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Annual family picnic promises 'fun for all'

It's time again for the MICOM Family Fun-for-All Picnic at the civilian recreation area.

The big annual picnic is set for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, June 7.

Invited are all Army civilian employees, military personnel, retirees— and of course everyone's family members. There will be the usual MICOM picnic fare including sports, entertainment, contests, bingo, the dunking booth, displays, teen activities, and children's events.

"We're going to have all kinds of goodies down there for them," said Charlotte Bell, the picnic chairman. There will be something for each age group, she added.

The door prize is a VCR. Free tickets for a chance at the door prize will be distributed both before Saturday and at the picnic entrance. "You do not have to have a ticket to come to the picnic," Bell said.

Most of the attractions are free. There will be charges for food, bingo and the dunking booth. Free snow cones and popcorn are planned.

Sports

Twenty-three softball teams and 16 volleyball teams will compete for tournament trophies. Horseshoe competition will also be held at the picnic.

Five fields will be used for the softball tournament that starts at 7:30 a.m., according to SSgt. Jesse Beauford, sports committee chairman. Upper-bracket play will take place at two fields in the civilian recreation area, and the lower-bracket teams will play on three fields on Patton Road. The softball competition is expected to be over by 4 p.m. Awards will include first, second and three third-place trophies. "The last five remaining teams are going to get trophies," Beauford explained. Also, 10 players will receive individual trophies for making the allstar team.

The volleyball tournament starts at 8 a.m. and should be completed by noon. "We will be giving out first, second and two third-place trophies," Beauford said. Nine players will be selected for individual awards as members of an all-star team.

Children's events

Activities for children include train ride (an American Legion train on wheels), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; face painting, 10-2; moon bounce, 10-2; ball toss for helium balloon, 10-2; sack races, 11 and 2 (two heats); soccer kick (12:30 p.m. start); water balloon toss (1 p.m. start); and frisbee toss (11:45 a.m. start).

Entertainment at the picnic will include musicians— Dixie (country) Band, Huntsville Concert Band, Flite (pop) Band and the Moonlighters Band—plus magician Russell Davis. Cotton Eyed Joe is to serve as a disc jockey for the teen-agers. There will also be a dance competition for teens.

"We're going to have a good time," said Maureen Watanabe, chairman of the entertainment committee. "There's going to be a good variety of entertainment, and something for everybody."

Contests

Planned contests include tug-of-war, basketball shooting, sack racing, watermelon eating, egg racing, "Let's Make a Deal," and toss-a-dart. "You can create your (tug of war) team Saturday," said Kenneth Gurley, co-chairman of the contests committee. Each team, consisting of seven to 11 people, must include at least two females.

Contest prizes will include trophies and ribbons, digital clocks, a basketball, telephones, and so on. Bingo offers such prizes as radios and luggage, among others.

"We've got lots of displays and exhibits this year," Bell said. The 15 displays consist of defense and space-related and recreational items.

Displays are to include a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, Improved Tow Vehicle, a UH-1 helicopter, a NASA Space Shuttle module, an Alabama Space and Rocket Center moon buggy, Pershing, Chaparral, Stinger, an ATACMS missile with MLRS launcher, a Redstone Yacht Club boat on trailer, and other displays from recreation services.

Dunking booth

"This'll be a chance for you to get back at your bosses," Bell said, referring to the picnic dunking booth.

Picnickers will have the opportunity to soak the following people according to this dunking booth schedule: 10-10:15, Vern Stork, Security Assistance; 10:15-10:30, Lt. Col. M.H. Taylor, Procurement Directorate; 10:30-10:45, Maj. Richard Rawls, Security Assistance; 10:45-11, Steve Gierhart, Procurement Directorate; 11-11:15, Frank Chappell, Product Assurance; 11:15-11:30, 1st Lt. Aaron Zook, HHC commander; 11:30-11:45, Col. Thomas M. Brown, Pershing Project manager; 11:45-noon, Col. James B. Lincoln, Tow Project manager; noon-12:15, Chris Leachman, Tow Project; 12:15-12:30, Frank Jackson, RPV Project; 12:30-12:45, Col. Thomas Kunhart, Army TACMS Project manager; 12:45-1, Lt. Col. Ronald Sumera, Special Troops commander; 1-1:15, Col. Jon Morgan, chief of staff; 1:15-1:30, Col. Ross Sanders, deputy director of Missile Logistics Center; 1:30-1:45, Jack Isom, director of Missile Logistics Center; 1:45-2, Lt. Col. Raymond Mulcahy, Advanced Systems Concepts Office; 2-2:15, Rodger Bauer, Hawk Project; 2:15-2:30, Col. Ward Lutz, UAV Project; 2:30-2:45, Col. C. Graham Johnson, Comptroller; 2:45-3, Col. William Schumacher, Hellfire Project manager; and 3-3:15, Jack Jones, Chaparral/Faar Project.

"In my opinion, the picnic is a good morale builder," said Bell, a program analyst in the Missile Logistics Center which is sponsoring this year's picnic.

The picnic is financed by the Civilian Welfare Fund. "I am for families socializing together and knowing each other," she said.



CLOWNING AROUND— Gee Gee, a Cahaba Shrine clown, is really George Stewart, a retired public affairs officer for the Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Division. Several Cahaba clowns will be at this weekend's MICOM Family Picnic.

Country music band has ties with post

The Dixie Band, a musical group with Redstone connections, is among the scheduled entertainers at Saturday's MICOM Family Picnic.

The band has been together for about six months, although all of its members have from six to 24 years of musical experience, according to Jennie Gardner, wife of the lead singer.

Gardner, secretary to the MLRS assistant project manager, serves as bookkeeper for the musical group. She is chairman of the decorations committee for Saturday's picnic.

Her husband Jimmy sings lead and plays guitar in the Dixie Band which specializes in popular country, current hit songs and Southern Rock music. Jimmy is an inventory management specialist at the Missile Logistics Center.

Others in the four-member group include Chuck Hughes, Raymond Thornton and Lynn Pease. The Dixie Band has played at Valley Hills Country Club, the Moose Lodge and VFW Post 2702 in Huntsville. It has also performed in various locations in Tennessee.



Double standard

Editor:

I want the secretary who wrote the article, "A Secretary," to know she is not alone in her struggle to be recognized as a professional.

It is written that a secretary is not in a career field and not considered a professional series. I beg to differ! A professional secretary usually knows more than any other employee in the organization and she usually has attended more training classes pertaining to her position than many of the career field employees.

She not only performs her professional duties, she has to be maid, personal secretary, comforter, confidant, mind reader, and most of all, outside her professional duties, she needs to be a robot. A robot that is mindless and speechless as far as responding to any crude and unprofessional comments made to her. If she defends herself, even in a tactful and professional manner, she is labeled as being "uncooperative," among other adjectives.

Also, is there a different set of Army rules and regulations for secretaries and other clerical personnel? It is my understanding (maybe I'm wrong) that all government employees have the same number of minutes for lunch and breaks, same dress code, same leave restrictions, same standards of conduct, same phone limitations, etc. And yet, the secretaries and clerical personnel are treated differently in most of these areas. It's as though a double standard syndrome exists.

I believe it is time for some changes to be made as far as the professional secretary is concerned.

Name withheld by request

Musical tastes

Editor:

In honor of the Constitution's 200th birthday, I hereby exercise my right to say whatever I feel, once.

Often at work it is not the big problems, but the small snags that jam our willing, productive energies. One such tiff is piped-in music, which is a mixed blessing. Its important purposes are increasing productivity and making our workplace pleasant. However, it has a drawback, because musical tastes vary and are often intolerant of other tastes. Result? Friction.

One simple solution is to turn it off; either altogether, or else in individual offices. However, radio also provides news and weather bulletins that may be important.

Another solution is a portable "Walkman" radio with headphones. Personally, I like classical music,

and try to schedule my paperwork so I can listen to symphonies, operas and jazz on the public radio station, WLRH, while filling out reports, doing cost estimates, and writing correspondence. However, if I, or some other classic buff, had a lock on the radio knob, my tyranny would create screams.

Big divisions exist between "easy listening," country, and rock music formats. There are corresponding big groups who love one or two of these and hate the other(s). It is unfair to say one is better than the other. Rock music is considered the upstart, but has been thriving since 1956, 30-plus years. Though many workers disapprove when rock music is played, many heartily approve. Likewise with the other two formats. It sounds like very angry, selfish children.

If compromise is constitutional, and piped-in music is worth keeping on, I feel there is a reasonable solution based on what the musical styles do for employees/listeners—that helps them be more productive.

Easy listening (as on WRSA) tranquilizes, which is good to settle folks down after fighting with morning traffic. Unfortunately, in the afternoon it tends to put everyone, including its disciples, to sleep. Some stations, such as WAHR, play a blend of country and rock music. From a productivity standpoint, this more lively-tempoed music makes good sense in the afternoon, because it keeps everyone alert and working.

Thus, with easy music in the a.m. and lively music in the p.m., everybody wins, and no one feels tyrannized. I recommend that die-hard fanatics buy cheap "Walkmans."

Jack Lundy

Softball coverage

Editor:

In response to the "softball season" letter published in the editorial section of the May 27 *Rocket*, I felt it necessary to counter certain issues raised by this letter.

Seventeen teams participate in the Civilian Welfare Softball League. The league has approximately 340 participants. It is open to all Redstone employees and their dependents. It is virtually impossible to identify how good a team is by name alone, which is why the season is divided into two phases. Phase one has each team playing the other teams within their division once. Trophies are awarded to the respective champions of each division.

The secretary of the softball league reports the scores and highlights of the games to the *Redstone Rocket*. It is the coaches' responsibility, whether they win or lose, to report any highlights of their games to the secretary.

Denying the participants of the league and the employees of the arsenal the opportunity to read about the softball league is unjustified. The Civilian Welfare Softball League has more participants, excluding the MICOM picnic, than any other civilian activity on the arsenal.

Let's continue to report the league's activities in the *Rocket*!

Don Carver
President

Civilian Welfare Softball League

Union rep

Editor:

I read the letter from the secretary who seemed a little perturbed because her new supervisor would not follow her orders. Not only am I one of the insecure men she proceeded to demean, I am also the incompetent, uncaring union representative she was talking about. But, I am one of the few people willing to take the spare time to listen, research, go to meetings, participate in activities such as contract negotiation, continuously monitor management activities to see that they do not violate employees rights, and mainly stand up for the employee when management has violated his rights.

I don't suppose you are really very caring when you are willing to suffer the slings and arrows of retribution meted by management when you do stand up to it.

I am so glad that this lady found an all-caring professional organization that is there to take care of her every need. I know they are going to see that her every whim will be taken care of. Myself, in my position, I have to be able to tell whether a person has a grievance or is just griping.

I apologize for not being more of a diplomat when I tell a person if he or she has a gripe, not a grievance. If this secretary wants to, I will be glad to take the

time to show her how she can join up and participate with me in some of these activities and maybe add the professionalism and expertise, and oh yes, the caring needed to be a union rep to the organization.

George W. Allen Jr.
OMMCS Vice President
AFGE

Just forgotten

Editor:

I, too, work in a building (5681) where management raced around putting up SMI Forms 1302. However, my problem is in reverse to the writer. Here if you smoke you get a sign, never mind who sits on the other side who doesn't smoke.

For the few areas where smoking was not designated, it seems the no-smoking rule was just forgotten as quickly as it came to life.

In summary, I really can't tell much difference; maybe the smoker should transfer to this building.

Name withheld by request

Special breed

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the local 1858 union office. Recently, a matter arose which required many hours of research on my part. However, thanks to two union representatives, namely Mr. George Allen and Ms. Faye George, this task was made much easier for me. Ms. George was very helpful in locating union-related material, and Mr. Allen's assistance in preparing and organizing the material was irreplaceable.

Much appreciation goes to these individuals and other individuals like them who take interest in the human side of the working environment. A union representative is a special breed—one who desires to give of himself. His contributions to the quality of life cannot be measured in dollars and cents, but in the empathy he shows for his fellow worker. I feel that I was afforded such empathy by Mr. Allen and Ms. George and am grateful to have made their acquaintance.

G.P. Gaston
USAEDH

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Pershing missile firings reach series milestone

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.— Soldiers fired the 500th Pershing missile and five more, too, in a series of night launches that began at 10 p.m. May 20 and ended just before 1 a.m. May 21.

The night firings— a first for the Pershing II missile system — were part of a continuing series to evaluate the operational effectiveness of the weapon system and the soldiers of the 56th Field Artillery Command who are based in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, conducted all pre-launch activities and countdown operations in blackout conditions. Radio stations in the area received calls from all over Central Florida as the two stage missiles lit up the clear night skies in spectacular fashion.

The first missile fired in the exercise, the 45th Pershing II to be launched, marked the 500th round in a series extending back to February 1960 when the first Pershing R&D round was fired here and included firings of the original Pershing both at the Cape and White Sands Missile Range by U.S. Army and German Air Force crews.

The May firings, the third Pershing operational test in 1987, were all targeted into an ocean impact area several hundred miles east of the Cape.

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New retirement system offers choice for civilians

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Federal civilian workers will be able to decide soon whether they want to stay with the old civil service retirement system or change to the new Federal Employees Retirement System.

An open season is scheduled for July 1 through Dec. 31. Some 10,000 copies of a "Transfer Handbook" are to be distributed locally.

"It's an extremely important open season," said Len Farbman, chief of the technical services division at civilian personnel office. "As far as we know, it'll be a one-time decision and the decision that's made in process cannot be changed.

"They need to take the time to properly choose what they want to do," Farbman added. "Both systems are basically good retirement systems but they're different."

The Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) consists of three main parts. These include a basic benefit plan, Social Security, and the Thrift Savings Plan.

Basic benefits

Its basic benefit plan is figured on years of service and salary. Under this system, someone can retire with a basic benefit as soon as he or she reaches the minimum retirement age and has 10 years of service. For anyone born before 1948, the minimum retirement age is 55. It increases gradually to age 56 for those born before 1965 and goes up to 57 for those born in 1970 and after.

If you retire at your minimum retirement age with only 10 years of service, you can wait until age 62 for full benefits and get a deferred annuity, or you can start getting reduced benefits any time before age 62. Your monthly benefits will be reduced 5 percent for each year you are away from age 62 when you start receiving benefits. For instance, say you retire at age 56 with 10 years of service. Since you are six years away from age 62, your retirement benefit checks will be reduced by 30 percent. "The idea is to get people to work a little bit longer," Farbman said.

Social Security

For FERS retirees, the basic benefit plan supplements Social Security. Payments from Social Security begin at age 62.

"Social Security is really the plan that most Americans work under," Farbman said. "And to qualify for Social Security, most people have to have at least 10 years or 40 quarters of coverage under Social Security."

This qualification requirement for Social Security is something people should consider when deciding whether to transfer to the new retirement system. "Individuals will really need to know what they've earned in Social Security in the past in order to make an intelligent decision," Farbman said. Forms will be provided to enable people to find out through the Social Security Administration how much coverage they may have earned from prior jobs.

"Social Security makes FERS a very portable system," Farbman said. "If someone were to leave government and go to the private sector, that Social Security goes with them. Originally the civil service retirement system was designed for somebody who was going to spend their whole career with the federal government. FERS recognizes that people do leave the federal civil service system, and when they do, their (Social Security) benefits go with them to that job. They don't lose that Social Security coverage."

Thrift savings

By themselves, the new retirement system's basic benefits and Social Security do not stack up as well as the civil service retirement system, according to Farbman. He said the Thrift Savings Plan feature, however, can tip the scales in favor of the new system.

"The civil service retirement system will usually get somebody a better benefit when you just throw in the first two parts of FERS. But with the Thrift Savings Plan, somebody can do as well or even better," Farbman said.

Workers under the new retirement system can contribute up to 10 percent of their pay to the thrift savings plan. The government automatically contributes 1 percent whether or not FERS workers contribute to the plan. Plus, the government matches up to 5 percent of the workers' thrift plan contributions.

Money in these workers' thrift savings plan can be invested in any of three different investment funds: government securities, fixed income, and common stocks. People will be able to change their investment plans twice a year during an open season. The money is managed by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

Workers who remain with the civil service retirement system can also contribute to a thrift savings plan—but with limitations. They can contribute up to 5 percent, without the government matching it.

Open season

An open season for the thrift savings plan—which should not be confused with the upcoming open season for the new retirement system—is being held through July 31. Another period for joining the thrift savings plan will be held Nov. 15 through Jan. 31, 1988.

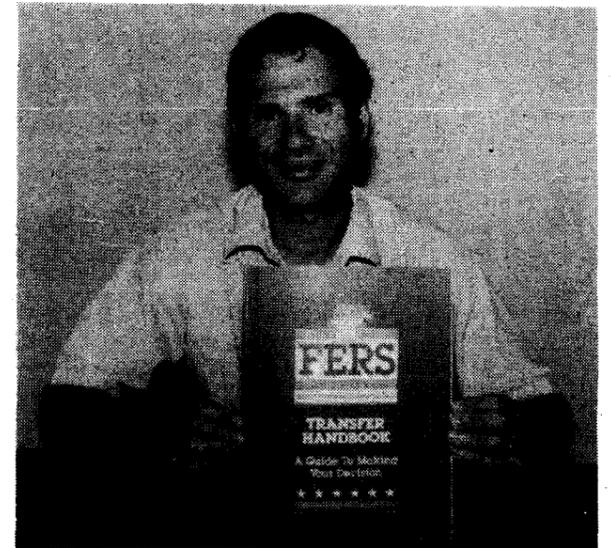
"The FERS open season is July 1 through Dec. 31 and every employee who's eligible must make a decision one way or another," Farbman said.

"As of right now, there's nothing pending that I

know of in Office of Personnel Management or Congress that will give us another opportunity to make this decision. This is a one-time decision, a one-time opportunity.

"Federal employees have been under this (civil service) retirement system since the 1920s and this new retirement system is the first time they've gotten a chance to make a choice whether to go into a new retirement system."

For more information call Doris Gable, the civilian personnel office's retirement officer, at 876-3902.



INFORMATION— Farbman shows the handbook that explains the Federal Employees Retirement System for workers deciding whether to transfer to this new system.

Constitution called 'miracle at Philadelphia'

When representatives of 12 states gathered in Philadelphia in May 1787, they were not there to write a new Constitution. The fact that they did has been called the miracle at Philadelphia.

Ever since the colonies had achieved independence the fledgling country had been held together by the Articles of Confederation written in 1777, while the War for Independence still raged. The one thing the colonies didn't want was the establishment of a new monarchy in America.

They were jealous of their sovereignty, so much so that when the Articles of Confederation were written, they were written more like a trade agreement.

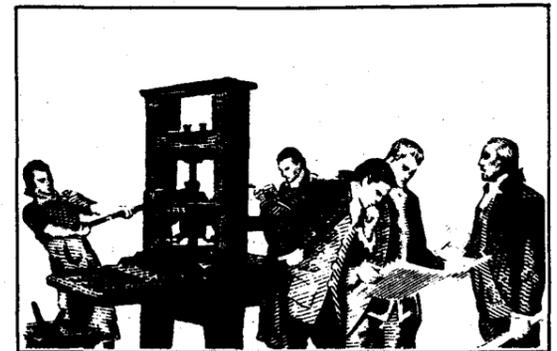
Three years after the Articles were written, there were calls for a stronger central government. Problems of depending upon individual states to provide troops, clothing, food and money became more and more evident. The need for a single governing entity was obvious to certain Americans.

Alexander Hamilton of New York was one of those to call for a new Constitution in 1780. Hamilton was only 23 years old when he first proposed a convention to rewrite the Articles, but his words fell on deaf ears. It wasn't until six years later, when problems of interstate trade had become unbearable for some of the states, that a meeting was held to discuss that issue.

The meeting in Annapolis, Md., in September 1786, saw 12 delegates from five states (Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York and New Jersey) gather to talk trade.

What evolved was a resolution calling on all 13 states to send delegates to Philadelphia in May 1787, to amend the Articles with regard to some weaknesses. And that resolution led to the gathering that wrote the Constitution—the document whose Bicentennial we celebrate in 1987.

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MICOM among Army users of new minicomputers

FORT MONMOUTH, N.J.— Army commands have placed orders for more than 200 Sperry Model 5000/80 minicomputers for office and administrative use since June of last year.

More than 150 of the systems, which have been bought off an Army contract with UNISYS Federal Information Systems, already are installed and operating.

Several hundred more of the minicomputers are expected to be ordered by the end of the ordering period in June 1989, Lt. Col. Charles Giasson, the Army Information Systems Engineering Command (ISEC) product manager for Mini/Microcomputers, said.

The indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contract with UNISYS has an estimated value of more than \$250 million over the system's life, he added. It calls for a three-year ordering period for hardware, software and peripherals with maintenance and support to be provided by the contractor for six years.

Giasson noted that the minicomputers will improve the efficiency of Army organizations in several management areas.

He said the Sperry 5000/80 systems are being used by the Army for accounting, finance, budgeting, scheduling, supply, ordering, inventory and transaction processing as well as for scientific and engineering applications.

Some of the major commands currently planning substantial orders off the contract include the Army Materiel Command, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Army National Guard and Army Reserve.

Giasson said the first two minicomputers ordered off the contract last fall went to the Facilities Engineering Support Agency (FESA), a field operating activity of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Ken Zandler, a general engineer in the Systems Division of the Fort Belvoir, Va.-based FESA, explained that his agency is working with the ISEC Software Development Center at Fort Lee, Va. to design engineering applications software to run on the Sperry 5000/80s.

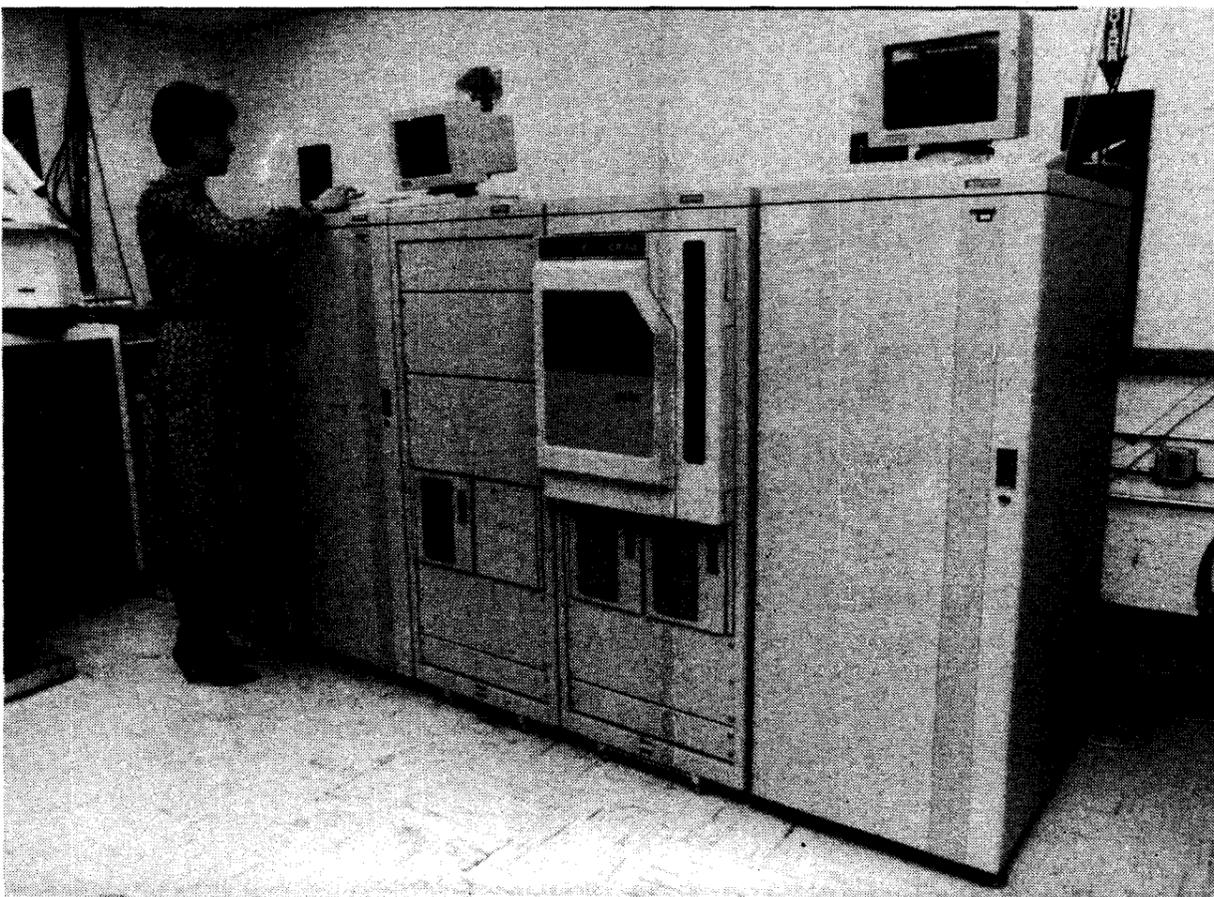
He noted that more than 140 of the minicomputers eventually will be ordered for use by Directorates of Engineering and Housing located at installations throughout the world.

"We're redesigning the Integrated Facilities System STAMIS (Standard Army Management Information System) used by Engineering and Housing Directorate staff," Zandler said.

The Sperry minicomputers will improve our ability to handle such functions as inventory of assets and real property; the tracking of work orders; fiscal planning and reporting; job estimating and supply."

He added that the minicomputers also will serve as communications nodes— helping engineering staff at various installations to share information and to pass reports to higher levels.

Jim Rountree, the Army Materiel Command action officer of the UNISYS contract, said hundreds of the



NEW COMPUTER— Linda Cook, an computer assistant in the Army Information Systems Engineering Command Sup-

port Activity at Fort Monmouth, N.J., logs into one of the Army's new Sperry 5000/80 computers.

minicomputers are likely to be bought by AMC commands during the next several years.

The Missile Command, a major AMC subordinate command, and other activities based at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., have already accepted delivery of over 30 Sperry minicomputers. Plans call for as many as 50 systems to be on hand there by the end of this year, Tom Moore, chief of the Army Information Systems Command-Redstone Information Center, said.

Moore emphasized that, by ordering the Sperry 5000/80s from the Army standard contract, Army commands are ending their reliance on self-contained "stovepipe" information systems.

"We're committing ourselves to standardization and interoperability of systems and we're contributing to development of the Army's new three-tiered hardware and software architecture," he said.

Under the Army three-tier architecture, tier one processing is at regional data centers, tier two is at installation data processing centers, and the third tier consists of individual users, Moore noted.

"Redstone is at the second tier so we have responsibility for distributing data to the lower tier and for passing data upward to the highest tier," he explained.

Moore added that, besides serving Redstone activities as information processors, the Sperry minicomputers are being used as central communications hubs for accessing files and sending mail.

"They will link several local area networks and we also have successfully tested them as nodes for access to the Defense Data Network and a variety of other networks," he said.

"We're using the processing power of the Sperry computers to develop an interactive system for managers and project officers at every level."

Moore stressed that the minicomputers will support a population of approximately 11,000 computer users at Redstone— leading to improvements in such areas as procurement efficiency, project management of major weapons system projects and logistics support of Test, Measurement and Diagnostics Equipment.

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Civilian personnel management system undergoes test

WASHINGTON— Several Army installations have been designated as sites for testing of a two-year pilot program aimed at reducing the complexity and redundancy in the way the Army manages its civilian personnel.

The new concept, called "managing the civilian work force to budget," recently received Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr.'s approval for testing at the following installations, beginning Oct. 1: Fort Jackson, S.C.; Fort Irwin, Calif.; the North Pacific Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.; U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center, St. Louis; Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas; and U.S. Army Natick Research, Development and Engineering Center, Natick, Mass.

In his message announcing the pilot program, Wickham described it as a bold initiative embodying "decentralization of authority and fiscal accountability while providing opportunity for increased productivity and efficiency. The test will answer the question of whether we can discontinue the present system of multiple controls and manage with a single budget-controlled framework."

Army personnel officials expect that the answer will come from delegating to managers at the lowest practical level the authority, responsibility and accountability for classifying positions and executing the approved Army budget for civilian personnel resources. The managers, officials explain, would work within an approved operating budget and within classification standards set by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management; they would have a civilian pay ceiling as the sole Army headquarters control. The ceiling encompasses all personnel compensation (salary, monetary awards, benefits, overtime, premium pay). The traditional controls — such as average-grade ceilings, high-grade limits, ratios of supervisors-to-non-supervisors, and other manpower ceilings — would yield to the more flexible avenues of autonomy and innovation.

Officials note that the test affords its participants the chance to prove that Army managers are capable of operating more effective organizations without the artificial constraints imposed on them in the past. Through a document called "memorandum of understanding" between the installation and the pertinent major Army commands, the participants will establish a set of formalized responsibilities. The document provides the test activities the chance to "write the book" on what flexibilities are required, as well as what degree of control is needed, to produce the most effective operating environment. The document also seeks to promote full commitment and total involvement of the affected managers.

Tied to the budget-execution process will be a practice called "productivity gain-sharing" — by which the work force receives, as an incentive, a percentage of the monies saved through successful productivity measures. This practice dovetails with the plan for reinvesting savings back into locally developed and controlled programs and projects.

Periodic evaluation of the test is expected to help officials decide on whether to expand, extend or discontinue the testing. *(Editor's note: Officials point out that the manage-to-budget pilot program makes up just one of the recommended actions now emerging from the Civilian Personnel Modernization Project at Army headquarters.)*

Recruiter and retention NCO's of the year honored

WASHINGTON— Seven non-commissioned officers received plaques as the Army's top recruiting and retention NCO's for 1986 at a Pentagon ceremony May 20.

Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. presented the awards to the following soldiers:

- SFC Donald L. Williams, Army Recruiter of the Year, from the Phoenix Recruiting Battalion (Phoenix, Ariz.), 6th U.S. Army Recruiting Brigade (West).

- SSgt. Gene H. Webb Jr., U.S. Army Reserve Recruiter of the Year, from Albuquerque Recruiting Battalion (Albuquerque, N.M.), 5th U.S. Army Recruiting Brigade (West).

- SFC Dennis L. Peterson, Army National Guard Recruiter of the Year, from the Washington Army National Guard.

- SFC Doyle G. Crews, Total Army Career Counselor of the Year (Active Component), from the

39th Engineer Battalion (Combat), Fort Devens, Mass.

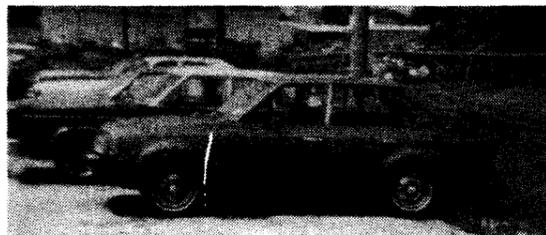
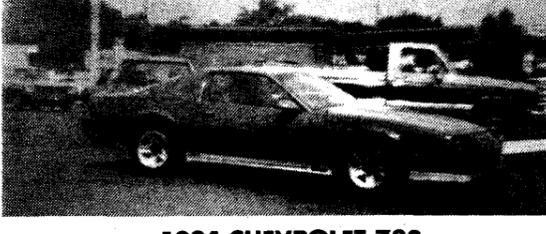
- MSgt. Reno C. Wells, Total Army Career Counselor of the Year (Reserve Retention), from the 1-409th Infantry Battalion, 205th Infantry Brigade, St. Cloud, Minn.

- Sgt Maj. Philippe A. Michaud, Total Army Career Counselor of the Year (In-Service Retention), from the U.S. Army Training Center (Engineer) and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

- SFC Bruce L. Odiorne, Total Army Career Counselor of the Year (National Guard Retention), from the Indiana Army National Guard.

In presenting the awards Marsh praised the awardees' contributions to the community and to their profession while acknowledging the support of the families.

He added that these soldiers set the standard of excellence upon which the Army builds. (Arnews)

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Officer cuts announced for fiscal 1989

WASHINGTON— Fiscal year 1989 Army manning documents will be cut 1,071 commissioned officer and 2,010 warrant officer spaces.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr. decided on the cuts May 14. The congressional mandate for the Department of Defense to reduce its officer end strength by 6 percent for fiscal years 1987 through 1989 and the Army's chronic problem of warrant officer overstructure prompted the decisions. Previously, the Secretary of Defense apportioned the Army "share" for fiscal year 1987 at 1.5 percent.

The cuts announced were the first increment of firm Army figures, according to Brig. Gen. C. E. Fernandez, director of Manpower, Budget and Force Integration in the Office of the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. Studies have been made concerning officer cuts in fiscal 1987-89 and warrant officer cuts in fiscal 1989 and beyond; however, the chief of staff made no decisions for their implementation. Such decisions, when made, will be consistent with the intent of Congress.

Army personnel officials stressed that these reductions in authorizations will be implemented over time to minimize the effect on soldiers.

No reductions in Army end strength (780,900) are now anticipated; nor does the Army anticipate eliminating any units as a result of these decisions, Fernandez added.

Commissioned officer end strength cuts will be handled through reduced accessions, attrition, and tuning the quality of the force. However, of the 2,010

warrant officer cuts, 371 result from the elimination of eight warrant officer military occupational specialties. The specialties of air traffic control technician (MOS 150A); meteorological technician (MOS 201A); Sergeant York air defense artillery (MOS 224D); photo map (MOS 811A); survey (MOS 821A); and general staff administrator (MOS 712A) will be eliminated by 1989. No warrant officer will be forced out of the Army, but warrant officers in those specialties will be considered for reclassification.

Four other warrant officer specialties had been considered for elimination. They were order-of-battle technician (MOS 964A); medical equipment technician (MOS 202A); terrain analysis technician (MOS 841A) and legal administration technician (MOS 713A). These specialties will be retained; MOS 964A and 713A at reduced levels.

Fernandez said Army authorizations for civilians and enlisted soldiers will replace many of the commissioned and warrant officer authorization cuts. (Arnews)

New SMA selected

WASHINGTON— The Army's top enlisted position will go to CSM Julius W. Gates, who succeeds the current sergeant major of the Army, Glen E. Morrell, upon the latter's retirement June 30.

Gates, currently serving in Korea as the Eighth U.S. Army's command sergeant major, was chosen for the Pentagon post from a number of soldiers nominated by commanders throughout the Army.

The 45-year-old veteran with 28 years of active service saw two tours in Vietnam and three tours in Germany. He served as command sergeant major of the 2d Battalion, 50th Infantry; 2nd Armored Division (Forward); and 3rd Infantry Division in Germany as well as in that capacity with the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas. His decorations and awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal (five times), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal (four times), Army Achievement Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge and Master Parachutist Badge.

In his new duties, Gates will serve with the Army chief of staff in Washington, acting as the senior enlisted advisor on matters pertaining to enlisted soldiers.

A native of Chapel Hill, N.C., Gates has a wife and two children. (Arnews)



HONORED FOR HEROISM— Jack Davis, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, talks with his son Kevin after an award presentation in which the senior Davis received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism as a combat fighter pilot in World War II. The presentation was made by Brig. Gen. John Drosdeck, deputy commander of the Missile Command, during a meeting of The Retired Officers Association, Huntsville Chapter.

Marine volleyball team takes post tournament

The Marine Detachment has won the post volleyball tournament.

The Marines beat HHC MICOM in the final on May 20 and were unbeaten at 4-0 for the double-elimination tourney, according to Troop Sports Director Irv Lyles.

Final tournament standings were as follows: Marines, HHC, 291st MPs, B Company 73rd, C Company 73rd, D Company 832nd, C Company 832nd, and B Company 832nd.

Members of the winning Marines team included 1st Lt. Thomas Frush, Gunnery Sgt. Ernest Kurotobi, Maj. Wes Clymer, Sgt. Jeffrey Young, Sgt. Thomas Langenderfer, Sgt. Jon Poe, SSgt. Darral Eubanks, Sgt. Ruben Mayse, Sgt. Alvin Harewood, Sgt. Bruce Campbell, and CWO 2 Tim Craig.

SDC still rolling

The Strategic Defense Command team stretched its unblemished softball record to 7-0 with a win over Super Saver.

SDC pounded a triple and seven doubles in the 14-4 win.

Big defensive plays included a double play in the first inning from Terry Clark to Jennifer Erwin to Kathy Meyers. In the fifth inning, Glen Meyers caught a ball deep in left field and threw it to catcher Jim Shockely for a putout at home plate.

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Five members of Medical Department Activity at Redstone participated in a bikeathon from Montgomery to Selma and back May 30-31 on behalf of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

"We biked 75 miles on Saturday and another 75 on Sunday," said Capt. Maggie Coyne, chief of physical therapy at Fox Army Community Hospital. "Saturday, we went from Montgomery to Selma. And then Sunday, we did the return trip from Selma to Montgomery, on a different road."

The annual "Tour for Cure" is sponsored by the state Multiple Sclerosis Society which does research to find a cure for the MS disease. "That was one of the things that kept us going over the 150 miles: thinking about why we were doing it," Coyne said, "and thinking at least we had muscles to push and be sore."

Through pledges, the five MEDDAC members raised a total of "well over \$600," according to Coyne. About 150 bikers took part from throughout Alabama and from as far away as Texas.

The group from Redstone included Coyne and Sp4 Casey Ramsey, both of physical therapy; Capt. Matt Anderson, head nurse in medical surgical clinic at Fox Army Community Hospital; Sgt. Steve Milks, of veterinary section; and Sgt. Gary Mushenski, of patient administration at Fox.

"It's a good cause and it really does them a lot of good, and does us a lot of good too," Coyne said.

She expects that the group, possibly with a few additions, will participate in a bike tour in the fall sponsored by the Alabama Lung Association.



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U.S. unit wins international cavalry competition

BY TIM BOIVIN

HESSISCH-LICHTENAU, West Germany— It was time to put the critics to rest.

By the end of the 1987 Boeselager competition held at Hessian-Lichtenau, West Germany, May 15, the 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, did just that.

Slipping, sloshing, dashing, diving and ducking, the squadron survived the exhausting obstacle course, the last of eight events in the four-day international cavalry scout competition.

Then they watched the tally board at Boeselager headquarters on Bluecher Kaserne for two apprehensive hours waiting for confirmation of what they suspected.

They were first in the allied competition, beating 12 units from nine allied countries. That had been all but assured going into the day's final event. But they also beat 10 German teams to finish first overall, a feat the United States has never accomplished in eight years of competing for the Boeselager Cup.

Point totals

The 1st Sq, 11th ACR finished with 38,900 points. Germany's VI Panzer Armored Battalion faltered in the swim, in which the 1st Sq had finished first, to

finish second overall with 38,050 and first in the German army competition.

The 1st Sq, 1st Armored Cavalry Regiment finished in second place in the allied competition with 31,600 points. It was a day for both teams to celebrate, but especially the 1st Sq, 11th ACR — the Black Horse.

In the first event on the first day, 1st Lt. Bill Hill III, the Black Horse entry in the air reconnaissance competition, had a rough go of it because of foul weather. That started the American cavalry troops from Fulda off on the wrong foot.

"Bill's probably the best air recon man from any country here," said Capt. Charles R. Abbott, the team captain for 11th ACR. "But it was raining, wind was blowing, visibility was poor. He did his best considering the awful conditions he competed in, but it was not as well as we expected."

Night operations

It wasn't until the night operations patrol the next night that the Black Horse turned it around. They had problems with the first half of the course, but the more the dank darkness crept on, the better they got.

At 3 a.m., they made the first of three sightings on the second half of the course for a total of six. What looked like a disaster turned out pretty well.

Then came Wednesday. The 11th ACR took the top spot in all three events: swimming, enemy identification and small arms live firing.

"I think we really surprised a lot of people when we took first in all those events on one day. We did that on two hours' sleep after being out on night operations for seven hours," said Sgt. Chuck Ross, an assistant platoon leader.

The third day, the 11th ACR faced the premier event: mounted armor recon patrol. The team did not do as well as they expected, and many of the members were disappointed in the scoring.

"I think we deserved a better score in the mounted recon," said Sp4 Chris Downey, whose mother came over from the States to watch. "I thought it was one of the best mounted recons we ever did. I don't think anybody beat us."

They still did well enough to lead both the allied competition and the overall scoring going into the final competition.

Events for the last day were the mud-slinging obstacle course, a grueling 3,500-meter course with five man-made obstacles and two grenade target areas that the men try to hit. The soldiers of the Black Horse were looking to break 20 minutes.

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BY PAM ROGERS

It's summer again, and time to take the boat out for a day of water skiing, fishing, or just cruising around.

But before you put the boat in the water, think about safety. Do you have enough personal flotation devices for all your passengers? Has your fire extinguisher been checked lately? Are all signals working properly? Is there adequate ventilation around your gas tank?

Next week is National Safe Boating Week, sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Red Cross, the Army Corps of Engineers and several other national and local organizations.

Dewey Rhodes, immediate past division captain of the Alabama Division of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, believes one of the best ways to make boating safe and enjoyable is by taking a safe boating course.

The Redstone Flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will teach a safe boating course beginning June 9 at the Redstone Yacht Club in building 8014. The class will meet 6:30 p.m., one night a week for nine weeks, Rhodes said. The course is directed toward boat owners, but anyone who's interested can sign up.

"It's not just for operators, but for passengers. It's great information for people who just ride on boats," Rhodes said.

The course is free except for a small charge for textbooks and covers topics including the use of standard safety equipment, safe boat handling, knots and mooring techniques, use of river charts for navigation, weather conditions, marine radio operation, and lock navigation.

The flotilla will be conducting courtesy marine examinations at Ditto Landing and at the civilian and military recreation areas the afternoons of June 6, 7, 13 and 14.

"We'll examine privately-owned pleasure boats and provide a certification seal indicating vessels which have passed inspection and meet equipment requirements," Rhodes said.

Items included in the inspection will be fire extinguishers, navigation lights, fuel and electrical systems, audible and visible distress signals, anchors and anchor lines, and general boat condition.

Education and a safe boat are important, but Rhodes believes the two biggest factors involved in boating accidents are inattention and failure to use plain old common sense.

"Fatalities are generally caused by not maintaining an adequate lookout—we're used to watching the road in a car, and we get out here and have the whole river—or by fire. That is a constantly present threat because of the gasoline on the boat. You need to follow the safety rules—don't spill gas and then light a cigarette," Rhodes said.

He added that nozzles of permanent fuel tanks should be grounded to avoid static electricity, and portable tanks should be filled on the dock, not in the boat, because gasoline fumes can remain in an enclosed area, like the bottom of a boat, for a long time.

"The most important thing to be aware of is that non-swimmers should wear their personal flotation devices, and everyone should try theirs on when they get in the boat, then keep them close by. If you should find yourself in the water, stay with the boat," he said.

The Redstone Flotilla, which was commissioned last August, also performs safety patrols during the boating season (Memorial Day to Labor Day). They can be reached through Ditto Landing or by marine radio on channel 16.

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This time, however, the graduates were somewhat younger. A lot younger, in fact.

It was the Preschool Graduation Program for Redstone's Child Development Services. The graduates were 4 and 5 years old.

"You're military Army kids. That makes you special, very special," said Chaplain Bill Meyer, the guest speaker. He addressed the young graduates while holding "Super Duck," a hand puppet.

During the ceremony, held last Thursday afternoon inside the Bicentennial Chapel, classes took turns singing children's songs at the front of the sanctuary.

Shirley Sterbenk, chief of Child Development Services, introduced each group.

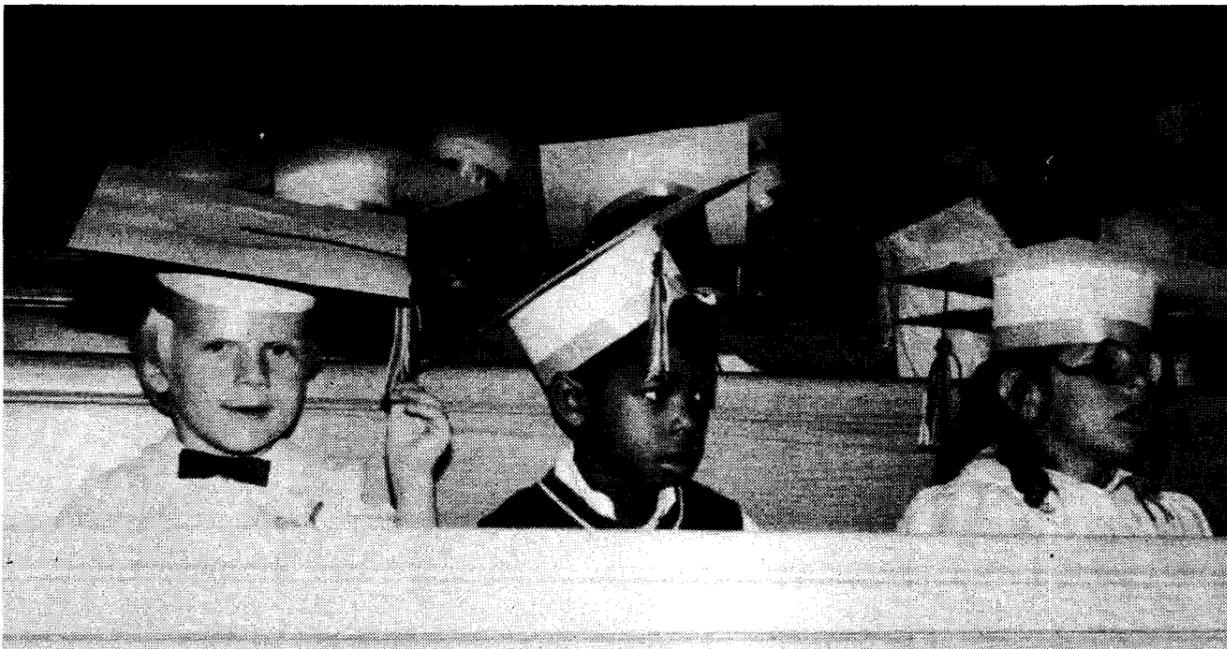
And then the anticipated moment of every graduation ceremony arrived. One by one the nearly 100 graduates walked up to receive a diploma as his or her name was called. CSM Robert Whiteford presented the diplomas while advising each youngster to smile for the nearby group of photographers.

"Will all the graduates please stand up?" Sterbenk asked after the diplomas had been awarded. The group stood. Whiteford then said, "I present to you the Redstone Arsenal child development class of 1987."

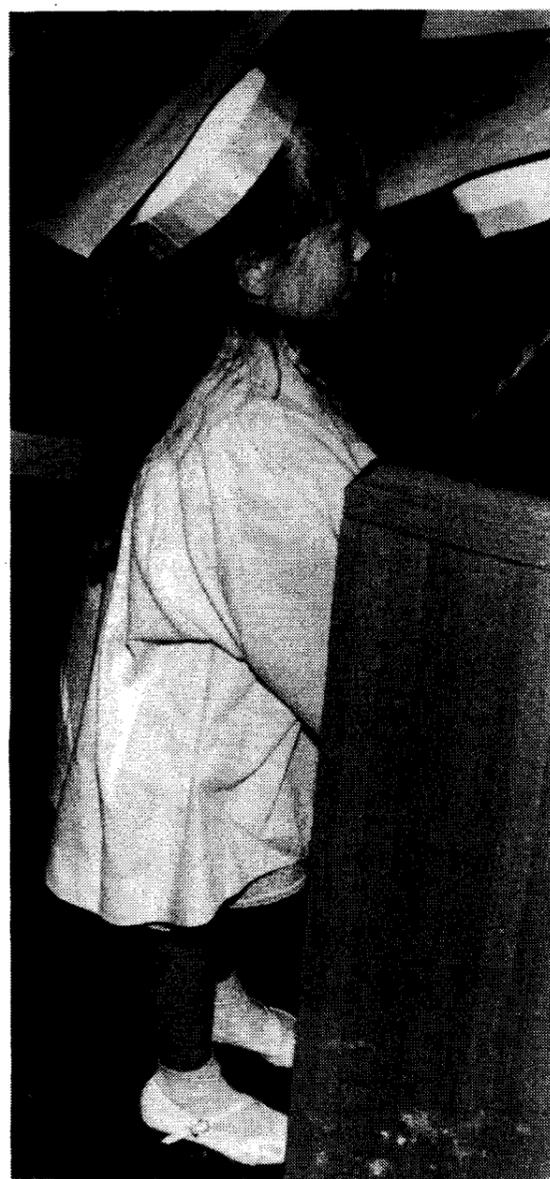
Many of the Class of '87 are entering kindergarten. And it won't be too long before they enjoy another graduation.



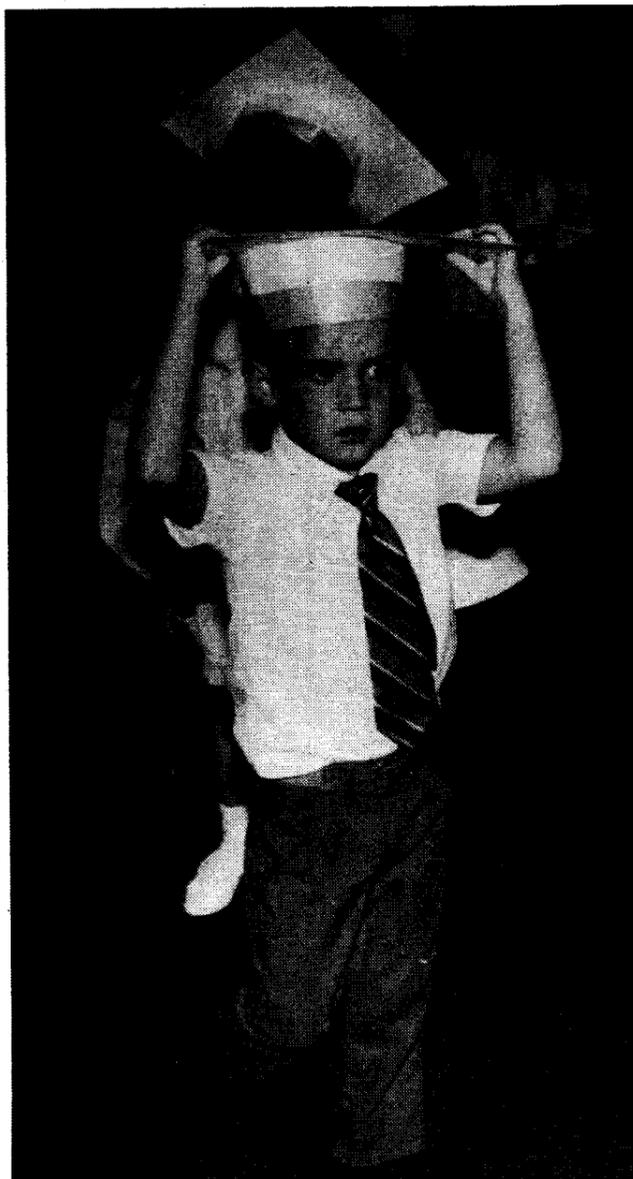
PROCESSION — A line of preschoolers enters the Bicentennial Cha



LISTENING — The preschool graduates listen to the graduation program.



SAYING PLEDGE — Joanna Davis, 5, says the pledge of allegiance.

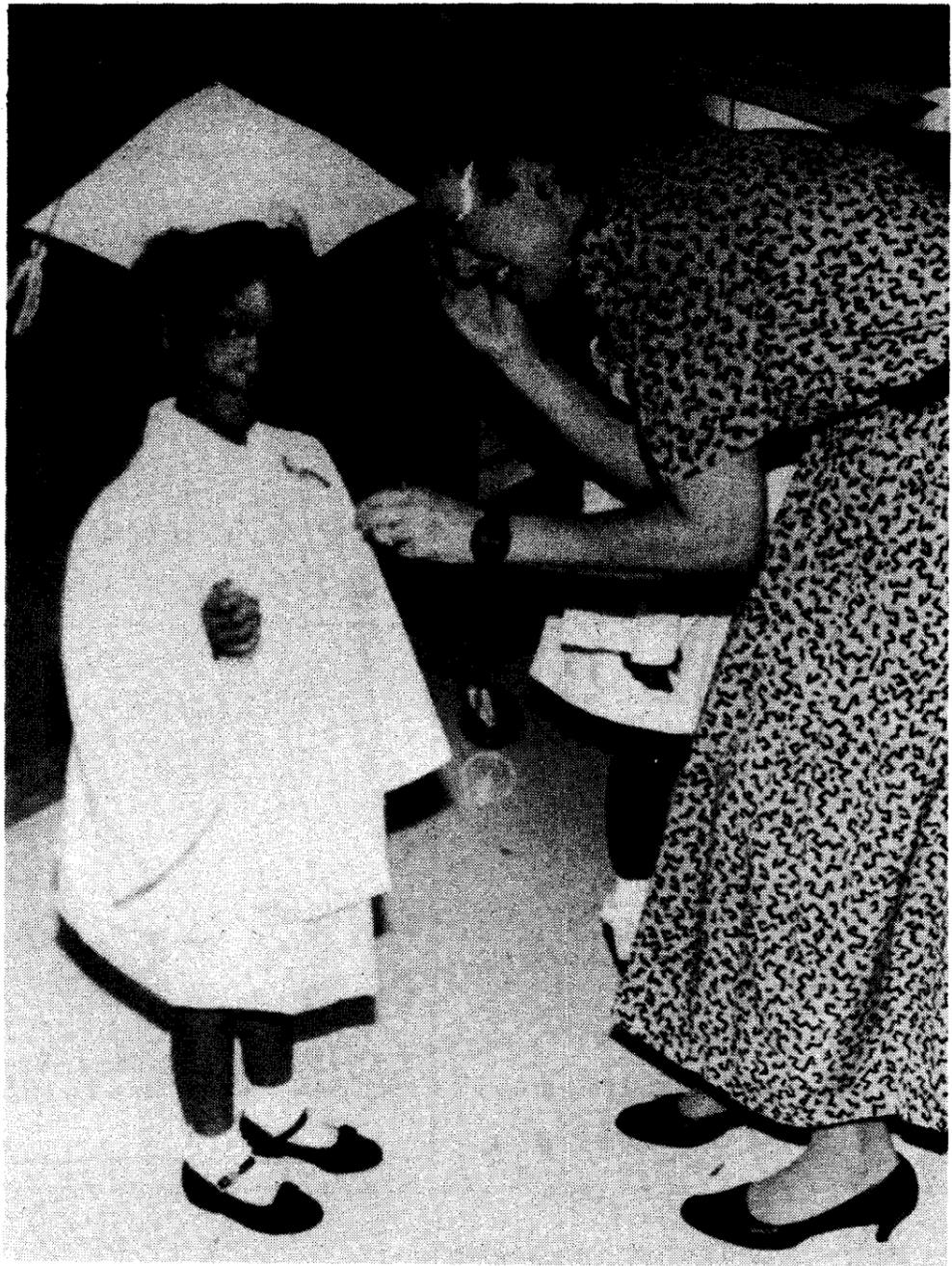


HOLDING HAT — This young graduate tries to hold on to his hat while walking to the front of the sanctuary.



DIPLOMA TIME — Melissa Fitzsimmons receives her diploma from

to kindergarten

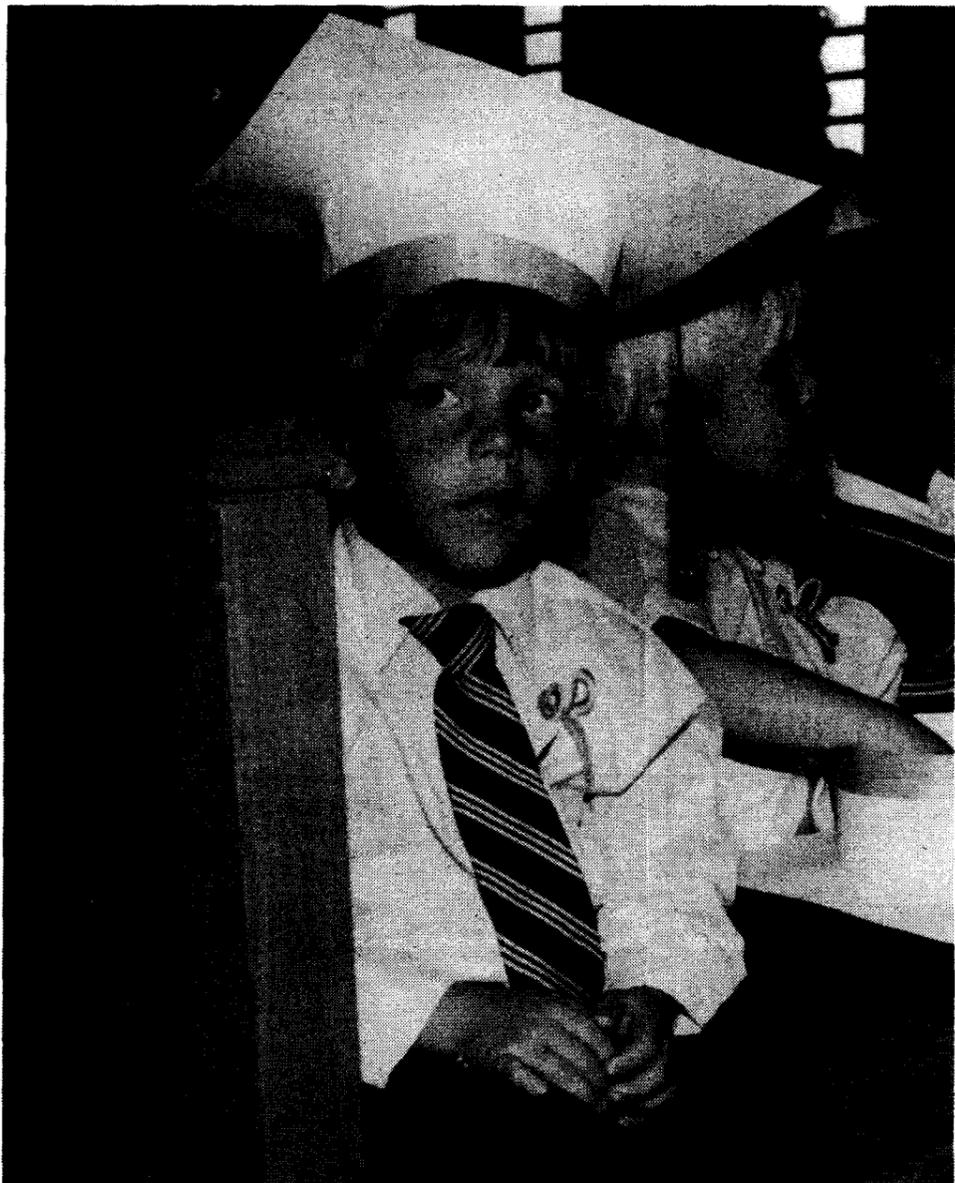


GETTING READY — Sherisse McGee, age 4, gets her cap adjusted before the program.

in sanctuary at the start of the graduation ceremony.



SM Robert Whiteford.



THOUGHTFUL — Sean Haggerty, 4, seems to have plenty on his mind during the ceremony.

Cavalry

(Cont'd from Page 8)

"We already had three tough days in a row," Abbott said after the competition. "We could have been done physically and mentally. But we had trained eight months for these four days. That's when we had to suck it up and go."

Practice to music

The soldiers moved to the starting area, where the support team revved a generator and pulled two concert speakers out of the Hertz vans.

While British officers took cover behind the trail bus to hide from the vocals of Bruce Springsteen, Kenny Loggins and Survivor, the troops practiced their grenade throwing to the tunes of "Born in the U.S.A.," "Danger Zone" from the movie "Top Gun," and "Eye of the Tiger."

One German soldier queried, "Where are your cheerleaders?," while another asked, "I wonder how much better the Germans would do if we could train to music?"

The 1st Sq, 11th ACR started well, negotiating the first two obstacles: logs over a ditch and trip wires ending in a pit. Then came a cross-country run, ending with a grenade target.

The team was having trouble downing the last target. Sp4 Shannon Thomas, positioned in the center behind a wall of sandbags, was fed up with the misfires. He barked, "No problem, I've got it!" The grenade bottomed out in the hole. With Shannon's sure shot lifting their morale, the troops were off and running again.

By the end of another run, their chests heaving and dirt clinging to disheveled uniforms, the soldiers were plain tuckered out, and it showed in their aim. They knocked out just two of four windows at the second grenade target.

Then they waded through a pond, slithered under a wire entanglement, and hoisted each other over a 2-meter wall. An exhausted stumble down the hill and they were finished.

The Boeselager judging team announced their time as 22:25. The troops had taken a detour, not doing as well as they expected.

But 22:25 was enough to give them the points they needed to finish first overall.

"These are the finest troops I've ever worked with,"

Abbott said, "and I would go with them anywhere on any mission, peacetime or combat."

"And I'll tell you one other thing. I'd never have to look behind me to see where they are. I would know where they are." (Reprinted by permission of *The Stars and Stripes*.)



FEELING BETTER — Angela Callahan, Miss Alabama 1987, visits with Gunner Sgt. Clifton Jones during a tour of Fox Army Community Hospital last week. Her visit was part of the Huntsville-Madison County Armed Forces Celebration.

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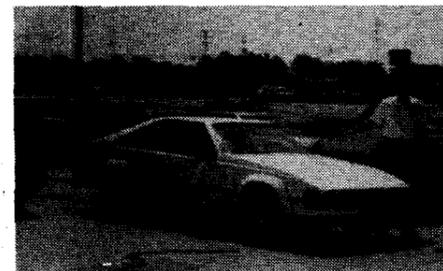
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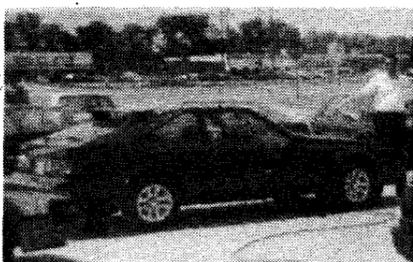
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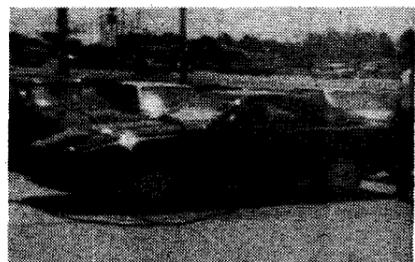
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Defatta slams five hits for Thiokol in softball victory

Mike Defatta had five hits in five at-bats as Thiokol beat RADS in an extra inning game in civilian softball.

Thiokol won the slugfest 14-12. It was just an omen of things to come for RADS which had won its first five games.

RADS went on to face the unbeaten Athletics and stumbled 15-5. The following Athletics' players each had two hits in three at-bats: Freddie Martin, Kurt Wheat, Austin Watson and John Bowles.

In other games RADS beat the MSIC-1 team 15-5, MED whipped Patriot 13-7, SEPD defeated the MSIC-2 team 15-5, T&E hammered the MSIC-2 team 33-1, the Hawaiianoids got past COE 12-8, the Cougars clobbered the Hawaiianoids 15-2, Redrocks beat Servicemaster 16-11, the Cougars edged the Stallions 5-4, and the Athletics blanked CPO 36-0. Also, the Stallions defeated Thiokol (score not available) and Pershing won by forfeit over COE.

Jimmy Daniels had a triple for the Hawaiianoids in the win over COE.

Ken Lomax tripled, doubled and drove in four runs

for the Cougars in the victory over Hawaiianoids. Gary Bucher contributed two doubles.

Tim Smith slammed a homer to lead Redrocks past Servicemaster.

Homer Reynolds had four hits and Bucher three in the Cougars' close win over the Stallions in an extra inning game.

Joe Carter hit a grand slam, a homer, triple, double and drove in seven runs to pace the Athletics past CPO. Other Athletics' contributors included Willie Watson who had a triple, homer and four runs-batted-in; Freddie Martin, a homer and two rbi's; Kurt Wheat, two doubles, a triple and five rbi's; John Bowles, four hits and five rbi's; Austin Watson, a homer, three doubles and three rbi's; and Jethro Dailey, two doubles and four rbi's.

Results of other games were as follows: Athletics edged T&E 7-6, Thiokol tripped MED 13-3, Cougars beat MSIC-1 team 7-3, Servicemaster defeated MSIC-2 team 15-5, Patriot pounded Pershing 15-2,

Thiokol nipped Patriot 10-9, and CPO defeated Servicemaster 12-8. In addition the Cougars won by forfeit over Pershing, the Stallions beat MSIC-2 (score not available), the Hawaiianoids beat CPO (score not available), and COE defeated Redrocks (score not available).

Austin Watson had three hits and Jeff Mitchell two, including the game winning run-batted-in, in the Athletics' close win over T&E.

Brian Kingston and Daniel Whitner each slammed three hits in Patriot's big win over Pershing.

Here are the civilian softball league standings as of May 29:

	W	L
Athletics	7	0
Cougars	7	1
T&E	3	1
RADS	5	2
Stallions	4	2
Hawaiianoids	4	2
MSIC-1	3	2
MED	3	2
SEPD	1	2
Thiokol	4	4
Pershing	3	4
Redrocks	2	4
CPO	2	4
Patriot	2	5
Servicemaster	1	5
COE	1	5
MSIC-2	0	7



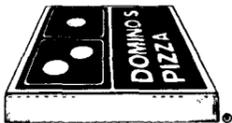
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Meddac	3	2
C Company, 73rd	2	2
HHC-2	2	3
B Company, 73rd (CAD)	2	3
A Company, 73rd-1	2	3
C Company, 832nd	1	3
B Company, 832nd-1	1	5
Marines-2	0	5

Western Conference

	W	L
HHC-1	5	0
HHD, 832nd	5	1
95th Service	4	0
A Company, 73rd-2	3	2
B Company, 832nd-2	3	2
D Company, 832nd	2	2
291st MPs	2	3
Marines-1	2	3
515th Ordnance	2	4
B Company, 73rd (EOD)	1	5



CORPORATE TEAM— Some workers here took part in the team competition in the 6.2-mile "Cotton Row Run" on Memorial Day in Huntsville. From left are MICOM Rockettes members Sandra Self, Shelby Edwards, Teresa Thomas, Jerri Vickers and Donna Cancel, all of whom work in the

Procurement Directorate. Cancel placed fourth in her age group of 35 to 39 with a time of 44 minutes, nine seconds. The remaining members of the team ran the course in under 60 minutes.

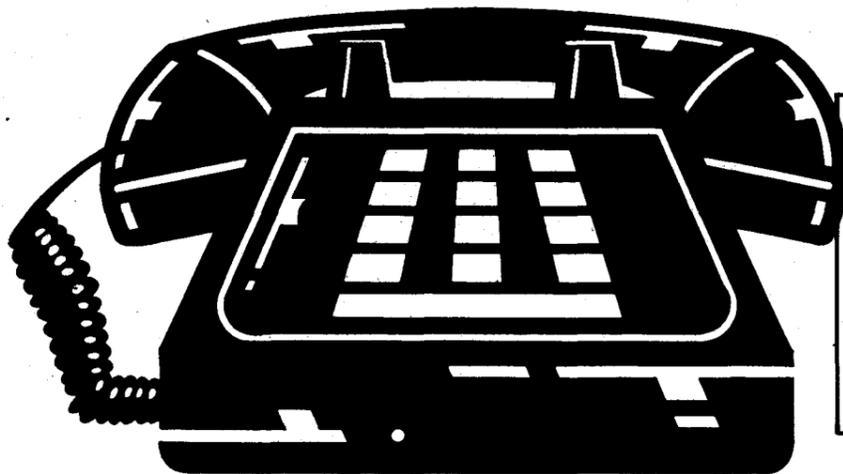
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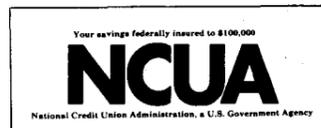
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Know customs laws before traveling overseas

BY PAULA RAMSBOTHAM

As summer approaches, along with the vacationing throng also go the soldiers and their families who will be stationed abroad. Whether the trip is a short visit or a long tour, the prudent traveler would do well to learn some U.S. Customs laws.

The most frequent questions which soldiers ask are about importing cars. All imported cars must comply with the safety standards of both the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 and the pollution control laws under the Clean Air Act of 1968. Cars which do not fit these laws must be brought into compliance, exported or destroyed. The importer must file a declaration at the time of entry that the vehicle is within safety standards.

Nonconforming and bonded vehicles must be brought into conformance generally within 120 days. The cost of bonding and complying may be very expensive, time-consuming and impractical. It makes better sense to purchase a legitimate vehicle. Vehicles which are manufactured for exported sale in the United States may not automatically conform. Passenger cars and light trucks must comply with crankcase and exhaust emission standards.

A soldier importing a new or used car should consult the department of motor vehicles in the state in which he or she wishes to register the car.

Soldiers should also plan ahead. Cars are checked at the first port of entry unless you arrange to have the

car sent to a customs port closer to your U.S. destination. To clear customs, you will need at minimum:

- shipper's/carrier's original bill of lading,
- bill of sale,
- foreign registration,
- statement of compliance under safety and clean air standards from foreign manufacturers, and
- driver's license and the international registration marker.

Soldiers returning to the United States after an extended tour may include a conforming vehicle along with their duty-free personal household effects if the car was purchased abroad and was in the owner's possession prior to departure. Do not attempt to ship additional personal items through in your car, as they can encourage theft and will hinder shipping time and processing. Concealed items can result in fines and seizure of both the car and contents.

Pets

Pets brought to and from the United States must also pass through customs. Pets must be free of contagious diseases and should be carried in containers which are well-identified, and provide for cleaning, food and water. Pet owners should contact their points of entry prior to arriving with their pets to avoid delay. Dogs, cats, turtles and certain other pets are free of duty. Dogs need to have been vaccinated against rabies. Cats do not need such immunization.

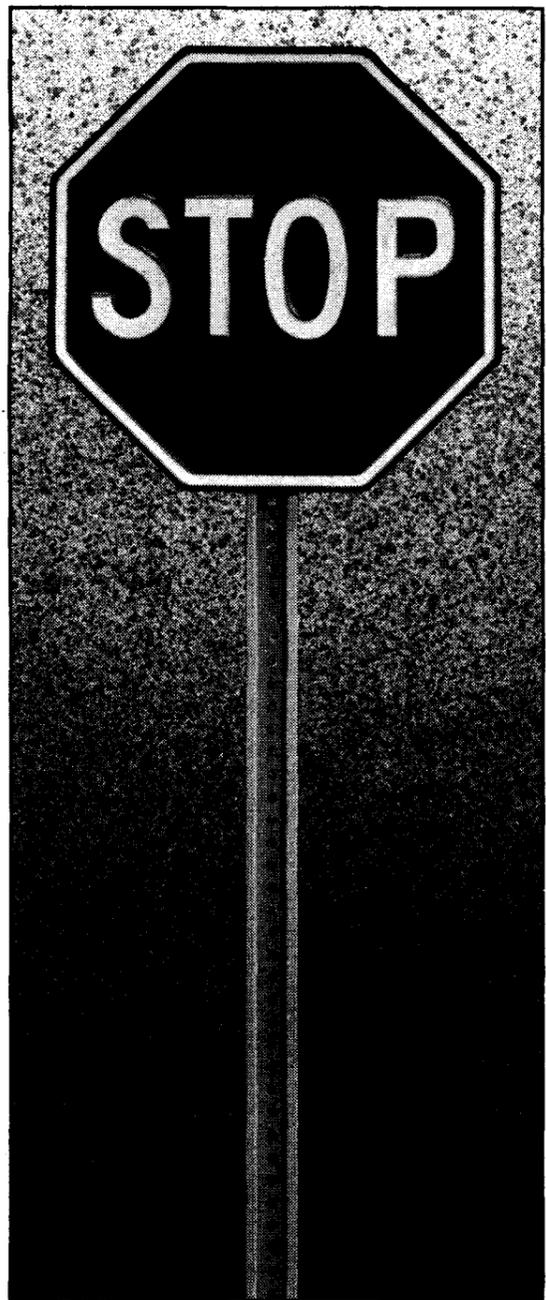
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Soldiers should also be wary of purchasing certain items abroad, particularly those items which are brought back from Korea. Many soldiers have faced the problem of buying goods in Korea only to realize that such goods are really counterfeits. Products which have registered trademarks may be recorded with the U.S. Customs Service. This prevents unauthorized importation of foreign-made merchandise which bears the trademark or trademark name.

Travelers are permitted one exemption only for imported articles which have a counterfeit trademark. Smart shoppers can ensure that products purchased are genuine by contacting the nearest customs office or their American Embassy.

Soldiers and families who plan to go abroad should utilize the booklets which were the sources for this article. Such booklets are free and are available through the U.S. Customs Service, a branch of which is located at the Huntsville Airport in the International Center. The booklets include, "Know Before You Go: Customs Hints for Returning Residents," "U.S. Customs International Mail Imports," "Trademark Information for Travelers," "Importing a Car," and "Pets, Wildlife."

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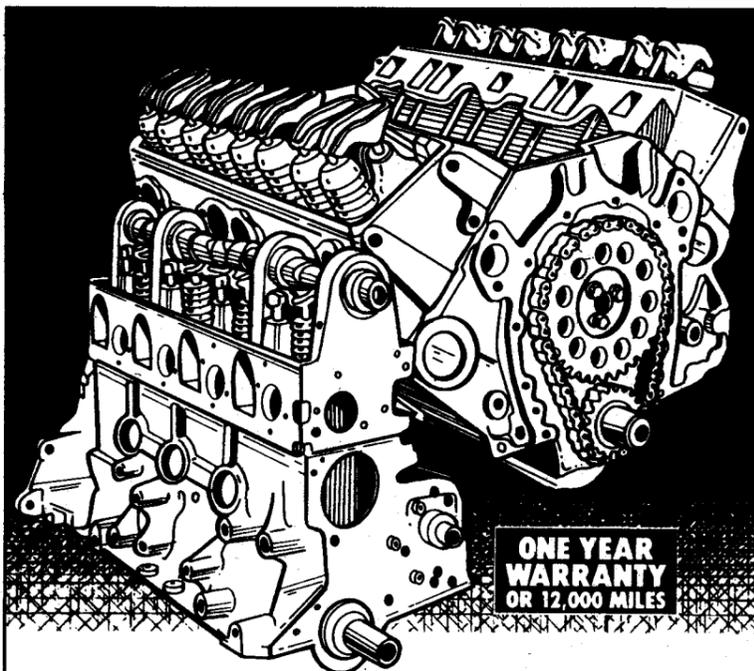
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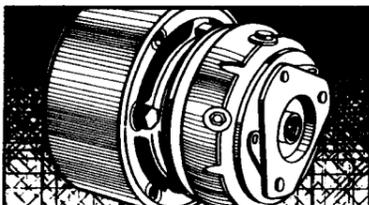
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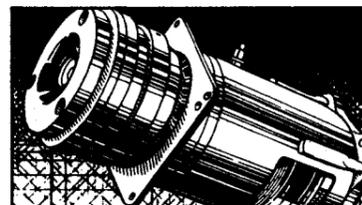


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Announcements

Women's support group

The Women's Support Group, focusing on issues relating to domestic violence, meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Girls Club, 1216 Meridian St. Child care is available.

Chapel events

Ecumenical Vacation Church School will be held on weekdays June 15-24 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Youths age 3 through those who have just completed grade six are invited. Parents should register their children in person at Bicentennial Chapel; no phone reservations will be accepted. *The Military Council of Catholic Women* meets for Mass at 9 a.m. June 5 at Bicentennial Chapel. There will be no organizational meeting until September. *Protestant Women of the Chapel* invites all families to its ice cream social at 6:30 p.m. June 5 at Bicentennial Chapel; there will be sing-along entertainment as well as desserts. *Widows Or Widowers* group has its final meeting until fall on June 5. It is a barbecue at the home of Franziska DiRocco, for more information, call Helen Henson 837-6079. *A Pentecostal Intergenerational Event* is set for Protestants on June 7 from 9-10:15 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Anyone first grade through adult is invited to participate in this Christian learning experience. *Protestant Youth of the Chapel* will have a summer swim festival each Wednesday, starting June 10, at 6 p.m. at pool 3. All are invited.

Chapel's weekly events

Events held weekly at Bicentennial Chapel include: *Protestant Youth of the Chapel* meetings on Sundays at 5 p.m. preceded by the Protestant Youth Choir at 4; the *Catholic Youth of the Chapel* meetings on Sundays at 6:30 p.m.; the *Protestant Women of the Chapel* exercise class at 8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and Bible Study on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.; and the *Catholic Korean Bible Study* at 7 p.m. Fridays. An *Officers Christian Fellowship/Christian Military Fellowship* meets in individual homes at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; for locations call Aaron Zook 837-1744.

Military ball

The Army's 212th birthday will be celebrated here June 12 with a military ball at the NCO Club. Active duty and retired members of all branches of the armed forces, national guard and reserve members, and Department of Defense civilians are invited to the ball. Family members and guests of these groups are also invited. One feature of the ball will be a Twilight Tattoo, based on Scottish custom, during which battle streamers are reattached to the Army flag. Music for the ball will be provided by the 313th Army Reserve Band from Birmingham. The menu for the dinner will include roast beef with baked potato or rice pilaf, green beans, corn, tossed salad, coffee or tea, and cake. Tickets to the celebration are \$12 each, and include a souvenir glass. June 5 is the last day of ticket sales. Tickets are available from sergeants major, first sergeants, and Birthday Ball ticket representatives. For more information call 876-1049/6546.

Spot bid sale

A local spot bid sale of government surplus property will be held June 10 in the Defense Reutilization & Marketing building 7427, on Warehouse Road. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the sale begins at 8:30. Items for sale include photographic equipment, calculators, typewriters, recorders, desks, chairs, beds, pool table, dressers, electrical and electronic equipment. The items are located in building 7427, and may be inspected from 8-3 daily, excluding Saturday and Sunday.

Military personnel division

In observance of the 212th anniversary of the AG Corps, Military Personnel Division will be closed Wednesday afternoon, June 17 beginning at 3, except for emergencies. Commanders with soldiers planning to leave Redstone Arsenal on June 17 for reassignment should ensure all post facilities are cleared and that the soldier reports to the Military Personnel Division for final out-processing by 2 that afternoon. Failure to outprocess by then will delay departure until June 18.

Technical symposium

"Survivability: An Emerging Discipline" is the first in a technical symposium series sponsored by Booz, Allen & Hamilton Inc. The lecture/discussion will be held noon Friday, June 5 at the Huntsville Marriott. David Durgin, a Booz, Allen senior vice president who heads the firm's Albuquerque, N.M. office, is to discuss current and evolving threats to military systems and present a systematic approach for integrating survivability into the defense acquisition process. The symposium series "New Directions in Defense Science and Technology," is open free of charge to technical professionals in the Huntsville area. Future topics in the series will include space and strategic defense. Reservations are required. For more information, call 895-8260.

Theft prevention

The Investigations Branch says investigative results by law enforcement officials have shown that in almost every instance of theft, the property was either not sufficiently secured, accounted for, or both. Owners of personal property who fail to secure it only invite the opportunistic thief. "Military, civilian managers, and other persons responsible for property, especially items of high value, or of a sensitive nature, should take measures to ensure that such items are difficult to remove and will be immediately missed if taken," the investigative branch says in a news release. "The likelihood that a loss will not be discovered for weeks or months will only serve to tempt a potential thief."

Bass tournament

The Chemical Corps Regimental Association is sponsoring its first Chemical Corps Regimental Buddy Bass Tournament June 25 at Lakeshore Marina on Neely Henry Lake at Ohatchee, Ala. Entry fee is \$12, with a \$2 launch fee to be collected at the boat ramp. Entries are limited to the first 100. For more information call SFC Clark 238-3100/AV 865-3100.

Toastmasters

Research Park Toastmasters will have a charter presentation dinner June 5 at 7 p.m. in the Redstone Room at the Huntsville Jetport. For reservations call Elora Pearson 895-5270 or 859-0146.

Computer users

Apple Computer Users Group will have its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. June 13 in the Carver building, room A-109, on the Alabama A&M campus. The topic will be "artificial intelligence and personal computers." For more information call Jack Lundy 876-9414.

Sci-fi convention

North Alabama Science Fiction Association will have its regional convention June 11-14 at the Huntsville Marriott. The scheduled guest speaker is Robert Bloch, a science fiction/horror author. Registration fee is \$25. For more information call Jack Lundy 876-9414.

All-Army golf

The All-Army golf championship will be held Aug. 26 through Sept. 4 at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Interested active-duty men and women should call Irv Lyles, troop sports director, 876-2943.

DAV Convention

More than 300 members of the Disabled American Veterans from throughout Alabama will hold their convention in Huntsville June 5-7 at the Sheraton Inn. Business sessions will include adoption of resolutions on improving veterans rights and benefits to be submitted to the DAV National Convention in Atlanta in August. State-level officers for the coming year will be elected Saturday.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will have its regular membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 8 in the auditorium (room A-115) of building 5250. All members and non-members are urged to attend this meeting that will concern issues such as "contracting-out, drug testing, policies contradictory to the Joint Travel Regulation, and the leave policy on Redstone Arsenal." For more information, call the AFGE office 876-4880.

Top graduates

The following service members received Honor or Distinguished graduate awards at OMMCS, May 18-22: Sgt. Patricia F. Hinton, distinguished, SSgt. Stephen A. Kirby, honor, Ammunition Inspector; SSgt. Scott A. Wickham, distinguished, SSgt. Stephen A. McNally, honor, Improved Hawk Continuous Wave Radar Repair; SSgt. Allen D. Lyon, distinguished, Improved Hawk Pulse Radar Repair; Sgt. Van S. Robinson, distinguished, Pvt. Rene Noel D. Malanum, honor, Lance System Repair; Charles Thomas, distinguished, Systems Portion of Course only 27G10/10; Sp4 William H. Bolden, distinguished, PFC Eddie A. James, honor, Tow/Dragon Repairer; SSgt. Michael D. Bagley, distinguished, Sgt. Robert C. Sharpe, honor, and SSgt. Joseph E. Mahon, honor, Ammunition Specialist.

Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for May are: best single unit, 24 Ripley Drive, Col. Freddie G. Smith and 1104 Benet Circle, Sgt. Maj. Daniel Pierce; best multi-unit, 474-B Tripp Drive, Capt. William Meyer and 1142-A Hof Circle, SSgt. David B. Waller. Winners receive a Certificate of Appreciation, two free dinners, a color photograph of the ceremony, a \$10 gift certificate from the AAFES Garden Shop to be used toward the purchase of a plant, and display of the Yard of the Month sign for a month. Honorable mention recipients are Col. William J. Schumacher, 495 Cooke Drive and Sgt. Lynda R. Farmer, 223-E Dyer Circle. The Unit Area Award winner is Allied Student Training Detachment. The winning unit will receive a Certificate of Appreciation, a color photograph of the awards ceremony, display of the Unit Yard of the Month sign for one month, and a \$200 check from the Morale and Welfare Support Fund.

Learning center

Army Learning Center offers the following computer-based, self-paced business courses: "Decision Tables- An Introduction" and "Decision Theory." 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.



FIFTIES FOREVER — Members of the Redstone Officers Wives Club entertained Judy Wagner, wife of AMC Commander Gen. Louis Wagner, at a fifties party at the Rocket City Diner. From left are Judy Drosdeck, Darla Reese, Ceil Jellett and Wagner.

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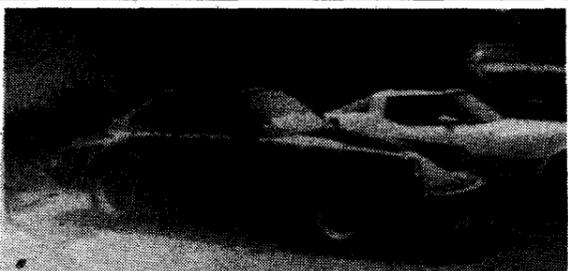
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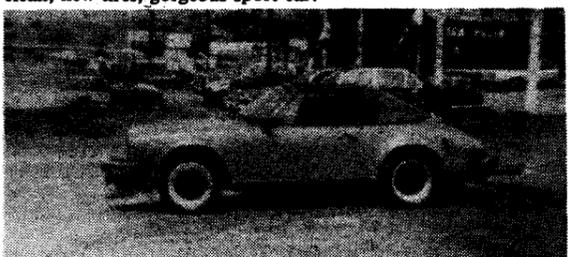
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