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AMC eyes early-out retirement to meet budget cuts

ALEXANDRIA, Va.— The Army Materiel Command is reducing its operating budget in response to federal deficit reductions mandated under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act.

According to officials in the AMC offices of deputy chief of staff for resource management and deputy chief of staff for personnel, under a plan implemented commandwide Dec. 1, temporary duty and overtime are to be reduced 25 percent below fiscal 1987 levels, a one for two hiring freeze is in effect, and noncritical temporary employees will be released from duty.

These personnel-related actions are part of AMC's portion of an Armywide budgetary cut brought about by a "sequestration" of \$23 billion in government funds, pending a presidential-congressional budget reduction resolution. To achieve its portion of anticipated cuts— \$5.2 billion in budget authority—the Department of the Army identified a reduction to each major command's fiscal 1988 command operating budget. AMC's cut under Gramm-Rudman includes \$555 million in the operations and maintenance appropriation (OMA), the account which pays approx-

imately 64 percent of the command's employees. Additionally, \$635 million in unobligated AMC research, development, test and evaluation (RDT&E) and procurement dollars for fiscal 1986 and fiscal '87 have been sequestered by Department of Army, pending a budget resolution.

The command hopes to achieve its mandatory resource reduction through a three-phased approach:

- Phase 1— Use AMC undistributed funds to help offset cuts.
- Phase 2— Eliminate or curtail significant contracts for transportation and maintenance, and for automated data processing and industrial preparedness programs.
- Phase 3— Reduce temporary duty travel and overtime use by 25 percent below fiscal 1987, impose a one for two hiring freeze and release noncritical temporary employees. On-site commanders have authority to determine which employees are noncritical. According to the office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel, one for two hiring mandates that AMC must lose two employees for every new hire. An employee who, for example, leaves one major subordinate command to take a job with another major subordinate command, is not considered a command loss.

To anticipate possible additional measures needed to achieve the command's required resource reductions, AMC officials said a request will be made, through Department of the Army and Department of Defense, that the Office of Personnel Management grant AMC authorization to offer voluntary early out retirement to eligible employees.

Historically, under early out retirement in the federal government, employees have been permitted to retire at any age with 25 years of service; at age 50 with 20 years' service; at age 55 with 15 years' service; or at age 57 with five years of service. Further details on early out retirement will be made available in the near future.

In addition to the personnel-related actions, all AMC elements will be assessed budgetary reductions, to be announced in the near future.



MANPORTABLE — A soldier can fire the Stinger weapon from his shoulder. This low-altitude air defense weapon is described on page 3 in the first of a series of articles about systems managed by the Missile Command.

Redstone recognized for barracks plus outdoor training

FORT MONROE, Va.— Forts Leonard Wood, Mo., Lee, Va., and Leavenworth, Kan. took first place in their respective categories in the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's third Installation of Excellence (IOE) Awards Competition.

Gen. Maxwell R. Thurman, TRADOC commander, presented the Commander's Cups for Installation Excellence for fiscal 1987 to the winners during the TRADOC Commanders' Conference at Fort Monroe, Va.

According to Stuart Dolde, an architect in the office of the TRADOC deputy chief of staff for engineering, the purpose of the program is "to create an installation appearance which engenders pride and increases human accomplishment."

Dolde added that the concept of the program is based on TRADOC setting high standards for the installations to reach, and then evaluating them against those standards.

TRADOC installations are evaluated in several areas during the annual competition. TRADOC evaluators assess the exterior of general facilities, the interior of specific facilities, and the exterior and interior of special interest facilities.

"Those who excel," Dolde said, "are rewarded for their excellent achievement." The silver Commander's Cup is awarded to the installation that has the highest standards for overall appearance.

TRADOC installations are grouped into three

categories for evaluation: large, medium and small, based on active-duty population. In addition, a fourth category recognizes excellence on non-TRADOC installations that host TRADOC schools.

Fort Leonard Wood took top honors in the large installation category. Fort Lee won in the medium category, and Fort Leavenworth was best in the small category.

The Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, Calif., won first place in the category of TRADOC schools on non-TRADOC installations.

The following are winners in special-interest areas for FY 87. They are listed in this order: large, medium and small installations, and the TRADOC schools. These installations will receive the TRADOC Commander's Plaque for Excellence.

Barracks: Forts Sill, Okla., McClellan, Ala., Leavenworth, and *Redstone Arsenal (Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School), Ala.*

Chapel: Forts Jackson, S.C., McClellan, and Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Childcare Center: Forts Leonard Wood, Eustis, Va., and Leavenworth.

Classroom: Forts Benning, Ga., Belvoir, Va., Monroe, Va. and Aberdeen Proving Ground (Ordnance Center and School), Md.

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Community Facilities: Forts Leonard Wood, Eustis, and Story, Va.

Dining Facilities: Forts Sill, McClellan, Leavenworth and Defense Language Institute.

Family Housing: Forts Gordon, Ga., Dix, N.J., and Monroe.

Main Gate: Forts Leonard Wood, Dix and Monroe.
Household Goods Office: Forts Sill, Lee, and Leavenworth.

In-Out Processing: Forts Gordon, McClellan, and Monroe.

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Personnel office

Editor:

Hi, Customer Support. I know you are swamped with work but I just wanted to take time out to say thank you for the wonderful learning experience. I never realized what all was involved in processing personnel actions and the experience is one that I will never forget. People will never imagine the headache, pains, and trouble encountered with trying to service more than 12,000 federal employees. Believe me there was never a dull moment!...

Without the personnel clerks in Customer Support doing the outstanding job that they do, a lot of us would be in a mess. CPO gets calls from every Tom, Dick, Hafry, Sally, and Sue complaining about this, that, and the other continuously. Some calls rude, some cruel, and some down right vulgar but never a call to say thank you or I appreciate your help. There are those who for some reason think CPO should serve as their mothers. Whenever there is a "crisis" (and believe me *everyone* who called had an immediate crisis) people expect CPO to drop everything just to pat some poor little damsel in distress on the back, pep them up, wipe their tears away... CPO does their best and that should be all that anyone can ask. There were times when Martha C. would be so frustrated with the way things were going that her face would be blood red. I didn't know whether to brush up on my CPR in case she would have a heart attack, stay near the phone to make an emergency call to Fox Army Community Hospital, or stay away until the steam stopped blowing from her ears. Quite naturally I opted for choice number three. No job is worth getting ill over and I hope that all of you do not overexert yourselves because it is not worth it. Everyone feels that they deserve a promotion but no one deserves a promotion more than the personnel clerks in Customer Support or CPO in general.

Customer Support handles in-processing life/health insurance, thrift savings plan (TSP), and many other personnel matters. Handling all of these duties and more can be difficult and I feel that someone should seriously consider having all of your jobs upgraded. Other installations have higher graded personnel clerks yet they do not do half the job that Redstone CPO personnel does.

To anyone who feels that they have it rough on their job(s), try working in personnel for a while and you may just change your mind. Also, a helpful hint to anyone sending correspondence to CPO, it would really help if you would put the name of your organization somewhere on the correspondence/envelope (not just

your office symbol) or at least find out from your administrative office who services your area and put that person's name on the correspondence/envelope. By doing that, you are saving someone a couple of hours of sorting mail just trying to find out who gets your correspondence and it will also give the clerks more time to devote to solving other "crises." So to everyone in CPO (especially customer support), I have nothing but respect and admiration for the excellent job all of you do!!! The experience was great and I really learned a lot.

Wonda Jefferson

Tips optional

Editor:

Reference "Fed up" (mailbox letter Dec. 2). For a person who has been all over the world on active duty, you must still be somewhere all over the world to imply that the Enlisted Club, building 3479, has a required tip situation.

I've been totally acquainted with this cafeteria/club since 1979 and I have even suggested that they have a tip jar, because they try hard. I'll sign my name on this one. Who needs to wake up!

P.S.— If you work in south arsenal, why are you driving so far on such a short lunch period (eight miles)?

Herb Moore

Budget deficit

Editor:

I believe it is time for all federal workers to join together to protect themselves, their careers, and their benefits.

The Congress and the Reagan administration Budget Deficit Committee are using the federal employees as a scapegoat for all their mistakes in the big budget deficit.

We have no doubt that the budget deficit has gotten out of control and something must be done. However, the federal employees and their retirees have sacrificed enough since 1981. It is high time the administration and Congress look somewhere else for their cut.

You know by now that Congress and Reagan administration budget deficit have recommended that your pay raise be reduced from 3 percent to 2 percent for the next two years and your step increases be frozen for two years, and lump sum payments be cut by half. When they reduce your pay and freeze your step increase, that will reduce your retirement pay at the time of your retirement.

Therefore, let us go forward in one accord to Congress and let them know we, the federal workers, are tired of being the budget sacrificing force.

It is time to act. Act now. Call or write your congressmen.

Dennis Garrison
President,
AFGE Local 1858

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CHAMPUS claims due this month

The end-of-year deadline for filing CHAMPUS claims is near, according to the information office for Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services.

Service families, and civilian health care providers, have only until Dec. 31 to file claims with CHAMPUS for civilian care received— or provided —in 1986. If you received (or provided) care in 1987, you have until the end of 1988 to file your CHAMPUS claims for '87.

Don't forget: If you received, or provided, civilian health care in 1986 and haven't filed a claim with

CHAMPUS yet, your claim must be filed with, and in the hands of, your state's claims processor by Dec. 31 of this year (1987).

Remember that the claim is filed with the processor who serves the state in which you received (or provided) care. For example, if you received care in Texas and now live in Colorado, the claim must be sent to the claims processor responsible for Texas claims. If you don't know where to send the claim, contact the health benefits advisor at the nearest military medical facility for more information.

Local families share their Christmas

The Community Counseling Center is sponsoring a way for people who are away from their own families at Christmas to share the holidays with another Redstone family.

It's called "Share Your Christmas," and it's open to the entire Redstone community, according to Chaplain (Capt.) William Meyer, who coordinated a similar program for soldiers last year.

Under the concept of "Share Your Christmas," anyone— soldier, civilian worker or retiree— who will be alone this Christmas can ask to be matched with a family who would like to share their Christmas.

Meyer expanded the program when he realized that

not just soldiers end up alone at Christmas. He hopes his idea will appeal to people who are widowed, to single parents, or to anyone who will be far away from his or her extended family for the holidays, he said.

The program isn't highly-structured. Meyer plans to match the participants, but it's up to them to plan their activities. They can spend as much or as little time together as they want.

"Christmas is for sharing. We share money, gifts and tangible things, but the greatest gift we can give is to share ourselves," Meyer said.

If you would like to share Christmas with a Redstone family, call Meyer at 876-7256.

Christmas trees available on post

A specially-marked Christmas tree cutting area has been opened at the base of Madkin Mountain.

The tree area, on the northeast side of the mountain, may be used by soldiers who want to cut their own trees for use in their homes, and by other activities which need trees for dayrooms or offices on post. Cutting of trees for commercial use is prohibited.

The cutting area is directly behind buildings 3652, 3653 and 3650 on Roland Road. Roland Road is off Cajun Drive.

There should be plenty of trees for everyone to choose from, according to Jesse Horton, forester for Facilities Engineering Division.

"The area is pretty well-populated with trees—they're fairly thick," Horton said.

The area set aside for cutting is on the fringe of an existing utility right-of-way, "so people will assist us in maintaining the right-of-way, as well as getting trees to use in their homes," he said.

In selecting the area, efforts were made to find trees which were predominantly a good size for using inside homes, so there should be plenty of trees around 6 feet tall, according to Horton.

He suggests waiting as late as possible to cut a tree, to avoid having it dry out. The last day for cutting trees is Dec. 24.

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Stinger system provides low-altitude air defense

Editor's Note: The following is the first in a series of articles about weapon systems managed by the Missile Command.

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Stinger is a versatile weapon that can be fired from a soldier's shoulder, from a helicopter or from a wheeled vehicle.

This low-altitude air defense weapon weighs about 35 pounds and is roughly 5 feet long. The missile itself is 2.75 inches in diameter.

"What Stinger can do is to defend against fixed wing and helicopter targets that are engaged in close air support operations," said Joe Collier, chief of the systems engineering division at Stinger Project Office.

"It's similar to an older antitank weapon in appearance with a tube launcher and a hand-grip control," he said. Stinger's range is about 6 kilometers.

There are three ways in which Stinger missiles are used. The first method is a manportable use where two-man teams are deployed carrying a basic load of missiles. The helicopter-mounted application, known as air to air Stinger, is incorporated into the Scout OH-58 helicopter. "It gives the helicopter some protection against other aircraft," Collier said.

The newest method of deployment, Pedestal Mounted Stinger, is being developed under a contract awarded in August to the Boeing Aerospace Com-

pany. In this version, eight Stinger missiles are carried in launchers mounted on a high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle.

Other applications for Stinger continue to be evaluated, according to Collier.

Stinger evolved from the old Redeye system that started back in the late 1950s. The Stinger development program began in 1972 and the first unit was fielded in February 1981.

There have been three versions of the weapon system. The first, called Basic Stinger, is an infrared passive homing guidance system. This means the missile sees infrared energy from the plume of an aircraft and guides on that infrared energy. "It flies an intercept trajectory to the target and incorporates a general counter-countermeasure capability," Collier said.

The second version of the guidance system uses what is known as a Rosette scanned field of view. "This technique, called passive optical scanning technique (POST) employs both infrared and ultraviolet detectors," Collier said. "This configuration provided significant improvement in counter-countermeasure capability."

The current version is called Stinger-RMP which stands for reprogrammable microprocessor. This incorporates greater control of missile functions by use

of guidance programs. In other words, it is more computerized than previous models. "The RMP configuration incorporates provisions for external programming which allows the missile to be updated for new countermeasure developments or guidance enhancement without modifying the missile," Collier said. "You can improve the way it works by changing the program rather than the hardware."

Almost 16,000 of the basic Stingers and less than 600 of the Stinger-POST missiles were produced. Officials expect to produce more than 60,000 of the RMP version.

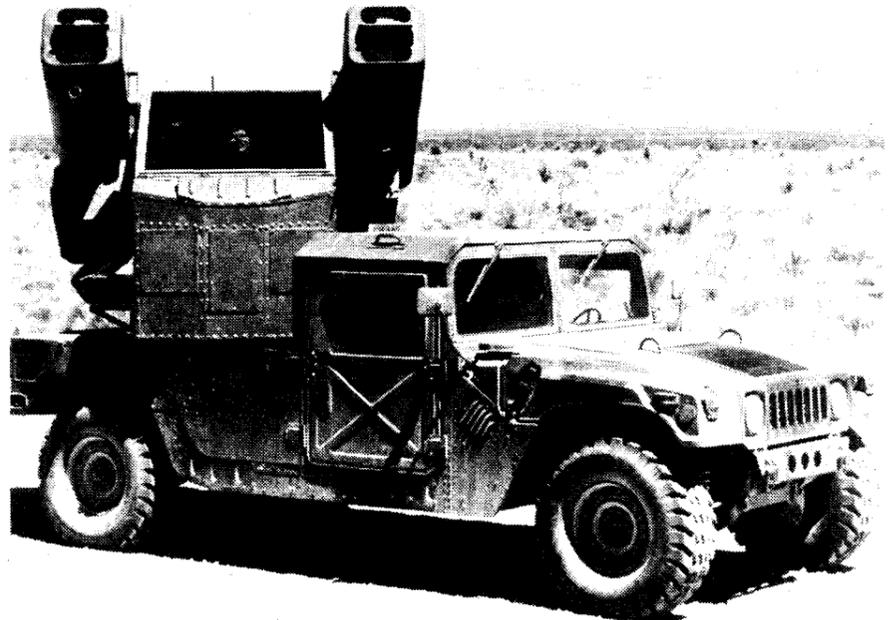
"The success rate of Stinger in the testing that we perform for reliability evaluations indicates that our success is over 90 percent in successful engagements," Collier said. "I think the main reason the system is so successful is the attention to the quality of the hardware, and the training programs that are used to maintain the proficiency of the operators."

Most U.S. forces receive Stinger hardware, according to Collier. Four countries are involved in an agreement for co-production; Federal Republic of Germany is the lead nation along with Turkey, The Netherlands, and Greece. At least nine other countries are buying Stinger. Cost for one unit is around \$60,000 to \$65,000, according to project office officials.

Col. Robert Drolet is the Stinger project manager and Fred McLaurine is his civilian deputy.



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Asbestos removed before renovations at TMDE

Asbestos is being removed from parts of TMDE headquarters in preparation for a renovation project in that building.



ASBESTOS— A Hepaco worker, wearing protective suit, shows sprayed-on asbestos ceiling in a lab room at TMDE headquarters.

"We have to remove the asbestos before the renovations can take place," said Ron Hagler, an environmental engineer at the Missile Command. This is to keep the work from affecting the asbestos and possibly contaminating the building which serves as headquarters for the Test Measurement & Diagnostic Equipment Support Group.

The asbestos removal in parts of building 5435 began Dec. 2. Targeted areas included a lab room, four equipment rooms and the attic.

"We're isolating the people from the actual work area, and we're doing air monitoring outside the rooms to make sure nothing escapes," Hagler said.

Hepaco, a company based in Louisiana, is doing the work along with subcontractors. "They've got one company doing removals and another company going

back in to do the renovation after the removals have been done," Hagler said. The renovation work deals with the air conditioning and heating system.

The removal process began in lab room 11 which had a sprayed-on asbestos ceiling. The work was not expected to last more than a few days in each area; the entire project could take at least weeks to complete.

"We've got to get the asbestos out before we can do any of the heating and air conditioning modifications," said Thomas Robinson, the project inspector from the quality assurance office at Directorate of Engineering and Housing.

"They'll test the air before they start, they'll test it during the removal, and then they'll test it afterwards to make sure we've got good clean air before we let anybody back in," Robinson said.

Defense schools clean up asbestos

BY EVELYN D. HARRIS
American Forces Information Services

To protect children and staff members in schools containing asbestos that may have become dangerous, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act in 1986. This act outlined an asbestos inspection and cleanup program that specifically included the Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

According to DoD Dependents Schools direct, Dr. John L. Stremple, many schools had already been inspected for dangerous levels of asbestos and cleaned up, but the 1986 act set "higher and more specific goals." When the act was signed, according to Stremple, DoD Dependents Schools immediately started plans for a stepped-up asbestos management program.

In May 1987, DoD Dependents Schools held briefings in Europe, said Stremple. "We briefed the major military commands, our regional offices, teachers unions, parents—everyone—about the asbestos management program.

"Immediately after that, we started surveys in our schools," he added. Schools in the Pacific region and Panama started this process in August.

"In an asbestos survey, Environmental Protection Agency-certified industrial hygienists go through the

schools looking at floors, ceilings, pipes, boilers, crawl spaces—everything with construction materials believed to contain asbestos," said DoD Dependents Schools asbestos program manager Larry Bruno. Samples of the materials are then sent to the Air Force Occupational and Environmental Health Laboratories for analysis.

The laboratory analysis takes about 45 days. If potentially hazardous asbestos is found, industrial hygienists and engineers determine the safest abatement method—removal, encapsulation or enclosure. Encapsulation means covering the asbestos with protective material. Enclosure normally involves building a box around the affected area.

Stremple said that DoD Dependents Schools will remove asbestos wherever that is possible, but if safety experts recommend encapsulation or enclosure as safer for a school, that's what will be done. Asbestos not removed will need to be checked regularly for hazards.

Before any work is done, officials will inform everyone involved, from the installation commander to parents and students. In addition, said Stremple, "To protect the health of students and staff, any asbestos management work, including surveys, will be (See DoD, cont'd on page 5)



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Asbestos common in older structures

BY EVELYN D. HARRIS
American Forces Information Service

Asbestos occurs naturally throughout the world, even in the ice that covers Greenland. Because of its fire resistance, asbestos was once widely used in the construction industry. In fact, one expert claims asbestos was used in almost every building constructed between 1950 and 1970.

Then, researchers found that exposure to large quantities of asbestos fibers over a long period of time could lead to cancer and lung disease. The U.S. government banned asbestos-based building materials in 1978.

Construction workers, shipbuilders and others who worked daily with asbestos for at least 10 years before

the ban are at prime risk for asbestos-related health problems. If they smoked, they are at greater risk.

Safety experts at the Environmental Protection Agency say that persons who simply occupy buildings with materials containing asbestos are not at risk unless these materials are in bad or friable condition. Friable materials crumble under pressure; when they do, asbestos fibers escape into the air, where they can be inhaled or ingested.

Health problems from asbestos can take as little as 10 and as long as 40 years to develop. Thus, researchers still do not know everything about the hazards of asbestos exposure for persons who merely occupy buildings with asbestos. But they suspect that it may have a greater effect on children, who are smaller and whose lungs are still developing.

Army reports safest year on record

WASHINGTON— Fiscal year 1987 brought the Army its best overall year for safety.

"Ground and aviation accidents," said Col. Jerry Malcolm of the Army safety office at the Pentagon, "were at their lowest in the history of our record-keeping. The Army had 2,800 fewer ground accidents than the average for the past five years and more than 1,600 fewer than the number for fiscal 1986." On the aviation side, major accidents went down by 25 from the five-year average and by 14 from fiscal 1986.

Malcolm added that the overall trend in military fatalities for the past five years is down — 505 fatalities in fiscal 1982, compared to 419 in fiscal 1987. "Fatalities and injuries in training accidents have declined considerably over the past five years. Progress is also being made in reducing civilian injuries and occupational illnesses," he said.

In the category of combat vehicle accidents, "we saw a reduction of 19 percent," he continued. "And private motor vehicle accidents were 19 percent lower in fiscal 1987 than in fiscal 1986. The Army's private-motor-vehicle fatality rate was better than the national rate — even though about three out of five soldiers are in the high-risk age group (under age 25), compared to about one out of five civilians."

Malcolm explained that this safety record occurred while the level of reporting was at its highest and the tempo of operations was on the increase.

"The Army," he said, "attributes this success story to the efforts of commanders and their leaders who have taken the lead in promoting safe practices by military and civilian personnel on and off duty." (Arnews)

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done when school is not in session— evenings, weekends and vacations. If that's not possible, the areas where the work is being performed will be isolated. All required safety precautions will be followed."

Because every phase of the program must be conducted with great caution, the DoD Dependents Schools asbestos management program is a multiyear effort. The Defense Resources Board has approved \$57.25 million for the program through fiscal 1991. (Of course, routine inspections will continue beyond that time.) In the meantime, Bruno said, no one is in any danger. "If there were any schools with hazardous levels," he said, "our ongoing operations and

maintenance program would have shown that by now."

The main thrust of the current program is to deal with any asbestos that may cause problems in the future. Stremple is pleased with the program's progress so far and with the support DoD Dependents Schools has received from the military services, parents, teachers and everyone involved.

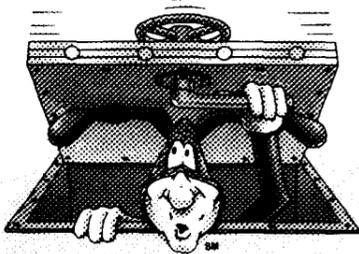
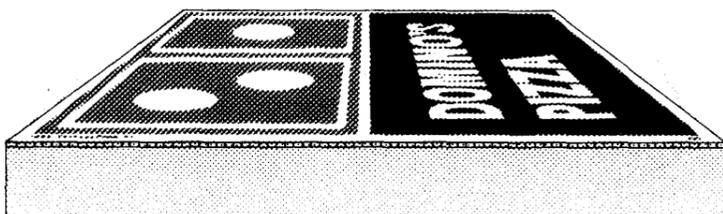
"The safety of our children is the No. 1 priority for all of us," said Stremple. "Working together, we can be sure that we will provide safe facilities for current and future generations of DoD Dependents Schools students."



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Law limits political activities of federal workers

With an election year just around the corner, it's important that Redstone workers know what federal employees can and cannot do politically.

The Hatch Act, approved by Congress in 1939, governs the political activity of federal employees in partisan elections. Basically, it prohibits their involvement in elections in which any candidate is running as a representative of a political party. They can vote, of course, but they cannot be candidates in partisan elections or campaign for or against a candidate in such elections.

"I think one of the concerns is if federal employees can be involved in partisan politics, there's room for coercion from persons in authority. For example, it might be difficult to say no to your boss if he's actively seeking political office or supporting a particular candidate," said Nancy Holzwanger, an attorney in the legal services division of MICOM Legal Office. There are restrictions "so that the service will function effectively and nonpolitically," she said.

Federal employees are prohibited from getting involved in the management of partisan campaigns. They cannot be an officer or an elected official within a political party. In partisan campaigns, they cannot run for office, organize rallies, hand out leaflets, stuff envelopes or work in somebody's campaign office.

Workers can vote, attend rallies, donate money, put bumper stickers on their car, be a member of a party, and campaign for nonpartisan issues. They can register people to vote but not for a particular party. They can even run for public office themselves, but only in elections in which none of the candidates represent a political party.

Spouses of federal workers are not limited in their political activities. The Hatch Act applies to federal workers themselves. "The federal employee needs to be aware of the statute so he won't do something (contrary to the law) in helping his spouse," Holzwanger

said. A spouse, for example, could stage a partisan political rally but the federal worker could not help in staging it.

"There is a bill before Congress now that seeks to amend the Hatch Act to allow more political participation by federal employees," Holzwanger said. "We'll just have to wait and see what happens."

Meanwhile, the law is the law. Noncompliance means at least a 30-day suspension from work and possibly dismissal. Workers here with questions can call the legal services division 876-7117/8921. They may also call the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, responsible for enforcing the Hatch Act, at (202) 653-7188.

Recent law enforcement actions here

The provost marshal office provided the following summation of law enforcement and judicial proceedings for the Redstone Arsenal community for November:

Sentenced for driving under the influence— Sherry Dobbins, 800 Levert Ave., Athens; Sp4 Ursula R. Turner, 515th Ordnance Company and Elton L. Poore, 3914 McVay St., Huntsville. Each was fined \$250, required to contribute \$25 to the Victim's Restitution Fund, given six months probation, and ordered to attend Highway Intoxilyzer School.

Sentenced for shoplifting— Brian A. Miller, 434 Simpson Drive, Redstone Arsenal; and Maria Parcus, 3510 Blue Grass Road, Huntsville. Each received six months probation and had Post Exchange privileges suspended by Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

Seven people found guilty of driving with a suspended license were each fined \$100 and required to give to the victim's restitution fund. Two of them were also placed on a year's probation. In a separate case, a

trespassing offender was fined \$25 and ordered to pay \$25 to the victim's restitution fund.

Military police issued 451 citations, including 337 for speeding. The remainder consisted primarily of violations such as expired driver's licenses, registrations, and no operator's license. Some 124 people were additionally cited on administrative citations, most of these for parking violations.

Commanders actions included Sgt. Justin C. Young of A Company 73rd Ordnance, general court-martial found guilty of rape, reduced to E-1, sentenced to 20 years confinement, and given a bad conduct discharge.

— Pvt. Brian D. Handis of B Company 832nd Ordnance, non-judicial punishment for larceny; \$153 fine, 14 days extra duty and restriction, and reduced one pay grade.

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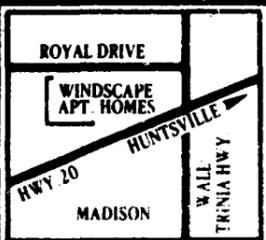
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Soldier takes advantage of educational opportunities

BY RUTH MECHAM

Some people join the Army for the excitement, some join for the adventure, some join for the travel, the thoughts of an education motivate some soldiers to join.

"I was a high school dropout," said Pvt. Michael Myers, assigned to C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion. "When I was in high school, learning anything was the last thing I wanted to do, I was mostly concerned with finding out where the next party was."

After suffering burnout from "working and getting nowhere," Myers decided to join the Army to get an education.

"I could not afford to go to college on my own so I joined the Army because of the G.I. Bill and the college fund. I felt this was the best way for me to get an education," he said.

Myers' military occupational specialty led him to Redstone Arsenal. "I received orders for the EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) school on the arsenal. Because of medical problems I couldn't start school when I was supposed to so I spent about a month on detail work at the company."

The Basic Skills Education Program tested him in math and English. "I was sent to the BSEP for tests and scored so well the center sent me to the Education Center for further tests," Myers said.

"In approximately three months," according to Sandra Sasso, testing examiner, "Mike has earned 84 semester hours of credit through a testing program, leading toward a bachelor's degree. To receive a bachelor's degree a person needs 120 semester hours; in just three short months Mike has received credit for about three years of college which is amazing."

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"I came into the Army to get an education," Myers said, "and I am accomplishing what I came in to do. When I was in high school, I had awful grades and no interest; the tests I'm taking now are interesting and with a little bit of studying on my part they are not that hard."

Myers is the oldest of three siblings. "My sister is in a graduate program now, she told me she was jealous because I was able to take advantage of a program like this. It took her five years to receive a bachelor's degree."

Future plans for the 25-year-old—who enjoys country music, cheap adventure novels and professional wrestling—include seeking a certification to practice physical therapy. "I will probably need about a year of college in my home state to become certified as a physical therapist. I will need specific courses in anatomy, biology, and chemistry and I must get actual hands-on training before becoming certified. One thing that is for sure I'm a lot closer to a degree now than I ever thought I would be a few months ago," he said.

The education center has guidance counselors available to help individuals prepare an educational program which will meet their needs. "I would not have known this program was available had I not had my leg injury. I fell into this program by luck, I hope other people will seek out all the educational opportunities the Army has to offer," Myers said. "It can be done and it can be worthwhile."



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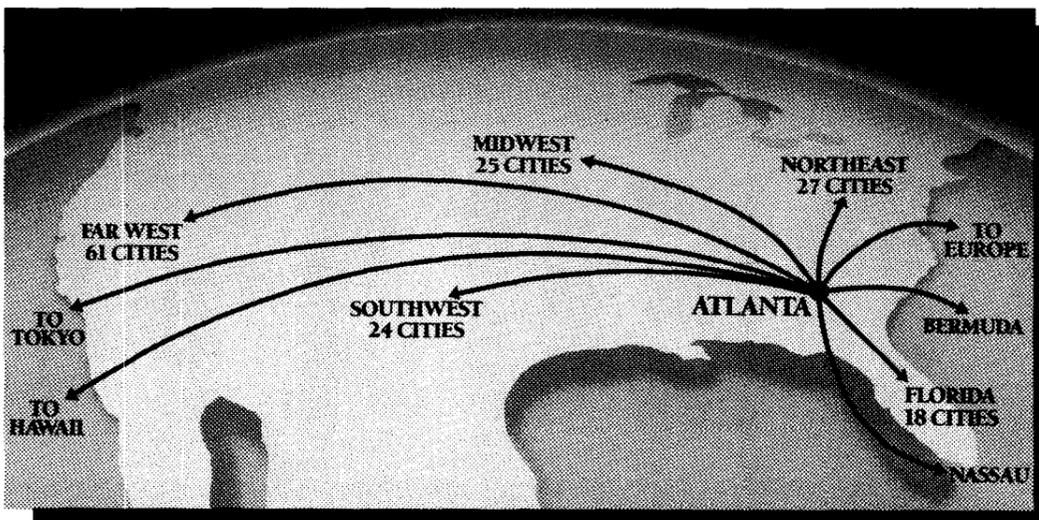
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Time and odds work steadily against the shoplifter

BY DON WILSON

How do you explain this one? The lady who stopped you outside the store and brought you into her office wasn't buying your comment about forgetting to pay for the radio in your pocket. She seemed to be looking right through you when you volunteered that statement. Fat chance of that story holding water anyway.

Taking off the labels and tags in the washroom seemed like a good idea at the time but it sure blows holes in the "forgetfulness" angle now.

"So now the cops are coming! Wonder how long that'll take. They sure wouldn't put me in jail over a \$50 radio, would they? I'll probably just have to pay a fine or something, so what's the big deal? I'm not ex-

actly over the hill at 21. Buck up man! In six months, who's going to know the difference?"

Maybe you will! First off, don't assume that the stores are too busy making money to prosecute you. They are serious about those little signs posted that state "the full extent of the law" as they have come to realize that the sharp increase in their losses over the years is directly related to their past reluctance to prosecute shoplifters. Even if the actual penalty you receive is not too severe, that doesn't end your problems by a long shot! The real punishment can come later. Memories can fade fast but computers don't have that problem. Sometime down the road when you
(See Shoplifter, cont'd on page 21)

Crime prevention a part of the holiday season

The Investigations Branch of the Provost Marshal Office has a new crime prevention display trailer that will be making rounds on the arsenal next week.

The trailer contains displays, slide shows and hand-out materials about crime prevention, drug abuse and property protection. Visitors to the trailer will receive free items which promote crime prevention.

Here's the schedule for the traveling display: Dec. 16, building 5250, 8-11 a.m., building 5400 noon-3 p.m.; Dec. 17, building 4488 8-11 a.m., building 5681, noon-3 p.m.; Dec. 18, buildings 5678 and 5687, 8-11 a.m., post exchange and commissary area, noon-3 p.m.

Additional times and locations are available for Dec. 22-23. For more information call 876-2090/3449.

The holiday season can mean increased crime. Here are some crime prevention tips given by Col. James A. Hall, commander of the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity:

- When you leave home for shopping or family visits, be sure to lock all doors, windows and other openings.
- Use a timer to turn your lights on while you're away, and arrange to have your mail and newspapers picked up.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your house while you're away, and return the favor.
- Don't leave presents in plain view. Lock them and other valuables in the trunk of your car.
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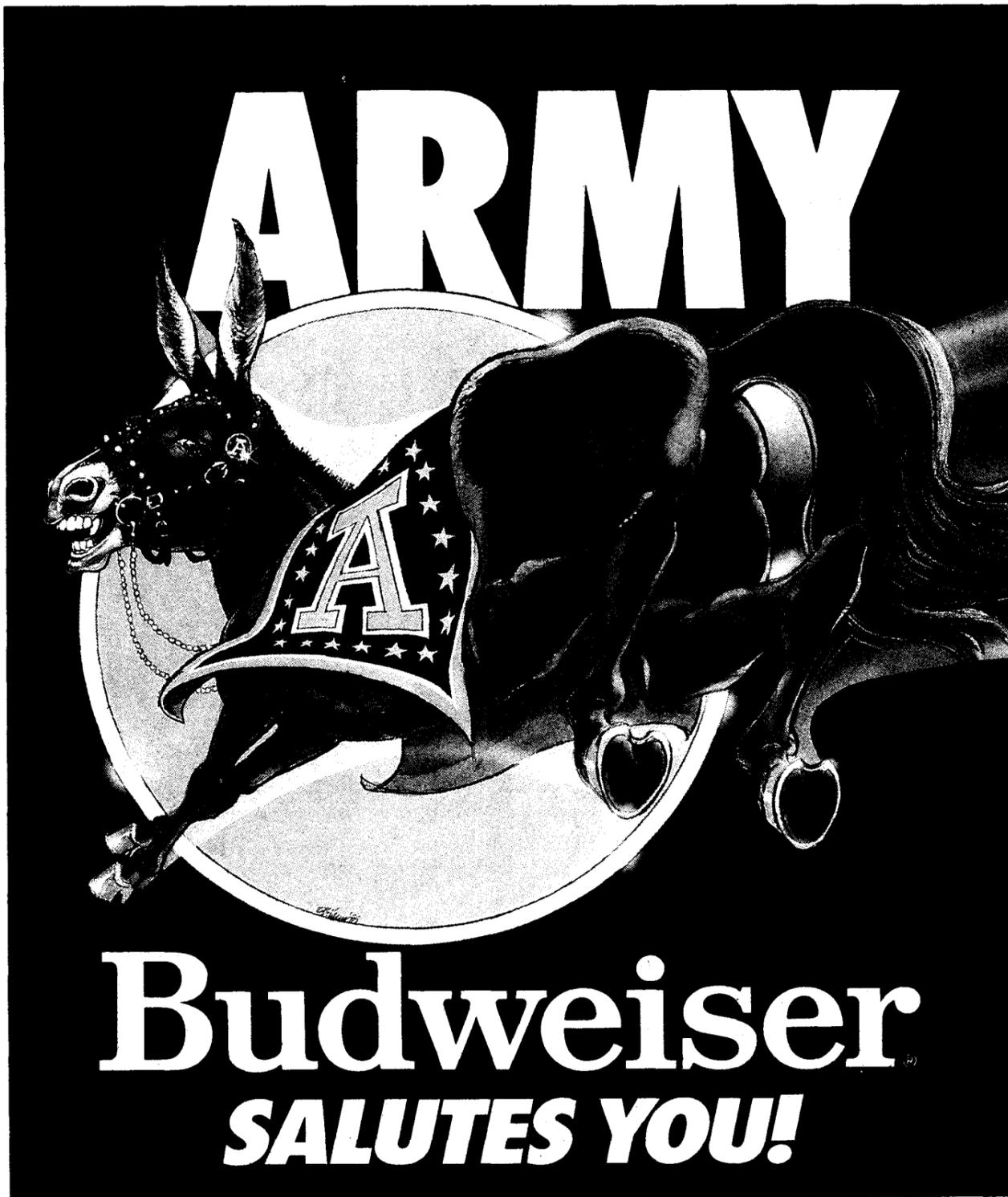


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Troop intramural bowling standings

Here are the troop intramural bowling standings as of Dec. 3:

Tuesday's Conference

	Won	Lost
HHC-1	270	30
C Company 73rd-1	251.5	48.5
HHC-3	217	83
C Company 73rd-2	183.5	116.5
D Company 832nd-1	179	121
MEDDAC	177.5	122.5
Marines-2	176	124
TMDE/95th	119	181
A Company 73rd-2	107	193
291st MPs	106	194
A Company 73rd-3	71.5	228.5
SSO, RDS	60.5	239.5
C Company 832nd	51	249

200 games bowled on Dec. 1:

Doug Mabry	210 & 205
Rick Johns	210
Alex Lee	207 & 202
Bill Hollifield	203

Thursday's Conference

	Won	Lost
A Company E&TTD	243	57
B Company 73rd-1	234.5	65.5
Marines-1	217	83
HHC-2	195	105
B Company 73rd-2	177	123
HHC-4	175.5	124.5
A Company 73rd-1	142.5	157.5
B Company EOD	135	165
B Company SAD	127.5	172.5
515th-1	118.5	181.5
D Company 832nd-2	116	184
515th-2	81.5	218.5
HHD	42	258

* D Company 73rd dropped out due to 3 forfeits

200 games bowled on Dec. 3:

Bob Reed	229 & 202
Michelle Thompson	224 (her first 200 game)
Mick Gabree	217
Gwendolyn Buchanan	214
Keith Warters	214
Ed Smith	213
Angel Santos	203
Aaron Zook	203
Ernie Kurotobi	202
Jerry Matias	202

Entry of foreign vehicles into U.S. faces new restriction next summer

HEIDELBERG, GERMANY— Starting July 1, 1988, servicemembers no longer may personally import foreign-made vehicles into the United States unless the vehicles have been manufactured to meet U.S. specifications.

This policy change recently was announced by transportation officials in U.S. Army, Europe.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's current policy allows persons to convert foreign-specification vehicles to meet U.S. Department of Transportation and EPA standards. The current policy also allows a waiver of EPA standards for vehicles aged five model years or more.

Under the new policy, only independent commercial importers with an EPA certificate of conformity will be allowed to import non-U.S.-specification vehicles into the United States after June 30, 1988. USAREUR officials also said that commercial importers must ensure that all necessary modifications and emissions testing are made within 120 days of a vehicle's entry in-

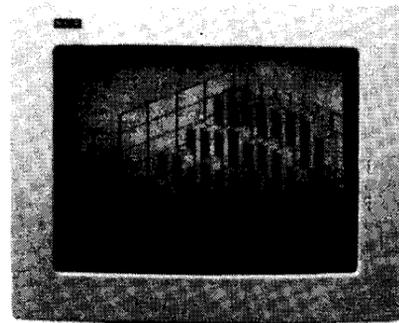
to the United States. An "independent commercial importer" is defined as a business that is EPA-certified and licensed to convert vehicles to U.S. standards.

Another significant change in the EPA importation policy calls for all vehicles shipped after June 30, 1988, to meet the EPA standards that are current at the time of importation. For example, a 1985 vehicle imported after June 30, 1988, must meet EPA standards for 1988, not the standards that were in effect at the time of manufacture. Transportation officials said this provision will dramatically increase — if not double — the cost to import and convert foreign vehicles to U.S. specifications.

The new policy offers no "grandfather clause" for military and civilian personnel who have already purchased foreign-specification vehicles with the intent to convert them upon their return to the United States.

More information on the new policy and its impact on U.S. forces personnel will be provided to local transportation offices as it becomes available, officials said. (Arnews)

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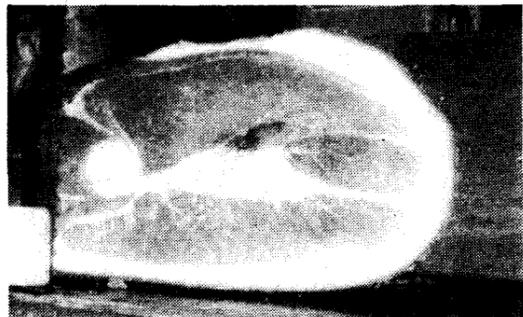
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Colds, influenza, allergies can make a miserable winter

BY EVELYN D. HARRIS

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You don't know if you have a cold, the flu or just an allergy. All you know is you're miserable.

There are ways to tell the three apart, according to Army Dr. (Lt. Col.) William J. Meinert. He heads the Department of Family Practice at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md., and treats patients at DeWitt Army Community Hospital, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Timing is one. "Allergies are usually seasonal. Hay fever sufferers have problems in the spring and early fall. People who are allergic to dust and mold suffer most in the winter, particularly if they have forced-air heating system," said Meinert.

Colds, on the other hand, are most common from the beginning of the school year in the fall through spring, peaking in the coldest months of January and February. The flu, or influenza, strikes as an epidemic, usually starting in November and continuing through the winter.

Symptoms are another way to tell the differences among the three. Allergy symptoms are limited to congestion, watery eyes and an irritated throat. In addition to these, cold sufferers may often have mild aches and a low fever. The flu is usually more severe, with a sudden, high fever, chills and sweating, cough, muscle aches and pains and a headache.

The "common cold" is common. Americans suffer 1 billion colds a year. People don't get more colds in cold weather because getting chilled can give them colds, said Meinert. People live close together in the winter, passing colds in the best way possible—from hand to hand.

"Although you can get a cold from the droplets released in the air when someone sneezes, you're much more likely to get it from touching their hands," said Meinert. Often unconsciously, cold sufferers wipe their runny eyes and then touch their neighbors. Cold germs can survive up to three hours on telephone receivers and other surfaces.

The most innocent faces belong to the most guilty parties when it comes to spreading colds. Children, particularly young children in daycare, nursery school and kindergarten, get—and spread—more colds than any other group in the population. "Young children get from eight to 10 colds a year," said Meinert. "Unless Grandma sees her grandchildren often, she's the least likely to get a cold—people over 65 have fewer colds," he added.

Although colds are seldom life-threatening, Meinert suggests you see a doctor if the infection gets in your lungs or if you develop a fever or severe sore throat. If your mucous is yellow or green, you probably have a bacterial infection that can be treated with antibiotics.

You should watch your baby carefully if he or she has a cold. If you believe the baby has an earache or a sore throat, take him or her to a doctor. Untreated ear infections can lead to deafness. Sore throats can mean a strep infection—which can lead to rheumatic fever, which damages the heart. Said Meinert, "We probably do more strep throat cultures than we need to—but it pays off because rheumatic fever is now rare in the country."

Croup is another common cold complication for children until about the age of 3. "If your baby is 'barking' take him to the doctor. Usually the cold air hitting him on the way to the car is enough to stop the croup, but it's best not to take chances," said Meinert. Sitting with your baby in a steamy bathroom will also stop the croup.

The military services usually vaccinate against the flu in the middle of October. This year, military people received shots protecting against the A/Taiwan, A/Leningrad and B/AnnArbor influenza viruses. According to Meinert, "You can't fight a war if half your people have the flu, but the flu is not usually dangerous to healthy young men and women."

The flu can be life-threatening to the very young, very old and chronically ill," said Meinert. Flu can progress to pneumonia, which can be fatal if not treated.

Pneumonia usually strikes suddenly, with shaking chills and sharp pain in the chest. The lungs are congested, and fever can rise to 105 degrees Fahrenheit.

Therefore, the Public Health Service's Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control recommends flu shots for people with diabetes, cancer or kidney, liver or lung disease, anyone over 65 and health care workers. Meinert also recommends flu shots for smokers and children with any chronic disease. For

those who can't get flu shots because of an egg allergy or pregnancy, the drug amantadine can prevent flu if given before exposure or lessen its severity if given after exposure.



Staying comfortable best cold treatment

BY EVELYN D. HARRIS

American Forces Information Service

How you take care of yourself for winter miseries depends on which problem you have and how severe it is.

For people who suffer from congestion, Army Dr. (Lt. Col.) William J. Meinert recommends a cool mist vaporizer. Meinert heads the Department of Family Practices at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Some doctors prefer warm mist because molds can grow in a cool vaporizer, but Meinert said this shouldn't be a problem if you buy a unit that can be cleaned. "Cool vaporizers are safer for children, and cool mist water particles can get deeper into the passages to break up congestion. If you can afford it, an ultrasonic cool mist vaporizer is best," he said. He doesn't recommend a humidifier attached to your furnace.

The saying "If you don't treat a cold, it lasts a week, if you treat it, it goes away in seven days" is on target, said Meinert. But if over-the-counter medications

make you more comfortable, go ahead and use them. "As long as you read and heed warnings on the package, they shouldn't do you any harm," he said.

These warnings include not driving while taking some medications. Parents are warned against giving drugs containing aspirin to children or teen-agers with flu symptoms. Reye's syndrome, a very serious illness, is linked to children with flu taking aspirin.

If chicken soup and other home remedies help you, use them. Meinert's mother's favorite remedy was a mustard plaster. "We tried to get better so we wouldn't have to have another plaster," he said.

If you have the flu, don't try to resume normal activity until you've recovered to avoid a relapse.

Cold and flu sufferers should drink plenty of fluids. They help the body expel the virus more quickly and prevent dehydration.

No matter what your illness, trust your own judgment. If you don't think you need to go to a doctor, don't go. But if you feel sick enough to ask for treatment, get it.



SHOPPING SPREE WINNERS — Bob Davis (center), manager of the post exchange, poses with Capt. Fatih Gurses (left) of the Turkish army and MSgt. Paramjit S. Sibia, winners of a 20 percent-off newcomer shopping spree at the PX. Gurses is a member of the Allied Student Training Detachment and Sibia is stationed at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Redstone hosts part of joint chemical exercise

BY PAM ROGERS

The Missile Command participated in a Joint Chiefs of Staff exercise last Wednesday designed to demonstrate the ability of the military to move chemical munitions quickly, efficiently and safely in a time of national emergency.

Dubbed "Gray Steel," the exercise began at Anniston Army Depot, where inert, sand-filled, eight-inch and 155mm artillery shells, simulating shells filled with nerve agent, were removed from bunkers and loaded onto two commercial tractor-trailer trucks, according to Col. Andrew Blasco, director of the Joint Task Force for the Improvement of Chemical Capabilities.

The trucks were escorted to Redstone Arsenal by AAD security police, Alabama State Troopers, emergency management representatives from Calhoun County and the State of Alabama, and by workers from the depot.

The convoy was met at the Redstone airfield by an Air Force C-141 transport plane. At the airfield, the shells were unloaded from the trucks, repalletized and secured, and loaded onto the airplane. The operation at the airfield took about four hours.

Redstone was selected as a site for a portion of the exercise because it offered a runway long enough to accommodate the transport plane, and because the airfield could be secured, according to Blasco.

After loading, the plane was to fly to Fort Hood, Texas, where an overseas shipment and firing simulation was to take place.

"We are evaluating the chemical retaliatory capabilities from stockpile to target— from the depot, to convoy, to airhead, and then overseas. This is the first time we've ever done the entire sequence," Blasco said.

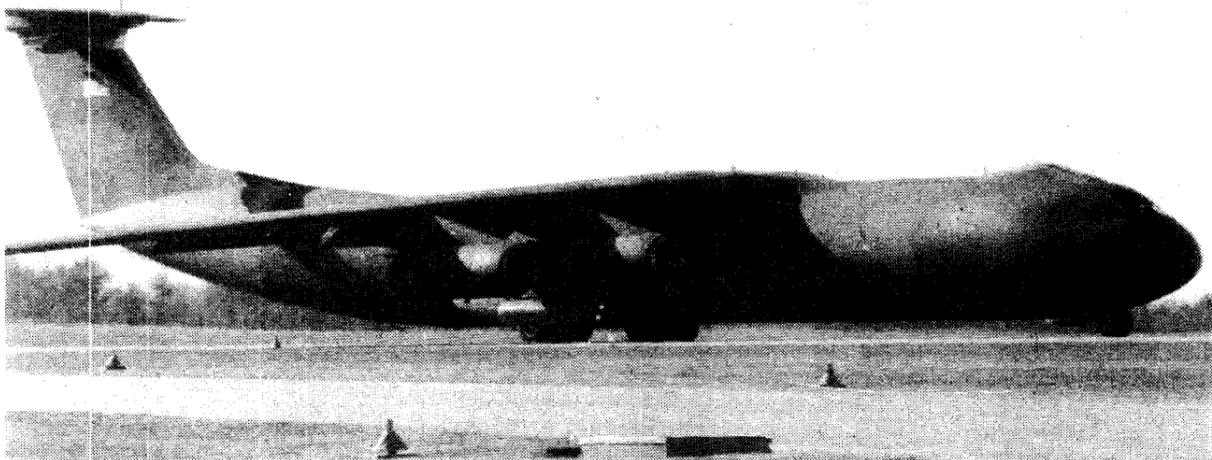
"MICOM played a critical part as the aerial port of embarkation. It was the nearest usable airfield to Anniston," Blasco said.

"This was a tremendous coordination effort when you think of all the special skills involved," he said.

Approximately 100 people participated in the exercise.



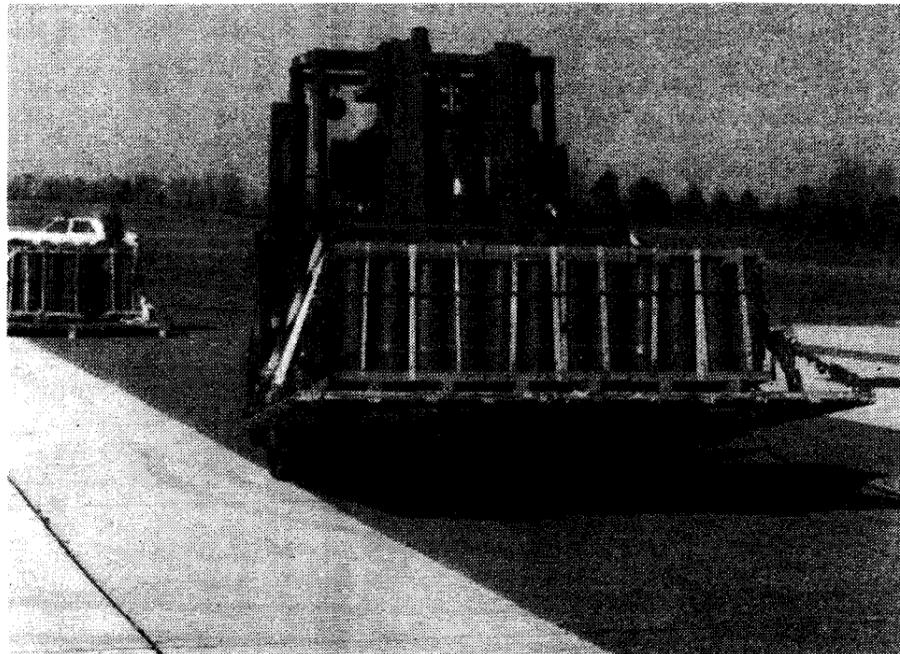
CHEMICAL CONVOY — Trucks carrying simulated chemical munitions are escorted onto the Redstone Arsenal Army Airfield.



TRANSPORT — An Air Force C-141 transport plane which will fly the simulated munitions to Fort Hood, Texas, arrives at Redstone.



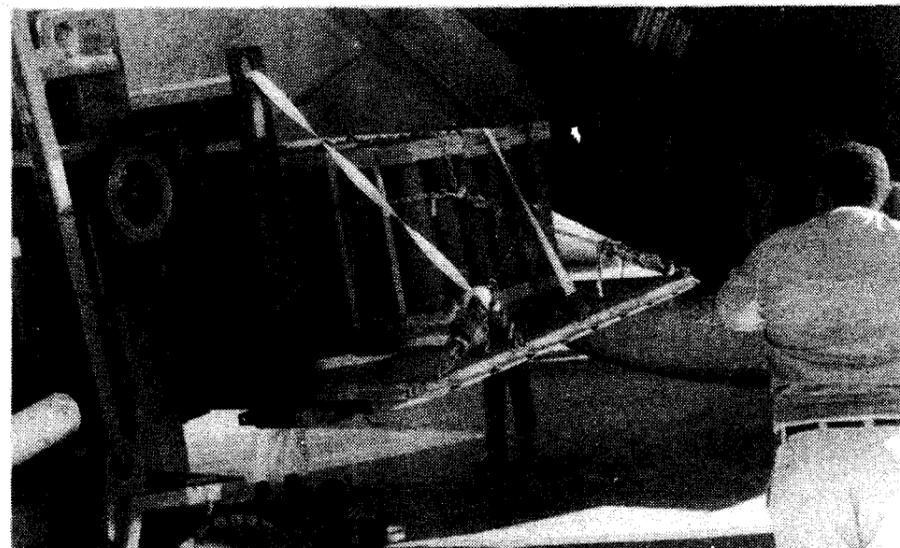
CHEMCAP CHIEF — Col. Andrew Blasco explains the exercise to observers.



READY TO GO — A forklift lifts a pallet of secured shells.



CHECKING FOR LEAKS — Anniston Army Depot workers in protective gear run a simulated check for leading agent before the shells are removed from trucks.



LOADING UP — Repalletized shells are loaded onto waiting airplane.

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Miami Hurricanes picked to win national championship

BY SKIP VAUGHN

It's put up or shut up time for major college football teams as the annual bowl games begin this weekend.

The mythical national championship will be decided Jan. 1 when number one Oklahoma faces number two Miami at the Orange Bowl in Miami. Both teams are unbeaten and untied.

Oklahoma's Sooners (11-0) whipped North Texas State 69-14, North Carolina 28-0, Tulsa 65-0, Iowa State 56-3, Texas 44-9, Kansas State 59-10, Colorado 24-6, Kansas 71-10, Oklahoma State 29-10, Missouri 17-13, and Nebraska 17-7.

The Miami Hurricanes (11-0) beat Florida 31-4, Arkansas 51-7, Florida State 26-25, Maryland 46-16, Cincinnati 48-10, East Carolina 41-3, Miami (Ohio) 54-3, Virginia Tech 27-13, Toledo 24-14, Notre Dame 24-0, and South Carolina 20-16.

Miami's possession passing attack should be effective against Oklahoma from the run-oriented Big Eight Conference. Plus, the game will be played on the Hurricanes' home field. The pick here is...Miami.

Last week's 4-0 record brought the final season totals to 319-104-10 for 75 percent. Here are Skip's Picks for the upcoming bowl games:

California Bowl, Dec. 12 at Fresno, Calif.—Eastern Michigan (9-2) vs. San Jose State (10-1). *San Jose State* by 7.

Independence Bowl, Dec. 19 at Shreveport, La.—Tulane (6-5) vs. Washington (6-4-1). *Tulane* by 1.

All-American Bowl, Dec. 22 at Birmingham, Ala.—Virginia (7-4) vs. Brigham Young (9-3). *BYU* by 4.

Sun Bowl, Dec. 25 at El Paso, Texas—Oklahoma State (9-2) vs. West Virginia (6-5). *Oklahoma State* by 10.

Aloha Bowl, Dec. 25 at Honolulu—Florida (6-5) vs. UCLA (9-2). *UCLA* by 3.

Liberty Bowl, Dec. 29 at Memphis, Tenn.—Arkansas (9-3) vs. Georgia (8-3). *Georgia* by 2.

Freedom Bowl, Dec. 30 at Anaheim, Calif.—Air Force (9-3) vs. Arizona State (6-4-1). *Arizona State* by 6.



Holiday Bowl, Dec. 30 at San Diego—Wyoming (10-2) vs. Iowa (8-3). *Iowa* by 3.

Gator Bowl, Dec. 31 at Jacksonville, Fla.—South Carolina (8-3) vs. Louisiana State (9-1-1). *South Carolina* by 7.

Bluebonnet Bowl, Dec. 31 at Houston—Pittsburgh (8-3) vs. Texas (6-5). *Texas* by 1.

Florida Citrus Bowl, Jan. 1 at Orlando, Fla.—Clemson (9-2) vs. Penn State 8-3. *Penn State* by 7.

Fiesta Bowl, Jan. 1 at Tempe, Ariz.—Florida State (10-1) vs. Nebraska (10-1). *Florida State* by 13.

Cotton Bowl, Jan. 1 at Dallas—Notre Dame (8-3) vs. Texas A&M (9-2). *Notre Dame* by 14.

Rose Bowl, Jan. 1 at Pasadena, Calif.—Michigan State (8-2-1) vs. Southern Cal (8-3). *Southern Cal* by 3.

Orange Bowl, Jan. 1 at Miami—Oklahoma (11-0) vs. Miami (11-0). *Miami* by 1.

Sugar Bowl, Jan. 1 at New Orleans—Syracuse (11-0) vs. Auburn (9-1-1). *Auburn* by 4.

Peach Bowl, Jan. 2 at Atlanta—Tennessee (9-2-1) vs. Indiana (8-3). *Tennessee* by 7.

Hall of Fame Bowl, Jan. 2 at Tampa, Fla.—Michigan (7-4) vs. Alabama (7-4). *Alabama* by 10.

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Arsenal hunters nab deer in record numbers

BY PAM ROGERS

Redstone deer hunters are enjoying a bountiful season this year, bagging a midseason total of 213 animals.

Outdoor Recreation Director Shelby Williams believes the primary reason for the increase in kills is that antlerless deer hunts began earlier this year than in the past. The first such hunt was held Nov. 28 and 29, with 54 antlerless deer killed that weekend. The limit of antlerless deer for the season is 250, she pointed out.

Hunters turned out in record numbers for the hunt, with 386 going for deer. The usual number of weekend hunters averages about 225, Williams said.

The antlerless deer hunters began earlier this year because recreation officials believed the extra time would be necessary to kill the number of deer permitted by the limit.

"We didn't get the limit last year, and we haven't had a lot of open areas. The ranges have been closed a

lot, and we've had to hunt other areas," Williams said.

Bow hunters have already killed 30 deer, compared to a season total for last year of 22.

"We've had more bow hunters and more open areas, thanks to Col. (James A.) Hall. That's helped them to kill more deer," she said. Hall is commander of the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

The heaviest deer killed so far was a buck weighing in at 146 pounds (field dressed), taken by Charles Bertus.

The buck with the most points taken so far had 11 points and was killed by SSgt. Mitchell McGee. McGee, who is stationed in Germany, took a month of leave to hunt at Redstone, Williams said.

The season has been exceptional, according to Williams, with only a few problems with non-hunters going into hunting areas during hunts. Some people are just out for a walk in the woods, and a few military

units have gone into training areas without checking through Special Troops first, she said.

"If they're walking in hunting areas, they need to wear orange, or at least check with the Outdoor Recreation Center before going," she said. She added that military units going into training areas should go through Sgt. Fowlkes at 876-2089.

Hunters who need to take the safety briefing can still get it at the Army Learning Center, building 7446, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

"Everybody seems to be having a good time, enjoying the sport, and obeying the rules. We welcome everybody who's qualified to come out. We have a lot of good areas," Williams said.

People allowed to hunt on the arsenal include active duty and retired military members, their families and guests, DoD civilians employed at the arsenal, and contractors who can supply contract verification. Special restrictions apply to guests, civilians and contractors. For more information about hunting at Redstone, call 876-HUNT.

Outdoor Recreation special deer hunts

Date	Weapon	Sex	Remarks
Dec. 12	Gun, Bow and Arrow	Antlerless	Military & Guests*
Dec. 13	Gun, Bow and Arrow	Antlerless	Military/Civilian**
Dec. 19 & 20	Gun, Bow and Arrow	Antlerless	Military/Civilian**
Dec. 24	Gun, Bow and Arrow	Antlerless	Military & Guests*
Dec. 26-31	Gun, Bow and Arrow	Antlerless	Military/Civilian**
Jan. 2 & 3	Gun, Bow and Arrow	Antlerless	Military/Civilian**
Jan. 9 & 10	Gun, Bow and Arrow	Antlerless	Military/Civilian**
Jan. 16	Gun, Bow and Arrow	Antlerless	Military & Guests*
Jan. 17 & 18	Gun, Bow and Arrow	Antlerless	Military/Civilian**
Jan. 23 & 24	Gun, Bow and Arrow	Antlerless	Military/Civilian**
Jan. 30 & 31	Gun, Bow and Arrow	Antlerless	Military/Civilian**

*Refuge closed. Guests permitted. Guests are also permitted on weekdays that do not appear above.

**Refuge open. Hunts conducted on a 50-50 military-civilian basis. Guests not permitted.

After quota is met on antlerless deer, bucks only will be harvested.

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HUNTER — SSgt. Mitchell McGee poses with one of the deer he shot this season

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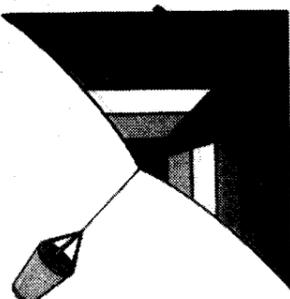
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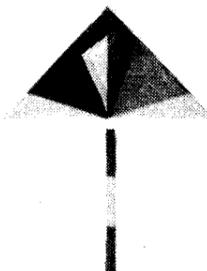
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REVELERS— Wearing a seasonal hat, Col. Graham Johnson signs his reservation form for the MICOM Christmas Party scheduled this Friday evening at the Officers Club. Looking on are Barbara Chandler, decorations chairman, and Marilyn Schild, program chairman. The annual event starts with cocktails at 6:30 followed by dinner at 7:15 and enter-

tainment beginning at 8:30. Attire for military men is Army blue with four-in-the-hand tie and nameplate; for military women, Army blue with necktab and nameplate. Civilians should wear business suit or cocktail attire. Make your plans to attend by calling the protocol office at 876-7135.

Insurance allotments can cover families

FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON, Ind.— Soldiers now may establish allotments for life insurance policies covering spouses or dependent children, thanks to a recent change in Department of Defense pay regulations.

Under the old pay policy, active duty soldiers were permitted to have insurance allotments for payment of premiums only on those policies that covered the life of the person making out the allotment request.

According to active duty pay policy specialists of the U.S. Army Finance and Accounting Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison, allotments for health, accident, or hospitalization insurance or other contracts that may, as an incidental feature, include life insurance, are still authorized.

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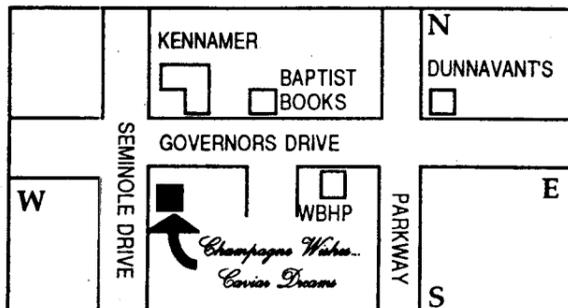
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Shoppers should look for durable, high-quality toys

BY EVELYN D. HARRIS
American Forces Information Service

According to the song, it's Santa Claus who's making a list and checking it twice. That's good advice for any gift list - check it twice to make sure the toys on it are safe and age-appropriate.

Play is children's work - and like all workers, they deserve safe tools. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 113,000 people were treated last year for injuries involving toys - 95,000 of them children under 15.

Under a law passed in 1969, the commission can ban potentially hazardous toys. Responsible toy manufacturers have established voluntary safety standards. However, unsafe toys do get in the market, and there may be a delay before they are banned.

In addition, while a toy may be safe for an older

child, it can be dangerous to a younger one. Almost any product can be dangerous when misused. Therefore, the first responsibility for toy safety lies with the parent or guardian. It's as important to supervise children at play and to teach them safety rules as it is to select safe toys.

Here are some more pointers from safety and child-development experts:

□ Read labels when shopping for toys. The age-recommendation label can help you choose a toy that is safe and appropriate for your child's age. For example, children under 3 should not have toys with parts small enough to swallow. And while a 4-year-old may not swallow the parts of a construction set designed for an 8-year-old, it may be too difficult for him. That can be more frustrating than fun.

Other labels to look for are "Flame retar-

dant/Flame resistant" on fabrics and "Washable/hygenic materials" on stuffed toys and dolls.

□ Look for durable, high-quality toys that will not break in normal use. A broken toy can become dangerous - not to mention frustrating and disappointing to the child. Either repair broken toys or throw them away.

□ Most of the 22 toy-related fatalities reported in 1985 involved choking. Although the law bans new toys with parts small enough to be put in the mouth for children under 3, it's a good idea to perform a simple test. Touch the tip of your thumb to the tip of your index finger. If the toy can pass through this opening, your baby can swallow it. Older toys can break into parts small enough to be swallowed or become lodged

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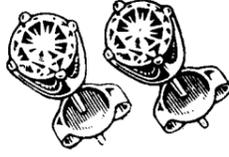
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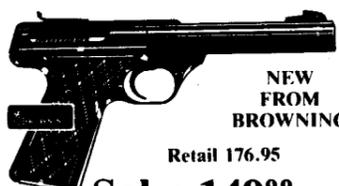
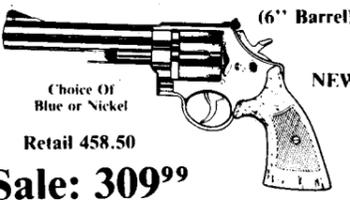
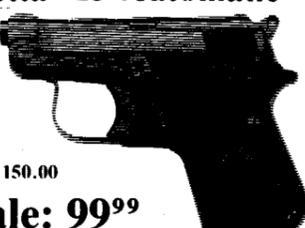
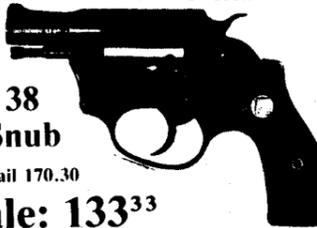
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Toys

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in a child's windpipe, ears or nose. More children have suffocated on uninflated or broken balloons than on any other type of toy - so safety experts recommend against giving balloons to children under 3.

Older children should keep their toys with small pieces away from the baby.

☐ Toys with long cords or strings can wrap around the necks of children under 3, causing strangulation. Never hand toys with long strings in cribs or playpens in which children can become entangled. Infants' crib gyms should be taken down once the child can pull himself up on his hands and knees.

☐ Keep young children on riding toys away from the stairs and the street.

☐ The government now severely limits the amount of lead in toy paint. But if you're giving a young child a

treasured toy from your own childhood, make sure it has no lead paint.

☐ Toys with sharp glass or metal edges or with sharp points or prongs are prohibited by law for children under 8. However, older toys may break, exposing sharp edges. Older stuffed toys may have wires that could cut or stab a child if exposed.

☐ Propelled objects and projectiles, such as toy rockets, can injure the eyes. Children should never play with adult lawn darts - and adults should never play lawn darts around young children. Arrows or darts for children should have secure cork or suction cup tips. Avoid toys that might be capable of firing objects not intended for use in the toy, such as pencils or nails.

☐ Loud noises not only get on parents' nerves - they can cause hearing loss in children. Toy caps and other noisemaking guns are required to carry the following warnings: "Do not fire closer than one foot to the ear. Do not use indoors." Teach your children to heed these warnings - and tell them why that's important.

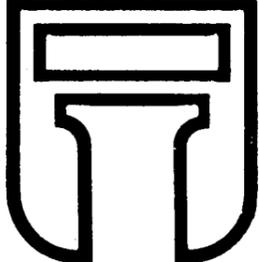
☐ Electric toys with heating elements are not appropriate for children under 8. Battery-operated electric toys tend to be safer than the plug-in type.

☐ Children should store toys where they can't be stepped on when they are not playing with them. Toys intended for older children, such as chemistry sets, should be stored where younger ones can't get to them.

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Micros for Managers & Business Professionals	Feb 22 - 24	Mon - Wed	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	\$325*
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WordPerfect	Feb 25 - 26	Thr - Fri	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	\$225
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Unused equipment destroyed as last resort

BY DONNA MILES

American Forces Information Service

James "J.W." Langley looked in the mirror, straightened his Stetson and tugged gently on his string tie. He was ready for another day of work at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office.

Minutes later, Langley was at center stage in a Fort Belvoir, Va., warehouse, "crying auction" to a crowd of more than 150—some in uniform, but most civilians from the local community.

A wide range of surplus Defense Department property was on the auction block: office and electronic equipment, scrap metal, old honor guard uniforms, furniture and even cars and trucks.

An electric typewriter went for \$85. A group of six microfiche machines brought in \$175. A local businessman bought seven projector stands, one to keep and the rest to sell, for \$75.

Auctions like these are just one way DoD unloads the property it no longer needs. Getting rid of outdated or worn-out equipment is a problem that plagued early military forces, who often chose to destroy it rather than risk having it fall into enemy hands.

In the modern-day United States, however, unneeded equipment is destroyed only as a last resort. Whenever possible property is moved to where it can be used. Failing this, it is sold to the public and the profits — \$76 million last year — are turned over to the U.S. Treasury.

Orchestrating this effort is the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service, a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency based in Battle Creek, Mich.

Last year, the service transferred or sold more than

\$2.6 billion in DoD property. In addition, it maintained about \$5 billion excess or surplus property—from bolts to boxcars, buttons to battleships, helmets to hydrofoils and air conditioners to airplanes.

A computer system tracks the excess or surplus property, including the number, condition and location among more than 200 facilities where it is stored.

This information is shared with all military supply and procurement activities and the General Services Administration, supplier and purchaser for civilian federal agencies.

Federal statutes strictly govern the way DoD distributes its excess of surplus property. DoD agencies get first shot at the equipment. Last year, more than \$1 billion in equipment went from one agency that had declared it excess to another that had a short supply.

Second priority goes to eligible foreign governments, who receive surplus military weapons and equipment as part of the U. S. military assistance program.

Third priority for the equipment disposal goes to civilian federal departments and agencies. Last year, DoD transferred almost \$150 million in equipment to other government agencies.

Fourth priority goes to state and local governments and other authorized, non-government agencies like the Boy Scouts and educational institutions. Last year, DoD donated \$239 million to these offices and organizations.

Only after these outlets have been exhausted is equipment put up for sale to the general public. Public sales takes a variety of forms: retail sales, sealed bid sales, local spot bid sales and national and local auctions.

Carolyn Quander, property utilization specialist at Fort Belvoir, said her office stages about one auction a month. Profits vary depending on the equipment sold, from about \$15,000 to \$35,000 per sale. In fiscal 1987, the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office at Fort Belvoir brought in almost \$400,000.

Auctions are advertised through newspapers, posters, and mailing lists maintained by individual Defense Reutilizations and Marketing Offices.

Three working days before an auction, the public inspects the property. To be eligible for a bid, attendants register the day of the sale at the host office. They are assigned a round, red-numbered paddle, which they raise to place a bid. Following the auction, high bidders have five working days to pay for and remove the property.

Langley said many of the people who attend the auctions are "regulars" who make a business of buying DoD's excess property and reselling it at a profit. One local businessman said he travels as far as 200 miles to attend government auctions. "If I can buy something for 'x' and sell it for '3x', well that's just good business," he said.

But Langley's favorite buyers are the ones who buy for their own use.

"You know what they say about someone's trash being someone else's treasure? I like being able to sell someone, say a desk, for \$20, knowing it's something they can use and at a good price," he said.

He takes special pride, however, in getting the most he can for the items he sells. "I try to get the most I can for the government," he said. "After all, the more money I make for the government, the more I save in the long run for myself and every other taxpayer."



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(Don Wilson is a criminal investigator in the Investigations Branch of Provost Marshal Office.)

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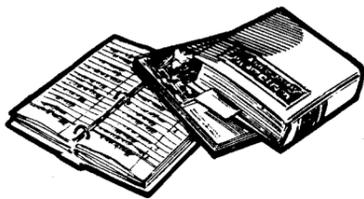
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Army Learning Center offers the following in-house, videotaped courses for managers and supervisors: *Working With Difficult People* and *Problem Solving*. To schedule time to view these videotapes, call the learning center 876-1061/1416.

Christmas crafts

Northeast Alabama Craftsmen's Association will have its annual Christmas craft show Dec. 11-13 at the Von Braun Civic Center exhibit hall and parlors. Hours on Friday and Saturday are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge. Proceeds will benefit the Madison County Rescue Squad, the Huntsville/Madison County Senior Center Special Transportation, and SCAN (Stop Child Abuse & Neglect).

Ballet performances

"The Nutcracker" will be performed for the 19th year by the Huntsville Civic Ballet dance company of the Community Ballet Association. Performances will be held in the Von Braun Civic Center concert hall on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 2:15 and 8:15 and on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2:15. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens, and \$3 for groups of 10 or more at the Saturday matinee. These are available at the VBCC box office and The Arts Council.

PX hours

All concessions in the Post Exchange Mall, building 3220, are now open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The Barber Shop has extended the test for opening on Sunday through Dec. 13, hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FEW party

North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will have its third annual Christmas party at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 in the Ole Pro's Country Club, Moores Mill Road. "It is a time for fun, good food, and fellowship." Members only are invited; however, application blanks will be provided for immediate membership. Members may bring a guest. For more information call Juanita Adams 876-5468, Sheila Jarvis 876-7641, Kathy Pyburn 876-2676 or Jane Armstrong 876-2281.

Chapel events

The combined Post and Bicentennial Chapel choirs will present the Christmas Cantata at both Protestant services on Dec. 13. The 9 a.m. service is at Post Chapel and the 10:45 service is at Bicentennial Chapel. *Protestant Youth of the Chapel* will go Christmas caroling on Dec. 13; all youth are to meet at Bicentennial Chapel at 5 p.m. The weekly *Advent Vespers* is at Post Chapel at 6 p.m. Dec. 13. *Awards for the annual Christmas Card contest* will be presented at the Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. Dec. 16 at Post Chapel. *A Mass in German* will be held at 7 tonight (Dec. 9) at Post Chapel. *A Mass in Korean* is set for 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12 at Bicentennial Chapel.

Dinner to go

A 10-12 pound turkey, with sage dressing, giblet gravy and cranberry relish to feed eight people is available for \$24.95, according to the Directorate of Community and Family Activities. You must give 48 hours notice. Christmas dinner must be picked up by 9 a.m. Dec. 24. For more information, call 830-2591/2592.

Quarters security

Investigations Branch provides the following reminder, "Residents are reminded that if they are going on leave or are planning on being away from their quarters for any length of time, especially during the holidays to notify their neighbors, area coordinator, and the military police. Military police will conduct security checks of your quarters while you are away. Also, stop all deliveries to include your mail. Don't let the potential criminal know that your quarters are vulnerable."

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858's next regular membership meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, in building 5250, room A-115. An election for the position of MICOM non-professional vice president will be held at this meeting.

Divorce support group

"Divorced are People" is a support group for divorced people of all ages. Soldiers and civilian workers from Redstone and Marshall Space Flight Center are invited to participate. The next meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel. For more information call Chaplain (Capt.) William Meyer 876-7256.

Blood program winners

Here are the winners of the October Red Cross Blood Drive: Human Engineering Detachment, 1-50 category, Dwight Nichols, coordinator; Guidance and Control Directorate, 51-100 category, Sandra Harris, coordinator; Missile System Readiness Directorate, 101-200 category, Marian Mialki, coordinator; Product Assurance Directorate, 201-400 category, Bruce Bialoskurski, coordinator; Missile Logistics Center, 401 and over category, Barbara Steel, coordinator.

Sci-fi group

North Alabama Science Fiction Association will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 19 at the First American Federal Savings and Loan, 4008 University Drive. For more information, call Jack Lundy 876-9414.

Personnel party

The Military Personnel Office will be operating with limited staffing beginning at noon Dec. 16 for the office Christmas party. Commanders with soldiers planning to depart Redstone Arsenal on Dec. 16 for reassignment must ensure all post facilities are cleared and the soldier reports to military personnel office for final out-processing by 11:30 that morning. Failure to outprocess by then will preclude departure until Dec. 17.

Gift wrapping

NCO Wives Club members will be offering Christmas gift wrapping service in the lobby of the main PX till Dec. 24. The gift wrapping hours will be the same as the PX operating hours.

Santa photos

Santa will be at the mall, located on University and the Parkway on Dec. 13 and 20 from 12-6 p.m., for pet photos. Bring your pet and have its picture taken with Santa. There will be a \$10 charge of which \$5 will go to the Humane Society. For more information, call the Humane Society 535-0663.

PX sale

The Main Exchange, building 3220, is having another "Midnight Madness Sale" on Dec. 15. Special sales will be offered throughout the store. Watch for flyers available at the ID desk.

10K run

Boy Scout Troop 236 of East Limestone County will sponsor the third annual "Cotton Field 10-kilometer cross country run" on Saturday, Jan. 9 at East Limestone High School. Registration is set for 10 a.m. to noon, and the race starts at noon. Cost is \$3 for pre-registration, or \$4 for race-day registration. Trophies will be awarded in each of 12 age categories. For more information, call Capt. John Kassay 232-7996 (home) or 876-3515 (work).

Ladies seminar

The Huntsville Black Womens Association will sponsor a professional development seminar on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Marriott Hotel. The seminar will discuss how to improve your career, income, promotability, family stability, and how to map out your own road to personal success. There will be two sessions: session A from 8-12, lunch from 12 to 1 and session B from 1-5 p.m. For more information call Sandra Brazelton, 895-5799 or 852-1456 or Frankie Yarbrough at 876-7777 or 852-3719.

ASMC/AGA luncheon

American Society of Military Controllers and the Association of Government Accountants will have a combined luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 17 at the Officers Club. Scheduled speaker is J. Gorman Houston Jr., an associate justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. Cost is \$6 for members, \$7 for non-members. For more information, call Penny Cancel 895-3587.

Found property

Bicycle parts, a bicycle, and a picnic grill have been found. To identify and claim this property, the owner(s) should contact the Provost Marshal Office, Investigations Branch, building 3649 (phone 876-2090/3449).

Children's party

Redstone Arsenal Girl Scouts and the Recreation Center invite children 12 and under who are family members of active duty or retired military to attend a Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 13, beginning at 2 p.m. There will be games, prizes, refreshments and a special guest. Children must be accompanied by a parent or sponsor. It is free. For more information, call the Recreation Center 876-4531.

AIAA luncheon

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics will have a luncheon meeting at 11:30 Thursday at the Officers Club. Luther E. Powell, manager of the Space Station Projects Office at Marshall Space Flight Center, is to speak on "The Space Station." For more information, call Larry Atha 895-3674.

Retirement dinner

A retirement dinner honoring Jim O'Hara, Gerald Whitehead and Bill Belew, all of the Finance and Accounting Division, will be held Dec. 17 at the Sheraton Motor Inn. Social hour (cash bar) is set for 6-7 p.m., with dinner (buffet style) beginning at 7. Reservations (paid in advance) must be made by Dec. 11. Cost per person is \$15. For more information, call Lori Garner 876-5281 or James McCrary 876-1366.

Children's center

The Child Development Center is open Friday evenings until midnight for your convenience. For reservations, call 876-7952.

Basic skills teacher

BSEP will have a teacher at the hospital, beginning Jan. 4 for MEDDAC personnel who would like to increase their G.T. score. The teacher will be available Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.



Red Cross blood program

Here's the Red Cross blood program schedule for this month: Today— building 111, from 8 to noon. Dec. 11— building 4566 (bus), 8 to noon 4488 (bus), 7 to 1. Dec. 15— 4752 (NASA), 8:30 to 12:30. Dec. 16— 3711, 9 to noon. Dec. 18— SDC (buses), 7:30 to 1:30. Dec. 23— 5681 (bus), 7 to noon; 7442 (bus), 8 to noon. Dec. 31— 5250 (bus), 7:30 to noon. For more information call Ruth Miller, installation blood program coordinator, at 876-3723.



Carpool Hotline

Call 876-1500 to place your free carpool ad.

Albertville/Guntersville

Carpool wanted from Albertville/Guntersville to 3213, hours 7:15-3:45. Sharon Smith 876-7271.

Florence/Killen

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FOR SALE: 1980 Subaru 1600 GL Wagon, five speed, excellent shape, new Pirelli radial tires, new brakes, \$1,800. Cal 534-5542 after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1977 Mercury Marquis Brougham, V-8, power steering, power brakes, AM/FM, air, cruise control, tilt wheel, and more. 69,900 miles, excellent condition. \$1,900. Call 852-3495.

FOR SALE: 1980 Buick Century, one lady owner, 73,000 miles, RFCU loan value \$2,525. Will sell for \$2,300. 1975 Camaro 350, automatic transmission, air, power steering, power brakes, \$1,500. 1969 Camaro parts, 307 engine and powerglide transmission, \$75 (needs rebuilding), rear quarter panel \$50. Doors \$35. Dash pad \$30. Other '67, '68 and '69 Camaro parts for sale. Call 837-6933.

FOR SALE: Refrigerator \$125. Freezer \$125. Dryer \$125. Washer \$125. Christmas bikes, 10 speed, \$35. Call 533-3697.

FOUND: Keys in PX area, three sets of keys, one brown key case with Ford key, one blue coin purse with door key, one red string with house, master lock and suitcase key. Call Chaplain Presley at 876-2337.

FOR SALE: Brass twin beds, frames, and box springs \$50. Call 830-1969.

FOR SALE: 1979 Buick Electra Limited. Four-door V8, full power, wire wheels, excellent condition. Asking \$2,300 or best offer. Call 772-0385.

FOR SALE: New quilts. Regular size, \$35; queen size, \$40; and king size, \$45. Call 883-7343 or 536-3761 after 5 p.m.

FOR RENT: Apartment, terrific view, two bedrooms, two baths, washer, dryer, stove, refrigerator, disposal, compact, microwave and cable. Tennis courts and pool. Quiet and private with excellent close-in location, \$425 per month plus deposit and lease. Call 880-6422.

FOR SALE: Scuba gear, Seatec Stingray BC, Dacor 950 Pacer XL, regulator, Pacer Octopus, Dacor triple gauge console, Wenoka knife and gear bag, Dacor Tri Vista mask, snorkel, fins, mint condition, retail \$975, will sell for \$500. 1987 Sylvan 17 ft. V hull, walk-thru windshield, 130 OMC Cobra I/O, Supertrail drive on trailer, top gauges, sport deck, swim platform, less than 20 hours, still under warranty, list \$10,300. Will sell for \$9,000. Call 353-4350.

FOR SALE: 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air, four door, four speed, rebuilt Balanced 327, original paint, \$2,200 or best offer. 1970 Buick GS, 350 engine, Hi-compression \$250. Call 880-7497.

FOR SALE: 1987 Toyota MR 2, 7,000 miles, \$13,500. Call 729-1526 after 4:30 p.m.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Meridianville, currently under construction, restricted subdivision, three bedrooms, two baths, great room with fireplace, formal dining room, utility room, double garage, 1,839 square feet. \$87,900. Licensed contractor. Call 828-6888.

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FOR SALE: 1980 Datsun pickup, model HG-720, longbed, five speed, air, new tires and seat, asking \$1,650. 1985 Merkur XR4Ti turbo, automatic transmission, with all options, for and 1985 year model, 23 K miles, asking \$8,400. Call 883-6115 after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE: Boy's Schwinn 10 speed bicycle, 24 inch wheels, good condition, \$50. Call 461-7523.

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FOR SALE: Dodge Omni, 1981. Four door, four speed, AM/FM radio. 35-40 mpg; new clutch, starter, distributor, timing belt and muffler. Asking \$1,350 or best offer. Call 882-9156.

FOR SALE: Sharp, black 1973 AMX Javelin. Bored 304 rebuilt motor, 450 Chrysler transmission, approximately 6,000 miles on both, new interior. Asking \$3,400 or best offer. Call 880-0324.

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FOR SALE: Brand new go cart, never used. Asking \$495. Call 837-6256 after 5:30 p.m.

FOR SALE: Pair of ATC 3-Wheelers. One for child or adult under 150 pounds, called "ATC 70" and one for adults any weight, called "BIG RED." Both are loaded with extras, like safety bars and the little one has an adjustment screw so parents can control speed. Excellent condition, asking \$2000 for both. Call 881-0653 after 4 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1984 Honda ATC 70, 3-wheeler, excellent condition. Bought new \$800, will sell \$499. Call Lee Schnurbusch 881-6458.

FOR SALE: Whirlpool dishwasher, with butcher-block top. Excellent condition, 1 1/2 years old. Asking \$250. English riding saddle, hunting and jumping, excellent condition, only saddled twice, asking \$300. Call 837-2533.

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