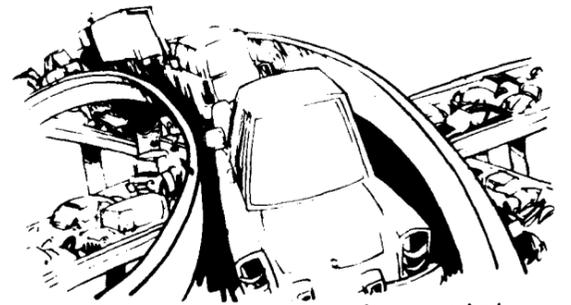
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Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of North Alabama Inc. announces the annual opening of Camp Trico, a summer resident camp for girls 6-17 located in the wooded hills overlooking Guntersville Lake. Camp begins June 20, with sessions offered through July 26, according to Pat Gunter, camp director. For more information call the Girl Scout Service Center in Huntsville 883-1020.

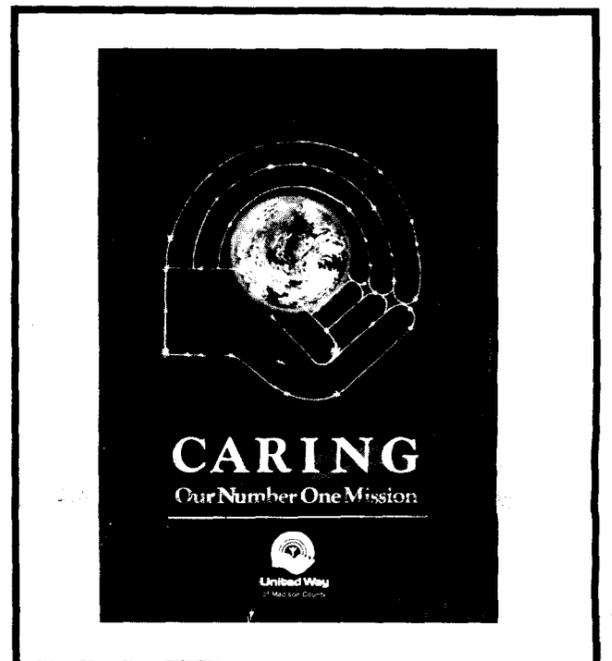
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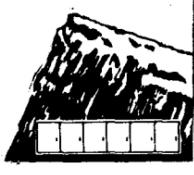
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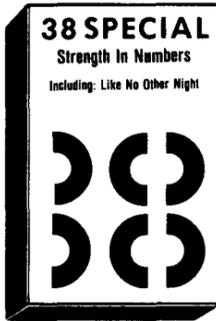
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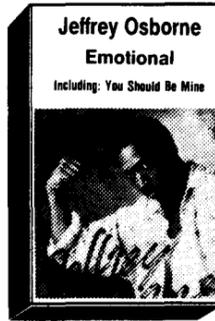
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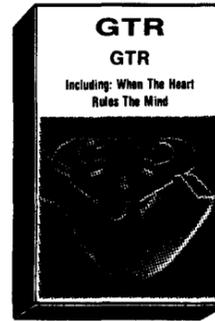
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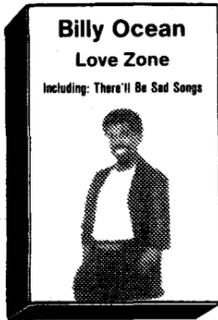
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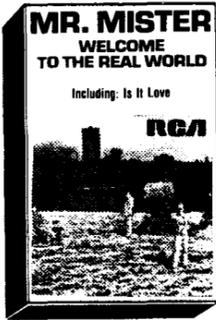
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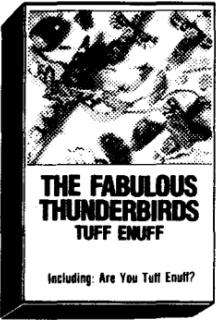
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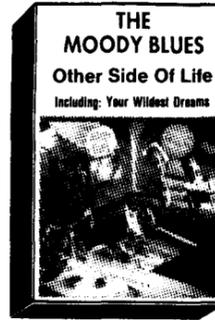
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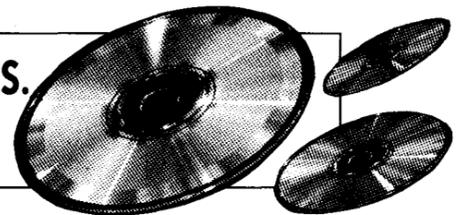


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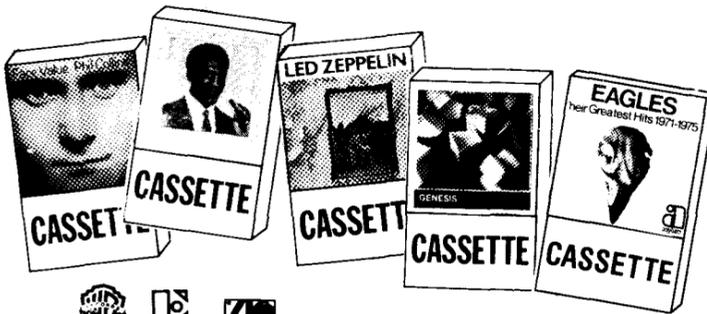


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