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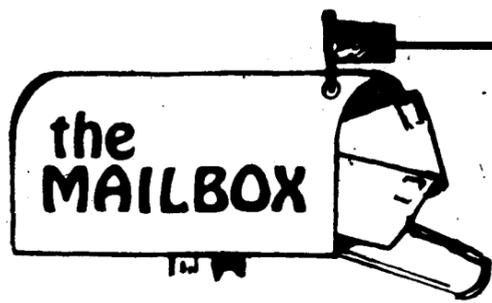
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Enjoy The Holidays!

The Redstone Rocket will be taking off for the holidays as of today's issue, the last one until Jan. 7. May you and yours have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Huge success

Editor:

On Nov. 19, Redstone Arsenal celebrated Family Action Day III. The program was a huge success due to the cooperative efforts of many special people in the Redstone community.

Mrs. Eleanor Allison deserves special recognition for her generous support of time and talents in coordinating all facets of the day's activities. The success of the day was also due to the contribution of the cooperative efforts of Mr. William Penny and Mr. Robert Davis, of the Post Exchange/Commissary Mall, who permitted us to utilize the space in the mall area. These two fine professional people were also instrumental in advertising the program providing us with door prizes to make the day extra special.

A sincere thanks is due CSM Whiteford and Mrs. Genie Lincoln for providing us with the Junior ROTC and the Butler High School bands, thanks to the cooperation of the Butler High School principal and the band leaders.

The day would not have been complete without the joyous songs provided by the children of the Child Development Services Center. Thank you, Mrs. Shirley Sterbenk, and CDS caretakers for bringing the little folks into the program. Mrs. Norma Harkness added a special touch with her talent of storytelling, and the balloons provided by the chaplains put many a smile on a child's face.

Sincere appreciation is due Major and Anita Wall, Mrs. Gail Purgeson and son, Chaplain Meyer and daughter, Staff Sergeant Brooks, Mrs. Cathy Ryan and son, Staff Sergeant Starling, and Mrs. Lillian Kawano, for participating in the fashion show under the direction of Ms. Linda Chastine and Ms. Cynthia Phifer.

The entire program could not have been feasible without the professional support and enthusiasm of the 25 Army agencies represented. Over 1,100 people reviewed the materials disseminated to the public on

this day. A hearty thanks is extended and again it proves what can be accomplished for "With Unity We are Able to Build a Strong Community."

J.R. Brown
Acting Director, Directorate of Community and Family Activities

Bad impression

Editor:

I am a Redstone Arsenal employee and have been watching the plight of two dogs in the housing area on Vincent Drive, close to the PX. They are each chained to their dog house at the back of the yard, thus have

very little room to exercise or to do anything else, for that matter. I have never seen anyone paying attention to either of these animals, and others in my work area who travel Vincent Drive have also made comments about their sorry living conditions.

This past week we had several inches of rain, which caused the area where these dogs are confined to flood. One dog apparently stayed in his house, but the other one's house may have been flooded, as he stood outside it with his body pressed against the fence, helplessly watching the water rise. This went on for at least two days with no apparent help from his owners! On the morning of the third day that he was seen in this pathetic position, the MPs were called and asked to intervene for this helpless animal. I did not observe any results, though they said they would check it out. That night, the temperature dropped to freezing, no doubt turning the water on the dog's coat to ice.

It is hard to believe that a situation like this could happen in a community such as Redstone. It is obvious that these animals are miserable. And who knows what the fate of these dogs will be. As you read this, take time to think about your own pet's welfare and happiness. And please, don't get a pet if you don't have time to play with it daily, if you don't have the money to have it neutered, or if you don't have the compassion to see that its living conditions are humane.

This situation has no doubt been observed by many people. It creates a very bad impression. I am not trying to embarrass anyone, but I do hope that this letter will put some peer pressure on the owners of these animals to help them to lead comfortable, if not happy, lives.

Name withheld by request

Warrant officers

Editor:

In reference to page 4 of this (Dec. 3) issue of the *Redstone Rocket* you obviously omitted the pay chart of the warrant officers. We are soldiers and we also would like to know how much of a pay raise we are getting. Apparently in your rush to meet an editorial deadline or assure that all the ads were printed, our pay chart was omitted. Request our pay chart be included in your next publication.

CWO 4 M.L.S. Robley
USAOMMCS

Editor's Note: The pay charts for military and civilians were published as received from the American Forces Press Service. I called that press service and they indicated they had received a number of inquiries about the omission of a pay scale for warrant officers. The person I talked to said she would talk to her boss about the possibility of providing such a pay chart in the future.

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A Christmas poem: 'Santa and the government grant'

A worker here has written a humorous poem for the Christmas season.

Bob Seitz, a contractor employee, says he wrote the poem last year. It's entitled "Santa Claus and the Government Grant."

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*I'm sure we all know Santa's been a success,
But how many know that his money's a mess?
With never a cent from Accounts Receivable,
Debts have swelled till they're barely believable!
Orders have multiplied year after year
Till Santa's now smothered in holiday cheer.
Last year got so bad that he sought a new slant,
So Santa applied for a Government grant!
Their auditor said, in a scandalized tone,
"No way does he merit a Government loan!
"He'll never repay it! You know that he can't!
Which means he's ideal for a Government grant!
Your typist can stamp it, to give it some class,
But make sure she logs it to cover your— lass."
The form was submitted on Valentine's Day,
But then it got lost until halfway to May,
When auditors went to review his accounts,
And make sure his books showed the proper amounts.*

But when they arrived, they were shocked as could be—

He hadn't kept records since 40 A.D.!
*Somehow, it was handled, and forward they went,
Hoping to wrap up the folly by Lent.*

The next thing that tripped them were open-bid laws,

*So Purchasing tried for a small-business clause.
But Santa's among the world's larger-affairs.*

(Do you think that he makes all those goodies with mirrors?)

*And since word had spread throughout land, sea,
and sky,*

*Department stores wanted a piece of the pie.
(They also had Santas and wanted to bid—*

*With Uncle Sam paying, they'd wow every kid!
So back at the circus, the lawyers finagled—
Talked with competitors, argued and haggled—
Till Labor Day saw the grant ready to go
So Santa could function before the first snow.
But 'ere they could sign, word came down to the buyer,*

*From Congress or Heaven, whichever is higher,
That funding was frozen till Congress could see
How long it could posture and still disagree.*

*And now, we have come to a new fiscal year,
And lo! Santa's money is no longer here!*

*Well, you can imagine! This late in the season
Withdrawing his money surpasses all reason!*

*This far in the fall, what can anyone do
To fabricate presents for me and for you?*

*And Santa, of course, is just fit to be tied!
A Santa-less Yule hurts his virtue and pride!*

*He pondered for days till he saw what to do:
The Salvation Army could help pull him through.*

*His helpers would bolster their troops at their pots,
And spread out to cover additional spots.*

*And then, if his workshops produced night and day,
There's still a good chance we could come out O.K.*

*But Christmas depends on amassing the cash
So the Salvation Army can finance the bash.*

*So tell all your relatives— make sure they know—
Then rush down to K-Mart and dump in your dough!*

*You won't be rewarded with "thank-you's" alone.
This year, what you give them will soon be your own.*

*And then, let's help Santa; we know now he can't
Depend on the likes of a Government grant.*

'Third party' plan

Building planners examine rent-to-buy option

A novel approach to financing a major new office building by having it built by a civilian contractor and sold to the Army with payments like rent is under consideration by planners here.

The planners are eyeing "third party" participation in military construction as a possible solution to Redstone Arsenal's severe shortage of administrative space.

They propose constructing a building of nearly 900,000 square feet on Martin Road just east of MICOM headquarters with offices for 4,800 workers. "What we're talking about is having a company or consortium design and build it and lease it back to the Army," said Ray Washburn, the project engineer. After making lease payments for 25 years, the Army would be given title to the building.

Washburn, who is on the staff of the master planning, construction and environmental office in Facilities Engineering, said the Army's Corps of Engineers is studying the proposal and is expected to report in May on its "viability" and whether there are contractors interested in it.

He said the proposal has been well-received and appears to stand a good chance of obtaining the formal endorsements required from approving agencies within the Army, Defense Department and Congress.

"There is a lot of interest in this program because it frees up MCA (military construction) money for other projects that can't be third-party financed," Washburn said. A chief attraction of such a financing arrangement is that it requires no "up front" money. "Private industry does it some; instead of using their

cash for a building, they can have it for other uses," he pointed out.

Allowing time for reviews and approvals and then at least two years for design and construction, building occupancy would not be possible until late in 1990 at the earliest, Washburn said.

Washburn has been the project engineer about six weeks, succeeding Sam Fields and John Fulda who worked several years developing it. Fields has assumed responsibility for the steam generation project the Army is developing with the city of Huntsville, and Fulda was named Redstone's energy coordinator. Washburn is also project engineer for MICOM's construction ventures off-post, including overseas, and travels extensively.

Arsenal planners have been looking to construct a major office complex here for some time, but building funds are difficult to obtain; to illustrate, none of consequence have been built here in more than 25 years. Shops and warehouses built during World War II are being used today as office buildings. The civilian personnel and finance and accounting buildings, for example, were warehouses originally. Building 5681 had been variously an incendiary bomb plant, insecticide factory and missile assembly shop before being converted into offices that are now used by 672 workers in Missile Logistics Center.

An artist's concept of the new building that was published two years ago showed four high-rise structures around a quadrangle containing a cafeteria, convenience store and other shops but that design is subject to change. "In going to the third-party, private-

industry concept, we won't tell them (contractors) what it should look like. We'll show them the organizations going in there and how they interrelate and then they will come back with their ideas of what we need," Washburn said.

Planners believe the new building, with an estimated cost exceeding \$60 million, would more than pay for itself. "The main thrust for cost savings is consolidation of various organizations into a large administrative space vs. many small ones which will reduce commuting times," explained Washburn. Computers and reproduction machines could be shared "instead of having desk-top units all over the arsenal," Washburn said. "It would also improve morale and productivity, things you can't quantify and assign numbers to," he added.

Planners want to consolidate administrative functions presently spread all over the arsenal and off-post in Research Park into buildings on Martin Road and use the area south to the river for research, development and test activities; industrial operations, hazardous storage and demolition.

With close to 10,000 people working in Army buildings within two miles of each other on Martin Road, roads in the area would have to be improved and enlarged and a shuttle bus or other transportation system linking the buildings would be needed.

As a step preliminary to construction of the new building, last week soil and rock borings were made at the proposed building site next to MICOM headquarters so that a determination can be made on what kind of foundation the structure will need.

Project office has competitive food drive

A MICOM project office held a competition to collect food donations for the annual Christmas food basket program on post.

Results of the effort by the Air Defense Command and Control Systems Project Office were impressive. The 74-member project office donated at least 700 cans and packages of nonperishable food.

Ten groups within the office competed to see which one would have the most participation per person. The groups consisted of eight divisions plus a team of assistant project managers and a front office team.

"The (project) office likes to get into competition and, when it's for a worthy cause like this, it just makes it more enjoyable," said Fred Pera, chief of the tech management division.

Cans were stacked atop each other and measured with a yardstick. A chart was used to track how each division stood in providing the most linear feet of food. "We're way off the scale. The top of the scale was 4 feet per person; we're way above that on some of them," Pera said. By last Thursday, the leading group was averaging a 9-foot-tall stack of food per person. The office drive was scheduled to end Dec. 15. Food would then be turned in for distribution from the Post Chapel to needy military families.

"The group that wins gets to pick a song and the rest of the office has to serenade them on the 16th (of December)," Pera said.

The competition began at the encouragement of Col. Kenneth N. Brown, project manager of Air Defense Command and Control Systems. At the bottom of a message about the Christmas food donations

program, Brown wrote a personal note for his workers. "This program is very, very important to me," he wrote. "ADCCS ought to come up with at least 100 cans of food. All supervisors should give this

special attention! I plan to give at least 10 cans myself. Challenge: Match me!"

With some 700 cans donated, the project office did even better than anticipated.



DRIVE— Pera measures height of a stack of food cans as Melody Meadows-Reagh, his secretary, holds the competition chart.

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Long-time photographers recall early missile era

A photographer who came here with the von Braun team and has covered the Army missile program from its infancy is retiring from federal service, along with another veteran cameraman whose early photo assignments included filming the first U.S. satellite and the space monkeys.

Don Godwin, who accompanied the famed group of German scientists to Redstone Arsenal in 1950, is retiring at the end of December after 38 years as an Army photographer.

Ending a 35 year career is Rex Evers, whose years here, like Godwin's, spanned many historic moments in the Army missile program.

Godwin was a member of the 9330th Technical Services Unit, the legendary military company of enlisted technicians, scientists and engineers assigned to support von Braun's rocket team at Fort Bliss, Texas when the Germans were brought to the United States after World War II.

Evers came to Redstone in 1956 following a stint in the Navy and service as a civilian photographer for the Air Force.

Like many farm boys of their generation, both entered military service at age 17 for a better life. "I joined on my 17th birthday to get away from following that mule," remarked Godwin.

He and Evers were raised within a few miles of each other in rural Dekalb County near Buck's Pocket but were unacquainted until they met here at work.

Redstone Arsenal in the early days was a busy place for a photographer, Godwin and Evers recalled. The work going on here was considered history-in-the-making and the Army wanted all of it recorded on both still photos and movies. Missiles were fabricated and assembled here in those days and each step was painstakingly recorded on film.

Construction boomed as the Army transformed what had been the world's largest chemical manufacturing arsenal into a major science and engineering center. Godwin recalls the growing pains: "It was two-

lane roads and mud everywhere. This arsenal was a mess."

The first photo lab of the missile era was a big operation located in the warehouse where Civilian Personnel Office is now. "We were there from 1950 to 1966 and, even then, that place was falling in when we moved out," Godwin remembers.

The photographers traveled widely, covering not only the missile program but also handling the requirements of other Army agencies who lacked the equipment and know-how in high-speed camera work that the missile photographers had acquired.

Travel, however, offered both men what they now remember as the most memorable experiences of their careers. For Godwin, it was going to Antigua in the West Indies to take nighttime photographs from aboard ship of the fiery reentry of missiles into the earth's atmosphere.

The assignment Evers remembers most was at Fort Rucker, photographing one of the Army's earliest attempts to arm a helicopter with rockets. 2.75-inch rockets belonging to the Navy that were left over from World War II were used in the experiment. "They were so unpredictable that they couldn't fire them here so we went to Fort Rucker," Evers recalls. "Some might go 20 feet and dive into the ground, some might go 200 yards and turn straight up; and some just dropped out of the end of the launch tube." Aside from the wayward rockets, Evers said the firing range was infested with rattlesnakes that left imprints in the dust where they crawled.

Evers, who is 5 feet, 6 inches tall, said he often was selected for jobs in close quarters such as tank compartments because of his size.

Both photographers agree that Redstone Arsenal today scarcely resembles the place where they came to work more than 30 years ago. In 1950 when Godwin arrived with the 9330th, Redstone Arsenal had only recently been pulled off the real estate market after having been closed and put up for sale following the

war. Huntsville in those days was a small town where cotton was grown and milled. For a young soldier it was a dull place, Godwin recalls, except that the local people were friendly. "Of the 40 or 50 in the company who came from Fort Bliss, 80 percent got married in the first year, so I guess that tells you what there was to do," Godwin mused.

Evers and Godwin and several other veteran photographers were retained in a group to support the missile test ranges when photography and other support services were contracted out here in 1985.

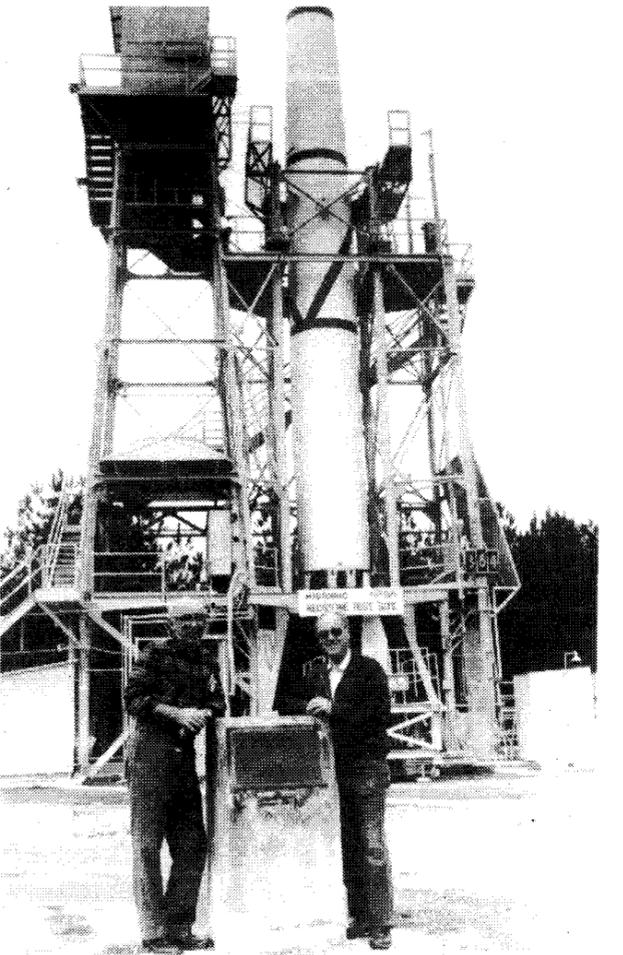
In retirement, Godwin, 55, plans to do free-lance photography, go camping nationwide and work on old cars. The first car he ever owned and the one he drove here from Fort Bliss was a 1950 Studebaker. A few years ago he found another one like it and restored it. He drives it and a 1962 Studebaker and has several others not running. Godwin lives in the Union Hill community in Morgan County. He and his wife, Ruth, have four grown children.

"It's been very, very interesting and exciting," said Godwin, reflecting on his career.

Evers, 59, plans to devote time to a photography business he has in Arab where he and his wife, Bobbie, reside.

"I've enjoyed my work," he reflected, "but when I came with the civil service I thought it was really a privilege to work for the government. So much has changed that I don't know if I could say that now.

"But it's been good to me, and my four kids have all gone to college and graduated."



CAREERS END — Don Godwin, left, and Rex Evers make a last visit to the historic Redstone test stand where they took many photographs in the early days.

Civilians career program changes; numerous improvements claimed

WASHINGTON— Army civilians in the mid-to-senior career levels will be appraised in the future under a new evaluation and referral program called the Army Civilian Career Evaluation System (ACCES).

ACCES, the result of a joint DA/OPM project that began in 1980, is a system that is designed to make the career management program more cost and time effective while improving reliability, validity and fairness.

Eventually it will replace most SKAP programs involving both candidate evaluation and referral. The basic concept of the program uses independent rating scores from employees, supervisors and accomplishment raters that are combined statistically.

The independent ratings are provided by both the employee and the supervisor on specific job-related knowledge, skills and abilities (KSA) without the lengthy written justification statements. The only narratives required are "accomplishment statements" written by the employee for each of five abilities.

The statements are evaluated and assigned numerical ratings by trained raters using a benchmark

type rating scale. Referral lists are then prepared using the KSA ratings which have been identified, weighted and scored in terms of their relative importance by management and the civilian personnel office.

The scores on each identified KSA are statistically combined by a computer to produce a referral score for a particular vacancy. The employees with the highest referral scores are then referred.

The first career program to implement ACCES was the Civilian Personnel Administration Career Program in April 1983. After a complete and thorough evaluation, the system was approved for implementation in other career programs.

In December 1985, the Manpower and Force Management Career Program became the second program to start using ACCES. The third career program to begin using ACCES in May 1987 will be the Librarian Career Management. It is also anticipated that during the fourth quarter of FY 87 the Supply Management, Material Maintenance Management and Transportation career programs will begin using ACCES. (Arnews)



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Armored personnel carrier becomes Santa's sled

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Santa and his helpers may be seen riding on post atop an armored personnel carrier.

"It's incognito, though," said SSgt. Joe Ortiz, the driver. He's right. Thanks to some added wood and paint, the vehicle does resemble Santa's sled led by reindeer.

The work was done by the Bradley/Dragon and Tow field test set team ("BDT team" for short) of the missile school's Land Combat Training Department. With Santa and his crew on board, the vehicle was used to help spread the word about the department's "Texas barbecue and chili cookoff" held last Friday. The department, under Lt. Col. Larry Jarvis, sponsored that event to get Christmas toys for children. Admission was \$3 or a new or used toy.

Plans were for the vehicle to go around this week in order to wish seasons greetings to everybody, said SFC William McKune, non-commissioned officer in charge of the BDT team. He and Elmer Theriault, an instructor with the team, were the main designers of the makeshift sled.

"I'd like to give special thanks to Randy and all the people at Training Aids for their support in the materials that they donated for us to put it together," McKune said.

He explained how a "2-by-4 framework was bolted and strapped" to the vehicle. "And we just came back with quarter-inch plywood and started bending and designing and molding," McKune added. The spare-time work took about two and a half weeks. Construction tools and materials were donated.

Jarvis, the department chief, originated the idea. "He says 'Do you think we can make a sled out of an APC?' And I says 'Yeah, we can do anything' and we did it," McKune recalled.

The final product was a red sled with yellow trim. Decorations in paint included white bells and the messages "Seasons Greetings" and "Merry Christmas." In front were three reindeer— McKune hinted that the others were in the power pack.

"It's been an experience," he said, referring to the sled project. "Everybody here really got together on it; I think we worked closer on that than we have on anything. We all had a good time doing it."



SANTA'S SLED— An armored personnel carrier was modified into a sled for Santa by the BDT team within Land Combat Training Department. SSgt. Joe Ortiz is driving the vehicle. From left, the Christmas passengers include Bruce Walker, Jerry Willis (Santa), SSgt. Kenneth Demond, and Donald Amaral.

Club contributes to food baskets

At a recent meeting of the Retired NCO Wives Club, the members donated \$250 in toys and food for the annual Redstone Arsenal Christmas food basket program.

The food basket program is just one of several charity projects with which Club members have been involved. Others include the Salvation Army Christmas Bell ringing, and Christmas Angel Tree Project.

Each year the club is also responsible for obtaining gifts and donations, as door prizes, for the annual Retirees' Activities Day, held at Redstone Arsenal.

Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7:30, in the meeting room of the Frist American Federal Savings and Loan, located on University Drive just west of Jordan Lane.

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Values important to Redstone's Great American Family

BY PAM ROGERS

Capt. Kevin Riedler and his wife, Beth, said they were surprised when they learned they were to represent Redstone in the Great American Family program. After all, they're only trying to do what's right.

The Great American Family award is given to a family that works as a team, while allowing individual growth of its members. Spiritual and community awareness also are evaluated.

"A lot of what we do is based on the teachings of our church— our Monday Family Home nights, our Friday Date nights," Kevin said. The Riedlers are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormon Church). Their church places great emphasis on family strength and values.

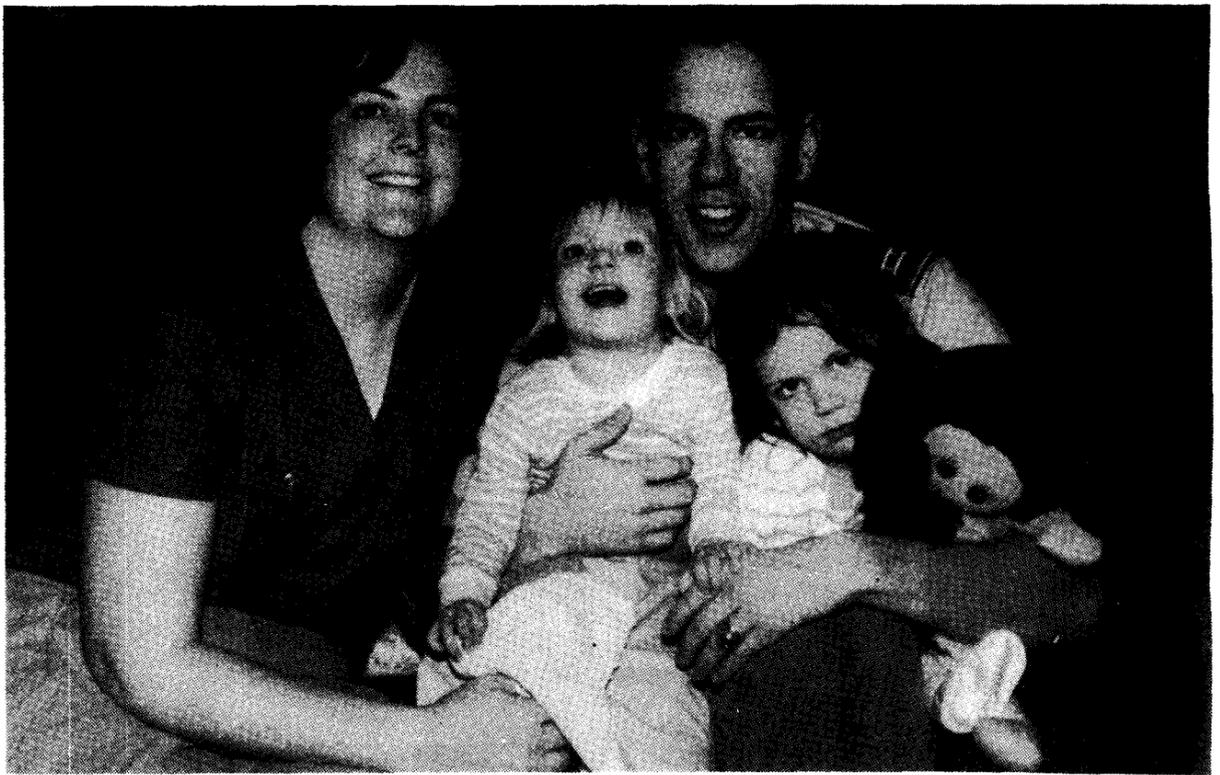
"As far as we're concerned, you could take a couple hundred families and have them do what we do, and they'd be in the same place (a Great American Family)."

The Riedlers have two children. Becky is 4 and Laren will turn 2 tomorrow. Kevin and Beth already are teaching both girls the values they want them to learn, so that when they become older, they can make their own informed decisions.

"We want to teach them what's right *now*, and then let them make choices. They will have to face things themselves, because we won't always be there," Kevin said.

"We want to teach them to have enough confidence in themselves to make the right choices," Beth said.

Beth gives lessons with different topics to the children, and tries to present them in a fun and interesting way. Subjects have included obeying, honesty and safety.



SHARING TIME — Capt. Kevin and Beth Riedler take time for a hug with daughters Laren (left) and Becky.

Becky has started preschool this year, because her parents want her to have friends her own age. She has no playmates in her neighborhood. One of her favorite activities is going over what she's learned in school

with her mother and Laren, but she also likes to play baseball and jog with her father.

Kevin and Beth hope that the training they're giving the children will carry them through their teen-age years, but they realize their examples will mean a great deal.

"I know how I was as a teen-ager, and how wild I was. We can't expect them to live the way we want them to if we don't," he said.

"It's not just the teen-age years," Beth said. "I read that drug use is starting as early as the third grade. I honestly believe that people are not putting enough emphasis on the family. I have the capabilities of working outside the home, but I would sit there and wonder, not knowing what my children are doing. I want to be aware and involved in their lives.

"I get asked a lot what I do for fulfillment, when I'm more or less at home with the kids all day. But when you look at kids and know they're our future, you want to give them the best values you can," she said.

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Christmas trees dedicated to missing servicemembers

Christmas trees at the Readiness Group and at the Bicentennial Chapel should help keep alive the memory of servicemembers still missing in Southeast Asia.

Barbara White, a local woman whose brother is among the missing, painted on tree ornaments the names of Alabama's 43 POW/MIA servicemembers plus her brother's name. There is a name on each of the 44 white balls with a ribbon attached.

"A message came down through channels encouraging the military installations to dedicate a Christmas tree to POW/MIAs to remind people to pray for these men," White said. The ornaments she made are "just to tell people their names and remind them to pray."

Her brother, on the Tennessee list of missing servicemembers, is Air Force Capt. Samuel Larry James. He has been missing in Southeast Asia since April 18, 1973.

White's husband is Maj. Robert W. White, an engineer assister with the Readiness Group. The Christmas tree ornament project is "a national public awareness program which was endorsed by Department of Defense to make the public more aware of POWs and MIAs," he said.

The Readiness Group's tree, lights and other decorations were donated by soldiers in the group.

"This is the first year that we've dedicated a (Christmas) tree," said Maj. Dan Bowdoin, the group's adjutant. "We opted to dedicate it to the memories of POW/MIAs."

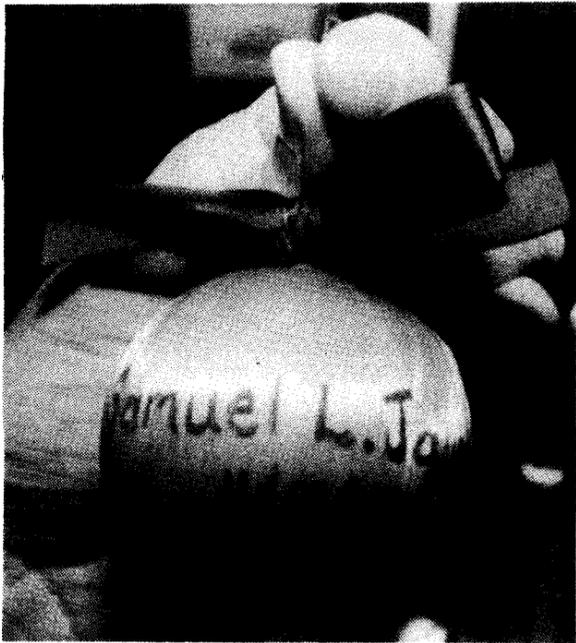
At Bicentennial Chapel, a POW/MIA remembrance

tree is among three Christmas trees in the altar area. "It's a reminder at this special holiday season that the POWs and MIAs have not returned home and we will

remember them in our thoughts and prayers this Christmas season," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Donald Allison, the deputy post chaplain.



IN REMEMBRANCE— Maj. Robert White and MSgt. Wesley Reynolds of Readiness Group trim tree dedicated to POW/MIA servicemembers.



ORNAMENT — The name of missing servicemember Air Force Capt. Samuel L. James was painted on this Christmas tree ornament by his sister.

Party set for children of work force

On Dec. 20 military and civilian employees are invited to bring their children to the Recreation Center for a holiday party sponsored by various organizations.

Gifts will be presented to children through 12 years of age by a jolly bearded man in a red suit assisted by his elves. Teen-agers will have their annual dance with drawings for gift certificates every half hour.

The agenda and schedule for various age groups is as follows:

Children through 5 years of age:

- Party hours 10 a.m. to noon
- Santa, gifts, various activities, refreshments
- Magician/ventriloquist show 11:30 till noon.

Children 6 through 12:

- Party hours 1 to 3 p.m.
- Santa, gifts, deejay, refreshments.
- Drawings for four bicycles.

- Magician/ventriloquist show from 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Teens 13 through 19:

- Party/dance hours 7 to 9 p.m.
- Deejay, refreshments.
- Drawing for gift certificates every 30 minutes.

Participating organizations include Child Development Services, Youth Activities, the Recreation Center, Army Community Service, all under the Directorate of Community and Family Activities; the Officer Friendly Program sponsored by the Office of the Provost Marshal; RASA's Fire Department and Crime Prevention units; the NCO and Officers Wives Clubs; 832nd Ordnance Battalion; the Chaplaincy; the Commissary and Post Exchange; the Thrift Shop; Showbiz Pizza; and UAH's mascot Charger Blue.

"The party is being offered, as far as I know, for the first time to include military and civilian employees' children. After all, it is this group of people that keeps the Army on the go— that keeps the post moving," said Shirley Mohler, outreach worker in the Family Child Care Program.

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As the Red Cross was collecting blood Dec. 10, Santa, who bore a striking resemblance to Col. Freddie Smith, greeted workers throughout the directorate. He congratulated those who already had made their appointments with the bloodmobile, and gave gentle reminders to those who hadn't.

At the blood collection area, Santa had gifts of candy and nonalcoholic Bloody Marys ready for donors, and bundles of switches to pass out to selected Scrooges.

"At this time of year there's an increased need for blood, but a lot of people think they're too busy. Well, Santa Claus is busy, but if he's got time to give, everybody has," Smith said.

Kiwi Mialki, directorate coordinator for the Red Cross Blood Program, credits Smith with making a successful program where none existed before.

"This is probably going to be our best blood drive ever," she said.

Ruth Miller, acting coordinator for the Redstone Red Cross Blood Program, presented Smith with a Red Cross appreciation award for his work with the directorate's program.

At the end of the donation period, the directorate



LIVING GIFT — Santa poses with a pint of blood. Blood is a gift many people forget this time of year, he said.

had collected 44 pints of blood, with one deferral, Miller said.

"That's more than they collected in all of last year," she said.

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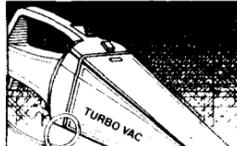
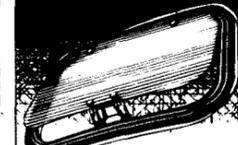
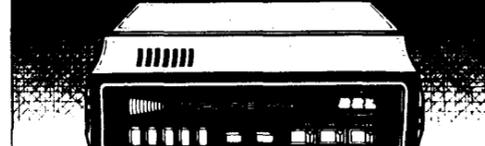
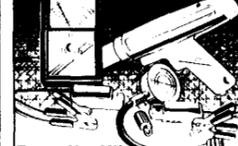
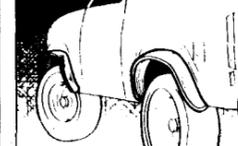
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Officers wives bring holiday cheer to local senior citi

Members of Huntsville's Senior Citizens Center were treated to holiday fun and entertainment by members of the Officers Wives Club at their annual senior citizens Christmas Party Dec. 9.

As the guests were seated at their tables, they received favors from the club. A brunch of biscuits, cake and cookies with coffee and orange juice was served.

1st Lt. Aaron Zook and his wife, Joyce, began the program of entertainment, singing several Christmas carols. The 3- and 5-year-old groups from Redstone's Child Development Center also sang Christmas songs.

The children then presented seniors with crafts made by students at the Child Development Center.

Local magician Fred Wells gave the group a sampling of his magic tricks, ending his act by juggling a bean bag, a rubber ball and a bowling ball.

Members of the University Baptist Church rounded out the entertainment by singing several carols.

The morning ended as Santa Claus (Chaplain Bill Meyer) and helpers from the OWC distributed gifts to the seniors.



MUSICIANS — 1Lt. Aaron Zook and his wife, Joyce, sing Christmas duets for the party audience.



HO HO HO! — Santa (Chaplain Bill Meyer) wishes a Merry Christmas.



CAROLERS — Students from the Child Development Center give a gift of music to guests at the party.

zens with annual Christmas celebration



is to Roberta Smith.



IT WAS THIS WAY — Ernie Clapham tells a story to Pat Neely. At 96, Clapham is the oldest member of the Senior Center.

Company-wide contest means more food for charity

BY JEFF WATSON

Christmas is recognized as the time of the year for giving and within the military community things are no different. As a way to help support a Christmas charity, one company within the 73rd Ordnance Battalion at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School organized a unique way to increase the unit's participation.

To help the Redstone Arsenal Food Basket Program reach its goal of 150 food baskets, 1st Sgt. David Nimmons of Company A formulated the idea of having a food-drive contest between the platoons in the company.

The food basket program here, sponsored by the Redstone Arsenal Chaplains has been an ongoing program for several years according to Chaplain Russell Walker, 269th Ordnance Brigade Chaplain and program coordinator. The purpose of the food basket program is to help the military needy at a time when many families feel a financial crunch.

"I feel the contest such as Company A is having is a great idea," said Walker. "It really helps out the food drive and it helps the spirit of the unit."

Company A has approximately 430 permanent-party soldiers that make up the eight platoons within the company. The incentive for the winning platoon that contributed the most food items was not only the satisfaction of helping their fellow military members, but also 30 days excused absence from company formations.

"I think the contest was a real good idea," said Nimmons "The food collected will mainly stay within the military community and help a lot of people."

"We are determining the winner by the number of food items each platoon donates and so far it has been really competitive. Some of the platoons are also collecting cash donations to go buy food in case some of the people do not get a chance to bring it in themselves."

The food drive began post-wide about six weeks ago as did the Company A contest. The food items con-

tributed are primarily non-perishable items such as canned goods, cereals, and crackers although such items as coffee and spices are frequently donated.

The priority for distributing the food baskets is needy active military first, followed by needy retired military and Department of Defense workers, and finally if there are baskets left over they will be donated to the local community charities.

"I think this is an outstanding program," said SSgt Everette Ramey, 3rd Platoon sergeant. "It helps those

that are less fortunate than others and I believe it gets people in the Christmas spirit when they help others out this way. The 3rd Platoon thought it was a good idea and because of the contest, I think more people will contribute. It is just another example of the Army helping its own."

The food collected by Company A as well as other units and offices will be distributed by the Post Chapel on Dec. 18 and 19. For information on the program contact the Post Chapel at 876-5751 or 876-6485.



FOOD BASEKT GIFTS — Sorting through contributions to the Chaplains Food Basket Program from the 73rd Ordnance Battalion are, from left, 1Sgt. David Nimmons, SSgt. Herbert Bowles and Chaplain (Maj.) Russell Walker.

Redstone group learns crimeproofing techniques

Members of the Redstone group of International Training in Communication and their guests learned how to defend themselves from crime during their meeting Dec. 10.

Members gave tips on how people can burglar-proof their homes and make themselves appear less like victims.

David Tombs, a representative of Citizens Against Crime, a Nashvillebased group, gave more advice for protection at home and away.

"Not many people imagine they could be victims. Not many women leave home in the morning expecting to be raped before lunchtime," he asserted

Tombs said most people were surprised to find that men are more likely to be victimized by criminals than women or senior citizens.

"A man puts himself in situations without thinking, and robbers assume, sometimes falsely, that men carry more cash than women," Tombs said.

Security is an important part of protecting a dwelling, Tombs said. Deadbolt locks should extend at least one inch into the door facings and windows should be secured in a way which makes it difficult to open them.

Just as important are the mind games you can play with a burglar, Tombs said.

"Even if you don't have a dog, you can get a couple of dog dishes, big dishes, and put them on the back

porch. You could put a name on them— maybe 'Killer' or something. The first thing a burglar will think is 'where's Killer?'"

Tombs also suggested applying burglar alarm warning stickers to windows and doors— even if you don't have one. Other ideas included leaving a radio on, and using a timer to turn lights on and off, as long as it's done right.

"Timers are good for using while you're on vacation as long as you begin using them before you leave. If someone is watching your house and they see lights coming on and going off with no one moving around, they'll know something's not right," Tombs said, adding that leaving a porch light on in the morning in anticipation of coming home after dark is a clear signal nobody's home.

Tombs told his audience that 85 percent of all street crimes occur in or around an automobile.

"The way you look on the street is very important. You should project a positive image. You should check your surroundings, and have your keys in hand," he said. One of the biggest mistakes women make, he continued, is to search their purses for keys while walking down the street.

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CRIME PREVENTION— David Tombs tells Redstone ITC how to avoid crime.

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Training exercise planned in Honduras

WASHINGTON— At the invitation of the government of Honduras, the United States will participate in a Joint Chiefs of Staff approved, U.S. Southern Command sponsored, Combined Engineer Exercise in North Central Honduras from January through May of 1987.

The exercise, called Blazing Trails 87 - Honduras, will involve elements of the Honduran Armed Forces, the U.S. Army National Guard, the U.S. Army

Reserve and the active U.S. Army participating in a combined training exercise involving road construction under austere and remote tropical conditions.

Construction of a 5.5 kilometer dirt and gravel road will occur near Puente Grande which is approximately halfway between Jocon and Puentequita in the Yoro Department of Honduras.

Part of the exercise area was the site of both the Cabanas '85 combined U.S.-Honduran exercise during

June - September, 1985 and Blazing Trails 86 - Honduras/exercise General Terencio Sierra '86, a combined U.S. Army National Guard-Honduran Armed Forces exercise which involved the construction of 11 kilometers of road between Jocon and Puentequita.

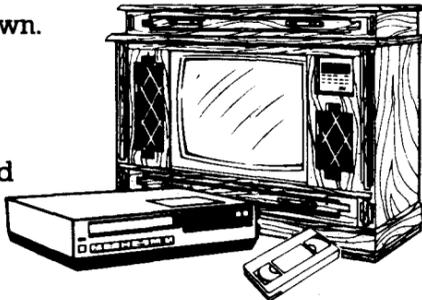
Exercise Blazing Trails 87 - Honduras will be the first exercise combining Military Engineers of the U.S. Army National Guard, the U.S. Army Reserve and the Honduran Armed Forces. (Arnews)

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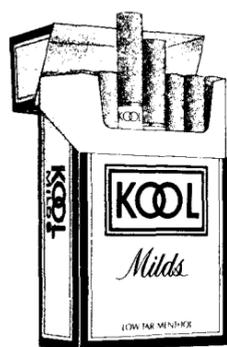
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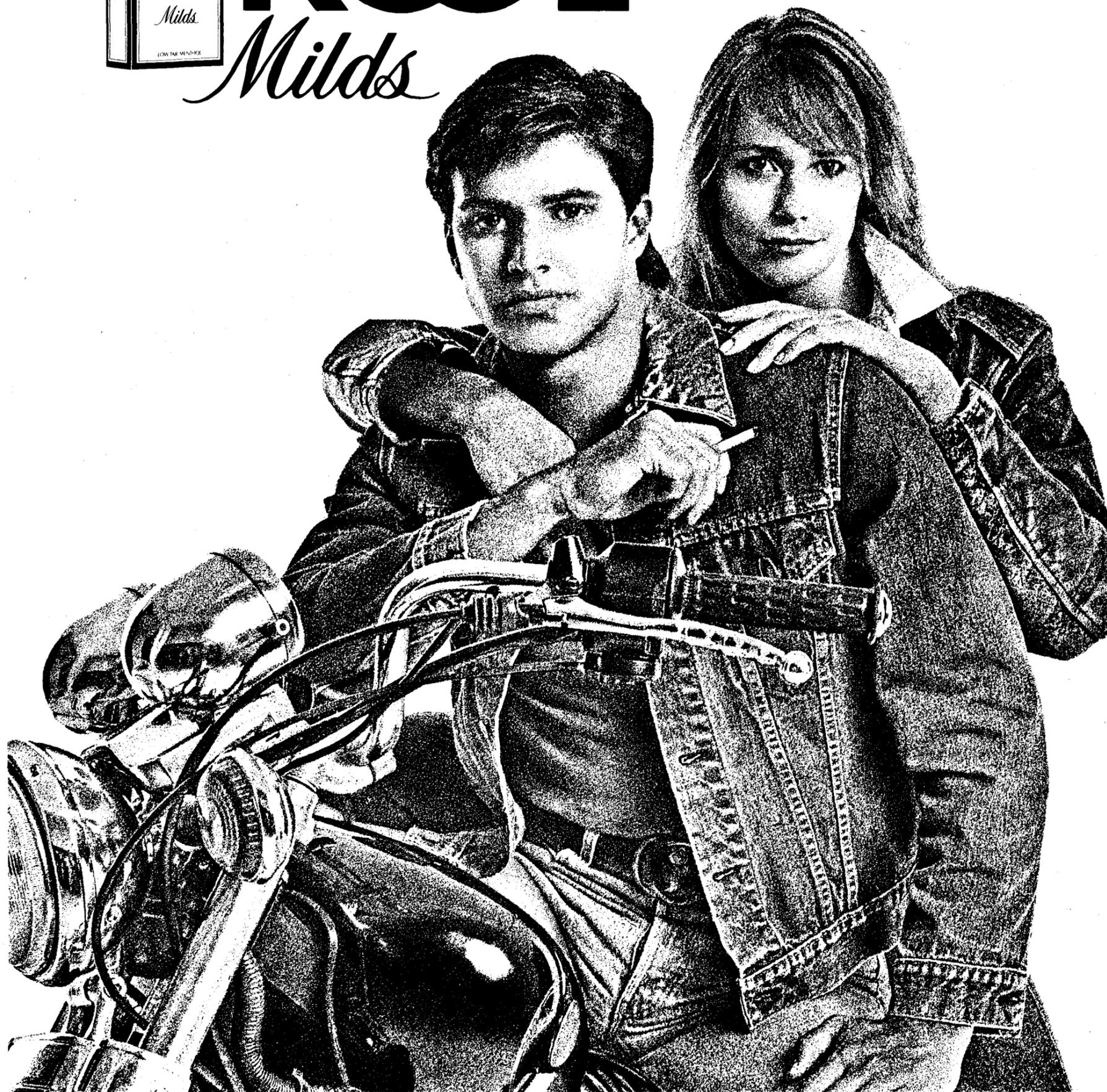
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Chaplain tries to make holidays happy for soldiers

BY PAM ROGERS

At Christmas it's so easy to become wrapped up in preparations, shopping, cooking and anticipating visits from loved ones that we sometimes forget there are people who will be spending the holidays alone.

Around Redstone, those people are likely to be soldiers.

Some may be facing the prospect of a Christmas in the barracks, away from family and friends. Some might be single parents who will try to make a meaningful Christmas for their children. Others may have young families.

Chaplain (Capt.) Bill Meyer is trying to bring some of those soldiers together with families who want to share their Christmas celebrations with someone who can't go home for the holidays.

"The reason we're doing this is that Mary Harvey of the Red Cross called and said she had a soldier who needed a home for the holidays. She wanted to know if there was a program like this for other soldiers," Meyer said.

There wasn't a program, so Meyer decided to start his own. He hasn't had a big turnout yet, but he ex-

pects to have more interest toward the end of this week.

"One soldier who's signed up is pregnant. When people think of soldiers, they tend to think of boys out in the field, but soldiers can be girls who are in a family way. This particular soldier is too far along to travel right now," Meyer said.

He hopes to have active duty and retired military as well as civilian families show interest in the program, and even has preliminary plans to expand the program to other holidays and weekends if there is enough participation at Christmas.

Here's the way the program works. Soldiers and families are matched by Meyer. The family will be asked to initiate contact with the soldier. It's up to the people involved to decide how much time to spend together, and whether or not to exchange gifts, Meyer said.

Meyer encourages those in the chain of command to be aware of soldiers who need to participate in the program, but may feel intimidated about spending Christmas with people they don't know.

"If they want me to approach the soldiers about it, I'll do it," he said.

Meyer realizes that some families may have some misgivings about participating in his program.

"I think I'll have to go out and seek families. I realize having a stranger in your home for the holidays is hard. I have that apprehension myself. I wonder if they would be bored, and I think of my kids jumping all over them. But that's what Christmas is all about—caring and sharing," he said.

To participate in the program, contact Meyer at the Community Counseling Center, building 3490, at 876-7256.



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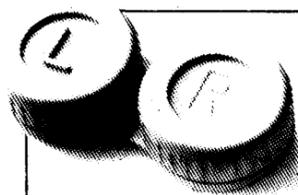
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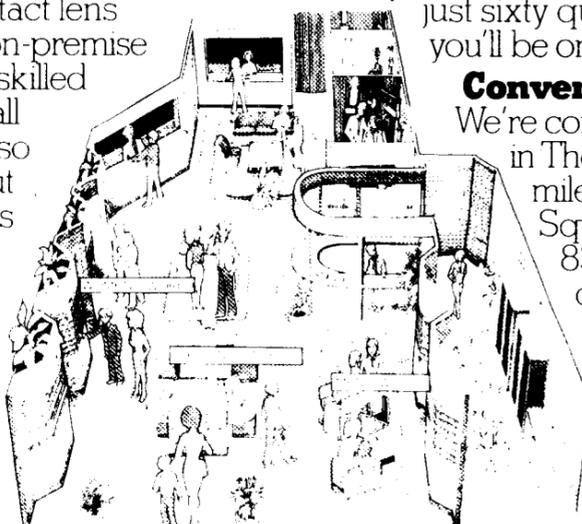
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Missile Systems-1 team rolls to fourth straight win

The Missile Systems-1 team and P&P-2 team stayed unbeaten last week in Civilian Welfare Fund basketball action.

Missile Systems-1 rolled to its fourth straight win while P&P-2 kept pace with its third in a row. Missile Systems-1 beat Reproduction 80-72 and MIA 75-59. P&P-2 clobbered the P&P-1 team by 76-45 and took a forfeit over Green Machine.

In other games in the men's 34 years and under basketball league, Green Machine whipped MIA 55-39; PAO defeated P&P-1 65-54; MSIC nipped PAO 56-52; and COE edged MSID 73-71.

Derwin Watkins scored 23 points to lead Missile Systems-1 over Reproduction. Bobby Lighton contributed 20. Reproduction got 20 from Terry Nance and 20 from Luther Johnson.

James Love and Dwight Harris each hit for 17 to pace Missile Systems-1 past MIA. Barry McClure scored 28 for MIA with help from Jeff Largent's 14.

Willis Epps pumped in 18 points while Dante Emanuel scored 14 to lead P&P-2 over the P&P-1 team. Joe Carter's 22 and Lorenzo Jones' 7 paced P&P-1.

Buphus Nall scored 25 in Green Machine's win over MIA. Dave Smith contributed 14 to the winning cause. For MIA, McClure hit for 16 and Largent 8.

Abdullah Muhammad and James Stevens hit 18 apiece to pace PAO past P&P-1. The P&P-1 team was led by John Barnes with 15 and 10 each by Blakely Jones, Gary Rigell and Tyron Sumlin.

Don Carver hit for 23 to lead MSIC over PAO. Ken McCormick contributed 19. PAO was led by Nathan Jenkins with 25 and Wayne Gore 9.

Craig Crossfield scored a season high of 33 points in COE's close win over MSID. Bobby Hubbard hit for 21. MSID was led by John Petty's 29 and Tommy High's 14.

In the men's 35 and over league, COE beat CPO 50-43 and the Untouchables defeated the Missile Systems-2 team by 55-38. Bill Noel led COE with 20 points, followed by Greg Young with 18 points and 11 rebounds. For CPO, Leonard Farbman scored 14, Joe Winston 8, and Vann Durr 8. George Boone and Robert Nichols each hit for 17 to lead the unbeaten Untouchables to their second win. For Missile Systems-2, Earl Fitchard scored 15 and John Watson 9.

In the women's league, the Lady Cougars clobbered

COE 63-25 and the D-73 All-Stars team beat Redstone Rockets 37-33. Crystal Cooper scored 21 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and blocked four shots to lead the unbeaten Lady Cougars to their second win. She got help from Len Bolden with 18 points and Rhonda Childress with 12 points and 10 rebounds. COE was led by Sandy Mosely who had 21 points. Michelle Byas scored 18 and Pam Garth 12 to pace the D-73 All-Stars win over Redstone Rockets. Redstone Rockets was led by Dathne Fortenberry with 17 and Denise Parker 9.

Christmas trees available on post

Redstone organizations, offices and active duty soldiers can cut Christmas trees here for no cost.

This year's tree cutting area is on the east side of the Redstone Arsenal Airfield runway. The area is marked by orange flagging, according to Jesse Horton, forester on post. All movement and cutting should be confined to the cutting area.

"People need to stay within the flagged area, because it is right on the edge of the runway. Planes will be coming in and out, and if people stray from the area, they'll be right on the runway," Horton said.

The trees should not be cut after Dec. 24, and no trimming should be done on the grass shoulder of the runway. In previous years there has been a size limit placed on the trees to be cut. This year, harvesters can cut any tree, because the area is to be cleared anyway, he said.

"Usually there's a size limit, because you'll get some people who come in and top a 20-foot tree, but this year it doesn't matter."

Young soldiers can benefit from the free trees at a time when money can be scarce. Horton estimated trees are selling for about \$3 to \$4 per foot this year. "You could spend \$20 to \$30 easy," he said.

"Those trees are beautiful. You can get any shape, any size; they're all Eastern Red Cedar."

For more information about cutting your own tree, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868.

Post volleyball team wins Georgia tourney

The post volleyball team won the 10th annual Emory University volleyball invitational held Dec. 13-14 at the university's athletic complex in Atlanta, Ga.

The team took part in two days of competition along with 15 other teams from Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. Redstone's representatives faced the Alabama Stars of Huntsville for the championship. They beat the Stars 15-4 and 15-7.

Team members included player-coach Felix Milar, Lawrence Chargualaf, Tom Frush, Les Kahalekai, Ernesto Kurotobi, Greg Milar, Jerry Miller, Algawhi Obaid, Jaber Obaid, Dennis Schlegel and Jeff Young.

Troop bowling

Here are the Redstone Arsenal intramural bowling league standings after last week's games:

Tuesday's Conference		
Team	Won	Lost
A Co. (E&TTD-1)	299	26
C Company 73rd Ord Bn-1	215	110
A Company 73rd Ord Bn	213	112
Meddac-3	211.5	113.5
HHC-1	211	114
B Co. (B.D.T.)	200	125
C Company 832nd Ord Bn-3	162.5	162.5
TMDE	136.5	188.5
D Company 73rd Ord Bn	130	195
291st MPs-2	122.5	202.5
C Company 832nd Ord Bn-2	107.5	217.5
Marines-2	93.5	231.5
C Company 832nd Ord Bn-1	82.5	242.5
291st MPs-3	72.5	252.5

200 games bowled on Dec. 9:

Doug Mabry	223
Jeff Boger	206 & 201

(League won't bowl on Dec. 23 & Dec. 30)

Thursday's Conference		
Team	Won	Lost
B Co. (S.A.D.)	245	80
B Co. (L.C.D.)	242.5	82.5
Meddac-1	224.5	100.5
515th-2	3187	
Marines-1	196	129
A Co. (E&TTD-2)	174	151
Meddac-2	158.5	166.5
515th-1	156.5	168.5
*C Company 73rd Ord Bn-2	127.5	172.5
HHC-2	130.5	194.5
B Co. (E.O.D.)	120.5	204.5
*A Company 832nd Ord Bn	95.5	204.5
291st MPs-1	95	230
D Company 832nd Ord Bn	62	263

* has one match to makeup

200 games bowled on Dec. 11:

Jeff Hilton	213
George Parker	213
Jim Van Scoter	213
Tom Rahn	205 & 205
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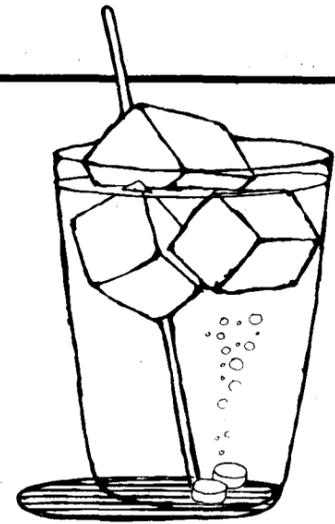


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ENG 104*	Developmental English	None	Yates	ECON 293	Macroeconomics	None	Traylor
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CIS 300*	Selected Studies: Adv. BASIC	CIS 150	Jones	MA 150	College Algebra	None	S. Patty
ENG 111	English Composition I	None	Yates	SOC 331	Juvenile Delinquency	SOC 101	Bill
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GENERAL INFORMATION — 1987

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Post exchange

The post exchange will operate according to the following extended hours during the holidays. Today through Dec. 20, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Dec. 21, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Dec. 22 and 23, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Dec. 24, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. All Christmas layaways should be picked up before noon Dec. 24.

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Military comptrollers

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will meet Jan. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers Club. Cost for the meal is \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. The speaker will be Arthur T. Walker, deputy director of Army budget, Department of the Army. For reservations call Mary Elizabeth Smith 876-5222.

Chapel events

Christmas week activities at Post and Bicentennial Chapel begin with the final *Advent Service* at 6 p.m. Dec. 21 at Bicentennial Chapel. *The Singles Group* will have a Christmas party from 7-10 p.m. Dec. 21 at Quarters 7123 Headquarters Circle; for more information, call Terry Whiteford 883-4961 or Bicentennial Chapel 876-5707. *Christmas caroling* on post will be provided by a group that plans to meet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 23 at Bicentennial Chapel. Chaplain Presley is the leader, and all are invited to join the festivities. *Christmas Eve services* on Dec. 24 begin with the Children's Mass at 5 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel; the Candelight Protestant Christmas service is set for 7 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel; and Midnight Mass, also at Bicentennial Chapel, is the last service of the day. *A Protestant Christmas Day service* will be held at Post Chapel at 10 a.m. Dec. 25. *Christmas Masses* that morning are scheduled for 9:30 at Bicentennial Chapel and 11 at Post Chapel.

Tax reform

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 requires all employees to file a new W-4 form before Oct. 1, 1987. You should file early to avoid incorrect withholding for 1987. The act also requires that any child who reaches the age of 5 by Dec. 31, 1987 have a Social Security number to be declared an exemption for the 1987 tax year.

Military police patrols

The military police will begin a new patrol procedure designed to incorporate community involvement by asking for suggestions from the public for areas in which such patrols are needed. Suggested areas will receive one of four types of coverage: high visibility, dismount vehicle (MP walks through area), contact, and radar and traffic safety. The provost marshal will send questionnaires to public facilities and major organizations for specific input. If your organization has not been contacted and you wish to participate, call Police Operations 876-4135.

English courses

The Army Learning Center is offering the following self-paced, computer-based English courses. A Lot About Pronouns is a 1-hour course on pronouns including nominative, possessive and objective cases. Test on Hard Verbs quizzes the student on confusing verbs. To enroll in these courses, send a DD form 1556 to building 7446, AMSMI-CP-TC/ALC, Attn: Army Learning Center. For more information call 876-1061/1416.

Unmanned vehicles

The Pathfinder Chapter of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems will meet at the Lockheed building on Bradford Boulevard today at 4 p.m. For more information call Ed Peek 830-0223.

Recreation center

Tonight— *Foosball* at 7. Thursday— *Bingo* at 7. Friday— *Yahtzee* at 7. Saturday— *Darts* at 3:30. Sunday— *Magic Show* at 2. *Battleship* at 3:30. Monday— *Trivia Quiz* at 7. Tuesday— *Pool tourney* at 7.

Battalion command change

A change of command ceremony for the 73rd Ordnance Battalion, under the 269th Ordnance Brigade, OMMCS, will be held Jan. 9 at 4 p.m. at the parade field off Patton Road behind the post theater. The change will be from Lt. Col. Jack M. Paul to Lt. Col. William L. Brigadier. All Redstone Arsenal personnel are cordially invited. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony would be held in the post gym. For more information, call 2nd Lt. A.A. White 876-2825/2862.

Burger King

The Burger King on post will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 24. The facility will be closed on Dec. 25.

Gate closings

Gates 2, 5 and 7 will be closed Friday, Dec. 26 and Friday, Jan. 2. All other gates will operate on a holiday schedule these dates.

Education center

New G.I. Bill— The \$100 per month a soldier contributes to the New G.I. Bill is a pay reduction and not a pay deduction. As a result, there are two pay scales for soldiers who came on active duty after June 30, 1985. These two pay scales are designated as: one, those who participate in the New G.I. Bill and, two, those who do not. Therefore, the W-2 a soldier participating in the New G.I. Bill receives will not show the \$100 per month reduction. *Veterans Education Assistance Program*— VEAP enrollment has been reopened during the period Oct. 29, 1986 through March 31, 1987. Soldiers who came on active duty from Jan. 1, 1977 through June 30, 1985 are eligible for VEAP. If you are not currently enrolled, see finance for starting a VEAP education savings allotment. *Degrees*— Enlisted soldiers who already have a bachelor's degree may now get a second bachelor's degree using tuition assistance, provided the first was not funded by TA. Soldiers with a degree beyond the baccalaureate level which was funded by other than tuition assistance are authorized TA for one additional graduate degree or portion thereof. If interested, stop by the Education Center for more information.

Military personnel division

The Military Personnel Division will be closed Thursday afternoon, Dec. 18, beginning at 1 for the MILPO Christmas party. Commanders with soldiers planning to leave Redstone on Dec. 18 for reassignment must ensure that all post facilities are cleared and the soldier reports to the military personnel division for final outprocessing before noon Dec. 18. "Failure to outprocess by that time will preclude departure until 19 Dec.," states a release from the division.



Top graduates

Honor or distinguished graduates from OMMCS courses Dec. 1-5 were as follows: PFC Robert S. Miller, distinguished, SSgt. David K. Neal, honor, Ammunition Specialist; Sgt. Marlon G. Walker, distinguished, Sp4 Jerry A. Sample, honor, Tow/Dragon Repair; Sgt. R. A. Blonde, Hawk Launcher & Mechanical System Repair; Pvt. Antonio T. Eichler, honor, Pvt. Donald J. Foley, distinguished, Vulcan Repairer; Sp4 Vera Oscar W. Bermudez, honor, PFC Michael T. Logsdon, distinguished, Ammunition Stock Control & Accounting Specialist; and Pvt. Charles E. Taylor, distinguished, and Sgt. Jerry L. Miller, honor, Ammunition Specialist.



Nativity scenes

Huntsville Memory Gardens invites you, your family and friends to enjoy the inspirational Christmas Nativity scenes now lighted and on display 5-11 p.m. through Jan. 1, 1987. Huntsville Memory Gardens is located two miles west of new Madison Mall. For more information, call 837-7110.



CHRISTMAS TREE? — Barbara Rosenblum (left) and Belinda Ruf admire the Christmas — er — tree in Division C, Tow Branch of the Procurement Directorate. The sign in front of the "tree" bears a greeting from Gary Bell, a contract specialist, who for two years has been unsuccessful in assembling a wayward artificial tree. However, rumor has it that this pitiful specimen was created by Branch Chief Will Armstrong.

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FOR SALE: 1976 Cadillac Seville, mint condition, one owner, fuel injection, climate control, sun roof, power seats, windows, AM/FM stereo cassette (front and rear) and many more extras that work. Runs and drives good. New Firestone 721 radial tires, asking \$4000. Call Frank Marksberry, home 205-586-5016 after 5:30 or work 205-895-4211/4112 (8 til 4:30 p.m.)

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FOR SALE: 1962 Convertible Covair, turbo spyder, four speed, light yellow/black interior, excellent condition, less than 100 still around, will be an antique next month, \$4,500, have appraisal for much higher, absolutely a great running and fun car. Call 876-3221 during days or 534-3429 at night and ask for Gary.

FOR SALE: Mobile home in country, off Moores Mill Road, unfurnished, size 24'x61', three bedrooms, two baths, central heat and air plus wood stove, built in range, oven and dishwasher included. On large lot. Small equity and assume. Call Wymers at 876-9998 or 859-1649.

FOR SALE: Three 10-inch chain saw chains, all for \$20. Moped, like new, for \$350. Child's 12-inch bicycle, \$35. Downhill skis, 6 1/2 foot, for \$25. Two H78-15 snow/mud tires with rims, \$80. Two 14-inch snow/mud tires with rims, \$80. Six plus acres of dry level land in Hazel Green—paved road, water, electricity available—for \$30,000. Call 882-0173.

FOR SALE: Women's class A uniforms, sizes 18 and 20. Call 830-8321 evenings and weekends.

FOR SALE: 1979 Oldsmobile Delta 88, four door, blue with white vinyl roof, AM/FM radio, velour seats, Michelin tires, including spare, 83,000 miles. Local one owner, \$1850. Call 881-9065.

WANTED: Would like a very young Mountain Cur puppy - 6 weeks old by Christmas. Need to put a little laughter into an elderly, recent widowed man's life. Need a reasonable price, can't afford to pay too much. Would like a female. Please call 876-4668 or 615-433-3741.

FOR SALE: Doll collectors, Pauline dolls, good selection, business owner deceased, will sell below wholesale price \$30 each. Call 895-5294 7:30-4:45, M-F.

FOR SALE: 1985 Buick Regal, power brakes, and steering, AM/FM stereo, two door, 27,000 miles, silver, V-6, auto, air, excellent condition, \$9342. Call 830-1523.

FOR SALE: 1984 14x60 mobile home, assume loan payments 190.10, no downpayment, central air, two bedroom, cathedral ceilings, unfurnished. Call 233-4960.

FOR SALE: Chevette, reliable transportation, manual, AM radio, good tires, 1977, \$575 or best offer. Call 859-5906.

FOR SALE: Bar with two stools, excellent condition never used \$75. Stereo console good condition, BSR turn table, AM/FM and 8 track, \$50. For more info call SFC Bridges at 876-8596 or 837-6517.

FOR SALE: 1975 AMC wagon, six cylinder, stick shift, one owner, \$325. Call Phil 876-5666.

FOR SALE: Washer for sale, Maytag, white, Call 534-4896.

FOR SALE: 1984 Volkswagen Sciroco, Mars Reo, five speed, air, cruise, power windows, two way sunroof, rear wiper, brand new tires, and an excellent Blaupunkt stereo system. Contact Jurgen Mohr at 883-7160 or 883-5926.

FOR SALE: 1977 Camaro Rally Sport, auto with air, rebuilt 350, yellow and black, sport wheels and radial tires. \$2250 Call 837-6933.

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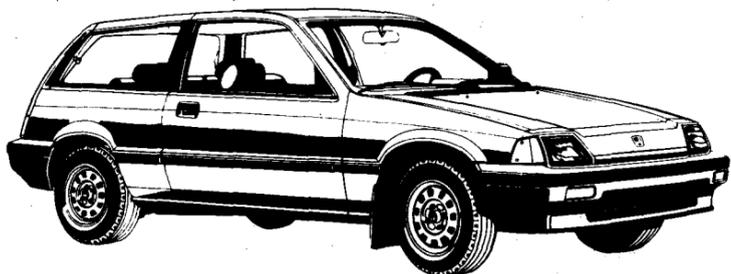


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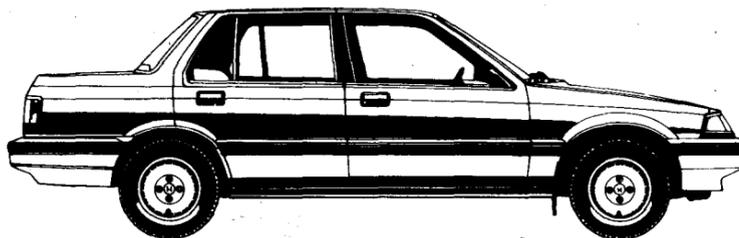
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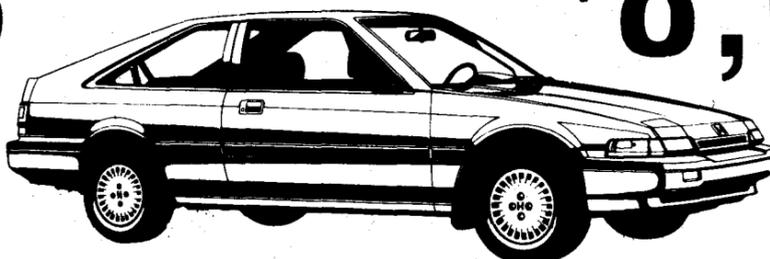
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