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Air defense system gets Defense Department approval

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department has approved in concept the Army's plan to improve battlefield air defense for Army divisions and authorized full scale engineering development to begin on one of its five key elements, a command and control system.

Development, procurement and deployment of the new Forward Area Air Defense System (FAAD) will be a major responsibility of the Missile Command over the next 10 years. Army briefers who discussed the FAAD concept with reporters here Aug. 18 said current best estimates of the total cost are about \$11 billion.

The new plan, presented to a DOD review in late July and approved Aug. 14 by Deputy Defense Secretary William H. Taft IV, involves fielding both new and off-the-shelf weapon systems to counter attack helicopters, fixed wing attack aircraft and unmanned or remotely piloted aircraft.

MICOM's Fiber Optic Guided Missile is the leading candidate for one of the new weapons sought for

FAAD, a Non-Line-of-Sight system capable of finding and killing helicopters hidden behind trees or hills. Army briefers told newsmen they expect a DOD decision on full scale development of FOG-M or another system that could fill the same role in March 1987. They estimated total costs of \$2.7 billion for a system that would enter service in fiscal 1991.

The Army will conduct a shoot-off next year among industry competitors and select a Line-of-Sight-Forward-Heavy system consisting of missiles and guns mounted on tracked vehicles. Fielding is expected to begin in fiscal 1991 at an estimated cost of \$3.5 billion for this weapon, which will perform essentially the same mission the Army once planned for the Sgt. York, air defense gun system canceled last year.

A third FAAD component, a Line-of-Sight-Rear weapon will consist of Stinger missiles mounted on High Mobility, Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HM-

MWVS). The Army has invited industry to present candidate weapons for a shoot-off later this year, and intends to select one and begin fielding it in 1989 at an estimated cost of \$1.3 billion.

Army briefers said the Army would spend about \$800 million to improve anti-aircraft capabilities of the M-1 tank, Bradley fighting vehicle and helicopters. They would include new ammunition for the tank, modifications to the Bradley 25 mm cannon and its sighting system and mounting Stinger missiles on helicopters for air to air combat.

The fifth FAAD component, the Command, Control and Intelligence System will use ground and air based sensors to collect target data and feed it to the FAAD weapons. Army briefers said the aerial sensor may be carried in manned or unmanned aircraft or balloons. Estimated cost of fielding the command and control system is \$2.5 billion with fielding to begin in fiscal 1991.

Budget deficit won't necessarily mean automatic cuts

WASHINGTON — The Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Management and Budget recently took an initial Gramm-Rudman-Hollings "snapshot" projection of the fiscal year 1987 budget deficit.

On Aug. 20, the two offices submitted to the Government Accounting Office estimates of federal revenues and outlays, based on their current economic assumptions (inflation, the gross national product, the unemployment rate and the like) for the upcoming fiscal year. The General Accounting Office will average the two offices' estimates and include the results in a report to the president and Congress on Aug. 25. The GAO report reflected a \$163.4 billion deficit, exceeding by 19.4 the \$144 billion Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit target as imposed under the Balanced Budget and Deficiency Control Act of 1985, said Steve Bagby, chief of the Army's budget execution division.

However, this excess doesn't mean automatic budget cuts. What it does mean is that Congress must

endure additional pressure to reduce the fiscal year 1987 budget (not yet passed) or to increase taxes to meet the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings ceiling before Oct. 1, when an automatic budget cut would be imposed. If Congress can accomplish this, the cut would be avoided, Bagby said.

The incentive for Congress to make necessary adjustments during September is great, Bagby said. Until the budget-cut order is announced Oct. 1, Congress has the latitude to order cuts or raise revenues in whatever way it sees fit. The overall effect of this action probably would be less traumatic than the alternative — an automatic 5 percent cut the president would otherwise order on Oct. 1. (The percentage for the cut is calculated based on a formula detailed by law.) The cuts would be applied to each of the Defense Department's more than 4,000 programs, projects and activities.

The Army is hoping for a congressional solution, even though that route still would put pressure on the

service's fiscal 1987 budget in Congress, Bagby said.

"If Congress is the one making the cuts, at least we have the latitude to fight for our budget. We have participated in taking cuts in the past, but we don't want to face automatic, across-the-board cuts. We want to protect our budget," he explained. "If the order to cut the budget takes effect, it would limit our ability to negotiate."

Come Oct. 1, the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget office will take a second snapshot to determine where the federal deficit stands in light of any actions Congress might have taken during September.

If the deficit has not been sufficiently reduced, a presidential order would be issued on Oct. 15, and the budget-cutting process would proceed. The defense department would absorb 50 percent of the total cuts. Domestic programs would absorb the remaining 50 percent. (Arnews)

Remodeled rifle will soon be in the hands of soldiers

WASHINGTON — The soldier's basic combat weapon, the M-16A1 rifle, has undergone extensive remodeling.

The newly designated M-16A2 incorporates changes affecting many of the component parts of the rifle and will fire improved 5.56mm ammunition — the M-855

ball and M-856 tracer. These are the same-sized rounds being used with the Squad Automatic Weapon (M-249) and with comparable weapons in use by NATO countries. The M-16A2 will fire the M-16A1's 5.56mm rounds.

The new stock is longer by five eighths of an inch.

This change will help improve the soldier's shooting, explained John Post, weapon system matrix manager for the M-16A2 rifle.

Soldiers will find the rifle heavier by about a pound as a result of a heavier barrel. The barrel will also have a higher rate of twist than the M-16A1 (1:7 as compared to 1:12) to provide stability for the longer and heavier projectile. The new projectile will increase the effective range from 450 meters to 600 meters, he said.

A new muzzle compensator/flash hider at the front of the rifle keeps the rifle from rising while being fired; it also prevents the gasses from flashing during night firing.

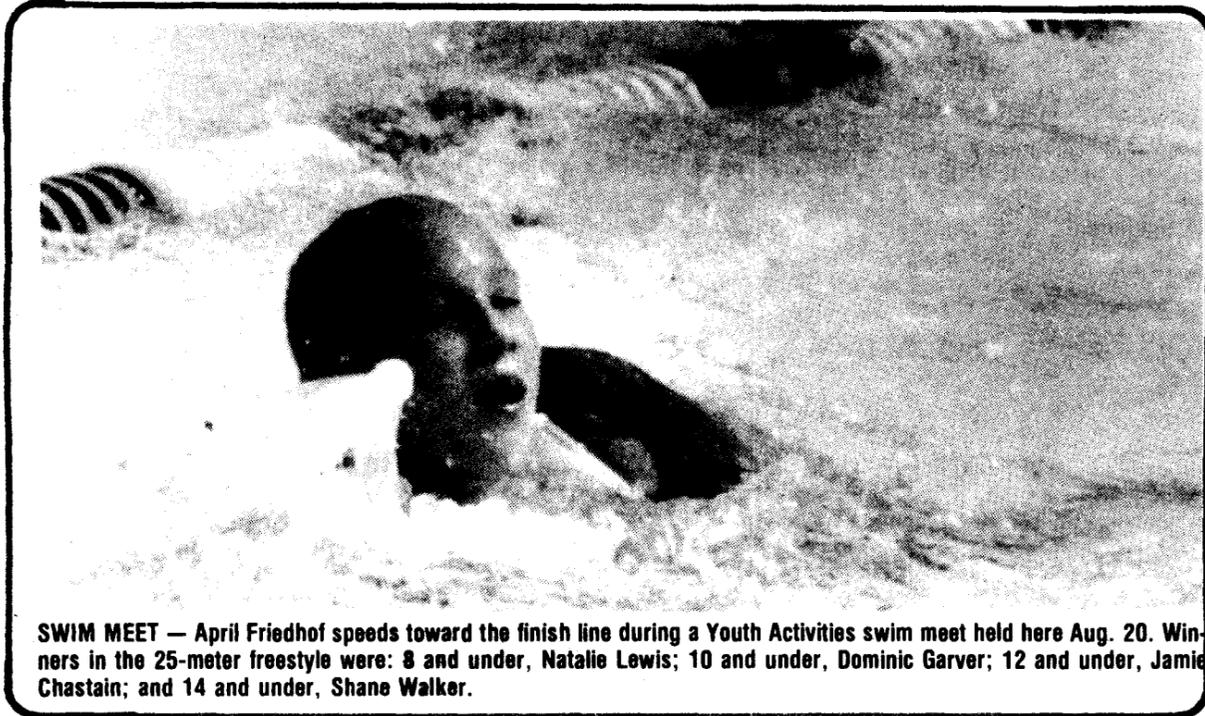
Post explained that a square front-sight post is replacing the old flared sight to improve target hit probability.

The newer rifle has a more sophisticated rear sight with windage and elevation knobs for easy adjustment. With the M-16A1 a pointed object, such as a nail, was needed to change the rear sight.

Soldiers also will find new, cylindrical handguards — made of a stronger material. These will look much like a soda can, said Post. The handguards are split on the horizontal plane. No longer will right and left sides need to be stocked, because the sides can be interchanged. The ring at the back of the handguards now is tapered for easier grip when reinstalling the handguards after maintenance.

The upper receiver has a spent-cartridge case built in to protect the left handed firer from hot spent cartridges.

(See Rifle, cont'd on page 4)



SWIM MEET — April Friedhof speeds toward the finish line during a Youth Activities swim meet held here Aug. 20. Winners in the 25-meter freestyle were: 8 and under, Natalie Lewis; 10 and under, Dominic Garver; 12 and under, Jamie Chastain; and 14 and under, Shane Walker.



Policy violations

Editor:

First I would like to identify myself as a smoker and to say that I am not writing to criticize the non-smoking policy.

I am writing to point out the multitude of new problems brought about by misuse or non-action to the policy.

Smokers are taking a 10- to 15-minute break to smoke each hour. The non-smoker does not get this break. This break equates to one man-year of lost work time per every 5.3 individuals taking this break.

Individual desks are being designated as smoking areas with the next desk (belonging to) a non-smoker. Whether the non-smoker complains or not, it is a direct violation of the policy. This also causes dissension in other branches and sections for not designating their desks as smoking areas.

Higher-grade individuals are designating their office or their secretary's office as a smoking area. The policy indicates that a smoking area is for the use of any and/or all smokers. Is this the case? No! This is also discriminatory to the non-smoker who must enter that office as part of their mission function. High traffic areas such as these are violations of policy. RHIP (rank has its privileges) or not!

Actual policy-designated smoking areas are, in some cases, being used by non-smokers as break areas, with smokers present and smoking. This causes more dissension by leading smokers to question the policy if non-smokers are coming to the smoke anyway.

Present enforcement/management of the policy is not morale-effective, cost-effective or productivity-effective.

Studies should be conducted by the directorate/division/branch/section/ area for more effective positioning of designated smoking areas.

Name withheld by request

Bleeding heart

Editor:

Scanning last week's *Rocket*, I read thru "Recovering drug addict...stories" trying to figure out what the point of this predictable article was. The two state inmates were like so many drug users convicted of some crime, drug related or other, basking in the sympathy of society. I can't help but conclude from their stories that they would still be doing drugs if they hadn't been jailed for breaking the law. Forced by circumstances to go straight, perhaps they feel they can increase their

chances for parole by "confessing" their depressing tales?

The only angle from which these cases can aid in drug prevention is for us to acknowledge that these peoples' lives are, for all intents and purposes, over, whether they are "straight" or feel they've been "forgiven by God." The Facts on drugs are in, and bleeding heart stories of criminals who are addicted to drugs aren't needed to give these facts credibility.

Jenifer Perry
OMMCS

Mosquitoes

Editor:

Every summer, everyone gets excited about the presence of mosquitoes. Wholesale spraying goes on, insecticide candles are burned, and people get bit. Then to be of service, the Daily Bulletin puts out warnings, and steps to curb their spread, which all center around "get rid of standing water" (D.B. dated Aug. 21). However, wherever you look on the arsenal, and on many Army posts, there are open drainage ditches along the side of the road and in the billeting areas (look at Honest John Road, for example). If the Army wants us all to be safe from mosquitoes, why not take the first step by enclosing all the ditches?

Sgt. Edward G. Power
HHC, USAMICOM

Faithful reader

Editor:

Was suprised to see all the beefing about ads in the *Rocket*. These complainers do not seem to be aware of economics in the "real world." If they had to pay for the entire cost of the *Rocket*, they would not be likely to be reading it.

Promotion board advice given

Too many acronyms and poor photographs are among the things warrant officers and commissioned officers should avoid when preparing a file for a promotion board.

That's according to a military personnel bulletin cited by the proponency office at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. Advice offered includes the following:

— "Too many acronyms are being used, especially in duty titles. Boards have a very limited time to spend on each file. It is critical that review time is not wasted trying to determine what the officer's job is."

— "Weight control is still an important consideration. Files of officers who are consistently pushing the

Personnally, I think you are performing a real service and I sure appreciate the price. More ads would not bother me; I enjoy reading them too.

Frank Hancock

Track events

Editor:

I am a soldier who would like to see more track events, and road races organized. It seems to me that if the people responsible for the sports activities take in consideration that baseball, basketball and volleyball tournaments can be scheduled each year why not track and field events like the 100 meters, ¼ mile, mile, and relays. I can't see why we have a post track and there's never any track events scheduled on it. I tend to ask myself why was the track built in the first place? I hope it's for the same reason the gym, swimming pools, tennis courts are here. I hope the answer is for physical training, recreation, and competitive sports with emphasis on physical training... These facilities are great, let's use them and be fair to everyone. Sports Director, let's organize some kind of tournament for runners. Besides military, DoD civilians and dependants can come together and compete for fun and it also could be used as a fund-raiser.

James Mason
A Company

Sign your letter

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maximum screening table or who have been given a new maximum allowable weight are receiving close scrutiny. This is especially true when the officer has a history of increasing weight. One thing to remember in this area is that photos are vital tools and tell board members a lot about officers' military appearance standards."

— "...Promotion board members continue to complain about the lack of a current photo and/or photos of poor quality. Additional comments mentioned about photos include such things as medals not worn or improperly worn, shoes not shined, and improper fitting uniforms."

More reup bonus money 'up front'

WASHINGTON — A change in public law effective Oct. 1 permits the Army to pay 75 percent of the selective re-enlistment bonus "up front."

This policy change means that soldiers receiving an SRB will put more of the bonus in their pockets when they re-enlist. The change was made to improve the attractiveness of SRBs and improve overall re-enlistment rates, said Lt. Col. John Herring, chief of programs management branch, U.S. Army Military Personnel Center in Alexandria, Va.

"In the past, a soldier eligible for a \$10,000 SRB would receive \$5,000 (less taxes) when re-enlisting and the remainder in anniversary payments," said Herring. With the Oct. 1 change, that same soldier will receive \$7,500 (less taxes) when re-enlisting and smaller anniversary payments paid over the length of the re-enlistment.

"Any soldier receiving an SRB should consider income averaging when preparing his tax return. The amount of taxes the soldier pays on his bonus depends on his particular situation. More money up front

should improve his chances to use income averaging. If the soldier can use income averaging for tax purposes, his taxes for the year in which he received the bonus will probably be less than if he claims the lump sum as straight ordinary income. Income averaging allows the soldier to 'spread the load' over a four year period," said Herring.

MOSs in the SRB program are determined using several criteria. These criteria include the present strengths, projected future strengths, training costs, criticality to Force Modernization and the Army's Force Alignment Plan, said Herring.

Presently, there are about 100 MOSs being paid SRBs, he said. Payments range from about \$1,500 to \$20,000 depending upon the soldier's MOS, the multiplier on the MOS as approved by the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, the soldier's base pay, and the length of re-enlistment, and any prior obligated service, said Herring. (Arnews)

Committee agrees on pension tax change

A House-Senate conference committee, according to published reports, has agreed on a tax provision in which federal workers would pay taxes on their pensions from the onset of retirement.

Presently, pensions are not taxed until the employee contribution has been drawn out, which usually takes about 18 months, but the committee tax proposal would treat monthly pension payments as if they were part employee contribution and part government contribution.

Backers claim that the proposal would not change the amount of tax paid by a retiree who lives a normal life span, since taxes would be higher initially but later on lower than they currently are.

The proposal would apply retroactively to all who have retired since July 1, 1986. Those who retired in June, and many did in anticipation of a pension tax change, will not be affected.

The proposal must be approved by the full House and Senate and signed by the president to become law.

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Colonel knows importance of returning phone calls

BY SKIP VAUGHN

As a certain project manager here can attest, it's best to return your phone calls.

Sometimes the news can be good—very good.

Col. Larry Capps was in the Atlanta airport when he called his office to see if he had any messages before catching a plane to Huntsville. Capps, project manager of the Patriot air defense missile system, was told he had a message to call Maj. Gen. William Flynn, the chief of staff of Army Materiel Command.

Flynn broke the good news to him. Capps was nominated to become a brigadier general.

"I guess it was a mixed feeling of being both surprised and elated," Capps says.

"I don't think that one can say that you have a goal to be a general officer.

I think you have goals of reaching positions where you can affect the decision-making process or be a part of the decision-making apparatus and take

those things that you've learned over the years and be able to apply that over the process," he says. He adds that he is happy, his family (wife and two sons) is happy, and that he looks forward to "the opportunities and challenges that will go with the position."

Capps, 45, has been a colonel since October 1982. Now he awaits word on what his next assignment might be. "But it could be one month, it could be one year until that happens," he says. "Until then, this is a big job here and this job is interesting, rewarding and challenging all in itself."

He became Patriot project manager in July 1985. Capps leads a project of 210 people, including 14 who are located away from the offices at Huntsville's Research Park. Those working at the local offices include 107 civilians, 22 military people, plus support personnel and liaison officers from the Netherlands, Germany and Japan.

Capps was born and raised in Covington, Ga., located about 35 miles southeast of Atlanta. He has three (See Capps, cont'd on page 11)



CAPPS

New deputy post commander happy to return here

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Support services contract, internal reorganization, and construction work are among the issues facing the new deputy post commander.

But, Col. James Arnold Hall is just happy to be back at Redstone Arsenal.

Hall on Aug. 11 assumed the position of deputy post commander and commander of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity. His predecessor, Col. John Walker, is retiring from the Army.

"I guess I'm a little bit overwhelmed with all of the activities that go on,"

Hall said. "I was here from '82-84 as the School Brigade commander and I was so wrapped up in the brigade that I didn't have any idea of the numerous activities that go on throughout Redstone. But I was so happy to come back to Redstone that I think that I'd have dug ditches to get back.

"After 27 years in the Army, I've seen most of the Army installations. I just believe Redstone is the finest installation in the U.S. Army and I'm committed to make it better if possible."

He has been impressed by "the number of quality people who make this installation operate," he said. "They are truly professionals."

As commander of RASA, Hall leads an organization of 750 people including Army civilians and military members. They provide a wide variety of support functions such as facilities engineering, community services, provost marshal, and flight operations. They include contract officer representatives who "deal with the (support services) contractor in their specific fields," he said.

"The biggest challenge we face right now is working out the details of the contract and modifications to the contract to provide the services for the post," Hall said. "That's the grass cutting, that's the family housing maintenance, all those things that the contractor does for the post."

Also in the works is implementation of the Army's standard installation organization concept. "That's where all Army installations will have identical or almost identical elements," Hall explained, "so that every Army installation will be managed in the same manner with the same acronyms." This will require some internal reorganization and some name changes for different sub-elements. Under the one fund concept, Hall added, the "installation morale, welfare and recreation fund will incorporate services such as child development services, club systems, bowling, and golf course activities into one organization." One fund can be better managed and "it allows the commander to equally distribute funds as needed," he said.

Among other plans, funds have been requested for a new enlisted club "which is badly needed," according to Hall. "It's for junior enlisted soldiers. We've had money authorized to begin construction on a new enlisted barracks which will be constructed over in the school area. We need to get some renovation work performed on the NCO Club (to) bring it up to standard. Those are the main things we've got to get done in terms of resources.

"And we need to better utilize the resources that we have," he added. (See Return, cont'd on page 10)



RASA— Hall shows chart depicting the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

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13-Syracuse at West Point/Kickoff 2 p.m.
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27-Wake Forest at West Point/Kickoff 2 p.m.

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4-Yale at New Haven, Conn./Kickoff 1:30 p.m.

11-Tennessee at Knoxville, Tenn./Kickoff TBA
18-Holy Cross at West Point/Homecoming/Kickoff 1:30 p.m.

25-Rutgers in Giants Stadium, New Jersey/Kickoff 2 p.m. November

1-Boston College at West Point/Kickoff 1:30 p.m.
8-Air Force at West Point/Kickoff 1:30 p.m.

15-Lafayette at West Point/Kickoff 1:30 p.m. December

6-Navy at Veteran's Stadium, Philadelphia, Penn./Kickoff 2 p.m.

For those interested in following the Black Knights, the Army Athletic Association offers a 30 minute videotape weekly during the football season to installation cable systems. For more information contact Jim Gallagher, Autovon 688-2322, for the details. (Arnews)

Rifle

(Cont'd from page 1)

Another feature is the three-round burst control. This replaces the

"rock and roll" or automatic firing position on the older M-16A1. Post noted, however, that, depending on one's ability to manipulate the trigger, the rifle can still achieve a firing rate of 750 to 900 rounds per minute at the three-round burst-control position.

The selector level now has markings on both sides of the receiver so the firer can tell if it's on "safe", "semi-automatic" or "three-round burst" from either side of the weapon.

Post also commented that the new rifle's butt, stock and pistol grip are all made of a stronger material so they will last longer.

The overall operating characteristics of the new rifle are virtually the same, he said. Everything that fits on the M-16A1 will fit on the A2 model — from the bayonet to the M-203 grenade launcher.

The new version will be fielded beginning in the third quarter of fiscal year 1987. Rangers from the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., will be the first soldiers to get the new rifle. The cost of each A2 is currently \$455.

In the Army's inventory since 1964, the M-16 rifle up to now has had only one major change since its introduction: the addition of the forward assist to the right side. That change resulted in the rifle's being designated from the M-16 to the M-16A1. The Air Force still uses the M-16 version. (Arnews)

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Command changes at readiness group

Col. Stanley E. Thomas became commander of Redstone Readiness Group on Monday, replacing Col. Buck Jones who is taking a NATO assignment as training officer for Central Army Command in Heidelberg.

Thomas, previously the Fort Sheridan, Ill. post commander, has been at Camp Shelby, Miss. since June, as leader of a team evaluating reserve component units undergoing annual active duty training. That job, he told his assembled staff at a change of command ceremony, was a form of introduction to the mission and people of Redstone Readiness Group which is responsible for maintaining the combat readiness of Army Reserve and National Guard units in a three-state area.

The ceremony was conducted by Maj. Gen. Hugh Quinn, deputy commander of 2nd Army at Fort Gillem, Ga. which oversees Redstone Readiness Group and five others.

Quinn decorated the departing Col. Jones with a Meritorious Service Medal, second oak leaf cluster, in recognition of his accomplishments as commander of Redstone Readiness Group. He called Jones "an able and dedicated leader."

Jones, in brief remarks to the group, said "We work for 63,000 soldiers and in the last three years you've given them and me support above and beyond the call of duty and I ask you to continue the same quality of support to Col. Thomas."

Thomas said he begins his new assignment "with a degree of humility and responsibility" and said he wanted to work with his new staff to develop "the best-trained Guard and Reserve you can find."

Redstone Readiness Group assists and trains reserve component forces in Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi. Its advisers spend long hours on the road traveling to 652 National Guard and Army Reserve units and may spend 130 or more days per year away from home.

"When you're out there all by yourself you may feel that no one knows where you are or what you're doing but that's not true. Your mission is important and vital," said Maj. Gen. Quinn.

He told them their contribution is more important today than ever. He pointed out that strong and ready reserve forces are needed to counter an enemy threat that does not diminish when the active Army sustains Gramm/Rudman and other cutbacks.

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Volunteer couple enjoys sharing time with others

BY PAM ROGERS

They wanted to do something for other people, because they felt life had been good to them. It was through The Retired Officers Association that Leonard and Claire Flank learned the Red Cross needed volunteers.

They began working at Fox Army Community Hospital when it opened in 1976, and continue to give their time faithfully, every Wednesday, for a little more than half a day.

Claire works in the pharmacy. "I help out at the window, fill the emergency-room cart, stock the unit dose cart, put away supplies, anything that needs doing that I'm capable of doing," she said.

Leonard works in the Patient Assistance office. "I try to assist patients, form a good bridge between the hospital and retirees—a feeling of empathy. Whatever we can do, we try," he said.

As an example of the emotional ups and downs of his work, he cited a recent situation in which he was able to overcome several obstacles to phone a soldier stationed at Pearl Harbor. It was an accomplishment to reach the man in only one day, but that was the only positive aspect. The call was to inform him that his child had leukemia. "It was very upsetting," Leonard said.

Two years ago Leonard went to Walter Reed Army Hospital for open-heart surgery. Claire, worried about her husband, but aware that he needed rest, went to the Red Cross volunteer office.

"I told them I had a white blouse and white pants, and if they could loan me a volunteer smock I would help out," she said. The Red Cross people were surprised, but didn't hesitate to put her to work.

"There were lots of things that needed to be done. About two-thirds of the patients come there unaccompanied. The most important thing I did was to go out and talk to the people who were lonesome and alone. It helped me and it helped them," she said.

Claire has been a Red Cross volunteer "off and on" for 23 years. She has frequently encouraged her family



VOLUNTEERS — Claire and Leonard Flank share a hug during a break from their volunteer duties at Fox Army Community Hospital.

members, even a visiting niece, to participate in volunteer activities.

"I think it's very important for us to do something for somebody else besides ourselves," she said.

Military families can become Red Cross volunteers at Redstone by calling Mary Moreillon, director of volunteer services for the Madison County chapter of Red Cross, at 536-0084.

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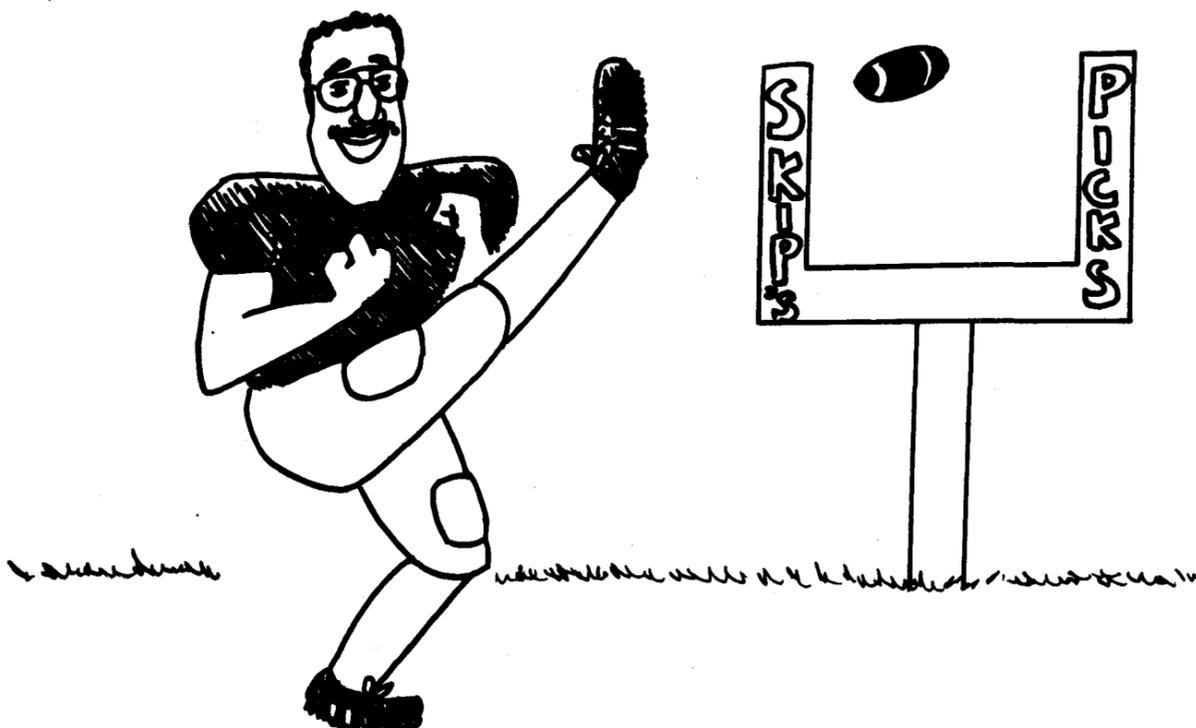
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Skip's Picks kick off a new college football season



BY SKIP VAUGHN

Alabama and Ohio State square off tonight in the first game of the 1986 college football season.

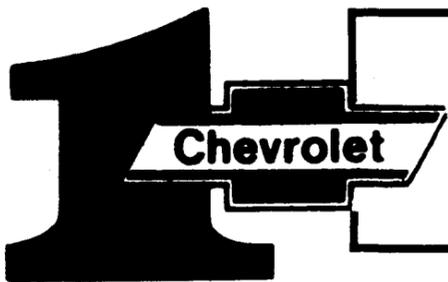
Bama's Crimson Tide is coming off a 9-2-1 season and a 24-3 win over Southern Cal in the Aloha Bowl. Returners include All-Southeastern Conference quarterback Mike Shula, a host of talented running backs, and a stout defense.

Ohio State finished 9-3 with a 10-7 win over Brigham Young in the Florida Citrus Bowl. The Buckeyes are led by senior quarterback Jim Karsatos. On defense, the four-man linebacking corps is headed by All-America candidates Chris Spielman and Eric Kumerow.

The kicking game will probably be the difference in this Kickoff Classic, and Bama's punter Chris Mohr and placekicker Van Tiffin are two of the best. The pick here is...**Bama.**

Here is this season's first edition of Skip's Picks in major college football:

- Ohio State vs. Alabama (Aug. 27)— Bama by 3.
- Hawaii at Air Force (Aug. 30)— Air Force by 7.
- Georgia Southern at Florida (Aug. 30)— Florida by 28.
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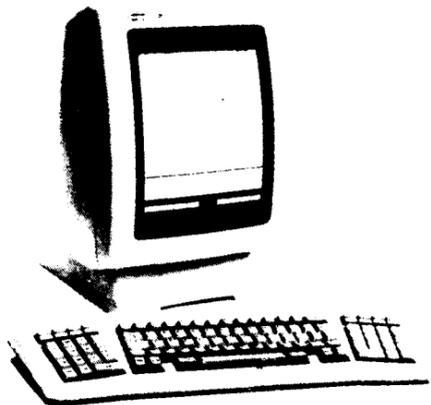
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Soldier earns a college degree through tests

BY PAM ROGERS

After only a year and a half of study, an instructor at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School here will receive a bachelor's degree in political science.

SSgt. Joseph Yob, who works in the Special Ammunition Division of the Munitions Training Department earned the degree entirely through testing, with help from Redstone's Education Center. Director Mary McGough said he was the first person the center has assisted in "testing through" a degree.

Yob took examinations given by the College Level Examination Program and the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support. He also took two Graduate Record Examination subject tests.

Careful preparation was the key to his success, Yob said.

"I found I knew a lot more than I thought I knew. I underestimated myself a little bit," he said, adding that with each passing score, his confidence grew.

Yob believes anyone who follows the suggestions of the study guides provided for the tests can pass. He studied nights and weekends, and took two tests per month. After passing 21 exams, he qualified for a bachelor's degree.

"The Army gives free CLEP and DANTES tests, and the others are reimbursable, so there's absolutely nothing to lose, except time. You learn something even if you don't pass," Yob said.

The tests are available without charge to military members and for a fee to civilians. To learn more about the tests, call the Education Center at 876-9761.



COLLEGE GRAD — Army Education Center Director Mary McGough congratulates Sgt. Joseph Yob, who earned a bachelor degree through testing.

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Program seeks to ease transition from active Army

WASHINGTON — When a soldier seeks the assistance of the Army upon his departure from active service to start a civilian job or to return to school or to join a reserve component, what will he find in the way of a support system that will meet his transition needs?

That question has reached the highest levels of Army leadership. It is being answered by a new program that will potentially benefit all members of the total Army, including their family members.

The "transition management process" is geared to unify various efforts in re-enlistment, in-service recruitment to the Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve, certain retiree matters, separation and veterans' affairs. This will assist soldiers preparing to leave the active Army and those who have returned to civilian life.

The program calls for the soldier, the local retention NCO and the in-service recruiter to work together during the 12 months before the soldier is slated to leave the Army, all helping to prepare the soldier's transition to civilian life. In effect, those non-commissioned officers become "total Army counselors," monitoring each phase of the transition so that the soldier will have the full benefit of a variety of Army resources and services while making sound career choices. "The goal is to make realistic the expectations of departing soldiers. In some cases this will lead to reassessment of the soldier's decision to leave the active force," explained Brig. Gen. R. L. Dilworth, who directs personnel service support at the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center in Alexandria, Va.

The new program, set in motion last March, benefits both the Army and the soldier.

For example, the Army gains an improved call-up resource by encouraging membership in the Army National Guard or U.S. Army Reserve. Also, for a concentrated period of several months, the Army has a streamlined, coordinated system for influencing departees' career decisions and preparations.

In turn, the soldier gains reassurance in a system that is there to assist him in important career decisions.

In a recent message to the field announcing his full support of the program's goals and guidelines, Lt. Gen. Robert M. Elton, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel, noted that "we transition soldiers, not separate them. That simple concept can involve a significant mind shift, and unless it occurs we will not be psychologically set in doing what is necessary. Second, 'separation transfer points' are redesignated as 'transition points.' They will become the key crossroads in preparing soldiers to meet their next phase of commitment to the Army and to the country."

As a goal, transition points eventually will equate in status to reception stations. This will entail not only some "redirection of assets and the way we do business" but also some "eventual costs falling in the areas of facilities upgrade and supporting automation." Some of that extra cost can be offset by the sharing of like facilities; but the remainder would have to be funded at HQDA level, Dilworth said.

The program's philosophy of operation has the departees and their family members receiving improved counseling, job-hunting assistance and educational assistance — coupled with a higher degree of caring to foster a long-term feeling of being a part of the "Army alumni."

"Transition modules" of phased action tailored to the departee's needs include the following: self-assessment of skills, interests and goals; and training in how best to present oneself to prospective employers.

Dilworth said that a number of potential sources of civilian outplacement services have been surveyed in identifying computer-assisted programs that can help soldiers and their adult family members focus their interests, skills and life goals. Such programs can assist soldiers in gaining valuable training in "resume" preparation and job interview techniques, as well as how to present to an employer their service-acquired general and technical work skills.

Whatever the Army might spend on such services would tend to be more than offset by the expected

reduction in the millions of dollars the government pays yearly in unemployment benefits, Dilworth noted.

For those departees (and their family members) who choose to enter college or vocational training, the program seeks to set forth realistic educational goals, to assure complete credit for military schooling and for civilian-acquired education and training, and to arrange for enrollment in the desired institution before departure time. This includes development of a "Total-Army Education Model," along with an Army link up to the American Council on Education's registry transcript system. "We'll also seek to strengthen linkage to ROTC programs where they apply," Dilworth said.

A "total" view extends to retiring soldiers, whose skills, knowledge and experience are to be optimally matched with their mobilization assignments. Also, the program offers the retired soldier job assistance for a second career.

Dilworth noted that the program will increasingly apply to transitions within the reserve components — such as transition from membership in the Individual Ready Reserve to service in a troop program unit of the Army National Guard or Army Reserve.

Throughout the process, Dilworth cautioned, no one should construe the various actions and projects as a detraction from readiness and training while the departee still is on active duty. "We seek to provide transition services generally within the same amount of processing time that is currently used to provide preparation and preretirement programs."

The fact that realistic options are identified to the soldier will probably increase both active Army retention and placement in troop program units of the reserve component. Therefore, the transition management process directly supports total Army readiness and mobilization capabilities.

The program's development thus far will undergo "field validation" at Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Sill, Okla., where a series of transition workshops is (See Transition cont'd on page 14)

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Soldiers find life outside the Army somewhat different

BY MICHELLE HENDERSON

WASHINGTON — Kevin is a 21-year-old high-school graduate who is about to be honorably discharged from the Army after three years of "being all that he could be."

Kevin views his next move as the opportunity to finally get out there and accomplish those things he's dreamt of for so long: like going back to school and getting a great job.

After all, he had joined the Army only for its education benefits. He merely tolerated what was required of him and bided time until his service to Uncle Sam was up.

Much to Kevin's dismay, the reality of the "real world" was not at all as he had expected.

After three years in the Army, he had grown accustomed to a certain lifestyle. It would be a while before he'd hear from any school, so getting a job became a "must" in order to survive.

Kevin never imagined he'd go from washing dishes to painting and driving a truck. He had thought that with those three years of work experience provided by the Army he'd be a prime target for hungry employers everywhere.

Before long, military life gained new appeal. Within five months after getting out of the service, Kevin had rejoined.

This time, he says, it'll be different. This time he'll take it more seriously. He'll work harder and before long, he'll climb the ladder until he reaches the top. When times get rough, he'll remind himself of what a "good deal" the Army really is, and you can bet he won't leave again unless a better one is certain.

Whether enlisted or commissioned, Kevin is one of many young soldiers who enter the military as a stepping stone to what they really want in life — only to find out that it's no escape from reality.

Today's military is a business, too. You get out what you put in, and statistics prove just how true this is.

In most cases, a first timer getting out of the service will have to work as hard to find a new job, as if he or she had never joined the service. The military paves an easier way for few.

According to Sgt. Maj. James V. George, in-service recruiter for the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, the attrition rate of soldiers with one to 10 years' service time is very high. That rate is reflected in statistics maintained by the Army's office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel. They show that about 70 out of every 100 enlistees leave the Army by the end of their first term. At the 10-year point, 84 out of every 100 enlistees have left the Army. After that, over the next seven years, about half of those remaining leave the Army.

George said the civilian economy is especially tempting for soldiers today. He said it is continuously growing stronger and the military isn't quite keeping up.

"Many younger people today come in for the education benefits only," George said. "They're trying to better themselves."

By the time these benefits have been obtained, the soldiers are ready to take the money and run.

"What many don't realize is that the civilian world is very similar to the military," he said. "They'll still have to work hard because the civilian world exercises discipline, too."

George said that many young soldiers will venture out to make their marks in the civilian marketplace. Some will do it for financial reasons, others so they will be able to spend more time with their families. But many will do it.

"Those individuals who are not for the Army will be successful on the outside, George said.

"They are the ones who used the military experience for growth purposes, the ones who will be patient and make good use of their education benefits if they have them.

"Others won't. These are the individuals who are complacent in the military because they're suppressing their abilities within. They come in the Army for the "three hots and a cot," which is not exactly how it works anymore. They're forgetting that you have to give something to get something.

"When they do, they're likely to change their goals and work harder because they know they have to in order to get anywhere," he said. "But they had to

learn it the hard way. There is a real line between the types of people."

George said success or failure, in or outside the military, all boils down to knowing one's goals and not letting anything get in the way of them.

In other words, some soldiers know they want the military as a career. Others know they don't. Then you have those who don't know what they want, or even have false impressions about what they think they do want.

The Army currently is working out the details for upgrading its Transition Point program to better prepare ETSing (expiration of term of service) soldiers for the civilian world. The upgraded program, known as the "transition management process," is expected to help soldiers realize all that may be involved in adjustment stages after the discharge.

It is designed to provide better counseling, job assistance, educational assistance and a higher degree of caring to foster a long-term feeling of being a part of the "Army alumni."

In this program, soldiers leaving the active force will be encouraged to serve in reserve components of the Army.

Sp4 Don Thomas, a journalist at the U. S. Army Military District of Washington, said what happens after first getting out of the Army can best be described the way his first sergeant put it.

"He told me people get out of the Army and face the 'three bares,'" Thomas said, "meaning bare back, bare pockets and bare feet. And this is basically what happened to me."

Thomas entered the Army the first time in 1983 as an administrative specialist with a two-year enlistment. He had obtained a bachelor's degree in advertising and believed two years in the Army would give him the work experience he had lacked.

When his two years of active duty were up, Thomas eagerly got out of the Army.

"The outside certainly wasn't as glamorous as I had thought it'd be," Thomas said. "Money was really tight and I wasn't too used to it being that way.

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Soldiers tested in basic Army skills

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The center was the site for Special Troops' common task testing held Aug. 18-20. Common tasks are basic skills that soldiers are required to know— such as first aid, map reading, and applying camouflage.

"It's a requirement by the Army that all soldiers be tested on their common skills," said SFC Alfred Hammond, the NCO in charge of the common task testing. "This is in addition to doing your primary job. The Army requires all soldiers to have these basic skills."

Tested were soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company and the 291st Military Police Company. About 200 soldiers were expected to be tested on the 17 tasks. Annual testing is mandatory, according to Hammond, a member of HHC.

During the week before the testing, each company got ready by training at the Special Troops area.

Test results "have been pretty good," Hammond said. "We're hitting high in the percentage of people passing. The company training was really worthwhile."



PROTECTIVE GEAR — Sgt. Charles Roark, Sgt. Miguel Baez and Sp4 Rickey Allen try to meet the eight-minute time limit for putting on chemical protective gear.



CAMOUFLAGE TEST — SSgt. Douglas Parmeter, in charge of a test station, watches as Sgt. Ronny Mitchell applies camouflage to himself.

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"We need to work smarter with the resources that we have because we know we're going to lose some money with the Gramm-Rudman Act."

Hall, 49, is from Loraine, Texas, where he worked in his father's hardware and furniture store. His parents, James C. and Chrystene Hall, still reside in Loraine. Hall received a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1959 from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. He majored in chemistry "with the idea of being a dentist but after a mandatory two years of Army — after an ROTC commitment — I fell in love with 38 soldiers in my platoon and I've been with it for 27 years since then," he said.

After serving as a platoon leader at Fort Bragg, N.C., his assignments included Vietnam (1963 and 1967); Newport, Ind., where he commanded

an Army ammunition plant; Tooele, Utah, where he was director of a chemical agent munitions demilitarization system; Japan as commander of an ammunition depot; the School Brigade here; and Korea. In Pusan, Korea, from 1984-86, he served as chief of the foreign logistics center which is part of the Joint U.S. Military Assistance Group-Korea.

He and his wife Barbara have two sons. Chris, 25, of Fort Worth, Texas, is an industrial distributor of electrical supplies. Kyle, 21, is a junior majoring in business at the University of Alabama. Hall's hobbies include "hunting, fishing and golf—not necessarily in that order."

"I'm just delighted to be back at Redstone, really," he said. "Not too many things can make me unhappy now."



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brothers—one older and two younger. His older brother, Melvin, works for the Strategic Defense Command. James, a retired lieutenant colonel, works for a private firm in Huntsville; and Edward, the youngest, manages the electric company in Covington. Capps spent a year at North Georgia College before getting an appointment to West Point in June 1959. He was graduated from West Point in June 1963. Years later, after returning from Vietnam, he would attend graduate school at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif., and earn a master's degree in operations research. "My first assignment was at Fort

Benning, Ga., where I went to the infantry officer basic course, Ranger school," he says. "And I was supposed to go to airborne school but I damaged a knee in Ranger school, and that's when I decided to transfer branches to Ordnance Corps."

In 1964, the then-2nd Lt. Capps came to Redstone for a six month course at the Ordnance Guided Missile School. Subsequent assignments took him to Germany, Vietnam, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Cambodia, Redstone (December 1975 to July 1977 with "Sam-D" project which became Patriot), back to Germany, and on to

the office of the Army chief of staff where he served as a missile systems analyst and then division chief. Next, he commanded the 4th Combat Support Training Brigade at Fort Jackson, S.C., for two years before returning here as Patriot project manager.

"I think the most satisfying job I've had so far is at Fort Jackson as the commander of a training brigade. So eventually I'd like to get back to a command assignment that deals with soldiers," Capps said.

He doesn't have much time he can devote to hobbies but enjoys playing

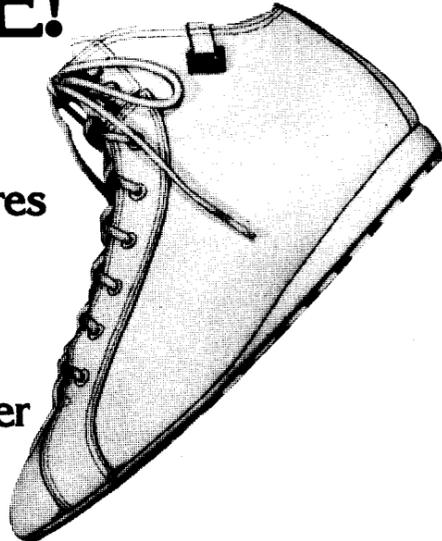
tennis and working on his cars. He would like to have more time for hunting and fishing. Capps and his wife, the former Brenda Bailey of Covington, were "high school sweethearts," he says. They have been married for 23 years and have two sons. Barry, 19, is a sophomore math major at the University of South Carolina. David, 16, is a junior at Butler High School.

"That wife of mine for 23 years has been an outstanding supporter of not only me but the Army and deserves an equal share in this promotion because she's been such a strong supporter," Capps says.

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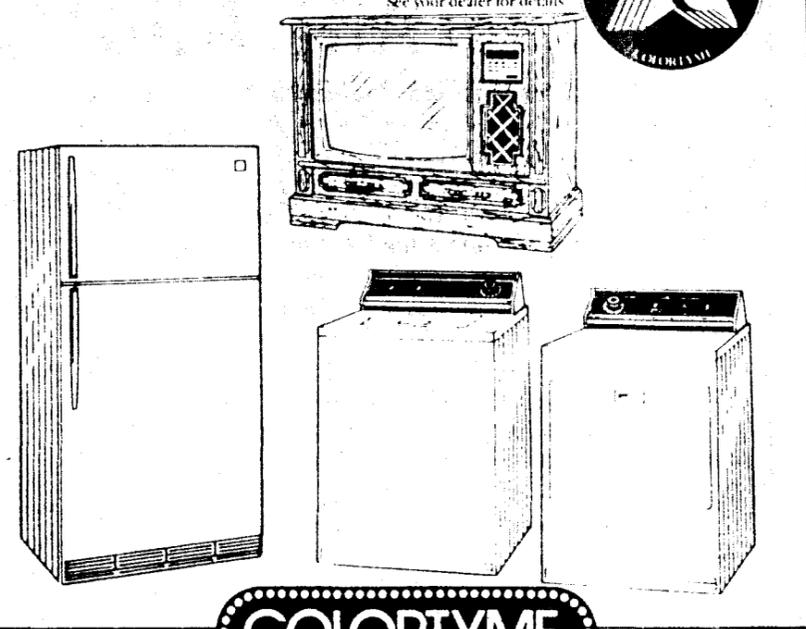
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Managers encouraged to grant 'parental leave'

WASHINGTON — New guidance from the Office of Personnel Management here encourages government managers to be flexible in granting not only traditional maternity leave, but also leave for adoption, foster care and the care of sick or elderly parents.

"Traditionally, federal managers have exercised good judgment in granting annual or unpaid leave in special circumstances," OPM director Constance Horner said in releasing the new guidance. "This guidance is designed to encourage managers to continue exercising that discretion in keeping with President Reagan's ongoing initiative to keep government policy from interfering in the indispensable business of caring for families."

Leave for parental and family responsibilities might be given from any of the three categories — annual leave, sick leave or leave without pay — depending on the circumstances, said Joyce Bridgeforth from the Army's civilian personnel directorate at the Pentagon.

Because sick leave is reserved to cover time lost from work while an employee recuperates from illness, injury, childbirth, or the like, annual leave or leave without pay will apply to most family situations, Bridgeforth said.

"The Army already has sent directions to all major Army commands asking them to encourage managers to be flexible and compassionate when deciding whether to grant leave for family situations," Bridgeforth said. "The Army places great importance on being a concerned and caring employer."

Sick leave can be used by women for the period of incapacitation for delivery and recuperation. However, if they or their husbands decide to spend time "bonding" with a newborn, foster or adopted child, they usually would apply for annual leave or leave without pay.

The latter categories also would be appropriate for the care of family members with special needs, for

common illnesses or routine, "wellness" care of family members, and for the care of elderly or infirm family members.

Employees who must remain home because they were exposed to a contagious disease or must care for a child with such a disease should be granted sick leave, however.

Employees should request leave as far in advance as possible, especially for prolonged absences, Bridgeforth said. This gives the agency time to make necessary adjustments — such as finding a temporary replacement or adjusting work assignment of co-workers — to cope with the absence.

According to the OPM guidance, "responsiveness to family needs works, in the long run, to the advantage of the organization. Good morale and the retention of experienced and productive employees contributes to a healthier organization." (Arnews)

Army weight control program has new policy guidelines

WASHINGTON — Soldiers soon will have a new set of policy guidelines on the Army weight control program — ranging from the way measurements are taken to an increase in the women's screening-table weight ceiling.

The changes are contained in the revised AR 600-9 that takes effect Oct. 1, said Col. James S. Jewel of the Office of the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at the Pentagon.

He explained that the revised program's original effective date of April 1 was changed to allow policymakers to consider comments from the field.

A major change from the current procedure allows soldiers to select a desired weight below their screening-table weight listed in the regulation. A soldier will use this as a guideline to keep him at his individualized weight. The tables, Jewel noted, represent upper weight limits for the average person. This practice was adopted recognizing that individual differences should be taken into account, Jewel added.

Another change, Jewel said, consists of using a tape measure, instead of a caliper, to measure the extent of body fat. The measurement, formerly conducted by medical personnel at medical facilities, now will be done at the unit level. This policy results from the Army leadership's emphasis on the commander's responsibility to work with his troops and assist them in meeting their weight standards.

From now on, the women's screening-table weight figures will show an increase of 5 percent over the original ones; but the men's figures will be unchanged. Explaining the women's change, Col. James Kirkpatrick, military assistant to the assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and reserve affairs, noted that it grew out of past experience with the old weight table: "Many women who exceeded the table weight were found not to exceed body-fat standards when measured with the caliper."

Previously, Jewel added, the weighing and measuring process took place with the soldier's being in

uniform and with the clothing's weight being deducted from the weigh-in. The new method has the soldier in the physical training uniform and stocking feet. It requires no deduction for the nominal clothing weight.

Jewel pointed out that, as in the past, all soldiers will be weighed when they take their Army physical readiness test, or at least every six months. More-frequent measurements may be taken by unit commanders on a case-by-case basis. By staying at their individually selected weight goals, soldiers can maintain a higher state of physical fitness, he said. (Arnews)

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scheduled for September. Out of that sampling of soldiers' comments will come further fine tuning of the program, Dilworth added.

"What this program represents," he concluded, "is a changed attitude in how the Army should deal with those soldiers whose final term of service is about to expire."

Under current initiatives, the way the Army has been processing those soldiers will gradually give way to a networking system of support that in effect declares, "Once a soldier, always a soldier — and the Army takes care of its own," he said. (Arnews)

Outside

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"I remember thinking, I always had money in my pocket when I was in the Army," he said. "Then, I saw that it was going to be much harder than I'd originally thought, getting that ideal job. I was already hearing every excuse there is."

After two months of excuses, Thomas decided he had to make another decision — and quickly.

"Because I was feeling a lot of anxiety on the outside, it made me see that the Army wasn't so bad after all," he said.

This is when Thomas came back to the Army. He changed his MOS (job specialty) to journalist and says he doesn't regret the fact that he did get out.

"I had to get out to appreciate what the Army does provide. Now I'm working in a field that is related to what I originally wanted to do. In that sense, getting out could have been a blessing in disguise for me," he said.

"My advice to anyone facing that decision now would be to weigh everything without being emotional," he added. "Look back on your career and choose the most practical and positive decision for you."

George said the decision to get out of the Army or stay should be a selfish one because "being all you can be" means different things to different people.

"One thing I think all soldiers should realize is that there's no more 'skating' in today's Army," George said. "The bottom line is, whether or not individuals choose the Army or the civilian world as a career, they'll have to pull their loads to be successful." (Sp4 Michelle Henderson serves on the staff of the STRIPE, published by the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.)



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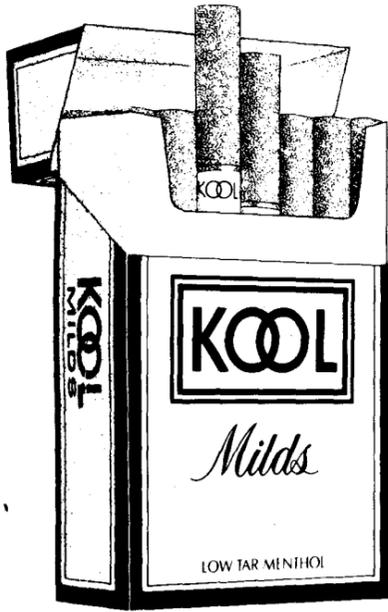
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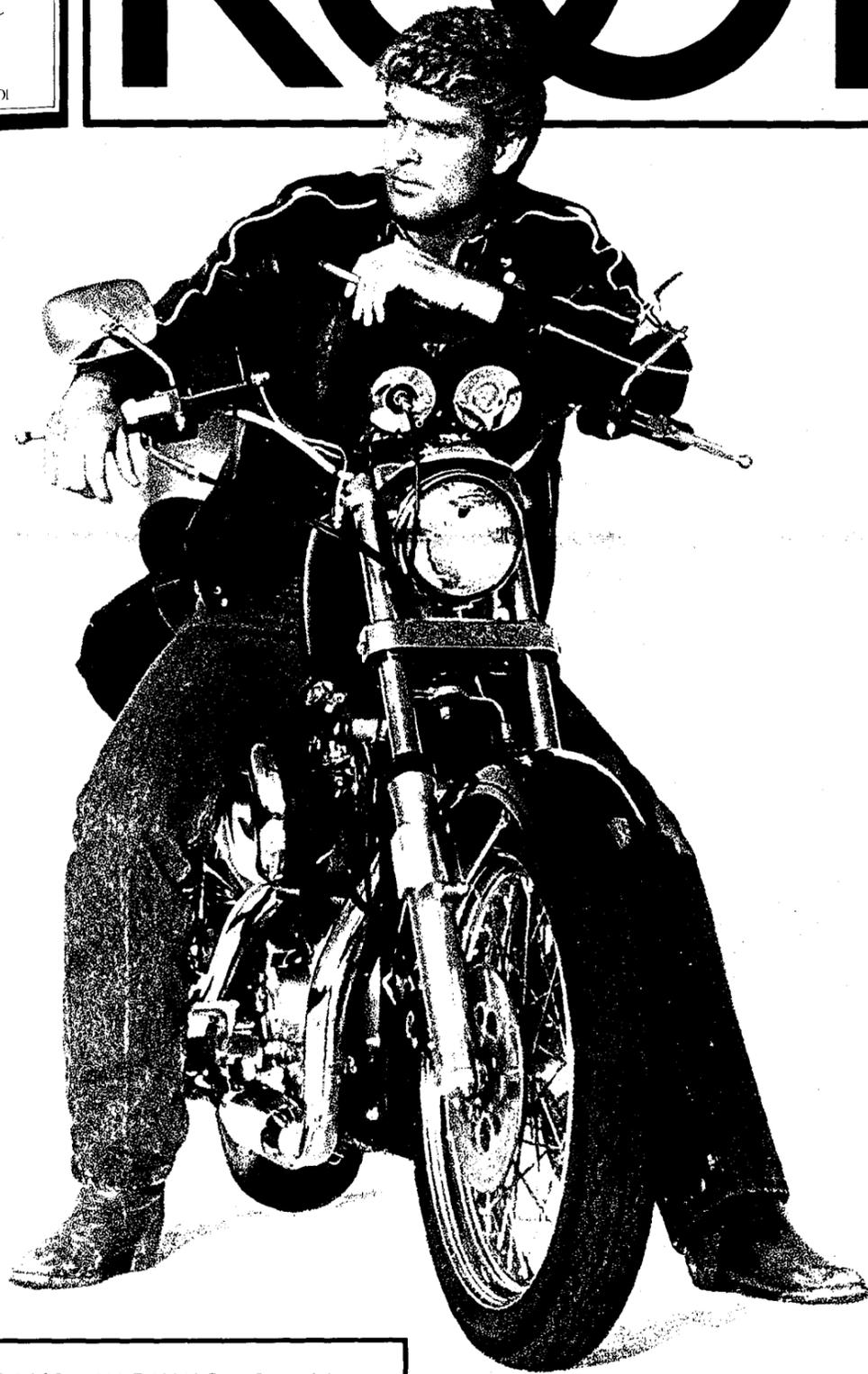
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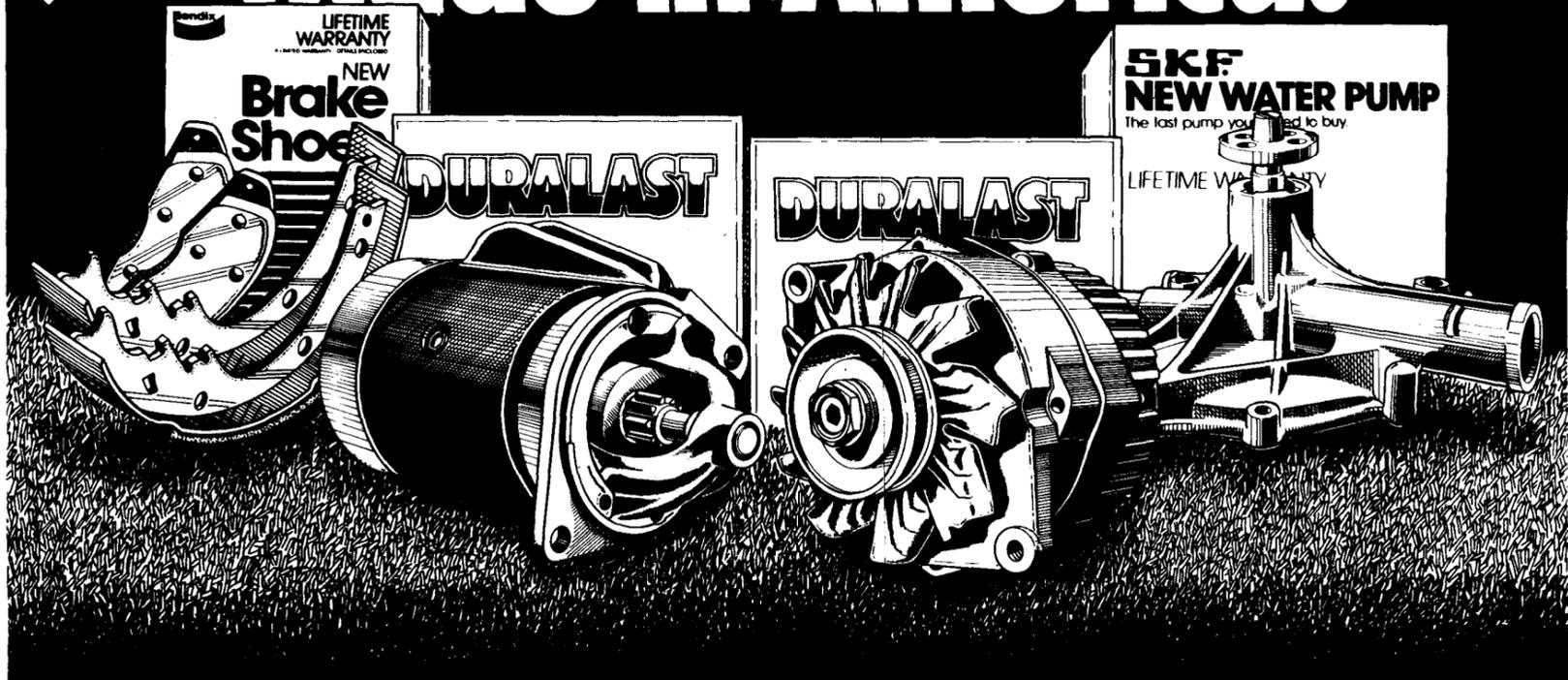


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Army decides against early selective retirement

WASHINGTON — The Army leadership has decided against directing the mandatory retirement of senior regular Army field-grade officers as a means for equalizing strength imbalances within the officer ranks.

A selective early retirement board was convened last month to recommend some 84 colonels and 87 lieutenant colonels for early retirement. This was the first of three anticipated annual boards. The imbalance was caused, in part, by senior field grade officers' delaying retirement an average of three years longer than officers had in the past, said Maj. Gen. William G. O'Lecky, director of military personnel management in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at the Pentagon.

In the midst of the SER process, however, while the results of the board were under review by Army officials, Congress announced its intention to reduce officer end strength in the Defense Department beginning in fiscal year 1987, O'Lecky said. The projected "cut" of about 2 percent each year for three years

would require the Army to consider a broader range of alternatives. Officials still are not sure exactly how many officers would be affected by this reduction.

Realizing this, and considering the uncertainty of the upcoming strength reduction, the Army's chief of staff directed an analysis of the officers recommended for selective early retirement.

The analysis showed that many of those recommended for retirement were good officers still contributing a lot to the Army. It also found that most were retiring during the next fiscal year. The analysis concluded that the practical return on such a major "investment of hurt" is simply too low, O'Lecky said. "We figured the human thing to do was not to force them out."

Having made this decision, the Army now is exploring other alternatives to reduce the officer end strength while limiting forced separations, O'Lecky said. Some of these recommendations would require changes to current laws and regulations. Some options under consideration follow: — Permit voluntary losses by waiv-

ing certain service obligations, such as the obligation incurred when accepting a promotion or making a permanent-change-of-station move. — Seek statutory policy changes to permit release of specific groups of officers. — Further slow promotions of officers currently on promotion lists. — Limit the number of active-duty commissions offered through such programs as the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and the Officer Candidate School. — Change future promotion selection rates overall so that fewer officers in the zone of consideration are promoted, while increasing "below the zone" promotion opportunities. — Selectively limit the number of officers who are allowed to continue after completing their initial service obligation. — As a last resort, provide for involuntary separation or retirement of officers in specific categories through programs similar to the Selective Early Retirement program.

O'Lecky said that decisions on how to reduce the number of Army officers will be made after Congress announces its decision on military officer reductions. (Arnews)

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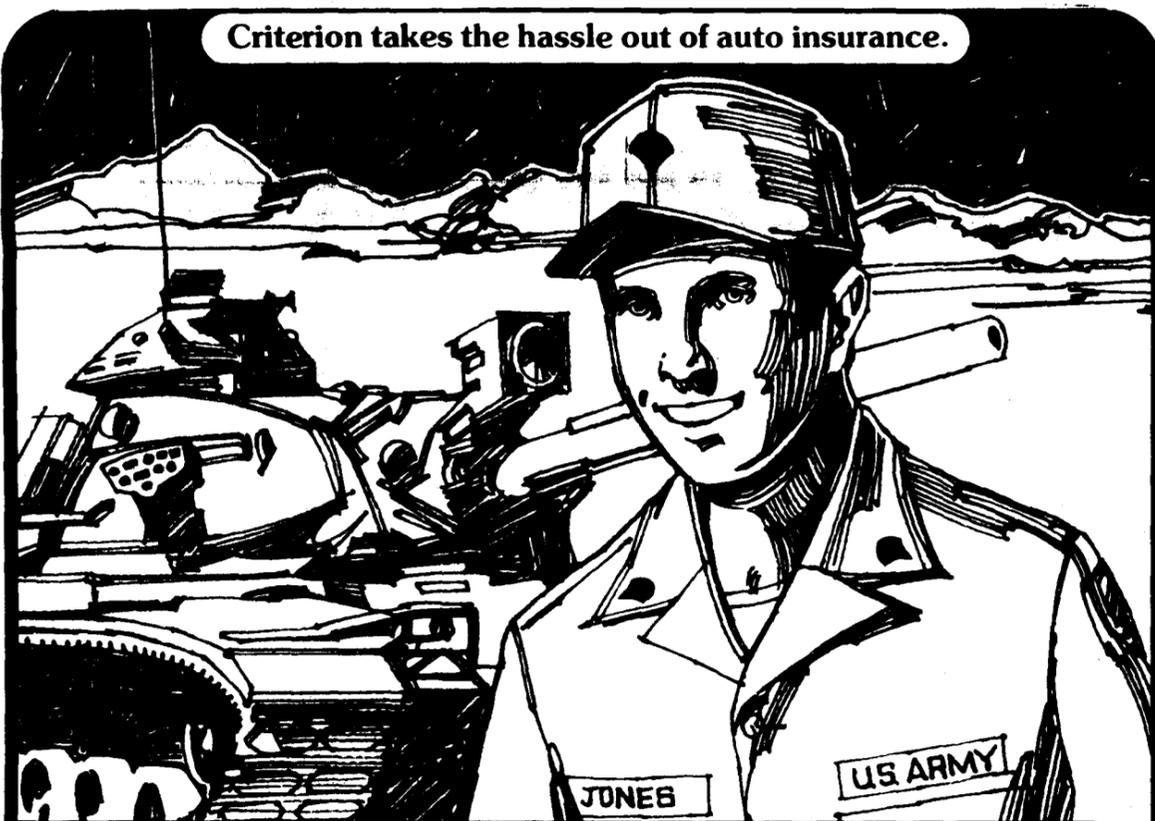
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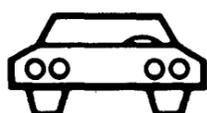
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Those graduating OMMCS courses during the week Aug. 11-15 with the highest academic standing were Pvt. Thomas P. Jarvis, Pvt. Glen A. Titler, SSgt. Phillip D. Hummert and Sgt. James A. Matthews, Tow/Dragon repairer; Sharon Vantroost and Sgt. David F. Reichert, nuclear weapons specialist; CWO 2 Larry Mason and WO 1 Cynthia F. Maldonado, nuclear weapons technician; CWO 2 Stanley D. Elliott and CWO 2 Gilbert M. Moore, warrant officer advanced.

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Active duty Army, Reserve and National Guard officers and civilians are eligible to enroll in professional development courses offered during the 1986-87 school year by the 3392nd USARF School. Reserve and National Guard officers who have successfully completed an officer basic course are eligible for the Branch Officer Advanced Course. Active duty Army, Reserve and National Guard officers who meet requirements and civilians (GS-11 or above) may enroll in the Command and General Staff College. Classes will meet one night a week beginning in October at several locations in North Alabama. For more information call Lt. Col. Steve Demora 876-9001 or the 3392nd USARF School 536-5631.

Childbirth classes

Prepared childbirth classes at Fox Army Community Hospital will feature instruction in breathing and relaxation techniques, labor and delivery, newborn care and parenting. For more information and enrollment, call Maj. Nancy Trent 876-5863.

Chapel events

Protestant Women of the Chapel will hold its first meeting of the 1986-87 year at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 28 at the Bicentennial Chapel. Chaplains and staff members will be present to welcome newcomers. The meeting will begin with a social hour and will center on the theme, "Follow Him in Our Daily Walk." PWOC will meet the fourth Thursday of each month this year, instead of the third Thursday. A *book study group*, sponsored by PWOC will begin Sept. 8 and run for 12 weeks. Each meeting will be held from 9:30 until 11 a.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel. The group will study the book "Walking in the Light" by Joyce Marie Smith. Study will be led by Chaplain Meyer. A PWOC *Bible study group* meets at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday at the Bicentennial Chapel. *Praise aerobics* for Protestant women meets at 8:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Bicentennial Chapel. *Volunteers* are needed for PWOC service activities, including the "Good Sam" project, serving needy people; Meals-on-Wheels, the PWOC Sunshine Committee and the Hospital Visitation Project. For more information, come to the Aug. 28 meeting or call 876-5707/5751. Babysitting services for all PWOC activities can be arranged through the Child Development Center.

Found property

Property that has been found includes a black-and-white bicycle, a man's wallet, and an air conditioner/refrigeration unit. Owners can identify and claim this property by contacting the Investigations Section, Attn: AMSMI-RA-PM-LE-IN, building 3649, phone 876-2090/3449.

Retiree activity day

The annual "Retiree Activity Day" for military retirees and their families in the area will be conducted Saturday, Sept. 6 at the NCO Club. This program is hosted by Redstone Arsenal in conjunction with the Retiree Advisory Council.

Fashion show

The post exchange will hold a fashion show for the size 16 to 24 woman Sept. 10 at 4:30 p.m. For more information call Linda Chastine 883-6100.

MOS library

The Army Education Center MOS library will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and from 9:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through September. If customer demand justifies the new evening hours, they will be extended beyond September. For more information call 876-9761.

Audit hotline

The Army Audit Agency is auditing installation supply operations at MICOM which includes ammunition, explosives, sensitive, and "nice-to-have" items, according to the audit manager. An objective of the audit is to evaluate the internal controls regarding unauthorized possession, use or disposition of these type items. Those aware of such unauthorized possession, use or disposition should call 876-3024 from 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. and ask for "hotline" assistance; or write to Managing Auditor, Attn: DAAA-SOR-HFO, Redstone Arsenal 35898-7200. Information will be accepted until Sept. 30 with "anonymity guaranteed."

Officers bowling

The Wednesday Night Officers Bowling League will hold an organizational meeting today (Aug. 27) at 4:30 p.m. in the Big Spring Lounge at the Officers Club. All team captains should attend. Active or retired officers or warrant officers interested in joining the league are invited. For more information, call Mark Moravits 876-8666 or Ed Ogozalek 544-6720.

Ladies golf invitational

The Redstone Ladies Golf Annual Invitational will be held Wednesday, Sept. 3 with some 96 ladies participating from clubs in the north Alabama and southern Tennessee area. The theme for the tournament is "Around the U.S. in 18 holes." The ladies golf invitational is described as the largest single golf tournament conducted at Redstone. Chairperson for this tournament is Beverly Payne (phone 881-8879).

Burger King

Applications for Burger King, building 3231, will be accepted at the Post Chapel from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 29. During September, applications will be accepted at the Main Exchange personnel office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Toastmasters

Mason-Dixon Toastmasters meet at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Morrisons Cafeteria. The public is invited. For more information call 852-8935 or 881-8914.

Learning center

The Army Learning Center is offering two new computer-based courses. "The Personnel Game" lasts one hour and simulates the process of interviewing job candidates and hiring the best qualified. "Planning for Retirement" gives information on social and psychological preparation for retirement, Social Security, and financial and legal planning. It is an eight-hour course. To enroll in either course, send a DD form 1556 to AMSMI-CP-TC/ALC, Attn: Army Learning Center, building 7446.

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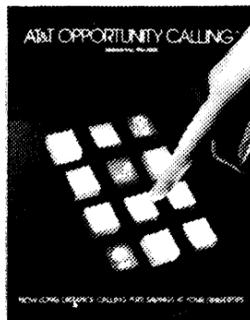


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